

The EVERGREEN NEWS

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\$100 BOUNTY FOR STEPPEWOLF

The "Steppenwolf" in question is neither a rock group nor a Karloff classic. It is a burnt clay sculpture, brown and earth-colored, approximately twenty-four inches in diameter, whose likeness Lawrence Anthony has sketched on this "Wanted" poster. It is a creation of Bob Hasselle, a Southwestern graduate who teaches at the Cincinnati Art Institute.

Last winter, this sculpture was donated by Dr. Jameson Jones to Southwestern and hung on the wall in Clough Hall where it guarded the art treasures on the second floor. On the tenth of August, the "Steppenwolf" disappeared.

Mr. Richard Henley, Southwestern's Security Officer, assumes the "Steppenwolf" was stolen by someone who was intrigued by it, a youngster maybe, rather than by an art expert, for the sculpture, he reasons, was by no means the most valuable work of art on the second floor. Professor Anthony, in fact, estimates its value at no more than \$200.

Why then the high reward? First, perhaps, because it is often difficult to determine the true price of a work of art, which lies in the eyes of the beholder, and second, the sculpture represents a fascinating manifestation of a fascinating subject: Hermann Hesse's "Steppenwolf".

Hermann Hesse, Nobel Prize winning German writer and poet (1877-1962) who enjoyed great popularity among Europe's young during the first half of the twentieth century was virtually unknown in this country until the early sixties; and then it was his works dealing with the Hindu world for which he became known, rather than his 1927 novel "Der Steppenwolf". Yet recently, the concept "Steppenwolf" has found its niche in the American scene along with such German imports as "Volks-wagen", "Angst", or "Kissinger".

The dictionary defines "Steppenwolf" as "prairie wolf". In Hesse's novel, however, the term applies to Harry Haller, the novel's central character, an artistic and scholarly intellectual who discovers at the age of forty that in his pursuits of the mind he has neglected the senses, or the "wolfish" aspects of his personality. His attempts to correct this causes a schizophrenic split and also alienates him from the established values of his time. After a long struggle, Harry Haller does manage to accommodate the "wolfish" nature of his personality, but only with means which today are still in conflict with established values.

Since everybody, regardless of age, at one time or another has had trouble with the "wolfish" aspects of his personality, the thief may well have been an older person, anybody in fact, from an ignorant prankster to a learned professor. Let us hope the "Steppenwolf" will convince the thief that returning the sculpture for the reward of \$100 is really a more "wolfish" act than keeping or destroying it.



Adults Only

Beginning in mid-September, Southwestern at Memphis is offering a number of adult education night courses which will be open to the general public for quite reasonable fees.

The offerings will include several unusual courses, such as: "The Cinemaddicts", a history of motion pictures presenting at least 20 films rarely shown in recent times; "The Cinemaddicts" will continue in the spring with Garbo, Buster Keaton, and some of the early sound musicals.

Other course titles are: "The Abolition of Man?", a seminar which will explore the possibilities of where mankind is going; "Modern Religious Prophets", aimed at understanding some of the changes in modern religious thought; "American Literature: Between Two Wars"; "What Do Women Want? Dear God! What Do They Want?", a study of woman's changing role in society; "The Creative Writer", a course for those who wish to learn from a professional; a study group entitled "Masterpiece Theatre", which will meet to discuss the Channel 10 programs of the same name; and "Faulkner Country: The Passing of the Old", a study of Faulkner's works.

A tour of Europe featuring Renaissance art and literature is planned for June of '72. Enrollment is requested immediately, for the number of participants will be limited.

For further information contact the Center's office at Southwestern, 274-6606.

The next VECAA meeting will take place Monday, September 20, 8:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall, McLean Baptist Church. Guests will be CANDIDATES for City Council and Board of Education residents in our community can vote for.



