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## Fun And Games Set For Sprolic

Sprolic time is coming. The January season for fun and games is fast approaching. Sprolic for 1967 is being planned to appeal to every aspect of the school population.

The purpose of Sprolic is to honor winter sports and to promote student participation. The dates for Sprolic this year are January 12, 13, and 14. The Student Council chose these dates because some top games are on tap for Sprolic fans.

The hockey team meets Sibley and Duluth East. Both teams are rated high as state contenders this year. The grappling team catches Stillwater and the swimmers face Coon Rapids. The basketball team meets Stillwater, one of the pre-season favorites in the Suburban Conference.

For people who are more suited for participating, Sprolic presents the excellent opportunity. Student-faculty basketball, football, volleyball, bicycle races, and a skating party are being planned.

To add pageantry to the event, a king and queen, along with attendants, will be chosen to reign over Sprolic.

The Student Council feels that large participation by the students will make Sprolic a big success.



TREES, WREATHS, and other evidence of the season have appeared all over the school building during the last few weeks. This tree, in the library, is being decorated by Anne Andrich (in background), Barbara Weierke, and Sally Anaya.

## Business Machines Class Described As Fascinating

by Connie Lindberg

As a result of my last assignment, I find that I know a lot less than I thought about the courses the school offers. For example, what does business machines class bring to mind? Do you, too, think of typewriters, dictaphones, and maybe even telephones? Certainly no business could get along without them.

If that's what you thought, you probably don't know much more than I. By talking with Mr. James Lissick, the teacher of this course, I learned that the machines are data processing rather than business machines. The students, who are all seniors, in this class are working with machines that are classed just below computers. In comparison to computers, they are less complex; however, they perform some similar functions. These machines bear some impressive names and accomplish quickly, easily, and accurately things previously done by us.

The Sorter alphabetizes, sorts, and puts cards in correct numerical order. Matching and merging of cards is handled by the Collator. The Key punch machine puts information on cards using a series of punched holes. Other machines take over accounting and reproducing cards and their information in minutes.

All in all, this sounds like a fascinating new class; and I think you'd have to agree that their motto, "Think", is well-chosen.

## Weniger Tops VFW Contest

Brad Weniger was recently selected as best speaker in a "Voice of Democracy" radio speaking contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

Subject of the speeches was "What Democracy Means to Me." Tapes had been made by all the members of Mr. Don Anderson's radio-drama class, and judging was done purely on the basis of the tapes.

Rated second and third, respectively, were Janice Gotthelf and John Behan. The top three will get local awards, and Brad will be entered in the district contest.

Judges were Miss Jean LeVander, SSPHS alumna and speech luminary, and Mr. Pete Peterson of Radio WMKT.

## Armstrong Heads JAMCO Parley

Prince Robb, Royal Rajah of Achievers, was the title given SSP senior Robb Armstrong by the present King Boreas, George Rutman, at the recent Junior Achievement Management Convention in St. Paul. JAMCO is a means of exchanging ideas for leaders of Upper Midwest Junior Achievement groups.

Robb presided over JAMCO this year. It was the first time in eighteen years that the convention was held in St. Paul.

This is Robb's second year in JA. Last year he attended the National JA Convention in Bloomington, Illinois, representing the metropolitan area. NAJAC received representatives from all over the world. Junior Achievement is found in eight countries other than the United States and its territories.

## Choirs, Encore Stage Yuletide Presentation

Christmas songs, both traditional and contemporary, highlighted this year's Christmas assembly. The three participating choirs were led by Miss Corinne Livengood, vocal music director.

## Journalists Set For 'Hi Times'

Beware—everyone in the vicinity of the Gower estate December 19. Members of the Journalism class who can escape from their cages will seek refuge with their leader for an evening of "devil-may-care," but hopefully no one else will.

In charge of goodies is Susan Grant; Colleen Zarich will sort out the "fun-and-games." Mr. Allan Gower, Hi Times advisor, describes activities in this way, "Students do as they please — within limits."

Limits were not set as of this time.

The A Cappella choir sang the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah" and "Childe Jesus," a Christmas cantata by Joseph W. Clokey and Hazel Jean Kirk, featuring soloists Judy Christenson, Jane Winkel, Barbara Kraft, and Dave Drummond. A solo by Keith Krumrie highlighted the Sophomore Mixed Chorus rendition of "Christmas Was Meant for Children" by Gordon Goodman. One of the selections of the Sophomore Girls Chorus was "Winter Wonderland" by Leo Arnaud with Connie Devich as soloist.

Tableaux were presented by Encore Club under the direction of Mr. Don Anderson, Encore Club advisor.

