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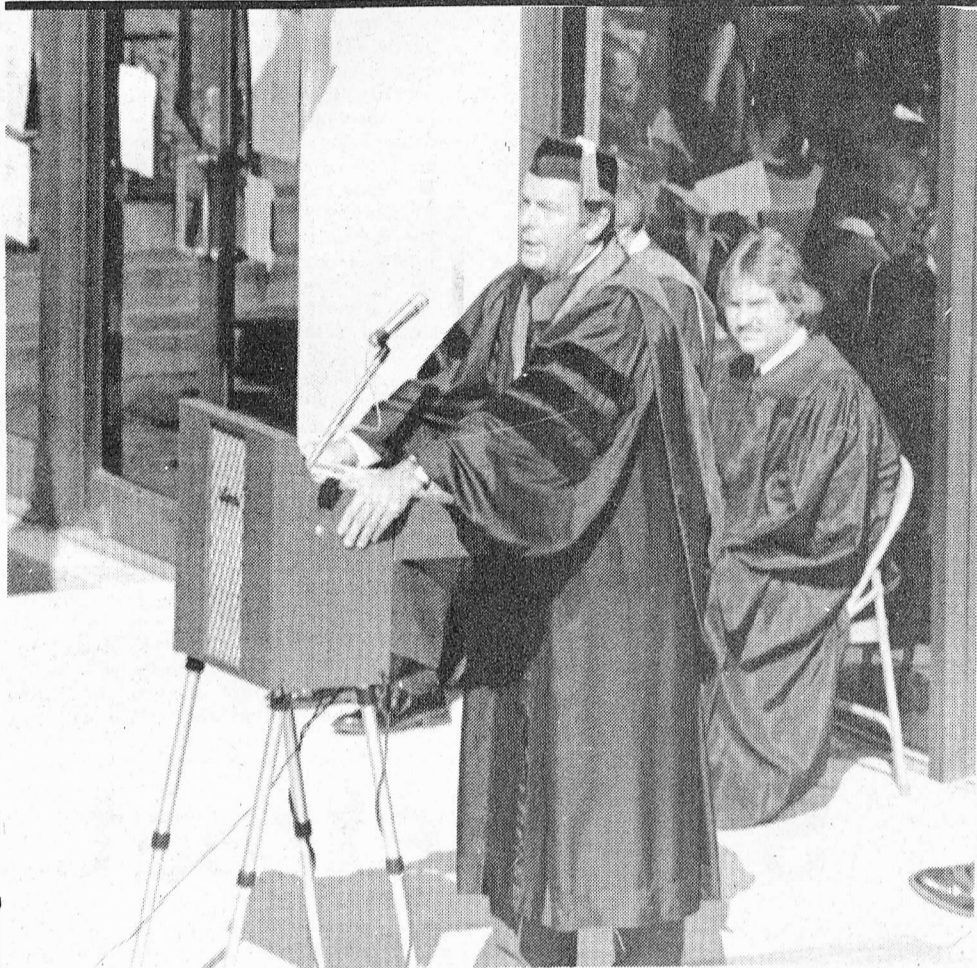
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Steven Posner

Daughdrill speaking at Convocation

## New Feeling At Convocation

by Bonnie Allen

It was a bright and beautiful Friday morning. There was excitement in the air as a small crowd gathered on the stage of the amphitheatre. Moderate small talk and cheerful greetings among students took place until the magnificent, piercing voice of the tower bell silenced the crowd and heralded the advent of one of the most sacred occasions of the academic year.

The event was Opening Convocation 1976. The mood was thoughtful and reverent. Never in my years at Southwestern have I observed such an atmosphere of respect among the student body. As the faculty and administration proceeded through the aisle in all their pomp, there seemed to be an overwhelming sense of campus unity and esteem. I would venture to say that I sensed a return among students to discovering value in ritual and tradition. The occasion signified a departure from the 60's and early 70's here at Southwestern when ritual and pomp were often scorned. It was vital to the enduring character of Southwestern that the meaningfulness of tradition was questioned and that certain dogmatic practices were discontinued. Southwest-

ern has grown from the struggle to preserve and adopt only that which is fundamental to maintaining an open, yet viable learning institution.

Professor Russell's address fell on eager and thoughtful ears as he reflected upon the nature of a liberal arts education. His powerful challenge to pursue the academic opportunities at Southwestern without reservation served to stimulate many students to reassess their priorities concerning intellectual self-discipline.

