

SC continues its job; Seniors activate and English Head chosen

Because of Miss Hachtman's continuing illness, several teachers are filling in to take care of her many duties.

The Student Council is being sponsored by Mrs. Sue Davies. Mrs. Davies says she enjoys working with young people. Many will remember the success of last year's Senior Prom, which she helped sponsor.

The Council's year started with the Hello Day activities, highlighted by an aud session, tags and the dance. Tomorrow's Miss SW Dance will be SC's next big activity. It will be coupled this year with Homecoming, which is to be the day of the Coronation.

Seniors organize

Mr. Alan Ecker has assumed the sponsorship of Senior "A" (an advisory composed of the SC and Senior officers and the editors of *Pioneer* and *Round-up*.) Another of his duties is guiding the entire Class of June 1969. Since Mr. Ecker had also been a prom sponsor last year and had offered to help with Seniors, he was given the class sponsor assignment.

In commenting on his new assignment he said, "I've not yet had much opportunity to see my advances in action, but the talent is there." He added that senior committees are now underway,

SW predicts next president

SW has correctly predicted the president since 1940, with the exception of 1948. In '48 the close Truman-Dewey election upset the SW straw vote.

Richard M. Nixon won this year's mock election with 999 votes. George C. Wallace came in second with 787 votes, followed by a 779 vote for Hubert H. Humphrey.

In a primary election at SW last May, the Republicans received 27 per cent of the total vote. Wallace gained four per cent of the total. Robert Kennedy received 42 per cent of the Democratic backing.

Mr. Amos, who was in charge of the election, said the only complaint was that there was no write-in space on the slate.

Lola's singing is discovered

Lola Watson, semester seven of Mrs. Lee's advisory, has been offered a singing contract with Singcord Corporation.

Mr. Jack Day, Vice President and General Manager of this company, heard Lola sing at the Mid-South Talent Contest in Memphis, Tennessee. He is the representative of the recording division of the Zonervan Publishing House, the world's largest independent publishing company of religious reading and study material.

Singcord Corporation has just moved its production offices to Music Row in Nashville. It is coming forth with a brand-new sound especially for the wonderful world

and the "talent" will be seen.

Acting Head appointed

Miss Hachtman's third big assignment is being covered at present by Miss Charlotte Lewis. Miss Lewis has been appointed acting Department Head by order of the Downtown Office.

In addition to serving as Department Head, Miss Lewis is also teaching Miss Hachtman's Senior Track 1A English classes in room 26.

Once again, a soprano's voice lits on stage, paint cans open backstage, and Mr. Nordman calls out to the orchestra. *South Pacific*, SW's 27th operetta, is underway for Dec. 5 and 6.

Rehearsals began three weeks ago for this Rodgers-Hammerstein musical based on James Michener's novel, *Tales of the South Pacific*.

World War II

The play is set on an island base in World War II. It is a double love story involving Ensign Nellie Forbush, All-American

Navy nurse from Little Rock, Arkansas, who will be played by Dianne Moore, and dashing French planter Emile de Becque, played by Larry Downey. The other pair of star-crossed lovers, Lieutenant Cable and Liat, a native girl, will be played by Ron Bryant and Lola Watson. The action centers around a dangerous mission on which Cable and de Becque go after deciding that love with people with such different backgrounds from their own is impossible.

However, there is plenty of humor in *South Pacific*, pro-



SENIORS DIANE MOORE, and LARRY DOWNEY are the leads in this year's operetta, "South Pacific".

vided by an old native woman who sells shrunken heads (Linda Hildendorf), and big-time operator of the South Pacific, Luther Billis (Gary Schaefer), and his buddies, Bob Pastorello and Craig George.

Sailors put out show

This musical features a show within a show, put on by the sailors, marines, and nurses. Sailors Ron Fehr, Mike Wadley, Bob Allen, Jim Mayo, and Brice Shearburn are part of this show. Also performing are Nurses Becky Schilling, Karen Moore, Jane Morrow, Barb Kerr, Linda Range, and Virginia Bicket. Commanding this camp is Ron McMullen as Commander Brackett. Cliff Skeeters will be Commander Harbison. Joyce Fehr, as a French girl, will sing, and Phyllis Bowman will play the part of a French child.