Performances were held on December 13, in the morning for students and staff, and in the evening for the public.

## Knight Tours Control Data

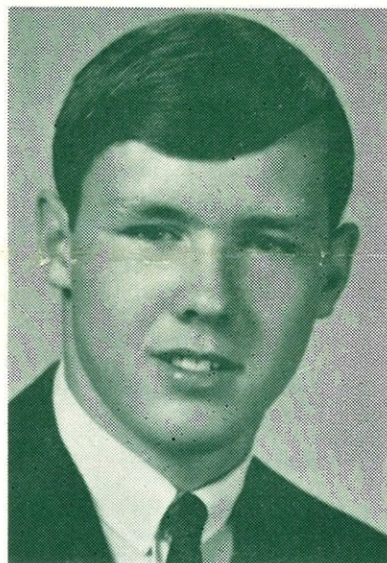
by Jeanne Knight

I was recently selected to take part in the Engineer-Scientist for a Day program which is sponsored by Honeywell. Because I am interested in computers, I decided to visit Control Data.

I was first taken on a tour of the main Control Data plant. Demonstration tapes were run on some of the computers. One computer the size of a room played "Stars and Stripes Forever" and sang "Oklahoma."

A warehouse in Minneapolis was the next destination. This was where the computer which aims the missiles on Polaris submarines was kept. This computer was much more useful—it played five games, including tic-tac-toe.

The rest of the afternoon was spent studying the various codes that are used for programming. Finally, I was loaded down with training books and told to come back after four years of college.



Robb Armstrong

### Coming Events

- Jan. 2 — Hockey, Minneapolis Southwest. Wakota.
- Jan. 5 — Hockey, Ramsey. Wakota.
- Jan. 6 — Basketball, Kellogg. Here. Wrestling, Kellogg. There.
- Jan. 7—Hockey, Coon Rapids. Wakota.
- Jan. 12 - 14—Sprolic.

## Benson Chosen 'Most Valuable'

Most valuable player of the MIAC for 1966 is Mr. Duane Benson, student teacher at SSPHS. Mr. Benson was selected for this honor by the conference coaches. The tackle, wearing number 50, is recognized on the Hamline campus as an outstanding leader. He is co-captain of the football team, captain-elect of the track team, as well as a good student.

Upon graduating from Hamline, Mr. Benson is particularly interested in entering the field of history and would eventually enjoy coaching. He is student teaching under Mr. Steve Silianoff and Miss Kathryn McAuliff.



SPANISH CLUB'S FIESTA was held recently in the Home Ec. rooms. At left, Teresa Vega presides over the making of tacos, while Vernetta Hart, Barb Blazich, Karen Kraetzner, Bob Sahli, Joan Jacobson, and Mike Johnson line up for their helpings. At right, bingo player Debbie Matthews turns to look at one of the prizes, a drawing of a Madrid street scene, displayed by Dick Teske, left, and Barbara Benson.





# An Open Letter To Santa

As the spirit of Christmas once again envelops us in its traditional festivities and merriment, we become excited and rush around purchasing gifts for our families and friends. We hope that our requests of Santa Claus might be fulfilled colorfully and joyfully. We buy gifts to show the people whom we love that we respect them enough to spend part of our time and money on them. However, this isn't the only way that we can express our feelings. We can learn from the small child who proudly presents his own "masterpieces" to his loved ones. The thought that goes into these glittering and colorful but inexpensive gifts proves that gifts may be valuable because they come from a person's heart, not his pocketbook.

However, we must remember that there are other more serious ideals to be fulfilled in this world. Let us especially get together at this time when there is supposed to be peace on earth and pray that this greatest gift of peace might be fulfilled as quickly as possible. We should make a special effort during the Christmas season to remember those who are fighting in Vietnam to preserve certain freedoms which we hope may come about because of good will among all people in this world. We might also look forward to the time when all men can truly live together, enjoying equal rights without the use of force.

## Merri-Go-Round 'Merri' Christmas To All

by Merrisue Goral

Ho! Ho! Ha! That's what Santa said when he read over your Christmas mail. Some of them sure were ahh... different. He made only a couple of promises, though. He said the boy cheerleaders would get their very own pep fest, some day, and that the hockey team would beat Duluth East. He also said the swimming team would get to sponsor an art fest (that's right, Mr. Arnquist, an art fest) to make money for their new pool. Santa is giving new formals to girls going to Mistletoe and providing roller skates for boys still trying to get away. Mr. Claus also guaranteed a very exciting vacation for everyone.

Vacation, what a wonderful word! It can mean so many things to so many people. Vacation means...

For girls... going to Mistletoe.

For boys... two weeks of running (slowly) from girls.

