



Jim Merod, standing at the lectern, takes his turn practicing his talk on the School Tax Levy, while the other speakers give undivided attention. All are ready to speak before neighborhood groups.

32 scientists enter projects in 1959 Fair

Thirty-two SW students will exhibit projects at the twelfth annual Science Fair, to be held at Washington U Field House, from next Tuesday evening, Apr. 21, through Apr. 24.

This year only two SW seniors will be competing in the scholarship division: Wayne Shannon, vice-president of the Fair who last year won \$50 for his entry, will submit a *Micro-Gap* project; and Scott Carriere, who is entering for the first time, will submit one on X-Ray.

Students from Mr. Leftwich's classes who will submit projects are Jim Parker, Joan Lowry, Mark Pultman, Carol Clark, Roland Jackson, Wendell Pierce, Ronald Karlimer, John Kretschmann, Kenneth Griechen, Sandy Wetterau, Mary Jane Carriere, Nancy Coburn, Mary Jackson, Marynelle Engelhardt, Dianne Blanchfield, Pam Marks, Anastasia Velis, Steve Vincent and Richard Meier.

Other entrants will include, from Miss Kroenlein's class, Judy Chesus, John Campbell, Pat DeWitt, Barbara Dierker, Cathy Zulauf, Susan Rupert; from Mr. Pfaff's, Merry Lindauer, Joan Harper, Philip Keim, Albert Gagel, Charles Guenther, Daniel Brooks; from Mrs. Pfaff's, Victoria Allen, Catherine Lackey, Barbara Farber, Louis Meinecke; and from Mr. Pinkus', the two scholarship

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What's in the wind

- Today at 4 p.m. . . . track meet, SW vs. Beaumont, and baseball, SW vs. Hadley, both at Public Schools stadium.
- Tuesday, 7:30 through 9:30 p.m. . . . Open House.
- Thursday, periods 1, 2 and 3 . . . Ohio test for sevens.

• Next Friday, second period . . . KXOK Junior Town Meeting.

• Apr. 18 at 12 noon . . . Channel 2 . . . High School Quiz, semi-final round . . . SW vs. Assumption of East St. Louis.

• Apr. 20-24 . . . 13-week tests.

• Apr. 21, 1 p.m. . . . PTA meeting . . . installation of officers and a style show by Miss Milliken's home economics students.

• Apr. 22 . . . lengthened advisory for writing assignment cards. School Tax Election.

entries and Gary Wofford.

Science projects must be delivered to the Washington U. Field House on Monday afternoon, Apr. 20, between the hours of 1 and 7 p.m. Awards will be made on Tuesday.

Announcing a new sensation—a Seaside Sidewards Dance to music by the newly-organized SW Aristocrats. No water lungs or oxygen tanks needed . . . merely a 50-cent ticket.

This fifth annual sideways dance will be staged in the gym, next Friday, Apr. 17, under the sponsorship of Student Council, GAA, the sevens and the eights. Representatives and officers of the sponsoring groups have tickets for sale. Since the dance is a "sidewards" dance, a boy may ask a girl or a girl may ask a boy.

At the magical moment of 7:30 p.m., the gym will suddenly sink to the mysterious blue-green depths of the sea. Fishermen, Karen Schuchardt and Jim Merod, chairmen of the

SW orators campaigning for proposed school tax

Vote FOR the levy! This is what 20 SW students are telling St. Louis voters in speeches made by invitation before PTA's and various other civic groups. The proposed school tax levy of \$1.64 on \$100 assessed property valuation (an increase of only 13 cents per \$100) will be voted upon Wednesday, Apr. 22.

Orators, Ellen Braun, Bob Duncan, Nancy Keller, Cathy Lalumondier, Merry Lindauer, Tom Lynch, Richard Meier, Karen Miloradovich, Dennis O'Dell, Wendell Pierce, Becky Roussin, Dave Smallwood, Susan Stoehr, Ron Taylor, Mike Torrence, Kathy Williams and Phyllis Wilson, are Track 1A students from Mrs. Carter's, Mr. Dripps' and Miss Mesloh's general English three and four classes.

Dave, Phyllis and Susan believe that today's children build tomorrow's world, that they must be prepared for whatever the future holds in store for them. Richard, Karen and Nancy point out the difficulties of increased enrollment and rising costs that the Board of Education must face.

Judy Doswald, from Miss Hachtman's public speaking class, will also be speaking before various grade school PTA's and on panel discussions about the need for

the tax rise. At Open House next Tuesday, Jim Merod, semester seven, and Dale Schoenbeck, a six, will give the students' views on the subject.

All agree that the tax must go through if we are to keep up present high standards in the St. Louis school system.

Parents invited to Open House Tuesday evening

Next Tuesday, Apr. 14, at 7:45, your parents are expected at Open House, where they will have opportunity to meet your teachers and talk over any problems you may have.

