

# The Sou'wester

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## Trustees Meet

by Laura Hollandsworth

The Southwestern Board of Trustees met January 26-27. Several students acted as hosts/hostesses for the members of the board by attending a coffee in the East Lounge, taking the trustees to class, and eating lunch with them in the refectory. These students have also been responsible for writing letters to the trustees during the school year.

These activities encourage communications between students and members of the board and allow students to give their perspective on community issues, policies, decisions, etc.

During the Thursday morning plenary session, the board, administration, and faculty and student representatives listened to a report given by Jackie Nerren, Vice President of Message Factors, a market research firm commissioned by Southwestern last spring to conduct admissions research. Ms. Nerren explained that one phase of the research consisted of 403 telephone interviews with high school students who had shown interest in Southwestern and who would be eligible for admission.

Based on the responses of these students, profiles were made of several schools, including Emory, Vanderbilt, the University of Tennessee, CBC, Tulane, and Duke. Southwestern's major strengths and weaknesses, as perceived by the students participating in the survey were:

**Strengths:** Student-teacher ratio, attractive campus, admissions personnel, literature about the school, availability of financial aid, and quality of the students.

**Weaknesses:** athletic programs,

high tuition, fraternities and sororities, number of degree programs, extracurricular activities, and room and board rates.

In the discussion that followed the report, Dean Templeton stressed that Southwestern's recruiting video and brochures have been intentionally made to let prospective students know that Southwestern does have an active Greek system, extracurricular activities, a strong athletic department, etc.

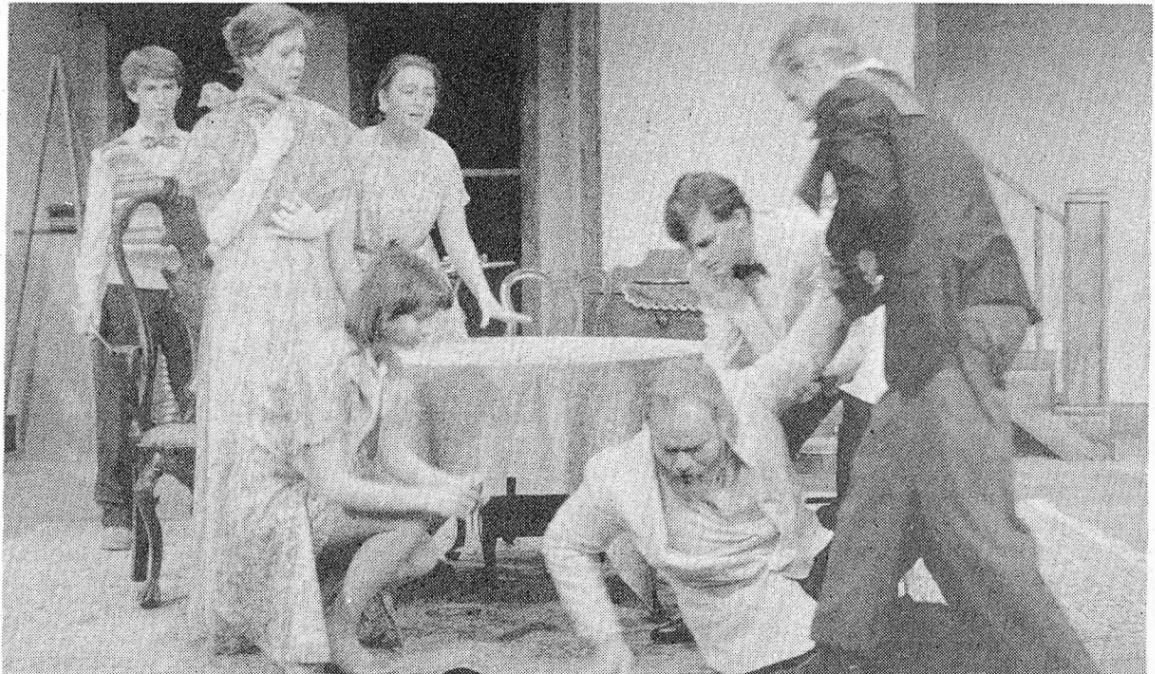
The question was raised concerning how Southwestern should recruit prospective students: "Do we put our effort into re-educating students about our perceived weaknesses, or do we concentrate on selling our strengths?"

The board also heard President Daughdrill speak on the planning and goal-setting scheduled to take place at the board retreat February 22-25. He stressed that the board must ask some important questions about where SAM is going.

Students who are concerned about the academic quality of the college and its recognition on a national level should plan to attend the SGA meeting of Wednesday, February 8, in which these topics will be discussed. This will enable student representatives on the board to have some sort of consensus of student opinion for the retreat.

Reports of the Board committees were heard Friday:

(1) **Enrollment** — As of February 11, 1983, there were 808 applications for admission; as of January 27, 1984, there were 665 applications. Dean Wottle commented that it is difficult to know whether this is a cause for concern, because there



John Bruhwiler, as Mr. Kolenkhov, demonstrates to Mr. Kirby (Logan Browning) the virtues of his favorite sport, wrestling. Mark Smith, as Tony Kirby, assists his father, while his fiancée, Alice Sycamore (played by Julia Weaver), and other dinner guests look on.

is a two-week discrepancy (the deadline for applications had been moved from February 15 last year to February 1 this year).