For the hockey team... a trip to Duluth.

For students... freedom from school, books, and teachers.

For teachers... freedom from school, books, and students.

For seniors... parties, parties, and parties.

For juniors... nights out on the town.

For sophs... Santa Claus and presents.

For steadies (and some not so steady)... sneak kisses under the Mistletoe.

For swimmers... skating at grade school rinks where no one will see them.

For B-ballers... a chance to grow.

For cheerleaders... snowball fights.

And for everyone... New Year's resolutions.

Now that I am on the subject of resolutions, I have some ideas for you.

Resolved:

To force yourself to go to b-ball games.

To improve your aim in the cafeteria.

To keep away from the "Big A" on Friday nights (all you Cinderella fans).

To treat sophs as if they were human.

To find locker number 255 in senior hall (it's still missing).

To win every Packer athletic contest (Ho! Ho! Ho!)

To let seniors go first in crowded halls.

And to have fun.

Since you're all anxious to start celebrating dismissal by throwing girls in the snowbanks, I'll simply finish with a little original poem dedicated to our senior class.

'Twas the week before Christmas; And all through the school, Not a student was breaking A good ole school rule.

In the basketball lockers Hung stockings to air, In hopes that vacation Would keep them all there.

Mr. Smith gave the order By ten in your beds; Let visions of "tourney" Dance through your heads.

The Dean with her white slips, Mr. Roiseland too, Called off all detention For students like you.

In from the cold And out of the snow Came seniors with hands full Of fresh Mistletoe.

When what to our wondering eyes did appear But signs in the halls "No kissing in here."

Down came the sign With a hand that was quick; We knew in a moment It was Sneaky Trick.

With hearts full of romance And with kisses they came; They shouted and hollered And called seniors by name.

Now Johnny! Now Michael! Now Larry and Bessie! Come clean up the halls; Boy, those reindeer were messy!

Now, students, two weeks Of vacation from school; Merry Christmas to all And don't lose your cool.

## Ticket Winners Named

Winners of the ticket sale contest for the junior class play "Junior Miss" were announced recently. The winners and their prizes were: first place, Carol Sahli, \$10; second place, Tom Michelson, \$5; third place, a tie between Bebe Bailey, Kathy Chaffee, and Paul Mayerle, \$3.

A drawing held at a recent assembly determined Paul Mayerle the winner of the class ring.



by Brad Weniger

Oh, I wonder where in the Divine Plan winter fits!

## Mail Bag

Dear Editors,

My complaint is that our school is being dominated by just a few kids. Too many of the same kids keep getting up for everything. I know there are more than 12 kids in the school. For example, I feel that those nominated for Homecoming queen should not be allowed to run for Sprolic queen. I'm sure that I am not the only one who feels this way.

Just me

Well, readers, what do you think?

Eds.

Dear Editors:

In the last issue of the Hi Times (November 23, 1966), you commented on an anonymous letter written by a South St. Paul girl to the MaryAnn column of the St. Paul Dispatch. The subject of the letter was going steady and how it has affected the kids at South St. Paul. Here is my comment on it.

There are many reasons why a girl or a boy goes steady. Some aren't so good. For instance, there is a certain amount of security in it, especially for the girl. She doesn't have to worry about sitting home on Friday night because no one has asked her out. And for the boy — he can be sure that since she is his girl he'll get a little love in return for her feeling of security.

Many times the persons involved don't really like each other, but stick together for these two reasons.

Of course, I'm not saying that these are the only reasons why couples go steady, and I'm certainly not saying that a girl and a boy never like each other when they do go steady; they do, but a lot of times they get into a rut and are so involved with each other that neither one knows how to make the break and get out of this rut. Many times they will be afraid that if they do make this break, he or she will discover he actually does like the other person and then won't be able to get him or her back again.

Going steady isn't all bad, though. If a boy and a girl really do like each other there are so many good times they can

have together. It's also wonderful to be able to put your trust into the hands of someone you really like. To be able to discuss intimate things with a boy is something every girl longs to do, and to know that someone really cares is something everyone wants, boys and girls both.

I have to agree with the girl who wrote to the Dispatch, however. In South St. Paul high school, if a girl isn't going steady, she just isn't going anywhere. Come on, boys; all of you can't be occupied. Look around you. Now, are you sure you want to go to Freddie's this Friday night?

A Senior Girl



Christmas is drawing near, so roving reporter decided to ask students and teachers at SSPHS what they would like for Christmas.

Mr. Curt Lehman: "Three bushels of mistletoe to hang over each teacher's classroom door."

Corliss Pollock: "A pink elephant that blows bubbles!"

Jeanne Knight: "Neat patterned socks like Connie has."

