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Eighth Annual

SAM Symposium

by Alan Harris

This weekend Southwestern plays host to 200 high school seniors in the eighth annual Admissions Symposium. An equal number of current SAM students are involved in hosting, giving tours, helping with registration, and providing rides to and from local transportation centers. Activities began yesterday afternoon with registration, and will continue through tonight.

Admissions Counselor Susan Taylor labelled the symposium "the most productive on-campus program we have" for recruiting students. The participants are primarily from Tennessee and surrounding states — where most Southwestern students hail from. The Admissions Office estimates that more than 50 percent of this weekend's visitors will return here as freshmen in the fall.

One of the main purposes of the symposium is to demonstrate the strength of the school's academic program. Prospectives will get a chance to talk with professors and majors in their areas of interest and to see the diversity of subjects offered here. This morning, each senior will visit two classes from a choice of 25. And this afternoon, faculty members will speak to the visitors on the meaning of a liberal arts and sciences education.

Prospectives will then be able to tour the facilities of individual departments and to explore opportunities offered by each academic department. Later, they will talk more informally with faculty at a tea.

Another goal of the symposium is to show the community aspect of the campus, the personalities of the students, and life in the dorms. Mrs. Taylor noted that spending two nights in the dorms will offer prospectives a chance to be away from the "official" Admissions Office portrayal of the school and get "a total picture of Southwestern."

In light of these ideas, a panel of current Southwestern students last night told prospectives why they chose SAM and what others who did so could expect here. Later, the prospectives attended commons gatherings.

A number of social activities are on tonight's agenda. There will be an Uncommon House, two showings of the Movie "Missing," and a dance in the Refectory. Planners of the symposium hope that, in addition, host students will take part of this afternoon or evening to show their guests some of the city of Memphis. Also planned for today are an Activities Fair and a meeting with members of the Athletic Department.

"What's exciting about the program to us is how involved the current SAM students get," Mrs. Taylor noted. "We couldn't do it without their help." She pointed out that eagerness to get involved "sells Southwestern as much as anything we in the Admissions Office can tell them. This is really a time when we showcase our students and show how enthusiastic they are."

Mike Thompson and Virgil Starks listen intently to the moderator in Wednesday's College Bowl match. Virgil is pictured here contemplating a question regarding the recent Supreme Court ruling on home use of VCRs.

Resident Advisors Are Scrutinized

by Lisa McGee

Freshman anxiety. Is it a serious problem: How can it best be dealt with?

These questions are currently troubling the Dean of Students Office. A manifestation of this is a re-evaluation of the Resident Advisor System.

Dean Scarborough is suggesting that there be more RA's assigned to freshmen areas and fewer or no RAs for upperclassmen. He said that current RAs met his proposals with mixed but largely negative responses. He is interested in further student input, especially from freshmen.

"Unfortunately," Scarborough said, "those students we most need to talk to have already left."

But where do upperclassmen get light bulbs and toilet paper and service requests? In some dorms like Trezevant or Bellingrath, Scarborough points out, it would only mean walking down one or two flights of stairs.

There are no concrete proposals as of yet. The Dean wanted to get students' input first, before drafting a plan.

"All this is just a way of discussing what we're doing and to see how to do it better. . . . We want to know how 25 RAs can serve the college best," said Scarborough. Giving freshmen more access to an RA may be more effective than using RAs as light bulb and toilet paper dispensers.

Not including suspensions, in the last three years, 14.4%, 19%, and 16.7%, of the freshman class left some time during the year. In 1982-83, the most common reasons freshmen left were:

1. Suspensions
2. Personal adjustment problems
3. Size of the college and goal un-

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Board of Trustees to Meet

The Board of Trustees will be assembling on campus next Thursday and Friday for its Winter Session. On Thursday, trustees and student members of the Board committees will meet for individual committee meetings.

Listed below are the Board Committees, their student members, and topics of student interest that are on the agenda for each meeting.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS — Lex Coleman, Mary Li Behun: presentation of new dorm design. Plans for wall to honor major donors.

DEVELOPMENT — Peter Rooney, Jody Lewis: Southwestern Fund.

ENROLLMENT — Laura Hollandsworth, Rodney Hudgen, Cassie Thomas: Status Report on Class of 1988, Financial Aid Update, Future Recruiting Tactics.

FACULTY & EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM—Pete McLain, Deirdre Teaford: Faculty Recruiting, College Support of Professional Development.

FINANCE — Dane Ciolino, Sherard Edington: 1983-84 Budget (Tuition/Room Board Increase).

