

Four Faculty Members Publish Study Guides

A series of eight study guides have been written by four Southwest history teachers. Each study guide consists of twelve transparencies accompanied by commentaries.

There are four sets of tests at the end of the booklets consisting of questions and answers on the transparencies.

The Milliken Publishing House of St. Louis published the booklets this fall. They are being sold nation-wide.

The biggest problem, said two of the teachers, in writing the booklets was deciding what information to put into them.

They were only allowed two pages of typed script, so they had to pick the most important pictures to characterize the subject of their guides.

Mr. Robert Byrne, head of Southwest's social studies department, was responsible for three guides—one on prehistoric man, another on Egyptian

culture, and a third on Minoan civilization. Mr. Kent Forrest contributed a guide on Sumerian culture and the subject of Mrs. Susan Lampros' book is the world of Alexander the Great. Mrs. Martha Kuhn collaborated with a representative of the public school curriculum laboratory to produce three books—one on the Hebrews, Phoenicians and Hittites, one book on the Assyrians, Chaldeans, and Persians, and another book on Hellenic

Greece.

Mrs. Lampros explained that the greatest advantage of these booklets is that the teachers "wouldn't have to do much more than use the transparencies and hold regular classroom discussions" to cover the course.

Mrs. Kuhn, on the other hand, feels that the big advantage of the guides is the fact that, "The transparencies are very interesting to students and they make ancient history more alive."

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Which One?

Candidates for the 1969 - 1970 Miss Southwest All-Sports Queen are (left to right) Anna Johnson, Julie Otto, Janet Riemann, Brenda Mast, Leslie Noakes, Jerre Gansmann, Nancy Curtin, Karen Moore, and Linda Collins. Not pictured is Bobbie Bray.

Homecoming, Coronation Nov. 1

The Miss Southwest coronation and dance will highlight homecoming weekend on November 1.

The dance, sponsored by Student Council and Lettermen's Club, will be held in the new gym. The theme will be adapted from "Romeo and Juliet."

The dance will be preceded by the homecoming football game against Soldan at 1:30.

There will also be a parade in the morning. Any club or organization may sponsor a decorated car.

The ten candidates, who were chosen by the lettermen on October 6, are Bobbie Bray, Linda Collins, Nancy Curtin, Jerre Gansmann, Anna Johnson, Brenda Mast, Karen Moore, Leslie Noakes, Julie Otto, and Janet Riemann.

The girls will be escorted by lettermen representing each of the eight varsity sports. The escorts: Craig Scherzer, football; Dave Moore, track; Mike Espy, baseball; Bill Laskowsky, soccer; Ken Slavens, tennis; Bruce Nierheller, cross-country; and Tom Cook, wrestling. Lloyd Lauck, vice-president, will escort the ninth maid and Stan Mann, president, will escort the queen.

A special activity on Friday afternoon of homecoming week will be a tricycle race sponsored by the senior class. Participants can race on the athletic field after school in any of four events—a 100-yard dash, a 220-yard race, 440-yard race and a handicap race which involves a boy riding a tricycle while a girl pushes. Deadline for entries in the races is Oct. 24. There is a 50c entry fee.

Pioneer Calendar

Activities

Oct. 17, 20—Taking of ID pictures
Oct. 21—Freshmen Orientation, 7th period
Oct. 21—PTA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 27-30—Mid-semester Exams

Oct. 29—Pep Session

Nov. 5-6—Teachers Convention

Nov. 11—Veterans' Day—Holiday

Petition Urges Major Revision Of Dress Code

By Linda Brooks Pioneer Co-editor

A one-girl crusade has resulted in a petition proposing some major revisions of Southwest's existing dress code. Judy Johnston, the girl who originated the petition, reports that approximately 700 SW students have signed the petition.

When 1800 signatures are collected, Judy said she plans to present the petition to the Student Council.

The changes called for in the petition are that hemlines be set at six inches above the knee, and that boys be allowed to have hair to the shoulders, as well as be permitted to wear beards, moustaches, and sideburns.

The petition would also allow students to wear shirt tails out, go without socks, wear sandals, bellbottoms, T-shirts, and for the girls, slacks. However, there would be no going barefoot or wearing short shorts under the proposal.

Judy, a recent transfer student from Florida, stated her attitude toward the present dress code in no uncertain terms. "As far as I'm concerned, the Student Council has made unfair rules against the students. Out of 2,587 kids, Student Council is a small minority and a select group. I feel I'm speaking for at least half the kids when I say that we want what we feel is right and acceptable."

The present code was drawn up by the SC several years ago. It was revised last year to include pants dresses. As Frank Hornback, one of the students who signed the petition, said, "A guy goes through a hard time from his parents to get his hair long, and once he does, he comes up against the school which says he must get it cut. There really shouldn't be any limits."

Judy agreed: "There should be no rules," she said, "but girls have to know where to put their hemlines and a boy should be able to have long hair if he keeps it well-groomed."