Miss Livengood: "An Oldsmobile 98 Sport Coupe."

Stan Koich: "36, 24, 35—girl."

Mark Lindell: "No! No! Not this."

Mr. Roiseland: "A pair of good tin snips, two pairs of stockings, and a loaf of bread."

Brad Weniger: "A new hair dryer and a bottle of cream rinse."

Laurie Polakoski: "Well, one thing I know is that it won't fit in my Christmas stocking!"

Mr. Gustafson: "Padded chairs for the detention room."

Bruce Onischuk: "A rag doll with red button eyes."

Monica Kustelski: "Bigger lunch tables and more chairs."

Bob Milbert: "To be able to score a goal on Ray Kustelski."

Rack the Rams!

## HI STYLE

by Maryann Thompson and Colleen Zarich

"Glitter" is the word in this season's beauty definitions. This is the year to shimmer with the glimmer-and-glow cosmetics and fashions. The dress picked most likely to succeed was an A-shaped model, with armholes cut away, in your choice of fabric and color. This is the prettiest way imaginable to sweep into the Mistletoe Ball, Wednesday, December 28. Yet, even the simplest, most basic dress can become exciting by adding glamorous accessories. For example, one could wear shoulder-length swing earrings, racy, metallic nylons, white sequined evening gloves, and silver slippers. A change of pace could be provided by wearing iridescent pastel pink slippers, purse, and gloves, pale pink nylons, pink crystal earrings, and an inexpensive hair-piece, dyed to match your own hair color.

For the handsome and rugged-looking male the basics are most important. Though not a formal affair, Mistletoe should rate dinner dress attire. His taste and personality can be brought out by a pocket silk square and a vest or waistcoat. Consider a pale blue, steel gray, or traditional tattersall for the formal waistcoat, and for the more casual outings wear suede, tapestry, or tweed. For the gala evening, a white shirt, and tie shoes are most suitable. Extreme hair styles and white socks are strictly passe.

A few fashion do's and don't's: Short, slim girls should wear vertical stripes to appear taller. Very short hair on girls tends to emphasize their eyes.

Never wear reinforced nylons with heel-less shoes.

Heavy girls should not wear horizontal stripes.

Blondes should use light brown eye makeup.

Textured nylons are no longer with it.

Broad boys should avoid double-breasted jackets.

Co-ordinate your clothing.

A side hair part will slenderize the face.

For the person who has everything, Christmas gifts can be a problem. Some suggestions for the male are a lime after-shave cologne, a handmade muffler, a soft, muted plaid wool shirt, or an ascot tie. For your favorite female, you could get a hat and gloves set, "Intimate" perfume by Revlon, some op art jewelry, or a suede pouch purse. Any of these things should be interesting and appreciated.

Best of holiday wishes to you all!

## Debaters Launch Tourney Season

Resolved: that United States foreign aid should be limited to nontotalitarian nations — this is the topic for SSP debaters in the 1966-1967 debate season, which opened October 15.

Junior and senior debaters will be attending invitational tournaments around the state just about every Saturday until the end of February. Varsity debates have already been held at Blake, Johnson, St. Cloud Cathedral, and Kellogg. Commenting on the junior and senior classes, Mr. Carl Lehmann said, "There is a lot of potential, but so far it has remained potential."

Sophomore debaters take part in "round robins," which are held on Mondays after school at seven different schools in the area.

The highlight of the debate season will be the Region 4 tournament at the end of January.



# Soph Raises Unusual Pet

Probably there are many strange and unusual pets in SSP, but it's also probable that few are as unusual as a real live cock pheasant.

Sophomore Barbara Weigel, 1108 Summit Avenue, claims the distinction of owning this beautiful and colorful bird. Its home is the Weigel basement. It answers (well, it doesn't really answer) to the name of "Birtweet," and seems perfectly content in its chicken-wire cage where it spends most of its time, when it isn't being petted by Barb or some of her friends and neighbors.

Birtweet was found in a nest in the "wilds" of 17th Avenue North. At the time, he was one of about a dozen eggs which Barb and her friends found when they flushed the mother bird from the nest. The girls took the egg home, rigged up an improvised incubator from an unused aquarium; and after a month or so of anxious watching and waiting, they were rewarded when a fuzzy little chick pecked his way out of the shell. "We were really thrilled," says Barb.

He isn't really full-grown yet. Barb hasn't decided just what she'll do with him when he gets his growth. In fact, he might not become an adult, if the Weigel Irish setter has anything to say about it; the setter, Sandy, may be a bit jealous of the new pet, and relations between them are somewhat strained. But right now, the bird is living the life of Riley.

Would you believe that a thousand books have recently been added to the high school library?

