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## Box 724 . . . .

To the Southwestern Students:

This letter I submitted to the Sou'wester two weeks before the end of Term II, but because of circumstances beyond my control, it was not printed then. The issue at hand has been resolved, but I feel that the implications are timeless and need to be considered now as much as when the case was unresolved.

One of our fellow students, a senior and Spanish major, planned to go to Mexico 3rd Term. Her advisor, however, refused to give her comps unless she took a course on South American Literature and Culture which he is teaching, also in 3rd Term — even though she has fulfilled all of her major and degree requirements.

She suggested that she take the course as a DI or cover the material independently while in Mexico. She even proposed to simply take the final and make her comps dependent upon the outcome of it, but to no avail. She therefore talked to the Dean of Students, who was concerned, said he was sorry, hoped she could work things out, and wished her good luck.

She then went to the registrar to doublecheck her requirements. She related her problem, and the response was similar as the one described above. Next, she went to the Dean of the College, who went and talked to her professor. The Dean then told her that apparently she needed the course, and she could just graduate late (i.e. lose another half year of time and money).

Upon saying that there was no written evidence whatsoever that said that she had to take this specific course, she was told that she should probably talk to her professor about this.

There are two main reasons why I wrote about this student. First, an individual student, who has problems that involve faculty or administration, stands alone. As can be plainly seen in this example, little, if any, support can be had from the administration which is supposedly here to serve the school and thus, by implication, the students.

This is especially the case with the Dean of STUDENTS: it seems as if it would be one of his functions to offer help with that kind of problem, which obviously is beyond a single student.

The other members of the administration to whom the student talked showed a similar lack of honest concern, and the 'advice' given was of no help whatsoever.

Second, and more importantly, students apparently have nowhere to go for help — not even within the student body. In this context we should realize that this kind of thing could happen to any one of us, and that every time each one of us would again stand alone. There is no person or organization among the students that someone in those circumstances could turn to. I feel that this is a serious gap within our student community.

Every year we have the opportunity to elect all kinds of student organizations and representatives who are directly involved with the administration and faculty. In fact, recently I found out, quite coincidentally, that there are quite a few administrative committees with student representatives who are mostly nominated by the SGA and then approved by the administration (that's probably one of the reasons we never hear about them: we don't have much of a voice about this).

Some of these probably offer ways for us to voice individual concerns. But none of the many organizations designed to represent us are very open and public about who is doing what and where and how and why. It is hard to turn to someone or something about whose existence you're not informed. Why do our various representatives never publish any kind of letter or report about their activities? The

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# The Sou'wester

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Job Prospects—

## Long, hot, dry summer forecast

by Bobby Doughtie

Susan Harr, Director of the Placement and Counseling Center at SAM, smiled slightly when asked how the current economic upswing would affect the summer employment picture in Memphis. "I hate to be negative," she said, "and while I'm very positive about the economic picture in Memphis becoming brighter eventually, it will remain difficult to find a job this summer."

Harr cited the recent growth in the area business community and noted that "We (Memphis) are more attractive, culturally and socially than we ever have been."

Liberty Land and Mud Island have been important past visitors to the Counseling and Placement Center, signing up Southwestern students in Administrative and Personnel positions. Summer camps, have also been active on campus, recruiting students for summer employment.

Mrs. Harr also had some suggestions for students who will be seeking jobs this summer. First of all, students should make more use of the Counseling and Placement Center. "I think it's important to know that a student can keep a letter of recommendation here in the Center for future employers to look at."

A student should develop a brief resume, listing past work experience. Next, make direct, personal