Last year, the yield in students accepted for admission was 30%, the lowest ever. It is not known, however, whether this is a fluke, or if it is a trend which will continue. However, the budget for next year is projected on the basis of tuition for 1,010 students. To reach that figure, the freshman class next year must have 349 students. If the number of applications this year is low, says Dean Wottle, we will have to increase our yield.

(2) **Finance** — The board approved the proposed 1984-85 budget. Dean Kepple pointed out that in

1975, tuition was 71.5% of the total college budget; in 1984, tuition is 66% of the total college budget. Even though students see an increase in tuition, the burden they carry for the cost of their education has been decreased (the difference being made up through endowments).

Dean Kepple also pointed out that from 1975 to 1985, tuition has increased 183%; at the same time, however, Southwestern-generated financial aid has increased 645%.

(3) **Development** — The Development committee approved a motion concerning funding for campus projects and programs. To avoid multiple solicitation of college donors and conflicts with the programs ap-

proved by the board, all campus projects must be cleared with the Dean of Development before any solicitation is made. The trustees were genuinely concerned about how this might affect the needs of Dilemma in securing contributions.

(4) **Buildings and Grounds** — Acting on the advice of Taylor and Crump, the committee recommended approval of the lot in front of Williford as the best choice for the location of the new residence hall. Parking spaces would most likely be added in the area east of Trezevant. The committee also recommended approval of a resolution which states that a wall should be used to honor major benefactors of the college.

## Deans Speak Out

At the SGA meeting on Wednesday, February 1st, Deans Duff and Llewelyn joined forces to discuss various questions by students concerning the students' views on issues at Southwestern. The deans seemed quite receptive to the students' queries and responded with some interesting answers.

Questions were raised about the selection of instructors at Southwestern, and Dean Gerald Duff gave a detailed description of the selection process. Out of a pool of candidates who contact Southwestern upon receiving word of a job opening, 25 of the top candidates are chosen. From among these 25, a selected meeting place is set and each of the candidates is interviewed.

The top 6 are then chosen, in terms of education and experience. These six are then invited to Southwestern where they spend a day teaching a class, leading a discussion, and meeting with the department head. The final selection is made by a vote from Vice-President, President, and department head.

In addition to the discussion on hiring of professors, Dean Duff also commented on his hiring of minority and women faculty members. Duff said that the hiring of minority and women faculty members would be among his top priorities. Another question concerning minors was fielded by Duff, who responded by saying that no real progress has been made on the minors.

Duff responded to a later question on professors by stating that

he, in his consideration of prospective instructors, looks for the quality of teaching first before looking at the degrees. In this way, stated Duff, the best teachers possible would be chosen for Southwestern.

All in all, the discussion was a complete success, and was a reminder that all students are invited to attend the SGA meetings and discussions.

## Alcoholism

On Thursday, January 26, Dr. Milt Trapold, chairman of the Psychology department at Memphis State University, spoke to a crowd of about 20 in Hassell Hall's library. He was the first speaker in a series of seminar on alcohol awareness.

He revealed some chilling facts: 10% of the world will become addicted to some substance and 95% of those addicted will die from their addiction, either from accidents or deterioration. He stated that non-alcoholics will usually pull one big stunt on alcohol, then learn their lesson. He defined alcoholism as any use of alcohol that interferes with normal functioning.

As to how to help someone you're afraid might have a problem, he said you should first ask yourself how much you care. This is because most addicts have a complex denial system about their problem. Trapold said that you need to lovingly coerce them to an evaluation center, which can get unpleasant. Or, he said, you can ignore it like most people do.

He also encouraged those who are worried to get competent advice

and to educate themselves on alcoholism and its symptoms.

On Thursday, February 2, at 7:00, Southwestern students spoke about their experiences with alcoholism. This session was held in the East Lounge.

On February 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Lounge, the legal repercussions of alcohol will be discussed. All are urged to attend these seminars which are sponsored by the Counseling and Placement Center.

## Model UN

If you noticed several (around 270 or so) new faces last weekend wandering around campus, it wasn't because you drank too much at PAN. Southwestern's third annual Model United Nations was held his past weekend in Frazier-Jelke. High school students from the Memphis area descended upon the Southwestern campus Friday afternoon to act as diplomats from various countries in the simulation of the actual United Nations in New York.

This year, there were several welcome developments. Participating at the M.U.N. by the students rose by over one hundred from the previous year. A large number of these students had participated in last year's Model UN, which gave them valuable experience for this year's simulation. Their enthusiasm in attempting to accurately portray their respective countries, as well as their preparation and familiarity with parliamentary procedure, were encouraging.

The students showed an impressive understanding of the international issues submitted for discus-

sion. These topics included the crisis in Lebanon, the refugee problem, the World Bank crisis and U.S. intervention in Central America. The students attempted to practice the arts of diplomacy and compromise with mixed results, in debating these topics.

Although it was agreed that refugees needed to be cared for, there was a lack of consensus about what should be done in Lebanon or Central America.

To paraphrase a Lebanese delegate, "I realized that there were other viewpoints than those from the Pro-America standpoint."

