

MS. FRAN CASSIDY, French teacher, organized two bus trips for those interested students, to the state tournament in Conway February 27 and 28.

MR. PHILLIP LEWIS, guidance counselor, and Mr. Victor E. Stewart, principal, will speak at high school orientation sessions at Chaffin and Ramsey junior highs, March 12.

PAUL HAYDEN, senior, entertained at the Le Circle Francais du Sud's Mardi Gras party, February 11.

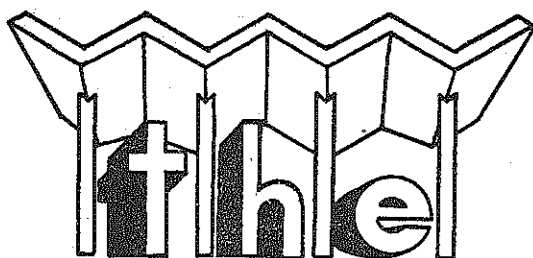
BOBBY PEOPLES, an evangelist who has traveled to Vietnam with Bob Hope, spoke and sang for the members of Partners in Christ Tuesday, February 25. Peoples was participating in a crusade at Harvest Time Tabernacle.

CATHY CAUTHRON, junior, and Mike Frisbee, sophomore, served as pages in the Arkansas House of Representatives the week of February 24-28.

MR. PAUL RAINWATER and Mr. Jim Shropshire, DECA instructors will be judges for the department store merchandising and the merchandising math competition at the DECA State Convention in Little Rock, March 16-17.

BUSTER BYRD, David Pollard, Lynn Freeman, seniors, and juniors Donna Flemmons and Janine Walker, all cast members of 'Goodbye My Fancy', were accompanied by Mr. Bob Davenport, drama instructor, to Conway, Friday February 28. The group attended an all-day acting clinic.

MR. LEO ARMSTRONG, sponsor of SIO (Southside Industrial Orientation), was in charge of a slave auction held this morning. The purpose of the auction was to raise money to pay for the club's entries in state contests.



## 'Good-bye, My Fancy'

# Reveliers finalize production

"Goodbye, My Fancy, Farewell, dear mate, dear love. I'm going away, I know not where—"

Nostalgic thoughts flow on to stage as the curtain rises on the Reveliers' spring production, "Goodbye, My Fancy" March 14-15 at 7:30 p.m. in Ramsey Auditorium.

"Set against the background of the senior commencement exercises at 'Good Hope College' this play just seems to lend itself to wistful thoughts of remembering," said Lynn Freeman, senior, a member of the cast.

All necessary elements are available for this atmosphere of nostalgia, according to Mr. Bob Davenport, director. Seniors are graduating, lost loves are being reclaimed, and the good old days return to pursue the characters of this romantic comedy.

Leading lady Donna Flemmons portraying Agatha Reed feels that her role represents an "independent women's libber who is still feminine and romantic as well as stubborn."

Problems begin to occur when Miss Reed (Flemmons) returns to her 'ole alma mater' to accept an honorary degree and sees her first love after an absence of 20 years. To make matters worse, Matt Cole (Ken Cowan) who is also in love with Agatha, comes to cover the weekend for Time Magazine.

David Pollard cast as Jim Merrill, president of the college and Agatha's 'first love',

believes that his character "tries to please everyone and in the end pleases no one."

"Acting gives you a chance to portray characters you could never be or want to be," Pollard continued.

Set construction which began February 26 seems to be going extremely well, according to Mr. Davenport.

Rehearsals have also been running smoothly, leading lady Donna Flemmons related.

"My fellow cast members are great fun to work with," Donna added. "We all work together as a team."

Other cast members include Janine Walker, Lynn Wintory, Susan Dailey, Nancy Woods, Mike Shone, David Mendenhall, Theresa Marrone, Susan Brown, Jenifer Dedmon, Ellen Paul, Rosemary Safranek, Ken Kramer, Buster Byrd, Ed Allen, and Rusty Waggoner.

