

Tax election Tuesday; SW orators busy

Band Uniform Benefit Show 8 p.m. Friday

The semi-annual Band Benefit Show is set for 8 p.m. next Friday, March 21, in the school auditorium. Tickets may be obtained from any member of the Student Council, Band or Orchestra for only 50 cents.

Hello Day acts, plus, according to Miss Hachtman, what are "really terrific acts that would have made the Hello aud had it not been for the time limit," will also be included in the show.

An All-Girl Early Riser group is among the acts to be added to the program. Susie Spiedoch and Mary Spudich will perform at the piano and Shirley Schmitz on the accordion. The famous Indian dancers, in their feathers and war paint, will add color to the festivities.

Proceeds from the show will go into the Brisbin Memorial Band Uniform fund, which at present is about \$2307 short of its \$4200 goal, the approximate cost of clothing the sixty members of the band.

Because Mr. Brisbin enjoyed the Band so much, his wife started this fund with money given to her by the school in his memory. It is to be used to replace the 20-year-old uniforms the band now wears.

The fund has been added to from time to time by the PTA, the Student Council and other groups.

Sophomore Joan Lowry selected for pilgrimage

Joan Lowry, a four of Miss Meenach's advisory, will represent SW April 9 in the annual Sophomore Pilgrimage to the state capitol, under the sponsorship of the Missouri Federation of Women's Clubs.



Joan Lowry

Along with representatives from other St. Louis area high schools, Joan will leave St. Louis at 6:30 a.m. In Jefferson City the group will tour the state capitol building, the Senate and the House of Representatives. A reception at the governor's mansion will climax their busy day. By 8 p.m. they will be on the way home.

The faculty chose Joan for this honor after interviewing sophomores outstanding in curricular and extra-curricular activities. Finalists, besides Joan, were Jerry Johnson and James Cook. Mr. Young says, "Choosing between the three was difficult."

Senior Play 'Arsenic' mixes murder and wit

This year's senior play, to be presented in two night performances May 1 and May 2, is to be the capricious comedy *Arsenic and Old Lace*.

The setting is the home of two elderly ladies of Brooklyn. These cultured ladies, very active in church work, have kindly hearts. Their pet charity, though, is a highly original one. They give to lonely, unwanted men, peace . . . eternal peace. Formula? A special recipe of elderberry wine. Ingredients? A dash of cyanide, one half glass of wine and three table-spoons of arsenic.

One of the nephews of these charming ladies is also an eccentric character. Teddy Brew-



Speakers on the Tax Campaign get pointers from Miss Hachtman. Seated (from left) are Judy Sievers, Patti Wolf, Bette Tappella, Carolyn Hughes, Pat Freund and Donita Thompson. Standing, Paul Hasek, Tony Browne, Marguerite Scarato, Martin Hasek, Bill Duncan, Rich Gephardt.

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What's in the wind

- Monday at noon . . . Band and Early Risers perform at 8th and Olive to boost tax campaign.
- Tuesday . . . Tax Election . . . PTA Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in aud.
- Wednesday . . . report cards covering the first seven weeks.

Friday, third period . . . aud session in remembrance of Mr. Wilcox, donor of SW organ.

Also Friday, 8 p.m. . . . Band Benefit Show.

March 22 . . . 43 students leave for Washington, D.C. They will be gone a week.

March 24 . . . first dual track meet with Cleveland.

March 28 . . . second period . . . Town Hall Meeting in aud to be tape recorded for broadcasting over KXOK at 5 p.m. the following Sunday. See page 3.

'Pioneer' reaches goal of 1350 as many aid sales

Today, the *Pioneer* staff proudly announces that its goal of 1350 subscriptions has been reached!

Thanks to Art Studios Inc., of Casey, Browne & Chervenka; cartoon characters, Charlie Brown and Lucy; Mr. Young; the Student Council; and group salesmen, the *Pioneer* will continue to bring news, features, editorials and other articles to SWerners.

According to latest statistics, the following groups are 100 per cent: Mr. Pfaff's, salesman Mary Revelle; Senior A, Dave Bartholic; Miss Woody's, Diana St. Jean; Miss McNamara's, Art Kriemelman; Mr. Chervenka's, Georgia Lampros; Miss Burgett's, Salle Chapman; Mrs. Carter's, Carol Goldbeck; Miss Meenach's, Pam Marks; Mr. Chase's, Marge Connley; Mr. Monaches's, Gail Froesel; Miss Reinhardt's under Nick Filippello; and Miss Steffen's under Bruce Brewer.

