

# School Tax Election Next Tuesday

## The Pioneer

### 89c School Tax Bill Must Go Through To Safeguard Schools

Next Tuesday, February 17, the citizens of St. Louis will go to the polls to decide the fate of their Public School System. Whether the schools will continue on the present high standards or be forced to operate on a decreased and insufficient budget will be determined on that date.

If this 89-cent tax does not go through, the system will suffer some drastic changes, with a resultant diminishing of the efficiency of its educational program.

The defeat of the 89-cent tax will close kindergartens, discontinue the evening schools, eliminate the school playgrounds, abandon the health services, eliminate free text books in high schools, reduce all school supplies, close the junior colleges, limit the special schools for handicapped children, curtail lunchroom facilities and increase the size of classes.

This year the Board of Education is recommending a tax rate of 89 cents. While this is a rate increase of four cents, yet the actual amount the schools will receive will be less because of two ten per cent reductions in assessed valuations since 1931.

In addition to reduced assessed valuations the increase in the cost of coal, paper, machinery and other supplies is increasing the cost of operating the 156 public schools in St. Louis.

The Board of Education has full power to levy taxes under the Constitution, which states that 60 cents per one hundred dollars assessed valuation is the maximum which may be levied without election. Any money needed in excess of 60 cents must be obtained by a vote of the citizens of St. Louis at a special election.

For the past 20 years the tax in St. Louis has been 85 cents.

### Bring Your Books: Victory Campaign Opens Today

Attention, Southwesterners! Here's another chance to do your bit to help in the country's defense. Enter the Victory Book Campaign which has been inaugurated in the city high schools to further the collection of books for the soldiers, sailors, and marines. The campaign starts today and ends April 1.

The books you donate will supplement the regular library service maintained by the Army and Navy in the forts, camps, posts, stations and ships of the United States armed forces.

Miss Cordell, SW librarian, is in charge of the campaign at Southwest. She asks that you watch the bulletin boards for further instructions. Dr. Humphrey, Director of the Division of Hygiene, has made only one restriction: *All books must be clean and none can be accepted from homes where there are communicable diseases.*

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## Gala Show in SW Aud This Evening at 8! Everyone Invited; Voters Urged to Come

### Going Up! Help Him To 1300

#### Council Alternates Take Over Duties as 'Pioneer' Salesmen

Up, up, up! That's the direction the little man on the ladder will take, with you loyal Southwesterners behind him! Yes sir, you can see him, in the display case in front of the auditorium, climb, rung by rung, day by day, up to the very top.

His success depends solely upon subscribers; and when 1300 names are accounted for on the *Pioneer* subscription lists, he will have reached his goal. Don't make the fatal mistake of passing up this sure-fire bargain! This semester the *Pioneer* still maintain its high standing as a school newspaper.

Up on your toes! Don't let yourself get behind the times! How else but by reading the *Pioneer* are you to know what your favorite athletic heroes are doing in the various sports, the latest fashions and fads, who's who in the news, and ah yes — you must by all means keep up on the *latest* jokes! How can you be sure of reading the *Pioneer* unless you subscribe to it? Get into the swing of things and subscribe *NOW!*

Student Council alternates, instead of the representatives, have been assigned the all-important duty of salesmen for the paper.

Several factors having necessitated a slight increase in price, the *Pioneer* now comes to you at 35 cents. But what care you when the candy bar which you would have bought with the extra nickel is fattening anyway. Remember your diet and remember our little ladder-climbing friend, who says, "Get thee behind me, Southwest! Help me reach my goal! You've done it before and you can do it again!"

### Tom Burnes Buried With Military Honors

Tom Burnes, January, 1940, graduate of Southwest, died at his home on January 16 after a lingering illness and was buried with military honors in the National Cemetery at Jefferson Barracks.

Tom, popular with fellow students and faculty members alike, served as make-up editor on the *Pioneer* in '38 and '39.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Burnes, send to Southwest their sincere thanks for beautiful floral offerings.

### Dies in Air Crash



WILLIAM H. BUCK  
Courtesy Post-Dispatch

Bill Buck, June '39, graduate of Southwest was killed in an airplane crash at the Naval Air Station at Pensacola, Florida, Tuesday, February 3. He was flying alone when his plane collided with another at an altitude of about 500 feet. Naval officers state that possibly the sun had obscured one plane coming from the west.

Bill came to Southwest after a year at Webster High School. While at Southwest he gained many friends and was well liked by students and teachers. Besides being intelligent, he was a hard worker and very dependable. Bill became the first Business Manager for the *Pioneer* and had the lead in the first senior play, *The Mouse Trap*.