STUDENTS & CAMPUS LIFE — Laurie Mount, Becky Davis, Bettye Willis: Athletics Report by Lapides, Major Student Interests.

If you have questions, suggestions, or would like some information related to any of these

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Tuition Costs Up

At the meeting next Friday of the Board of Trustees, a tuition/room and board hike to $9,250 will be proposed and probably approved. Although this seems like a lot of money, Dean Kepple, of Administrative Services says that comparatively it is not.

A survey of institutions which are competitive with Southwestern in recruiting shows that a SAM education isn't that much more expensive. In fact, it is actually less costly than many major competitors. Sewanee, for example, cost $8,950 in 1983-84, Vanderbilt cost $9,800, and Duke and Tulane each cost more than $10,000. Overall, the average of the top competitors with Southwestern is $8,518. SAM itself had charges of $8,413 last year. But SAM also gave away nearly 3 million dollars in financial aid.

Dean Kepple says the tuition increases the school had been making are actually helping it. "People say we are a financially secure school, and that's true, but it is because we are not afraid to raise tuition." Other schools borrow money, trying to keep tuition down, and four years later a new class is paying for the loan and the previous class's cost with a tuition raise, says Kepple.

Because of Southwestern's good money management, it is secure enough financially to cover student deficits. Although it costs the school $13,500 for each student, the difference can be made up with money from grants, endowments, and various other sources (interest from such money, for example).

Most importantly, these tuition raises enable Southwestern to maintain its high standards of education. Says Dean Kepple, in a letter to parents, "Instead of raising funds to keep up, Southwestern is raising funds to move ahead."

Master Key System Implemented

As soon as the new keys and locks arrive, the residence hall points of entry will be accessible with one master key. That key will be available to all resident students and doors will be locked twenty-four hours a day. You will be notified as soon as we know the date of this change and key exchanges will take place in the Dean of Students Office.

This change is being made after consultation with the SGA and in consideration of a survey conducted by the Welfare Commission. There have been incidents in which strangers entered residence halls and student rooms during both day and evening hours. The SGA and the administration hope these changes will decrease the likelihood of these potentially dangerous incidents occurring in the future.

The hope is that these actions will improve residence hall security, while maintaining students' freedom of access to college facilities. Should the residents of a dorm continue to prop doors open, those residents will lose master key privileges.

There have been numerous concerns about the security of the gym parking lot area. Two changes will be made in order to improve security there. There will be new lighting in the area, and beginning January 15, access to the gym lot will be limited during the evening hours.

The two main gates will be closed each night at the same hour, except on the occasion of varsity athletic events. After those gates are closed, you may use the road by the tennis courts to drive into that parking area. This is being done in the hope that it will improve your security and the security of your cars.

Fraternities and sororities are responsible for the security of their houses. The security officers will continue to patrol the areas around the houses and report any irregularities there. They will question strangers and respond to student calls as they normally would. However, fraternity and sorority houses can be secured only by the conscientious efforts of fraternity and sorority members.

You are the most vital element in any security system. Your thoughtful and careful actions can do more than anything else to make this community safe. If we work together, we can make this a more secure place to live.

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Watch Your Step!

If it wasn't happening to us, it might even be funny. Picture a small, sleepy Southern college. Suddenly, a major league football team descends upon it, seemingly without warning. Panic reigns as huge, hulking man-mountains clog the Refectory at breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Sound familiar? Yes, we welcomed the Memphis Showboats this week, and they will be with us for quite a while to come. Our innocent little college of liberal arts and sciences has entered the realm of professional football. We give the Showboats a place to practice and **plenty** of food, and Southwestern gets a whole bunch of good stuff, like weight rooms, lights on the playing field, and a sprinkler system. And publicity.

Ah, yes. Publicity. The pursuit of the hallowed mention on nationwide television broadcasts of USFL games. More importantly, we can always tell our children that we went to school with these major league dreadnoughts. Wow!

Seriously, things might not be so bad. The college, as usual, has found a new way to make money and increase recognition of the name SOUTHWESTERN AT MEMPHIS. The Administration has also saved big bucks and made the jocks on campus happy.

Many on campus were surprised by the more or less sudden appearance of the team. So was I, and I'm editor of the paper. Evidently, a breakdown in communication occurred between the SGA and **The Sou'wester.** It's nobody's fault, in particular, but it won't happen again. The Student Government Association and the newspaper are working much closer together now, and hopefully the student body will use the information available to it to become more involved in campus affairs. Southwestern is facing some important decisions in the very near future, and the students can't expect to make valid decisions on those issues if they are not informed about the issues first.

