

School closes tomorrow with Christmas aud

SW's traditional Christmas program, set for 11:15 a.m. tomorrow, will consist of sacred music and the Christmas Story read from the Holy Scriptures by Mike Green. The narration will be done by Vic Miller with Joyce Schwartz at the organ. Immediately following the aud, school will be dismissed for the holidays.

Girls' Glee will offer *Gesu Bambino* with Joan Bendick doing the solo. Boys' Glee, assisted by soloist Barbara Biggar will sing *Beautiful Savior*. The advanced Choruses will contribute *Oh Holy Night* with Linda Boettcher doing the solo, and *Angels We Have Heard On High*.

Five Solists

Ave Maria will be sung by soloist June Glass. Diana St. Jean will contribute *I Wander As I Wander*. Wayne Warnol will add his Christmas wishes in *Sweet Little Jesus Boy* and Margaret Duffett will sing *Lullaby on Christmas Eve*. Tom Schnyder will offer *Away In A Manger*.

A trio consisting of Jane Hewlett, Kathy Lalmondier and Judy Sparberg will sing *Lo, How A Rose*, and the Madrigal Group *Cradle Song of the Shepherds*. *He Came As A Babe From Bethlehem* will be offered by Gary Frost, Wayne Warnol, Carol Bittner and Carol Hartmann. All vocal numbers are under Miss Meyer's direction.

Hallelujah Chorus

The orchestra, under Mr. Monachesi's baton, will present a medley of Christmas favorites. The program will be climaxed with the singing of Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus* by all music groups. In keeping with the sacredness of the program the audience is requested not to applaud.

Also following tradition, senior members of the choir will carol in the halls during the first period tomorrow.

Next Honors Night here

The semi-annual city-wide Honors Night for public high school Jan., 1961, graduates will be held in SW auditorium, Thursday, Jan. 5, at 8 p.m. Of the 114 students from 11 schools to be awarded certificates of honor for maintaining a 3.5 or

June Glass sings at Gift Festival

June Glass, recently elected Girls' Treasurer of the Elected, 1961, class, was the singing representative of the Girl Scouts of Greater St. Louis at the annual Gift Festival at the arena.

June sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "O Tannenbaum" with the KMOX-TV Frank Harris Band before approximately 23,000 people in attendance on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon, Dec. 3 and 4.

Six sevens in race for SC posts

Campaign talks Jan. 10 in aud; voting to follow

National political campaigning is over but SW is just getting started. In an auditorium session Jan. 10, Margaret Duffett, Bill Griffith, Sandy Miller, Alan Rawizza, Bill Roch and Mary Schoenbeck, all sevens, nominated by their class, will campaign for the four Student Council offices. Then students will return to advisories to fill out ballots.

MARGARET DUFFETT has served on the council two semesters. She is SC representative to the Young Adult Council at the Central Library, is treasurer of GAA and captain of her bowling team and is listed for participation on Clarissa Start's "Youth Speaks Up" program. Outside of school, she is president of the Girl Scouts' Senior Cabinet.

BILL GRIFFITH, two-semester SC member, is *Pioneer* news co-editor and was on the SC committee to decorate the cafeteria for Christmas. Last summer he attended Boys' State, where he

was chosen chaplain and State Representative. Outside of school, he serves as moderator of the St. Louis Presbyterian Youth Council.

SANDY MILLER, five-semester SC member, serves on the Finance, Library and Lunch-room committees. The *Pioneer* staff lately elected her co-editor for next semester, and her class elected her as DAR representative. She played a lead in this year's operetta, is a member of GAA and Girls' Bowling club.

ALAN RAWIZZA, one-semester SC member, belongs to the Physics club. He was a member of Hora Latina and, in his sixth semester, was a candidate for the Harvard Book.

BILL ROCH has served the council one semester. He also was a candidate for the Harvard Book. He is a runner on both the Track and Cross-Country teams and has served in the Receptionist club for one semester.

MARY SCHOENBECK, two-semester SC member, has served on the Pride and Property committee. She is presently *Pioneer* feature co-editor. She will represent SW on Clarissa Start's "Youth Speaks Up" program. Her extra-curricular activities include GAA and Girls' Bowling Club. Outside of school she is the Clerk of the Presbyterian Youth Council.