One of the arguments used last year against a more liberal dress code was that it was feared that some students would take advantage of the lack of a code to wear ridiculous and distracting clothing. On this point, Frank said: "Just because the dress code would be gone doesn't mean there will be freaks. I mean, most people have enough sense to control it, and if they do look freaky they are the ones who will suffer the consequences."

The administration, although not deaf to the desires of the students, feels there is a need for some sort of rules in the area of dress. "Everyone seems to be able to agree that there has to be a limit somewhere," said Principal Robert M. Young, who added that he has not seen the petition as yet and does not know what it calls for.

Mr. Young also pointed out that the dress code should embody limits that would please the majority. "The code should be an open matter subject to revision because it is a student ruling, not a Board of Education ruling."

"Do we still have pride in SW's reputation?" asked Mr. Young. "What is in good taste is a question of mores not morals, but dress and appearance are of some importance. There is an appropriate mode of dress for every occasion." He also indicated, however, that the question of dress lay largely in the hands of SC.

Surprisingly enough, SC has proved to be somewhat conservative in its policy on dress. When approached on the question of a more liberal code, a majority of the SC officers said it probably would not go through SC. Several said they didn't want a new code.

Hello Day—Job Well Done

We on the PIONEER staff want to commend the participants and all the people who contributed to making Hello Day a tremendous and very enjoyable success.

As a matter of fact, we feel the aud was good enough for frequent encores. With all the talented, imaginative students at SW and a faculty that is obviously willing to work with the students on such projects, it seems a shame Hello Day comes only once a year.

Why not have several auds like the Hello Day aud in the coming terms? Why not have a Goodbye Day aud for the seniors? That way we can make the most of all the exceptional talent at SW to the benefit and enjoyment of all.

A well deserved "thank you" and "job well done" goes to Mr. Doug Morrison, Mrs. Sue Davies, Miss Leontone Meyer, and the officers of SC for the time and effort put in on making the aud a success.

Support the Goings-On

Contrary to the traditional belief that new students should limit their extra-curricular activities until they familiarize themselves with Southwest, it is felt that the best way to get to know the school is to become a part of it.

New students comprise over one fourth of the student body this fall. Although many are still in the process of adjusting to their new surroundings, new students should be reminded that they are a vital part of the school.

Clubs, organizations, sports, and Student Council need representation from all members of the student body in order to reflect the will of the majority of students. Unless support is received from underclassmen, these activities will reflect only the wishes and ideas of the upperclassmen.

Participation in school activities is also beneficial to the students supporting them. Clubs and athletics will become more spirited, active, and enjoyable to belong to or watch. In most cases, involvement marks a noted improvement in the student's grades. If the student body shows its conscientious concern in the school, administrators will have faith in giving students privileges and will trust responsible students enough, we hope, to relax administrative control.

Underclassmen will not only reap benefits from joining in activities now, but also receive experience in the procedures and practices of such organizations, so they will become better qualified leaders in the future.

The role they play in school activities and the attitude they take toward the maintenance of the school's standards are extremely important now, and will increase in importance as they grow to accept the responsibilities of leadership in the coming years.

Exchange Notes

UNIVERSITY CITY HIGH SCHOOL has formed a Peace Club this year. Its first major activity was an aud session October 15 for the National Moratorium Day. The aud was devoted to commemorating the dead in Viet Nam.

"King Pretty Legs" Chosen

BELLEVILLE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL WEST, recently chose their annual "King Pretty Legs." Pictures of the candidates' legs were put on numbered jars in the cafeteria. Students elected the King by dropping pennies in the appropriate jars.

Building To Be Completed

BRENTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL is in the process of completing a new building for English and science classes and the library. The new library has a glass roof, featuring an observatory. Brentwood also has a new, carpeted student lounge complete with a soda machine.

Nicolet Builds Rec Wing

NICOLET HIGH SCHOOL, in Milwaukee, Wis., has built a new recreation wing for its students. The wing, used by seniors all day and by the other students during after school hours, has a snack bar, vending machines, pool tables, a television room, and a dance hall.

Drivers' Ed Course Begun

MEHLVILLE HIGH SCHOOL has started a new drivers' educational program. The course, considered one of the best in the state, has a four-part program. The students will have classroom, with behind-the-wheel training, driving range, and simulators to help them learn how to drive. The simulators cost \$30,000. Over 700 students will be trained this year.

Views on Dress Code, Hi-Fi

By Linda Gelner
Assistant Editorial Editor

Students of Southwest have begun voicing their viewpoints on school issues by submitting letters-to-the-editor in response to last issue's appeal for student opinion. This issue's questions involved the dress code and the piped-in music in the cafeteria.

The tone and content of the majority of the letters indicated two basic desires of the students. One was that students sincerely want administrative policy to directly reflect their wishes.

Another idea which was expressed in most letters was that students wanted a closer relationship between teachers and students. The students wished that the administration and faculty would listen to them and consider their ideas more carefully. In return, the students seemed eager to cooperate with the faculty.

Perhaps, the most pertinent issue discussed in this group of letters was the controversy over the dress code. The students who wrote on the topic were unanimously in favor of revising the code, but differed greatly as to how much the code had to be changed.