An auditorium session will precede the visiting hour. Following organ selections by Sam Lively, Advanced Chorus will sing selections from *Carousel*. Then a panel discussion on the need for raising the school tax levy, with Mr. Young, principal, as moderator, is scheduled.

Two of the panelists will be Mr. Echeal Feinstein, attorney, SW PTA member and father of SW senior, Annette; and Mr. Burchard Neel, Jr., principal of Nottingham and School Tax Committee member. The other two panelists will be Dale Schoenbeck and Jim Merod, Miss Hachtman's public speaking students.

A Cappella Choir directed by Miss Leontone Meyer, will conclude the program. Parents will then have until 9:45 to confer with teachers. "The purpose of this Open House program is not only to explain the coming tax election, but also to develop a better relationship between parents and teachers," Mr. Young comments.

4 artists enter national contest

Four SW artists, Sheila Fletcher, Lynn Wiesehan, Carolyn Pilcher and Sammie Boone, all eights, are anxiously waiting to hear from the General Confederation of Women's Clubs. They submitted posters to a nationwide art contest depicting, "The Character of America," sponsored by the Federation and the Hallmark Co.

Under the direction of Miss Boedeker, SW art classes selected the four entries. Sheila's is a western scene called "The End of Day;" Lynn's, a carnival entitled "Pop's a Good Sport;" Carolyn's, "12th Street at Noon," a picture of the busy city; and Sammie's, also a western, titled "Interlude."

The winning poster from Missouri will be entered in the national finals. As in most contests there are prizes and this one is no exception. The first, second and third winners will receive scholarships to any accredited art school or university.

er (John Wethington), Heck's sister, Mayme (Angelynn Hawtin), and the maid Della (Linda Sweatt).

Ready to take over if necessary are Bob Colson, Sue Evertz, Carol Huesgen, Tina Mazzola, Georgia Pollard and Delores Warner.

Sheila Fletcher in title role

'Dulcy' cast and production staff set

The cast and production committees of *Dulcy*, the senior play, are now all set, according to the director, Mr. Perrin. Sheila Fletcher, Ronald Glass, Brent Baker, Stanley Williams, Sam Lively, Steve Risheim, George Alvis, Fay Lampros, Julie Kinnard, Paul Lindhorst and Bill Polhemus will have parts in the play.

Stage manager will be Rich Schworm. Handling of props and scene decorations has been assigned to Ruth Buegler, Sammy and Sandy Boone, Marcella Milic, Dottie Gerber, Brad Hunt, and Curt Melcher, under chairman Angelynn Hawtin.

Nicholas Barr will operate the control panel. Wayne Shannon will be in charge of cos-

tumes. The make-up committee, working under chairman Charmel Martin, will be composed of Barb Francis, Donna Williams, Vera Powitzky, Annette Feinstein and Carolyn Pilcher.

Programs and tickets will be handled by Marcia Robinson and Faye Burke. Karen Heggen will handle the publicity committee, with the assistance of Gloria Bolz, Sue Estes, and Ann Hanson. Alice Kingery and Charlotte Grasel will act as prompters.

Dulcy takes place in suburban New York. Sheila Fletcher, in the title role, portrays a young married woman who gets herself into an impossible entanglement while trying to aid her

husband (Ron Glass.) All ends well, however, but *how*—you'll have to see for yourself at the performances April 30 and May 1.

Freshmen to see comedy Apr. 27

SW NuJays will become theatre goers Apr. 27 when Miss Meenach's Dramatics 1-3 class presents a comedy, *The Early Worm*, especially for them.

The story is centered around Hector Brown (Wayne Warnol) who promises to take his steady girlfriend, Gladys, (who never appears) to a roller rink party. However, his parents (who never appear either) have other plans; they want him to take an English girl (Sharon Schove)

decorating committee, will have covered the surface with their fishnets. As bubbles from both little and big fishes rise to the surface, a fishing boat will float overhead and little sea creatures will be seen everywhere.

From the huge clam by the wall will float melodious tunes by the SW Aristocrats, a new 13 piece dance band formed by members of the SW music department. This will mark their first appearance at a SW dance.

Seaweed sandwiches and salt-water lemonade will be sold by the GAA in the cafeteria, where the underwater theme will be carried out with little seahorses and mermaids.

Next Thursday, Gentlemen's Day, all SW seamen will be on their best behavior, carrying books, opening doors and acting like little gentlemen. Gallant examples of good manners will pay off, for the next day is Twerp Day when gals are required to reverse the tables and carry books for the guys.

who is to stay at their home for the duration of the war.

Heck solves the problem by getting a date for her with Jack Reed (Bob Neville). The situation becomes thoroughly confusing when Heck meets Penelope, who incidentally turns out to be very pretty. This fact leads to one hilarious situation after another and leaves everyone completely frustrated.