CANDIDATE BILL GRIFFITH . . . Boys' State . . . "Pioneer" . . . Boys' Glee . . . two semesters on SC.



CANDIDATE MARGARET DUFFETT . . . Treasurer GAA . . . Girls' Bowling . . . two semesters on SC.



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CANDIDATE MARY SCHOENBECK . . . "Pioneer" . . . member GAA and Girls' Bowling . . . two semesters on SC.

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Sandyland

'Pioneer' elects Schaefer and Miller

Working together will be nothing new for the two Sandys, Miller and Schaefer, newly elected *Pioneer*, co-editors. Both have served the paper two semesters and at present are editorial co-editors.

Sandy Schaefer, semester seven of Mrs. Newell's advisory, is famous for her humorous monologues, some of which she has presented at Hello Day auds. She is sports-minded, as proved by her participation in G.A.A., Girls' Bowling, and as a member of the first string varsity hockey team. Three days a week, Sandy can be found ac-

companying the first period advanced chorus on the piano.

Half the *Pioneer* load will be carried on the shoulders of Sandy Miller, a seven of Mr. Dodson's advisory. Sandy is a member of A Cappella choir and recently displayed her singing talent as the romantic lead in this year's operetta.

The June, '61, class honored Sandy Miller twice lately, once in choosing her to represent SW in the D.A.R. contest and again as one of six candidates in the coming Student Council election.

Both girls are members of the Quill and Scroll, international honorary journalistic organization, and were delegates to the Missouri Interscholastic Press

Association Conference, held at Columbia, Mo. Here they attended lectures, a workshop and participated in contests. Sandy Miller won third place in advanced feature writing.

Two artists win awards



CLEMENS with winning poster.

Douglas Clemens has taken first place in the Public High Division of the 1960 Christmas Carol Poster Contest; and Susan Stoehr, second place. Both posters were among the 10 SW entries, developed under the supervision of Miss Boedeker, art teacher.

Doug's winning poster features, on a red background, three large, pastel green candles descending in height, with cream beige diamond flames and, also descending in height, the word "GIVE" in green block letters.

Susan's poster shows five abstract candles, two on each side, rising in height to the middle candle. The candles are in tones of green and orange.

In the wind

Holidays ahead

• Tomorrow morning at 11:15 . . . Christmas program followed by dismissal at noon for the holidays.

• Monday through Thursday . . . annual Christmas Basketball Tournament at O'Fallon. See page 4.

• Tuesday, Jan. 3 . . . classes resume.

• Thursday, Jan. 5, 8 p.m. . . . city-wide Honors Assembly here.

• Monday, Jan. 9 through Friday, Jan. 13 . . . senior exams in regular periods.

• Monday, Jan. 16 through Friday, Jan. 19 . . . finals for terms 1-7.

• Tuesday, Jan. 17, 7:30 p.m. . . . PTA meeting in the aud.

Freshmen to see Xmas play today

Dramatics students, under Miss Gould Meenach, will present the Christmas play, "An Empty Gesture," for the freshmen today, third period.

The curtain rises the evening of Dec. 23 in the Stanton living room, as Mrs. Stanton (Vicki Huether) and Aunt Margaret (Edith Beckermann) discover that Mrs. Stanton's daughter, Dorothea (Vicki Groppe), has decided to eliminate Christmas cards and gifts because she feels them an "empty gesture." Dorothea's girl friend, Gwen (Carol Sue Simmons), and her grandmother (Diane McDaniels) are puzzled. Her boyfriend, Lon (Jim Gahn), is perturbed.

Both Doug and Susan received certificates of award at the thirty-second annual Christmas Carols concert, held at the Central Public Library, Dec. 10. Winning posters from the 11 divisions of the contest are now on display at the library, where they will remain during the Christmas holidays.

The trouble, it turns out, stems from a crush Dorothea has on her English teacher, Professor Neale (Lynn Wrasmann). But in the end the professor proves her true Christmas spirit by helping a needy young girl, Joan Lane (Josephine Spinnicchia), giving Dorothea a change of heart and the play a "Merry Christmas" ending.