Dianne to wash hair

South Pacific was a sensational hit on Broadway. In 1949, people flocked to see Mary Martin, the original heroine; wash her hair on stage in one scene and to see the first Metropolitan Opera star, Ezio Pinza, singing in a Broadway play.

In 1968, SW will see Dianne Moore wash that man out of her hair, too, says Miss Guenther.

All of the music groups at SW are going to be involved in *South Pacific*. Among the vocal selections from this operetta are "Nothing Like a Dame", "Bali Hai", and "Honey Bun". The Modern Dance group will perform in the "show within a show".

Seniors merit

SW is known not only for its outstanding athletes, but also for its winners in the National Merit Scholarship Examination. Nine teen seniors received Letters of Commendation, and one is a Semifinalist.

John Zakibe, the Semifinalist, will now compete for a Finalist position in the Scholastic Aptitude Test of the College Entrance Examination Board.

Those who received the Letters of Commendation are David Armbruster, Gorge Careklas, Sandy Driska, Henry Erk, Christie Espinola, Bob Gebhardt, Scott L. Harman, Barb Kerr, Valerie Kommar, Ron McMullen, Charles Miksicek, Lisa Pagano, Barb Pappas, Fred Reineke, Ann Sherwin, Nancy Skipwith, Robert Watson, Louise Wilcoxon, and Jane Zakibe.

The scores made by the Semifinalist, and those who received Letters of Commendation will be sent to the colleges of their choice, where they will be considered for available scholarships.

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Faculty "socks it to us"!

"That was the best aud session I've ever seen in my whole life," exclaimed Steve May, a semester seven of Mrs. Medlock's advisory in referring to the big surprise aud session held October 19.

Because students were unusually polite during the Hello Day performance, Mr. Young promised the school a reward. Curiosity was aroused during the two weeks preceding the surprise. While students were patiently waiting for the designated day, members of the faculty were staying after school hours to organize and rehearse the various acts to be performed for the student body.

Teachers exhibit talent

After the students entered the auditorium and took seats, Mr. Close introduced Professor Snodhopper who was to give a lecture on the Monetary System in Tanganyika. However, most students were quick to recognize Mr. McLeroy, in spite of his fake beard and moustache. After what seemed to be an unrehearsed discussion between Mr. Close and Fred Reineke about the generation gap, the real entertainment began.

of teenagers. Mr. Day stated that Lola had a beautiful voice and in reference to her future said, "the sky's the limit". Lola has written back accepting the offer.

Lola has been publicly singing since the age of five and has soloed on television for the Metropolitan Church Federation. When she was ten, she joined Miss Helen L. Graves' "Little Singers" and at thirteen was invited to sing with the Cosmopolitan Singers. Lola has also been active in SW music programs and has a lead part in the operetta.



Lola Watson



SW FACULTY do song and dance in Teacher's Hello Day, Thursday. From left: Miss Cleary, Mrs. Lampros, Mrs. German, Miss J. Meyer, Mr. Ecker, Mr. Nordman, Mr. Lewis, Miss Stucker, Mrs. Corn, Mrs. Falke, Miss Henshaw.

The very appropriate opening act was a group of women teachers singing "Southwest High School Has Some Kids". Mr. Monachesi was quite impressive singing "The Impossible Dream", with Miss L. Meyer as his accompanist. A group of men and women teachers vocalized to "Cabaret", while Miss Cleary danced a soft shoe. Mr. Katz and Mr. Halbman also played their trumpets with the jazz combo who performed on Hello Day.

The laughter continues

The auditorium seemed to rock with laughter when the hilarious group of men teachers performed their pom-pom routine. After the audience began to quiet down, another highlight of the show took place. Mr. Gladstone, introduced as "The Prince", acted as a radio disc jockey and gave a hilarious account of recent and oncoming school events and activities. Twenty-six teachers gave up their unassigned period to cover the classes of teachers who performed.

And teachers were not the only ones performing. Lola Watson sang "Getting to Know You", the well-known boy cheerleaders

performed another of their boisterous cheers, and the song "Prancin" was done by the Countdowns.

The closing act consisted of the Uptight Band featuring Mr. Katz and Mr. Halbman on the trumpet, and Ron Bryant as vocalist doing the popular song "The Snake". From the reaction of the students, the aud was certainly well-received.