This formal convocation served to rekindle old flames of pride and dignity among Southwestern students. It is a new kind of pride that is abound, however, not a false pride or empty faith in blanket values. Rather, it is a personal glowing within each individual that stems from the knowledge that Southwestern is an institution founded on the pursuit of the honest search for the highest quality of life possible.

As the tower bells sounded the recessional, and students dispersed for class, each seemed a little bit stronger in the knowledge of what it means to be a part of Southwestern.

## Elections Remembered

## I : 1944

by Noel Russell

1944 was a time of war. The world was struggling at two different paces: that of the warfront and that of the homefront. The Chief Warrior on the homefront of America was working as hard as any man alive to keep the world free. He had been at this job for twelve years. In 1944, he fought for and kept his job.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt at 62 years of age had finally committed himself to be the choice of the Democratic campaign. Some believed that Roosevelt was so firmly entrenched in his office that there would be no election. Roosevelt said that the perpetrators of that rumor were wrong "because-gosh-- all these people around town haven't read the Constitution. Unfortunately, I have." The election was held, and it turned out, to coin a phrase, to be "a lulu."

The Republican nominee, Thomas E. Dewey, was running while holding the office of Governor of New York. He had worked up through the ranks as a criminal prosecutor and as district attorney of New York City, and later, in 1942, he was elected Governor. He was Roosevelt's junior in age by twenty years, but was already well known in political circles. He was tough and efficient, but often overbearing. Some likened his appearance to that of the bridegroom on top of a wedding cake. John W. Bricker, the Governor of Ohio was chosen as his runningmate. The Republican platform was clearly stated by Dewey in his acceptance speech when he lambasted the Democratic administration as having grown old, tiresome, and ineffectual in office.

After the turbulent choice of Senator Harry S. Truman as the Democratic Vice-Presidential candidate, the president took on his posture of being the busy Commander-in-Chief.

As time wore on, the major question of the campaign became that of the President's health. Historians have sparred over the matter for years. years as Chief Executive had taken its toll on the President. It seems safe to say that FDR was tiring, perhaps failing. But once he got his "Dutch up" he and Dewey traded remarks blow for blow.

Dewey's line continued to remain the same until the end of the election. The administration, which was "conceived in defeatism" was losing its touch. The

leaders were old and quarrelsome, and inefficient. The charges of ill-health cut Roosevelt to the quick. After weeks of semi-silence, he opened his campaign with a blockbuster.

On September 23 in Washington before the Teamsters, candidate Roosevelt made a speech that proved the Champ had not lost his touch, remarking of four years gone and he's still in office "a fact that seems to annoy some people" he recited the New Deal's record with labor.

Then the thrust of his speech: "These Republican leaders have not been content with attacks on me, my wife, or my sons. No... they now include my little dog Fala. ... I don't resent attacks... but Fala does resent them." By the time applause had grown to hilarious laughter and table

pounding. Then he recited the "malicious falsehoods" that Fala had been left in Alaska and that FDR had to dispatch a destroyer to retrieve him. "... I think I have a right to object to libellous statements about my dog."

Dewey called the speech "snide" and replied the next week with a rally in Los Angeles before 90,000 where such stars as Ginger Rogers and Walt Disney took up the GOP cause.

Roosevelt continued his posture as President and did not campaign for another month. Republican charges continued against the Democrats who they claimed had Communist support. The President's disclaimer to this did not deter the Republicans. Posted across the country were signs which read "Sidney Hillman and Earl Browder's Communists have registered. Have you?" And throughout it all: the question of Roosevelt's health. In his own mind, FDR was convinced the rumors had to be dispelled.

On October 21 and again on October 27 in N.Y.C. and Philadelphia the President campaigned in a style that has rarely been recreated. In each city he drove for hours in the rain in an open car. Perhaps two million people in New York alone got a look at the Big Smile. Before it was over, he was soaked to the skin, but he would not be deterred; the motorcade carried on. Although anti-Roosevelt papers ran pictures of him soaked and tired, the psychological effect was astounding.

At Philadelphia after a similar trip he spoke at Shibe Park. A "prominent Republican orator" called "your present administration" the "most spectacular collection of incompetent people who ever held office. Well, you know, that is pretty serious, because the only conclusion to be drawn from that is that we are losing the war. If so that will be news to most of us--and... to the Nazis and Japs..."

