



Linda Collins flashes a bright smile to the audience after being crowned Miss SW at the homecoming dance on November 1. Turn to page three for a story and picture on homecoming weekend. Photo by John Dengler.

New Miss SW

Results Of SC Poll May Affect Code

Principal Robert M. Young is awaiting the results of the Student Council poll of the students on the dress code before making a decision on what action is to be taken. The poll was taken on November 12, and the results were not available at the time of publication of this issue of PIONEER.

Mr. Young recently took polls of the faculty and PTA to get

their opinions on the subject. Of the faculty members, 60 voted to keep the code as is, 20 voted to keep the code but make some improvements, and 14 voted to abolish the code.

The parents who attended a recent PTA meeting voted the following: 84 to keep the code as is, 5 voted to keep the code but with some improvements, and none voted to abolish the code.

When Mr. Young was asked why he took the poll he said, "SW is a neighborhood school that belongs to three groups of people: the parents, students and the faculty. We feel that they all should have a say in what the students wear."

The results of the three polls will be used to determine what the majority favors and a committee, which has been formed by Student Council, will act upon the dress code accordingly, Mr. Young said.

Recently, controversy over the SW dress code arose when a student-circulated petition called for major revision of the existing code. However, the petition, which is said to have contained over 700 student signatures, has not been presented to SC or to school officials.

Mr. Young said he planned to poll the three groups long before the business of the dress code petition came up.

Free Study In Jeopardy As Abuses Cause Concern

By Linda Brooks
Pioneer Co-editor

Free study possibly may be discontinued if students continue to abuse the program, according to Principal Robert M. Young.

Mr. Young recently told the Student Council that he was not happy with the way some students have conducted themselves under the program. "They haven't behaved in a mature, responsible way," he said.

According to Mr. Young there has been an excessive amount of class cuts, a large number of students have been leaving the school premises, or going out of bounds while in the building, and the cafeteria has been cluttered with litter since the program began in September.

Although Mr. Young has considered terminating free study, he said that he would not make such a move until he had forewarned the students.

Mr. Young said he wants to see the free study program succeed, but its success depends upon the willingness of SW students to accept responsibility.

Mr. Young went on to say: "Free Study will have to be evaluated each year. It will always be an experimental program whether it lasts one week or ten years." The reason: free study means free study. The teachers should not have to police the students under a "free" study program. Students should not engage in activities which infringe upon another's right to study. It is on the condition that these basic requirements be met that the program can continue to operate, he said.

Just why is the program running less smoothly than last year? Mr. Young suggests that the adverse publicity the program received, in addition to the fact that the school was sued last year welded the students and teachers in closer cooperation in an effort to prove the program really could work. This year that common bond is no longer a factor.

In addition, free study has not been restricted in any way. It has not been taken away from those who cut classes frequently nor have those who were on academic probation last year been excluded from the program. However, after the first ten-week grading period those students then on academic probation, that is having two F's, will lose free study privileges.

Mr. Al Ecker, administrative assistant in charge of discipline, points out that free study is a privilege, not a right, a point which the administration is anxious to make clear. "As I have said in the past, privileges equate responsibility," Mr. Ecker said. "You can't have one without the other. The free study question is a question of privilege. If it is abused, it should be denied."

Commenting on the problems facing the program now, Mr. Ecker said: "There are a multiplicity of minor problems which have become important because they are indicative of general behavior. The litter, the roaming through the halls, the large number of tardies and detentions and the leaving of school grounds could lead to termination of free study, if not for the entire school, for a large number of the students."

At this time, however, Mr. Ecker said he felt the program had too many good points to be denied to those who are cooperating under the program. He did feel he would like to see the system become more selective.

To prevent free study from becoming a haven for cutters or an enticement to cut class, he suggested the program be banned to those who cut regularly.

Mr. Ecker's views are shared in part by Assistant Principal Gene Gladstone, who is in charge of free study. He feels that the solution to the trouble in the program is to "remove the students from free study not free study from the student."

Pioneer Responsible

Unused Lockers Now Available

Some 175 previously unused lockers are being assigned to students who have had to share lockers since the beginning of the school year.

The move to issue the unused lockers was made after the PIONEER brought the matter to the attention of the administration.

Mr. Gene Gladstone, assistant principal in charge of administration, explained that the lockers had been kept in reserve for new and transfer students.

When PIONEER suggested to the administration that such a large number of surplus lockers was unnecessary, steps were taken by Mr. Gladstone to make the lockers available to those juniors and seniors who have to double-up since September.

