

"69 Minutes" to be given SW Seniors present Elvira's gay ghost during spirited play

Laughter and tears will fill the Southwest aud Wed., Mar. 26, when people watch the "69 Minutes" show.

The doors will open at 7:30, with tickets selling for 75¢ at the door or in advance. The Beltones will provide music, as the people are being seated, until curtain time at 8:00 p.m.

The show includes a variety of different acts such as singing (in groups or as a solo), comic acts, and band demonstrations. In between the different acts, the "Laugh-In" routines performed by the seniors will keep the audience roaring.

Students sing

Among the performances done by the vocalists are: Becky Schilling and Barb Brunkhorst singing "At the Zoo"; Lola Watson, "Don't Ruin My Parade"; Ruth Keinefelter, "Elusive Butterfly"; Auggie Favazza, "What Kind of Fool am I?"; Joyce Fehr, "Turn Around Look At Me"; Gary Schaefer, "If Ever I Would Leave You"; Karen Moore, "I Gotta Be Me", and Dianne Moore, "Look of Love". A singing comedy act is performed by Steve Doss, Gary Schaefer and Nick Zotos in their interpretation of "Standing on the Corner". "Come See About Me" is sung by Linda Hilgendorf, Becky Schilling and Dianne Moore.

PTA hear concert

Music from around the world was the theme of the orchestra concert for the PTA, Tuesday evening, March 18th.

SW graduate ('65) Dave Stone was the guest conductor for Handel's "Song Of Jupiter". Dave, former member of SW orchestra and concert choir, studied music at the St. Louis Institute for Music and is now a music major on scholarship at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. Dave was also a 1968 winner of the International Flagsted Award for undergraduate students interested in opera.

Music from the concert came from several countries such as England, Japan, Norway, Thuringia, Balkens and the U.S.

Navy chooses candidates

David Armbruster and Steve Doss are candidates for appointment at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. They will be informed of their acceptance into Annapolis by April 15th. If accepted, they are to report by July 1st.

To qualify for an appointment, David and Steve had to pass an exam given by U.S. Representative Leonor K. Sullivan. With the results of the test, she was able to nominate both of them for an appointment. They then had to pass physicals and physical aptitude tests.

David, former student of St. Mary's High School, has been active in the Science club and German club while at SW. He is interested in photography as a hobby and plans to go into

Once again, the hilarious antics of the Southwest Circus will be performed by Ed Gibson and his group, and Tom Collora's pie-throwing act.

Talent exhibited

During the "69 Minutes" show, two bands will perform. One is the Funny Company featuring Ron Bryant singing "Harlem Shuffle," and also the Count Downs. Also adding a musical touch to the program

is Jerry Marian, who plays the organ.

Showing her talent with the baton is Valerie Komar, as Ron McMullen provide laughter with his "Candy Bar".

This show was mainly compiled by a committee of students under the guidance of Miss Guenther, Miss Meyer and Mr. Ecker. The money collected from the show will be used for the Senior Luncheon.

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To travel to Jeff. City

Cindy is chosen Soph. Pilgrim

SW's 1969 Sophomore Pilgrim is Cindy Singfield of Mrs. Clayton's advisory, who was selected from among five other candidates on February 6.

Each year high schools throughout Missouri chose one top-ranking sophomore as a pilgrim who goes to Jefferson City for a one-day tour. The pilgrimage is sponsored by the women's federation to honor superior students at the sophomore level.

Counselors chose

Each of SW's six counselors chose one sophomore as a nominee, and the students were notified through their advisories that they had been chosen. The other five nominees were Cathie Bailot, Barbara Bratton, David Diugiud, Sally Merkle and Stewart Smiley. (Miss Funk is Cindy's counselor.)

These students were chosen not only for their excellent scholarship, but also for their extra-curricular activities, and for their performance at a question-and-answer period held after school February 6.

At this meeting, each sophomore was given a question on oceanography when he finishes his education.

Steve, Boys' Sergeant-at-Arms of the senior class, was on the varsity football team, and he is now a member of Concert Choir, Clef-and-Quaver, and the Pep club. He has not chosen his major for college.