A few students wanted the code to be abolished. Several others thought that although a code was needed, it should be very permissive, allowing students to exercise their own judgment. Most agreed that the code just needed to be brought "up-to-date."

The students favoring abolition of the code failed to give any specific reasons how school or the students would benefit from such an act.

Here is a sampling of responses received by the PIONEER. Teresa Smith, a freshman, felt that a code was unnecessary. "A sloppy dressed person will be sloppy with a dress code, and a well-dressed person will not become sloppy if there is no dress code. It is up to the individual," she said.

Judy Chiodini, a junior, felt that the code was too strict and that students should be allowed to wear "comfortable clothes. Although there should be a limit to what

comfortable clothes are." She also expressed a desire for the PTA to have some say in the dress code. "Their voice is good enough for their children," she said.

Charles Wilson, newly-elected senior class president, believes "it is only natural to dress appropriately for an occasion, as we all agree. But, there is always a difference of opinion when one has to present a code of some kind to a large body of people and they have to abide by it."

The PIONEER staff suggests that each year a dress code committee be appointed consisting of a mixture of students reflecting a wide variety of views, on a strictly voluntary basis. That way, any student will have an opportunity to voice his opinion in the matter before the code is composed. Several teachers and PTA members should be included in the committee. Each point of the code should be debated in the committee and a final decision reached upon by a vote by the entire committee. The code then should be thoroughly publicized and enforced. If there is still disagreement with the code, some means of amending it should be provided by the committee.

As for the piped-in music, many students decided that they would like to hear a "popular music station" on the hi-fi system in the cafeteria. They seemed to feel that if they had to listen to the music, it should be of the variety they would like to hear.

It was pointed out that if the students are listening to music they want to hear, they will be less likely to talk loudly or create disturbances. Thus, the noise in the cafeteria would be reduced. Whether this theory would work practically remains unseen until it is tried, but the PIONEER staff definitely feels that the "popular music stations" should be given a chance on the hi-fi system.

There were no letters advocating the discontinuation of the "piped-in" music. Pleas were made, however, for the music to be louder so the students in the cafeteria could hear what was being played—no matter what kind of music it was.

Letters To The Editor

To the Editors:

How irrational can the Southwest administration be? In the past their decisions have been very wise and enjoyable for the students. (Witness the free-study program.) But now they have spent a lot of money for a HI-FI system in the cafeteria (presumably for the enjoyment of the students) and the station they are playing on the radio is WIL-FM.

The reason for this act is obscure to me. Perhaps the administration is trying to civilize the student body? I wonder if they are afraid that a little of our own type of music will incite us to riot? I seriously doubt that this situation will arise if a new station is adopted.

Perhaps they believe that the music they now play is more conducive to study. This may very well be true, but I believe the choice should be left up to the students themselves. I would appreciate an explanation from a qualified source. I think that I speak for a majority of the students now under the free study program.

Sincerely,
David Eaton

Editor's note: Mr. Gene Gladstone, assistant principal in charge of administration, told the PIONEER that WIL was chosen because it was the least controversial of the local stations and its music seemed to appeal to the majority of students. However, Mr. Gladstone said he would be willing to consider changing to another station.

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter to let you know how one freshman feels about Hello Day.

To me, Hello Day is one of the most exciting and enthusiastic events that I have seen so far. I never knew such talent as was displayed at the aud session could be found in a high school. The singers were terrific, the dancers sensational, and the comedians hilarious. I also must give credit to the stage crew for their part in setting the stage as noiselessly and quickly as they did.

But a still greater effect that it

had on me was the school spirit it kindled inside myself. It gave me a proud and happy feeling of being a member of SW. It made me have a greater respect for what SW stands for—a school with progressive ideas that was going somewhere.

I indeed I congratulate and thank Mr. Young, Student Council, and the rest of the people who gave their time and energy for producing this wonderful welcome for the freshmen.

Sincerely,
A New SW Member

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Senior Class President

Wilson Plans Senior News Letter

Southwest's new senior class president, Charles Wilson, says that he wants to run the class in "the most democratic way possible."

"Each senior will have an opportunity to suggest anything they want at any time by either discussing it with one of the officers or submitting it to our suggestion box," he said.

Elected to his post September 26, Wilson has the distinction of being the first Negro elected to president of the senior class in SW's history. The other new

officers are: Joyce Hayashi, vice-president; Janet Riemann, girls' secretary; John Bauer, boys' secretary; Linda Collins, girls' treasurer; Ken Slavens, boys' treasurer; Jean Caldwell, girls' sergeant-at-arms; and Lloyd Lauck, boys' sergeant-at-arms.

Wilson said that all suggestions submitted to the officers will be studied and examined by the class officers thoroughly.

The seniors will be kept informed of activities of the officers and committees by a "Senior News Letter."

Commenting on the News Letter, Charles said: "I am hoping that this News Letter will prove to be

beneficial to the seniors because it will let them know of every important endeavor we attempt."