In the Wind Steer on SW

- Oct. 31; Nov. 1, 4 & 5 . . . Mid-term exams
- Nov. 1, 4:00 . . . Cross Country meet — SW vs. Soldan at Forest Park
- Nov. 2 . . . SAT Test
- Nov. 2 . . . Homecoming Football Game — SW vs. Cleveland
- Nov. 2 . . . Miss Southwest coronation and dance
- Nov. 7 . . . card party
- Nov. 11 . . . Veteran's Day — No school!
- Nov. 13 . . . Report cards
- Nov. 16, 5:00 . . . Scholarquiz on KMOX TV — SW vs. Afton
- Nov. 19 . . . Open house

Citizens must vote

"Why is the country in such a mess?" This seems to be the important question in America today, as college students continue to besiege campuses, servicemen keep sailing West to Southeast Asia, and civil righters of many races escalate their war for equal rights.

Although many answers have been suggested by the citizens, there is one outstanding reason that refuses to be drowned out by the hue and cry of disbelieving Americans. The voters don't care enough to vote.

Every government misdeed causes hundreds of complaints from citizens who stayed at home on election day because "it was too much trouble to go to the polls and vote." By not voting, these people have said, "I don't care what happens to the country or to me. Let the others decide; it isn't important any way." Those people are the ones who yell the loudest. They are out-of-step in complaining of the government's mistakes which they feel will not benefit them.

The 1968 political campaign has been highly criticized for its lack of appealing and forthright candidates. The issues are definite in the people's eyes: Crime, Viet Nam, Poverty, the National Debt, Medicare, Foreign Aid, Foreign Relations and Civil Rights. However, the citizens are complaining that no candidate is offering workable solutions to the problems.

No candidate may be very appealing in this election year, but that MUST not prevent Americans from voting November 5. It is still the citizen's duty to weigh the existing evidence and vote for the best candidate for each office.

Teenagers can't vote, but they have always been able to discuss the issues with their families and voting friends. They CAN urge their friends to speak out by visiting the ballot box this Tuesday.

Poor sports ruin shows

Saying "Life isn't always a bowl of roses" may be trite, but the meaning is clear. One could also say, "No one is ever going to be happy all of the time."

Some people in our country live tragically unhappy lives. They have one painful experience after another, yet they don't complain that the world is unfair, or that they have bad luck. They just live and hope that things will be better.

Each fall, SW holds tryouts for important programs: the October Hello Day and the December operetta. Each year there are more people trying out than there are places to put them in, so some are going to be left out. Some accept the judges' decisions; others make all kinds of noise.

The Hello Day program is organized by members of Student Council, representatives of the classes at SW. They may not always make wise choices, but they are fair and vote for those who are best, in their opinions. And since the operetta is usually started with some idea of the nature of the show, the directors are looking for certain types of actors. This means that some talent will have to be passed by.

Those who complain are thinking only of themselves, not the school. They are not "good sports".

Sportsmanship counts in ALL of life, not just the field.



BOB HARDY, KMOX NEWS DIRECTOR, takes hot news flash from tele-type machine. News is kept "on the spot" in this manner.

Hardy talks about Chicago

"Don't make the mistake of lumping all the kids as rioters, or all the police as bullies."

This was the warning by Bob Hardy, News Director for KMOX radio, about the Democratic National Convention in Chicago this summer.

Mr. Hardy's assignment was to keep tabs on the Missouri and Illinois delegates to the convention. He also covered the convention floor and the caucus rooms. While on his assignment, Mr. Hardy witnessed the demonstrations staged in Chicago.

When asked about these, Mr. Hardy remarked that the police as individuals may have overreacted, but on the whole, the police didn't lose their "cool". Not all the kids were baiting the police or were antagonists, either. Many were McCarthy idealists who were drawn into the group.

"Nevertheless," said Mr. Hardy, "there were some professional agitators who had three objectives aimed at Chicago: to disrupt the convention, to take over the Chicago streets and to be publicized on TV. Plans were made for these activities last spring. Escape routes were planned through the streets and sewers should a hasty escape be necessary."

"Their plan was simple," he said. "Bait the law. Make 'em move first. But the law held its

ground; kept its cool. Then the agitator on the P.A. shouted, 'Let's go!' and the bottles were squirted and the soggy bags of human waste were thrown."