Let's keep our Christmas

Churches dimly lit with flickering candlelight, carolers lifting their voices to the crisp cold winter night and happy children's faces beaming with love, joy and cheer are all signs of Christmas, 1960.

How lucky we are to live in a nation where we are free to believe, worship, and say what we please. Imagine yourself a Christian boy or girl living behind the iron curtain, where communist leaders have atheistic ideas. The Christmas scene as we know it changes to a dismal private celebration with none of the joy and exuberance of thronging masses of people praising their God openly to the world.

Yet, can we dare to feel confident that Christmas will always be this way for us? Will we always be free to express our beliefs and thoughts as we do now?

In these coming years, these challenging sixties, we as potential leaders will have more and more responsibility placed upon our shoulders to keep our nation free. Are we ready? Are we able? Christmas will remain the vibrant holiday that it is only so long as people want and fight to keep a freedom as great as ours.

The wrong shall fail, the right prevail With "Peace on earth, good will towards men."

—Longfellow

This 'n' that

Heels, threads for tomorrow

by Trude Winkler

Howdy, everybody. Being extra good? Santa Claus will be here pretty soon.

Tomorrow the pace in the halls will be tamed down at last because the girls, decked out in their finest duds and their spiked heels, will be walking cautiously; and far be it from the male species to push and shove when they're dressed so handsomely, threads and all.

Deck the halls with SW carolers. Tomorrow's the day the Christmas Spirit rings out at SW. The halls will be filled with the music of angels. Well,

Arabian eights

See Dietrich for novel Christmas gift idea

NEED IDEAS for a Christmas present for Mother? Maybe Charlene Dietrich can help you out. She has 11 white mice that would make a perfectly lovely gift for some deserving parent; and, what's more, she's willing to sell them cheap!

ALL EIGHTS ARE HEREBY RELIEVED of their duty to be snobbish to lower forms of life. In other words, seniors have

permission to congratulate the sevens' candidates for Student Council officers—Margaret Duffett, Sandy Miller, Mary Schoenbeck, Bill Griffith, Al Rawizza and Bill Roch.

SALLY CHAPMAN, operetta star, recently voiced her opinion that John Fall, also an operetta star, should be on the stage. "There's one leaving at noon," she added!

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Odds are against you

You don't have a ghost of a chance!

It's cheating we're thinking about. Do you really think you have a chance if you cheat.

You start out as a freshman, too much homework, so you eliminate studying one subject one night, another subject another night. Then comes Friday, the day that you have tests in the subjects you didn't study. Now you have to make a pony.

Monday morning rolls around and you're back in class. Papers are handed back and here is your phony 100 per cent grade. You get lazy in your second year, and throughout your fifth and sixth terms you loaf again. Cheating is the only way you can get by.

Now you are a senior, and the big tests come up—the ones that will place you academically by revealing how much or how little knowledge you have accumulated.

Next, come the business firms who call SW for prospects. They ask for pupils learned in math and science. Then there are company tests to pass. Well, that leaves you out. By the way, what kind of test can you pass?

The eerie feeling of guilt creeps in, replacing that feeling of confidence you had. You wish you could go back to the beginning and start all over again. You'd be a different person; you'd be an honest person, you say. But your motto has been *all play and no work, and now you don't have a ghost of a chance.*

PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION to the Christmas and tomorrow. Seniors participating are Wayne Warnol, Carol Hartmann, Carol Bittner and Barbara Biggar.

BY THE WAY
Margaret Mulch
Norman LEMME
Diane BeeHalter
MaBlene Hollis
LarrY Keeny

JaCk Rubey
Sue Holmes
Tom FRITZ
Sissie ZIembiski
Dennis Sorrells
KaThy West
Fred Maslo
KAy Blair
CharleS Koenig

Generous SWerners plan happier Xmas for needy

by Margaret Mulch

The Christmas Spirit of kindness and generosity has visited SW again this year, inspiring many advisory groups to contribute the money usually spent exchanging gifts to various projects for people less fortunate than themselves.

