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Faculty increases to 79 as five come, four leave

SW faculty roster increased by one to a total of 79 at mid-year when four teachers left and five came.

Miss Linda Guenther, a native of Fort Madison, Iowa, with an A.B. in speech and dramatics from Webster College, has taken over Miss Meenach's classes in radio and dramatics. Miss Meenach is on a world cruise, having already visited Spain, Italy, Arabia, India, Ceylon and Burma and today is in Malaya.

Mrs. Marlo Miller, from Midland, Michigan, received her A.B. from Central Michigan U and has done graduate work at Michigan U. Before coming to SW, she taught speech to junior high school students in Midland. She replaces Miss Mesloh, who this semester is working with a committee revising the English course for the St. Louis public schools.

Mrs. Madiera Williams attended Harris Teachers College the University of Colorado and Washington U, where she received her M.A. in political science. She substituted at Harris while working on her degree. At SW she is teaching world and American history.

Mr. Lionel Moore received his B.A. from St. Louis U with a major in mathematics and chemistry and a minor in physics. At SW he teaches physics 1 and 2 in the place of Mr. Hicks, who has transferred to

Central High in St. Louis.

Mrs. Ruth Morrissey attended Harris Teachers College, Washington U, where she received an M.A. in English, and Middlebury School of English in Vermont, where she worked under such famous men as the poet, Robert Frost. At SW she teaches English, replacing Mrs. Heber, who has transferred to O'Fallon.

These new faculty members report that they are impressed with everyone's courtesy and friendliness.

Three artists win Scholastic Merit Awards

Three SW artists, Kathy Lever, Sharyl Heimbacher and Dominic Barbarotta, have won certificates of merit for their entries in the 1961 National Scholastic Art Contest, sponsored annually by Stix, Baer and Fuller. Winning entries were among those selected by Miss Boedeker, SW art instructor, for entry in the contest.

Kathy Lever, semester two of Mrs. Segall's advisory, won two places in the contest with her pencil drawing of classmate, Cathie Linhart, and a student scene composed with opaque water color paints.

A transparent water color composition of a country winter scene and a drawing of a cat in black India ink won two places in the contest for Sharyl Heimbacher, a six of Mr. Ashley's advisory. Dominic Barbarotta, a six of Miss Reilly's advisory, won one place in the contest with his transparent water color painting of a family on Thanksgiving Day.

Winning entries in the contest were on display at Stix, Baer and Fuller, Westroads, until last Saturday.

Those entries which received gold keys will be sent to New York for further judging and display.



HELLO DAY COMMITTEE judging tryouts. From left, seated: Robin Avis, Bob Wagoner, Mary Schoenbeck, Shirley Black, Karen Diehl, Sandy Schaefer, Margee Duffett, Genie Spudich. Standing: Bill Griffith, Bill Roch, Keith Schmidt, Charles Hatcher, Al Rawizza, Don Flacke.

Showboat due here today

It's Hello Day! At the close of advisory, the Showboat, *SW Belle*, will dock in the aud for an hour-long talent show, featuring vocal groups, novelty acts, instrumental ensembles, dancers and soloists. Come on aboard—admission is free and everyone's invited.

Captain Bill Griffith, together with Bill Roch, Sandy Miller, Margaret Duffett, Al Rawizza and Mary Schoenbeck will emcee, calling the acts in the following order:

Pam Stumpf dancing to Cape Cod. The Early Risers (Ed Pistorious, Bob Wagoner, Gary Frost, Roy Walkenhorst, Bob Farrington and John Schrader) singing *Beautiful Brown Eyes*.

Arlene Wicklein and Jim Bial-

son in a comedy duet, *There's A Hole in My Bucket*. The Guitar Trio (Lonnie Graves, Ken Bohannon and Dan Daher) playing *Apache*. Diana St. Jean singing *Misty*.

The 'Choir Coquettes' (Beatrice Howell, Alice Heminghaus, Edith Pistorious, Veronica Taylor, Kendra Roth and Rachal Steele) in a novelty song, *In Between*. Shirley Schmitz in an accordion solo *Lady of Spain*. Adrian Drapalik singing and dancing to *You Must Have Been a Beautiful Baby*.

"The Rebels" (Bob Ude, Mike Cerutti, Lonnie Graves and Bob Neville) playing *Night Train*. A vocal trio (Janie Hewlett, Cathy Lalumondiere and Judy Sparberg) singing *Something's Gotta Give*.

Nancy Reed and Rick Groeneman in an old time vaudeville song and dance. Gail McLellan singing *Rock a Bye*. Karen Knoblauch and Lonnie Sullivan dancing *Easy Shoes*. Susie Spieldoch and Bill Coby in a piano and organ duet, *Exodus*. Basso Norman Rollings in *Old Man River*.