## Runner-up

Edith Anne Vincent of Mayfield, Kentucky has been selected as a runner-up in the 1984 Miss Love's Baby Soft teen model contest. Over 4,000 teens, ranging in age from 13 to 19, participated in the competition. She received a special edition "Love's Baby Soft Contest Winner" T-shirt as her prize.

Edith, 18, daughter of Patricia and Jack Vincent, is a student at Southwestern at Memphis. Winner of a Morris Scholarship, Edith enjoys courses in Biology and is planning to become a veterinarian.

To enter the contest teens submit photographs and are judged in competition with other contestants on the basis of the photos. Three national finalists, 50 state winners and 150 national runners-up are honored.

The three national finalists are Arlene Preudhomme, 16, Miami, Florida; Merritt Morgan, 16, Little Rock, Arkansas, and Dana Deitemeyer, 16, of Claremont, California. These young women and their

mothers visited New York in November. There they were the guests of Love's Baby Soft at the Plaza Hotel. While in New York the girls enjoyed meeting the top modeling agents, eating at some of New York's finest restaurants, attending the Broadway musical "Dream Girls" and touring the trendy boutique shops in the East Village.

The judges' panel included Elizabeth Ward, Miss America 1982; Jack Rowe, President of the Miss America Pageant; John Casablancas, President of Elite Model Management; fashion photographer Patrick De Marchelier and the beauty editors of Seventeen, Teen, Coed, and Young Miss magazines.

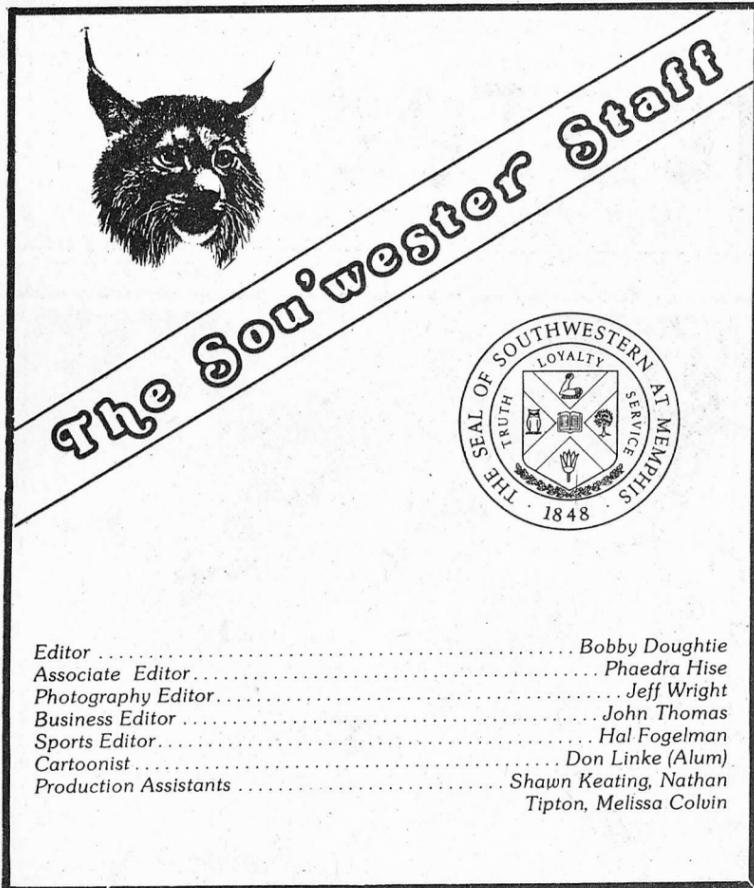
During the past three years several of the national finalists have signed contracts with major New York model agencies.

## Scholarship

Dr. Ray Allen, Dean of Financial Aid and Government Relations, announces the recent establishment by the Fellowship Class, St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Memphis, of a Scholarship in Christian Service.

In 1984-85, the amount of this scholarship will be \$500.00, and the recipient may apply for its renewal. Candidates must have completed at least the sophomore year in preparation for a career in Christian service.

Additional information and an application form may be obtained from Dean Allen, in Room 109 Palmer. The completed form must be received no later than March 30. The recipient will be announced by May 15.



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## This and That

Well, Dilemma starts on Friday, and I hope the student body fully supports the symposium. Beth Baxter and her staff have worked extremely hard since last year to provide the campus with interesting speakers and provocative topics. Dilemma '84 will be very interesting. I, for one, will be very interested to hear what a socialist has to say about capitalism.