Do you really want Southwestern to expand to 1,200 students? If not, then how many? Under what conditions? What do you think of the faculty freeze policy? In other words, what do you think should be the future direction of this college? The Board of Trustees and the Administration can't very well read our minds, so let's get those letters to the editor rolling in. Barring some ungodly unforeseen circumstance, they will all be printed and the student community at large can then mull over what you think. If you have a brilliant idea, a sharp, biting insight, or simply a plain, everyday gripe that you think needs to be brought to the attention of those on campus, send them it. And please try to turn them in by dinner on Tuesday to assure publication.

Finally, welcome to all the symposium guests. You may get trampled under foot by the Showboats, but you won't be forgotten. I hope you enjoy your stay on campus, and I hope that in your brief stay here, you can gain some insight into what this campus is all about. For all its faults, I think that Southwestern is one of the finest college institutions in America, and I really can't think of any place I would rather attend. A year and a half after coming to Southwestern, I am a SAMite for good, and I hope I can write an editorial next year welcoming you back.

BOBBY DOUGHTIE

RA System

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certainty

Scarborough suggests that some of the personal adjustment problems might be solved if freshmen had more access to their RAs. "It's all very nice to read pamphlets and posters suggesting various programs (re: counseling center, study skills seminar, help session), but there is quite a different impact to have a peer say 'Hey, try this.' "

Other suggestions are that the upperclassmen elect dorm Presidents to act as a liaison to the Dean's Office instead of the RAs, and that freshmen counselors be selected before dorm sing up and live near their counselees.

The Dean will meet with the RAs again next week, so if you have any suggestions or complaints — see your RA.

Opinionated

Living in the Shadow of the 'Showboats'

by Richard Barnes

Just when I begin to think that Southwestern may have lost some of its uniqueness, something always comes along to remind me of how truly strange this school really is. I mean, how many other schools can boast housing a professional football team AND a movie in their cafeteria???

Sure, they say that we're getting all this money for the gym, but do you really believe that? Of course you don't! It's all an experiment that the administration holds to see how much we can take. It's just like, or about once every three weeks or so, when you go to breakfast, they unlock the right door instead of the left one when you're walking into the refectory to see how many people wrench their arm off before they figure it out.

Monday. Here I was, calmly grazing in the refectory to see if they had put out any more chocolate chip cookies when I ran into this wall that had suddenly materialized on the way to the milk machine.

It moved. I looked up.

"'Scuse me," it growled.

"Take my cookies," I begged, falling to my knees and crying, feeling the feeling a baby seal must feel when he's about to get clubbed, and hoping if the wall wished to kill me, it would do so in the most humane way possible.

"Heh-heh," the wall grunted, and patted me on the head affectionately.

When I was able to remove my face from the floor and stand up again, the wall had moved on.

"What the Hell was THAT?" I wondered.

"That was a SHOWBOAT," someone offered.

"Sure looked like it to me."

Pretty soon I began to see the humor in the situation — the prospectives will be here Friday. Can you imagine 200 scared high school seniors surrounded by 60 Andre the Giants, going home and saying, "Mom, I don't think I'll ever be big enough to go to Southwestern"? But don't worry, we're Division Three here. The tallest center in the history of Division three basketball cleared seven feet only when you stood him on a stool.

Southwestern was not always known for its sports prowess. One year it got so bad that the head football coach, who was also our head basketball coach and the head baseball coach, had a perfect season, of sorts. He lost every single game his teams played. At one game the basketball team hid in the locker room and refused to come out after halftime.

We played Tulane in basketball last year the week before they beat Memphis State, which was ranked number one at the time. They put in all the short white guys after about five minutes.

But there are advantages to our size as well. It's like family. A girl gets a date on campus and everyone else stays up until she gets back home. You know everyone. Even professors.

And with all the joking around that we do, we care a great deal about our school. Despite all the talk about the nice buildings, graduate school acceptance rates, and all the other little nifty things that be quantified and packaged up to impress you, it's the people that are going to keep you here.

And when it comes down to it, you're going to spend the rest of your life with people, not SAT scores. If it can be said at all, what is really important about a school is not the number of buildings it has on the Historic Register, but about its people — faculty, students, administrators, working together to give you what is at once the most frustrating and rewarding time of your life.

Best of luck in your search and maybe someday, about four years from now, you'll be staring at a computer terminal and trying to tell two hundred people you've never met what you love about your school.

Have fun this weekend.