"I truly believe that we can make this the most unique class ever if we work together and strive for the best," Charles said. "Remember, as the old saying goes, 'United we stand, Divided we fall.'"

Cost Of "Roundup" Now Lower

The price of the 1970 ROUNDUP will be increased 25c from last year's price of \$3.25 to \$3.50, according to Mr. Hank Tepe, ROUNDUP business manager.

But despite the price hike, Mr. Tepe said the cost to many students will be reduced this year. "The price for individual senior pictures will be lowered from \$2.50 to \$2.00," he said. "This will save seniors money."

In addition, Mr. Tepe said that clubs will be charged a flat rate of \$10 per group picture, instead of charging for each student in the picture as had been done in the past. He estimates this new procedure will save the students some \$1,200. Last year the price of group pictures totaled \$1,800. This year the figure will be about \$600.

ROUNDUP will also be printed by offset process this year instead of the more expensive letterpress process, thus saving additional money.

Tentative plans call for the ROUNDUP sales campaign to begin prior to the Christmas holidays. The campaign will continue for three to four weeks.

compiled by Miss Lucy Funk, the Scholar Quiz sponsor.

While last year there was only one alternate, this year there will be two. The team of four eventually will be selected from the squad of six by Miss Funk on the basis of quick responses.



The Thinkers

Scholar Quiz team members Pam Gronemeyer, John Careklas, Lynn Niemeyer, Sue Mizera, John Day and Stephen Kriegh.

Scholar Team Selected

Six seniors have been selected to represent SW on KMOX-TV's Scholar Quiz in the spring term.

John Careklas, John Day, Pam Gronemeyer, Stephen Kriegh, Sue Mizera and Lynn Niemeyer were chosen by Principal Robert M. Young from a list of eligibles

News Shorts

Parking Tickets Issued

Tickets are being issued to motorists whose cars are parked on the SW parking lots without a special parking permit.

The permits were issued several weeks ago to faculty and staff members in an attempt to cut down on the number of unauthorized vehicles being parked on the SW lots. Only faculty and staff are allowed to park on the lots, according to Mr. Gene Gladstone, assistant principal of administration.

Tickets are also being issued to those who double park on the school lots or those who block entrances to the building.

Bicket's Essay Wins

Senior Virginia Bicket has been awarded the first place prize in an essay contest sponsored by the St. Louis Chapter, National Sojourners.

Virginia received the award for her essay on "The American Ideal—And How To Achieve It." The award presentation took place October 8, at the Granite City Army Depot officers' club.

She is a staff member of PIONEER.

SW Miss Competes

A pretty, red-hair, blue-eye SW junior, Paulette Thompson, was a finalist in the St. Louis preliminaries of the Junior Miss America contest.

Paulette was one of 20 finalists who were chosen from a field of some 80 contestants. Paulette is also a championship baton twirler.

Stone Semi-Finalist

Hugh Stone, a term 7 at SW, is one of 1,500 semi-finalists in the National Achievement Scholarship Program for outstanding Negro high school students.

Hugh was among 35,000 participants from more than 4,500 schools nationwide. Semi-finalists who advance to finalist standing are considered for Achievement Scholarships which range from \$250 to \$1,500 per year.

Semi-finalists become finalists by receiving the endorsement of their school, taking a second examination, and meeting other standard requirements. The 1970 Achievement Scholarship winners will be announced next March.

Merit Letters Awarded

Twelve SW students have received letters of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Program.

The students are: Peter Bailey, Charlotte Coble, John Day, Janyce Dunn, David Eaton, Pamela Gronemeyer, Caryn Hasselbring, Linda Hibbitts, Richard Huhn, Stephen Kriegh, Newton McCoy, and Carol Wegman.

They were singled out for commendation on the basis of their high scores in the 1969 National Merit Qualifying Test.

Faculty Names Omitted

The names of two faculty members new to SW were omitted from the first issue of PIONEER. They are Miss Sue Ann Wiebe and Miss Betty Wise. Miss Wiebe has a B.A. in education from Kearney State College in Nebraska and is teaching business education courses here. Miss Wise has a B.S. in education from Central Missouri State College in Warrensburg, Missouri. She is also teaching in the business education department.

Dancers To Audition

Auditions for a dance workshop sponsored by the Metropolitan Educational Center in the Arts will be held tomorrow, October 18, at Wydown Junior High School gymnasium from 9 a.m. to noon. The gym is at 6500 Wydown Blvd.

All SW students with prior dance training are invited to audition for the workshop. Al Wiltz, Director of Dance at Southern Illinois University, will direct the workshop.

Pioneer Staff To Sell Miniature "SW" Letters

Miniature letters, in the style of those worn by lettermen, will be on sale soon, the PIONEER staff has announced.

They will consist of a green SW on a gold background, measuring three by three and a half inches, and will be sold for \$1.50 a piece. For an extra 50c, a year pin can be purchased to go on each letter.

These letters are now becoming fashionable in many schools for use on sweaters and jackets, as a way of showing school spirit. Proceeds from the sale of the letters will be used to finance page inserts for the normally four-page PIONEER.