After graduating he attended the University of Missouri for two years before enlisting in the Naval Reserve last August. Soon after receiving his wings at Lambert Field he was sent to the air center at Corpus Christi, Texas, and from there he went to Pensacola Florida, where he had been stationed for the past three months.

The body was returned to St. Louis for burial, with military honors at Valhalla Cemetery.

### Com'on, Chillun', Let's All Dance

Tomorrow after school the Eights will celebrate Valentine's Day by giving their first dance in the new semester to which the entire school is invited. Admission for the eights will be their buttons, while the remaining students will be admitted for only one thin dime.

### Student Election Tomorrow

#### Everyone to Vote In Advisory Group After Aud Sessions

Tomorrow morning, immediately after the advisory period, half of the student body will go to the auditorium to hear campaign speeches presented by the eight senior candidates for Student Council offices, while the other half makes out permanent program cards in their advisories. When the bell rings at the close of the aud session, the students in the advisories will go to the auditorium, while the others will return to their advisories.

After the aud sessions, each student will be given a ballot to indicate his choice of Student Council officers. The type of ballot to be used is as follows:

Alvin Acton	President
Harvey Cameron	
Ray Jaudes	Vice-President
Marie Morris	
Rita Nickerson	Secretary
Bob Robertson	
Corinne Thomas	Treasurer
Eleanor Vogt	

This year's election has been accented by pre-election cam-

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### Speeches and Student Music Organizations To Be Featured

Everybody's coming! It's tonight in Southwest aud! It's gigantic! Come yourself and bring your parents to this gala occasion! The Patrons Association and Parent Teachers Association are sponsoring a big meeting and entertainment to discuss the new school tax bill. You'll hear Southwest's own music groups and talented students. Don't come by yourself, but bring your parents. They are the important ones! Remember, the new tax bill is for your benefit, so come tonight and see:

Star-Spangled Banner

Francis Scott Key

March — Invercargill...Lithgow

American Patrol.....Meacham  
Southwest Band

French horn and flute duet by  
Purdue Gould and Vincent Rapini

Serenade.....Titl

Triple Trio

Green Cathedral.....Carl Hahn  
Tax Song...Florence Matthias

Three-minute speeches by students

Milton Lauenstein  
Audrey Phillips

Trombone solo by Nick Ivazes  
Philistine.....

Agnus Dei.....Kalennikoff

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## '42 Scholarship Winner Harrelsen Gets Job



Courtesy Post-Dispatch

never thought that I would be the lucky one of this semester's class."

After completing her course at Washington, Joyce plans to go into the business world as a personnel worker.

At Southwest she majored in English, social studies and commercial subjects. Her favorite sport is swimming; her hobbies, reading and keeping a scrap

Spurred by the thought of earning money and gaining experience for the career she has chosen, Joyce Harrelsen, winner of the four-year Washington University honor scholarship in Southwest's January '42 class has taken a position at Boatman's Bank, where she will work until the beginning of the fall semester, when she will enroll at Washington.

"Really, it seems just like a dream — a wonderful dream come true," she says about the scholarship. "I've known others who have received them, but I

book of important events in her life.

A participant in many school activities, Joyce has been a member of either the Student Council or Special Service Club for three and one half years, and has a record of no absences in four years of high school.

Her class mates voted her their *Best Girl Student* and *Most Likely to Succeed*.

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## No Educational Pearl Harbor

The defense of America is a common topic of conversation these troubled days. The importance of the army, navy, marines and air force is readily seen and admitted; Congress has apportioned many millions of dollars for the building up of these first lines of defense.

But in our eagerness to strengthen these defenses, let us not overlook another great and vastly important line of defense—education. Torpedoes may sink Japanese battleships; bombs may destroy enemy bases; our coastal defenses may protect us from Axis invasion; but only education can fortify us from the real dangers of this age.

No guns, destroyers or dive bombers can possibly work effectively against the wiles of the propagandist. Only citizens capable of reason and logic can see beyond the pleasing voice and the tempting offers made by a silver-throated Adolph or Benito.

On December 7, 1941, we were caught unprepared for war because of incompetent military leaders. Let us not be caught unprepared during peaceful years to come because of short-sightedness at the poles on February 17, 1942.

Voters, don't let illogical reasoning keep you from voting YES next Tuesday; it is a false economy that would allow future directors of our democracy to lack educational advantages necessary to their success as citizens.

Voters! On February 17 you must insure the St. Louis Public School System against an educational Pearl Harbor disaster. YES on the ballot stands for VICTORY, victory for our way of life!

## He Gave His Life

The faculty, alumni and students of Southwest extend deepest sympathy to the family of Cadet William H. Buck, who lost his life in an airplane crash at Pensacola, Florida.