Steve also has been chosen as a second alternate for an appointment at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado. For this, he had to pass physical aptitude and physical tests plus the exam given by Senator Stuart Symington.

David also has applied for admission to the United States Coast Guard Academy at New London, Connecticut.



THIS YEAR'S SOPHOMORE PILGRIM is Cindy Singfield (center). Other candidates were (from left) Sally Merkle, Stewart Smiley, David Diugiud, and Barbara Bratton.

more was required to answer questions about himself and his activities. Mr. Young, Mr. Close, Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Wilde, the heads of the departments, and the counselors, who were all in attendance, voted on the students from their responses.

Each student answered his questions, while the other five were isolated. They were taken in alphabetical order, with each conference lasting about five minutes.

Pilgrim selected

Cindy was notified February 7 by Mr. Young that she was selected as SW's Sophomore Pilgrim. During her five-minute conference, Cindy was asked what she does for recreation. Being duly frightened and lacking a better response, she replied "Homework".

Cindy will go to Jefferson City April 8. The pilgrimage lasts from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

At SW, Cindy is active in the French Club, and she also takes part in church and social clubs outside of school. Although her future plans are uncertain, she enjoys French and would possibly like to make a career of it as an interpreter. She attended the

Blithe Spirit, written by playwright Noel Coward, has been selected by Miss Linda Guenther to be the 1969 Senior Class Play.

The play, which is entirely produced and played by Seniors, will be given on Thurs-

day, April 24, and Friday, April 25 at 8 p.m. in the SW auditorium. Tickets will be sold for 50 cents the Thursday performance and 60 cents on Friday night.

Competition was keen, since only five female and two male parts were available. Selected were: Janie Bennett as the ghost of Elvira. Barb Kerr as Madame Arcati the medium, Ron McMullen as Charles, Sandy Driska as Ruth, his present wife; Gary Schaefer and Lynn Key as Dr. and Mrs. Bradman, and Ann Sherwin as Edith the scatter-brained maid.

Vases to float

Blithe Spirit is comically characterized by ghosts, floating tables, pictures and vases. It is an improbable farce in which the medium, Madame Arcati, brings Elvira, Charles' first wife, back from the spirit world at a seance. Elvira can only be heard by Charles and she torments him constantly.

Humor throughout the play results, as Ruth thinks her husband is going crazy. In order for Charles to join Elvira, he must die; so, Elvira fixes the brakes on his car. By accident, Ruth drives off in the car and is killed. Then both ghosts haunt Charles.

Seniors to solo

At the actual performances, Miss Guenther will not be behind the scenes to assist with the play. Co-stage managers are Kim Planje and Suzy Yeager. They will supervise the entire operations. When a vase must float across the room, they will see that it does! All crews are manned by senior volunteers.

Spring-In starts spring activities

One of the best ways anybody could welcome the arrival of springtime was to buy a ticket to the Senior Spring-In. The senior dance, held on Friday, March 14, under the sponsorship of Miss Ayers and Mr. Wallach, certainly helped to prepare spirits for the coming of sunny weather.

About 25 seniors worked together with Steve Doss as chairman to make the dance successful. For only 25 cents, a person could listen to the fabulous sound of the Guise. Soda and pretzels were sold by the refreshment committee under the leadership of Steve Moore. Rick Echer and the publicity committee did a great job of promoting the dance by P.A. announcements and the hanging of colorfully painted posters around the school.

The decoration committee headed by Sue Biederman transformed the Old Gym into a gaily-decorated world where large daisies grew and birds overlooked the whole affair.

In the wind

Today, Mar. 21... 2:30...

Miss Hachtman's funeral; Ascension Lutheran... Donovan and Eichelberger

March 24, 25, 26... Mid-semester finals.

March 27... Letterman dinner

March 31-April 4th... EASTER HOLIDAYS!!

April 7... School resumes, report cards

April 8... Sophomore Pilgrimage to Jeff City...

April 9... Fine Arts Night awards.

April 11... Pep Club-Lettermen Dance.