When and where the mini-letters can be purchased will be announced later.

Peanuts Sets Stage For Aud

SW's annual Hello Day aud took place on Oct. 3 with the theme taken from the "Peanuts" cartoon series. The SC officers acted out skits to introduce each act, dressed as characters from "Peanuts".

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Rowley Warner played the part of Charlie Brown, Joyce Meckfessel was Snoopy, Ron Gielow, Linus, Jennifer Weidner, Sally, Bill Laskowsky, Pigpen, and Cyndi Compton, a convincing Lucy.

There was a large number of novelty acts in this year's aud. Dominica Jones a freshman, did a very funny dramatic skit. A group of lettermen dressed as cheerleaders performed two mock cheers and SW's own Henry Gibson, Bob Sherwin, gave forth several poetic masterpieces.

The acts participating in the aud included a line of girls who started the program off by singing the traditional welcome to the freshmen, "Consider Yourself Part of the Family." The girls were followed by the folk group of Phil Brancato, Debbie Welborn, Patty Whitby, and Linda Brooks.

Carol Turner sang "I Enjoy Being a Girl." Other vocalists included Bobby Bray singing "Valley of the Dolls," Virginia Bicket with "Both Sides Now," and Karen Moorein "A Time for Us." Two bands played—the Uptight Band and one led by Dave Mouldy.

The girl cheer leaders acted out the students' "don'ts" of school life. Another highlight was an unusual and humorous performance of "Yessir, That's My Baby."

Other numbers included a trio of Janyce Dunn, Bob Hermanson, and Craig George singing "He Was My Brother," a dance number done by the Pom Pon girls to the theme of "Hawaii Five-O," and Lewis Foulk's rendition on the organ of "Misty."

Variety of Opinions on Dress

By Mary DeWitt
Pioneer Feature Editor and

By Terry Piskos
Assistant Feature Editor

Will SW students be adorned in bellbottoms, sandals, love beads, and other such apparel of the hippie set? Will girls wear slacks, micro-minis, or go barefoot? Will boys sport beards, moustaches and shoulder-length hair?

Or will more conventional dress prevail—sweaters and slacks for the boys; dresses or blouses and skirts for the girls?

These are some of the questions that are being asked at SW and at hundreds of other high schools around the country. At SW, there are mixed feelings on the issue of dress.

The feeling of several Student Council representatives, for example, is that a dress code is very necessary. Senior Jean Caldwell believes that lack of a dress code "would give the school a bad image" because "many students would go to extremes."

Other members of SC hold different attitudes. "You're here to study," said junior Bryn Tracy, "and it doesn't matter how you dress."

Among the faculty, Mrs. Martha Ryan, instructor of English, believes the dress code exists to the advantage of students. "It's definitely a thing of value," said Mrs. Ryan, explaining that the code upholds SW's fine public image and it keeps the students in a proper frame of mind to do their school work. "If you dress for play, you play," she said.

Mr. Robert Lewis, a German teacher at SW, feels that adherence to a dress code is a preparation for the future. "The students will often have to wear what their employer tells them is appropriate," he said, "and school is similar to a job." He also believes that consistent enforcement of the code is needed. "If we're going to have regulations, we should abide by them."

What would happen if the dress code at SW were to be abolished? Mr. John Close, assistant principal, feels problems would result. "We can't rely only on individual judgement, because if a student were to dress outlandishly, there would be nothing that could be done. He wouldn't be breaking any rules."

Mr. Close emphasized that those who would abuse unlimited dress privileges would only amount to a very small percentage of the student body, but he believes the minority might lead other students outside the limits of what is generally considered good taste in dress.

Most students, he feels, are comfortable within the bounds of SW's code, but when the students find it too restricting, he believes it should be changed.

Mr. Al Ecker, administrative assistant of discipline, feels that abolition of the code would result in distracting conditions for both teachers and students.

He also believes that SW has a responsibility to maintain a code of dress. "As a public institution, we have an obligation to prepare kids to function in our society." This includes setting the example for the mode of dress that is acceptable in society, he explained.

However, he agrees with Mr. Close that if the students wish to revise the code, he will go along with it. "It's my job to enforce the code, not to form it," he said.

What is the policy on dress at other St. Louis area schools? At University City High School, there is no dress code. As a result, bellbottoms, wire glasses, long hair, and army jackets are commonplace at the school.

University City, however, is an exception. Most St. Louis schools have codes of dress. Beaumont's code, for instance, is much like SW's, but pants dresses are not allowed, as they are at SW, and culottes must have the appearance of dresses.

Kirkwood's principal, Mr. Donald Duchek, said that their code was drawn up last fall by the Student Council, working with the administration. At Kirkwood there is no limit to the length of hair, but sideburns cannot be below the bottom of the ear. A guideline of four inches is set for skirt length.

Lindbergh High School recently adopted a dress code almost identical to SW's.