Dewey continued campaigning in a cool and confident style. "On January 20 of next year we shall restore honesty to our government so its spoken word can be trusted." In effect he was saying "It is a time for a change."

The campaign was close at the end and the pollsters that gave FDR only 51 to 53% of the vote proved correct. Roosevelt received 25.6 million popular votes

or 53% to Dewey's 22 million, or 46% of the popular vote. The electoral college count stood at 432 for Roosevelt and 99 for Dewey.

Perhaps the spirit of what Roosevelt called the dirtiest campaign in his thirty years in politics could be shown in two instances of President Roosevelt's election day activities.

For the first time he voted on a machine in his New York State polling place. After he entered, a momentary silence, then in a voice familiar to the entientire world: "This goddammed thing won't work."

That night he sat by the radio at Hyde Park and tabulated his victory. Dewey's concession arrived only at 3 am. Then Franklin Roosevelt went to bed. On his way up, he turned to his secretary Hasselt and mused "I still think he is a son of a bitch."

## Discussion Group

by Gene Scobey

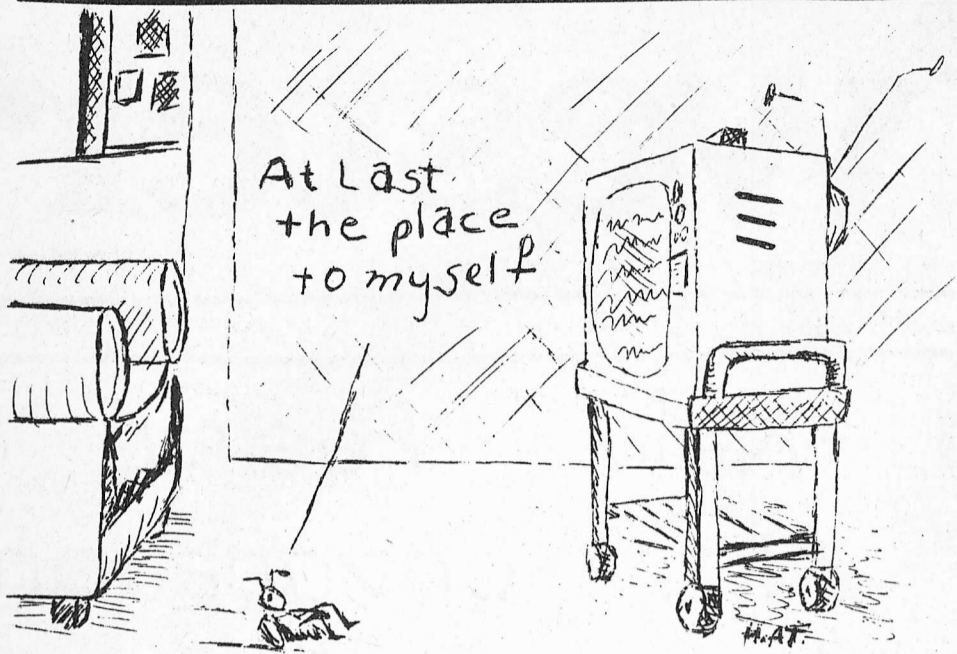
In the past few weeks an ambitious senior, Warren Kearney, along with Alice Smith and Annie Stein, have instigated a discussion group here at Southwestern, which they feel has been a long overdue aspect of student activity on campus. The discussion group (nameless at present) will be a weekly or bi-weekly meeting of students interested in talking about intellectual and mind-probing topics. Such groups have already existed at Harvard and Yale for over one hundred years.

The group is sponsoring a thirteen part movie series on *The Ascent of Man*, which is held separately from the discussions. The format for the discussion will include a guest speaker, or presentation to open the meetings with the rest of the time devoted to discussion by those present. If the group is small, the discussion will proceed on an "open floor" basis, but if the group is large, the discussion will be moderated. The topic of the discussion will always be announced in advance of the meeting so that students planning to attend can familiarize themselves with the subject matter. The topics will range in scope from SAM issues to those of worldwide concern.

Warren Kearney said that by second semester he hopes that the group will have developed into a workable "core" of interested individuals who will sustain the group's existence for posterity. Warren hopes that the discussion group will not develop into a formal "club" like the ones at Harvard and Yale, but instead will be an informal gathering of individuals united with a common interest in developing their insight into many areas through mind-probing discussions. He said that this form of intellectual discussion should be taken in small doses rather

than being "overdone", and best explained this by comparing the discussions to a high alcohol brandy that should be taken in small amounts to avoid "intoxication".