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Happenings

- Youth Sunday at Springdale Methodist Church on Sept. 12. The entire morning service will be conducted by the congregation's young people.
- Parents' night at Little Flower School on Wednesday, Sept. 15. This meeting is for both mothers and fathers and will be held in the auditorium at 7:30 p.m. The educational philosophy of the school will be discussed and other pertinent information provided.
- Senior Citizens meeting at Springdale Methodist Church on Saturday, Sept. 23. Activities begin at 11 a.m. and participants are urged to bring a dish for the pot-luck dinner that follows.
- Family Night at Springdale Methodist on Wednesday, Sept. 29. The program's emphasis will be on Christian Education and is part of Christian Education Week (Sept. 26 - Oct. 3).
- Homecoming Day at Jackson Church of Christ on Sunday, Oct. 3. All former church members are to return for the morning service which will be followed by a basket dinner.
- World-wide Communion Day on Sunday, Oct. 3. Many of the neighborhood's churches will present special communion programs.
- Revival at Jackson Church of Christ, Oct. 3 - 7. Robert L. Brewer, minister of Raleigh Church of Christ, will preach each night at 7:30.
- The football season starts this month for the schools in the neighborhood. Northside High School opens against Douglass on Sept. 9 and Snowden Junior High starts with a home game against Ridgeway, Sept. 10. Cypress Junior High will also field a team and Little Flower will compete against other parochial schools in the Pee Wee and Junior divisions. Southwestern will meet Austin College at Austin, Texas, in its opening game on Sept. 18. The Lynx' first home game is Oct. 2.
- Evergreen Presbyterian Church still has memberships available for Fall recreation programs. Cards can be obtained (for \$8) afternoons between 3 and 5.

Council Candidates

The elections on October 7 will provide voters in the neighborhood with an opportunity to select councilmen who can best represent them in the city's legislative body.

In District 5 (Precincts 36-1, 36-2, 36-3, 40-2, and 52-1), incumbent Councilman Robert B. James is running for reelection and is being opposed by Jerry B. Tucker, who has his campaign off to a fast start by supporting the preservation of Overton Park and opposing fluoridation of city water. District 7 (Precinct 41-2) finds incumbent J.O. Patterson, Jr., opposed by Alma Morris. Six other council positions which neighborhood residents will elect come from the at-large candidates which are listed below:

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| <p><u>Position 1:</u>
Gwen R. Awsumb
Paul (Dilly) Dillingham
Wayne Mink</p> <p><u>Position 2:</u>
Chapman Bain
Curtis Byrd
John Joseph Campbell
Clayton P. Elam
Tom Todd</p> <p><u>Position 3:</u>
Thomas B. Avery
James M. "Mickey" Keep
Betty C. Lawo
Philip A. Perel</p> | <p><u>Position 4:</u>
Jim Lockard
Robert H. (Bob) Love
Charles Monger
Ron Scharff
Frank White</p> <p><u>Position 5:</u>
A.D. (Andy) Alissandratos
Drew J. Canale</p> <p><u>Position 6:</u>
Jack McNeil
Cecil K. Miller
Mrs. C.B. "Cob" Smith, Jr.
James H. (Jim) White</p> |
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The council which finishes its term of office this year was elected in 1967 and is the first to serve the city in the new Mayor-Council government. To their credit are counted the successes and failures of a pioneering effort.

I.O.U.'s

Miss Emma Nell Palmer of 1731 Faxon Ave., the first typist to donate her time and talent to the Evergreen News, has had to take leave due to other obligations. Emma deserves a word of appreciation for her work.

Another setback for the neighborhood newspaper is the retirement of Mr. Warren J. Lowry of 913 Dickinson. With the relocation of his employer, and a change of management, Warren is no longer in a position to handle the reduction and photography process necessary for printing. We will continue to seek Warren's advice on technical problems, but in the meantime we want him to know that we miss him where it hurts most: the pocket-book.

McLean Baptist Church

"The Church that calls for your involvement
in the work of the Lord"

Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:45 a.m. 7:30 p.m.
Jr Hi-Sr Hi choir rehearsal...6:30 Wednesday

Gossip

When summer came to the Vollenline/Evergreen community, our neighbors, like neighbors everywhere, began to eye various vacation spots across the country and around the world. No corner of the earth, it would seem, was too remote and no road was too rough for the travelers of our community.