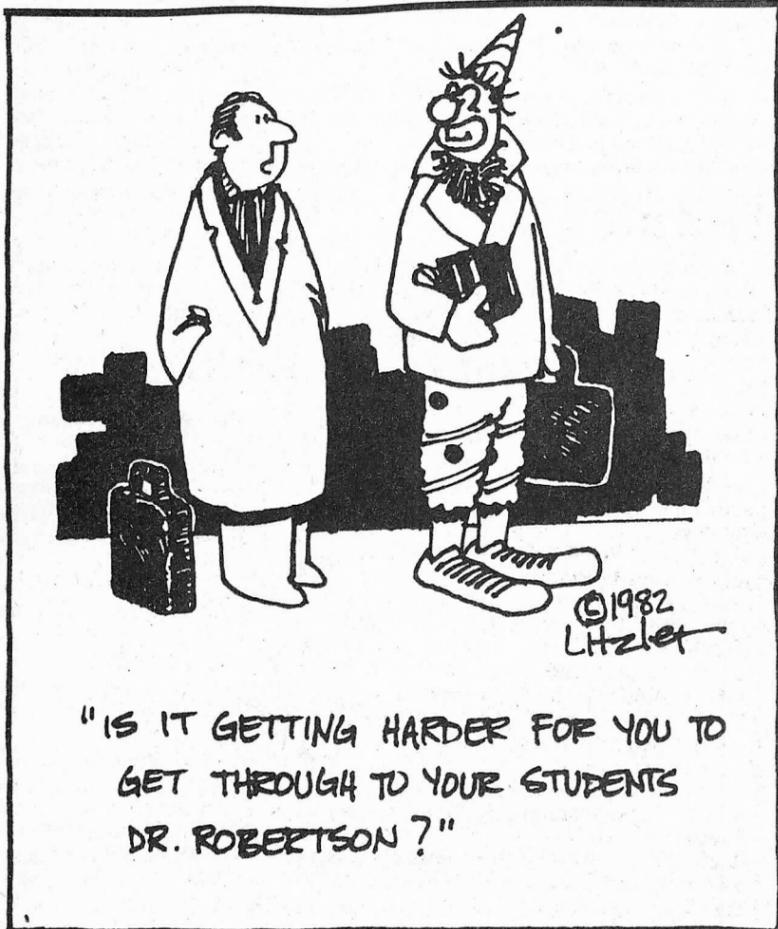
The Showboats are beginning to blend in pretty well, now that there aren't quite so many of them. I would hate to see any rule made that would cause them to feel like outcasts from the campus. Granted that they are not students, they are nonetheless a semi-permanent presence here, and we might as well make them feel welcome. Southwestern has too many small groups and cliques now for its own good. To create one more would be a true shame and unworthy of us.

And some of our own footballers might even learn something from these on-campus pros!

There are lots of good things about small groups of people. Increased interpersonal communication, enhanced friendships, etc. However, when that small group happens to be the newspaper staff, there are problems. Problems like not having enough people to assign stories to. And nobody to help with layout late at night. I desperately need more people on the Sou'wester staff. If you have even a little time to spare on Tuesday and/or Wednesday nights or on Thursday afternoons, please consider lending it to the beleaguered newspaper staff. It will be forever appreciated. I might also add, to highlight the profit motive, that when an ad is sold for the newspaper, the seller makes a 10% commission on it. Money!

I found the Message Factors' report mentioned in the article about the Board of Trustees meeting. I was particularly struck by the fact that extracurricular activities appeared under the heading of weaknesses. Southwestern has plenty of extracurricular activities. Finding someone to participate in them is something else entirely.

BOBBY DOUGHTIE



## Opinionated

# Southwestern's Dilemma

by Richard Barnes

I didn't intend to get very involved in Dilemma '84. Actually, it was through no conscious effort of my own: I went into a committee meeting thinking I would just be helping Lana, and I came out in charge of corporate visitations.

Yet as I began to get more and more involved, I began to wonder if Dilemma isn't somewhat dated. For all its claims of liberalness and academic challenge, Southwestern has become a conservative and largely passive institution since Dilemma was founded in the sixties.

With the rest of the world, we seem to have grown indifferent during the past decade. We don't get very excited about major issues of the day, whether they affect us as personally as a Third Term controversy, or even as generally as the widespread implications of a nuclear war.

Our biggest dilemma, then, may be in convincing each other that there is a dilemma in the first place.

I wonder that we don't spend enough time thinking about the equity, the justice of an economic system.

We don't think about the more unpleasant sides of society. The courses we take reflect this. It is

far more natural to be concerned with getting the wealth, rather than spreading it. Yet we give away our dedication to the pursuit of what is right when we settle for what is easy or personally profitable.

This passivity fits in equally well with the rest of the country. A highly conservative President now occupies the Oval Office.

Even the nation's Supreme Court, as any political science student will tell you, has sidestepped issues of justice and fair trials, discrimination and busing in favor of home video recorders. Some of the major civil rights gains of the 1960s' Warren Court have been substantially eroded away in silence.

This conservative wave has swept the country, and we as college students are a part of it, even if we are not aware of it. This is a wave which discourages questioning, which promotes the status quo, and seeks to deny having the issues brought into the open.

Questions of human rights, though perhaps aroused by such films as *The Day After*, soon fade when everyday concerns hit us. Groups like the Committee for Political Awareness are either largely ignored or ridiculed.

Yet it is the tough questions that will not go away which everyone must ultimately answer for him-

self. Dilemma may then be one of the few events at Southwestern in which we as a group can come together and can honestly and maturely open ourselves to contemporary concerns.

Southwestern needs Dilemma. Our program is unique in that, while we have received a great deal of guidance from the school, our funding and leadership have ultimately come from the effort of those students involved. The purpose of this is not to have the members of the steering committee all fail out of school while trying to raise ten thousand dollars in two months, but to assure the integrity of a program which may at times be forced to stand apart from the college itself.

And I think we are responsible for immersing ourselves in this Dilemma. For if not we, who? We are the ones who will have to answer, if only to ourselves, the issues of the day for the rest of our lives. And it is our duty to be as informed as possible.