"The agitators," continued Mr. Hardy, "somehow always managed to be in the background when the trouble started. The kids were left to take the brunt of it. They had no choice . . . and though warned time and time again, they moved against police lines . . . When they did this, they had started the trouble and they'd given up their right to charge police brutality."

This was the background of the "Chicago Riots" as seen through the eyes of one local professional newsmen who was there at the time.

Sue Rainer, *Pioneer* reporter, received this information from Mr. Hardy when she went down to ask him about one of his newscasts on the subject. *Pioneer* was especially interested in Mr. Hardy's viewpoint because it differs from so many of the others that had been given.

Also, since a good newspaper tries to get all sides of an issue before the public, *Pioneer* felt that Mr. Hardy's viewpoint deserved publication. (Sue had the additional thrill of being in the studio while Mr. Hardy was "on the air.")

Pioneer highlights election comments

With the presidential election close at hand, *Pioneer* would like to highlight, for the school, comments the candidates have made on various issues.

Democratic candidate H. Humphrey has said the U.S. must never again "march alone" in foreign policy. The vice president says he would invite the Soviet

Union to join the U.S. in annual conferences to work for world peace.

Speaking about the police, he has said they have been overlooked, neglected and short-changed for decades. He added, "I will propose meaningful federal assistance for local police."

Republican candidate R. Nixon in speaking about the draft says,

Sevens get committees

by Kathy Pierce

Under the guidance of Mr. Ecker, the Senior A, consisting of Senior Class officers, Student Council officers, and *Roundup* and *Pioneer* editors, chose seniors to serve on the class committees.

There are seven committees: Senior Prom, senior dances, class motto, class song, baby pictures, class gift, and Senior Luncheon.

With only a limited number of students on each committee, including a few students from Senior A on each to act as chairmen, there was bound to be some disappointed seniors not on a committee. The students were chosen because they were known to be good workers, or had special talents in certain lines.

With those who have been chosen for these committees, this will be a great year for the seniors at SW.

SIU clinic Students sing

Nine students, elected by Miss L. Meyer, attended the Sixth Annual High School Choral Clinic, Saturday, October 26.

Lola Watson, Joyce Fehr, Linda Hilgendorf, Karen Moore, Delana Thompson, Ron Bryant, Fred Echer, Craig George, and Cliff Skeeters attended the clinic at SIU on the Edwardsville campus from 8:30 to 3:00.

Leonard Van Camp directed the clinic in two works: "Te Deum" by F. J. Hayden and "Cast Thy Burden Upon The Lord" from F. Mendelssohn's "Elijah". Students had learned the music before the clinic.

"I would not change the draft system, but I would change the administration of the system. When the war is concluded, I then believe we should move from a compulsory military training to what I call a volunteer armed force."

Nixon has said this country became great because we have protected the right of dissent . . . to peacefully protest . . . he adds, "There is no cause that justifies violence and breaking the law."

American Independent candidate G. Wallace, in speaking about the war says, "The way to guard against having more wars is to be superior in defensive and offensive capabilities." He stresses his promise to end the Vietnam war militarily with conventional weapons if peace talks fail. He also states, "I am already on record against nuclear weapons." Voters should consider these statements carefully.



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"Fleagle" was real KIRL airs new program

in Missouri Ozarks

It is that time of year again when Dogpatch damsels are training to catch a man.

On November 16, all unmarried residents of the community will participate in the annual Sadie Hawkins Day race. According to the rules, any captured man must wed his victor at the end of the day.

Fleagle real

Al Capp's comic strip *L'il Abner* is enjoyed by thousands of readers each day, yet few fans realize that one of his Dogpatch characters, Evil Eye Fleagle, really did exist.

The story of Jake Fleagle, one of the FBI's most-wanted men, began in Lamar, Colorado, in 1925. Jake and older brother, Ralph Fleagle, moved to Lamar, and immediately borrowed money from a local bank in order to finance a gambling casino. The owner, seemingly friendly, foreclosed on the business.

Disturbed by this action, the two brothers left for California to befriend two wanted bank robbers: Absher and Ralston. A deal was made involving \$1,000 for assistance in robbing the Lamar bank. When the day arrived, the banker was murdered and Absher was shot in the jaw, but the quartet escaped to Garden City, Kansas with \$70,000.