For many, well-known vacation spots around the Mid-South and Deep South were the destinations. Tom Hines of 1864 Tutwiler, for example, visited Heber Springs, Ark.. He was joined by Dr. and Mrs. James Robertson who relaxed at Pickwick Lake and Mrs. Anthony Aspero of 1790 Faxon who spent a week spa-ing at Hot Springs. Others more solartropic ventured south to Gulf Coast beaches. David and Gene Chambers visited at Jacksonville, Fla., and Rick and Laila Eckles visited Ponte Vedra Beach, while Rosemary Hulshof of 856 N. Belvedere spent two weeks bird-watching in the Everglades. The Alabama coast was not neglected either, with Dr. and Mrs. Fred Neal and kids camping at Dolphin Island. Many others also chose islands for their vacations. Among them were Mary McLauren who spent a week at Pawley's Island, South Carolina, and the Lawrence Anthonys who, as usual, stayed much of the summer on their island off the Carolina coast.

Other residents needed to get further away -- some to the North, like Dr. Lewis Amis and family, who visited Philadelphia; some to the Midwest, like Marilyn Nichols who visited friends in Chicago; and some to the West, such as Ed and Pat Webb who took the kids to Six Flags Over Texas (and ran into the Berlynn Rizers who live a block down the street). The forty-eight contiguous states, however, were not good enough for Nancy Pond of the University Cabanas. Her vacation was spent in Alaska with her parents.

Keeping with the cosmopolitan air of the neighborhood, many residents went international. Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood Ensminger, for example, spent two weeks with their son in British Columbia, Canada, and Mr. and Mrs. Talbot Mathis of the University Cabanas visited Mexico City and Puerto Vallarta. Europe, as usual, was popular; the Charles Sullivans of University Circle went sight-seeing in Spain and Kathryn Taylor toured the continent on a University of Tennessee trip. Europe, however, was not the only foreign soil tramped by Vollenline/Evergreen residents. The Kim Johnsons spent June in Japan, Hong Kong and Bangkok.

The Courage To Be

by John Bruhwiler

Perhaps the most significant of the summer programs for the young in our community was the High School Scholars program at Southwestern. The seven week program, open to rising seniors "of high academic ability and motivation" in the Memphis school system, was designed to help students "to be better prepared to make a successful transition from high school to college "while at the same time developing "healthy, meaningful relationships with others of different ages, different racial and social backgrounds."

The Scholars program is not a new venture. It was initiated in 1966 by Mrs. Frances Coe. Its format was shaped by Dean Jameson Jones and Dr. Carl Walters of Southwestern in consultation with outstanding high school seniors. Dr. Walters also selected the faculty and has served as director of the program since its initiation in the summer of 1967.

Student Oriented

The students who were consulted wanted above all a program which would help them ease the normally difficult transition from high school to college. They expressed the wish to "learn how to learn", to discover "how ideas are related", to become familiar with the "interrelation of data and subjects", to develop "their own selfhoods" and the "understanding of other people, especially people of another race". The teaching staff accepted these suggestions as a basis for the program, adding only language skills and analytic skills, the prerequisites for clear communication.

Love of Learning

More significant was the decision of how the program was to be administered, what teaching and learning methods were to be used. It was decided an idealistic approach was to be tried, that an endeavor was to be made to remove external motivation such as reward-punishment, acceptance-rejection and authority, and to replace it by self-motivation, the desire to learn for the love of learning. This meant doing away with grades, credits, and tests. The only gauge left to measure a student's progress, aside from the close daily contact with his teachers, was a required weekly paper on the "Theme of the Week".

The theme of the week is a sub-theme of the overall theme of the program, "The Courage to Be a Whole Person Through Understanding and Judgment". This overall theme is misleading in that it does not give appropriate credit to the academic disciplines of the program; these were seminars in rhetoric, math-science, English literature, philosophy, and political science-social sciences, all taught on an interdisciplinary level, and in relation to the overall theme and the weekly sub-theme.

Rounded Fare

For instance, during the week with the sub-theme "The Meaning of Being One's True Self", in Rhetoric Miss Lucille Fultz (Central High) asked for an essay on the student's concept of values such as integrity, honesty, responsibility, in Math-Science Professor Carl Johnson (Southwestern) talked on the physical nature of living organisms; in English literature Miss Margaret R. Gladney (graduate student) discussed a Faulkner story about a young man who cooled his anger by burning down barns; in Philosophy Mr. James Dobbins (graduate student) examined Socrates' dictum "Know thyself" and his concept of courage; in Political Science-Social Sciences Mr. Ezekiel Owens (Porter Junior High) analyzed the figure of Dr. Martin Luther King.