Others in the cast include Heck's best friend, Dopey Fish-

It's a tiny price to pay

Good schools are vital to every one of us. Our parents want the best in education for us; we, as future fathers and mothers, will want the same for our children.

What can each one of us do to see that the high quality of St. Louis schools is maintained? Just now we can persuade our folks to go to the polls on April 22 and vote YES for the 13-cent increase in the school tax.

"Easier said than done," you say? Is it? Give them the facts and figures. A totally unexpected (when last year's tax rate was set) decline from 70 to 40 per cent valuation in the Merchants and Manufacturers assessment rate will cost the schools \$2,600,000 in the next two years.

This loss hits the schools particularly hard because an unforeseen increase of 3,560 in enrollment has made it necessary to employ over 100 additional teachers and to provide extra school supplies. And an amendment in the Social Security law has upped the school board's contribution for each employee. These items may not individually seem large but ADD THEM UP.

Point out to your parents that the average assessed valuation for a St. Louis householder is \$5,000, which means an increase of only \$5.60 a year if the increased tax rate carries . . . less than 13 cents a week . . . a small price to pay to keep our schools operating at their present high level.

Remember THE SCHOOLS YOU SAVE WILL BE YOUR OWN!

Here's an easy solution

On your mark! Get set! The bell is rung; The great stampede has now begun. They shout as they push and knock you down. "Get out of my way!" and "Watch it, you clown!"

You're poked and jabbed; you're scratched and clawed. You doubt if you'll make it as far as the aud. You get there at last (an outstanding feat); You squeeze in a row and fall into a seat.

You say to a friend, "Why did we run? There's plenty of room here for everyone." Well, you're on the ball, kid; you're really alert. You know that someone could get seriously hurt.

Next time slow down. Don't get in the race. Don't hurry, walk slowly; you set the pace.

Research reveals telephone angles

by Boken and Doswald

Ring! Rin-g-g-g! You make a mad dash to the telephone, probably from the bathtub. If you're lucky and the party hasn't hung up, your problem now is what to do with the body while you talk. A survey made lately among semester seven students reveals a variety of solutions.

Bill Polhemus, Jim Heyd, Rich Pfautch, Earl Buchholz and Pat Honer answer from the bathtub, while Donna Bloomquist, Judy Barton, Vera Giamarino, Carol Box and Jim Franz lie or sit on the bed.

Those who enjoy the comfort of the hard wood floor are DeDe Crutcher, Gloria Banderet, Shirley Sims, Judy Parentin, Pat DeWitt, Georgia Pollard, Byron Smyrniotis, Sandy Chitwood, Betty Schreiner, Lucky Loeschner, Joan Behrends, Barb Barman, Jeanette Moles, Clark Dobbs, Barb Meletio, Nick Barr and Bonnie Bills.

Don Stevens prefers the stove; Tom Homan, the sewing machine; Gail Page, the bar in her rathskeller. Tyler Hawk, Jim Nelson, Carl Berra, Michael Calcaterra, Ed Hewlett and Bill O'Dell are supermen, strong enough to stand.

So make it a promise, a new resolution. Then we won't have a problem; there'll be a solution.

by Carol Spellmeyer

Norvell Prudot uses mental telepathy. (No phone.)

We hope you have gained something from this survey. We have . . . Earl Buchholz's autograph.

THE SENIOR BB (OR MM, whichever you prefer)

Hair—Donna Williams
Eyes—Nada Klusmeyer
Nose—Karen Schuchardt
Dimples—Cecile Imergoot
Mouth—Gloria Bolz
Teeth—Rosa Lee Johnson
Smile—Barbara Ross
Complexion—Carolyn Butler
Freckles—Vivian Galbreth
Figure—Kathy Italiano
Personality—Carole Ann Hughes
Appetite—Sheila Fletcher
Line—Lois Long

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A NEW LINE ON AN OLD SUBJECT

MARYSWANSON

New line...bus driver points accusing finger at SW girls

by Marge Connelly

It's 3:15 . . . the bell rings . . . SWerners dash out to the buses, loudly proclaiming bits of gossip or jokes they've waited all day to tell. Pity the poor driver invaded the next moment by what seems hundreds of teenagers, each overshouting the one before and none with the correct change.

But I found one, Mr. Tom McGhee, the driver of the Chipewa bus that waits for SWerners every day, who doesn't let his job get him down. He

smiles, "This is the best part of my day. I enjoy working with today's teenagers; they are polite and understanding . . . much better than those ten years ago. They have a better sense of humor."

Do SWerners give him trouble? His answer gives a new line on our old subject. "Most of my trouble is with girls. They won't move to the back, and they board the bus backward so they can talk to their friends behind them." (That's a twist; I always thought bus troubles were all the boys' fault.)