Box CE—The Students Speak

Dear Sou'wester:

We have recently come to understand a severe problem plaqueing those of us who live in the older dorms on campus. Somewhere in the bowels of Stewart, University, Evergreen and perhaps other dorms live a horrible race of little monsters, perhaps created in secret genetic engineering experiments in the biology department.

These are known as radiator trolls (bangus horribilus), and are able to withstand the extreme heat and pressure of their natural habitat — radiator pipes. These insidious little beings evidently believe no sentient creature should ever sleep, and in the wee hours of the night break out their hammers and commence their cacophonic percussion festivals.

We, the bleary eyed, feel something must be done, and beseech the science departments to find something that will eat them, or better yet hire some guys in a tiny little ship to go in and take care of them like in "Fantastic Voyage."

Sincerely, (Really!)
David Craig
Liz McCroven

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Dear CE,

For the benefit of fellow Southwestern students, I write to hopefully stir enthusiasm and increase awareness of the importance of Dilemma 1984.

So, you may ask, what does Dilemma '84 have to do with me? First, it might interest you to know that this symposium is conducted and organized entirely by Southwestern students. Fine, but what is the purpose, right? The purpose is to involve the Southwestern and Memphis communities in an examination of a current "dilemma" which, in some way or another, touches everybody's life.

Dilemma is not new to the Southwestern campus; it is coming back to life after a two-year dormancy with the help of interested students, including you. This year's topic is "American Capitalism: A Time For New Ideas." The big idea is to learn what sort of questions we should be asking about the strengths and weaknesses of American capitalism, rather than what answers we can provide. So how is this done?

The how is where you come in. Dilemma '84 provides the opportunity for us to become informed and interact through our own questions with such distinguished speakers as Michael Novak, Leonard Silk, Stuart Butler, and Michael Harrington. The symposium will address, from liberal and conservative perspectives, such issues as fiscal and monetary policy incentives, politican and economic freedom, Reagan's claim to fame (is he justified?), and outlooks for the future. (Look for Professor Orvis's upcoming article during Dilemma Week.)

As a Southwestern student, regardless of your career, and liesure plans, you're going to be thinking about where your money is going and what, if anything, is happening to ameliorate cr worsen your own economic situation. This is your chance to get involved and informed on issues of past, present, and future concern.

Although you may not be directly involved with organizing and continuing the Dilemma symposium in years to come, your participation through attendance, contributions, and moral support, is crucial to the success of Dilemma. It is this success which will highlight and strengthen our influence as students who are investing a great deal in our education. Why not enrich that education by getting involved in Dilemma '84?

Thanks for your support,
Becky Windham
Dilemma '84
Steering Committee

Welcome

The Sou'wester would like to welcome Ms. Jane Freeman to Southwestern. She is replacing Barbara Peeler as our Administrative Assistant. Ms. Freeman is a native of New Orleans and has had excellent experience as an executive secretary, both in Memphis and in Louisiana.

Board Meeting

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topics, please contact the student members of that committee.

Any major student interest on any topic should be related to Debbie Efird for presentation to the Students and Campus Life Committee. All students are encouraged to attend the coffee with the Trustees Thursday, 10:00 a.m., East Lounge.

Thursday evening at 6:00 in FJ-B the student Trustees and the student members of all committees will conduct an open meeting to discuss the agenda of the Board meeting. All students are encouraged to attend.

BSA Honors Dr. King

by Regina Murphy

Last Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. in the Pub, members of the student body, faculty, and community attended a reception in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King's brithday, sponsored by the Black Student Association of Southwestern.

Guests feasted on punch and birthday cake, after entertainment that consisted of readings by Theresa Green and Douglass Jackson from the works of Nikki Giovanni and Langston Hughes, and Regina Murphy's performance of the hymns "Amazing Grace" and "Were You There?" All those in attendance stood to sing the Black National Anthem as a finale of the evening's festivities and afterwards mingled informally, white with black, no barriers — the way Dr. King said it should be.

This was one of the many activities sponsored by the BSA for our campus and community, previous ones being a reception for incoming freshmen last summer, an Openhouse for freshmen, a Daquiri Party, Halloween Dance, and Christmas Party. In the near future, a reception will be held for prospective students.

The BSA has been active for 14 years and would like you to get involved. Contact President Sherry Turner or Vice President Terrell Mason for more information.

Sex at Southwestern

by Mary Munn

Catchy title? Well, sorry to disappoint you. No, folks, here it is — not **Currents,** but an incredible simulation! It's the ultimate in creative journalism — it's the new **Inner Lynx.**

Have you tucked that old English journal that you wrote for Bernice Dicks in some forgotten drawer? Do you have some old photograph form a photography class that you'd like to show off? Do you have a flare for writing poetry or original songs? Has Professor Vest told you that life begins by writing "une histoire en francais?" If so, the **Inner Lynx** — the work of Southwestern gods and goddesses — is waiting for you!