Students will note that the initial paper was free and subscriptions for the remaining issues can be purchased all semester for 75 cents. As Charlie says, "Good grief, haven't you bought your *Pioneer*?"

13 speakers inform voters of St. Louis

IT'S UP TO YOU! This is what 13 SW students have been telling voters for the past two weeks throughout many parts of the St. Louis area in an effort to persuade them to help put over the proposed school tax levy of \$1.51 on \$100 assessed property valuation at the special election set for next Tuesday, March 18.

From Miss Hachtman's classes

SWerners Tony Browne, Bill Duncan, Pat Freund, Rich Gephardt, Martin Hasek, Paul Hasek, Carolyn Hughes, Mary Ann Leontsinis, Marguerite Scarato, Judy Sievers, Bette Tappella, Donita Thompson and Patti Wolf, chosen from Miss Hachtman's public speaking and advanced composition classes, have been speaking before various grade school PTA's, on television and on panel discussions about the necessity for the tax increase.

In her talk Bette emphasizes this: "Last year there were no sputniks . . . there was no talk of space travel . . . no existing I.C.B.M.'s. Are we going to be too simple minded to realize that our strength lies in our education?"

Need for increased tax

Donita, Patti, Judy and Tony believe that tomorrow's citizenship depends on today's education, which could not be effectively administered here on the 89 cent rate allowed by the Missouri Constitution. Mary Ann stresses that the potential of each child who occupies a seat in any classroom rests on capable teachers and on efficient equipment.

Parallels in history

Rich, in his speech, draws a parallel: "The tragedy which could occur on March 18 could turn out to be a calamity comparable to Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, or to the Great London Fire of Sept. 6, 1662."

All speakers agree "Tomorrow will be what we plan for, train for and build for today."

Off to Washington

43 'have grades and money--will travel'

Forty-three SWerners, who have at least a B average, superior citizenship and money, with their chaperones, Miss Reinhardt and Miss Funk, will leave a week from tomorrow for an eight-day trip to Washington, D.C.

Eleven of the 43 . . . Kay Kurmann, Barb' Eaton, Carol Boken, Gary Gruenewald, Donna Radford, Carol Hopman, Doug Bickerstaff, Mike Bernhard, Marcella Milcic, Virginia Stelder and Marilyn Spiedoch . . . have been appointed room chairmen.

Others include Pat Bauman, Tom Berkley, Barb Beil, Brenda Calvert, Loretta Clark, Judy Doswald, Karen Duchek, Barb Hughs, Harriet Jones, Ruth Ann King, Mary Koverly, Karen Krell, Ed Kurmann, Seth Lang-

ton, Art Lowshner, Joan Lowry, Pam Marks, Jim Mode, Willa Opplinger, John Reiss, Steve Rishem, Elaine Sachan, Dale Schoenbeck, Sally Schofield, Bill Schnyder, Rich Schworm, Joan Siefert, Barb Siegfried, Barb Sullivan, Dotti Timmons, Donita Thompson and Sandy Wetterau.

The group will arrive in Washington Sunday morning and have breakfast in the diner. A bus will meet them at the station and take them to the Franciscan Monastery, the Holy Land of America, and then to the Washington Cathedral. Later the same day, they'll visit Annapolis, Maryland—with its U. S. Naval Academy. (Sorry, girls, reservations closed.)

Monday's itinerary includes such historical places in Vir-

ginia as Norfolk, Jamestown and Old Point Comfort. Tuesday, it's off to Philadelphia and the U. S. Mint, Ben Franklin Institute and Independence Hall. Wednesday holds in store a visit to Valley Forge and a ride over the fabulous Pennsylvania Turnpike to Gettysburg.

Thursday, the travelers will tour the Pan-American building, the Capitol, the Supreme Court building, the Ford Theatre, where Lincoln was assassinated, the tomb of the Unknown Soldier and Washington's home at Mt. Vernon. Friday they will visit the Smithsonian Institute and the National Gallery of Art; and at 8:45 p.m. will board the B & O for their journey home, arriving in St. Louis about 4 p.m. Saturday.

Moans, wails head Harry's top five chart

by Barbel Holtmann

Well, hello, ghouls and boys. This is your old friend, Heartless Harry, here to give you the latest news from the School for Vampires, Werewolves, and Other Assorted Monsters.