How about six hundred? That happens to be (roughly) the number of new books which you'll find on the shelves if you browse around a bit. In addition, the library has acquired a number of slides, art prints, and recordings, which will be available for the use of classes and individuals.

Whether you're interested in science, law, history, mechanics, art, or sociology, there's something for you. And if you just want to read a good story, there are about a hundred new fiction titles.

Here are some samples of the great variety of books which you might find interesting and informative: *Marriage For Moderns* (Bowman); *Teen-agers Ask More Questions* (Daly); *Economics For Living* (Soule); *Manual of Minnesota Law* (Palmer); *Business Law* (Smith); *Southern Justice* (Friedman); *F.B.I.'s Most Famous Cases* (Tully); *Careers in Social Work* (Koestler); *Barron's Teen-age Summer Guide* (Reinhold); *Money, Jobs, and Futures* (Roesch); *National Zip Code Directory* (U.S. Post Office).

Creation of the Universe (Gamow); *Basic Electricity* (Marcus); *Basic Electronics* (Grob); *Tales Told By Fossils* (Fenton). That one has nothing to do with the stories your teachers tell in class!

Teen-age Guide to Healthy Skin and Hair (Lubow); *Way to Womanhood* (Bauer) (I guess you start by being a girl!); *Machine-Shop Technology* (Felker); *Great Flights and Air Adventures* (MacMillan); *The World of Dogs* (Rine); *What's Up in Architecture* (Rogers); *Complete Book of Decoupage* (Wing). (What on earth is that?)

Your Guide to Photography (Bruce); *Complete Book of Fly Fishing* (Brooks); *Jack London* (Walcutt); *The Great Sahara* (Wellard); *Here Is Alaska* (Stefansson); *American Women of*



BIRTWEET'S HOME is in the basement, but for the important occasion of having his picture taken, the unusual pet is allowed up in the living room. Barbara Weigel, 1108 Summit Avenue, owns the now half-grown pheasant.

# Gabel To Play For Mistletoe

"Put on your speed-skates and hope you can catch him." So says Pam Rinehart, Honored Queen of Bethel 25, on the topic of getting a date for Mistletoe.

The Mistletoe Ball will be held December 28, 1966, from 9:00 to 12:00 p.m. at the St. Paul Hotel. Tickets can be purchased from any member of Job's Daughters or DeMolay for \$2.50 per couple. Music for all those in attendance will be provided by Jack Gabel.

Pictures will be taken for an extra charge in a room adjoining the main ballroom.

Beat East!

# Diligence, Unselfishness Mark Energetic Cheerers Of '66-'67

by Sue Grant

One of the most dedicated, hard-working, loyal, and selfless groups in the entire student body is the 1966-1967 edition of SSPHS cheerleaders. What other group would forego the luxury of the late nap during vacation, and with Spartan discipline and regularity meet three times a week at the high school to practice? While most of us were resting and relaxing, the cheerleaders, under President Fran Schember's direction, were working.

Last summer's agenda included attending a cheerleaders' workshop at St. Paul Park, sponsoring a local car wash, designing and sewing new uniforms, and, lest all work and no play make for dull cheerleaders, picnicking at Fran Schember's house. It was at this picnic that each A-squad cheerleader received her symbolic megaphone necklace. The picnic was also an opportunity for the cheerleaders to meet and greet their enthusiastic new faculty advisor, Miss Pat Behr.

With the opening of the school term this fall, the cheerleaders sponsored the first dance of the year after the football game. More recent activities included hosting Dads' Night coffee hour and conducting a concerted and energetic "I Have School Spirit" campaign throughout the school.

With our athletes engaging in four winter sports — basketball, hockey, swimming, and wrestling, our courageous and loyal cheerleaders face a strenuous and grueling season. The cheerleaders plead with us, the student body, to support the team. Let us go one step further and support the cheerleaders.

These are just a few random samples. Somewhere on the groaning shelves there must be some books that will be just right for YOU!

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

# Grant Named New Mascot

"I'm so happy," was all Sue Grant could utter after she was named the new "Suzie Steer" recently.

Any senior girl was eligible to try out. Those who competed were required to act out two cheers as they would do them if chosen for mascot. One of these cheers was known before hand; the other was impromptu. In addition to this, each girl was asked several questions. The questions portrayed situations which a mascot could very well be in. When asked what she would do if she tripped on a cord and fell down while cheering, Sue gave a very logical answer, "I guess I'd get up."

Perhaps next year a question could be asked as to what should the mascot do when someone runs away with the head.

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# Encore Visits Area Station

Members of Mr. Don Anderson's Radio - Drama class and of the stage crew visited KTCA, Channel 2, on a field trip recently.