The **Inner Lynx** is where SAM students can demonstrate their creative talents! **Currents,** the old literary/art journal, has changed its name, yet its purpose remains the same: to gather various works by Southwestern students to create a representative collection of literary/art genius.

The **Inner Lynx** wants your photographs, drawings, essays, scholarly writings, poetry, original songs, journal entries, foreign language writings — anything you'd like to contribute.

But fear not — you need not be a Pulitzer Prize winner in journalism! You need not even be an English or Art major to have your work appear in the magazine. The **Inner Lynx** is looking for different types of writings and artwork from **all** students.

Don't be intimidated if your writing isn't perfect — the **Inner Lynx** staff, the faculty, and the Writing Center can help you make your writing what we would like it to be. So don't be shy — submit your contribution to the **Inner Lynx.**

In order to make this a representative student journal, we need everyone to create something. The **Inner Lynx** is put out by the students, and its success depends on the input we receive. Please submit all works to room 111 in the basement of the Student Center, or to Al Nimocks or Martha Hample, who will also be willing to answer any questions you might have.

All entries must be submitted by 5:00 p.m., Feb. 1, 1984. The **Inner Lynx** is counting on you to make this year's journal the best one ever, so shag your pen, brush, and palette and get those creative juices flowing!

Placement Center

The following is the placement center's schedule for Term II. Watch for updated schedules each week.

Jan. 23 — United States Air Force — Sgt. Jerry Thomas

Jan. 24 — Libertyland — Mr. Larry Etter
Interested in Summer Employment Applicants; 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Feb. 1 — Independent Educational Services — Mr. William Andres; 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Feb. 5 — Scarritt College — Lynn Chesier
Christian Education and Music; 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon

Feb. 6 — University of Alabama MBA Program — Ms. Virginia Hawkins

Feb. 7 — Mud Island — Ms. Anita Osgood
Interested in Summer Employment Applicants; 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Feb. 14 — Northwestern Mutual Life — Mr. Edward A. Burch

Feb. 15 — Memphis Financial Services — Mr. Alan W. Humphrey

Feb. 23 — National Center for Paralegal Training — Ms. Claire McCants

Feb. 29 — Peace Corps — Abdul Cizeez; 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Mar. 14 — Memphis City Schools — Mr. Bob Mathes

Anyone interested in speaking with any of the above recruiters should contact Clare Myers in the Counseling and Placement Center, 301 Briggs Student Center.

Casting

Public auditions for the McCoy Theatre production of "The Taming of the Shrew" will be held in Tuthill Hall on the campus of Southwestern Thursday, January 19, at 5:00 p.m., and on Saturday, January 21, at 2:00 p.m. The play, which will be directed by "Cookie" Ewing, will run May 10-13 and 17-20.

Exams

Examination Schedule for Term II:

Saturday, March 31 — D-hour classes at 9:00 a.m., B-hour classes at 2:00 p.m.

Monday, April 2 — P-hour classes at 9:00 a.m., N-hour classes at 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 3 — A-hour classes at 9:00 a.m., M-hour classes at 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 4 — O-hour classes at 9:00 a.m., C-hour classes at 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 5 — F-hour classes at 9:00 a.m., E-hour classes at 2:00 p.m.