Information on the time, location, and topic for the discussions (or movies) will be announced in the SFA newsletters and deposited in student mailboxes. Watch your boxes and read the newsletter for further information; then come to the next meeting and have a small taste of "brandy" with us!



# Food Co-op

by H. Scott Prosterman

Memphis is finally getting an alternative to the perponderance of junk food and high prices, which are so prevalent at most Memphis grocery stores. The Ananda Marga Service Organization, for the past eight months has been ering a food co-operative, which offers all that one would ever need in the way of foodstuffs.

Perhaps the most attractive aspect of the co-op is that it offers an average savings of 30% on all comparable items in Memphis grocery stores. These savings are made possible by the buying of food in wholesale lots, and from the ehlp of co-op members, who volunteer their labor for an average of four hours per month.

Members pay a \$5 membership fee to join, and then a 10%mark-up on the wholesale prices of the food they buy. Recently the co-op has reorganized its buying and distribution procedure. Formerly members would order their food on Wednesday, pre-pay their order and pick it up on Saturday. Now members just go to the co-op on Saturday, when they pay for the food as they pick it up. This new procedure has become necessary because the co-op is now beginning to expand.

Members have the opportunity to participate in the decision making process at the co-op meetings which are held periodically. These meetings are used to iron out organizational procedures, discuss the regular business of the co-op and to maintain a continual line of feedback from the members.

Among the items offered are a wide variety of fruits and vegetables, cheeses, bread, yogurt, and grains. Also featured are a number of things that are hard to find anywhere such as fresh ground peanutand sesame butter, freshly squeezed fruit juices, raw honey, and an excellent choice of nuts.

The members who do the actual buying do not accept anything other than top quality merchandise. So members can be assured of getting only what any health conscious vegetarian wouldn't mind putting into his body.

Right now the co-op's main objective is to increase the membership, so that it may soon expand into a storefront, thereby increasing the efficiency. Anyone interested in joining is asked to call Candy at 685-8028, or Ann at 682-3906. These people will gladly answer any questions that you may have.

## FLEA Festation

by Susan Olsen

The girls of New Dorm became quite irritated this week after discovering that they were suffering from flea festation. A formal complaint concerning the fleas was first issued by the members of first floor west on Saturday the 25th.

Mrs. Butler, who is in charge of the residence hall, said that the fleas must have come from the dog that frequently spent the night in the first floor social room suring the summer football camp.

Because nothing could be done about the epidemic until Monday, most of the girls on the first floor sprayed and scratched through the weekend.

On Monday, professional bug killers were called in to exterminate the flea civilization. The New Dormers were evicted for four hours while the mass

murder took place. The residents returned to find their dorm covered with a slick coating of insecticide.

The majority of the girls found that being infested with fleas is a costly problem. Besides exterminating cost, there were an enormous amount of quarters spent cleaning linens and clothes to remove the pests, money spent on insect repellents, and a lot of wasted time when the down was sprayed and when inhabitants had to leave for fear of being bitten alive.

The New Dormers eventful third week of school is due to some persons failure to abide by the current policy on having pets on campus. Pets are really nice, but as far as most New Dormers are concerned, they can be a real itch. Thanks a lot, Pancho Mills.

### NEWBORN PHILOSOPHY

How glorious it is to exist  
In depths of  
Immortality,  
Free from the claws of  
Possessiveness--  
To come and go with the  
Winds of ecstasy.

To pick and choose mates  
Carefully--  
Reach into the caverns of  
Ideals and fantasies and feel  
Secure for more than  
Single moments at a time  
Afterwards darting quickly away into  
Morning starlight with no  
Remorse. . . .

Never regretting for an instant that  
Prides have been stung nor  
Standards hindered since each enter  
The air realizing identical  
Extremes.

In the end, both profit from the  
Wonders  
Of each others colors as  
Pattern lines are drawn beforehand.

Soar and drift with soft winds  
Letting thought and body  
Blend together into destinations  
Unknown.

Delight in every minute with secure  
Knowledge that it might never  
Come this way again.

Go now while wings are still  
Strong as chances come  
Few and far between,  
Forever lamenting seasons wasted  
When finally captured by  
Eternal cloud of endless space.