Say, did you hear about poor Zelda Zombie. Well, she was quietly playing marbles with her new collection of eyeballs, when Victor Vampire crept up behind her and literally scared the blood out of her.

Poor Zelda lost all her eyeballs. Tut, tut, Vic. That wasn't a nice thing to do. Oh well, don't fret too much Zelda; I hear that the Future Witches Association is having an auction next week. Maybe you can pick up a few spare eyeballs there.

Now we go to the top five chart of the week.

1. *At the Cemetery* by Harry and the Hangmen
2. *Catch a Flying Bat* by Gilda and the Ghouls
3. *Dancing with My Skeleton* by the Four Shrieks
4. *In the Middle of a Haunted House* by Molly and the Mummies
5. *Keep a Sucking* by Little Vampire

There you have it. Hope your favorite moan, wail or shriek placed this week.

And now before I leave you, dear friends, here is a handy suggestion sent in by Willy

Sidelines

On witches, art, logic, pajamas

by Diane Fridley

Good morning, Spooktacular fans!

I have been asked by . . . you all know who . . . to print this message—Friends, if the bad weather strikes again, I urge you to use Dr. Frankenstein's broomstick Ice-a-dator. Some of you witches are sliding off your broomsticks and might get hurt.

Remember . . . The witch you save may be you!

Jay Baldwin, Student Council president, is grateful to Gary Gruenewald for taking over at the pep session, the Brotherhood and SC meetings; to Dave Bartholic and Art Kriemelman for taking charge of the Hello Day tryouts.

To make him handsome in the hospital, the Student Council presented Jay with a pair of stylish Chinese pajamas.

If you study in Miss Wecka's room and languages give you trouble, here's a suggestion. Miss Wecka knows five of 'em: French, Spanish, Russian, Czechoslovakian and English. She was born in Czechoslovakia. She learned French in Europe; Spanish and Russian she has studied



Werewolf to make some happy person's life perfectly miserable . . . substituting the nitric acid for the ice water in the refrigerator might cause a slight case of indigestion.

Good-bye now, kiddies. Remember—a stab in time saves nine.

Pop Festival Swing and sway down Mexico way

by Linda Hoyt

Our "Top Pop" chart today carries us to South America for a real festival of bongo drums and guitar picking. So grab your *Sweet Little Sixteen* slip into your *Short Shorts* and let's wail and sail in the land south of the border.

Creating a panic from the Pacific to the Atlantic is that Mexican drink, *Tequila*, served in traditional style by the Champs, while in the background Owen Bradley strums his *Big Guitar*.

Feeling hungry? How about *Dinner With Drac* for a novelty switch?

The scene changes to a smoke-filled Mexican night club and we see the Four Voices, ruffled shirts and all, chalypsing on stage to their rendition of *Dancing With My Shadow*.

Selling better than hot tamales is another hand clapping, finger snapping tune in the top ten. It's Floyd Cramer's *Flip Flop and Pop*.

Good Golly Miss Molly it's getting late. Time has come to Walk back to the good old U.S.A. Hope our trip has left you *Breathless!*

in this country.

This one is directed to other master minds!

You are welcome to dust off your brains, with this confuser. (It isn't a poor joke, but a logic problem; this means there is a logical solution.)

A man lived on the seventeenth floor of an apartment house. Every morning he would step on the elevator (on the seventeenth floor), ride down to the main floor and then go to work.

In the evening, the man got into the elevator (on the main floor), rode to the thirteenth floor, got off and walked to his apartment (on the seventeenth floor). Why?

He was a midlevel thirteenth floor resident. He couldn't reach beyond the . . .

Eight SW artists lately won recognition in the Regional

YES . . . the logical vote

"Our schools are failing in their job!" cries the American public, alarmed by the launching of Sputnik and Muttnik.

Next Tuesday voters of St. Louis will have a chance to show that they believe education is basic in all that America has done and hopes to do. On that day they will go to the polls to decide whether or not to raise the school tax levy for the next two years, from \$1.30 on each \$100 of assessed valuation to \$1.51.

If your father groans, "Taxes are too high already," tell him to look around. Neighbors in Affton are paying \$2.89; Berkeley, \$3; Webster Groves, \$3.21; Kirkwood, \$3.60. In fact, the St. Louis figure is lower than that in all the surrounding area.