Typical SW Garb: Sue Sanders and Bert Nollman

Many schools have only to deal with one phase of the dress code question. No one ever quibbles about the length of skirts at St. Louis University High. But the code is changed every year for the boys' high school by a joint effort with the student discipline board. Mr. John Conway, assistant principal, said that neither sandals nor sneakers may be worn and that socks are required. Hair may not cover the ears or eyebrows.

The conclusion seems to be that there are as many opinions and views on dress as there are students, teachers, administrators and schools. Thus the question will probably continue to be a popular topic of conversation. Does it matter what students wear to school?

Ecker Expresses Philosophy--Not an Adversary

By Terry Piskos
Assistant Feature Editor

"Hang the guilty; exonerate the innocent," said Mr. Al Ecker, SW's administrative assistant in charge of discipline, expressing his philosophy toward his new job. He replaced Mr. Gene Gladstone this year, after Mr. Gladstone was promoted to assistant principal of administrations.

Mr. Ecker feels that rules exist for the benefit of the entire school and those who ignore these rules must be held responsible.

The penalty?—suspension or expulsion. Students accumulating 25-30 penalty points are usually required to appear at a suspension hearing but Mr. Ecker said he reserves the right to make final decisions for individual cases.

He stated that he receives a volume of cut slips daily, but most of them are eventually

cleared up. His biggest complaint is that the students still are not going to the assigned areas at the correct times. He believes that they never expect to be "caught."

Those students who are discovered and must face Mr. Ecker in room 300 cannot rely on tears or the use of phony excuses. "Law is law," he emphasized. "I am going to enforce it evenly and fairly." He pointed out that a freshman who unknowingly disregards regulations will be treated just as any other student. There is no excuse for not knowing the rules, he said.

Mr. Ecker also said that no particular group breaks the rules more than another. Generally boys cause no more trouble than girls and seniors disobey no more than freshmen.

Mr. Ecker stated that he dislikes suspending students, but it is sometimes necessary. He

explained: "There are a number of excellent teachers who have left the profession because of lack of discipline. The only ones who lose are the students who will not have the benefit of these teachers."

Mr. Ecker doesn't want students to feel he is their adversary. "I'll fight for the kids as long as I don't get stabbed in the back," he said.

He is also in favor of liberalizing policies at SW, provided the students show responsibility. "I'd like to see the students have as many privileges as possible within the limits of good school administration, but they must show the responsibility to match the privileges."

As for his plans to liberalize policies, Mr. Ecker said he did not care to elaborate at this time. "I want to get accustomed to the job before I make any moves," he said.



Mr. Al Ecker . . .
... "Law is Law"



"Responsibility . . .
... Equals Privileges"

Petty Habits Cause Endless Grief

By Patty Whitby
Assistant Feature Editor

Almost everyone has had some kind of pet at one time or another. Some of these pets are a little on the weird side.

About the first pets I ever had were two goldfish named Pixie and Dixie. I had to give them away though, because they made too much noise. They had a gurgling problem.

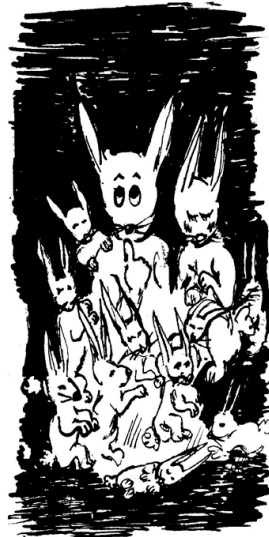
I used to have a pet chipmunk, but I had to get rid of her, too. She had a little jar that she slept in and hid all of her goodies in. When I cleaned her cage one day, I also cleaned out her jar. From that day on, every time I passed her cage she would give me nasty looks and spit at me. After a while I began to get a guilt complex. I felt so ashamed that I started to avoid her cage. Finally, I couldn't take it anymore, so I gave her to my aunt.

My friend Linda, who lives in the country, *really* has some strange pets. For instance, there's her horse, Dan. Good old Dan! He's the friendliest animal I've ever seen. There's only one problem—Dan thinks he's a dog. Everytime the family car pulls up, Dan runs over and starts licking it.

Whenever the front door is opened, Dan tries to come right on in with everyone else. I was sitting in Linda's living room one day when I suddenly got the feeling I was being watched. And sure enough, there was old Dan standing on the front porch with his nose pressed against the screendoor.

Linda also has a couple of other problems with Dan. Everytime she tries to ride him, Dan goes over to the local stagnant, moldy pond and sits down in the water. He is also a great lover of fresh peaches. His only problem is that there's a fence all around the peach trees. Do you think this discourages Dan? Never! He just leans on the fence until it falls over.

Ah yes, there's another problem with Dan. He's learned a



new trick. When he gets hungry he opens the door to the out-house, where his grain is stored (the family also has a slight problem) and helps himself. Or, if he is in a hurry, he takes a bite out of Linda's mother's straw purse.

Even more strange than Dan is "Curly the Cow." I'll never forget my first meeting with him. At the time, Curly was suffering from an infected eye. Being able to see out of only one eye made Curly a little edgy. Linda's father had some spray-on purple gunk that was supposed to cure Curly's eye, but before we could spray on the purple gunk, we had to catch him.