Bill, an active member of the first graduating class, identified himself with school activities: *The Pioneer*, the Senior Play, the French and Debating Clubs, and the Hi-Y. He completed his course with an excellent scholastic rating.

Those who knew him can clearly remember his devotion to his mother, his interest in church and his loyalty to Southwest. At all times, he manifested those qualities associated with an ideal student and citizen: courtesy, dependability, co-operation and sincerity.

Willingly, unselfishly, this boy gave his life so that we might enjoy freedom.

## 'With Malice Toward None'

We commemorate today the birthday of the man who took the reins of this country in 1860 and guided her through one of her greatest crises. He was the savior of our union, the author of our equality.

Another war is now being fought by our young country—a more horrible war than that bloody one of Lincoln's time—just because a few men forgot so quickly the wise philosophy of Lincoln concerning democracy, liberty and equality of all men.

In the midst of a world in which men are struggling with each other for vain glories and a little power, we can look back to one who fought a war not because he wanted to but because it was his duty to save the union he was chosen to guide. He could truthfully say in regard to his important position, "I do the best I know how—the very best I can."

Let us Americans say with Lincoln: "With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; . . . to do all that we may to achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

## COME ACROSS



### Fashion Fits

By Katherine Spanos

The latest in sub-deb styles is Margie Watkins' red cardigan dress with white lace yoke. Ruth Tabler's black dress with pale blue lace finishings is most glamourizing with her attractive blond hair.

### Have You Noticed

Bessie Dempapas' white, self-made sweater finally finished after weeks of furious knitting? Norma Clerc's pert jockey cap and new head scarfs with clusters of colored yarn dangling from them? Ann Speros' deep purple torso dress with angora trimmings? Another of her own productions!

### Jewelry Tips

On a recent trip to New York "Alex" Abatgis acquired a tear-drop compact—quite novel! If you haven't seen Elsie "Jinx" Falkenberg's gold tri-flowered necklace, don't miss it.

### Make It "Esq"

Boys! The new navy blue or black "Esq" suits worn with white round collared shirts will please all girls. Benny Pucci's golf jacket with a zipper down the front is practical for school and sports. Everyone is anxiously waiting to see Jack Coffey's new, tailored, sharkskin suit and Sam Hall's blue argyle sweater. Don't keep us waiting too long, boys. It seems the gentlemen have to keep up with the styles as much as the young women do lately.



### No Frilly Valentines This Year

Valentine's day is practically here, girls! But don't expect the usual frilly valentines, huge boxes of candy and tokens of love, if your best beau attends Southwest. Johnnie will probably pop over with a subscription to the *Pioneer* or a receipt for the 1942 *Roundup*.

### Cosmeticologic

Lipstick should be red, face powder pink  
So observation has led me to think;

But now I observe any color will do;  
Lips may be purple, olive or blue.

If complexions should match dispositions, I know  
Blue or green would be more apropos.

### Daffynition

Prism: Place where burglars are kept.

### Genus

Pupil: "You know I don't deserve this 'F'."  
Teacher: "No, but it's the lowest I can give you."

NIT: WHAT'S AN EAVES-DROPPER?  
WIT: AN ICICLE

A student showed his report card to the Coach.

Coach: Why have you failed biology, son?

Student: The teacher asked me on my comprehensive what has 18 legs and catches flies. I told her the baseball team.

### Overheard in an English 4 class:

Boy, looking at line: "Come to me, my bonny sweetheart," read it passionately, "Come to me my boney sweetheart."

### After Exams

He: How'd ya come out with your phog.

She: I'm still in it.

### That Is the Question

Teacher to Pupil: Complete the following: "To be or"—(interruption).

Student Enters: program changed—student exits.  
Pupil: "not to be."

## Want to Crack Math Nuts? Here's How

Do you like puzzles? Do you like to crack nuts? If so, consult Miss Cordell, librarian.

"It is a well authenticated fact that snakes do occasionally swallow each other. Three snakes have just begun to perform the illuminating operation of swallowing their fellow snakes. All of them are assumed to be of the same length, start at the same instant and eat at the rate of one inch per second. The questions are:

1. How long will it take each snake to swallow the other and
2. How many snakes will be left at the end of the operation?"

This type of puzzle and others just as interesting may be found in the following books in SW library:

- Fun with Figures* by A. Frederick Collins.
- Mathematical Nuts* by S. I. Jones.
- Mathematical Wrinkles* by S. I. Jones.

## Let's Get Acquainted

Kathleen Meyer

Kathleen was born in Texas also and attended the Reagan High School in Houston. She finished her first semester down in Houston but came up here to start her second.