Catherine McCann and Joan Berry are student producers for the play.

Ticket cost for the production is \$1 for students, \$1.25 for adults. These may be purchased from drama club members or at the door.

For some this play is the final fling.

"Seeing that this will be my last play at Southside, I have a sad feeling that it is over," Lynn Wintory, senior, reminisced, "but I'm glad that I had the chance to participate."

Thoughts of past experiences apparently prevailed both on the stage and behind.



Cast members Donna Flemmons, junior, and Kenneth Cowan, senior, pause for instructions during a rehearsal of a scene from "Goodbye, My Fancy," to be presented by the Reveliers March 14-15.

## Grant totals \$750

# Federal monies to aid new vo-tech program

Mr. Phillip Lewis, guidance counselor, recently received a mini-grant of \$750 by the Vocational Division of the Arkansas Department of Education to provide students with up-to-date information on vocational technical careers.

Funds received from the grant will be used for developing individual programs of slides and tapes which will aid pupils to learn about various vo-tech jobs and the institutions in the area which offer training in those fields.

"Most students cannot visit industries to see what types of skills are needed for employment," Mr. Lewis said.

A 35-millimeter slide projector has been purchased for use

in the program.

Under the direction of Mr. Lewis, and with the help of John Watts, publications photographer, 30 programs on careers will be written and produced.

The idea of this program was initiated last November when Mr. Lewis submitted a proposal entitled "Research to Rightfully Inform" to the state department.

Dr. C.B. Garrison, superintendent of schools, was later informed that the project had been approved for federal funds.

According to Mr. Luther Hardin, associate director for Vocational-Technical and Adult Education, the proposed plan was "innovative and creative."

## Next Tuesday

# Voters faced with millage issue

Fort Smith residents will go to the polls next Tuesday to vote on retaining the current school millage and to choose two members of the Fort Smith School Board.

According to information circulated by pro-millage groups, the public schools have been hard hit by the rising costs of inflation, yet with careful budgeting they have managed to "get by."

"The millage election involves no increases, but merely seeks to maintain the present tax level of 53 mills," explained Mrs. Katherine Boulden, president of the School Board. "Fort Smith has one of the lowest millage rates in the state," she added.

Information released by Dr. Wright Hawkins, co-chairman of the Fort Smith School Committee, shows that among the so-called "Big Ten" school districts of Arkansas, Fort Smith ranks at the bottom according to expenditures spent per pupil.

The local district averages \$695 per pupil compared to \$994 spent by the top-ranked Little Rock school system.

Fort Smith school district is near the bottom also as far as the local tax base is concerned, according to the school committee's brochure.

Third from the bottom, the local system currently collects 53 mills. Pulaski County, with the highest tax, has 58 mills. Several "Top Ten" districts are asking for increases

this year which will be higher than Pulaski County's tax. Texarkana is requesting 61 mills, while Fayetteville and El Dorado are each asking for 60 mills.

If the millage proposal is rejected by the voters, a lower tax would go into effect at a later date. However, a lower rate would mean a decrease in operating funds and could jeopardize the future quality of education in Fort Smith, according to the School Board president.

"I'm not sure what specific areas would be affected at Southside, but it would certainly have considerable overall effect," said Mr. Victor E. Stewart, principal.

The Fort Smith School Committee lists the following possible results of a lower millage: creating oversized classes, weakening special education programs, decreasing maintenance of valuable school buildings and equipment, and jeopardizing educational quality in general.

Three candidates are in the running for position two on the School Board. They include incumbent Douglas Smith and challengers Robert H. Weare and Fred W. Humeier. Those seeking position one are Myra Rogers and incumbent Jack Ross.

According to County Clerk Ruth Carmack, "We expect a heavier than usual voter turnout, primarily because of the millage question."

## Next Thursday

# Career Day features speakers in nine occupational areas

Featuring 50 to 60 guest speakers on topics from forestry to cosmetology, the annual Career Day will be held March 13. Students will attend four 35-minute sessions selected from the planning questionnaire they filled out in February during English classes.