Next time you find girls or boys griping about the attitude of the Public Service, think of Mr. McGhee. He goes through a lot because of you, and he still smiles.

This 'n' that Office girls get moving fever

by K and J

It's spring moving time and SW's secretaries have the fever. New to the main office is Mrs. Jane Yopez, who comes straight from the superintendent's office. She moved in to replace Mrs. Souders, who moved to the counselor's office to fill the vacancy left by Roosevelt-bound Mrs. Blair. . . .

Greetings to those great cake carriers . . . Beverly Boxey, a six of Mrs. Stuckli's group and Diana Armstrong, a four of Mr. Merchant's. They were recently seen carrying in a cake on KTVI's "Coffee Break" in the

celebration of the Fortieth anniversary of the American Legion. . . .

We hear rumors that the SW unit of the Future Teachers of America is planning a tour of Washington University today after school. . . .

One SWerner really got around during spring vacation—all the way to Lima, Peru. Who? Here's a hint: he took part in an exhibition tennis match. Earl Buchholz, natch . . . and, according to the *Post-Dispatch*, he was as great as ever.

Senior answer to 'BB'

Literate editors find femme fatale

"Cherchez la femme." (Contrary to popular opinion—we are literate!) Look no further, itty-bitty boys, she's been found deep in the heart of Pioneer Land USSR. (Useless Senior Survey Reports)

Laugh—Judy Schubert
Sense of humor—Mary Ferrara
Pleasing voice—Carol Streicher
Most talented—Lynn Wiesehan
Clothes—Harriet Jones
Car—Karen Larson

Now, boys and girls—here is

Dad gives up Cha-Cha, proves me no quitter

by Cookie Venardos

I was quite willing at first to undertake the simple (so I thought) job and yet my pop had to be persuaded a little. Soon, however, the feelings reversed: he was fascinated, I was exhausted.

One, two, cha! cha! cha! Three, four, cha! cha! cha! Day after day for a week this rhythmical chant echoed from the Venardos' living room.

I wondered, "Is his problem two left feet?" No.

"Lack of sense of rhythm?" Not that either.

"What's the matter then?" He just can't do it. That's all.

"You're not going to quit,

the true story on that rumor you've all heard 'round the hallowed palm trees of SW. Theoops Popowchak did not win a co-operative scholarship for post-graduate work at Hadley. It's O'Fallon.

Help! The cannibals are attacking. Save us, Help! Oh! We're saved. It's the Perfect Senior Boy. (Next issue)

are you?" Well, no, I couldn't . . . I'd never live it down; I'll try again.

Thank goodness, he gave up before I did! At any rate, this tiring experience proved one thing . . . I couldn't be called a quitter.

'Pioneer' born amidst turmoil

by Kay Blair

"Miss Murphy, is this lead all right?"

"Miss Murphy, I can't think of a headline for this story."

"Miss Murphy, may I go to the office to see Mr. Young?"

"Miss Murphy, would you please listen to me? Miss Murphy? MISS MURPHY, LISTEN TO ME!!!"

"Miss Murphy, may I write about my pet poodle? My poodle is much cuter than Eloise's cocker spaniel and she wrote a 10-inch story. Why can't we use two dog stories? Do you hate dogs?"

"Stop playing with that typewriter. If you must play, find a more inexpensive toy." This is Miss Murphy's voice.

"I want a conference with the sports editors. Where are the sports editors?" Again Miss Murphy's voice.

Ten minutes elapse and then the innocent question: "Miss Murphy, did you want to see the sports editors?" (Comments will be omitted.)

Such are the simultaneous sounds that fill a certain dark, secluded, mysterious hole in the walls any day second or eighth periods.

What emerges from this turmoil? *Your Pioneer!*



Question (asked during the fourth lunch period): HOW HAS SPRING FEVER AFFECTED YOU?

Sue Evertz, Fran Sorson, Charlene Hase, Betty Young: It hasn't had a chance to affect me; I have it the year 'round. Elaine Sachan, Joan Lowry, Dean Holmes, Carol Streicher: I'd rather be outside than in school.

Bev Prater, Marilyn Calcuterra, Carol Goldbeck: It makes me realize what good looking boys we have at SW.

Jane Schaefer, Sue Sisk, Charmel Martin, Gloria Bolz, Helen Liedl, June Pieper: Haven't had time for spring fever; I'm busy counting the days until graduation.

Albert Schulte, Dick Olson, Derrick Dodge: It gave me a virus, a cold, a sore throat, the flu and made my temperature rise.

Connie Holzer, Bobbie Shaw, Michael Hite, Mary Putney: I'm under its "magical" spell (puppy love).

Jim Green: I'm not worried about it because "Bufferin" works twice as fast as aspirin."