Epidemic strikes

In the interest of public health, the Pioneer feels it necessary to inform its readers that an epidemic is raging at Southwest. Energetic Sams and Susies are turning into pooped-out people. The disease is dangerous — it may even be fatal. The symptoms are: dragging of the feet, drooping eyelids, fatigue, severe laziness, and a strange feeling of inattentiveness.

The victim may seem to be present in body, but is, in fact, not there in spirit. His presence of mind may be absent, and the thought of using common sense just may not present itself. He may suffer from a muddled memory — being unable to remember what he has just done or where he has just been. This malfunction of the mind can seriously interfere with even the most conscientious student's efforts to complete his homework intelligently.

Careful steps can be taken to combat this dread disease, but it usually strikes, regardless of preventive measures. If the student finds himself suffering from any or all of the above symptoms, he will just have to face the fact that he has been struck by one of the world's most common diseases: **SPRING FEVER!**



Dear Editor:

Since I am a new transfer student to SW, I would like to express a few ideas that might be profitable to this school.

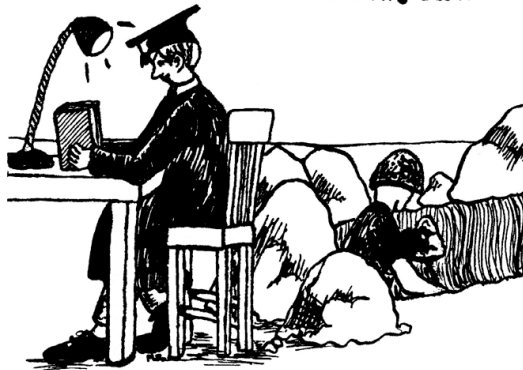
I'd like to open by commending the teachers for their open-mindedness with students and today's new ideas. However, I'd like to see the student-teacher relationship take one step further. Would it be possible to use a portion of class time for open discussion between teachers and students? I'm sure any time used would help to solve the communication gap.

Another suggestion would be a change in the counseling program. While making out a student's program or discussing college choices is a full-time job, students need to discuss problems other than those concerning school. Problems that are facing them right now. If it would be possible, SW could provide a few counselors for students in need of special counseling.

In addition, I'd like to say that I've found a minimum of generation gap here at SW, most of the problems stem from the difference of philosophies. If students and teachers alike strive for deeper understanding of each other, while respecting each other's opinions and viewpoints, I'm sure SW will be the best school ever.

Dave Torratia
Sem. 6

"To each his own"



College pressure is not for all

One of America's biggest problems today is her double-standard about education. We have raised the position of Educated Person to the heights of demi-god, placing great stress on the fact the Educated People will run the country. We rely increasingly on the technical and the professional knowledge of college graduates in science, law and business.

At the same time, the very backbone of society depends upon the strengths of "menial" employees like the garbage collector, street repairman and the truck driver. These jobs are very important, but they certainly don't require a college education.

From a poll of the SW counselors, it was learned that they felt that College is NOT necessary for all young people. Mrs. F. Lotshow noted "... our goal should be to provide each individual with a satisfying career where he will contribute to the needs of society. That doesn't necessarily mean college."

Then, why is there such a big push for College Education? When statistics show only one-third of St. Louis area graduates going on, why do advertisers and businessmen continue to build up College Education as the way to success?

Glamour seems to be the only answer. For most people, there is no glamour in manual labor. The man who works with his hands "does not represent Middle-Class America" (although his salary may better afford middle-class living), so he is degraded and looked upon as a near-slave eeking out an existence.

It is time to stop this ridiculous, inaccurate concept. Colleges exist for people who WANT to become professionals in academic fields. But, ANYONE who works is useful as a member of society, worthy of equal respect with anyone else.

Exchange papers reveal many activities

Senior Class Day was held at West Plains High School on February 10, according to Gene Brown, class president. This was 69 days before the end of the school year. Seniors put up "69" signs and slogans to signify their last year.

Seniors pins were made available through Gene Brown.

St. Louis National Baseball Club, Inc., has invited the Parkview High School (Springfield, Mo.) Lassies to march at the St. Louis Cardinals' baseball game on "Springfield Day".