The show will conclude with the A Cappella Choir and Orchestra, under the direction of Miss Meyer and Mr. Monachesi, doing selections from *Showboat*. But the fun doesn't stop here. Dancing will go on in the gym

In the wind

Shows and tests

• This morning . . . Hello Day. Eyes up!

• Monday . . . "Roundup" pictures.

• Tuesday . . . Merit Scholarship tests . . . freshman mothers' meeting and luncheon.

• Tuesday through Thursday . . . senior play tryouts.

• Wednesday . . . "Roundup" pictures.

• Monday, March 13, through Friday, March 17 . . . test week.

• Friday, March 17 . . . variety show.

during the four lunch periods.

At this moment in every advisory, student council representatives are selling Hello Day tags at five cents each. Students may buy as many tags as they need to collect signatures of their friends.

"When SWerners get together to have fun and meet new friends, their school spirit is bound to improve" explains Student Council President Bill Griffith.

Roundup' still \$2.25

Sales to open Monday

An intensified *Roundup* sales campaign opens next Monday, March 6, and closes in just two weeks. "It is our hope to sell a book to every student," says Mr. Forti, faculty business sponsor. Diane Krenning of the yearbook staff will be working with him as business manager.

In spite of inflation, the book not only holds to last year's price of \$2.25, but adds a costly new feature . . . a full page colored picture of SW. And there will be a complete index of students, listing pages on which their pictures appear.

Drawings throughout the book by Miss Boede-

ker's artists, Roy Marshall, Susan Stoehr, Doug Clemens, Sharyl Heimbacher, Kathy Sheehan, Sally Prag, June Hill, Sharon Smith, Walter Gamache, and Jacqueline Heddell, will help carry out the theme *A Healthy Mind in a Healthy Body*.

Art 5-8, under Miss Boedeker's direction, will plan and arrange a sales display in the main corridor case. Students of Miss Guenther's radio classes will present several advertising skits over the PA during morning advisory.

Latest type electric panel installed in aud

A new addition to SW's growing list of modern equipment is an improved electric panel lately installed in the aud.

"The old one," explained Mr. Young, "was in use since the school opened over 20 years ago, was out-dated."

The new panel is designed to carry a higher load and, therefore, is more complicated than



Business Manager Diane Krenning

Albert Schneider participates in district oratorical contest

Sophomore Albert Schneider participated in the district meet of the Optimist Club's Open Oratorical Contest last Sunday at Greenbriar Country Club but was eliminated from further competition.

The zone contest is to be followed by the regional competition with the final elimination set for June 23 in Las Vegas, Nev., at the Annual Convention of Optimist International. The winner there will receive a \$1000 scholarship; the three runners up, \$300 scholarships each.

The official subject of the old one. Because of its complexity and higher load capacity, no one but technicians or trained personnel will be allowed to operate it.

Enrollment climbs

SW enrollment continues to climb. Girls, as usual, outnumber boys, this time by 132, with 1005 girls and 873 boys making a total of 1878.

Most numerous are the 394 twos. Then follow the eights, 286; ones, 252; fours, 244; sixes, 242; threes, 202; fives, 144; and the sevens with 114.

Boys outnumber girls in only three classes. The threes have 107 boys to 95 girls; the fives, 79 boys to 65 girls; and the sevens, with the most even split, 48 boys to 46 girls.

'Pioneer' winners to receive prizes during aud today

The showboat, *Southwest Belle*, anchored in the main corridor since Feb. 13, will steam away early next week. How many passengers will be aboard her as she shoves off? You will be if you subscribed to the *Pioneer*.

And speaking of passengers, at the Hello Day aud today two prizes will be awarded, one to the girl and one to the boy who came closest to guessing the correct number of passengers aboard. Barbara Everhart, salesman for Miss Reinhardt's advisory made history by turning in passage money for every member of her advisory the day subscription sales opened.

Other advisory groups subscribing 100 per cent by Feb. 28 were Mr. Berres with salesman Bill Weaver; Miss Hachtman, Sandy Schaefer and Sandy Miller; Mrs. Johnson, Clyde Burgess.

Subscriptions on Tuesday of this week totaled \$1244. The showboat in the display case is the result of the combined efforts of Sallie Meier and Jack Terrill, *Pioneer* staff artists.

It's an obstacle course

You have about two more minutes before the second bell rings for class. You shut your locker door and race on. A small clique stops in the middle of the crowded hall to gossip, admire Suzie's new skirt, or to find out who Janie is going steady with.

The seconds creep by while you frantically try to make a path through the thoughtless group. One minute to go! You break through and rush down the steps. The classrooms whiz by; and you finally make it as the bell rings, just barely getting through the door to hear the teacher say, "Why weren't you in your seat when the bell rang?"

You try to stumble out the words that tell the story of thoughtless students in packed halls, but words fail you as you try to catch your breath. You sit there and wonder, "Why doesn't somebody do something about the way kids travel around together in cliques, creating an obstacle course."

Don't miss the boat!