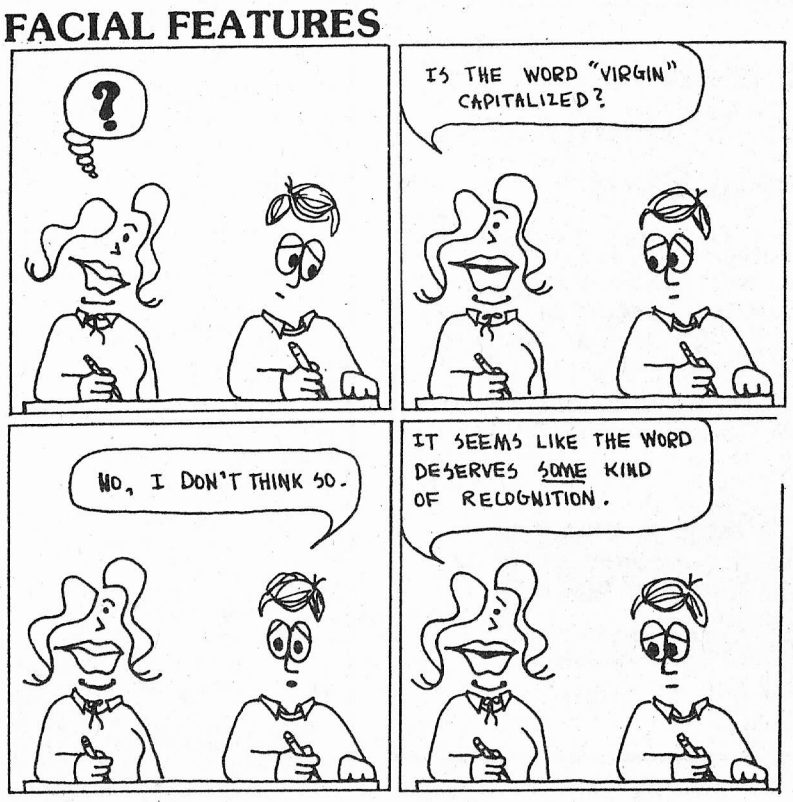
Uncommon House

The Southwestern Social Commission is pleased to announce an Uncommon House on Friday, Jan. 20, for Prospective Weekend. The next such event will be on March 2, 1984. For more information on the March Uncommon House, contact Bethany Jackson.

Found

FOUND — A pen in the library phone booth. Owner may claim it by calling 725-1526 and giving a correct description. Ask for John Schmidt.

FACIAL FEATURES



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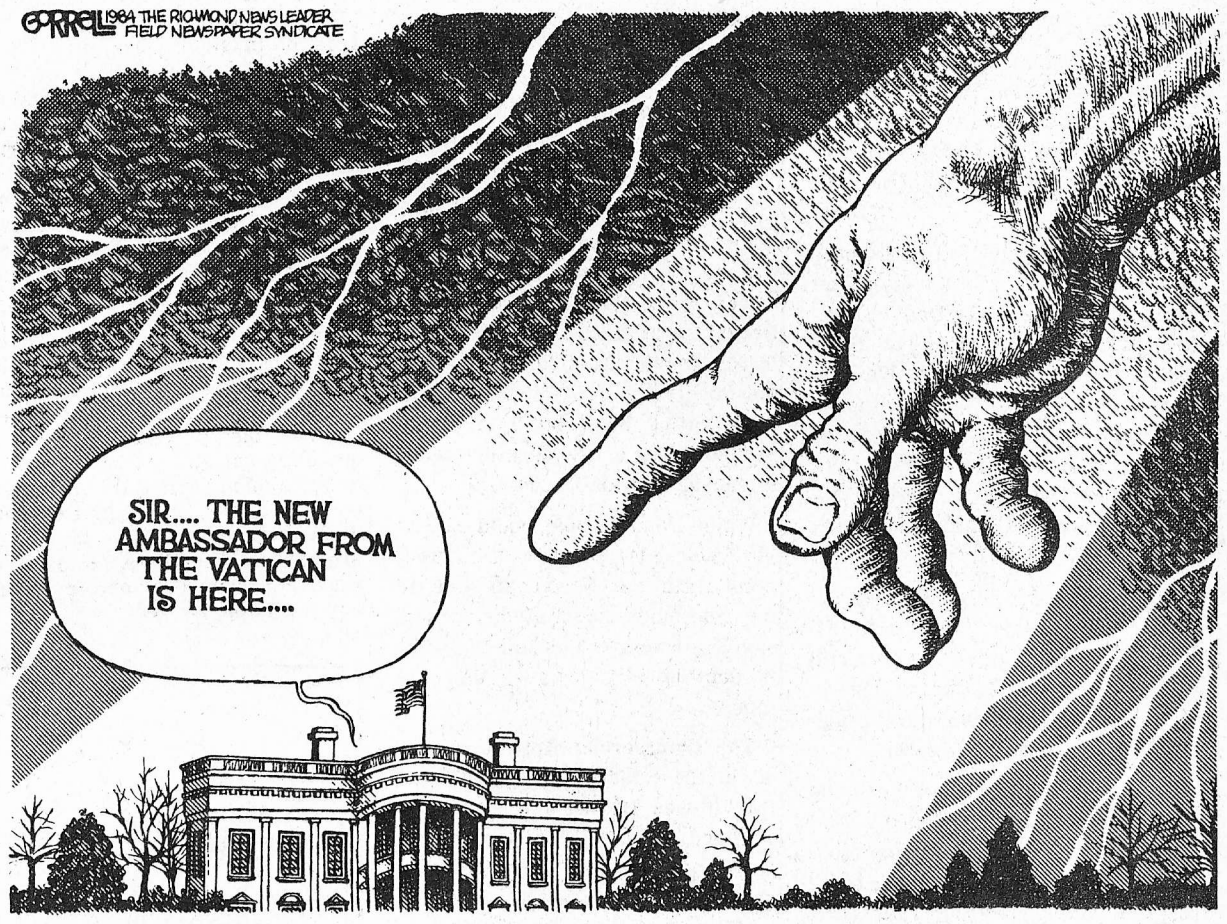