So please support Dilemma. We have a great opportunity here to meet with those who have spent their lives addressing the issues we will struggle together with for this weekend. But a weekend may be a start for what is already long overdue.

## Box CE: Getting There

To The Editor:

Larry Woodard was a Southwestern student. He was a member of ODK, Who's Who, the Madrigals and the Men's Undergraduate Board, a committee helping freshmen make the transition to college life. And he wanted to pledge a fraternity. He chose Alpha Tau Omega as that fraternity. In November of his sophomore year, he got his chance.

There was only one problem — Larry was black. And the year was 1967.

Anyone who knows anything about racial conditions in Memphis in the late 60's knows that there was no way Larry would be accepted without incident.

ATO had never had a black pledge. Neither, for that matter, had any other Southwestern fraternity.

When Larry was being considered as a pledge in November, 1967, one ATO member admitted that he would blackball Larry — that is, refuse to let him pledge — simply because he was black.

After much discussion, the admittedly racially biased member was asked to deactivate, which he did voluntarily. Afterwards, a vote was taken and Larry Woodard was made a pledge of Alpha Tau Omega. He was given a pin, and things seemed normal for a while.

The Christmas holidays came and went.

But in January, the ATO national office contacted Rutledge Tufts, president of the Southwestern chapter, saying that they felt the deactivated member had been put under undue pressure to leave the fraternity. National ATO required that the member be reinstated and a new vote taken on Larry Woodard.

Another vote was taken, and this time the blackball was dropped.

But after the vote, Rutledge Tufts told the chapter he would not honor the vote, and further refused to honor the blackball system as a method of acquiring new members.

The chapter considered "going local" to free themselves from national ATO, which required the blackball system, but a vote was taken and the issue defeated.

Several fraternity members then asked the national office to file charges to remove Rutledge Tufts from office. At that time, Larry still considered himself an ATO pledge.

In the February 9, 1968 issue of the Sou'wester, he said, "Rut Tufts

has refused to depledge me and therefore I still consider myself to be a pledge."

But ATO national did not agree. It announced that it no longer considered Larry Woodard an ATO pledge and ordered an election for the replacement of Rutledge Tufts.

Though the Southwestern administration had recently ordered a halt on all ATO activities, the chapter went ahead with the vote and a new president was elected.

And that is where the story of Larry Woodard as an ATO pledge ends.

The College refused to acknowledge the fraternity's replacement of its president and the blackballing of Larry Woodard. All ATO activities were suspended indefinitely.

Those who remember that time say that, when fraternity activities resumed, Larry felt that it was not worth the effort to press the issue. And so the 1968 ATO composite was conspicuously lacking in blacks.

While Larry dropped the pledging issue, he did not stop working to abolish racism at Southwestern.

In a May 11, 1968, letter to the editor of the Sou'wester, he said "Black professors, secretaries, instructors, administrators and students are available. Southwestern must put forth some extra effort to capture some of the tremendous store of black talent. Hardly can the school expect to increase the 2 percent black (high) schools."

But of course things have changed at Southwestern today. Or have they?

Sherry Turner, president of the Black Students Association does not think so.

"I don't think the racial situation has changed very much at all," she said. "The black-to-white ratio has hardly improved since Larry

wrote his letter to the editor back in 1968. Blacks are still a separate group, always thought of as different."

And the black enrollment has changed little. Only 3.5 per cent of the Southwestern student body is now black. There are no black sorority members and only one black fraternity member. The situation is not much better with the professors, secretaries, instructors and administrators Larry mentioned in his article.

But blacks are proving themselves, both at Southwestern and in the community in general.

It is now up to Southwestern to recognize the black potential and make use of it. Kim Cordell

To The Editor:

The Sou'wester — newspaper of Southwestern at Memphis. More than likely, you get the image of an informative, entertaining school newspaper which keeps you up-to-date on the happenings of the college — not a forum for juvenile attacks on rival schools.

The sports (I'll call it sports because basketball was mentioned once or twice) article entitled "Juhan Jaunt" was one of the most inane, childish articles I've ever read. Why was that reporter sent to the basketball game at Sewanee? Was his purpose to report on a sporting event, or to conjure up an obnoxious attack on Sewanee's fans and facilities?

You have to wonder what his article would have been like if we had won the game. Perhaps he would have mentioned the highlights of the game, or maybe even the score. As it is, "Juhan Jaunt" is not reporting, it is an ugly form of crying after a loss.

David Dietrich

## SGA Corner

The Tennessee State Legislature is currently considering Senate Bill 4, which would raise the drinking age from 19 to 21. The Southwestern SGA has been asked by Tennessee Collegiate Alliance (TCA), a student lobbying group which was formed to oppose the bill, to lend its support to their efforts.

Next week, at its February 8 meeting, the SGA will vote on whether or not to support the TCA's resolution, which declares opposition to the bill. Before making this decision, the SGA would like to hear the opinions of other students. Information about the bill and

TCA's opposition to it will be posted on the bulletin boards in the basement of the student center and in the refectory. SGA members will appreciate any student input on this matter.

Also at the February 8 meeting, President Daughdrill will talk to the SGA about plans and objectives for the Board of Trustees retreat which will be held later this month. The board and the college as a whole will be doing major long-term goal planning this spring.