Dick Thornton

## SFA Retreat

by Dan Searight

Students met with faculty last Friday and Saturday at Pinecrest Presbyterian Camp to discuss pertinent scho ol affairs and to become better acquainted with one another.

The gathering was an informal one beginning with each member introducing themselves,telling their specific area of concern,and in addition,a few hobbies or what each member did in their spare time.

Following introductory formalities President Jim Daughdrill asked the groups to throw out topics for discussion. Topics ranged from school promotional policies defining student body (attempts were made to realize some general student consciousness),to recent school athletic recent policies and the upcoming five year \$20 million "capital funding project." Discussion was generally enthusiastic on the participants' part enabling much

ground to be covered before the group broke up late in the evening for refreshments. Saturday began with an early breakfast and subsequent discussion on remaining topics. Business was completed around twelve and after lunch students and faculty returned to Memphis.

Members attending were: President Jim Daughdrill, Dean Robert Patterson, Dean Anne Marie Williford,Bo Scarborough, Ron Yarbrough, Lloyd Templeton, Professors Larry Lacy ,Jim Morris, Bernice White,Dean Ray Allen,Tom Keppel, and Paul Hallock. Students attending were: Steve Wade,SGA;Steve Collins, SFA; Larry Crawford,ODK;Annie Stein, M ortar Board;Katherine Maddox,Administrative RA;Daniel Searight,Sou'wester; Bill Nolan,Lynx;Robert Jetmundsen,Student Center;Brian Sudderth,SRC Harkins,Honor Council;Jim Pagen ,Social Commissioner;Mary Crawford,Dilemma; Diann Sonneborn,WUB;and Bonnie Allen, Religion Commissioner.

## Kaplan Coming

by Neil Mara

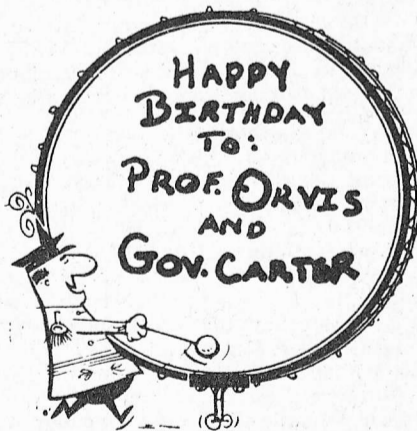
Speaking at the first of five National Security Seminar Series lectures will be Morton Kaplan, presently a Professor of Political Science at the University of Chicago.

Kaplan will speak on Monday, Oct. 4, at 7:30 pm in 200 Clough Hall. He will lecture on the topic,"Problems in American National Security."

Kaplan holds an M.A. from Stanford University and a Ph.D. from Columbia University. He has been on the staff of the Brookings Institution, a lecturer at the Army War College and the Air War College, a member of the Board of Directors of the University Center for Rational Alternatives, a Consultant to the U.S. Information Agency and the National Endowment for the Humanities, and is a member of numerous private and university committees on various aspects of international relations.

He is an editor for the periodicals Orbis, World Politics and The Journal of Conflict Resolution. In addition, he is the author or editor of over twenty books; many of which are used by students of Southwestern; and numerous articles.

The lecture is open to the public and all students are encouraged to attend. The National Security Seminar Series is sponsored by the International Studies Department of Southwestern.



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# Athletic Newsletter

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## SAM IS SOUTHWESTERN AT MEMPHIS

by Dick Thornton, Athletic Director

As the 76/77 school year began a couple of weeks ago, some confusion resulted in the word "SAM" being used across campus and the slogan, "SAM IS COMING" banded about like a chinese fire-drill.

To clear the air, SAM is simply an abbreviation for the name of our school Southwestern at Memphis. Its bold letters can be seen on our football helmets, will be on our basketball uniforms and also the baseball uniforms for the coming year.

We have had an identity problem and SAM will provide us with the necessary motivational factor. Fifteen schools in the United States bear the title of Southwestern and to date, we have been listed in the media as S.W. (Tenn), S'tern (T), Swtn (M) and so on. Outside the Memphis area, when we bring up Southwestern, the immediate reaction is to recall Southwestern Louisiana. We are Southwestern at Memphis and proud of it, so SAM is an excellent catchy phrase which is easily marketable from a media standpoint.