For example, students in Miss C. Mueller's group have collected clothing and toys and purchased food for a family with eight children whose father is an invalid. Miss Reinhardt's advisory group and her five history classes sent \$75 to CARE to pay for 1,650 pounds of surplus food for the hungry in India. Miss Murray's group is collecting for both CARE and a needy family.

Home-made cookies

For the third consecutive year, Mrs. Medlock's group has packed brightly wrapped coffee cans with homemade cookies to distribute at the Senior Citizen's Hospital. Miss Wecka's group will donate cookies to the Evangelical Children's home.

Miss Skinner's group sent \$17.75 to Post-Dispatch case 18, a grandmother who needed toys and food to make a happy Christmas for her five grandchildren, two of whom are blind. Miss Reilly's group has also given generously to one of these cases and so have Mrs. Segall's and Mrs. Pyburn's.

Food for three families

A basket of canned foods and staples has been collected in Miss McNamara's group for a family to be chosen by Rev. Hewlett, father of an advisee. Mrs. Newell's, Miss Becker's, Miss J. Mueller's and Miss Cleveland's groups will provide needy families with Christmas dinners. Miss Galland's is collecting food and clothing for a family with four young children.

Miss Ulbricht's group will join with Mr. Polster's Saturday evening to go caroling in the SW area. Miss Milliken's

is donating to the Volunteer Film Fund.

Thanks to the efforts of these SWerners, some people who would otherwise have nothing to look forward to will have a truly MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Celebrities pose for fantastic and unbelievable photo



Those not pictured are the following:

Front row: Julius Caesar, Santa's helpers, Chief Sitting Bull, Bobalouie, Archimedes and Brigitte Bardot.

Row two: Dante, Fuzz, Charlie Brown, Superman, John Baresford Tipton, his right-hand man, Michael Anthony and Mike's brother, Marc.

Row three: The Wild Child, Peanuts, Socrates, Speedy Alka-Seltzer, Fred and Wilma Flintstone, Mr. Moke, Captain Kangaroo, Fearless Fosdick, Humpty Dumpty, Henny Penny, Goosie Loosie and Foxy Loxy.

Row four: Frosty the Snowman, Mickey Mantle, Trigger, Winnie-the-Poo, Yogi Bear, Barney Bear, Running Bear, Smokey Bear and Busch Bavarian Bear.

Row five: Huckleberry Hound, the Pioneer staff, Auntie Mame, Yul Brynner, Sluggo (his hairdresser), Mr. Magoo, the Smith Brothers, Alfred E. Neuman, my sister Eileen, the Headless Horseman, San Fernando Red and, due to lack of space, the rest of the world's population.

Read it again, more slowly, and maybe you'll get it!

Pioneer reveals hidden author

The *Pioneer* does it again!!! As a result of painstaking research, never-ending investigation (and the fact that he let it slip in an English lit. class) the *Pioneer* has discovered a heretofore unknown and closely guarded secret—Mr. Perrin has written THREE novels!

A native of Amherst, New Hampshire, he completed the first two, describing life in New England, while still in high school. The third was a more pointed work telling what was wrong with the Army. Strangely enough, Mr. Perrin happened to be serving in the 31st Infantry Division at that time.

And what has been the fate

of the three works of literary endeavor? "Well," recalls Mr. Perrin with an obvious high of relief, "one chilly evening I was having trouble getting the fire started, so . . ."


Coward's Choice

75 per cent potassium nitrate, 15 per cent charcoal, 10 per cent sulphur. All right, I got 'em all. Now what do I do?

I dunno. Mix 'em, I guess. What's it supposed to make, anyway?

Gunpowder.

Humm. Tell you what. You mix it. I'll write the report.



Baghdad Babble

Silver bells chiming,
Yuletide verses rhyming,
Carolers singing cheer . . .
Best wishes from "Pioneer."

They spent Christmases abroad

New at SW... an opportunity in electronics

To most of us Christmas is a time to spend at home and home is right here in the good old U.S.A. Not so, for eleven SWerners, however . . . They have spent Christmases in foreign countries ranging from the Bahama Islands to Switzerland.

Carol Ruth Clark, a sophomore, spent an unusual holiday season on the Bahama Islands last year, where Santa Claus is known as Jonny Canoe. "On the day after Christmas, the natives of the island came to our house and performed a tribal dance!" Carol also had the unusual experience of hearing carols sung to the beat of bongo drums.