### Marvin Enloe

Sporting a crop of red hair, Marvin came from the Smith-cotton High School in Sedalia, Mo. Before that he attended Central Junior High in Kansas City. Sounds like a nomad. Marvin is a fourth semester student.

Now that the term is well under way and the nu-jays are used to the pictures in the halls, let's stop in the "mad rush" to classes and say hello to the new students from out of town.

### Bob Horton

Bob hails from Sullivan High in Chicago but claims he was born in Dallas, Texas. He says he is a corporal in the R.O.T.C. and is starting his fourth semester here. Bob stands about five feet, eight and one-half inches and has brown hair.

## SW Singers Praised By WIL Announcer

Nine Southwest girls earned words of praise for their Alma Mater Thursday, January 25, after singing over station WL for the Child Conservation Program, which Mrs. Irme Friede, the only woman member of the Board of Education, was guest speaker.

Betty Chesterson, Nell Funke, Sally Gault, Annabelle Garner, La Verne Hefty, Barbara Neathery, Betty Petri, Eleanor Vogt and Jeanne Wright participated in the singing of "The Green Cathedral" by Hohn and "Pierrot" by Andrews.

After the program the announcer remarked that it was one of the best singing groups at WIL for some time.

## Sixes Top Super Honor Roll with 27; Threes Next

Congratulations, sixes! Twenty-seven of the 103 students who earned four E's or better last semester are members of your class.

The super honor roll for the fall semester of the school year, 1941-1942, listing members according to present semester, is as follows:

**Semester Eight, Five E's:** Alvin Acton, Robert Robertson, Corinne Thomas, Alphonse Torretti, Elmer Zacheis, **Four E's, Two G's:** Gloria Gilbert, Purdue Gould, Ray Jaudes, Dora Raschner, **Four E's, One G:** Georgia Brown, Laverne Hefty, Mary Ann Wessel, **Four E's:** Eether Haenni, Eloise Mayle, Rita Nickerson, Shirley Smith, Teddy Wolfarth.

**Semester Seven, Five E's:** Meta Betz, Richard Cohen, Patricia Holston, Milton Lauenstein, Marilyn Mesloh, Jean Mitschrich, Alice Schmidt, **Four E's, One G:** Rose Bonano, June Krueger, Gloria Lysargett, Mary Ellen Scott, **Four E's:** Ruth Schnorbus

**Semester Six, Five E's, One G:** Shirley Aydelott, Sallie Gault, **Five E's:** Jane Cleaney, Virginia Evely, Betty Lou Gray, Jeanne Hale, Virginia Kline, Nedra Peck, Helen Roschke, Donald Scott, Ellen Ann Siebert, Arline Tockton, Audrey Walters, **Four E's, Two G's:** Eunice Agne, Betty Jane Roeger, **Four E's, One G:** Bill Brauer, Connie Diels, Raymond Griffith, Mary Ellen Hoffmann, Mary Anne Johnson, Juanita Jones, Calvin Kiefer, Robert Smith, Gloria Wheelhouse, Alice Yungermann, **Four E's:** Elsie Leaver, Jeanne Zeller, Bill Ziervogel.

**Semester Five, Five E's:** Virginia Bentz, Robert Gill, Marjorie Harrison, **Four E's, One G:** George Marlic, Annette Nahmensen, **Four E's:** Ellamae Herblinger.

**Semester Four, Five E's:** Florence Baker, Gertrude Hartmeier, Marie Horvath, Johanna Schwarting, Ann Stokes, **Four E's, One G:** Billie Clark, Billie Sanders, Mildred Topping, Barbara Treptow, **Four E's:** Anna Marie Brand, Carl Bretschel, Richard Overbeck, June Schneider, Doris Steele.

**Semester Three, Four E's:** Imogene Angler, Selma Baker, Dorothy Bettendorf, Madelyn Blalch, Kathleen Clark, Virginia Cozean, Robert Doelling, Georgette Fischer, Thomas Franz, Virginia Funke, Ruth Hammerstein, Otto Hellmann, Fred Hofer, Eugene Kennedy, Audrey Vogel, Charles Yehling, Conrad Zoeller.

**Semester Two, Four E's:** Claralouise Althage, Bernard Dell, Harry Fox, Lee Garrison, Gloria Griffero, Grace Micicchio, Marian Morris, Charles Oldani, Dorothy Roucka, Wallace Sheets, Betty Lou Stephenson, Leona Thuro, Ruth Vilberg.