The March of Dimes benefit basketball games featuring the Junior Girls vs. the Senior Girls, and the All-Stars vs. the Men Faculty were played January 30, at Nevada High School. Donations received from Senior High's collection was \$74.96. This money was given to the Cancer Society, Heart Fund, Easter Seals, and March of Dimes.

The Junior Class at Carthage Senior High is planning to sell sweatshirts in order to raise money for the Junior-Senior Prom. The sweatshirts will have a black Tiger on the front with "Carthage Tigers" printed in Old English letters above it. The cost of each sweatshirt will be \$3.25, and they will be available in several colors.

Elizabeth Costa, of Brazil, has enrolled for the second semester as Walter P. Chrysler High School's third foreign exchange student this year.

Wentworth Military Academy, Lexington, Mo., has planned this year's Spring Tour as a nine-day Caribbean Cruise.

Mr. Aeliseo Medina, a former grape picker who is now a United Farm Workers' Official, explained the strike of his fellow-workers to LaGrange and Western Springs, Ill. students.

Scuba-divers from Webster Groves High School are plan-

ning for future diving exploration.

One week was designated as Secret Persons' Week by the SM East Pep Club at Shawnee Mission East High School.

The secret persons were members of the Pep Club, and either boys or girls could be selected.



Inquiring Reporter

QUESTION: WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN THE PIONEER THAT HAS NOT BEEN IN BEFORE, OR WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE REPEATED?

Mary Zemeniek, term 6, A repetition of the Swingers Corner as in the Christmas issue of the Pioneer, with more articles like School Daze.

Jackie Vaughn, term 2, More

coverage of the girls' sports and more articles on the underclassmen.

Mary Staples, term 4, A satirical article like Erma Bombeck writes for the Post-Dispatch would be interesting and different.

Bill Lindhorst, term 4, I would like to see more stories like the one on the chicken-eating contest. Also, more information on the upcoming sports events.

Larry Saebens, term 6, I think that a cartoon strip dealing with school life in every issue would live up to the paper.

Carolyn Imhof, term 4, Opinions of the students on different school affairs, and news from other high schools in the city and county would be interesting.

Mabel Leong, term 8, An advice column like Ann Landers.

Kris Christy, term 8, Different stories in every issue, not repetition of the same story in every issue.



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Irish eyes are twinkln'

With a twinkle in his eye and the corners of his mouth twinging, unassuming Mr. Byrne approached room 314, adequately prepared for his fourth period Western Civilization lecture.

Although seemingly accused to the usual antics of his 20 scholarly seniors, Mr. Byrne's 27-week conditioning was completely cracked when "Chicken King" Zakibe stood upon the threshold, straining in a tenor, "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling." What occasion could prompt such festivity? None other than March 17, St. Patrick's Day.

Mr. Byrne is Irish in every way — except for red hair and green eyes. His students unanimously agree that Western Civ is definitely Irish-tinged. For example, in the hallowed spot above Mr. Byrne's office desk rests a green map of Ireland. Occasionally, while discussing a historical personality, Mr. Byrne will lean over his desk with that gleam in his eye and question, "... And do you know what nationality he was?" the class answers in unison, "Irish." In fact, Mr. Byrne can find an Irishman in almost any historical situation — even the South American revolutions! Recently in a short dis-

course on a Latin American named Bernardo Higgins, the students were warned to remember that although Bernardo might be Spanish, Higgins was Irish.

Two weeks before St. Patrick's Day, the Western Civ class rallied behind their strategy committee, Barb Kerr, George Careklas and John Zakibe, in efforts to plan a party. During third period on

March 17, those students with free study converted the conservative classroom to an Irishman's paradise. Green crepe paper, shamrocks, paper hats and Irish melodies sounding from a phonograph all contributed to the "Kilarney" mood.

Naturally, everyone wore green, and they easily managed to consume the refreshments provided by the girls.



MRS. DAVIS displays her Latin American artifacts to fourth-period art students. The viewers are (from left) L. Saebens, Mrs. Davis, P. Tumbas, M. DeWitt, C. Errante.