At the studios, they watched the televising of a live show, "Singing Together," an educational music show for third grade pupils. One of the staff members gave the class a tour of the building, showing them the studios, the control rooms, the cameras, and other apparatus. The students also learned how a show is put together and televised.

# Club Corner

**Latin Club**

Rozanne Kreuser reigned as Ceres (Goddess of the Harvest) at this year's celebration of the Feast of Ceres held on November at Bryant Christenson's house.

For their December meeting, members plan for a visit from Saturnalia.

**World Affairs**

Officers chosen to lead the club this year are president, Dick Teske; vice president, Tom McClintick; and secretary-treasurer, Dick Zawacki. Discussions of Vietnam and civil rights were held recently, and speakers are tentatively planned to visit the group.

**Red Cross**

Jeanne Koch and Rozanne Fleischauer are delegates of the St. Paul Chapter of the Red Cross, while Barb Sturgeon and Jan Fischbach are alternates. Sandi Fleming is president of the SSPHS Red Cross.

Attending a Workshop meeting in St. Paul recently, Sandi, Barb, and Jeanne learned more about the Red Cross and its services.

The group's project this year is to make an album which describes the SSP Community, to be sent overseas. An album is hoped for in return.

**Spanish Club**

Plans for a Christmas party and slides from Spain, Mexico, and South America are included in future events. As a project, they also intend to raise enough money to have a bilingual Spanish student here next year.

**Girls' League**

According to Miss Mary Williamson, Girls' League Advisor, this year's membership drive was a success.

A Thanksgiving food drive was held in November; and on December 6, the girls had a Christmas party with Santa Claus in attendance.

**Varsity "S" Club**

Awards and initiation of new members were two important events held recently. A basketball game with radio announcers from the radio station WDGY is tentatively planned for December. Future plans also include a skating party and a toboggan party.

**FTA**

Duane Benson, Nelsene Karns, and Betty Heiden recently visited the club and discussed several aspects of their career choices. At a later date, initiation was held and apples were sold.

# '66 Grads Write Winning Essays

Three 1966 graduates of SSPHS placed in the top eight of more than five thousand students in a state-wide essay contest conducted last spring.

"The Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency" was the subject of the contest, which was sponsored by the Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association.

The three who won awards were Kathy Knight, Darlene Steen, and Bruce Paulus. Each received a check for \$25. Connie Francis and Chuck Johnson received honorable mention awards.

All five were members of Mr. Gower's journalism class last year.



ALUMNI APPEAR at the police station, but for honors, not offenses. They are receiving awards for excellence in last spring's juvenile delinquency essay contest. Left to right are Connie Francis, honorable mention; Bruce Paulus, \$25 award; Darlene Steen Jones, \$25 award; Chief Robert Ketcham, presenting the checks; and Mr. Allan Gower, English teacher who arranged for the entries. Away at college and unable to be present were Kathy Knight, \$25 award; and Charles Johnson, honorable mention. — Reporter Photo.



# Northfield, Heights Bounce Packers In Opening Tilts

**NORTHFIELD**

South St. Paul's Packers met defeat at the hands of a powerful Northfield quint in their game at Northfield, November 19. This was the first real test for the Packers, who had previously trounced Humboldt's Indians in a scrimmage on the Packer hard-court.

The Packers were outscored 20 to 6 in the first quarter and half-time found the SSP five down by a score of 43 to 20. SSP was outscored again in the third quarter which saw Northfield net 15 to the Packers 14. Although the Packers were able to lead the fourth quarter scoring, they were unable to overcome the Raiders' massive lead. The final buzzer sounded with the Packers behind by a score of 70 to 48.

Eric Bungaard, Raider center, led all scoring with 35 points while Bob Bauer led the Packers with 14.

**COLUMBIA HEIGHTS**

Packer b-ballers played fine basketball for three quarters in their game on November 22 at Columbia Heights. In their first conference tilt of the season, the Packers were upset by a score of 51 to 53.

Though troubled by a zone defense set up by Heights, the Packers dominated the first half on fine outside shooting by forward Rick Moquist, who netted 10 points in the first half.

The end of the third quarter found SSP leading by a score of 43 to 36. However, the fourth quarter proved fatal to the SSP five. A loss of finesse and excess fouling, caused by a zone press by the opposition, marked the Packer downfall. The Packers were able to score only 8 points to 17 for Columbia Heights.

Rick Moquist led Packer scoring with a total of 20 points.



by Vernetta Hart

While the field lay under a veil of heavy fog, the All-Class speedway teams fought for the class trophy and a bid for ALL-STAR status. In strong defensive formations, both the sophomore and senior teams remained scoreless while yielding only three points to the victorious juniors, captained by Jan Bevan.