Today's and climaxes weeks of work and preparation around a single theme—Showboat. This, of course, is quite evident; but did you ever wonder who got their grubby little fingers into the selection of this idea?

With the beginning of the new term, the entire Pioneer staff directs its efforts at only one thing—your money. Now the best way to get this is via a red-hot sales campaign, so for days the ideas, plots and schemes of the staff members are discussed, argued, rejected and re-discussed.

Finally, the field is narrowed to a select group of plans, lending themselves to both a sales campaign and the Hello Day aud. These are submitted to Student Council, voted on, and the winner is then scrutinized by the office.

When the theme is finally arrived at, far-flung action results. Try-outs are held, aud sessions are arranged and the sales campaign begins. Speaking of sales campaigns, we've been conducting one for several weeks . . . have you noticed?

This article is part of it and it says, "We need you, your support and, most immediate of all, your dollar!" So don't miss the boat; it sails every two weeks and is full of the things you're interested in and a part of. Welcome aboard!

Kerr switches—daisies to snakes

Do you remember "Please Don't Eat the Daisies"? Well, Jean Kerr has done it again—produced another laughter-filled work. It is entitled "The Snake Has All the Lines."

In this book, added to SW library by the Jan. '61 Class, Mrs. Kerr again demonstrates her genius at using humor to color everyday experiences. Take for instance, a day at the beach. "It just brings out all your freckles and ruins a good hair set." That's what happens when a woman takes her five children to the beach.

She gives advice on how to talk to a man, (while he's snoring); outlines her plan for a book on manners for children, to include items such as, "Don't ask Mommy why she has all those stripes on her forehead." (They're wrinkles.)

You'll enjoy her zany titles: "I Was a Sand Crab," "As I Was Saying to Mrs. Rockefeller," and "Mirror, Mirror on the Wall, I Don't Want to Hear One Word Out of You."

Put some fun into your life . . . read "The Snake Has All the Lines."

Aboard Senior Showboat

Troupe of 286 promises lively performance

As the lowly underclassmen wait on the levee, we can see the *SW Belle*, captained by Bill Leonard, class president, and Bill Griffith, SC president, coming round the bend filled to the brim with 286 new eights

Bill Griffith's first mate is Bill Roch, new VP of Student Council, assisted by second and third mates Sandy Miller, secretary, and Margee Duffett, treasurer.

Favorite performers on this

Last of the showboats

'Goldenrod' part of St. Louis tradition

by Janie Hewlett

It is the year 1909. A Cal-Hope sounds from down the Ohio or the Mississippi river, and at once a small community is alive with excitement. The showboat is coming! A special kind of magic settles o'er the people, a magic produced by bright lights, a band, singing and dancing and the simple melodramas in which virtue is always rewarded and evil punished.

Then a few years later a special showboat appears—the *Goldenrod*, the largest ever constructed. There are boxes draped with velours for the gentry, seats covered with red plush and floors expensively carpeted. The stage is large and the lighting, the last word. The seating capacity . . . 1400. Sounds exciting, doesn't it? And St. Louis can still enjoy the fun and excitement of the showboat. That same *Goldenrod*,

which played in towns up and down the Ohio and Mississippi, now the last professional year-round showboat in the nation, is permanently moored at the foot of Locust St., and has become as much a part of St. Louis as Shaw's Garden.

"Little Nell Is Still Alive" and "The Convict's Daughter" are typical of the *Goldenrod's* repertoire. The audience finds great fun in booing the scoundrel, cheering the heroes, shouting warning cries to endangered ingenues and arguing with the actors. As seniors Bob Wagoner and Marylee Smith comment, "It's all so corny it's funny."

But it is not necessary for SW personnel to go to the river front to enjoy a showboat performance. In a few minutes now, the *SW Belle* will dock right here in the aud to put on a first rate talent show. Welcome aboard!



This 'n' that

A big SW 'Hello' to all newcomers

by Louise Barkullis

Today is the day to make nujays, especially, feel at home around school, but there is another group needing to be welcomed—those upper classmen who have transferred in from other high schools.

So, say a big SW "Hello" to Ann Marie Lewis from Soldan, Mike Lovelace, Parkway, and Jeanne Morrison, Roosevelt. We'd also like to welcome back Marion Robertson, an eight, and Bill Berthe, a three.

So far as SW eating habits go, we are as normal as teenagers over the country. Miss Layman reports on the most

popular foods sold in our cafeteria. You guessed it! PIZZA and HAMBURGERS.

If it's new, SW has it. Want proof? Just take a look in Miss Hachtman's room some day and see the beautiful TV set. It is the newest and best classroom television on the market, according to the Board of Education. It cost \$263.15, \$100. coming from the Board and the rest from SW's contingent fund, built up through the years from the proceeds of operettas, senior plays, etc.