"We will not be able to give everyone all the classes they asked for," explained Mrs. Mary Randall, counselor. "Seniors will be given preference, then junior, and then sophomores."

Nine major areas, each divided into occupational fields, will be offered on Career Day. These include the armed forces, business, communications, ed-

ucation, engineering, fine arts, home economics, legal, medical, and technical areas.

The guest speakers will talk for approximately 20 minutes, followed by a question and answer period where students are encouraged to participate.

"We hope the students will respond to the speakers by asking questions," Mrs. Randall added.

Meeting the speakers at the door, furnishing them with coffee and doughnuts, and showing them to their classes will be a project undertaken by members of the girls' service clubs. The home economics department will serve the food to the guests.

# ... Viewpoints ...

## Chance of life...slipping away

A foreign country, another language, age-old customs, and a different way of life—it's a chance of a lifetime being a foreign exchange student. One or more Southsiders might

## Maintaining tax vital to system

In the upcoming millage election, the votes and influence of high school students could be a deciding factor in the future quality of education in the Fort Smith Special School District.

The proposal that will go before the voters on March 11 involves no increases, but would continue the school millage at its current level of 53 mills. The present tax is the minimum figure required for operating costs and maintaining the current curriculum standards.

Students who are registered voters should take the time to vote for the continued tax rate, while other students could urge their parents to do the same. Quality education is too im-

portant to receive a cutback in funds. have had that chance, but because of a simple communication gap, no one applied themselves to the situation or for the opportunity.

As of last year, Southside became a chapter of the American Field Society and now has an exchange student, Petrine Spilling from Norway, attending here. All this comes under the direction of the Student Council.

Most chapters of AFS have a club whose sole purpose is to promote the exchange of ideas with the foreign student and to help guide those interested in applying for the opportunity of being an exchange student themselves. Southside does not have such a group. Neither have either of these goals been fully achieved.

This cannot be blamed on the Student Council, which already has many activities under its jurisdiction to devote the time to such a project.

The organization of a foreign exchange club is a workable idea, full of potential. Somewhere within it may be that "chance of a lifetime" for a Southsider to study abroad.

## Convention conflicts confuse

Many a convention-going student may count his lucky stars for being able to have his two or more end-of-year activities scheduled for different days; others may be wondering how they are supposed to be in two places at one time.

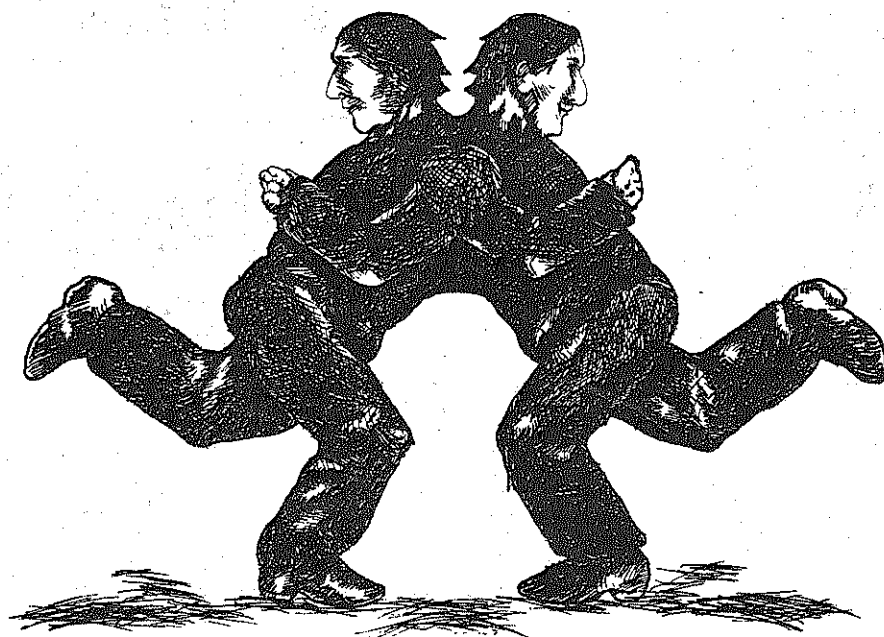
Unbeknown to most of the participants is the organization they can either thank or blame for this timetable: the Arkansas Activities Association.