If the tax increase is vetoed, catastrophe will follow. The tax will not remain at the present \$1.30 but will revert to 89 cents, the rate set in 1946 long before our present inflation, by the Missouri constitution. If this happens, we risk losing some of our fine teachers. Loyalty alone cannot feed and clothe them. It would mean destruction of the three-track program, loss of counselors, crowded classrooms and the loss of all state aid under the Foundation Program, which helps only communities which tax themselves more than \$1. In short, it would mean the near destruction of our fine school system.

Approval would mean a \$200 yearly boost in teachers' salaries. One full-time counselor would be provided for each 600 high school students, as well as additional teachers for handicapped children and regular elementary and high schools.

And you might point out that the average assessed valuation for a St. Louis householder is \$5,000, which means the 21 cents increase would cost only \$10 a year.

All of which proves there is only one logical way for St. Louisans to vote next Tuesday, March 18 . . . YES.

Something for everyone

What book have you read all the way through lately? When was the last time you visited SW's library—to take out a book?

Maybe you don't know, but SW has a top-rate library, manned by a highly trained librarian, Miss Boerjesson. Let's just downright wasteful not to use them.

If you have been faced with a reserach paper (unfortunately; we all are stuck with one at some time or another), an essay or a report which required some digging in the musty volumes of "deep stuff," you know what a blessing the SW library is—with its orderly classification of material and helpful librarian. All this makes your research—well, not easy, but thorough and not too difficult.

As for reading for pleasure—anyone can find books seemingly made just for his own personal enjoyment from the 6,810 books in stock.

National Library Week opens this Sunday and goes through March 22. If you haven't used SW library lately, this is the time to start.

Fantasy Land

Senior TVs 'tune in' to Indian legend

FLASH! We have just asked for 221 portable TV sets to be installed in senior advisory. Just think! You tune in and get—"Now, brought to you by Werner Sisters Studios, Chitchi-hoomanee, starring Flink Stalker."

CHITCHIHOOMANEE was raised by the Shaharipoo Indians, from whom he got his name. (How you get Chitchi-hoomanee from Shaharipoo is beyond us!) He goes around saving young maidens, beating up ruffians, and generally causing trouble. At the end of the show Chitch disappears into the sunset, the bad guy disappears into jail, and the audience

disappears into the dining room, to the accompaniment of the Werner Sisters choir singing *Chitchi-hoomanee, Chitchi-hoomanee*.
Where will you be camping tonight?
Lonely man, Chitchi-hoomanee, May your . . . (Aw, you know the rest!)

8 8 8
INVADING OUR "LAND OF LUXURY" are some Communist goosepimples (ill' red spots) appearing on such students as Diana Fridley, Judy Sievers, Barb Milford, Joan Vosbrink, Sharon Sebourm, Janet Scheadler, Art Meyers, Judy Meierhoff, Dotti Timmons, Gary Gruenewald, Don Spencer, Su-



Question asked of those taking the Washington trip): WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO MOST ON YOUR TRIP TO WASHINGTON:

Marcella Milec, Mike Bernhardt: Seeing all the sights, such as the Smithsonian Institute.

Miss Reinhardt: To having our young people so stimulated and inspired that they will give their best effort to furthering their own development and will make contributions to our society to the extreme of their capabilities.

Marilyn Spieldoch, Barb Seigfried: Seeing the cadets at Annapolis—what else!

Virginia Stedel: The trip through the building where they make United States money.

Miss Funk: Spending a week with a group of fine young people whose enthusiasm, dependability and maturity amaze me.

Sally Schofield: My visit to Annapolis. My cousin is a sophomore there and I've never seen him, so I hope to meet him then.

Bill Schnyder: The educational value of seeing the things I've been reading about.

Elaine Sachan: Seeing all the sights on the planned trip with my friends, and seeing the Capitol and White House.

Donita Thompson: Seeing historical Gettysburg and Philadelphia, the "city of brotherly love."

Richard Schworm: To see the Constitution and the Library of Congress.

Joan Lowry: Seeing the Senate, the House of Representatives and the Washington Monument.

Douglas Bickerstaff: The National Geographical Society because I am interested in natural science and besides I recently joined the society.

sie Jones, Don Kren and one worthy *Pioneer* editor.

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What did the man say when the steamroller ran over his cat?