SGA meetings are open to the student body.

Here & Now...

# Young Voters Needed

WASHINGTON — Moguls at ABC News somehow overlooked Susan Fitz-Hugh in selecting 40 political leaders, pollsters, and consultants for a recent discussion of America's voter turnout problems. As a result, the best and the brightest who participated may have botched their mission entirely.

Former presidents Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford and a virtual Who's Who among Washington-based political reporters gathered in the Russell Senate Office Building's Caucus Room to consider America's vapid interest in elections. Sponsored by Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, and set before ABC's cameras, the "Symposium on Voter Registration" made for good television (the all-star rap session will be rebroadcast later this season).

As if to justify the pow-wow, ABC News had released some disheartening poll data. In a late-June survey, it found that only a third of Americans under 30 vote regularly, and that fewer than half say they will vote next year. ABC News discovered that if the nation were divided equally between voters and non-voters, the latter group would be peopled almost entirely by those under 40 — a sobering reminder for anyone concerned about the nation's future.

It was perhaps inevitable that the celebrity symposium would produce only lackluster results. Discussion centered on proposals for longer polling hours and easier registration (nothing ingenious) and the networks' nervous habit of "projecting" the winners before the polls close. According to one par-

ticipant, little or nothing was said about younger Americans.

That's where someone like Fitz-Hugh might have provided some insight. Executive secretary of the State Board of Elections in Virginia, where voter registration ranks near the nation's lowest, Fitz-Hugh recently told a new state commission examining voter fatigue that the chief problem is neither logistics nor alienation. Instead, she said, it's education.

"Our students learn more about socialism and communism than they do about democracy," she said in Richmond last week. "I think we are missing the boat in this country."

Fitz-Hugh's words, though sounding like a fundamentalist's, were well-chosen. They implied that young Americans learn about democracy only in contrast to communism and without much instruction in our system's inherent strengths and weaknesses.

Lacking any sense of democracy's frailties — something known to every Athenian in the 5th century B.C. — it's no wonder that Americans see voting as a going-through-the motions obligation.

# Give Pennies from Heaven

by Laura Hollandsworth

For anyone who has extra pennies lying around in their room, hates loose change and/or wants to help out in the fight against hunger but really does not want to commit much time or energy, "Pennies for Hunger" is for you.

The "Pennies for Hunger" project is under the jurisdiction of Memphis Presbytery. Many churches contribute to the fund. Half of the money is given to local hunger projects (MIFA) and the balance is used for hunger relief in Haiti through Heifer Project International. The idea is for each member of a family to give a penny for every meal.

Heifer Project International is a farm near Little Rock where animals are bred and sent on planes to all parts of the globe. This organization has been in operation for 35 years. Some of the animals sent include water buffalo (used

Though most know from high school civics that theirs is the land of personal freedom and free enterprise, few could discuss the institutional challenge their system faces.

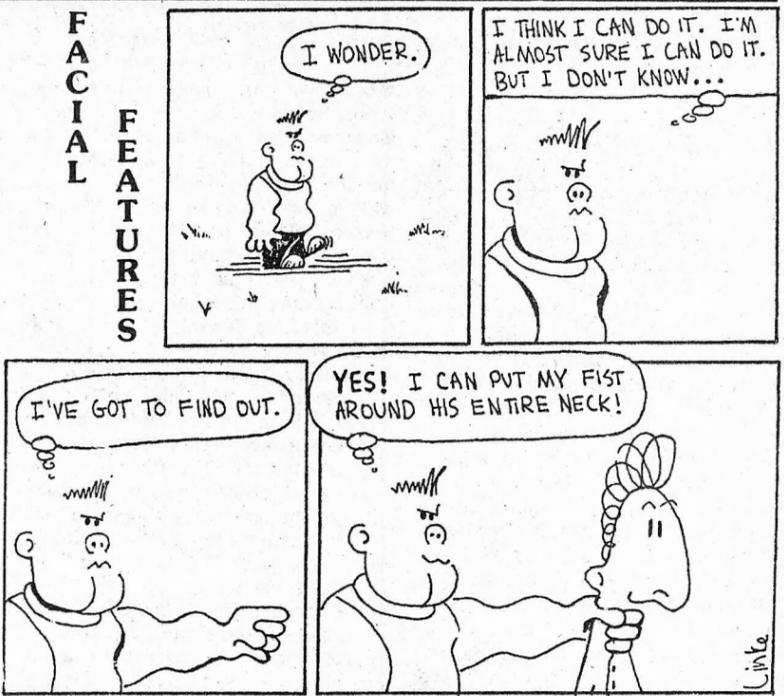
For example, few civics classes ever grapple with the implications for a democracy under which only half the populace participates. In the same vein, if a democracy (by Aristotelian definition) means that government favors the many instead of the few, can the U.S. still regard itself as such?

We don't have the answers. But we think the questions are obvious and simple ones that are keys to the nation's future and to helping young Americans understand that democracy is not some monolithic (and hence, easily ignored) object of devotion. It, like any relationship between people, is imperfect, and requires work and attention if it is to succeed. Otherwise, the freedoms to which young Americans owe their minimal allegiance will disappear.