Many fine schools are known by their "call letters". UCLA (University of California at Los Angeles) LSU, (Louisiana) and SMU (Southern Methodist University) to name a few. Fortunately our college letters spell a name, so why not take advantage of it. Most schools are defined by their letters anyway. UT... MSU... USC... and down the line.

I have not abolished the Lynxcats; They very much remain a part of SAM. We simply have a new breed of cat.

He is alive in the new winning spirit shown by our football team, and this pride will carry our athletic program and college on to bigger and better things. So let's climb aboard the SAM/Lynxcats bandwagon together because now... SAM IS HERE!

## ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NOTES

Since the varsity football team will be in action against Principia College Saturday afternoon, the tennis courts will be closed from 2-4. Out of the 84 hours of daylight during a week, the campus community can delete two hours of recreation to come and support their exciting football team.

Head Coach Herb Hilgeman announces that his basketball squad is already preparing for the 76/77 season. The team is working out on their own till practice officially begins later this month. SAM's first game is with the University of North Alabama at Florence, Alabama.

SAM Soccer journeys to Auburn this weekend in a rematch of last spring's 3-0 defeat of the Tigers. After an opening season loss to Vanderbilt, the soccer team is back on the track under new head coach Sepp Huber after a successful clinic last Saturday. The next home game will be part of a double header with the football team Saturday October 9th when the Lynxcats face Peabody.

Bill Maybry's golf team will be in Sewanee this weekend for the University of the South Invitational. Go get 'em, guys...

The girls varsity volleyball squad will hold a four team tournament on campus October 12th at 3:30. Lambuth, MSU and CBC will provide the competition.

The Cross-Country team travels to Nashville for the David Lipscomb Invitational. From watching practice we have some fine long distance runners carrying the SAM banner. Good Luck!

27 students have signed up for the P.E. Horseback Riding class. Looks like this one is a winner.

Yoga, instructed by Clarise Pecheck, is also in great demand.

Anyone into TM? Judo? Karate? Kung Fu? Let us know. We'll try and get it!

## UNIVERSAL GYM A BIG HIT

Since the new Universal Gym machine arrived on campus a week ago, it has been in constant use. Located in the east corner of the Gym on the lower level, this super gift from the Southwestern Athletic Union Inc. will benefit the entire community.

It is equipped with 16 different stations for getting into top physical condition and just 10 minutes on this machine covering all stations is equivalent to a 2 hour workout.

The SAM athletic staff will be happy to set up an individual workout program designed just for you, so drop by the office at your convenience and we'll do our best to get you ready. Professor Jack Streete is all set to go and even Dean Williford gave the machine a test. Why not you?

## SAM CHICKS

Southwestern's women athletes are making their presence known. In addition to established intercollegiate volleyball and tennis teams, plans for an expanded basketball program are underway. In addition to basketball, interest has been shown in forming a girls track team. The possibility for these and other sports such as softball, golf, and swimming is in the near future.

This year's fall program includes volleyball and a new addition, fall tennis.

The women's tennis team will have a limited fall schedule this year but we hope to expand next year. They will play the University of Tennessee-Martin October 19, Tennessee Tech and Memphis State October 23 and the University of the South October 30.

## NOTICE TO EVERYONE REGARDING COURT PROCEDURE

All those who wish to use either the tennis courts or racketball courts must now reserve these courts through the Athletic Department Office.

Courts can be reserved just one day in advance and open courts will be filled on a first come basis.

All courts will have a time limit of one hour unless one has not been requested for the next hour.

There will be a court manager on hand from 2 to 6 throughout the month of October. This policy will continue next spring as well in order that everyone have an equal opportunity to use our excellent facilities.

We urge you to give us complete co-operation in this regard and to co-ordinate with the person in charge and/or the Athletic Staff.



Conrad Bradburn looking tough

# Who Is Sam?

by Kathy Whitaker

If this has been your question for the past two weeks and you have not yet found your answer, then you are facing an identity crisis. For we, yes, the community of Southwestern at Memphis are SAM. We are still the Southwestern Lynx, no one has changed that. We just found simplicity S. A. M.

I'm proud to wear SAM. I'm not embarrassed to be asked who is SAM, for I wouldn't hesitate at any opportunity to tell people that I'm from Southwestern. I'm proud of my school and its teams. I'm proud of what they have accomplished. I'm proud of SAM.

I don't feel robbed of anything. I'm still a Lynx. My t-shirts still have Lynx on them. I just enjoy simplicity.