Search begun

At this point, an intensive search was begun by the FBI for the four robbers. Ralph Fleagle was arrested after depositing a large sum of money in an Illinois bank, and he promptly exposed the others. Absher and Ralston were easily convicted, and all three were hanged in Colorado.

However, under the alias of Walter Cook, Jake Fleagle fled to the Missouri Ozarks in 1926

with another man, whom he identified as his brother Lee. They leased a home and began socializing with their new friends and neighbors.

During the 13 months the pair lived there, they were continually planning crime and corresponding with other criminals by means of blind ads in newspapers. All mail was sent on the train so that it included no identifying post marks. The FBI captured some of the corresponding criminals, and chanced a blind newspaper ad of their own; they only guessed that Walter Cook might be their man.

While making inquiries at the Branson, Missouri, railroad station, FBI agents discovered Fleagle boarding a train for Arkansas. In the struggle to capture him, Fleagle was shot.

After that day, Jake Fleagle was no longer "in the running" for the Sadie Hawkins race. The career of this notorious bandit came to an end in 1927.

There is a new sound on the St. Louis airwaves — 1460 AM radio comes from a studio in St. Charles with two 175-foot antennae outside.

The sound itself is not really new, since contemporary radio exists on both the FM and AM dials. But the programming from "the big KIRL" is excitingly different for St. Louis.

KIRL alternates "souvenirs" with the top current songs. Since the popular "oldies" are half of the daily play list, the station limits its survey to only 23 of the very best-selling records. The KIRL chart differs from other local surveys, as it is compiled from sales at St. Louis County record shops. Some sections of St. Louis City are also polled.

KIRL's program director, Dave Scott, explained that the "souvenir" idea is not unique in the country, but, "We are the only station to play them on a seven-day-a-week basis. 'Souvenirs' are proven hits that have sold records. The popular albums generally carry at least one old hit by the group, plus some re-makes of other artists' popular hits."



MIKE RICE works as a disc jockey on his show on KIRL radio station in St. Charles, Missouri. His show is on the air from 5:30 p.m. to dusk.

Mr. Scott continued, "We aim our programming for the older teens and young adults, from ages 15 to 16 up through 35. Not that we don't like 12 year-olds, but they just aren't listening when we're on the air."

Strictly a commercial station, 1460 radio serves listeners in St. Louis City, County and St. Charles County from 6 a.m. to sunset. Although it has been

broadcasting for less than four months, the station was four years "in the works." Four or five independent companies were formed to fill an entertainment void in the North County area. Each submitted plans to the Federal Communications Commission for approval. Three-and-a-half years later, the FCC awarded a broadcasting license to the group of native St. Louisans now operating KIRL.

In planning their programming, the KIRL staff polled about 1000 people in the area, asking what the listeners wanted from a radio station. Most of those questioned asked for much music, little talk and few advertisements. At the same time, they wanted news, the weather report and sports scores. ABC's American Contemporary network supplies the national news, while KIRL features local news in the morning.

From a staff of 12; four employees are on-the-air-personalities: Mr. Scott, Tom Collins, Bill Drake and Mike Rice. These men play their own records during their programs; they are required to have FCC licenses for their work. The studio contains two turntables, several tape machines, numerous tapes and records, one console, one microphone and a large window facing the transmitters. The transmitters' large meters make quick equipment checks possible.

KIRL/1460 is alive with the personal touch of its d.j.s, always responsive to their listeners.

DeGrand goes Spanish

From September of 1967 to September of 1968, a year of experiences have become memories to Miss DeGrand, one of the Spanish teachers here at Southwest. During this year, she has been earning her Master's degree in Spanish from New York University.

Miss DeGrand spent most of her time in Madrid with a Spanish family. An unusual factor in her residence was that she stayed with the same family that she had stayed with when she had been in Spain



MISS DEGRAND now resumes teaching at SW.

during her junior year at New York University. Miss DeGrand remarked that many widows take in students who are studying in Spain. "It was like going home again," she said as she continued her story.

While in Spain, Miss DeGrand spent her summer in Barcelona which is on the coast of Spain. She also journeyed to Portugal one week for sight seeing purposes. For her observation of Portugal, she and some friends rented a car . . . which proved to be an experience in itself. On

their way, they stopped for some gasoline. It wasn't discovered until later that the gasoline that they had used in the car was for diesel engines. This type of gasoline oil in a car can ruin the carburetor. So she and her friends were stranded in the middle of nowhere.