The Coffee IS Strong Enough

At Playhouse on the Square, Agatha Christie's "Black Coffee" has recently opened and is a must for anyone who is a mystery lover or simply thinks he's keen enough to outwit any kind of silly play. Good luck. . . .

Could it have been the butler? He was as picky about dust as any of them, and he did bring the coffee in. Or how about Richard, the unhappy son, well played by John Gibson, who wanted freedom from his tyrannical father, Sir Claud Amory, the victim of the coffee murder.

Nita L. Koon played the vulnerable Lucia Amory with a clever wandering Italian accent and enough nerves to become infectious. It worked. Surely, she couldn't have done it; she guiltity put poison in one of the cups and Sir Claude didn't drink out of it, or did he?

Now it's obvious that Aunt Caroline Amory and Babs Amory, Richard's sister, weren't involved. They're such jolly innocent types of people. Granted, Babs does insist of playing records at odd times and keeps Captain Arthur Flasting, O.B.E., out in the garden instead of letting him stand guard in the library, and Aunt Caroline is constantly misplacing her knitting needles and smiling, smiling, smiling, but, oh, no, impossible! isn't it?

Two wonderfully entertaining characters are the secretary, Edward Raynor, well characterised by Steve Wilkerson, and Dr. Carelli, the mysterious and oily Italian who is humorously played by George Naylor. Raynor is too weird to be guilty and Carelli is too obvious.

Who's left? That's the problem for Herucle Poirot, played by David Poirier. His characterization was perfect; he limped, picked at his clothes, laughted at the English formality, and, of course, solved the mystery with one harmonious gesture. Actually all the characters were well portrayed and the directing certainly accented the actors' performances.

The set, too, framed the picture well, along with the appropriate and well-timed lighting.

A couple of the costumes broke from the otherwise balanced show, but in general, make-up, costumes, etc. . . . were fine.

So, if you're in the mood for clean, stimulating fun, go see "Black Coffee." It's a great one to take a friend to; you'll spend the rest of the evening trying to persuade each other that you had suspected the final verdict from the beginning. Ha!

— Lilla Magee

Kinney Sign-up

The Kinney Program Sign-up for Second Term will be held this Tuesday, January 24, in the Student Center, and will last from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. We have many interesting projects and there are openings in just about all project areas. Freshmen are especially encouraged to attend.

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Showboats Come to SAM

by John A. Barnes

This past Monday, January 16th, the expansion team Memphis Showboats of the United States Football League started practicing for their first season in the USFL, here at Southwestern.

Southwestern and the Showboats are mutually benefitting from the team practicing here. Dean of Administrative Services at SAM Thomas Kepple stated, "We are real happy with the deal with the Showboats." This agreement of which he speaks involves the upgrading of the gym in certain aspects as well as SAM's receiving rent money.

The agreement currently held between Southwestern and the USFL team is good through Feb. 24th, and both sides are negotiating for an extension which would run through the end of the season in July.

Under the current agreement, the Showboats have upgraded the gym by turning the visitor's locker room into a training room, painting some of the small classrooms at their expense, and upgrading the locker room in the center of the gym, which had fallen into disrepair from non-usage over the past few years. The Showboats have done extensive plumbing in the gym, which will help the Southwestern teams as well.

The team is working with the school in trying to avoid any inconvenience to the students. The parts of the gym they are using are generally not used by SAM students, so in that regard they are not displacing anyone.