## TAX SHOW

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### Study War No More

Arranged by Noble Cain  
A Cappella Choir

**Speech** by Mr. John A. Fleischli, President of the Board of Education

**Speech** by Mr. M. C. Lauenstein, President of the Public Education Association of St. Louis

**Speech** by Mrs. T. H. Cavanaugh, of the Parent-Teachers Association

**Winter Song**.....Bullard  
**Tailor's Song**

From *Robin Hood* by de Koven

**Ranger's Song**.....Harry Tierney

**Boys' Glee Club**

**Speech** by Georgia Ruth Flamme, January, 1942, Graduate

**Vocal Solos**

**Ballad Singers**

**Tax Song**.....Frank Daniels  
**Patriotic Medley**

Southwest Band

Don't forget! Be seeing you tonight, with your parents, in Southwest auditorium at 8:00 o'clock.

## U. S. Greatest Country Ever; Rubinoff Believes

By Verda Kautz

"This is undoubtedly one of the most enthusiastic audiences I've ever had," said Rubinoff during a concert on his famous violin before students of Southwest in the aud last Friday afternoon. For an enthusiastically appreciative audience, he played *The Dance of the Russian Peasants*, one of his own compositions; three interpretations of *Oh Johnnie*; and *Intermezzo* with his famous 100,000-dollar Stradivarius, which was made in Italy in 1731.

After the program he generously agreed to receive a *Pioneer* reporter next day at 12 noon at the Hotel Lennox, where he was stopping. Several reporters from Soldan were also present. A barrage of eager questions brought forth much interesting information. For instance, three other of his own compositions are *Romance*, *Dance Russe* and *Banjo Eyes* (dedicated to Eddie Cantor).

His success he attributes to a rich symphonic interpretation of popular music, unique arrangements and the silken magic of his violin. Groundwork for his career began very early in life when he learned to play on a violin that cost \$1.75. From this he rose to one of the world's



Rubinoff and His Violin

best loved musicians, who for 25 years has been captivating crowds everywhere.

Asked what he thought of modern swing bands, he said Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller and Artie Shaw are his favorites.

On behalf of the United States Treasury Department, he is at present touring the country reminding people of their duty toward the greatest country that has ever existed. Buying Defense Stamps and Bonds he considers one of the most effective ways for high school students to express their loyalty—his appearance before them in their schools he hopes will impress them deeply with a sense of their obligations.

## ELECTION

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paingning. Hotly contested in the Council, the issue of campaigns was finally decided by the students with an overwhelming vote in the affirmative.

Along with this motion, provision for election by means of slate was passed, but, since the motion made no stipulations regarding those eligible for office on the slate, the Council decided, according to its constitution, that the slates must be composed only of the present candidates because they are seniors.

Since the Senior Class is a

## Lauenstein Earns Harvard Award

"A *Pilgrim's Way* by Lord Tweedsmuir is the title of my book," explained Milton Lauenstein, now a seventh semester student of Miss Reilly's advisory group, when asked about the book presented to him by George Markham of the Harvard Club of St. Louis on January 19, 1942, during an auditorium session.

This book is awarded each term to a sixth semester boy whose average is eighty-five or above and whose scholastic record is near or at the top of the boys of his semester. The selection, made by Mr. Sackett, Mr. Dee and a committee of teachers, is based on outside activities and outstanding citizenship as well as scholarship.

Richard Cohen of Mr. Howlett's advisory group was also considered for the award. After much deliberation the final decision was made by a very close margin.

## Smiling from Ear to Ear Mighty Seniors March

Tuesday morning, February 3, saw a group of bright-eyed students, now known as the mighty seniors, march into senior advisory. Most of them have been waiting for this day since they were mere freshmen. Some could hardly realize it had come. La Verne Miller exclaimed, "Will someone pinch me? I think I'm dreaming!"; while many just had a smile from ear to ear.

## SW Enrollment Now Totals 1845

Freshmen enrolled at Southwest at the opening of the semester total 245, compared to 279 that entered in September, 1941. Seniors lead the enrollment lists with 285 members; second semester follows with 252; sixth semester, next with 243; fourth semester, with 240; third semester with 235; fifth semester with 186; and seventh semester last with 159, making the total school enrollment 1845.

Now. Nu-jays, meet a couple of your classmates.

Says *Doris Schlagenhauf*, "My favorite subject is algebra." Doris, who played the violin in Mason School, is now playing in the orchestra at Southwest. She is a member of Mr. Rieman's advisory group.

Next little Nu-jay is *Norman Standard*. Only four feet six inches short — er tall. Asked what his favorite subject was, he thought for a while and then bashfully replied, "Algebra." A graduate of Longfellow School, he is now in Mr. Howlett's advisory group.

group of almost 300 students, it is allowed eight representatives; a representative automatically becomes a candidate for office. Each candidate having served on the Council, knows what must be done and what may be done.