Senior Sam Casleton spent his first five Christmases at his home in Brazil. "The celebration there is much the same as here," he grinned, "although I really don't remember that far back too well!"

Another senior, William Coby, spent Christmas, 1953, in Switzerland visiting relatives. According to Bill, one nice thing about the Swiss holiday is the true Christmas spirit. "There is far less commercialization and everyone in the village where I stayed was warmly friendly," Bill explained.

Christmas in Montreal
Senior David McCordick, born in Montreal, Canada, lived in that northern country for ten years. From the age of seven, David cut his own tree from the nearby woods. *Pioneer* co-editor Christa Holtmann, who spent her first six Christmases in Germany, remembers finding a gift in her shoe every Sunday in Advent.

Fernanda Tarticchio and her brother, Marino, explain that Christmas in Italy is quite different from that of the U.S. Biggest celebrations fall on Dec. 6, St. Nickolus Day, and Jan. 6, La Tiffana, when gifts are given, leaving Dec. 25 solely for the coming of Jesus Christ.

Christmas in Germany
"No electric lights, only candles, are used on Christmas trees in Germany," Heike Raffeldt says; "and a tree is considered incomplete without a crib beneath it." Santa, Nicko-

lorn up, then burned in the large open fireplaces for the fairies to carry off as ashes.

"Santa," laughed Ralph Willis, a five of Miss Mueller's group, "was our gardener." In Germany, where Ralph lived for three years, their gardener was the town Santa. On the sixth of December he would go from house to house filling children's shoes with candy or coal.

Steve Potsos, a three of Mr. Allen's advisory, explained that in Greece, Dec. 25 is spent in worship with New Year's as a day of celebration and presents.



ENJOYING AN AMERICAN CHRISTMAS TREE. From left: Christa Holtmann, Sam Casleton, Marino Tarticchio, Dave McCordick, Heike Raffeldt, Fernanda Tarticchio, Bill Coby, Steve Potsos, Ralph Willis and Georgina Hayward.

At Koch Hospital

Teenager tells of experience with TB

by Alice Williams

"I always thought I couldn't get TB, not me. I guess that is what everyone thinks, but it's not true," commented a 17-year-old Soldan High student, presently a patient at Koch hospital, in a panel discussion at the hospital—part of an all-day press conference, Nov. 1. Co-editor Christa Holtmann and I were representing the *Pioneer*.

He went on, "I never wanted to do anything but lie around laus as he is called in Germany, comes on Dec. 6, bringing candy, cookies and apples.

Georgina Hayward, who comes to us from the West Highland, near Glasgow, Scotland, tells how a letter to Santa is written,

the house and sleep. Luckily, my mother recognized the symptoms of TB and at her suggestion I had an X-Ray, which showed active tuberculosis. I guess I'm lucky though, to have found out before it got too serious."

Yes, he was lucky. According to Dr. Bernard H. Friedman, director of the hospital, TB, detected early enough, now can be arrested in a short time with no permanent damage to the lungs. This boy's mother, a nurse, had worked with tubercular cases and so was familiar with the symptoms.

If everyone knew how to protect himself and how to recognize the early symptoms of this killer of 106 St. Louisans last year, TB, like smallpox and diphtheria, could become almost extinct.

Actually, through TB society research, X-Rays and publicity, much has been accomplished; but workers are still desperately needed in all the 156 administrative, clerical, professional, service and technical occupations concerned with public health.

The satisfaction derived from this type of work shone in the eyes of the pretty young nurse

Student Factory

Conversation between two elderly ladies overheard by a SW Susie as her bus stopped to let a number of O'Fallon Tech students get off:

"Where are all those young people going?"

"To that building down there. I wonder what it is."

"It must be a factory. They're all wearing their union buttons." (Referring, no doubt, to the bright orange bus passes.)

More! More!

An exhausted singing group was rehearsing for the operetta. After their song had been repeated a number of times, senior Barb Barrow quipped, "We must really be good. This is our fifth encore."

at work in the occupational therapy department of Koch hospital. "It's a life of service," she admitted, "but it's so rewarding!"