Though this group with countless

events, certainly has its hands full in trying to schedule main conventions and contests around each other, a few of its decisions are questionable. Why, for example, did the group choose to have both the state band and high school journalist conventions on the same weekend?

Scheduling the events is a job few would like and can criticize. Hopefully, however, the AAA and convention-bound groups will look a little longer before filling out their next calendar.

American Field Service: An equal and fair exchange of ideas



## Back at the Ranch

## 'Harmless' mood grips senior class



by Paul T. Hayden

Every year about this time, as the warm winds of March try vainly to keep the snow off the ground, a mood comes floating harmlessly through the corridors of all high schools.

Not everyone can readily feel the

change, but those who do show a marked desire to cut classes, forget homework assignments, and graduate.

Yes, it is time once again for the annual senoritis epidemic. There is no mistaking it for any other malady.

Talk of college plans, of future keg parties, and faraway places gradually dominates their conversations. Gone are the juicy bits of gossip about "you-know-who" that seemed so thrilling just a year or two earlier. Even the top "intellect" in the class begin discussing such topics as Fayetteville night life instead of continuing the debate as to whether Shakespeare really wrote all those dramas.

They have far-away looks in their eyes, these struck seniors—looks designed to tell the underclassmen that "yours truly is going to be finished with their high school stuff in eight weeks, ha, ha, ha."

Such a mood has descended on our fair high school—I've even been afflicted myself. This column nearly went unwritten because of some silly preoccupation of mine with college catalogs.

Oh, well, chalk it up to senoritis. It's in the air.

## Point-Counterpoint

## Is ERA needed to guarantee right?



**Women still subject to unfair laws; ERA needed to give full rights**

by Leslie Landrum

When our Constitution was written, women were necessary to home life, but had no legal rights or voice in our government. Two centuries later, women are not yet considered competent; they cannot compete with men for jobs or promotions. Women are also subjected to laws which discriminate against them simply because they are women.

The Equal Rights Amendment says that "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex." This does not mean that social customs or personal relationships between men and women will be changed. Nor will the ERA affect laws based purely on physical differences.

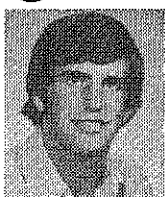
Congress already has the power to draft women. Because all military recruits are volunteers, the ERA would enable women to volunteer on the same basis as men. If the draft were reinstated, women would be equally subject to it as men. All draftees would qualify for the same exemptions.

The ERA does not suggest that restrooms, barracks, or dormitories will be coeducational. The segregation here is not based on the equality of men and women, but rather on the biological difference between the sexes.

This amendment would extend to men the protective labor laws which now tend to benefit women. Young males would be protected by rape laws. Unsuitable mothers would not blindly be given custody of children. Here, the ERA will be beneficial to men.

Further, the ERA would ensure that all citizens of the United States receive equal pay for equal work. In short, all laws which discriminate will be changed or abolished.

Now the fact is that women are not free under the Constitution. This will not change until the Equal Rights Amendment becomes a part of the United States Constitution.



**'Fourteenth' provides protection for women against discrimination**

by Mark Randall

The 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution protects women against discrimination sufficiently without the passage of the ERA.

This amendment states that "No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of the citizens of the United States."

Women, as citizens of the United States, shall not be discriminated against according to this amendment. Therefore, stricter enforcement of this idea will eliminate the need for the ERA.

Unfortunately, there is sex discrimination in the United States. But, the ERA will unnecessarily lengthen and weaken the Constitution.