## It Happened in Class

### PRACTICAL PROBLEMS

Boys learn to wear a tie all the time; girls, to shorten their nails and to darn their socks. These are just a few of the things studied in Miss de Liniere's Problems in Home Living class. What etiquette is, how to buy wisely, how to conserve on food, how to cooperate with Uncle Sam in this emergency, and the extreme importance of environment and heredity are other problems tackled.

Something to look forward to, Southwesterners — that Home Living course!

### BOOGIE WOOGIE FRENCH

It seems that everything is going boogie woogie. Take, for instance, Miss Ernst's French classes. The other day she surprised her students by writing the words to "The Three Little Fishies" on the black board; the only catch being that the words were in French instead of English. It went under the confusing title of "Les Trois Petits Poissons."

### CHERVENKA HUMOR

Mr. Chervenka's third and fourth period chemistry one class seems to be quite lively. Mr. Chervenka, always congenial, assured the boys in the class that they need not worry in case they get an arm or leg blown off, because then they would be exempted from army service when the time comes. Of course, he was only kidding (the pupils hope so anyway).

The class, made up mostly of sevens, has six boys and one girl from one advisory in it. Ralph Boekemeier, Allen Brenneke, Tony Rubich, Bob Davis, Ethea McRaven Jimmie Noughton and Kenneth Van Leer are all members of Mr. Erskine's group.

### GEOMETRIC ANTICS

Imagine the surprise of first hour class, Geometry one students, as Mr. Smith, announcing that the lesson would begin, pulled out a piece of string with a loop in the end. After calmly proceeding to slip a piece of chalk into the loop and walking to the blackboard, he explained that this was his compass. All relaxed with sheepish grins.

## Freshman, Here's How to Keep Happy at SW

By Harlin Waller

Freshman, are you afraid someone is going to put something over on you? Don't worry, because I'm about to put you wise to almost anything that can happen.

If you've been assigned a class, say in Room 104, and the next period you have chorus in 400, I suppose you get tired walking up all those steps. Why, that's just a waste of time and energy, when a convenient elevator waits to serve you. Wanna buy a pass? Only 75 cents for two terms, and you can ride up and down, up and down, all day long.

Another thing, do you want to get in good with your teachers? If you do, don't go to class all the time; give the pedagogues a rest now and then. If a cut slip comes, just tear it up and throw it in the air like confetti. Pretty, isn't it?

Let's see now, ah yes, if you go to lunch and see a long line waiting for lunch checks, sneak into the line. Don't act like a nu-jay and wait your turn—show 'em how tough you are. (The world's in such a muddle, it's no use living too long anyhow.) And when you get to the cage, be sure you get good lunch checks, not the used ones with holes in them because the girls have been using those for necklaces and bracelets.

By the way, have you paid your locker dues? I can take your dues of a nickel a week, pay as you leave. This measly nickel a week insures you against everything, even Hitler's bombs.

Say, do you know we are having an aud session tomorrow? I have four seats down in front, right in the middle for only two-bits each. Take a date and a friend and his date.

Well, I could go on and on, but there's space for only this parting advice: Don't believe all you hear!

## SW Donations Top All Schools

82 dollars and 60 cents or 826 dimes, the largest amount collected in any St. Louis high school for the Infantile Paralysis Campaign, was contributed by students at Southwest to help in the war against the dreaded disease.

"I am very proud of our Southwest students for helping whole heartedly in this campaign," said Mrs. Watkins, chairman of the Infantile Paralysis Drive for Southwest P. T. A.

Credit is also due Edith King and Louise Ambro, who contributed a Saturday to the Mile-O-Dimes, collecting money downtown.

In a letter written to Mrs. Watkins by Mrs. Jarosik, chairman of the Women's Division of the Infantile Paralysis Campaign, was this statement: "If I had had as much cooperation from all the schools as I had from Southwest, I would have had very few worries."

## SW Nine 'Hard to Beat' Predicts Coach Young

### 1st, 2nd or 3rd Place Probable Outcome; Stiff League Competition Expected

"I expect Southwest to finish first, second, or third in league competition this year," said Mr. Young, who coached last year's baseball team to a hotly-contested championship. "Although we have lost some men by graduation, more than half of last year's champs are back. These men, with the help of several new prospects who look very good, will form a team that should be hard to beat."

## Are You Fast? Can You Jump? Track Needs You

Are you fast? Would you make a good high jumper? Can you broad jump? These are questions that will soon be answered for every boy that tries out for the track team. This year there is a special need for boys to fill the squad.