Health education offers a world of opportunity in a multitude of fields. More explicit information on the positions open in health and the training required can be obtained from your Tuberculosis and Health Society.

Dr. Martin Luther King meets St. Louis press

by Alice Williams

The atmosphere was tense in the library of the YMHA-YWHA, 714 Union, on the afternoon of Nov. 27 as high-school and professional press representatives awaited the arrival of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., principal figure in the restaurant sit-in strikes in Alabama.

Then Dr. King entered and quietly took his seat. He sipped water as he patiently endured the flashing of cameras in the manner of one long-accustomed to being photographed.

Foremost in everyone's minds was Dr. King's sensational arrest for his part in the sit-in strikes in Southern cities. Someone asked why his group did not use more conventional means to gain admittance to eating places and he replied, "We have tried going through the courts; we have tried appealing to the legislature.

"All we obtain is more and more delay. We want our rights and are trying to achieve them in a way that we feel follows the American tradition of the Boston Tea Party."

Will integration really work? "Integration is a legal term. What we want is a true brotherhood between men of all races." This naturally led to the touchy problem of inter-racial marriage, which Dr. King felt was a personal decision, not a civil matter.

On the future of integration, Dr. King said, "By the turn of the century great strides will have been made toward total

Looking for a new interest? How about becoming a ham operator? SW Amateur Radio Club, lately organized under the sponsorship of Mr. Ellermann, is open for membership.

The club is designed to enable members to become amateurs or to extend their knowledge of electronics so that they can understand and repair their own TV and radio sets.

When a ham (amateur radio operator) sits down at his transmitter and flips the switch, he has a chance of contacting anyone in the world. He can help provide an emergency communications network across the country in case of local or national emergency. Therefore hams participate in periodic Civil Defense drills.

The SW club plans to set up a school station in the near future, operated by qualified club members in affiliation with the American Radio and Relay League. It will be under the jurisdiction of the Federal Communications Commission, using the call letters of Mr. Ellermann, which are KNØBFI.

Meetings are set for every other Thursday from 3:20 to 4 p.m. Membership at present is 22. Anyone interested is welcome to join at any time.



THE REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING integration." He believes the president-elect, Mr. Kennedy, has "a deep understanding of the integration problem."

In closing, Dr. King stressed the idea that love, not violence, is the weapon that will win the Negroes' battle against segregation. Then he was whisked away to another commitment.

Slowly, thoughtfully, we filed out of the stuffy, little room, deeply impressed by meeting this man who may someday be an important figure in American history.

Postmarked Kailua

SWerner writes from Hawaii



TERRILL RABER sends a friendly "Aloha" from our fiftieth state.

by Kay Kirchman

A letter from the state of pineapples, grass skirts and laughter, postmarked Kailua, Hawaii, arrived recently in the *Pioneer* room. The writer? Terrill Raber who attended SW last year as a nujay.

This "shy girl," as Miss Wecka, her former advisor, put it, went to live for a year in Hawaii after her father died just at the time she entered SW. In her letter she told of the dress over there and how it won her over. The girls wear

their long black hair in fancy styles, with flowers adding a finishing touch.

Here is a switch! Girls wear earrings to school in our fiftieth state, and between classes students are often found carrying, rather than wearing, their shoes. "The islanders aren't accustomed to wearing them. In grade school it's free choice, but in high school everyone must bring shoes."

Ready to catch a plane, train, boat, go-cart or anything to get to that sunny, happy state, Hawaii? Terrill says, though, "I don't know whether I will come home in January or June; it is such a big decision to make." Why come home?

She loves "to hear any news about SW" and promises that if there is anything anybody wants to know about Hawaii, she will try her best to find out about it. Her address is Terrill Raber, 381 Wanaao Rd., Kailua, Oahu, Hawaii, and she closes with "Aloha!"

Annual Xmas basketball tournament Dec. 26-29

SW cagers will play in the annual public high league Christmas tournament, Dec. 26 through 29. It will be necessary to check your local paper for time and opponents; at this time Coach Ashley has no specific information, except that DeAndreis High will be SW's first opponent. The date, Dec. 26; the place, O'Fallon gym.