Eleven girls were finally chosen to be on the All-Star speedway team which will represent our school. JoAnn Bliss, Cindy Eide, Vernetta Hart, June Erick, Polly West, Linda Fischbach, Cathy Cunningham, Debbie Johnson, Lynn Bechdolt, Sandie Sobaski, and Kathy Pawlenty were the judges' choices.

This week will see the end of the Round-Robin volleyball tournament. Fine teamwork has been producing some close games as evidenced by the girlish shrieks that have been exuding from the West Wing gym.

On the other front, pins have been flying down at Packer Lanes as the girls are knocking out top scores every Tuesday night. Averages over 100 are not rare.

Looking ahead, the calendar says touch football in the gym is the next sport to be tackled by the girls. As an individual sport, ice skating at Wakota Arena will make the scene.

January also means awards. Letters and pins earned to date will be presented at the Mother-Daughter banquet on January 24.

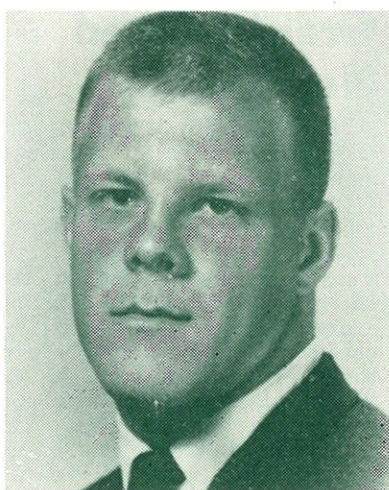
Girls who purchased letter sweaters will soon be wearing them in the halls. So, keep an eye out for those girls from GAA!

## Wakota Completes Seating Expansion

Wakota Arena lures larger crowds? Yes, due to enlargement of the seating capacity, Wakota can now comfortably seat over 3500 people.

The entire east side of the arena has been outfitted with new stands. The stands extend from the wall down over the dressing rooms.

Because of the many overflow crowds of last year, an expansion of the seating capacity was deemed necessary. The arena will now be able to compete with Aldrich Arena on a more even basis.



Tom O'Neill

## Packer Profile

All-conference guard Tom O'Neill is December's Packer Profile. Tom, who made last year's Honorable Mention squad, was cited for his pull-out blocking, especially in the last three games.

Captain of the wrestling team, Tom is now competing in the 154-pound weight class. He took second place in the recent Fridley invitational tournament.

Tom has also served the school as class president for two years and Student Council president this year.

He hopes to attend Dartmouth, St. Olaf, or Gustavus but is undecided as to his college major.

## Matmen Bow To Columbia Heights

"We are having more of a problem with mistakes than inexperience, but we are in better than average shape as far as team balance is concerned," stated Mr. William Wright, wrestling coach of SSPHS.

The Packer matmen lost their first meet to Columbia Heights by the score of 26-15. Tom O'Neill, Jim Preble, and Mike Higgins were the only three who won their matches, and all three victories were by decision.

## Pugh's Views

by Tom LaMentz

Opinions overheard while watching the peasants feeding in the cafeteria.

The basketball team had a rather dismal start, losing the first two games. Although Northfield's jolly giants compiled a large lead in the first half, the Packers bounced back and played even with Northfield in the last half. Northfield's shooting was tremendous—in close, they were more dangerous than a drunken arson. The Columbia Heights game left our Packers with no wins and two losses. The Heights came from behind to nip our Packers by only two points. Although the team lost, the game was most certainly exciting. Basketball, which has been losing more fans than the catsup that won the race, may very well prove to be quite exciting entertainment.

I heard the fans weren't going to allow the cheerleaders to cheer on the ice at Wakota Arena. They figured the squads had enough trouble on land and a performance on ice could be nauseating.

The wrestling squad jumped into the season on the wrong foot. With a little more polish, the squad should improve enough to win most of its matches. At Fridley, Tom O'Neill seemed to be a flower among the weeds as he was the only SSP grappler to advance to the finals.

The guppies (swimmers) will again participate in the Suburban Conference. Since SSPHS has no indoor pool, the gups had to swim in the various ponds around town until the first freeze. To inspire greater effort and desire, the guppies are offering prizes for the practice races. The winner gets to go to a University of Minnesota swimming meet with Mr. Julian Arnquist; the loser goes twice! Seriously, the team has done quite well. The youthful team captured a victory in its very first meet.

Steve Krinsky will again be heralded the only 200-pound cannon baller in the conference. All kidding aside, Steve offers more ounce to the bounce than any other diver.