These seminars constituted the meat of the program. Of lighter fare but of no less importance were the daily guest speakers and panels from the world of business, politics, and the professions from whom the students learned first hand the sometime difficulty of being a whole person. Staff and guests were supplemented by

COURAGE continued

thirty-two college students who served as tutors and often became friends. Relief from the academic rigor was provided by field trips, movies, crafts, sports and games.

Unqualified Success

Dr. Walters concedes that not every single seminar fit the sub-theme to perfection and that initially not every single student functioned at his full potential in the absence of the motivations he had been conditioned to. He said it took inspiration on the teachers' part who never tired of stressing the value choice every human being was constantly faced with. The teachers did this with so much success, Dr. Walters says, they had to watch for a feeling of guilt developing in some of the students.

The students considered the program a success. There was little dissatisfaction both academically and socially, and praise of the program ranged from a cool "I liked the lunches" to an ecstatic "It was love, confusion, bewilderment, fun!". Perhaps student reaction was exemplified best by Richard Lowry of 913 Dickinson, a student at Northside High who says he learned what college is about, and that teachers are people, too. Just as important is his observation that students from white or black schools who had had little social contact with students of another race learned to respect one another, even formed friendships.

The significance of the Southwestern Scholars program is perhaps best illustrated by the interest the Board of Education has taken in it. While in 1967 funds for the program came from Southwestern and the Opportunity Foundation (anonymous donor), over 90% of the program this year was funded by the Memphis Board of Education (federal E.S.A.P. money) and less than 10% by Southwestern. This year, the Board of Education also sponsored two additional Scholars programs, one at LeMoyné-Owen College and another at Memphis State University.

Wanted

Will buy used plumbers tools, carpenter tools, old picture frames, wood and coal ranges, marble top furniture, old dishes, old books. Nights, 398-1553.

Lady to do part-time baby-sitting during the day, my home -- 274-5690.

No News

Little can be said at this early date about the changes in our neighborhood schools. According to preliminary reports, registration went smoothly and classes started without any significant changes. As soon as the Board of Education makes the enrollment figures available, the News will publish the changes in our schools in regard to the number of students and the racial composition.

Candidates For School Board

Each neighborhood resident will have an opportunity to vote for three of the nine members of the city Board of Education to be elected October 7. Two of the Board positions are elected from the city at large and seven are elected from the city's political districts which are the same for both Council and Board of Education candidates. This constitution of the Board is new and is a result of a recent legislative act.

Candidates for District 5 are Norman D. Bryant, Mrs. Lawrence Coe, and Mrs. James T. Robertson. Candidates for District 7 are George H. Brown, Jr., and C.B. Myers. Contending for at-large Position 1 are seven persons, Ruby Gaither, Arnold Hurst, William S. Pollard, Jr., Joe Scott, Barbara E. Sonnenburg, Rev. Melvin Wade, and Mrs. Milton (Marilyn) Wray. Candidates for at-large Position 2 are Hunter Lane, Jr., and David L. Wieties.

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Meet The Neighbors

Roadrunners

On Labor Day it is appropriate to honor Mrs. Cornelia Morris' circulation department, the men, women and children in our neighborhood who, month after month, regardless of the elements, carry the Evergreen News from door to door: J.W. APPLING; Mrs. L.O. BARKER, and small boys (names unknown); the George BRADFUTES, Jon WELLS, George and Luther BRADFUTE; the John BRUHWILERS, Paul (9) and David (7) BRUHWILER; the Kenneth COLES, Sandra (11), Carla (10) and Kim (5) COLE; Mrs. Lee DENSON; Mrs. E. FLOWERS, Gentry BANKS (12), Billy (12) and Nelson (10) RICE; Warren GARNER, Warren (15) and Barry (11) GARNER; Mrs. W.J. HOLLAHAN, Timmy LYNCH (15), Daryl JACOBS (14), Kitty (16) and Terry (14) HOLLAHAN; Mrs. R.C. HON; Thomas HORTON (15); the Kim JOHNSONS, Derrick CRAWFORD (10) and Gregory DONALDSON (9); Mrs. M.A. LEVITCH, Candy (10), Lauren (8) and Sharon (5) LEVITCH; Mrs. Kirby HADE, Kirby (10) and Shane (7) HADE, Ruth AMY (13), Kyle FISHER (12), Kathy COLTON (13), Barbara CAPE (11); Nancy LOWE; Richard LOWRY (16); the Fred NEALS; the Louis PRIDDYS, Mrs. F. YOUNG, Mrs. W. DEACON, Mrs. M. JONES; Mrs. Robert ST. CYR, Anne (16), Lisa (15), Robin (13) and Jeanne ST. CYR (12), Mr. M. SIMS; the Bruce SELLS, Monica (12), David (11) and Lisa (7) SELLS, Diana DRAKE (11); the David SMITHS; Miss L. SPEARS, Miss A. DAVIS; Richard THOMAS, Jennifer THOMAS (5); Mrs. H. THOMPSON, Rodney STRONG (16), Anthony THOMPSON (17); the Charles WARRENS.