Pat Russo: It hasn't as yet, but give it a chance.

Marty Harriss: I'll never tell!



Carole's Corn-er

Gentlemen, on next Thursday Act the way you ought; Carry books and open doors . . . On Twerp Day YOU'LL be sought.

6's lead
176 make
3.5 average
or better

One hundred seventy-six SW-erners succeeded in making a 3.5 grade average or better on the first report card of this semester. The sixes still lead, with 20 per cent making the honor roll.

Semester eight . . . Brent Baker, Robert Boland, Sandy Britton, Steve Bryant, James Carothers, Annette Feinstein, Kay Farthing, Sheila Fletcher, Jane Fox, Dorothy Gerber, Karen Gieck, Ann Hanson, Robert Hoffstetter, Carol Hughes, Nada Klusmeyer, Diane Krauss, Fay Lampros, Fred Marty, Judy McIntosh, Jonnie Muench, Judy Nichols, Ted Popowchak, Jane Schaefer, Janet Selig, Wayne Shannon, Sue Sisk, Roxane Speros, Janet Tyrna, Donna Williams, Terry Wright.

Semester seven . . . Carol Boken, Angelyn Hawtin, Jim Jordan, Carol Klug, Jean Krost, Claire Linhart, Art Loeschner, Jim Merod, Marcella Milice, Larry Schulze.

Semester six . . . Berl Bays, Barbara Biel, Rosalie Boneau, Marsha Brady, Fred Brinkop, Claudia Buck, Don Capstick, Bob Cason, James Cook, Georgia Dunlap, Diane Earl, Barbara Eaton, Kenneth Finn, Grant Fults, Bill Grams, Carl Harris, Martha Harris, Elaine Hilgeman, Ruth Huebner, Barbara Hughes, Jerry Johnson, Lea Kajati, Alan Kamp, Karen Krell, Joan Lowry, James McClurg, Marcella Morgan, Joe Passanise, Fran Purdy, Mary Ryan, Elaine Sachan, Bill Schnyder, Dale Schoenbeck, Barbara Siegfried, Jane Spelstead, Mike Sneed, Carol Stelmeyer, Ed Veach, Ken Velten, Sandra Wetterau, Gwen Whitworth.

Semester five . . . Barbara Barrow, Russ Bartholome, Kay Blair, David Daniels, Carol Lee Duncan, Roy Marshall, Douglas Puls, Sharon Riess, Frances Sarsen, Betty Young.

Semester four . . . Diane Amoss, Carolyn Baum, Pat Baumann, Jim Blalson, Carol Bittner, John Fall, Michael Green, Mary Jane Jackson, Carol Knoof, Mary McCain, Janet McKenna, Sandra Miller, Charles Petit, Alan Rawizza, Sheila Reynolds,



One to go

"Do you know anything about baseball?" Mr. Close asked of Sam Watson, who had already been reprimanded twice for pestering the person next to him in cafeteria study hall the third period.

"Yeah!"

"How many strikes before you're out?"

"Three."

"O.K. You've had two."

Wasn't it 'wasn't'?

"What was that word? It was *wasn't*, wasn't it?"

"Wasn't it what?"

"Wasn't it *wasn't*?"

"No it wasn't *wasn't*, was it?"

Double talk? Just three sten students (Cary Gross, Diane Earl and Faye Burke.)

Tennis, anyone?

A tall boy was standing in front of the athletic equipment room the other day when the engineer asked with a twinkle in his eyes, "Going out for basketball?"

William Roch, Kenneth Roth, Sandra Schaefer, Mary Schoenbeck, Susie Spiedoeh, Eileen Sterioff, Barbara Trollinger, Robert Wagoner.

Semester three . . . Frank Buchmeier, Bernadette Burns, Karen Fries, Bruce Holtman, Judy Juergens, Nancy Keller, Phillip Klasskin, David Krauss, Dale Munn, Harold Pfening, Linda Rodgers, Keith Schmidt, Louis Sleboda, Ron Taylor.

Semester two . . . Susan Berry, Bill Bischof, Dan Brooks, Jan Chong, Bob Crain, Charles Fazio, Sandra Giacoletto, Mary Hamilton, Allen Hellwege, Hilde Herkstroeter, Jane Hewlett, Jennie Hill, Karl Katt, Philip Kleinle, Merry Lindauer, Tom Lynch, Rita Mazzola, Edith Meade, Dennis O'Dell, Glen Percy, Jan Requarth, Ron Rice, Rebecca Roussin, Joe Saunders, Judy Sparberg, Sue Stoehr, Mike Weidner.