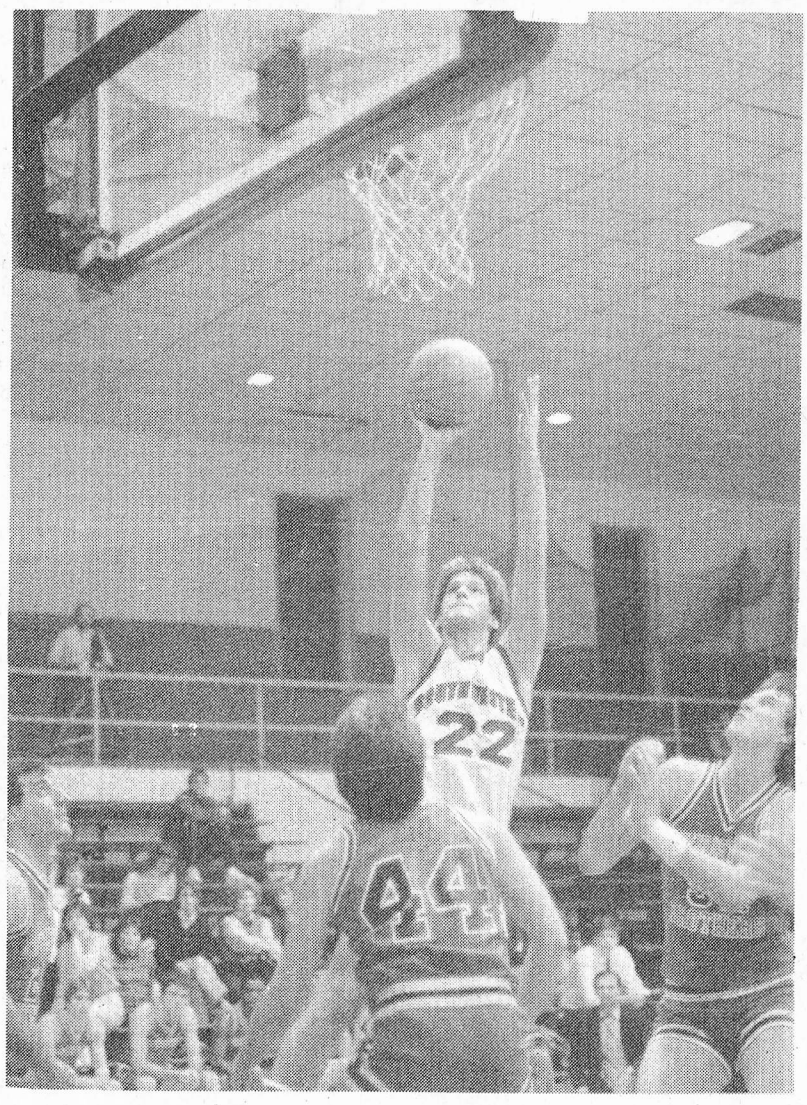
You might encounter some difficulty in the refectory, as the team will be eating their meals in the refectory at the following times: Breakfast 7:00-7:30; Lunch 11:00-11:30; Dinner at 4:45. Dean Kepple expects no real difficulty with them eating here, but if a major problem does arise you might want to consult him on the matter.

While Dean Kepple could not as yet disclose the terms of the agreement with the Showboats due to the continuing negotiations, he did say Southwesetern is happy, since it does involve a good deal of money.

The Commercial Appeal, reported in the Sunday, Jan. 15th issue that it was costing the Showboats "around $200,000" to use Southwestern. One must realize though, that not all of this is coming to SAM in monetary form; most of it involves the upgrading of the gym, costs of eating in the refectory, and having to pay for the use of Doc Browning's part-time help and some student painters.

By practicing here at SAM instead of in sunny, beautiful Florida, the Showboats are saving roughly $100,000. The first game for the Showboats is on February 26th at 1:30 p.m. at the Liberty Bowl Stadium against the Philadelphia Stars. The most exciting game of the year, in this reporter's biased opinion, will be on May 25th when the Tampa Bay Bandits storm into town.

The Showboats are trying to be helpful by not interfering with the activities of SAM students. As sutdents we should, in turn, be courteous to the players. Instead of quibbling about minor inconveniences, which seems to be common practice at this school, put up with them and support them while they are here. They'll appreciate it, we'll appreciate it, and everyone will be happy.



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Lynx to Battle Sewanee

Freshman Rob Schutt swishes a jumper over three CBC defenders is last Tuesday's hard-fought contest which CBC took 67-63. Schutt hit all three of his shots in this game — the team as a whole shot a sizzling 59.0 percent in the game. Southwestern, now 7-6, begins a crucial two-game conference swing into Middle Tennessee. The Lynx take on arch-rival Sewanee tonight, and Fisk tomorrow night.

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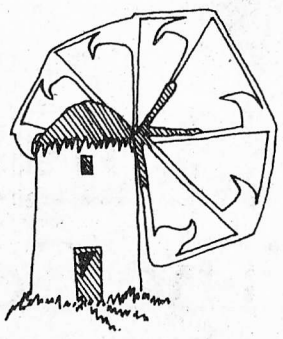

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