Those who have also run at times are:

Miss M. DICHTEL; Joe HOUGH; Mrs. V. HOUSTON; Father Tom KIRK, Mark BORN (18) and other members of the Catholic Youth Organization; J. M. LLOYD, Andrew (13) and Mark (9) LLOYD; Cornelia MORRIS, Lisa (11) and Dehring MOODY (12), Miss V. T. AVEY, Nathan SACHRITZ, H. H. HOLT; Mrs. D. R. ROBINSON; the Louis SILVERS; Dennis SMITH, Amel NORMAN Jr. (15), W.J. LOWE.

Welcome

In July, Gene and Mary Patterson moved from Whitehaven into their home at 689 North Belvedere, selecting this neighborhood because of its proximity to downtown. Mr. Patterson is a computer software sales representative with Norvell Systems. The Pattersons grew up in Bells, Tennessee, and have two children, Andrea and Joel.

Attention

ATTENTION: Evergreen Presbyterian Church 5-year-old Kindergarten now registering. For information call Mrs. E.L. Heffernan 685-7853 or the Church 274-3740.

High Finance

Due to a 40% cost increase in the technical production of the Evergreen News to the sum of \$40 an issue, we feel obligated to establish some sort of regular sponsorship. Neighborhood establishments will therefore be asked to advertise on either a monthly or bi-monthly basis, without of course committing themselves to a specific number of months. Should this policy prove to be unwelcome, we would have to secure financial support from other sources. Another solution to our problem might be an increase in our \$4 ad rate, but that, apart from being tough on a very small business, might well contribute to an untimely thaw of the President's price freeze.

P.S. As a demonstration of our community spirit, the advertising manager has agreed to lower the rate for a classified ad from \$1 to seventy-five cents.

Address correspondence to: John Bruhwiler, 883 University Street, Memphis, Tenn., 38107.

For ads, contact Golden Shumaker, 1695 Autumn Ave., Memphis, Tenn., 38112. Telephone 276-6553.

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Wind, Watermelon & Song

Despite a minor typhoon, the VECAA picnic on August 3 could be described as "successful." About seventy neighborhood residents joined several E.S.A.P. workers on the grounds of Southwestern for picnic suppers and cold drinks. Although driven into the student center by rain, the party continued with plenty of watermelon and more cold drinks.

E.S.A.P. workers awarded prizes to lucky picnickers with the kids receiving school supplies and the adults potted plants and leftover watermelons. Entertainment was provided by singers Leo LeBlanc and Lee Denson. They were supplemented by command performances by Father Tim Tighe and Nell Aspero II.

As the weather improved partiers moved back outdoors to participate in croquette, paddleball and miscellaneous activities. When the group broke up well after dark, everyone agreed that it had been a quite pleasant evening.

Pets

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Praise From A Pro

Mr. Tom BeVier's feature story on our neighborhood in the Commercial Appeal (17 August, 1971) was beautiful and for many residents, we feel sure, heart-lifting. Although Mr. BeVier does not mention some shortcomings such as extreme racial imbalance at three of our four public neighborhood schools for instance, or the rash of burglaries recently in the vicinity of the Baron Hirsch Synagogue, or how one popular church summer program did not accept black children, his article nevertheless reflects the spirit of our neighborhood. We owe Mr. BeVier a debt of gratitude for a penetrating assessment of our community.