After walking about a mile, they found another gasoline station, and the people were very anxious to help. (Miss DeGrand noted that tourism is a big source of income in Spain.)

One of the unusual things that Miss DeGrand found was that the marketing in Spain is done quite differently than it is in the U.S. In Spain there are many different kinds of markets for people's needs whereas, in the U.S., the stores are largely departmental.

As for transportation, the major sources of popular transportation in Spain are trollies, buses, motorcycles, trams, subways and some cars.

Southwest is new home of fierce predator shark!

"We have no pity for these ferocious creatures. They are nothing but mouth and teeth."

A - Captain Nemo, "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea".

Nemo's words suit this feature, for of all the denizens of the deep, there is no predator so unique as the creature here described.

In the shark family are the famed *Hammerhead*, *Killer* and *Whale* sharks. But in that same family, there is one member which, for its physical proportions *alone*, stands out above the rest.

This shark is yellow in color, and an odd, black line passes through its eyes on each side of its head, much like racers stripes on a Barracuda 390.

There is a look of arrogance, certainty and determination about this aquatic predator whose backfins and tail quiver silently; his appearance is that of a lightning-bolt idling in low gear. To call him a fish would be to insult his regal species! Does he splash about idiotically, in a simple search for worms, nitrogenous mud, insects or other such minnow-fare? No! Instead, he sits, cool and silent,

ready to strike down the first suitable feast that passes by.

And what of the charge that this shark is unique? That he is! for this particular shark can be seen in Mrs. Medlock's biology room. But that is not all! By no means! The best proof of uniqueness is the result of an excruciating ordeal to determine the exact proportions of this predator: *this shark, if you please, is one-inch long!*

Yr. book trips

Thirteen members of the Roundup staff drove to Kirksville, Mo. to attend a yearbooking conference.

In the general sessions, Dr. Rice, a journalism professor from SIU discussed the functions of a yearbook, a general planning guide and some variations in styles of books. Special discussions were held for photographers and business managers.

SW was awarded a prize of a model yearbook from SIU because they had driven the farthest to attend the conference. No other St. Louis school went

SW Round-up features teachers; students

by Lynn Key

Pioneer has received the All-American rating from the National Scholastic Press Association, Minnesota University. This honor is reserved for "superior" high school publications. In remarks about **Pioneer**, Judge P. Willoughby said: "The balance of news is excellent."

Mr. Young and **Pioneer** representatives held a meeting on Oct. 10 to discuss the difference between the rights and the privileges of students.

Mr. Young said that students' rights include being assigned to correct classes, receiving free books, having a lunch period and receiving a diploma.

But the list of privileges at SW is much greater. These include

having the **Pioneer**, **Roundup**, Student Council, aud sessions and having various senior activities.

Miss **Becky Botts**, a student teacher in social studies, is also a model.

She has just returned from the National Hairdressers' convention in New York where Zivan Katich, Mr. Frank's son, created winning hairstyles for her strawberry-blond hair, which took the top sixth placing out of eighteen teams.

Mr. Robert Lewis, SW German teacher, has prepared for his classes a workbook which gives the basic grammar, verbs, and vocabulary. "Its purpose is to teach the functional use of

the language", says Mr. Lewis. The instructor used pictures to illustrate verbs, and they are taught through a question-answer pattern. Pictures are also used to demonstrate vocabulary.

Becky Schilling, semester 7 of Mr. Ecker's advisory, was invited to a political breakfast sponsored by the Danforth Clubs on Saturday, Oct. 12, along with 29 other "leaders of the future." This public breakfast was held in the Gold Room of the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel in honor of Mr. Mark O. Hatfield, Senator of Oregon. He spoke in support of Mr. John C. Danforth, nominee for Attorney General of Missouri.

SW takes District; leaves rest behind



STEVE WILSON practicing for PHL meet.

SW harriers will close out a highly successful Cross-Country season against Soldan at Forest Park today.

The Steers won their fourth consecutive PHL meet of the season in defeating Beaumont, Oct. 8 at Forest Park, 18-45. Steve Ratajczyk and Al Buchrucker finished first and second for SW. Other SW runners were Steve Stillwell, Gary Wood, Tony Pisoni, and Bob Aker.