Mystery . . . why have Marylee Smith and Denny O'Brien been seen in the center of the crowd that wants to SNIP (See Name In Prom) lately? Solution . . . they are SW's new Prom reporters.

crise include senior A Cappella Choir officers: President Bob Wagoner, Vice-President Jim Gormly, Secretary June Glass, Treasurers Mary Schoenbeck and Ken Tacony, and Librarians Bart Howell and Ed Pistorius.

Facts . . . free to nujays

Gather 'round nujays, and give a listen:

Read this and find out what you've been missin'.

DID YOU KNOW . . .

The auditorium seats only 1383 of our 1878 students?

There are 59 classrooms at SW?

Our statues have names? As a group they are *Youthful Leadership*. Individually they are *Exact Sciences*, *Social Interests*, *Youthful Leadership*, *The Liberal Arts*, and *Athletic Activities*. Mr. Polster's advisory of sevens has twice as many students on the honor roll as any other group?

Now, nujays, do your best To learn more about good ole SW.

8 8 8
Congratulations to Rosalie Venezia on her appointment as Craft Director at the Rosary Villa Day Camp in Pevely, Missouri, this summer.

8 8 8

A "thanks anyway for trying" goes to all of the eights who tried out for Hello Day, but didn't make it. Better luck next time(?).

8 8 8

Thanks also to Admirals Hachtman and Kroenlein for the mastery job they are doing on the senior advisory showboat every morning in the aud.

Recently formed 'Breakfast Club' meets here daily

by Judy Sparberg

SW's newly formed "Breakfast Club" meets daily from 10:45 to 11:25 a.m. with approximately 250 in attendance. Purpose of the club is to provide lunch for students and faculty members who could not be squeezed into the other three lunch periods.

Serving as officers are Louis Sleboda, president; Elizabeth Collins, vice-president; Miss Layman, refreshment supervisor; Bill Coby, chairman in charge of music to eat by and Sandy Mestres and Bruce Holtman, treasurers in charge of lunch checks. Mr. Cameron is sergeant-at-arms.

At a recent meeting Karen Klinefelter and Carole Roberts suggested that waffles with scrambled eggs and bacon be served daily. Ann Brammeler moved that doughnuts and coffee be included.

Bill Coby, food mood creator, has discovered a record called "Sounds to Tempt the Salivary Glands" by Juicy Chews. Mrs. Martyr and Mr. Monachesi, faculty "Breakfast Clubbers," are so impressed with the peaceful and unconfused meetings that they believe a record could actually be heard.

At another meeting a petition, requesting that the "Breakfast Club" meet seventh period was presented; but before it could be voted on, refreshments arrived. Pizza—oh no! But not a green tinge appeared, as members discovered that, even at 10:45, they were hungry for their favorite delicacy.

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Seven earn straight H's 278 on first semester honor roll

Seven SWerners succeeded in making a perfect 5.0 average last semester. In all, 148—8.9 per cent of the school—rated grades of 4.0 or higher, while 278—16.7 per cent of the whole student body—made honor scores of 3.5 or better.

The all-H students are Lynn Espinola, John Kieffer, Beverly Kreh, Karen Marquardt, Sheila Meinberg, Robert Sherooga and Elise Winterer.

Only the eights cannot earn better than an even 4.0 average.

Sevens are on top with 21.5 per cent of their class making over 3.5. The twos come in second with 18.7 per cent, just barely beating the fives, who have 18.5.

The following averaged between 4.0 and 5.0, with girls outnumbering boys in a ratio of almost three to one.

World tour via geography course

Brand new books, complete with colorful illustrations and the latest maps, tables and photographs, have been provided to make Advanced Geography as much alive as a world tour.

Miss Murray's new one-semester course offers opportunity to study the shape of the land and its influence on the lives of its inhabitants. Current events and map study are also part of the course.

"The last geography course, offered at SW some time during the '30's," commented Miss Murray, "was called Economic Geography."

'Nothing in slow motion'

Nujays find first day a melee of excitement

by Bob Wagoner

The Class of January, 1965, 252 strong, began their high school career on Friday, Jan. 27, under the watchful eye of advisers, Mr. Berres, Mr. Eaton, Mr. Eriksen, Mr. Hainline, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Meiborg and Mr. Purdy.

Memories of that first day will linger long with them, say John Zarnik, Carol Soppeland, Carol Fink, George Pearcey, Ron Riley and Carolyn Grau. "The testing was hard, but the lunch was fine," comments Larry Oliver.

A "madhouse," "huge," "overcrowded" and "a good place to get lost" are impressions of SW reported by first termers, Kathy Ball, Martha Freer, Linda Bense, Margaret Katsinas, Janet Boyd, Elaine Knollhoff, Allen Sandifer, Tom Sullivan, Bill Hageman and John Vesos.

The rush to the lunchroom and from class to class seems dangerous and confusing to Robert Conradi, Larry Koenig, Larry Gray, Ann Schoenbeck, Eileen Vance, Loretta Gambini and Ron Stephan. Says Mike Heinicke, "Nothing is done in slow motion!"