During the last year many of the athletic squads at Southwest have been hard hit by graduation. The track team has been blitzkrieged, losing all but two boys from last year's championship senior team. The junior and midget teams have fared better, the juniors have three lettermen returning, while the midgets have only one returning letterman, but many potential midgets among the freshman class which has just arrived at Southwest.

Mr. Kittlaus, when asked what information he had, commented, "Boys out for track should never get discouraged; no boy is ever cut off the track team. If a boy comes out and trains faithfully, he may not earn a letter right away but he will be building and developing his body. This development will aid him not only in track but in other sports as well."

The first meet for Southwest has not been definitely scheduled, although it will probably be with Cleveland. Meets definitely scheduled are McKinley on the third week of April and Central on the second week of May.

The boys who are expected to bolster their divisions are as follows:

Senior Division: Fred Fairchild, Andy White and Oliver Keller.

Junior Division: Jack Whitsett, Kenny Novak and James Cleneay.

Midget Division: Bob Ziervogel.

Returning lettermen are: Fred Fairchild, Dick Gimblett, Ronald Middleton, Kenny Novak, Harold Shulenberg, Glenn Schultz, Andy White, Jack Whitsett, and Bob Ziervogel.

## SW Aviation Club to Build Models for U. S.

High school students, here's another chance to do a behind-the-lines service for your country. Secretary of the Navy Knox, on January 31, asked the American high schools to build model airplanes for use in training air raid wardens or anyone connected with aircraft to recognize friendly or hostile planes.

The members of last year's squad who have graduated are: co-captain John Galimberti, Ed Winkler, John Davis, Al Seratti, Bill Porter, and Bob Page, student manager. Roy Ulrich left school in December to join the Marine Corps.

Six letter-men return to the squad this year: co-captain George Kehm, Bob Danner, Dan Mirrelli, Ben Therina, Sam Tomlinson, and Bill Kehm. Bob Benson, student manager, will also be back. Three men who did not play quite enough to make their letters last year, but whose presence was important to the team, are Ed Alberding, Charlie Pozza and Bill Heath. These three will probably see regular service this year.

Some new prospects are Bill Jennings, infield; Lindell Ward, catch; Paul Oliver, infield; Phil Alotta, infield; Benny Pucci, first base or outfield; and Ronald Middleton, infield. These men show every sign of being able to keep up with even a fast traveling bunch such as Southwest put out last year.

Competition for the trophy will be stronger than ever before. Beaumont and McKinley will in all probability turn out first rate teams this year, and some of the other teams will be strong, too. This means that the team winning the championship in '42 will not only have to be a snappy bunch of ball players but will also need a lot of rooters backing the players up.

## Girls Sink, Swim, Splash at Y. W.

Although rarely heard from, the Girls Swimming Club is becoming quite efficient. The club has sixty members, who swim at the Y. W. C. A. Thursday afternoons.

Every girl must pass a physical examination in order to join the club. At present they are taking Red Cross beginners and advanced swimming tests to improve their strokes. In addition to these Red Cross tests, some attend the Life Saving Class on Saturday mornings.

At the end of each season contests are held among the swimmers in the club. Miss Sullivan, the sponsor, states, "The girls seem interested and have proved to be a promising group."

Boys (or girls) interested in building these models are asked to join the Southwest Aviation Club. Those interested, see Dave Peterson or Jack Welsh. Listen to the public address system for meeting dates.

## Get 'em to Vote 'YES' And Save Your Money

No more daily jaunts to the Parkmoor! No more invigorating cokes! No more chocolate sundaes! Roller skating once a month! One date every two weeks!

Southwesterners, you don't want any of those horrifying potentialities to come true do you? You can prevent them!

Get your mom and dad to scratch NO and vote Yes on the 89 cents tax next Tuesday, February 17, unless you want to buy your paper, pencils and other supplies out of your now all-to-scant allowance.

## P.-T. A. Observes Founders' Day Next Tuesday

Founder's Day will be celebrated by members of Southwest P.-T. A. next Tuesday afternoon in the school auditorium. A brief business meeting, opening at 1:30, will be followed by the *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag*, led by Clarence Bergmann, Boy Scout. A visiting Boy Scout will then make a short speech.

Mrs. Albert Toma, president of the P. T. A. Council of St. Louis, will make the principal address on the subject, *Founder's Day, the Birthday of the P. T. A.* Birthday gifts of money will be collected.

A special attraction will be music by the Southwest band under the direction of Mr. Monachesi. Featured will be drum majorettes, Mary Lou Bosche, Marian Murray, Marylynne Webb, and drum major, Lou Gualdoni, in their new uniforms.