Nothing. He just stood there with a long puss.
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WE SALUTE our Senior Sprinters Jerry Hirsch, Lanny Dacus, Ron Hackmann, Phil Clark, Tony Berra.
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We've just been handed a bulletin! Let's see . . . it's the *Perfect Senior Girl!* She is . . . Oops! Sorry, we're out of space. Guess we'll have to reveal her identity in the next issue.



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Bette's Bulletin

Tuesday see that your parents

Sound out loudly

For an educational system

We can speak of proudly.

ROTC queen SW grad 'Extra activities' theme of Town Hall Meeting

"It's a good thing I was sitting down when the told me; I was so dazed I couldn't move." That's how Suzanne Fleming, SW June '56 graduate, felt about being chosen queen of Washington U.'s ROTC Ball. The dance, amid military splendor, took place Feb. 21 at the Khorassan Room of the Chase Hotel.

Suzie's picture next day in the *Globe-Democrat* sent this *Pioneer* reporter on the trail of a story.

"I never expected anything like this," Suzie told me. "I can hardly believe it even now."

A sophomore in Liberal Arts and a member of Kappa Alpha Theta, she explained that 30 girls were nominated by on-campus organizations. From these an elimination board, including the Dean of Women, ROTC instructors of both Army and Air Force, and four cadet officers, chose eight candidates on the basis of personality and poise.

"I appeared on several TV and radio shows the week before the dance," Suzie went on. "I didn't find out I was queen until the night of the ball even though the voting had taken place the week before. Each member of ROTC had one vote and so did each boy who bought a ticket to the dance."

"The coronation ceremony was tremendously impressive, with an honor guard, crossed swords and all. Another thrill was the Queen's Dance with the Chancellor of Washington U., Dean Shepley, as a partner."

Turning to a subject close to any girl's heart—clothes—Suzie described her dress and her bouquet of red roses. Her formal, aqua net with ruffles inset, has a tradition of royalty; it is the same formal Suzie wore as a Miss SW Maid two years ago.

Lovely, vivacious, red-haired,



Suzanne Fleming, SW June '56, reigned as queen of the Military Ball given by the Army and Air Force ROTC at Washington U.

blue-eyed Suzie was popular here too. She was a maid to Miss SW, vice-president of her class and co-editor of the *Pioneer*. Her friendly manner and bright smile make her a stand-out in any group.

Long live Queen Suzie!

Do today's schools put too much stress on non-academic activities?

This question will be debated by a panel from SW on the Junior Town Hall Meeting over KXOK, Sunday, March 30, at 9 p.m. The broadcast will be tape recorded here at an aud session, the second period, Friday, March 28.

The speakers, chosen from Mr. Close's psychology classes, are Bette Tappella, Marvin Koenig, Carol Hahn and Rosemarie

Lieber.

Carol will stress the fact that through extra curricular activities students are given an opportunity to develop an interest in a hobby or free time activity.

"Extra curricular activities are good when kept in the right proportion, but some people think of nothing but these activities and devote little time to studying. This certainly doesn't make a well rounded person," says Bette.

In the affirmative view, Rosemarie will speak in favor of school-time non-academic activities, such as Band, Orchestra, Choir, Boys' Glee, etc.

Marvin will contend that success in school is no longer judged by academic achievement alone, but by non-academic achievement as well.

After the panel discussion the speakers will answer questions from the audience.

Kitchen planning contest now on; deadline April 4

Would you like to win 50 dollars for yourself and an equal amount for SW? You might if you enter Union Electric's annual Family Kitchen Contest, for high school students, now in full swing, with the deadline set for April 4, 1958.

Using your home kitchen as a starting point, you plan your dream kitchen anyway you want it. Your model kitchen must be made from the official Kitchen Planning Kit furnished by Union Electric. Only one entry may be submitted by any one student. But, as one of Union Electric's Home Economists said, "The sky's the limit!"

The judging is divided into the four grades, with 32 awards in each division. In previous years, SW has had many winners, including boys.

If you are interested and would like more details, see Miss Kirkpatrick. From her, you can obtain an official entry blank and a Kitchen Planning Kit.

He'll rest Kuechler retires after 30 years

After 30 years with the Board of Education, the last four at SW, Mr. Rudolph Kuechler, assistant to Mr. Jansen, head custodian, retired on March 1. Before coming to SW, he served as head custodian at the Mason, Mullanphy, Werner and Adams schools.

At SW he was stationed on the first floor. He supervised the other custodians and received deliveries to the school while Mr. Jansen was away.