Mrs. Davis goes Latin way

Mrs. Clarice Davis has resumed teaching SW art classes after a one-semester sabbatical leave.

With four teachers from the Los Angeles area, Mrs. Davis toured Mexico and the Central and South Americas.

On tour, Mrs. Davis viewed Indian civilization exhibits and pre-Columbian ceramics. She carried on an intensive study of the Incas and the Mayans.

"I made sketches in Panama which I plan to develop further in oil," said Mrs. Davis. Mrs. Davis also took slides in several museums, which she will show to her art classes.

Among the artifacts which Mrs. Davis brought back from her tour are a rug from Lima,

Peru; copper and silver wall plaques, jewelry from Mexico City, wood carvings and a poncho.

After visiting Lima, Peru, Mrs. Davis flew to Cuzco. There she was told to rest for an hour in her hotel to adjust to the different atmospheric condition.

From Cuzco, Mrs. Davis visited Macchu Picchu, a city of the Incas. This city, located high in the Andes, was hidden and not discovered until 1911.

Mrs. Davis also was impressed with the Iguassu Falls. She said, "In making a comparison, Niagara Falls would be like a dripping faucet next to the Iguassu."

Mrs. Davis enjoyed the varieties of South American foods. She said this was especially true in Argentina where people think in terms of beef.

Klinefelter sings pro under radio contract

Four years ago, a girl was given a guitar for Christmas. With help, she learned to play, and soon began to write songs. Today she is recording under contract with Charles Hefti of KMOX radio.

Ruth Klinefelter, semester four of Miss Skinner's advisory, signed the three-year con-

tract last December. Before signing, Ruth made several commercials for shoe companies.

A profitable asset has been Ruth's ability to write her own songs. "Music," she said, "is my expression of the thoughts and feelings I have about today's world."

"Songs stem mainly from my moods, and take anywhere from an hour to a week to write."

Her technique was nothing, she said, but "experimenting with different chords and strums." I write about "anything and everything," she laughed. Some of her songs include "My Sorrows," "Sunshine Waters," and "When You're With Me."

Ruth will be recording at Creative Sounds Ltd., owned by Mike Charles of KSHE radio. Backing her up are several SW students: Barry Adams, on flute, Steve Berra, on drums, Ed Gibson, on oboe; also Steve Cook, from Webster College, on flute.

Expressing a desire for people to pay greater attention to music, Ruth said she hoped that through her interpretation of music she could appeal to those who may have been missing the meaning of her words.

Her plans for the future include the continuance of recordings, more songs and possible television appearances on day-time shows.

Robber stopped

Barb Snelson, a sophomore of Mrs. Davis' advisory, had an "unforgettable" experience at her home on February 26.

Barb was home alone that evening. She was making a phone call when she noticed that the back door of her house was opened three inches. She dropped the phone and went to the door to see that someone was trying to get in. A struggle followed with the intruder, but she managed to get the door closed. She then called her parents and the police.

Shakespeare looks at SW

To pass, or not to pass; that is the question;
Whether 'tis simpler through the year to suffer
The tests and homework of outrageous history
Or to take notes against the sea of troubles,
And by cramming end them. To work: to slave;
No more and by a test to say we end
The heartache and the thousand possible grades
That the test is heir to; 'tis an exam
Devoutly to be wished away. To work; to try;
To try: perchance to flunk; aye, there's the rub;
For in that "F" of history what nightmares may come
When we have registered for summer school,
Must give us pause: There's the grade
That makes calamity of second semester;
For who would bear the chapters of the course,
The long assignments, the slowly ticking clock,
The pangs of forgotten homework, the extra books,
The persistence of term papers, and the television
That great temptation for the weak provides,
When he himself might his studying do
With an open book? Who would borrow notes,
To strain and try to read an unknown hand,
But that the dread of something called a test —
The undiscovered questions from whose multiple choices
No student returns — puzzles the mind
And makes us rather come today
Than take the makeup test tomorrow?
Thus the unknown makes worriers of us all,
And thus the native hue of confidence
Is sicklied o'er with the pale cast of fear,
And intentions of great length and content
With this regard their fulfillment turn awry,
And lose the name of study.