In the remaining league games SW will play . . .

Central, Jan. 14—The Redwings will prove a worthy foe. Led by Bob Lashmett, they will be out to avenge last year's defeat.

Sumner, Jan. 21—Sumner, sparked by Rich Parks, will be a tough obstacle to the small cager team, but, as it was shown in the SW victory over the Bulldogs in '59, anything can happen in high school sports.

Beaumont, Jan. 28—Placed at the top of rough teams this year should be the Blue-Jackets.

SW eight now a 'Boomerang Boy'

A unique, but so far unsung, sportsman among the seniors, Dave Bufalo of Miss Kroenlein's advisory, has the distinction of owning and operating a genuine Australian boomerang!

A magazine advertisement in his doctor's office (How come we never see such interesting things when we go to the doctor?) caught his fancy. Result? He is now the proud possessor of an authentic, natural finish (\$2.50) no-return boomerang. (Just kiddin'—it really returns.)

Shooting Stars ★ ★ ★

He is naturally athletic



DENNY SPOONER

Being on the varsity basketball team for three years is quite an achievement but it comes naturally to Denny Spooner, a seven of Miss Mesloh's advisory and co-captain of the SW Cagers.

"I guess I inherited my athletic ability from my sister," admitted Denny. Sharon Spooner, Jan. '57 graduate, was president of GAA in her senior year at SW. She also belonged to Bowling and Officials' Clubs. Besides busying herself with SW athletics, Sharon played in the Marion De Menil pro softball and basketball league.

McKinley, Feb. 4—McKinley's surprise victory over the rough Cleveland Dutchmen proves this another hard team to crack.

Cleveland, Feb. 11—A David and Goliath story will be retold when a very tall Cleveland team meets the SW cagers. Cleveland, last year's co-champion, usually proves to be one of the top teams in league play. They shared the title with McKinley and Beaumont.

O'Fallon, Feb. 18—Another neighboring school, O'Fallon will have its Hornets out to sting SW with the advantage of playing in their own spanking new gym.

Vashon, Feb. 25—SW is out to revenge last year's defeat by the Wolverines, and they will have their hands full. While Vashon is not recognized as one of the better teams in the league it is one always to respect.

Hadley 72, SW 33

SW cagers lost their second league game, by a score of 72-33, to a small but an excellent rebounding Hadley team at Hadley, Dec. 10. At halftime SW had collected only 14 points, Hadley 44. High scorer for SW was Bob Norris with 14 points.

Roosevelt Rough Riders, led by 6'6" pivot man, Bob Clark, charged through the defense works of the cagers and handed them a 72-40 defeat at O'Fallon last Saturday.

Clark was high man for Roosevelt with 32 points, the exact margin between the two scores. Dennis O'Dell, the only SW cager in double figures, was top scorer for SW with 13 points.

When Denny was only a three, he was chosen as a guard for the varsity team. Quite an accomplishment for a young sophomore.

During his junior year, Denny was interested not only in basketball. In between basketball practice he found time to play first base for Epiphany's baseball team, and also play on their soccer team.

As for basketball Denny is known for his unique style of out-court shooting and his clutch dribbling. This 5'9" senior relies more on speed and accuracy than height. He spends much of his summer in Epiphany Gym practicing diligently to improve his basketball talents.

Denny proved he has other abilities by being elected treasurer of the June '61 class.

About his future, Denny says, "I would like to attend either Ohio State or Kentucky University." While he is at SW, however, Bill Leonard, Bill Stoeppelman, Bob Ode and Bill Campbell are his close buddies.



GRADUATING LETTERMEN. First row, from left: Holmes, Tanurchis, Severson, Miller, Link, Moehlenhof, James, Rubey, Maslo, Wethington, Daniels. Second row, Fusco, Karcher, Thomas, Stevener, Beckerle, Vielhaber, Schmitz, Koenig, Schneider.

Record tied

Graduates earn total of 52 letters

January '61 athletes, with a total of 52 letters, have tied the athletic record for January classes set in '56. Eleven of the 21 graduating lettermen are football veterans.