Mr. Jansen says, "We will miss Rudy here at school because he was such a co-operative helper. He was always ready to be of service to anyone."

He left school on Feb. 7 for a 15-day vacation. On March 1 his retirement became official. During his retirement, Mr. Kuechler, now 67 years of age, plans to rest and to develop his hobbies, fishing and athletics and keeping up on major league baseball.

Mr. Jansen's new assistant is Mr. Ed Wilt. Mr. Kuechler has been temporarily replaced by Mr. William Horach.

Poetry anthology open for entries

Do these balmy spring days make you feel poetic?

If so, put your thoughts on paper and submit the results as an entry in the spring section of the 1957-58 Anthology of High School Poetry. But hurry, because the deadline for SW poems, which Miss Mesloh will mail to the Los Angeles headquarters, is March 20.

Your manuscript, to be typed or written in ink on a single page, must give at the bottom of the page: "The verse entitled is my own personal effort," followed by your signature and name, home address, school and school address. English teachers have further information.

School Daze Stiff assignment in chemistry

As Mr. Chervenka was explaining about starch to Chemistry 2-78, he asked Annette Feinstein if she didn't starch the collar of her blouse.

Annette replied that her mother usually did this.

"Well, when are you going to learn how to do it yourself?" was the gruff comment.

Then he went on to say his wife always starched the collar and cuffs on his shirts. A small voice from the back of the room queried, "Well, when are you going to learn how to do it yourself?"

Algernon's in trouble

To add a touch of humor to the everyday routine of his English classes, Mr. Dripps has created Algernon, who has a way of popping up at the most unexpected moments. Until lately, Algernon stuck close to room 320.

Lately, however, he took to roaming and evidently got into difficulty, for this startling statement appeared on the blackboard in room 400:

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Live blue alarm clock

This is a story about a blue Chihuahua. His proud owner is Carol Hohenburger, semester six, of Mr. Allen's advisory.

Twinkles Faro (Spanish for lighthouse) is the impressive name given this diminutive disturber of sleep, who makes it clearly understood about 3 a.m. that he misses his friends.

Honor roll grows

Three all-A pupils of Mr. Pflieger's semester three advisory were omitted from the super honor roll in the last issue. They are Carolyn Baum, Carol Bittner and William Roch.

And another SW beauty has lately been crowned—Jeri Be-shears, '56 graduate of SW, who reigned as Valentine Queen at William Woods College.

Now a senior at the junior college, Jeri was selected as a candidate by her dormitory sisters. The dormitory raising the most money for charity won the contest. Thus brown-haired, brown-eyed, Jeri became Valentine Queen.

At Westminster College, also located in Fulton, Missouri, this SW grad was a candidate for the fraternity homecoming queen. Last summer she modeled free-lance.

After her graduation in June, tall, slender, Jeri hopes for a career in airline hostessing.

SWerners find Somethin' to interview

by Bette Tappella and Patti Wolf

When you think of Somethin' it can't mean nothing, unless you mean nothing but laughs a-plenty and a sparkling, effervescent personality. Then you'd naturally be referring to Somethin' Smith, who, along with the other two Redheads, became famous with the hit record, "It's a Sin to Tell a Lie."

At the Junior Journalism Joboree, sponsored by Theta Sigma Phi, the honorary women's journalistic sorority, we had the pleasure of meeting and interviewing Somethin', in town for an appearance at the Casa-Loma Ballroom. The affair for would-be journalists was held Feb. 22 at the County Branch Y.W.C.A.

As the interview began, the question foremost in our minds soon found its way to our tongues as we blurted, "Where did you get that name?"

"It was the brainwork of my intellectual manager," Somethin' quipped. Oddly enough this clever stage name is quite a contrast to his real one—Bob Robinson. Since both Somethin' and the other fellows in the trio have red hair (naturally), they thought that the name of Somethin' Smith and the Redheads in flickers would be an attention-getter . . . and they were right!

Saul Striks on the piano, Major Short (that's his real name) on the bass, and Somethin' on the guitar and Banjo started together 10 years ago, playing serious jazz. They soon abandoned this for a style that would appeal to the general public. Major wrote parodies

for old standards, such as "Shanty Town" and "Heartaches," Somethin' sang them and the public bought them.

Since recording "It's a Sin to Tell a Lie," Somethin' and the Redheads have appeared on such major network shows as "The Big Record," "Arthur Godfrey" and "Steve Allen."