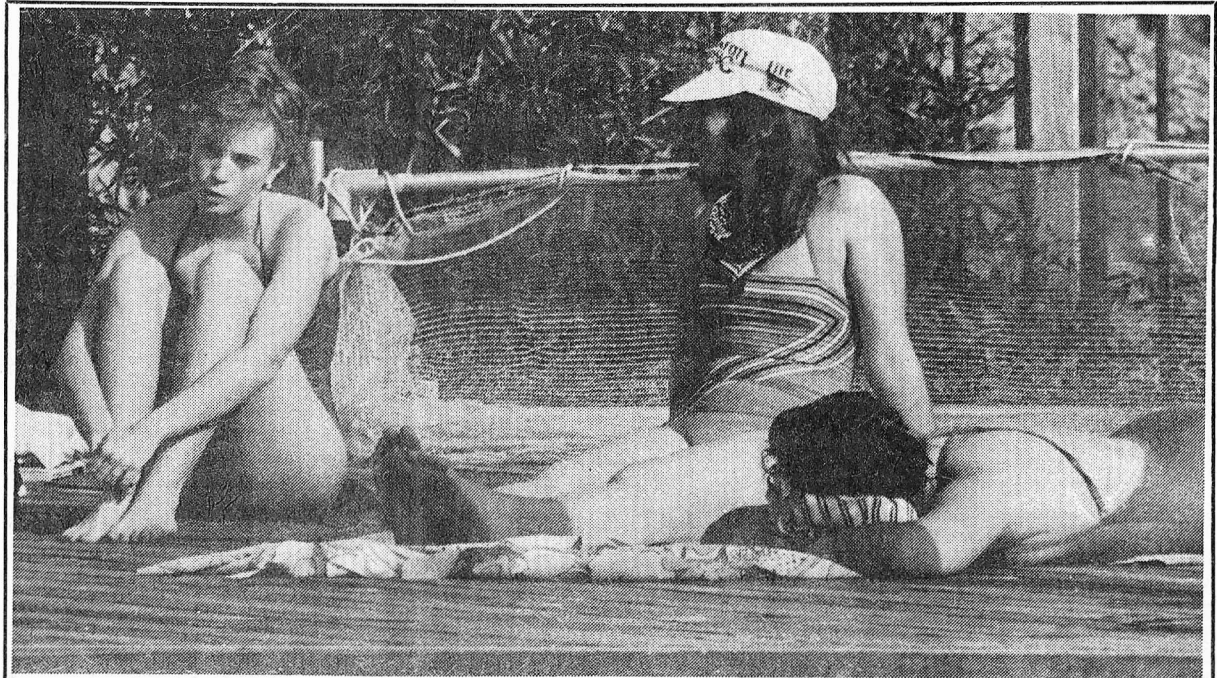
contact with your potential employer. It's important to make a good impression on "the person who will hire you," as opposed to a clerk or subordinate. Let him know the reasons you want to work for him. Mrs. Harr noted that "it's harder for an employer to turn you down

face to face. The direct approach is the most effective approach you can take."

Finally, follow up the contact with a thank-you letter to the person with whom you talked, thanking him for taking the time to talk to you. This will remind him of you

and impress him with your courtesy.

In closing Mrs. Harr advised students to "Take a professional approach to your summertime job search. Of the jobs that are out there, fully 80% of them are not advertised."



Students enjoy the recently opened pool facilities — muzak and all — and take measures to prevent the post-spring break fade. photo by Jeff Wright

## News briefs

### Financial aid

Dr. Ray Allen, Dean of Financial Aid and Government Relations, reminds all current students that acceptance of financial assistance for the 1983-84 academic year is due in the Financial Aid Office, Room 109 Palmer Hall, on or before May 1, 1983. The Financial Aid Committee will rescind any aid not accepted by that date.

Also, please note that no statement of compliance with selective service registration requirements is required of applicants for federal financial aid until further notice.

### Science journal

The Biology Department is collecting items for the *Southwestern Science Journal*. Any students who have completed DI's in biology are asked to submit papers. Seminar

papers, outstanding lab reports, and course evaluations will be considered, along with book reviews and any appropriate literary items. Please contact Cammie Colomb, Jean Dabezies, Mike Sharp, or Rick Sullivan as soon as possible.

### Your big break?

This afternoon at 3:00, Channel 5 would like as many "SAMites" as possible to congregate on the lawn behind Burrows Library in the formation of a gigantic "5" and simultaneously let loose hundreds of balloons. Meanwhile, the camera team from Channel 5 News will be filming the entire process from atop a cherry picker or helicopter.

Channel 5 (WMC-TV) picked Southwestern over all other local colleges as the site for filming the promotional spot for the station.

The segment, showing Southwestern students in the shape of a "5" along with shots of the campus, will be aired frequently by the station.

The filming won't take long, and there will be plenty of beer and Cokes available to make showing up doubly worth your while. If it rains Friday (April 29) the filming will be postponed to the following Monday, same time and place. If it rains again, Channel 5 will opt for opening and twirling umbrellas to several choruses of "Singin' in the Rain," just kidding.

### CPA discussion

The Committee for Political Awareness will meet Sunday, May 1, at 6 p.m., in the East Lounge for a discussion on "Hearts and Minds," the Vietnam War, and related topics led by Dr. J. Lanier.

### SGA vs rat

Do you want to help improve refectory food? Apply to serve on SGA food committee. Laurie Turner has applications in 105 Williford.

### Fifties flicks

The 1953 movie *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* will be featured in the *Fabulous Fifties* film series this weekend. It's about a couple of girls (women, rather) from Little Rock who sail to Paris in search of wealthy men to keep them supplied in diamonds. In color with music, it stars Marilyn Monroe and Jane Russell. Next week, the (final) film will be *All About Eve* (1950), which won an Academy Award as best picture.

The movie will be shown Friday and Saturday at 9:00 p.m. in FJ-B for 50c. The Student Center Assembly is sponsoring the series.

## Catherine Burrow gets facelift

by Phaedra Hise

So you've noticed a few changes in the refectory? New chairs, different floors, and more portraits. What is happening to our beloved rat? Is it another plot by our "scheming" administration?

Actually, yes. According to Tom Kepple, Dean of Administrative Services, these changes we've seen will continue, being part of an even larger scheme. To start with, the floor of the serving area has been restored to its original marble, and the counters of the serving area have been refinished. The chairs we've received will be followed by matching tables, hopefully by Friday, and this summer the lights on the north side will be replaced.