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## Patterson Returns

by Hal Fogelman

When Southwestern tangles with Centre tomorrow, they will have the services of their leading scorer and rebounder, Scott Patterson. Due to an NCAA ruling concerning Scott's having played in a non-NCAA sanctioned summer league this past summer, he was ruled ineligible for two games — and the Lynx lost them to Millsaps and Centre.

The ruling, originally imposing a longer penalty, took everyone by surprise on January 24, but then was shortened to only two games after a conference which involved SAM athletic director George Lapedes, basketball coach Herb Hilgeman, and NCAA officials. Patterson, a junior from Memphis, is averaging 24.7 points and 6.9 rebounds per contest.

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# Melissa Hayes: Winning Captain

by Hal Fogelman

More than likely, February 18, 1984, has no special meaning to you. However, to one member of his year's women's basketball team, that date is one that she is probably not looking forward to. You see, on that date, senior Melissa Hayes, who has started every game in her four years and is only the second player ever to score 1,000 points at SAM, will take to the hardwood at Mallory Gym for the last time.

If Hayes is not especially looking forward to that game, she need only reflect with pride at the astonishing progress the women's program has made during her four years. Melissa's first year at SAM the team went 4-16. Compare that with an 18-6 mark last year and 9-4 so far this year.

Melissa says that in her career at Southwestern, the women "have taken basketball a lot more seriously" — making a year-round commitment — not just dedicating themselves from November to February. With this sense of dedication has come the guidance, coaching, and recruiting of women's coach Sarah Hatgas, who deserves as much credit as anyone for the program's turnaround.

Hatgas parlayed her friendship with the coach at Nashville's Harpeth Hall high school into bringing three players to SAM who have been instrumental in the turn-

around — Hayes and juniors Ann Webb Betty and Tracey Hill. Their closeness has spread to the team as a whole and has to be a reason for the remarkable increase of 14 wins in just two years! As Melissa puts it, "There is no separation on our team . . . having played with each other for so long, each of us knows what the other does."

In this her senior year, Melissa is averaging 17 points a game. Hayes has impressed many during her career — including herself at times — with her ability to rebound and outmuscle others, even though she is very slender. However, the reasons for Hayes success are no secret. She has made a determined effort during her career to learn the techniques of "boxing out" to get those rebounds.

Melissa has also taken advantage of one of the great truisms of sports, and life in general, by making the best use of her talents. Anyone who has seen Melissa play can attest to that.

As the SAM teams have improved the last couple of years, they have just narrowly missed the NCAA Division III tournament — but, as an independent, which always, in any division, hurts your chances of getting a bid. This season, being in the new Women's Intercollegiate Conference, Hayes feels very good about post-season possibilities, especially since the conference champion get an automatic tournament invite.

Another advantage of WIAC is that it matches SAM against teams of similar talent — Fisk, Sewanee, Maryville (Tenn.) — and relieves the team of having to play the caliber of Maryville (Mo.), a team the Lady Lynx defeated by a total of 79 points in two games this year.

Two other factors seem to make the women's chances better this time around. Three freshmen have all contributed — Trish Barron, Darlene Jordan, and Julie Brown. In addition, Hayes, Betty, Hill, Linda Odom, and sophomore Michelle Henkel have all improved as they have been together. Ann Webb poured in 30 points against Maryville (Mo.) and Tracey Hill seems to have found the point guard chores to her liking.

Odom helps Hill with directing the offense, while Henkel continues to be a top rebounder and strong inside competition.

With the new conference come some added home games — a luxury that the ladies previously didn't have. Speaking of Feb. 18, this article stated earlier that that would be Melissa's last home game. However, if justice is served, Melissa and her teammates, who have worked so hard the past few years, will be looking forward to participating, in their first NCAA Division III post-season tournament in early March.

Congratulations, Melissa Hayes, on a great career!