Semester one . . . Ellen Braun, Sharon Carneal, Gail Ferber, Judy Glanz, Bonnie Heckel, Mike Hirsch, Diane Jordan, Kathy Jud, Helen Kuhl, Anita Macko, Richard Magnussen, Tom Mitchell, Ralph Pierce, Mark Puitman, Mel Scherzer, Diane Simpson, Kathy Van Wessem, Steve Vincent, Bob Wenom, Phyllis Wilson, Elise Winterer.

The fire's out . . . now mom'll burn

by Carol Boken

"Tell that lady to call the fire department, Judy!!!"

"What lady?"

"That one — that one over there."

Bang! The car door slammed as Judy Doswald of Mr. Polster's advisory went flying down the street yelling to the lady, "Call the fire department. Hurry! Hurry!"

From my car, stopped in the middle of Wherry Ave., I could see flames soaring above the roof of a house on Nottingham. As I jumped out of the car to race across Wherry, I slammed the door hard, jamming it and breaking the glass. But I was too nervous to worry about it now.

As Judy flew by me, she yelled to a lady nearby, "Get a hose!"

I ran to the back door of the burning house and yelled, "Your house is on fire! Tell everyone to get out." With this Judy jumped over the fence, grabbed a hose lying in that back yard and attached it to the front faucet. As she turned on the water, I aimed the hose at the flames. When the smoke choked me, Judy took over.

The fire department arrived to find the fire smoldering. They finished putting it out. Now my only problem was explaining the broken window and jammed door to my mom!

Late...late and all alone in the darkness

by Mary Ryan

It was late, very late. The house was dark, and there was nothing to disturb the silence except the sound of passing automobiles. My parents were out for the evening and would-

"No, sir. Tennis is my game," replied the boy.

"Well, you'll have a hard time making the team. We've been champs for the last two years, you know."

The boy? Earl Buchholz, Jr. . . . U.S. Davis Cup Team member and Junior Amateur Tennis Champion of several countries, including Australia, England and the United States . . . lately enrolled at SW.

Lea escapes communists
She's happy now with life in America

by Diane Earl

"I'm so glad to be able to live in America," says Lea Kajati, semester six of Miss Slatery's group as she reminisces about her life in Communist-controlled Estonia.

Lea, her mother, brother and grandmother fled from their home in Tallinn, Estonia, in 1944 just before the Communists took control and made it part of Russia. Unfortunately many of Lea's aunts, uncles and grandparents are now prisoners of the Communists because they kept hoping that their beloved homeland would not be harmed.

Displaced persons' camp

"After our escape into Germany, we roamed the country looking for food, which was just not to be found. Lea and her family were then placed in a Displaced Persons' camp in Augsburg, Germany, where they remained until the war was over, when the refugees were given the choice of going either to Sweden or America.

At home Lea and her family speak Estonian (although she speaks three languages, German, Estonian and English fluently) because her parents have difficulty in expressing themselves in English.

Schools here and there

As for the difference in schools, Lea says that in Estonia, schools teach the children to write and do simple math problems in the first grade. Also there, school is really a serious business; teachers do not have the sense of humor that they do here.

Double trouble . . . but chances are you're not in it

"But, Mr. Hatfield, I wasn't in the wrong class."

"You are Jim Robinson, semester three of Mrs. Pfaff's advisory, aren't you?"

"I'm Jim Robinson, and I'm a three, but I'm in Mr. Cameron's advisory."

It's all frustrating, but the odds are pretty slim . . . in fact, 2/3 to two, that it could happen to you . . . unless, of course, you're one of the 16 SWerners with identical names.

Dave Hirsch, semester four of Miss Mesloh's advisory, got invitations to two parties, one a square dance, given by girls he didn't know. Investigation proved both invitations were intended for Dave Hirsch, a seven of Mr. Polster's advisory.

Trouble comes double for the two Pat Baumans. Not only do they have names alike, but their dads, both Frank Baumans, have doubled up on them, too.

"A" periods, home reading cards, registering for study halls and absence list mix-ups have added considerable spice to the lives of the Bill Kellys, Sharon Brownes, Carol Clarks, Bob Kramers and Mike Greens of SW.

at that late hour. Oh, how I wished hat they hadn't been so thoughtful.



Lea Kajati (in insert), newcomer to SW, and her hometown, Tallinn, Estonia.

I take part in a tense drama

by Carole Ann Hughes

A tense courtroom drama was in progress . . . I had a part. I was one of 12 government students in the jury box at a mock trial, March 19, at Washington U Law school.

The young, good looking student lawyers pleaded their cases directly to me. The plaintiff lawyer begged me to decide in favor of his poor client who, in making a special delivery to a restaurant, had slipped and fallen down the stairs, suffering a

stiff leg. He was suing the restaurant for \$50,000.

The defense admitted the steps were greasy, but since the plaintiff had been there before and knew the condition, it was his responsibility to be careful.