Four boys with four awards apiece lead the rest and represent every sport at SW. Tom Karcher lettered three times in track and once in football; Vic Miller, twice each in football and baseball; Ron Moehlenhof, four times in tennis, serving as captain of this year's championship team; Ralph ("Pete") Stevener, twice in cross-country (captain), once in track and once in basketball.

Eight grads lettered three times apiece. Gene Beckerle, Bill Link and Dieter Schmitz

each have two emblems in football and one in track, while Bill Severson and Frank Vielhaber have two in track and one in football. Bill was also a track co-captain.

Tom James and Steve Thomas earned two awards in football and one in baseball as members of last year's championship team. Steve, a football co-captain, was voted "Most Athletic" in his class. Last of these triple lettermen is Dave Daniels, with three awards in tennis.

Dean Holmes, John Tanurchis and John Wethington each let-

tered twice. Dean earned his letters in tennis; "Tanurch," in football; John, in baseball.

Six remaining lettermen are Sam Eddington and Rich Fusco, with one award apiece in baseball; Charles Koenig and Dennis Schneider, one each in tennis; Fred Maslo, one in football; and Jack Rubey, one in track.

Not to be outdone by the stronger sex, five girls have earned GAA letters. These sportswomen are Barb Barrow, Sally Chapman, Eileen Farabee, Carol Hartmann and Cathy Zulauf.

Coach Kenny has championship habit---so do his players

by Roy Walkenhorst

The majority of habits go unnoticed by nearly everyone, however, Coach Jim Kenny has formed one that is pretty hard to overlook—he makes champions.

A quick review of his overall record at SW serves to prove the point, for out of the 21 baseball and football squads that have been under his direction, seven have won first place trophies, another seven have placed second and only two have finished their respective seasons with losing marks.

During the 12 seasons that he has coached the pigskin game here, Mr. Kenny's teams have amassed a mark of 70 wins, 31 losses and 6 ties. In addition to the championship years of '51, '53 and '57, three other seasons have yielded second place finishes and only the 1949 squad wound up their campaign with a losing mark.

The baseball half of the picture is even more impressive. In nine seasons the Kennymen have won 159 while losing only 57 and only the 1953 team ended the year with a losing record. The other eight clubs have divided first and second place honors equally, with championships in '47, '49, '51 and '60 and second places in '48, '50, '52 and '54.

But this pleasant habit goes much farther back than 1949;

it starts on the campus of Iowa U, where Mr. Kenny played football and captained the baseball team. Upon graduation he returned to St. Louis coaching baseball at Normandy and swimming at Roosevelt. Here the habit was truly born, for Mr. Kenny won five championships at each school.

When World War II and 1943 rolled around Mr. Kenny found himself in the China-Burma-India theatre of war, where he eventually took charge of a thousand man convalescent camp. He returned to SW in 1946. Mr. Kenny, who also finds time to scout for the Detroit Tigers, rates Bob Ruck the all-time best SW player, and the 1957 Longhorns the top SW team.

Now devoting his coaching time entirely to football, he acknowledges the possibility of a player or team in the future whose excellence will surpass that of Ruck or the '57 Longhorns, but adds, "The deterioration in physical fitness of the average boy poses a big problem."

And while there is a great volume of facts and figures supporting this view, there are just as many statistics implying that so long as Mr. Kenny is running the practices SW will be on top . . . it has become a habit, you know.



by Sandy Schaefer

FINAL STANDINGS IN GAA find Nancy Sturgis's team in first place, with 11 wins and no losses. In a three-way tie for second place, with nine wins and two losses each, are the teams captained by Lorene Weekley, Jan Cloak and Eileen Farabee. Jan. 3 is the day set for the playoff game.

It was a close race for the top teams, but Adrian Drapalik had little competition for the 12th spot in the league. Her record was hard to beat—her team lost all its games.

GIRLS DESIRING SPECIAL RECOGNITION for their work in GAA in the form of a pin or letter should be checking their activity points with the GAA officers in the gym office. Be sure this information is secured by Jan. 15.

MISS J. MUELLER, sponsor of GAA, reports that she's planning a girls' interschool basketball team to compete against other high schools in the area. Their first game will be on Jan. 20 against Roosevelt.