Lockers are a source of confusion to Linda Heatherly, Robert Schoewe, Kathy Moore,

Semester eight... 4.0—Sharon Anstedt, Carolyn Balsarotti, Carolyn Baum, Pat Baumann, Jim Bialson, Elaine Finazzo, James Gormly, Michael H. Green, Vicki Gropp, Donna Knauer, Mary McCain, Janet McKenna, Sandra Miller, Toby Paff, Alan Rawlizza, Lody Reimler, William Roch, Sandy Schaefer, Sharon Schulz, Susie Spieldoch, Kenneth Tacony, Barbara Trollinger, Mary Trower, Bob Wagoner, William Whitney.

Semester seven... 4.9—David Krauss, 4.8—Phillip Klasskin, 4.4—Frank Buchmeier, Gene Hargrove, 4.2—Harold Plening, 4.1—Karen Fries, Dale Munn, 4.0—Wayne Didden, Margaret Himmelspach, Janet Hradsky, Judy Juergens, Mary Jo Sandretto, Louis Sleboda, Richard Steele, Peggy Tanner, Ron Taylor.

Semester six... 4.8—Tom Lynch, Rebecca Roussin, 4.6—Hilde Herkstroetter, Phillip Keim, Merry Lindauer, Glen Pearcey, 4.5—Daniel Brooks, Janie Hewlett, Ron Rice, Judy Sparberg, 4.4—Mary Ellen Hamilton, 4.2—Eugene Boisauhin, Barbara Lentz, Dennis O'Dell, Rita Mazzola, Joe Sanders, 4.0—Rose Harness, Valerie Herweck.

Semester five... 5.0—Elise Winterer, 4.8—Richard Magnusson, Wendell Pierce, Mark Pultman, 4.6—Richard Grunwald, 4.4—Katherine Van Wessem, 4.2—Ted Anstedt, Sharon Carneal, Carol Clark, Judith Glanz, Ed Shimamoto, 4.0—Jimmy Austry, Dianne Jordan, Anita Macko, Tom Mitchell, Bob Wenom.

Semester four... 5.0—Beverly Kreh, John Kieffer, Robert Sherooga, 4.7—Janet Bechardt, 4.6—Judy Moeller, 4.5—Shirley Knauer, Linda Mandeville, Albert Schneider, 4.4—Richard Kosteki, Richard Velten, 4.2—Elizabeth Angelides, Gayle Tucker, Lols Goldman, Maria Grana, Dianne Klasing, Kathryn Trollinger, Sue Zepf, 4.1—Kay Schoenbeck, Kathy Soeldner, 4.0—Karen Kilnefelter, Jack Pruitt, Richard Steber.

Semester three... 4.8—Alice Campbell, Jean Hamilton, 4.7

—Bonnie Vespy, 4.6—Conrad Heyl, Noel Shaw, 4.5—Mary Collins, 4.4—Jean Pekar, 4.2—Pat Ford, 4.1—Harry Rosen, 4.0—Paul Bles, Sue Bouquet, Suzanne Faber, Martha Eaton, Stephen Green, Arditth Welsh, Dorothea Winkler.

Semester two... 5.0—Lynn Espinola, Karen Marquardt, Sheila Meinberg, 4.8—Jo Ann Kraemer, Dennis Kraus, 4.7—Doris Violetta, 4.6—Gerry Garrett, Nancee Gieck, Bill Morris, Margaret Nelden, Tom Schyder, 4.5—Dominic Poncirol, 4.4—Blanche Bante, Barbara Dunlap, Rita Young, 4.3—Bart McCellan, Nancy Schoenbeck, 4.2—Patricia Batterberry, Nancy Boken, Ronald Cann, Irene Intagliata, Penny Meyer, Marjorie Morgan, Vicki Wittgrove, 4.1—June Mitchell, Judith Moeller, 4.0—Darrell Daugherty, Barbara Everhart, Richard Fowler, Joyce Kelly, Karol Kittlaus, Laura Mueller, Anita Waninger, Tracy Wong.

17 qualify for Quill and Scroll

Quill and Scroll, International Honor Society of High School Journalists, has accepted for membership 17 of last semester's Pioneer staff.

Members must rank in the upper third of their class and be recommended by the paper's sponsor. A total of 50 printed inches in one semester is an added SW requirement.

Admitted were former co-editors, Barb Barrow and Christa Holtmann; new co-editors, Sandy Miller and Sandy Schaefer; page editors, Bill Griffith, Bob Wagoner, Mary Schoenbeck, Pam Baumann and Eileen Sterioff; reporters, Dave Atchisson, Tana Lalumondiere, Nancy Reed, Roy Walkenhorst, Edith Beckermann and Alice Williams; sports writer, Bob Buschart; and business manager, Lance Baugh.