DECA travels to compete

Under the guidance of distributive education instructor Mr. Wuerz, DECA students will travel by bus to Columbia, Missouri to compete in the State Contest Program on March 24-25.

The contest, which consists of competition in various vocational and business skills, is held annually.

Competition in the field of advertising will consist of a

written test and preparation of a newspaper ad. Students with skills in display techniques will judge retail store windows and take a written test on the fundamentals of display. Other individual contests include job skill demonstrations, tests on math and spelling, and job interviews.

Last year's SW DECA organization won the State Club of the Year Award.

Hamster wreaks havoc in happy home

by Barb Kerr



A few Friday nights ago, Joyce Hayashi gifted me with a hamster as a birthday present at a P.J. party. Probably no hamster in history has had more attention than that one. He was patted and cuddled. I was a little horrified to find one of my friends beating the thing with one finger, and shouting, "Jump! Jump!"

When I asked indignantly what she thought she was doing to MY hamster, she claimed she was training him. I decided to put him in the cage that a few inventive friends and I had made from wire, pieces of cage of passed-on parakeets, and cardboard.

The next morning, he was gone — and in my bedroom were wall-to-wall hunks of wire, pieces of cage, and cardboard.

The next few days were a time of trial for my family.

One never walked into an unlighted room or across a rug except very gingerly, feeling around with a toe first for a soft little lump. There was no such thing as opening a drawer or taking a bath without somebody yelling, "Look there for the hamster."

A loose grizzly couldn't have caused more confusion than that hamster the night my lit-

tle sister screamed in the dark that the hamster was in her bed, all dead and bloody. When the lights went on, we discovered instead a pork-bone the dog had buried in the covers.

A noise in the basement corner led to his final capture, in which the whole family took part. Dad held his hunting light while Beverly guarded the crack beneath the shelf, and I pawed at the piles of junk separating me from my hamster.

There he sat in the middle of a bag of two-year-old Halloween candy, disgustingly fat and happy and ready to be returned to his new cage and more food.

(Won't Joyce be surprised with the Great Dane I'm giving her for HER birthday?)

SW vies for crown

Under the direction of SW's newest gym teacher, Mrs. Connie Perkinson, girls are polishing their tumbling techniques in preparation for a meet on March 27.

With the help of Mrs. Sue Lampros, Mrs. Perkinson instructs SW Susies after school in the routines which they will exhibit in the meet.

The meet is composed of a required and an optional routine. Handsprings, headsprings, cartwheels, roundoffs, and back extensions are among the stunts which make up the exhibition. Chosen to represent SW are Judy Artale, Mary Ann Bills, Linda Collins, Cyndi Compton, Janet Denkmann, Jeanill Eyeremann, Wrenae Gilmer, Debby Hulsey, Linda Smith, Carla Sykes.

The new girls' gym is occupied Wednesdays by the Inter-school Volleyball team which formed on March 5. Miss Bonnie Burgett, although she has a very busy schedule, finds time to help these girls to improve their skills.

GAA volleyball is off and running. Out of a field of twelve teams, teams 2, 3 and 5, captained by Chris Espinola, Rosie Tamminga and Sue Rainer, have netted first place. Battling for last position are teams 6 and 8, piloted by Barb Brunkhorst and Marty Green.

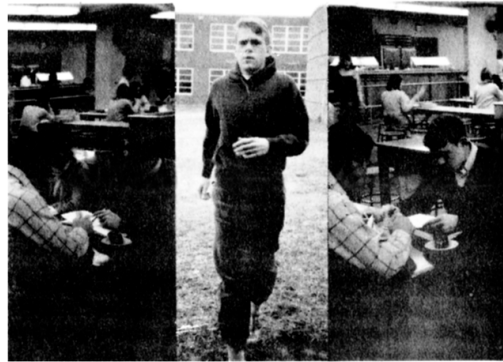
Scholarship and athletic activities have proved to be a great combination for semester eight Steve Wilson, winner of this year's Scholar-Athlete Award.

This award is presented yearly to one senior from each high school. He is chosen by his principal and the school's athletic director for the honor. The basis for choosing the recipient of the award is according to scholastic records and significant contributions made in the sports field.