The wording of the amendment itself could create serious legal problems in future cases if the ERA is ratified. Laws that now protect women could be challenged and possibly overturned by a court citing The Equal Rights Amendment.

It is ambiguous enough for each judge and each jury to formulate their own opinion of the meaning of the phrase, "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged . . . on account of sex."

The ERA is wasting valuable legislative time. Supporters of the amendment are less optimistic about the passage now than they were two months ago. If it is defeated, it is not a defeat against women, but merely a victory for the preservation of the Constitution. Perhaps the ERA will bring sex discrimination into the public eye despite its probable defeat. Women should look to the Constitution as it is for protection against discrimination. Many women have won cases against sex discrimination with the 14th Amendment as their main argument.

The present Constitution and laws, if interpreted properly, protect against sex discrimination.

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Lives disrupted for few dollars

# Millions drained in rip-off game

by Lynn Wintory

With several anxious glances, the two girls approached the cosmetic counter. One girl looked around while the other slipped a tube of mascara into her coat pocket. The two girls were moving quietly away from the counter when a middle-aged woman approached them. She introduced herself as the security guard and took them to her office where she summoned the police.

The officer arrived with an affidavit for a warrant of arrest, then the girls were transported in a police unit to jail where they were booked. The two were allowed one completed phone call to try to obtain a release, and bond was set.

If arrested individuals make bond, they are released until their trial; if they cannot they will be held in jail until court time.

These girls and many like them are facing charges for shoplifting, one of the fastest growing crimes in the country. Shoplifting is on the rise largely due to misinformation of the law and its consequences according to the findings of the Western Arkansas Regional Association for Mental Health. This crime affects everyone, the shoplifter, the merchant, and the consumer.

### Charges for crime harsher each time

Shoplifters can face many charges. In misdemeanor cases of under \$35, a first offense carries a fine from \$50-\$100. A second offense is \$100 and up and/or 5-30 days in the county jail. A third offense is automatically a felony and punishable by 1-3 years in the state penitentiary.

Mr. Ben Barry, a private attorney, explained a few of the lesser known laws regarding shoplifting.

"According to the Prima Facie Concealment statute, a person does not have to leave the store to be guilty," Mr. Barry said. "If they are seen concealing an item they must prove to a judge that they did not conceal it with intent to steal."

Also according to Mr. Barry, if a person aids somebody by acting as look-out or otherwise, he is as guilty as the thief and faces the same penalty.

"If a friend of yours tells you that he ripped-off a package of gum," Mr. Barry explained,



Rebel reporter Lynn Wintory demonstrates a common shoplifting technique. Females frequently carry a large purse to conceal the stolen items.

"and you accept a piece, you can be charged with knowingly receiving stolen goods which carries a more severe penalty than shoplifting."

All of these laws apply to people who are 12 and over. Fifteen and under are usually tried in Juvenile Court while over 15 go to Municipal. However, the juvenile is treated in the same manner as the adult until the arrest procedure is over. The officer making the arrest makes the initial decision as to which court the suspect will go to.

If the shoplifter is processed as a juvenile, the charge of juvenile delinquency will be the only notation on his record. If he is convicted in Municipal Court it becomes a matter of public record.

Some of the consequences of conviction of a felony are loss of voting privileges and loss of ability to obtain an occupational license from the state. Such professions as medicine, law, plumbing, barbering, and insurance require a license. Conviction also eliminates a person from any government jobs because the felon cannot take a civil service examination and is also prohibited from obtaining a passport for overseas travel.

According to Officer George Cabaniss of the Fort Smith Police Department, teenage girls

do the most shoplifting. They are followed by adult women, then teenage males, adult males, the elderly, and children.

Mrs. Joyce Littlejohn, security officer at J. C. Penney, said that 11-16 year olds are the most prevalent age group she deals with on shoplifting charges.

### 'They shoplift on friends' dare'

"Most of the kids have money in their pocket to pay for the item," Mrs. Littlejohn pointed out. "They do it on a dare from their friends."