Clothes problem

'Young Adult' from SW takes part in TV panel

Should parents choose the clothes their children wear?

This was the topic of Parker Wheatley's TV program, "Young Adults," last Saturday. Pioneer feature editor, Mary Schoenbeck, represented SW on the panel.

"I was dismissed early from the show was to be broadcast, so school Feb. 24, the day before I was able to see myself on television the next morning," she related.



MARY SCHOENBECK confers with Parker Wheatley before the broadcast.

Mary, a member of Senior A and newly-elected GAA president, tells of her experience. "After taking a tour of the studio, we went to the broadcasting room. The four of us panelists and Mr. Wheatley sat on the steps and began discussing the question. Before we realized it, the lights were on, the cameras rolling and we were being televised."

"The whole show was completely unrehearsed. We were afraid that we would run out of things to say, but I guess our woman's gift of gab came to our rescue," Mary added.

Other panelists were Pat James, Pattonville High; Jeanne Eggerding, Lutheran High South; and Donna Gast, Lutheran High South (last minute substitute for Lorelei Lehwalder, Roxana High.)

Sherman taking tests for U.S. Air Academy

by Pat Baumann

Since last June, when he first applied for admission to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., Robert Sherman, semester eight of Miss Cleveland's advisory, has received more than 15 letters from such national political figures as ex-Vice-President Nixon and Senator Stuart Symington.

"If you don't like to take tests, don't apply for the Academy," advises brown-haired, brown-eyed Bob, with the laughing good humor for which he is known around SW. And he speaks from experience.

Bob's first encounter with the Air Force's exhaustive program of testing applicants for its top school came last September, when he spent a day at Scott Air Force Base taking a six-hour physical examination. Next came a battery of mental tests, and still coming up are College Board examinations and another trip to Scott field, this time for

three days of tests. As if this weren't enough, if he is accepted for the Academy, he will have to spend the last week in June taking placement tests at the Academy.

If Bob had any doubts about whether these ordeals are worth it or not, they were dispelled by a telegram he received recently from Rep. Leonor K. Sullivan, of the Third Congressional District. This three-page missive informed him that he had been chosen as one of her 11 nominees for one appointment to the Academy.

The Bel-Airs and St. Jean appear in talent show

Before an audience packed with friends and relatives, SW soloist Diana St. Jean and the Bel-Airs (Carol Hartman, Carol Bittner, Gary Frost and Wayne Warnol) performed Feb. 4 in the finals of Stix, Baer and Fuller Talent Show.

Diana picked a song from grand opera, *Musetta's Waltz Theme*; the Bel-Airs sang two popular numbers, *Teardrops* and *Sh-boom*.

In the audience were many present SW students and January graduates. Also in the audience was SW's own social studies teacher, Miss Gibbons, who commented, "I think everyone did extremely well."

The judges, selected from radio and television performers, judged the acts on originality, appearance, costume and talent. First place prizes of \$50 went to Cherry Lou Moody of Kirkwood High School.

PTA schedules evening meeting

SW PTA will meet at 7:30 on Tuesday, March 21, to hear Theodore J. Krauss, vice-president of Associated Industries of Missouri, speak on "Higher Education and Industrial Organization."

Coming meetings offer interesting programs, such as a style show by SW girls, modeling their own creations. Mrs. Lindauer, PTA president, urges students to invite their parents to join. The yearly membership fee is a dollar per person.

APTITUDE TESTS on Jan. 27... photographer catches a few of the 253 SW nujays.



Sharon Clark and Ruth Barton. Bill Weaver calls his locker "spacious." (Serious?)

Freshmen are often victims of practical jokers. Wondering how to use various passes and how to get certain days off proved the downfall of Royal Krell, Sam Greco, Martin Seymour, Dave Zach, Robert Cuiiffa and Clyde Burgess.

Cries of "Nujay!" still seem to ring in the ears of Frances Suszko, Sandy Wolff, Tony Rigger, Dale Reckenberg, Kathleen Volz, Mary Volz, Alta Price, Judy Ferry and Carol Maier, but not of Pat Cerutti. He says,

"Don't act like a nujay and no one will know."

"One big happy family" is Susan Thieme's impression of SW. Agreeing on the friendliness of pupils, teachers and administrators are Nancy Simmons, Gary Domke, Susan Bergfeld, Jane Sparks, Richard Albertomeier, Michele Ross, Lynn Dexter, Carol James, Bill Marks, Carol Lutzi, Sharyn Mueller, Nanette O'Brien, Cheri Mae Hale, Pat Stampy and Peggy Matula.

"I'm glad to be at such a wonderful school," says Janice Vierheller."

Baseball team pinning hopes on 5 old pros

Spring is coming, the time of the year when SW Sams turn their fancy to . . . baseball. Many of them are already working out daily under Mr. Close, this year's coach.

"Our main strength is experience," the coach comments.