Major construction is on the agenda within the next three years. Mr. Kepple said that a addition 300 person seating capacity to the present capacity of 430 is a main objective, and for that to be a reality a new wing would be added, extending towards Glassell dormitory. This wing would contain the

serving area (thus eliminating those horrible twisting lines) with the current serving area becoming a sort of lobby. Another possibility under consideration is enlargement of the kitchen area.

Perhaps one of the most interesting ideas for our new café is the individual dining rooms. Neely dorm would be converted into small dining rooms which could be signed out by students or campus groups (ie. fraternities, sororities, classes, etc.). These rooms would be "a nice place to get students out of the day-to-day routine of eating in the refectory," says Dean Kepple. A major reason that these changes are needed is to accommodate the growing population here at SAM. With the freshman acceptance boom of this year and expected growth in the future, a larger refectory will be a necessity.

Perhaps the new and improved furnishings and prospects for a larger kitchen/dining area will bring new and improved food!

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## Learning to respect Reagan, or— Coping with a deficit

In recent weeks I've come to be quite familiar with the proverbial "rock and a hard place." My predicament is simply this: when I officially assumed this position at the beginning of Third Term, I was informed that this periodical was already nearly seven hundred dollars over its allotted budget for the fiscal year, which doesn't end until June 30. Therefore, another issue of *The Sou'wester* could not be printed until it could be financed self-sufficiently.

Desperate, I considered contacting John DeLorean for financial consultation but concluded that his lawyers would never grant me access. From a more realistic standpoint, the only means by which *The Sou'wester* can continue to be printed is to make a reasonable profit on its advertising — or, at least, break even so as not to augment the deficit further.

I wish that I was capable of pulling an innocent con reminiscent of the classic style of Tom Sawyer and glorify the solicitation of ads as he did white-washing fences. But I can't, so I won't. Okay?

Still, I'd like to encourage anyone who might be interested in joining the staff, especially the business staff, to please contact Donna Parks or myself. Not only would it look impressive on a resume, but it's really not that difficult — as this paper is evidence. Additionally, beginning next fall I'll be instituting an incentive program whereby individuals will receive a percentage from the ads they sell.

All things considered, I'd rather print some form of paper than not at all, because I believe it is essential to the campus. So here you have it, a sort of oversized, five-column SFA on newsprint. (No offense intended, J & C.) Granted, it may not be Thursdays; I like to keep my nose clean so I'll leave it at that. Although admittedly reluctant to claim responsibility for my scant creation, I'd still rather mimeograph than explain why there's no paper every Friday.

As for the "rock and a hard place," I've learned that the secret to survival lies in adaptability and stamina.

Finally, I'd like to thank those people who gave me leads on possible advertisers and make this reassurance to the student body: if my successor doesn't print during Term III next year, it won't be due to a shortage of funds — that problem has perpetuated itself too many years now. 'Nuff said.

*Steve Farrar*

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*Sou'wester* would be an extremely appropriate place for it, and it would most certainly do more for student involvement than articles about every speaker we've had during the week, interesting and entertaining as they may have been.

Any representatives ought to make that type of information readily and publicly available to students, rather than to have them find out bit by bit and scramble for tidbits, so that the opportunities and channels open to us can be made use of! Student apathy is hardly going to change if everybody keeps hiding within their own little board or committee.

I think the case described demonstrates a definite need for some kind of student organization that can counter administration and faculty, ESPECIALLY when only one of us is involved. I am sure that there are many other instances of students needing that type of help. Hopefully, such an organization would not have to be used very often — I'm not in favor of constant antagonism between

students, faculty, and administration — but the existence of such a body would help to make Southwestern more democratic.

After all, it is us, the students, who make this school what it is, and not only by the money we pay yearly. Without us there would be no Southwestern, and therefore we deserve more than just a token voice.

We need to stand by each other and get involved even if we are not directly affected. The 3rd Term rally would probably have been by far less successful, if not every single one of us would have been affected by the referendum.

A lot of us would not have gotten involved otherwise.

We need to go beyond that and realize that we are all affected by

what happens to individual students, if only by ignoring them and thereby making injustices easier to happen again. Some concern and action on behalf of individuals and small groups can make Southwestern a better place for all of us.

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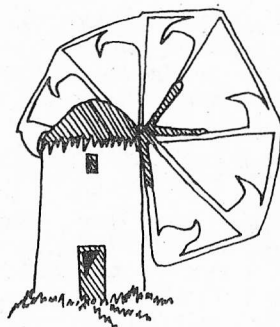
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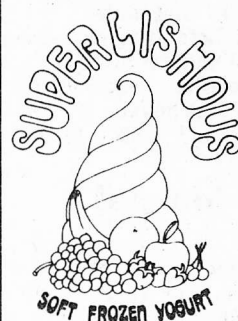


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