Battling cold, rainy weather and six rival Southside schools, the Steers won the Southside Invitational held at Carondelet Park, Oct. 9. Steve Ratajczyk finished third; Al Buchrucker, sixth; and Steve Stillwell, tenth. The top runners of third-place DuBourg, Bob Pelikan and Larry Heyn, finished first and second, in individual honors, with Pelikan's time of 10:25, setting a new meet record.

O'Fallon Park was the site of one of the largest Cross-Country meets of the season, Oct. 11, when 42 schools from Missouri

and Illinois met at the Beaumont Invitational. The winning team, Kirkwood, placed six of their runners in the top fifteen. Southwest finished thirteenth overall, with Steve Ratajczyk finishing ninth and Al Buchrucker 24th.

The Steers continued their winning ways in PHL competition by defeating Roosevelt, 21-40. Oct. 15, Steve Wilson, who had missed the last three meets because of a pulled muscle, finished first for SW, with Steve Ratajczyk, third and Al Buchrucker, fourth. The first four finishers were within one second of each other.

In the all-important District Meet held at O'Fallon Park, Oct. 18, the Longhorns took top honors in a field of fourteen public and parochial high schools, enabling the Steers to qualify for the State Meet held Oct. 26. Steve Wilson placed first among the nearly 100 entrants, with Ratajczyk finishing third and Buchrucker, sixth. Runner up S.L.U.H. trailed the Steers by 49 points.

Longhorns clobber Vashon

STP may not be the racer's edge, but is certainly made a big difference, as the football Steers romped to a victory over Vashon in a home contest on October 19th.

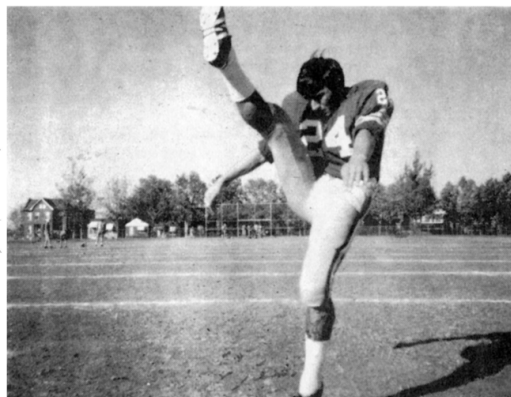
The Wolverines set out to "Stop that Papagianis", but a combined offensive effort kept SW's PHL Championship hopes alive. The win gave the Longhorns a 4-0 league record.

In the first quarter, Papagianis plunged in from the one-yard for a touchdown. The conversion attempt by Chris was good, and SW was off and running 7-0.

Second period showed offense action from both sides. Vashon came within one point when Jimmy Reed scored on a sixty-yard run. The extra point attempt was no good. From then on, it was all downhill for the Steers, and they coasted to victory.

Before the half ended, Ted Brazell lofted a twenty-three yard pass to Joe Nolan, giving SW a 14 to 6 lead.

In the second half, Southwest exploded with offensive punch. Al Lofton hit paydirt with a three-yard run. Then Brazell maneuvered a perfect screen pass



CHRIS PAPAGIANIS, SW HALFBACK and kicking specialist, loosens up in pre-game warm-ups as the famous toe demonstrates how it "does it".

to Papagianis. Chris, who is fourth in area scoring, went all the way, compliments of Longhorn blocking.

SW wasn't done scoring yet. Lofton, who plays both offense and defense, scored the hard way. Playing defensive halfback, he picked off a Wolverine pass and ran thirty-three yards for a

TD. Papagianis put the icing on the victory cake when he scored his third touchdown as the gun sounded.

SW shot down by Soldan

PHL showdown turned into a grueling loss on Oct. 26th, as the Soldan Tigers stopped the title-minded Longhorns 20-7. Playing at O'Fallon High School, the Tigers proved that they were right at home, as they handed the Steers their first PHL loss.

Matmen begin season Dec. 3

SW begins its wrestling season December 3 in a meet against Maplewood-Richmond Heights at SW, beginning at 4:00 pm.

The wrestlers have been weighing in on a new scale. The scale was purchased with money raised by the wrestlers from the sale of "mat-maid" buttons last year. Also contributing to the purchase was money raised through the wrestling clinic SW invited three coaches from other schools to come and teach new techniques. Each coach is paid a fee. The remaining \$60 of the \$235 cost was supplied by SW's Student Council.