We didn't figure this would be too difficult, though. After all, there were six of us. In fact, we all thought it would be fun—a real western style roundup. So, we marched out to the cow pasture. Two hours later, we all stumbled back into the house bruised, scratched and soaked from the rain that started to fall five minutes after we began our "roundup." The really sad part was that Curly was still running around, disgustingly free and happy.

Of course, there are some people in the world who don't deserve to have a pet. Take, for instance, my friend Susan. When her parents brought home a new puppy, Kipper, Susan was overjoyed. But, when she tried to pet him, he snapped at her. From that day, Susan has hated poor old Kipper. After months of practice, Susan can now trip Kipper everytime he walks by. When Susan takes him for a walk, she ends up going on a two miles hike. By the time Kipper makes it back to the front door, he's on the verge of a coronary attack.

Right now I have two pet rabbits—Wonder Woman and Super Man. I'm afraid I'll soon have to turn them loose, though, since their cage is small and simply won't hold any more rabbits!



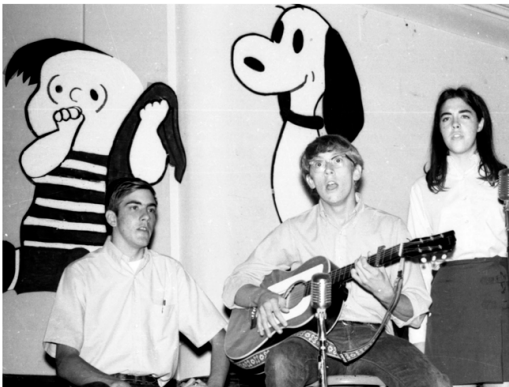
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Blue Devils Clash With Longhorns Saturday at SW

By Mike Ide
Pioneer Sports Writer

The Longhorns will face a strong Northwest football club tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. at SW.

The Blue Devils have lost just one starter from last year's backfield, the quarterback, so they are deep in experienced runners and receivers.

The Longhorn defense will probably key on halfback Glen Gates, Northwest's leading scorer last season. With the Southwest defense concerned with Gates, NW will probably alternate carries to Jimmy Jones, another fine slotback.

Even with Gates and Jones to worry about, the SW defense should have enough to keep them occupied with the Northwest offensive line. Lead by veteran center Gary Heyde and second-year man, Steve Pfeiffer, the line provides solid protection for the quarterback.

SW's leading rusher, Bill Laskowsky will have to turn on the moves if he is to gain ground against Northwest. The Blue Devils have a stiff defense led by defensive tackle Dan Cross and linebackers Rick Tuck and Bob Hatman, which could seal off the run.

The Steers overwhelmed the undermanned Central Redwings, 34-0, in a muddy confrontation on October 11. The Redwings have yet to score a touchdown so far this season. Mark Baldwin scored the first TD after blocking a Redwing punt. Paul Nichols made two touchdowns, Bill Laskowsky one and Bob Boekesch scored on a pass from Mike Espy.

Roosevelt, a team with the potential to be a title contender, fell under a well coordinated Longhorn attack 14-0, October 4.

The defense held the Rough Riders in check throughout the contest. "We finally worked together," said middle linebacker Paul Snead. "Worked together," is a modest appraisal of the defensive unit's performance. The Roosevelt offense twice drove inside the SW fifteen-yard line but it still couldn't penetrate for the score.

Southwest's offense played nearly as well as the defensive unit. The first set of Longhorn points came in the second quarter. Mike Espy in his first start at quarterback threw two incomplete passes to open the series. But on third and ten, a certain passing situation, a good call had fullback Laskowsky carrying up the middle from the 36-yard line.

Laskowsky went the full sixty-four yards for six points. Paul Nichols' conversion was good, giving the Longhorns a 7-0 lead.

In the fourth quarter, the SW defense recovered a Roosevelt fumble on the 25-yard line. Espy went out and initiated a drive which drove 75 yards for the second touchdown on a three yard carry by Jim Tschannen. Nichols again kicked the PAT, making the score 14-0, Longhorns.

Roosevelt countered by beginning a drive from their own 25-yard line. They punched through to the SW 9-yard line, but on the third down, Lauck blitzed and dropped the Rough Rider quarterback for an eleven yard loss. Roosevelt failed to pick up their first down and the Longhorns took over the ball on downs on the eleven.

SW ran out the clock with running plays, picking up their first victory of the season. They really put it all together against the Rough Riders. Espy showed he has a good arm in leading the Steers for two TDs. The Longhorns' quarterback for the first two games, Ron Gielow was moved to defensive back for the Roosevelt game.

Beaumont defeated the Longhorns in the league opener on September 27 by the score of 18-9. SW scored a safety early in the first quarter and a touchdown in the second quarter giving them a 9-0 lead over the Bluejackets. But Beaumont countered with a TD in each of the three remaining periods. Beaumont apparently without a kicker tried to run for the two-point conversions but failed each time.