Mr. Gladstone said that there are still a number of vacant lockers available to students who wish to have a private locker. Interested students are asked to see Mr. Gladstone in the main office.



A few of the unused lockers at SW

Pioneer Calendar

November:

- 14 - Report cards
- 16 - PTA Card Party at the Kolping House, 1:30 - 5
- 18 - GAA Coke & Cake Sale
- PTA Open House, 7:15 p.m.
- 24 - Demonstration by Union Electric, periods 3-6
- 26 - Demonstration by Union Electric, periods 2-4
- 27 & 28 - Thanksgiving Holidays

December:

- 1 - Operetta Rehearsal, 12 4 & 5
- Operetta, "Anything Goes"
- 12 - Senior Dance - Winter Wonderland Wingding

Editorials**Grades—What They're Worth**

In recent years, a controversy over grades has arisen. Some educators feel that grades are ineffective and unfair and therefore they should be abolished. It is the opinion of these men that grades do not equitably judge a student's ability.

Further, they feel grades are often influenced by teacher prejudice. They also believe that the criteria on which teachers base the grades is frequently insufficient for determining the actual knowledge of a student. They argue that emphasis is put on grades, not on learning. As a result, students strive for good grades by cheating or cramming for tests instead of developing an interest in learning for the sake of knowing and understanding.

To correct the situation some schools and colleges have eliminated grades and have adopted a system in which a passing or failing mark is given to students at the end of each semester instead of the customary A-B-C-D-F grade.

However, it seems as though the present letter grading system has as many or more advocates than opponents. It remains in effect in most of the nation's schools and colleges and will probably continue until the public is convinced schools and colleges could function better without letter grades.

The PIONEER staff feels that grades do serve a useful purpose for academic subjects and should not be completely abolished. However, we feel that some subjects are not conducive to the letter-grading system. Such subjects are those involving some special talent or skill; for example, gym, art, mixed chorus, and typing. PIONEER therefore suggests that for these subjects only, grades be abolished in favor of the pass-fail grading system.

A credit in physical, practical, and fine arts courses is required for graduation; therefore, all students take one or more of these subjects sometime before they leave Southwest. These courses have little to do with academic learning.

For the most part, to achieve good grades in these subjects, one must have natural ability. No matter how hard some students try, they fail to achieve good grades simply because they lack special skill in the subject. For example, some students lack coordination to receive good marks in physical education, despite their most earnest efforts.

The students with little aptitude for these subjects often have little interest in the courses. One result of this disinterest is that class cuts sometimes occur more frequently in these classes than others.

Then why grade gym, art, mixed chorus, or typing? Perhaps students who do poorly in these courses would still dislike taking the subject, but at least a student would not be penalized for his lack of aptitude.

For those students who do have special abilities in these fields, there are various ways of obtaining recognition for their talents other than through grades. Athletic students can go out for sports; musical students can obtain parts in school musicals; artistic students can enter art contests; typists can win awards.

Conduct On Moratorium Day

On Wednesday, October 15, a national moratorium was observed throughout our country to protest the war in Vietnam. While trouble and violent protesting developed on some campuses, the students of Southwest, for the most part, showed dignity and maturity in their involvement.

Mr. Robert M. Young, SW's principal, expressed his satisfaction over the school's handling of the moratorium. PIONEER believes the school, on the whole, acted judiciously.

However, there were some incidents that tended to mar the day. Mainly, these involved several reports that students wearing black arm bands — the symbol of the moratorium — had them ripped off by students apparently opposed to the moratorium.

PIONEER staff does not intend to take a stand on the moratorium or our country's involvement in the Vietnam war. But PIONEER does want to see that each individual has the right to display his beliefs without being molested by others. This applies to both sides in the Vietnam issue.

Today — November 14 — marks the start of a two-day moratorium. PIONEER hopes that the SW student body conducts itself with the maturity it generally did during the first moratorium. This time, however, it is hoped that there will be no disagreeable incidents and that everyone will be able to express his opinions sensibly and without interference.

Poll Surveys Student Opinion

By Linda Gelner
Pioneer Editorial Editor

Free study and the moratorium demonstrations were the topics of discussion in the recent PIONEER opinion poll. The responses received showed that many students had strong feelings on these issues.

The greatest response was in regard to the free study program. Students were asked if they felt the student body is earning the right to have free study by acting in a responsible manner.

One junior girl stated that she thought the reports of bad student conduct were over-generalized. This sentiment was echoed by a number of others.