As for his marital status, Somethin' wryly commented, "Saul and Major have their wives . . . I have my guitar."

He agrees with the song, "Rock 'n Roll is Here to Stay," as is proven by the trio's latest



Talking with Somethin' Smith at a recent Junior Journalist Joboree are "Pioneer" reporters, Patti Wolf (left) and Bette Tappella.

recording, "Schoolbus Rock," their first effort in this field.

"We held out as long as we could," said Somethin', but we finally gave in to popular demand."

As the interview came to a close, we both agreed that Somethin's calm, matter-of-fact manner and witticisms had provided the background for an enjoyable chat. When we thanked him for being so co-operative, he replied with his everpresent humor, "Thanks . . . I only wish my partners thought so!"

Baseball season opens March 25 vs. Cleveland

SW baseball hopefuls have been working out faithfully in the gym daily under the watchful eye of Coach MacArtor in preparation for their first non-league game with Cleveland, March 25.

"The chief need," comments Coach MacArtor, "is outfielders and a good long ball hitter. I rate Beaumont, Cleveland and McKinley as the teams to beat in this year's league battle."

Returning lettermen, who form a good nucleus, are infielders Don Spencer, Bill Gebhart, Tom McDowell, and catcher Don Sherman. Spencer is this year's captain. Gebhart was last year's leading hitter with a blazing .341 average.

Star first baseman, Carlo La-Marca, has been declared ineligible but either Mike Wofford or Charlie Witt is considered an able replacement. Team members agree that if some good outfielders develop and the team gets in some hitting, SW will be in the thick of the fight for the top spot in the league.

Other promising players include Jack Palmer, Jim Nelson and Art Ruff.

Following is the season schedule:

March 25—Cleveland	here
April 9—DuBourg	DuBourg
April 11—Beaumont	here
April 15—Hadley	here
April 18—Soldan	Soldan
April 25—O'Fallon	here
April 29—Central	here
Fairgrounds No. 5	
May 2—Vashon	here
May 6—Sumner	Tandy Ctr.
May 9—Roosevelt	here
May 13—Cleveland	Roosevelt
May 16—McKinley	Lemp Pk.

Last year SW wound up with five wins and five losses in league play, suffering losses to Beaumont, Cleveland, Central, Sumner and Roosevelt. The loss to Beaumont was a two-hitter by Bob Miller, now with the Cards.

Add a mark beside Gruenewald's name

Gruenewald steals show . . . 6'5" center pulls Cagers from behind to win another.

In such words as these, for the past month and a half, sportswriters have been citing the ability of SW's star center, Gary Gruenewald. Now another mark is placed beside Gary's name, for on Feb. 14 he was chosen "Prep Player of the Week" by radio station KXOK. Gary's record on the Cagers'



team shows he is more than eligible for this award. Leading the team, Gary has scored 374 points in 22 games. His height of 6'5" gives him an advantage over shorter players and his ability to hit the basket consistently places him with top high school players.

This "Prep Player of the Week" award makes Gary eli-

19. This top honor has been won by two former SWerners, Bob Ruck in 1951, and Bill Mahiger, in 1953, both for football. However, it has never been won by a basketball player.

This is SW's year for championships. Maybe Gary will add another KXOK award to the trophy case.



Top scorer of the varsity cagers . . . Gary Gruenewald.

gible for the "Prep Player of the Year." The announcement of this award will be made at a banquet at Radio Park, March

Varsity cagers finish 2nd in 10-team league

SW cagers ended their league season in second place despite a 63-46 loss to McKinley on March 1 at St. Louis U. High. Gary Gruenewald was high man for SW with 28 points. SW, with a 6-3 record, placed behind unbeaten Cleveland.

Final league standings are as follows:

Cleveland*	9	0	1.000
SW	6	3	.667
Beaumont*	5	4	.556
Sumner	5	4	.556
Vashon	5	4	.556
Hadley	5	4	.556
McKinley*	4	5	.444
Soldan	3	6	.333
Central	2	7	.222
Roosevelt	1	8	.111

*These teams beat SW.

SW finished second in the Regional tournament at St. Louis U. High March 4-7. In the first round the Steers defeated Roosevelt, 64-59, without Gruenewald and very little action from Don Spencer, who both had the measles.

The second victim was St. Mary's, who SW downed, 45-37, in a thriller. St. Louis U. High, in the championship game, trounced SW, 84-56.