Returning from last year's Public High League (10-1) championship team are Mike Norris, Bob Norris, Bob Ode, Bill Leonard and Dennis O'Brien. Bill and Dennis are this year's co-captains.

"Pitchers and a good catcher are our chief need," Mr. Close went on. (And speaking of good receivers, Mr. Purdy, SW's new history teacher, caught for Mr. Close's team six years ago.)

"The most likely title contenders this year will be McKinley, Beaumont and Cleveland."

The season's schedule is as follows:

March 22—CBC vs. SW.....There
March 23—SW vs. DuBourg

Here

Thinclads training for CBC opener

"We're going to be stronger than last year," says Mr. Gladstone, SW track coach, about this year's team. In the first floor corridors every afternoon, Coach Gladstone gives the thinclads a two-hour workout, conditioning them for their first meet, set for April 4, with CBC.

Returning lettermen are pole-vaulters, Ron Taylor, Dave Shimamoto, Ed Shimamoto; shot putters, Jerry Tharp, Tom Dubis, Bud Eaton; broad jumpers, Mike Cerutti and Mike Broughton; half milers, Bob Gielow and Dennis O'Dell; and sprinters and hurdlers, Gary Frost, Keith Schmidt, Tim O'Neill, Jim Parker, Dave Grana and Harry Dooley.

GAA elects officers

Schoenbeck and Due win top spots

by Judy Moeller

New GAA officers, elected on Feb. 7, are Mary Schoenbeck, Donna Due, Margee Duffett and Lorena Weekley.

All semester eights, the four girls are alike in having belonged to GAA for seven semesters while earning their pins and letters and serving as team captains. Until Mary and Margee moved to Senior A, they were all in Mr. White's advisory.

"I know it sounds trite, but I didn't expect it," glowed Mary Schoenbeck as she accepted the presidency.

Besides GAA, Mary is active in Hockey, GAA Officials and Bowling clubs; is an honorary officer in SC, treasurer of Choir and feature editor of *Pioneer*. Unlike other GAA presidents, she would like to teach kindergarten instead of gym. Other interests? Mary lights up at the mention of "Pat."

New vice-president, Donna

April 3—SW vs. St. Mary's

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April 13—SW vs. Affton.....Here
April 18—O'Fallon vs. SW

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April 21—SW vs. Central.....Here
April 25—Vashon vs. SW, There
April 28—SW vs. Sumner, Here
May 2—Roosevelt vs. SW

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May 5—SW vs. Cleveland, Here
May 9—SW vs. McKinley, Here
May 12—Beaumont vs. SW

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May 16—Hadley vs. SW.....There
May 19—SW vs. Soldan.....Here

SW cagers drop final game, close with 2-8 record

SW cagers dropped their last league game of the season, a scrappy contest with Vashon, 59-51, Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Hadley Tech Gym, to complete the season in eighth place, with a 2-8 record. Soldan won the championship.

The team was handicapped by a lack of experience and height but showed promise toward the end of the season as evidenced by a narrow 61-60 defeat by a strong McKinley team.

The highest shooting average per game went to 5'9" senior guard Dennis Spooner (14), followed by Dennis O'Dell (7), Don Graves (6), Glen Pearcy (5), and Bob Norris (4). Dennis Spooner had the highest free throw point average of the season.

As basketball fortunes usually run in cycles, Coach Ashley is more optimistic about next year's chances, for "all this year's starting lineup except Spooner will be returning."

Mr. Berres, B-team coach, believes Ken Clark, Ron Sifford and Lester Paff, three up-and-coming members of B-basketball, will be assets to next season's varsity—Clark as a forward, Sifford and Paff as guards.

Shooting Stars ★ ★ ★

Leonard sets up as Pearcy sinks it

"Our biggest drawback this year is lack of height," comments handsome, brown-haired, 6' 175 lb. Glen Pearcy, starting forward on the SW quintet, "and my only advice to the team is grow!"

Glen, semester six of Miss Reilly's advisory, is currently enjoying his fourth semester on the varsity basketball team. He spent only his freshman year on the B team.

Basketball is his favorite sport, but Glen still finds time for baseball and last year played on SW championship team.

Although sports play a very important part in this active young man's life, he still finds time to tend to his studies, maintain a 4.7 grade average and have fun with his buddies Tom "Sugarman" Lynch, Dennis "Legs" O'Dell, Jerry "Rabbit" Tharp, Bob "Babe Ruth" Norris and Mike "Big Guy" Devine. He is also active in his church's Senior High Fellowship, serving as president.

"After high school—well, I want to go to college; right now I'm most interested in Rice University in Houston, Texas," Glen explains. "At any rate, I'd like to go some place where I can play basketball. I don't think I could ever play well enough to be a professional, though."

Introducing Bill Leonard, senior class president, who has a rather unusual hobby . . . collecting athletic letters!