Mrs. Fran Langston, probation officer, talked about the kids' attitudes. "Most of them are remorseful and say they will never do it again. None of them thought they would get caught, they just wanted to stand tall with their peers."

Most of the juvenile shoplifters also do not realize how serious the matter becomes if they are tried in Municipal Court. If it is tried in Juvenile Court the procedure is more simple.

"In Juvenile Court the suspect is given his rights and a trial date is set," probation officer Ron Hannaman explained. "The Juvenile referee, in Fort Smith, Judge Audit Kin-

cannon, hears the case. Present at the trial are the victim and the arresting officer. The shoplifter is placed on probation unless he has a history of more serious crimes.

However sorry these young people are about shoplifting, the merchants cannot afford to let them go.

"Shoplifting is one cause for inflation," Mrs. Langston feels. "The merchants are passing that loss on to you and me, and I don't blame them."

The Fort Smith metropolitan retail sales in 1973 amounted to \$337,721,000. Of these sales, \$3,377,210 was the cost to consumers for shoplifting.

Stores in Fort Smith have developed their own security systems and are prosecuting all shoplifters no matter how inexpensive the stolen items is. One major mall merchant anticipates spending \$60,000 for security alone.

Calvin Rutledge, manager of Kroger Value Village, listed a few safety devices they use.

"We have two-way mirrors and shoplifting patrols during the prime shoplifting periods," Mr. Rutledge explained. "In a grocery store, this is Friday

and Saturday from 3-6 in the afternoon."

The most common items stolen in a grocery store are make-up, haircare items and, most recently, meat."

"We are getting a good rate of convictions on these crimes," he said.

Mr. Rutledge feels that shoplifting affects retail prices severely.


If there were no shoplifting, according to Mr. Bob Huleatte, manager of J. C. Penney, prices could be reduced 2 to 5%.

### 'Kids should see crying parents'

The J.C. Penney Co. nationwide will lose 65 million dollars due to a combination of shoplifting and internal theft.


"If these kids could see the anguish, crying, and wringing of hands of parents coming down to pick up their children, they'd think that the game of rip-off is more serious," Mr. Huleatte concluded.

Like any other game, rules are necessary to play properly. But, with rules and consequences like these, why play?



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# Sports limelight shifts to springtime events

With the passing of basketball, Rebel sports fans will now turn their attention to the spring sports — golf, track and tennis.

Thirteen members will make up the Southside golf team: Johnny Williams, Ricky Srygly, Kevin Layman, Kevin Phillips, Phillip Thompson, Keith Lemley, Mark Abbot, Bill Polk, Paul Henson, Marvin Vann, Chris Rogers, Dan Grey, and Dana Pierce. The first five are returning lettermen.

This year's team will be trying to match the record of the '74 edition which claimed over 20 victories while losing just three. Last year's team also captured the western conference title plus the overall state championship.

According to Coach Norris Byers, the current squad should be able to match last year's group because three of last year's four starters return.

Southside's first match was March 4 with Van Buren and Northside at Ben Geren Regional Park. The Rebs will also tangle with such top teams as Fayetteville, Muskogee, and Hot Springs later this spring.

In the match March 4, Southside emerged the overall winner and senior Johnny Williams took medalist honors with a 3-under par 68.

Tennis should once again be strong at Southside this year. The '74 girls' team made it to the state semifinals and this year's team has the material to possibly go further.

Members of the '75 girls' squad will include Patti Wilson, Gail Hammersly, RoseMary Safranek, Benay Yaffe, Ann Shull,

and Patti Wiederkehr.

Southside has the top 16-year old singles tennis player in the state in Patti Wilson. RoseMary Safranek and Gail Hammersly are other top players and return from last year's team.

Southside's boys' tennis team was AAA state champions last year but have lost some key players by graduation and will be using this year as a rebuilding year.

Members of the track team will now be starting serious preparation for this season's upcoming thinclad season.

Those athletes who have just finished this year's successful basketball season will join the squad to catch up with the others who have been working out in the off-season program during the past month.