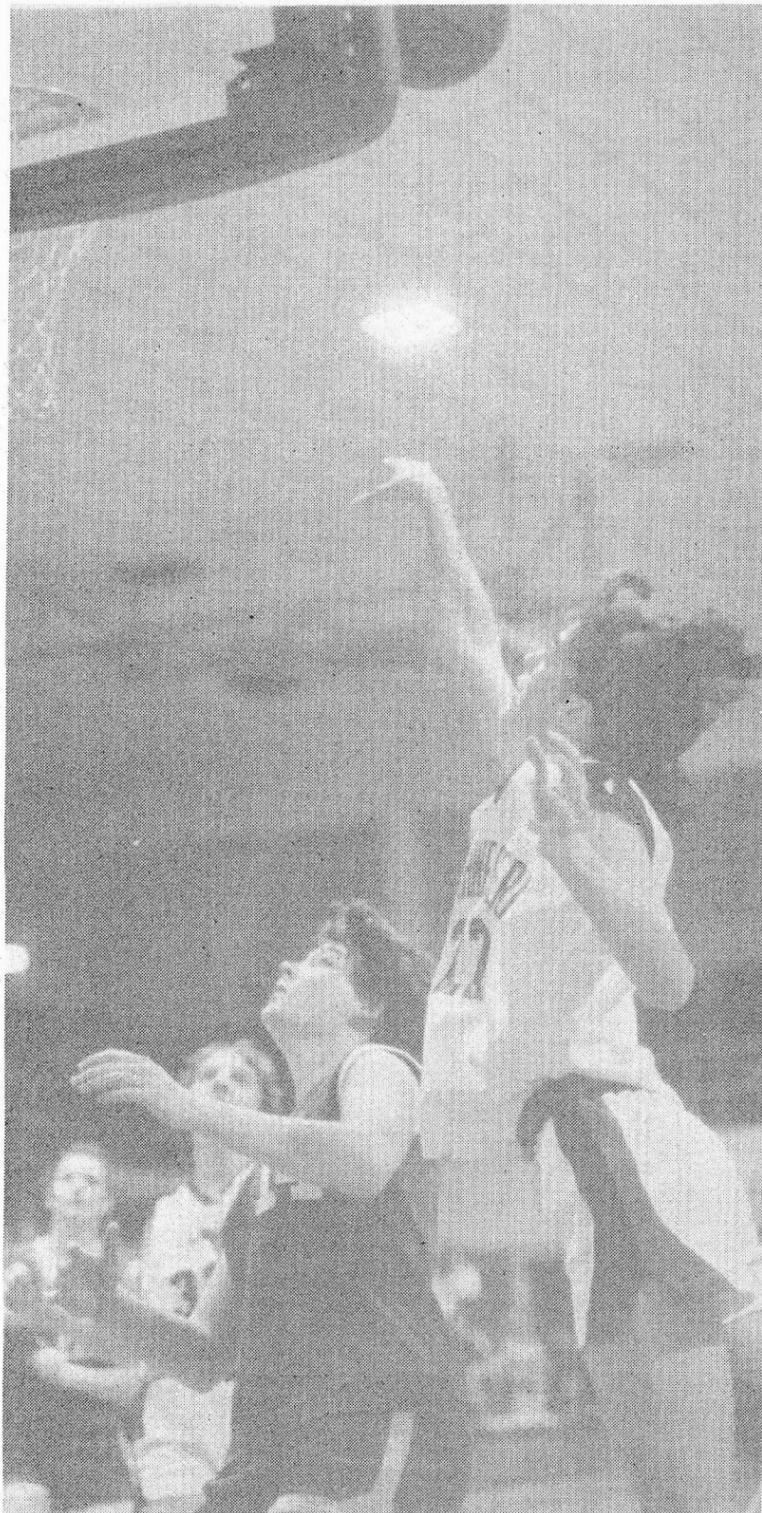


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Melissa Hayes attempts to contribute to her 1,000-plus point career as she leads the Lady Lynx to victory over Millsaps Tuesday evening. She's only the second Southwestern player ever to achieve this peak.

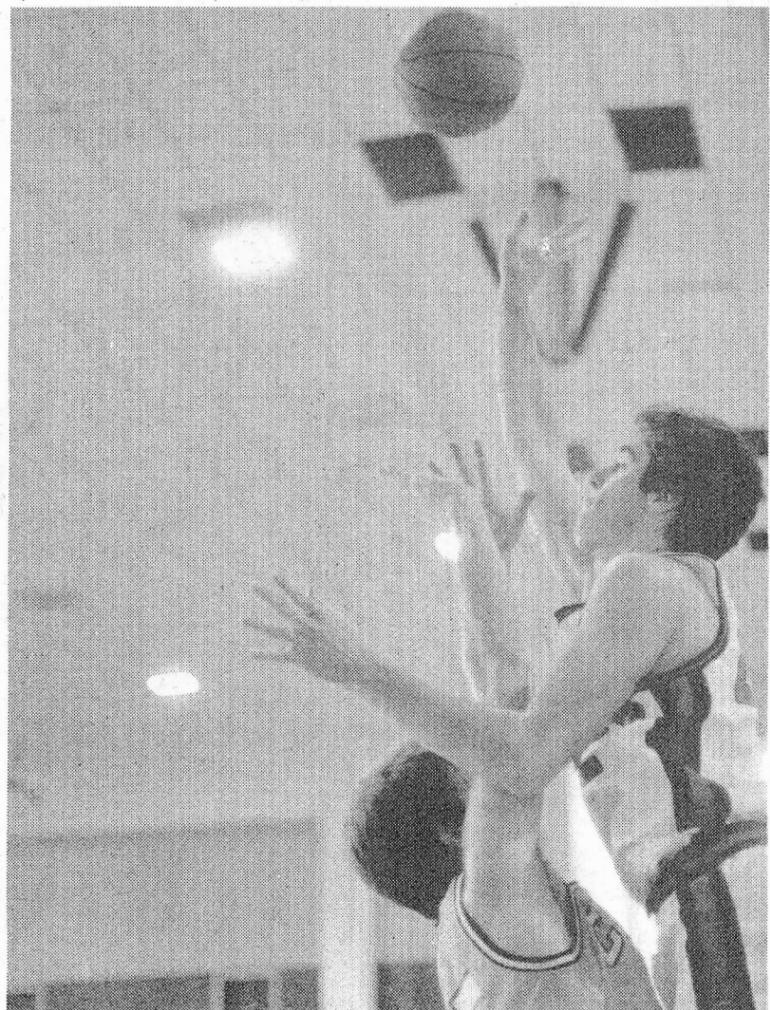


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Billy Ryan makes a valiant effort in a match against Centre College last Saturday in Mallory Gym. The Lynx, accompanied by the Lady Lynx, will get another chance this Saturday at Centre.



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