In the jury room, later, we reviewed the case, trying to no one was to be persuaded, persuade each other . . . but Never in history had such determined radical minds met. After an hour and 15 minutes . . . a verdict: for the defense, because of non-sufficient evidence produced by the plaintiff.

Editor's Note: This exciting trial climaxed the study of trials and courts in the government classes.

might bring sandpaper and polish away the splinters. She might try sitting on the floor, or she might pray for hundreds of new, smooth, cafeteria stools. In desperation she might even decide to go back to bobby socks.

At any rate who can blame a gal for screaming out in anguish, "Anybody got nail polish?"

Nylons
Not all glamour

"Anyone got nail polish?" is frequently heard around school now that the girls have given up bobby socks in favor of the more sophisticated nylons.

Nylons glamorize slim limbs but they often cause the wearer great anguish, particularly in the cafeteria. A girl sitting like a lamb suddenly is transformed into a tigress as she feels a runner creeping along a leg.

There are several possible solutions to this problem. One

n't be returning for quite a while. I had just gone to bed and was about to fall asleep when I heard footsteps going up on the front porch and then down along the side of the house.

After a time I summoned enough courage to get up and look outside. The moonlight revealed two dark forms lurking below the kitchen window. Who were they? What were they doing? What should I do? My alarm grew as I watched them.

One of the two disappeared and soon I heard the sound of the basement window being opened. There was a dull thud

as someone jumped to the basement floor. A few minutes later the steps creaked with the weight of the unknown intruder as he ascended. Should I run or hide or scream for help? I just stood there, paralyzed with fear.

The door to the basement slowly swung open. As a car passed by outside, its light shown through the window and struck the face of a man. A loud gasp escaped me. It was my dad! He had lost his keys; he and my mother had decided not to ring the doorbell, because they thought it might alarm me

SW opens league season today with Lions

Oppose Soldan Tuesday

The Longhorns open their '58 Public High baseball season today when they oppose the Golden Lions of Hadley with a 4 p.m. encounter at Public Schools Stadium.

The Steers will then return home, so to speak, next Tuesday to meet the Soldan Tigers at Sublette at 4 p.m. The Tigers, led by Captain Jim Shirey, will be out to avenge a 10-4 setback at the hands of the Steers last year.

Lions could be tough

The Golden Lions closed their '58 PHL season in ninth place with a 3-7 record and were on the short end of an 8-2 score with the Steers.

They should, however, be tough this year with a big squad built around SW's old nemesis, Robert Walker. Walker, a veteran pitcher, has previously overpowered SW on the gridiron and hardwood and could be a possible starter against the Steers today.

Losing two frontline mounds-men in Charlie Witt and Bill Dorsam, through graduation, SW is lacking experience on the hill with only two-year veteran, Jim Nelson, returning. Coach Merchant, however, has found two able replacements, in hurlers, Dennis Devine and Brad Doetzel.

The brunt of the offensive attack is put on the shoulders of returning lettermen Ron Anderson and Bill Leonard, along with diamond newcomers Frank Westerman, Jim Green, Bill Evans and Bob Cason, who

Coach Merchant hopes will pick up the slack in the hitting department.

Lose opener with CBC

A costly error in the sixth inning by substitute third baseman, Vic Miller, allowed two CBC insurance runs to cross the plate marring the Steers' hopes for a victory in their '59 diamond premiere. The April 7 game at Sublette Park saw the Steers go down in defeat, 5-2. SW center fielder, Frank Westerman, making his bid for the All-League team had two doubles and a single in four trips to the plate.

Peepers wins ABC crown

Newspapers for the past weeks, and airways as well, have been full of events at the National Bowling Congress going on at St. Louis Armory. But did you realize that the new American Junior Bowling Congress District Champion is a student at SW? Graham Havenner, alias Peepers, semester eight of Miss Skinner's advisory, won the title with a three game total of 645, including his 123 handicap.

With a grin and his big blue eyes sparkling, he has this to say about his victory: "I was really shocked when Leo Daniels, former first place holder, grabbed my hand and said 'Congratulations, you took first place from me'."

He has already received his first place trophy at the Hall of Fame, held at the Armory. He also rolled the highest single



GRAHAM HAVENER

game, with a score of 211, but was eligible for only one award.

Peepers' interest in bowling began at the age of 13, when he joined a team at the Esquire Bowling Alleys. He is currently serving as president of SW Boys' Bowling club, which meets every Tuesday after school. After graduation, he definitely plans to continue his membership on a team, but also plans to study architecture at college.

Rugby player on faculty

Mr. Gene Gladstone, mechanical drawing and shop teacher here, made the *Post-Dispatch* lately, when the rugby team, of which he is co-captain and coach, defeated the top Canadian team, 15-14.

"Rugby is much rougher than football," he asserts with a

Cindermen take on tough Blue Jacket team today

The cindermen have a tough job in store for them, as they will be out to de-spike the powerhouse of the league, the Beaumont Blue Jackets, in a dual meet at Public Schools Stadium.