SW has everything, but what about swimming?

by Sharon McCordick

"Well, I'll tell you—you go up the stairs—not these—the ones that say 'up'—yes, on up to the fifth floor, then turn to your right and continue down the hall to the first iron door, and there's our swimming pool. (Don't tell the coach you can't swim, 'cause he'll throw you in.)"

Don't blush, nujay—we know this sounds familiar. No cause for worry though; he won't toss you in. SW doesn't have a swimming pool. In fact, SW doesn't even have a swimming team.

Vic Miller, a semester three student of Miss Kizer's advis-

ory, is trying to do something about it.

Vic, who has elevated himself from his 4'11" stature as a nujay to his present (skyscraping) 5'2", is a swimming champion. He has won two trophies, a medal, eight blue and four red ribbons, eight certificates, and four special YMCA patches for his outstanding athletic achievement.

Says Victor, "SW won the Public League championship in tennis and football, was the runner-up in basketball and stands a fair chance in track and baseball. I'll bet we'd show 'em in swimming, too, if we had a team. It wouldn't be too hard to scrape up one either for next year. Most of my buddies, Bill Severson, Dean Holmes and Ron Graves for instance, would join and I imagine there are quite a few other SWerners interested."

"Interscholastic swimming meets start in the latter part of November and continue until the first of March, when the state finals are held. Now," laughed Vic, "all we need is a coach and a place to practice."

The club will keep the same officers it had last semester. President—Pat Critchfield; Wednesday Secretaries — Marilyn Mantle and Janet Kinsey; Wednesday Treasurer — Anne Bosung; Thursday Secretaries — Marilyn Clamors and Amy Bolton; Thursday Treasurer—Bette Tappella.

B-team cagers wind up season with 6-12 mark

SW B-team cagers wound up their season on Feb. 23 with a record of six wins and 12 losses. "With a little more luck," commented Coach John Close, "we could have won a few more, because six of the 12 defeats were by three points or less."

Herb Blase was the leading B-team scorer and SW's consistent scoring threat. Coach Close comments about this varsity candidate, "Many coaches have told me that Blase is one of the best B-team boys playing in St. Louis." Blase made the jump to varsity after the B-

team season ended, and scored 11 points in a regional against Roosevelt on March 5.

Another player Mr. Close had praise for is Carl Harris, who can shoot and handle the ball very well. Other B-team regulars are Steve Goldman, Fred Brinkop and Charles Rehmt.

Commenting about an injury suffered by Brinkop, Mr. Close said, "When he broke his arm, I think it hurt me more than it hurt him. Next year we will have a tremendous rebuilding problem since most of our players will be back for only half a season."

Track season's on Mulkey junior captain; Gleason, senior

On your mark . . . get set . . . go!!

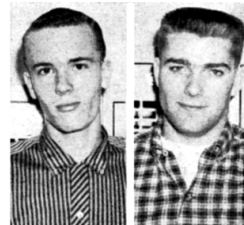
That's meant for all you SW students who want to get to know Jerry Mulkey, Junior Track captain, 'cause once the season gets under way, you'll never catch up with this fast running quarter-miler.

Jerry has high hopes for his squad this year because "many boys are returning from last year's team." He feels that with this experience behind them, they should have good luck.

As for the near future, he plans to play varsity football this fall and then, looking towards a career, he intends to major in engineering at college.

He is usually found around these hallowed halls with Joe Stuckel, Ron Chiodini, Art Ruff and John Horn or indulging in his favorite pastime . . . eating pizza.

When asked what his favorite spectator sports were, he sheepishly replied, "GAA," but later confessed that they were really football and basketball.



Jerry Mulkey Jerry Gleason

Around the halls of SW, Jerry Gleason, new senior track captain, is usually known as a guy with a comment on anything to everybody. Once the 5'10", 190-pound senior reaches the locker room before a track meet, however, he is just the opposite.

"None of the guys say anything," he explains, "because we all try to keep our minds on the meet." Jerry has followed this ritual for three seasons of track and has already won two letters.

Not only do the guys keep quiet before the track meet, but also before a football game. This sport, which he lists as his favorite, he has played for three years. His biggest sports thrill, naturally, came when the Longhorns won the 1957 championship.

Out of school, Jerry takes an active part in the Lettermen's Club and is an avid collector of rock 'n' roll records . . . buys all the top ten.

About the track team's chances, he quietly says, "We don't have the guys we had last year. We are all going to have to work hard."