I urge the community of Southwestern to be practical. SAM is not new. It has been here since the birth of Southwestern At Memphis. It has just been brought forth. Whether you prefer your full name, your nickname, or you, you are still you. We are Southwestern, we are Lynx, we are SAM.

## COMPETITION KEEN

The 1976 men's intramural flagball season got under way this past weekend with a full slate of games. Participation in this sport has increased dramatically since last year, with approximately 275 men participating on fourteen teams. In evidence is the greatly increased number of freshman participating this year in the new Commons programs, and this new influx should create an exciting, competitive atmosphere.

## WOMEN'S INTRAMURAL PROGRAMS

Intramural tennis for the gals gets underway on Friday, October 1st. If you signed up for either singles or doubles, (there hasn't been enough response yet for the mixed doubles competition) check the bulletin boards in the gym to see whom you play and when. Please read the rules carefully explaining the game schedules and proper procedure.

Also, all flagball games have been moved back one half hour. Games will now be played at 4:30 and 5:30. There is no longer a Bellingrath 2 or New Dorm 2 team. Please make a note of this on your schedule.

let the good times roll.

## FOOTBALL TEAM IS NOW 2-1

Despite almost insurmountable odds, SAM survived a very physical Washington University of St. Louis team last Saturday and came out with a 21-13 victory. Leading 21-0 with just 8 minutes left in the game, the Batling Bears came up with an extra 5 people on their side... the referees...

10 penalties later, several of which helped Washington U. to get 13 points on the scoreboard, the Lynxcats hung on with a tremendous defensive effort to gain the win.

Although outweighed, outmanned and outexperienced, the SAM spirit came on strong. High stepping Mike Posey and Speedy Bobby Harper carried the mail and Tommy Mullady hauled in 5 passes for 82 yards and one touchdown, but it was the defense that stopped the Bears time and time again. Jimmy Hall had three quarterback sacks and recovered two fumbles, Co-captain Conrad Bradburn came up with several key tackles and one interception and defensive end, Pat Proctor had his finest day, playing both ways and excelling in all departments.

Quarterback Craig Solomon, ranked 5th in the nation in passing, directed the scoring attacks, while Jake Scott continued to have an outstanding performance as the SAM strong safety.

Give Joe "Woo-Woo" Woodley an EE (extra effort) on Bobby Harper's 56 yard run in the 3rd quarter. Can an offensive guard really be that fast?

The SAM/Lynxcats next opponent will be Principia College here at Fargason Field this Saturday. Gametime is 2 PM. This will be our first conference game and an important one indeed. Be there!

# Heston's Papers

The SGA meeting of September 26 was very successful. All Officers and Commissioners were present and ready to discuss projects and budget cuts. The main trend throughout the budget discussion was to allow funds to remain in the SGA Contingency Fund until definite plans of the Commissioners are decided. In the past, each Commissioner was allotted a certain amount of money at the beginning of the year. These budgets were considered ineffective because of the possibility of bad management of funds and the fact that plans that were thought of after the budget requests were never realized. This decision of the Commissioners to leave money in the Contingency Fund will eliminate the faults of previous budget systems and add the benefit of more student control of funds through the SGA. The result of the discussion was that each Commissioner had a budget for necessities and definite plans with all other money going to the Contingency Fund. After a vote of the SGA, the money from the Contingency Fund can go to any Commissioner for planned programs.

Other business of the meeting involved students' rights and concerns. The student voice in the Administration of the College was discussed. Concern was voiced for more student input into the Athletic Department and in choosing faculty committees. The SGA also voted to put two sets of automobile battery jumper cables in the Security Shack for student use. Other cables have been lost (in the Maintenance Department) and were not available for student use.

The SGA is a major organization for student affairs. Freshmen, and all students, can become actively involved in the SGA through elected office and individual student concern. Freshmen elections will be held October 6 (for class Secretary) and 13 (Honor Council and SRC representatives). Any freshman interested in these offices should see Sallie Pompe, Elections Commissioner, for details. The SGA is also an outlet for individual student concerns. Individuals with ideas can bring their plans before the Association for funds and approval. The SGA welcomes all students to its meetings every Sunday night at 7:30 in the East Lounge of the Student Center.