The Blue Jackets, who finished first at Field Day last year, with 81 points, 14 2/3 points over the second place club, have gained honors already this year by taking the State Indoor Track Meet at Columbia, Missouri.

Some outstanding returning lettermen for Beaumont are Donnell Reid, second highest scorer in basketball, who took a first place in the city for junior high jump; Boykin, Junior District quarter-mile champ; Al Collins, who placed first in broad jump at Field Day. Jim Harmon, State Cross-Country champ, and State Indoor Meet winner in the mile, rounds out the highly touted team from the north side.

In the season's opener the Steers walloped an underdog Central team, 126 to 68, in a dual meet at Public Schools Stadium, Apr. 3.

High point men for the Steers were Scott Stuart and Tom Karcher, with 10 points each.

On Apr. 7 a strong Soldan team turned the tables on the Steers by the score of 124 2/3 to 67 1/3. Stuart again placed high, taking first in the high hurdles and second in the low hurdles.

Ted Popowchak was next with a first in the 440 yard run, and as a member of the first place mile relay team.

Nicholson climbs to Double A ball

Dave Nicholson, \$100,000 bonus outfielder in the Baltimore Oriole organization and former member of the SW nine, will get a chance to play Class AA ball this year.

Manager Paul Richards has tagged Nicholson as the most improved player in the Oriole spring training camp and added he would be assigned to Amarillo of the Texas League.

The big outfielder, signed by the Orioles when his class graduated from SW in Jan. '58, will be out to prove himself after a poor rookie season. Last year he bounced around from Class A, to Class B and finally to Class D ball. He had a .222 batting average, hit 15 home runs and struck out 158 times.



by Dot and Jane

One team in the GAA tournament this season has a unique record . . . six losses and no wins. Congratulations, Duffett!

I guess we should mention that Jan Baldwin and Dianne Lockwood's teams are tied for first place with a perfect record.

Miss J. Mueller is looking for players for GAA's first interschool volleyball competition with Roosevelt, April 10. Eighteen girls will be selected on the basis of (1) team play, (2) set-up ability, (3) spiking ability and (4) serving ability.

The hopeful prospects are Jan Baldwin, Carol Campisi, Mary Campisi, Judy Cloak, Sheila Fletcher, Carol Hartman, Judy Kalna, Dianne Lockwood, Jane Matula, Sandy Mueller, Judy Parentin, Sharon Rivolta, Linda Schneider, Nancy Sturgis, Donna Williams. So keep on your toes, girls; JAM is watching!

The theme for this year's Spring Dance is "Under the Sea." GAA will be in charge of decorating the cafeteria and serving the refreshments (moss sandwiches and iced salt water, mmmm!). The committee lists will be posted in the girls' gym for those girls who would like to volunteer their services and gain extra activity points.

Strikes and Spikes

Leonard and Popowchak are veterans

Bill Leonard, a four of Mr. Meyer's group and one of the three returning lettermen on the baseball team, set something of a record last season by earning a letter as a freshman. This is not too surprising, though, when you know that he has been playing in the Khoury League for six summers.

By now he has two SW letters to his credit—the other in tennis. He also has played "B" basketball for two seasons.

About this season's prospects, the 5'6", 130-pound lad says, "We should have a pretty good team but we need support just as much as the football team or the basketball team."

Bill, himself, will be working hard trying to maintain the .290 batting average he established last year. With his determination and experience he should have little difficulty in keeping a regular spot on the squad, probably at second base.

But Bill's interest in sports has not made him lighten his academic load. He carries a full schedule of general English, world history, Spanish, geometry and advanced chorus. What spare time he has, he spends with his pals, Art Ruff, Jim Nelson, Tyler Hauk and Ron Moelenhof.



BILL LEONARD



TED POPOWCHAK

"You there, with the letterman's jacket, what's your name?"

"Ted Popowchak," replied the slender, 5' 9", brown-haired youth, and I knew I had found the right fellow. . . Ted Popowchak, SC president, Cross-Country captain and former president of Band.

Ted has participated in track events since his sophomore year. This speedster specializes in running the mile relay and the quarter mile.

Concerning the team's chances this year Ted surmises, "We have some good boys on track. If we all work together, I think we'll have a fairly good season."

In this busy senior's spare time, he plays the saxophone for the Instrumentals, one of the combos which appeared on Hello Day. Look for him, too, among the SW Aristocrats, who will make their debut at the Spring Dance.

Around these hallowed halls he is usually seen with buddies, Nick Filippello, Brent Baker and Jim Shannahan. If he stops with them for a bite to eat, he'll order "anything but pizza!"

Cinderman Popowchak plans to attend Washington University in preparation for a career as an engineer.