Espy Hands Off Quarterback Mike Espy (11) hands off to Derek Cummings (22) early in a muddy game against Central on October 11. The Steers overwhelmed Central 34-0. Blockers that can be identified are Bob Boekesch (81), Rowley Warner (51), Lloyd Lauck (75).

Coaches Disagree

Is The PHL Declining?

By Newton McCoy
Sports-Metro Reporter

Is the PHL declining? Are Public High football teams less capable of competing with teams from other leagues? The statistics show that Public High teams haven't had a great deal of success against non-league opponents this season. Of nineteen games played against non-league teams, the PHL won only four and tied one, losing fourteen. However, there's more to football than statistics.

Beaumont head coach Bob Urberger said, "I believe Public High teams such as Soldan, Cleveland and Beaumont can play against anybody, any time, and make a good showing."

Urberger said that he felt there was wider public support for high school athletics in the county. "In the county," he said, "everyone is really interested. You see as many parents and other adults at the games as you do students."

Northwest coach Don Le Plante stated: "I have a lot of faith in the PHL. I don't think we've lost anything, but I believe the county schools are coming up." He was quick to add that he felt that the reasons may be the result of financial problems.

Both Urberger and Le Plante pointed several such monetary problems. They cited county schools, such as Mehlville and Ladue, that have six or seven-man coaching staffs as compared to the four-man staff most PHL schools have. With these additional coaches the county schools are able to run more extensive development programs such as junior varsity and C-teams in addition to the regular varsity and B-teams. The reason they can have more coaches is simply that they

can afford them. They are also better able to afford more and higher quality equipment and facilities.

There is also the obvious fact that a school such as McCluer, defending Missouri state football champions, with an enrollment of 4000, have greater manpower to call on than do PHL schools like SW, with an enrollment of 2500. Catholic schools, such as St. Louis U. High and CBC, both perennial football powers in St. Louis, can draw on the entire St. Louis area for students.

Wilbert Sanders, new head coach of the Soldan Tigers—one of the most powerful teams in the PHL in past years—said that he felt many potential athletes in the city passed up sports in favor of after-school jobs.

Coach Leon Anton of the SW Longhorns agrees with Sanders on this point. Coach Anton also pointed out programs such as "Work-Study" that take students out of athletics. "Many public school boys simply need the money," Anton said.

He also said that the county schools also have a greater capacity to develop their players because of the structure of their school systems which allows them to start working with players at the junior high school level. The PHL has no chance to do this because the St. Louis Public schools are still organized into grade schools and not junior highs and the grade schools do not have football programs. However, several parochial grade schools have football teams.

All four coaches agreed that the talent in the PHL was of top caliber, but that the talent was not being developed to its highest potential.

Merchant Coach

Swim Team Formed

SW's newly-formed SWIMMING TEAM will begin practices next month on a one-afternoon-a-week basis at the Southside YMCA, 2232 Grand Ave.

Mr. Frank Merchant, a mathematics instructor and former coach at SW, will serve as coach for the team. Since it is too late to prepare for the coming PHL swimming season, the team will operate on an intramural setup for its first year. Next year it is anticipated that the team will enter into league competition.

Principal Robert M. Young said that the addition of the swimming team means SW will now be represented in all PHL sports. It should also help improve SW's chances of maintaining the all-sports trophy, which the school has held for the past several years, he explained.

Mr. Young said arrangements were made to use the YMCA pool after SW was unable to secure the use of the pools at Roosevelt and O'Fallon co-op. However, Mr. Young said he still hopes some arrangement can be made to use one of the public school facilities, since SW must pay for the use of facilities at the YMCA.

The time and date for tryouts for the team will be announced later.

Harriers Prepare For District

Southwest will be among thirteen teams competing in the District cross-country meet tonight at 4 p.m. in Forest Park. The first two teams will go to the state meet at Columbia on November 1.

The district includes all the PHL schools and four Catholic schools in the city—Dubourg, SLUH, St. Mary's, and Augustinian.

Toughest competition will probably come from Dubourg, Soldan, and Cleveland.

The Kirkwood Pioneers are highly favored to win the State Meet for the third straight year. All seven of their entries finished

in the top 21 at the Beaumont Invitational last Friday with 37 schools and 259 runners competing. The score was Kirkwood 33 and second-place Alton, Illinois 135. SW did fairly well against such tough competition taking tenth place with 366 points.

Bob Pelikan of DuBourg, individually, is favored to win at the Columbia meet won last year by SW's Steve Wilson. The Cavalier sensation bested Wilson in four out of six confrontations last spring in the mile run. This fall, he has won every meet so far and has already broken several course records.

At the Southside Invitational in Carondelet Park on October 8, the first confrontation with the St. Louis Catholic schools, SW won second-place.

Winning an unexpectedly decisive victory on October 7 over Roosevelt, 18-41, four Steers led the race. In front was Gary Wood with 10:13 time, followed by John Groetke at 10:22, Bruce Vierheller, at 10:26, and Lew Dingwall at 10:33.

As of October 13, Soldan led the PHL in cross-country competition with a 4-0 record. SW was tied for second with Northwest with a 3-1 record.