## Girls Golf Club To Reorganize

Girls, be golfers! Although spring has not yet arrived, the Girls Golf Club will soon be reorganized. Besides playing golf, one of the most popular sports in the country, you will be building strong bodies, full of vim and vigor, thus aiding in the National Defense Health Program.

There is nothing as exciting as driving a ball down the fairway, and then walking briskly in the fresh air to where the ball has stopped.

## Coach of Championship Yankee Team Cornered

By LOU GUALDONI, JR.

John Schulte, Sr. was watching with considerable pride husky 12-year-old John Schulte, Jr. play badminton in the Business Men's Gymnasium when



yours truly started blitzkrieging him with questions concerning his baseball career.

Schulte, who has been on the coaching staff of the

## SHULTZ-FALLERT LONGHORN LORE

Did you ever gaze into 116 and marvel at the Supermen performing on the apparatus? They are Southwest's muscle men. Gym Club members meet every Monday, Wednesday and Friday after school in room 116, under the direction of Mr. Williams. The Gym Club offers to its members both good times and development of bodily strength and co-ordination.

All the boys are working hard in order to be chosen by Mr. Williams to represent Southwest at the annual interscholastic meet, being held this year on March 27.

Only eight boys will be sent to the meet. Probably all eight will receive letters; no wonder the boys are working hard. In the meet will be exercises on the horizontal bar, parallel bar, side horse and in tumbling. The boys will be judged by their form while going through their paces. The place of the meet is so far undecided, but let's all wish the boys good luck.

The Gym Club invites all boys interested to come down to 116. Maybe you are a second Tarzan, who knows.

### Efficiency Tests

In about two weeks boys' gym classes at Southwest will be en-

gaged in their annual physical efficiency tests, which are now even more important because of the present national emergency and its need for better physical condition of the youth of America.

These tests, conducted by the gym instructors, consist of following events: push-ups, chins, rope climbing, 50-yard dash, 75-yard dash, shot put, high jump, running broad jump, standing broad jump, basketball free throw.

The following boys won medals in their respective divisions last year:

Seniors: Melvin Karr, Mack Stone, Robert Huning.

Juniors: Ronald Middleton, Harvey Cameron, Ambrose Perrotta.

Midgets: Harlin Waller, Robert Ziervogel, Robert Beck.

## SW Girl Bowlers Choose Captains

Although the boys get better scores in bowling, it seems the girls, who meet every Monday and Tuesday after school at the Arway Alleys, have a bigger group. For many of the girls this is their first experience in bowling. The majority bowl only one game but it keeps them in practice. At the first meetings held on February 2 and 3, the following captains were elected:

Claribel Anderson, Selma Baker, Georgia Brown, Iris Dreyer, Doris Bull, Betty Campbell, Virginia Chandler, Doris Christion, Helen Gerau, Doris Goebe, Patty Goodrich, Eileen Johnson, Mary Ann Johnson, Loraine Krohne, Frances Labitske, Betty Lasalter, Jeanne Launis, Gladys Leilich, Arlene Meyer, Marian Meyer, Jeanne Ott, Mary Porter, Jean Roggie, Helen Roschke, Norma Russel, Alice Schmidt, Melba Sheele, Audrey Siefert, Katherine Spanous, Doris Steele, Gloria Wheelhouse, Delores Wilmering, and Audrey Wuest.

## Senior Survey

Greetings, Superior Ones!

Now that we are settled in our honored seats in the aud and feel like a big happy (?) family, just a word of caution. When the tardy bell shrills, proceed at a slow pace because we wouldn't care to mangle one of those nu-jays who are all of four feet high.

Hope you didn't miss . . .

Doris Bensinger wearing that big, big ring.

Vince Rapi and his musical mindedness.

Betty La Mothe and that same blank look.

O. H. Jones' grin.

Eleanor Vogt—sad from the loss of Hoss.

Jack Coffey's physique.

Maybeth Muskopf icing a cake in public speaking before a mouth-watering audience.

Bill Daily's attitude and altitude.

Pat O'Connor's red rimmed specs.

La Verne Kerls and her comelithier smile.

Have you heard?

About the V for Victory Hop? The answer to the question, "What's cookin'?"

About the teacher who walked into an empty classroom and ten minutes later discovered that she was in the wrong room??

Remember, fellows, day after tomorrow is Valentine's Day. As the old saying goes . . . A step in time will save nine . . . well, one, anyway!

For amusement . . .

Listen to Walter Pingree's ideas on the question **What is a human being?** Look in a mirror!

As ever,

I. Polojize

P. S. Are some of you wondering how the secrets slipped out? **Good.**