All of the students from the high schools will attend an honorary dinner to be held on June 4 at the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel in the Gold Room. Steve Wilson will represent SW at the banquet, which is sponsored by the **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**. A number of popular St. Louis sports personalities will also be in attendance.

From the students at the banquet, seven will be chosen as area winners to be flown to Dallas, Texas to attend the National Scholar-Athlete Awards. Commenting on the possibility of winning the trip to Dallas, Steve said, "It would be nice." On being chosen as SW's Scholar-Athlete, he said, "I was pretty happy about it. To me it was a big honor."

Steve has a grade-point average of 3.9 for all of his years at SW. He has been a member of the track and cross-country teams during all four years. Wilson has had unusual distinction of being a member of Letterman's Club for four years.



STEVE WILSON, scholar athlete, is shown relaxing with Bob Faulkner and Tyann Jarvis, in action, and studying.

Track to run in state trials at 4:00 today

SW trackmen compete today at 4:00 PM in the State Qualifying Meet at the National Armory.

The Steers hope to qualify several entries for the State Indoor Meet, Saturday, March 29, in Columbia. Coach Ecker named the strongest entries as Steve Wilson and Steve Ratajczyk in the mile run, and Lloyd Lauck in the shot put.

On March 7, in an open meet, SW placed eighth in a field of 25 teams. Ratajczyk came in second in the mile with a 4:41.1 time, and Lauck made third in the shot-put with a distance of 52'8". The freshmen-sophomore mile relay team of Paden, Wood, Faulkner and Cummings placed fifth, rounding out SW's eight-point total.

At the opening Armory meet of February 28, SW easily won the distance-medley trophy with the combination of Stillwell in the 1320, Varner in the 880, May in the 440, and Wilson in the mile, but failed to break the track record. The sprint medley team of Wilson, May, Shoenecker, and Ratajczyk finished third. The pole vault relay and the shot-put both placed third.

Coaches Ecker and Davis have been training their boys intensively since January 6 in the second-floor halls after school. They expect Northwest, Soldan, and Sumner to be their toughest competition in the PHL.

In the third Armory meet on March 14, Southwest took sixth out of 30 teams competing. Wilson ran a first-place 4:38.9 in the mile-run. Lauck put second in the shot with a 52'7".

The 880-run was an exciting and close race. Ratajczyk ran fourth in it with a 2:10.6 . . . only 0.5 seconds behind first-place.

Steve Stillwell was 0.1 seconds in back of the fifth-place.

Pom Pon to compete

Southwest's Pom Pon Girls have been invited to participate in competition with the squads of other high schools of the St. Louis Area on Saturday, March 22, at McCluer High School.

The squad will be performing to the record "Dance to the Music," a three-minute routine which the girls have revised for the upcoming competition.

A panel will judge the routines and award trophies to the schools of the first, second, and third place squads. There also will be two honorable mentions awarded.

Mrs. Lynn, sponsor of the Pom Pon Club for the past two years, stated that the competition will be good for the girls because they will be able to get new ideas for their routines.

Pom Pon co-captains are seniors Denise Novak, who has been a Pom Pon Girl for three years, and Louise Wilcoxon, a Pom Pon Girl for two years. Senior Janet Denkmann also has been a member for three years. Other seniors on the squad are Cathy Coleman, Carol Hein, Donna Overturf, and Carol Pearson. Junior members are Brenda Blatz, Linda Gerner, Terry Piskos, and Cameron Terry.

Tryouts for next year's squad begin March 28 when "hopefuls" will perform before Pom Pon Girls and three teachers. Thirty girls will be selected by a committee to return April 25, when 12 girls will be chosen as next year's Pom Pon squad on the basis of two routines — one of which they make up and another which is required.

Team's on the ball

Although it may not look it, spring is just a hop, skip, and jump away. With its coming, the SW netmen will once again go into action.

Replacing the last year's coach, Mr. Murdock, is Mr. Emmett, a business teacher. Since he is new to the game, Mr. Emmett is not familiar with the opposition. Returning

team member, Mike Lueken said, however, "I don't see how we could lose. The only real opposition will come from Cleveland."