Another innovation this year is a new weight division. Instead of 180 pounds, the upper division will begin at 175 pounds. Above that weight will be considered heavyweight.

The boys began practice Monday, October 22. Under the direction of Coach Bud Wallach, assisted by Mr. Tepe, the boys run, exercise, and work on basic holds.

Returning lettermen this year include Jim Russo, Dennis Berry, Chris Brewer, Paul McGrew, and Nick Papagianis.

The stiffest varsity competition is expected from Soldan, Beaumont, and Northwest. However, Southwest could be a possible dark horse in public high competition.

The '67-'68 season saw the Southwest matmen end up in 5th place in PHL competition. Mr. Wallach feels that the team has good chances to win the PHL title in the '68-'69 season.

Returning senior Tony Pisoni, who wrestles in the 133 pound division, commented, "We lost a lot of the team through graduation." He then added, "We should be tough in the lower weights."



STEWART WILSON (left), and LLOYD SHANTZ practice wrestling techniques on the SW field.

Mr. Wallach agrees that the 95 pound and 103 pound divisions are among the toughest, but he added the 165 pound division to the list.

Coach and team agree that

PHL Standings

Football

School	Record
Cleveland	5-0
Soldan	5-0
Southwest	4-1
Vashon	4-1
Beaumont	2-3
Roosevelt	2-3
McKinley	1-4
Northwest	1-4
Central	1-4
Sumner	0-5

Cross Country

Southwest	5-0
Northwest	4-1
Sumner	3-1
Soldan	2-1
Vashon	2-1
Cleveland	1-3
Roosevelt	1-3
Beaumont	0-4
Central	0-4

Season opens for hockey

Girls' hockey begin league competition tomorrow at Forest Park against Central and Soldan. Since the end of September, the team has been practicing at Tower Grove Park under the supervision of Mrs. Lampros.

Two teams, a varsity and a B-team each consisting of 11 girls, were chosen from the 35 girls in the club. The remaining girls serve as subs. Many of the starting players are returning from last year, including co-captains Sue Yeager and Chris Espinola.

GAA basketball standings have been narrowed down to a three-way tie for first and last places. Those captains whose teams are tied for first place after playing four games are Kathy Kinest, Linda Hilgendorf, and Sue Yeager. Holding up in last place are Nancy Barrow, Marcia Spitz, and Rosie Tamminga.

On Wednesday, November 6, the swimming team, coached by Miss Falker, will participate in a "Fun Meet" at Sumner. This will be the first of three big events for the team.

Soldan, who seems to specialize in championship football teams, set out to contain Papagianis. Their defense limited the SW scoring ace to just one point. Counterattacking, the Longhorns tried faking to Chris, and having Brazell run the ball.

Other wrestlers strong on the mats include Chris Brewer (120), Dennis Berry (HW), Loyd Shantz (127), and Al Buchrucker (145).

Other hopefuls working to win for Southwest are John Smith (95), John Baur (95), Tom Cook (HW), Eric Aubuchon (127), Jim Laws (127), Stu Wilson (133), Steve Stillwell (138), Keith Krumm (145), John Gargaglia (175), Dave Swartzbaugh (154), Randy Faulkner (145), Charles Huggins (HW), Ron Kellermen (175), Bob Gebhardt (154), Dennis Visos (112), Dave Owens (127), and Bill Hurley (175).

Mr. Charlie Williams is turning over his position as B-Team coach to Mr. Hank Tepe this year. Nick Papagianis said, "I hope a lot of freshmen will go out for wrestling this season."

IBM predicts plays

Computers seem to be taking over everything these days: even calling the plays on the football field.

During the 1966 and '67 football seasons, the Bears' coaching staff at Washington U. was helped by an I.B.M. 7072 computer. One very active member of the group that worked with the computer was Bob Booth, a SW graduate now studying electrical engineering. Bob, who worked "in the field" collecting data, explained how an opposing team's offense plays could be predicted with eighty-five to ninety percent accuracy.

Through statistical analysis of a team's offense plays during the season, and a collection of data during the first half of the game being played, the computer can give an accurate account of what that team will probably do during the second half. With such information in the hands of the Washington U. coaches, the Bears knew what to be ready for.

As for its success, Bob said, "Our second half was usually better than the first!"

All that's left is to find a way to compute the first half.