# Go Party!

by Rusty

Freshmen and Transfers-The best beer busts are starting and soon the rush parties will crank up. The Greeks give the parties for more than one reason. The main reason is freshmen are a good excuse to have a party. They also want the new faces on campus to see what their groups are like, what kind of parties they throw and that kind of thing. So don't boycott these parties just because you are some radical or something. No one is going to twist your arm to join. The Greeks here are not mysterious hooded specters in the night. They are men and women who just decided to get together under a common banner. In very few cases could you tell whether or not a person was Greek or G.D.I. just by looking at them or listening to them. It's not anything high and mighty--at least that is the impression I get. If you meet someone who puts his fraternity, foremost in his life--well that person is stupid anyway and you wouldn't want to mess with them.

Any intelligent person will have the different parts of his life in perspective, and I think the vast majority of the Greeks here do.

If you went to Razorback U. or MSU you would have been rushed before you moved into your dorm room and the frats there are 10 times as big as here. You would have no chance whatsoever to become acquainted with the group. Here you have until Nov. 15 to make a decision one way or another.

The trend nowadays is for joining a fraternity or sorority. It may help you get in grad school and it will probably help

you meet a lot of people your freshmen year. A few years ago the Greek population at SWAM was the lowest it had ever been, with a radical clique and all that. With the return of traditionalism came the return of the Greeks. If there is any peer pressure now it would probably be to join.

I am an Independent and have been one all along. I had no clear reason for doing so. I didn't go to any of the parties my freshman year. I regret doing so now because even if I didn't join I would have made many friends. I am meeting people this year, good people, that I could've known all along.

Let me remove any stigma attached to G.D.Ism. You'll get plenty of dates without the pledge pins and you'll never say "I wish I had joined so and so." It just doesn't work that way. You can have a keg party every night and your friends can chip in and get loaded too. G.D.I.'s have no dues to pay and no house to clean up. Most of the Greek functions are open to the entire campus anyway so you won't miss anything. (The closed parties are so closed that you won't know if your missing something that way either). If you do choose independent though you can't sit in your room and wait for people to come to you. Make as many friends as possible this term because second term you won't leave your room. It's your choice and it's really not that tough a choice to make--just don't let someone else make your decision for you. Make it yourself.

## Election Information

Read carefully and you'll know as much as us:

Nominations shall be by petitions, unless otherwise specified by the Commissioner of elections (as are most freshman elections). Petitions are obtained from the Elections Commissioner, Sallie Pompe, Box 47, No. 9 Voorhies Basement, or the Vice Commissioner, Jamie Curtis, Box 235, 302 Trezvant. Signatures shall be 20 (twenty) in number. If the election is for a class office, such as freshman class secretary, the names on the petition may be only from that class, in the above example, freshman.

Balloting is held on a date specified by the Commissioner, usually Wednesdays, also at a specified place and time, usually the student center from 8-4. The ballots are printed by the Commission with names in alphabetical order, to be inserted in the ballot box after voting without a signature. This is secret balloting. Write-in votes are not constitutionally acceptable at Southwestern.

Preferential voting: "Each voter shall be instructed to mark on his ballot a "1" by the name of his first choice of nominees, a "2" by the second, etc. (Read this next carefully.) If the preferential system is employed for any election in which there are "X" positions to be filled, X of each voters choices shall be counted as first place votes. If there is not a majority, the candidate having the

least number of votes shall be eliminated. Each vote for this candidate shall be counted as a vote for candidate numbered X+1." This prevents run-off elections, tied elections, and waste of time. Therefore, it is important to number your preferential ballot at least through X. If not the complete ballot. A single 1 on a multiple ballot does not count as multiple votes for a candidate, only as that many abstentions.

The Election Commission needs you! We are in need of Seniors, Juniors, and Sophomores as well as Freshmen. Our constitution does stipulate a diversity of membership, so get involved. Our first meeting of the year will be Monday, October 4 at 6:15 in the East Lounge of the Student Center.

Now, the Freshman Elections are as follows: Tuesday, October 5, noon. Petitions for Freshman executive class secretary are due to either Sallie Pompe or Jamie Curtis, from whom they are immediately available.

Wednesday, October 6, 8-4. Election in student center for Freshman class secretary.

Monday, October 11, Noon. Names due to Sallie or Jamie for Freshman Representatives to SRC (2 Reps) and Honor Council (1 woman, 1 man).

Wednesday, October 13, 8-4. Election for Freshman SRC and Honor Council Reps.



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