Teams in the AAA conference will again be competing against each other for state honors.



Senior Keith Lemley displays his form as he prepares for the Rebels' upcoming golf season.

## For a bust-'em-up cowboy

# 'Landing safely' only concern

by O.J. Henley

In the center of a rodeo arena, a young cowboy struggles desperately to ride a huge, bucking bull. The crowd cheers him on as he is pitched about limply holding on to a rope bounded around the animal. Finally a buzzer sounds, and the longest eight seconds in the rider's life are over. He leaps from the enraged bull and runs to the nearest fence...

"It's a feeling that can't be described, only felt," explained Southside junior Bill Hanson.

"When you're out there on that bull, the only thing you can think about is getting off safely."

Bill is a regular around the rodeo circuit. His brother, Jerry Bob, who has won the calf roping championship of the world numerous times, taught Bill to rope when he was four years old. Ever since, Bill has become a fan and competitor of the rodeo.

"I've had much more experience in calf roping, though bull riding is gaining more of my interest," he said.

In calf roping, specially trained horses are used for the rider. He and his horse stay in a small enclosed fence, commonly known as a chute. The calf is kept in another chute, next to the horse and rider.

"First, the calf is released into the arena to obtain a small head start," Bill said. "Once it passes a certain point, the rider and horse pursue the calf and rope it with a lariat."

Bill traveled to a roping camp in Benton, Arkansas during the Christmas and New Year's vacation. The camp is run by his brother, and ropers all over Arkansas participated in the activities. Bill, along with an-

other Southside student, sophomore Jim Young, was placed in the top calf roping class at the camp, though the two were the youngest.

In recent months, Bill has been traveling to Paris, Arkansas, to participate in another type of rodeo attraction, bull riding.

"When riding a bull," Bill explained, "the rider must stay on the animal eight seconds after he has left the chute in order to boost your overall score."

Bill went on to say that some

## Rebs sweep to semifinals

Although one of the smallest teams in the AAA State Tournament, Southside's Rebels made up for their lack of height with some great teamwork as they swept to the semifinals before being edged out 50-46 by powerful Conway, February 28.

Overcoming a 9-point deficit late in the game, Southside forced Helena into overtime, enabling the Rebs to edge the Cougars 64-62, in a hotly contested quarterfinal game, February 27.

Opening round play in the tournament started Southside against Little Rock McClellan, with the Rebels holding off the Lions 69-64, February 25.

Closing out the regular season February 22, the Rebels edged Rogers 55-50 and closed out their AAA conference slate at 5-5.

Entertaining the powerful Fayetteville Bulldogs, February 18, the Rebs slowed the game down considerably, but fell 42-35.

## Athlete's Feats

# King inks with Hogs

by Scott Carty

University of Arkansas' head football coach and athletic director Frank Broyles came to Fort Smith on the day of signing national letters of intent for athletic scholarships. The famed coach added to his list of recruits standout Les King, a three-year, two-way starter for the Rebels. King was the interception leader in Southside's backfield for three years and was also among the leading pass receivers from his wingback position.

Intramural basketball has wound up another successful season this year with Mr. Bob Davenport's homeroom team capturing the overall championship in the boys' division with a victory over the "out of school" team.

Davenport was then defeated 55-38 in the annual SIA All-Star game. Kenny Dougherty poured in 24 points in a losing effort to capture high-point honors.

After defeating the Rebels 50-46 in the semifinals of the AAA State Tournament, Conway met conference foe Fayetteville in the finals of the tourney March 1 and fell to the Bulldogs 48-46. Fayetteville, thus, became the state AAA champs.

For their performances in the AAA State Tournament this year, senior Mark Hewett and junior Chuck Putnam have been named to the all-tournament team. Putnam and Hewett have paced the Rebel attack all season, averaging about 25 and 23 points, respectively.

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French Fries  
and  
soft drink

ALL

for 85 cents

Eat Here or Take Out

## Airport Restaurant

"Just Down the Hill"

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