The Packer hockey team, which has been jokingly nicknamed the "six-Pack", may be one of the finest in years. The team edged Eveleth 4-3 to get off to a fine start. Rather than running Eveleth's Cubs off the rink in the opening periods, the Pack allowed the Cubs a 3-0 lead. Then, in the final stanza the Pack came onto the ice to unveil an attack which made the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor look like child's play. The victory was uplifting, but in the near future the Smit's six-Pack will face everything from floods to famine in their schedule.

There's only one thing more dangerous than a Polak who doesn't play goalie—that's a Polak who plays goalie.

**My New Year's Resolutions**

Never to laugh at the cheerleaders no matter how ridiculous their performance.

To attend all Gestapo (S-Club) meetings.

To continue to write a factual column.

To discontinue favoring swimming over all other sports.

Never to insult a student, teacher, human, or Mr. Arnquist in my writing.

To revive at least one drowning guppie.

**Remarks of the Rabble**

How could I become a lifeguard for the swimming team?

Ed.

Talk to Mr. Arnquist—he's head lifeguard.

I think "Jules" should spend more time with his guppies and less sending basketball schedules for GAA and taking attendance at the Avalon. I also think Carol Clausen should get a "Big A" for writing that nasty letter for him.

The Swedish gem should be shot at sunrise for his constant insulting of athletes. But we will have to live with "The Stockholm Lip" and remember that when it comes to Cracker Jacks, some kids never grow up.

## Ultimate Sport Needed

# 'Athletic Practices Bewildering,' Comments Feminine Observer

by Jeri Jensen

As anybody who knows anything knows, SSPHS has three or four winter sports. Mr. Arnquist says there is a swimming team, and Tom LaMentz says there isn't. In view of a recent tabulation, which showed the "fors" leading the "againts" 20 to 16, it can be concluded that the existence of a fourth sport is more or less a matter of opinion.

Basketball is a game for which you are prepared in kindergarten when you run around a lot and bounce the ball, and the teacher draws pictures on the boards and nobody watches anyway. A "typical" basketball practice proved very confusing. (1) The juniors on the team missed 32 out of 37 shots in a timed two-minute period, (2) John Yeamen sang "Mellow Yellow," and (3) Mr. McLain handed out shoes—all simultaneously. Finally, a few of the players got ready and ran down the floor, shot, missed, and ran down the floor the other way and shot some more, which seemed utterly ridiculous when there was nothing at all wrong with the first basket. This went on endlessly. It seems that someone should take the initiative and put one basket in the middle of the floor and save all that running.

Wrestling is a game for which you are prepared through planned

family togetherness, such as on Saturday afternoons when Daddy wants to watch football (whatever that is) and you want to watch Werewolf of London on the same TV set. It must be observed that (1) wrestling is a very verbal sport, and (2) the wrestlers all seem to be in poor physical condition. This condition could account for some of the sound effects as all the wrestlers, without exception, have stiff necks. Apparently Mr. Wright has a cure-all for this because the boys were always rolling their heads around and bugging their eyes out. After the wrestlers got the kinks out of their necks, they jumped ropes without ropes which is rather stupid when rope is so cheap anyway. Finally, they paired up and walked around and around each other, clenching and unclenching their fists and muttering. The object of each match seemed to be the number of times each wrestler could get his arms around the other guy while wiggling across the floor.

Hockey is a game for which you are prepared by brothers, big sisters, and street fighting. The most impressive thing about hockey is the way the players chew gum—great big hunks of gum. In fact, Mike Ryan's wad is so big he has trouble chewing it all at once. Hockey practice consists of skating in circles and shooting at Cardboard, who tries

not to get hit. After they get tired of that, the team has what is known as a scrimmage (from the Old French meaning to defend, which seems rather more like to fight, from the Latin meaning to beat, which brings us to the object of the game, that being to win, from the Old English meaning to fight). When the puck goes into the opponent's net, all the home players get real bugged and jump all over the guy who did it. (This act is in direct defiance of the Geneva Agreement of 1945.) Also, hockey is quite slippery. Due to the lack of centripetal force and friction on the curves, many players slip and slide into the boards, incurring painful injuries. Sand on the curves would remedy this situation at a relatively low cost to the taxpayer.

In summary, winter sports are a problem. It is virtually impossible to give proper attention to a sport without neglecting another. Therefore, the solution lies in the evolution of a fifth, or ultimate, sport—a combination yelling, bouncing, running, sliding, splashing sport. Suggestions include underwater bullfighting, family reunions, public lotteries at Lake Nokomis, AND a revival of gladiator activities at Met Stadium with music provided by the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra. Confused? Go where the crowd goes. TO THE ARENA!