Bill, who has already earned three letters in tennis and three in baseball (he'll serve as co-captain this spring), has now added one in basketball to his collection. However, this is not the year Bill first became interested in basketball. During his first two years at SW, brown haired Bill played on the B team; last year, he graduated to the varsity squad.

The hazel-eyed collector reports, "Soldan and Sumner with their superior height and teamwork, were the teams which presented the most difficulties. Our team worked pretty well together, though, regardless of what the scores seem to indicate."

"Height is our team's biggest handicap," commented 5'6" Bill, with a guilty look. Chuckling, he added, "I think we would have had a much better record if the school had invested in elevator shoes!"

Bill has hopes of attending Mizzou or possibly Rolla in September to study civil engineering. As for sports, he may try baseball but feels he is a little too short for college basketball.

Between practices Bill may be seen with Dennis Spooner, Mike Norris or Chuck Gray. That is if he isn't with a certain little Roosevelt cutie named Karleen.

SW girl cagers defeat Soldan, win league title

SW won the girls' public high league basketball tournament last Friday, when they defeated Soldan at O'Fallon gym. High scorer was Nancy Sturgis, with 36 points.

The tournament was played in two divisions. In the south-side division, SW eased past O'Fallon, 67-6, and defeated McKinley, 46-40. Nancy Sturgis was high scorer in these games also, with 34 and 31 points, respectively. In the north-side division Soldan trounced Beaumont, 44-12, in the semi-finals to qualify for the final play-off.

Rita Grey, Nancy Sturgis, Nancy and Connee Furgerson, Jan Cloak, Carol Baum, Betty Matthews, Diane Meoli, Carletta Wilferth, Noel Shaw and Mary Jane Jackson make up the SW team. Miss Jean Mueller is the coach.

Soldan took second place in the tournament, while McKinley and Beaumont tied for third.

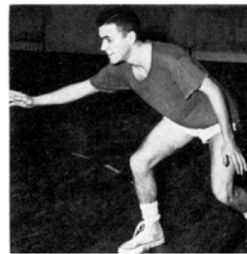
Archer Gene Beckerle stars in Sports Show

Gene Beckerle, SW Jan. '61 graduate and former boys' world archery champion, participated in the Sports Show at the Arena, which closed last Sunday.

Besides operating a booth selling archery equipment, Gene took part in the stage show, demonstrating long-range bowmanship from a platform high above the Arena floor to a balloon 110 yards away.



GLEN PEARCY scores again.



GUARD BILL LEONARD in action.

Cliff Buchholz moves to Texas

by Trude Winkler

Since everyone is wondering what happened to SW's tennis star, Cliff Buchholz, I decided to find out.

The other day I called on Cliff's mother, a very attractive, tiny woman, who explained that, contrary to existing rumors, a misguided tennis ball had not sent Cliff to the hospital.

He's in San Antonio, Texas, staying with a tennis family, the Neumanns, and attending Jefferson High School. After graduation he plans to enter Trinity University, also in Texas.

His mother tells how he packed and unpacked his suitcase several times before he decided that the warm, sunny state of Texas would be good for his game. There, too, he will have such competition as Chuck McKinley and brother, Earl, the youngest tennis player ever to turn professional.

Right now Cliff's goal is the Davis Cup Team. The Buchholz boys gained their interest in the game through their mom and dad, but don't believe everything you hear. Cliff was not born with a tennis racket in his hand: he didn't actually pick up one until he was seven years old and didn't enter a tournament until he was eight.

Perhaps you were shopping at Stix, Baer and Fuller last week and saw a tiny feminine figure, curlers and all, trying to make her way from Stix Beauty Shoppe to the television set in the main lobby. That was Mrs. Buchholz going to watch her son on the Charlotte Peters show.

We might see Cliff around Easter. If Jefferson High gets a vacation, he'll fly up here and you'll find him with Mr. Close, at Ar-way or at Steak n' Shake.



CLIFF BUCHHOLZ . . . SW's gift to Texas.



NEW GAA OFFICERS. From left: Treasurer Lorena Weekley, Vice-President Donna Due, President Mary Schoenbeck, Secretary Margee Duffett.

Due, is an active member of Hockey and GAA Officials clubs, a SC representative and Choir member. She plans to become a nurse.

Margee Duffett won't miff it in her new job as secretary; she gets practice as SC treasurer. An outdoor fan, Margee loves to camp with the Girl Scouts. Her dream? To become a doctor.

Lorena Weekley is all set to fulfill the position of treasurer. Like Margee, Lorena likes to do things with the Girl Scouts. After high school she will probably become a secretary.

Team captains elected for the intramural volleyball tournament are Janet Cloak, Rita Grey, Nancy Sturgis, Vicki Gropp, Jeanne Kirchman, Helen Kuhl, June Glass, Kathy Pinckert, Adrian Drapalik, Jane Matula, Joan Thobes and Betty Matthews.