As of the moment, Bill Barker is slated to be the leading man. Following Bill, there is a toss-up between John Pozzo, Mike Lueken and Scott Million as to who will occupy the second singles slot. Hanging on Mr. Emmett's decision as to second singles are the three other positions — third singles and first and second doubles.

The Longhorns start their season against Lindbergh on April 9 and follow up with matches against Augustinian on April 11 and Lutheran South on April 14.

As in the past years, the majority of the matches will be played at Francis Park due to its proximity to school.

Of the seven member team, there are 4 returning lettermen. They are Mike Lueken, John Pozzo, Bill Barker, and Scott Million.

Since the tennis hopefuls haven't started practicing, Coach Emmett hasn't decided who will be on the team.

These hopefuls, and the old team members, will have started practicing this week. Included with the actual playing are drills to improve their manual dexterity.

The team has a lot on the ball due to the large majority of returning team members. Consequently, Coach Emmett has hopes for another PHL championship.

SW has upset year

Those fans who stayed faithful saw some good basketball played. If this season was to be titled anything, it could be coined as the year of the "upset". Many times throughout the season, the Steers played the role of the Gillette "spoiler". They survived a few close shaves, and at times they played as sharp as a razor.

It was surprising when Augustinian marched in with an impressive 8-0 record, but the SW five "put it to the Braves". Another pleasant victory occurred when DuBourg, a highly-rated squad came onto the scene, but Gower's "underdogs" played brilliantly in defeating the Cavaliers. Longhorns revenge past defeats and gave Cleveland the "Dutch rub" in the game that counted and shattered our southside neighbor's hopes for a PHL title.

The team was loaded with the younger generation, and even though it lacked a little

depth, it supported a competitive starting five. Pat Green, fine offensive center, proved to be the slender thread for victory. However, it was Marion Sprung with his playmaking that tied things together, and John Schucart's steady hustle that was a defensive plus.

Another bright spot was the all-around performance of the "super soph" Steve Valli. With added experience and confidence, he will be a big asset in the future. With Stan Mann, who seems to do everything well on the court, plus the other remaining hopefuls, maybe the fans won't have to think of the next year's basketball season as a "rebuilding one".



AUGIE

Batter up!

Spring is in the air, and with it comes the first sights and sounds of SW's baseball team preparing for another season in hopes of a second straight PHL title.

Once again, the Steers will open their season against the DuBourg Cavaliers in a non-league game at DuBourg, March 24.

Inheriting the reins as SW's new baseball coach is Mr. Graham, who held a similar position at O'Fallon Tech last year. With Ted Brazell the only returning pitcher from last year, Mr. Graham feels that pitching is definitely going to be the biggest weakness of the club. Newcomers Bob Viner, Kent Kloepper, and Ken Johnson are prime candidates to round out the mound corps. Sam Kerley, another highly-rated pitching prospect, has been lost indefinitely because of a fractured skull.

Mr. Graham views the PHL race as very close, with any of the ten teams able to take the PHL crown. Cleveland and Northwest are expected to give SW the most competition.

Returning players are C. Papagianis, J. Nolan, D. Poliette, A. Lofton, K. Johnson, S. Mann, B. Faulkner, T. Brazell, M. Buha, and M. Sprung.

Sports Schedule

Track

March 21 State Qualifying Meet

March 29 State Indoor Class L Meet

Apr. 5 Alton Relays at Alton

Apr. 9 Sumner at SW

Apr. 11 So. Side Invit. at Roos.

Apr. 16 So. Side Relays Baseball

March 24 DuBourg at DuBourg

March 27 C.B.C. at Forest Park

March 28 St. Mary's at Wilmore

Apr. 7 Mercy at Heeman Park

Apr. 8 Hancock at Sublette Park

Apr. 9 Augustinian at Sublette

Tennis

Apr. 9 Lindbergh at Lindbergh

Apr. 11 Augustinian at Marquette

Apr. 14 Lutheran So. at Francis

Apr. 15 Affton at Sublette