However, many students agreed that there was reason to criticize the student body as a whole. Offenses involving littering in the cafeteria were cited as the biggest problem. It was suggested by many respondents that everyone should "be responsible for his own mess."

Although many students admitted there were rules being broken, they were quick to qualify their statements by saying that conditions were no better when everyone was required to attend study halls.

Tom Watson, a senior, pointed out that "students used to cut study halls and because there was nowhere for them to go, they stayed in the halls and disrupted classes. If free study is discontinued, the problems will not vanish."

This seems to indicate that no matter what is done, students believe there will always be problems created by those who are too immature to accept responsibility or those who wish to receive attention by rebelling against authority.

There were several suggestions of how to handle those who break the rules. Peter Bailey, a senior, stated that "rules are made to be enforced. It's up to the teachers to see that they are. Kids won't listen to others their own age because they feel that students do not have enough authority or power to be telling their peers what to do."

It was also stated by several students that punishments given for breaking rules should be harsh, "individual" punishments which affect

those involved — not punishments which affect the whole school, such as the discontinuation of free study.

General comments were made on the study program. Donna Baker thought that "free study is a good thing. It has a relaxed atmosphere. Most students act mature enough to make it work." David Boles, a sophomore, defined free study as a "coffee break. It keeps students from getting bored, unlike the compulsory study halls. Students feel like working again in their next classes."

A few students expressed a desire to be able to leave the building during free study, provided they returned on time for their next class.

Opinions on the moratorium varied greatly. The majority of students polled agreed that peaceful demonstrations should be allowed in public schools. Each individual, they said, should be able to express his own opinion as long as he does not impose his opinion on anyone else.

Others said they felt as though the moratorium demonstration served no useful purpose at the high school level. However, Francis Howerton thought that "authorities around the country were watching the nation's youth. We are the generation that will take over in a few years and our opinions will affect policy."

Some said that students wore arm bands to attract attention. "That's not necessarily bad," commented Craig George, senior. "People would ask someone why he was wearing a black arm band and he would get a chance to explain his viewpoint. In many cases, the protestors got people to see their side of the issue. It brought people together."

It was suggested by several respondents that the school have an aud session for the next moratorium at which people with varying degrees of opinions get a chance to speak to the student body. When students were questioned about this idea, the majority favored the idea but they doubted if the school as a whole was interested enough to justify such an aud session.

Letters To The Editor

To the Editors:

Would you please publish this letter in PIONEER. I believe it speaks for itself.

Donald Ashley
SW Athletic Director

Dear Sir:

I'm sure you are the first to be notified if your students misbehave, but this letter is a little different.

My family and I attended the CBC football game Friday night and had the pleasure of meeting about twelve members of your football team. They were very polite and gentlemanly at all times and we enjoyed the game very much due to their company.

We have five children, three of them are boys, and have been attending high school sporting events since 1962 when our first boy entered CBC and have seen many boys from other schools at these events that were a very poor representation from their schools, but with boys like we met Friday night you will not have to worry about this matter. One of the boys' names was Dennis and I'm sure he can tell you who the other boys were that were there. I'm sorry that I did not learn all their names.

Good luck to you and your team in the coming years and I hope I have the good fortune to meet them again in the near future.

Mrs. Lawrence A. Wieda

To the Editors:

Being a relatively intelligent

youth of conservative background, accepted and respected by my peers, I have come to despise cries of "Generation Gap."

I believe that the majority of my contemporaries are intelligent enough to exercise their "freedom" by depending on their intellects, morals, and personal tastes. If we are not allowed to exercise limited personal responsibilities, we cannot and will not have a civilized, moral society in the near future.

I believe in complete abolition of the dress code. As people may assert their personalities and character traits through their

speech, habits, and mannerisms, they also characterize themselves through their personal appearance. e.g. When a female adorns herself with next to nothing, that is generally what is thought of her. The ostentation which accompanies this adornment, furthers the belief in this assumption. Other examples follow likewise. Boys with greasy hair tend to act accordingly.

I therefore believe that people should be given the chance to demonstrate their individuality not only through what they say and how they act, but also through their personal appearance.

Craig George

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On Your Mark

Homecoming

Trike Race Sparks Spirited Events

The Senior Class-sponsored Tricycle Races started SW's homecoming weekend rolling on Friday, October 31, and it was still moving Saturday morning with the Student Council parade. Though SW was slowed down by dropping its football game to Soldan 10-0, the homecoming rolled on to a dazzling finish at the Miss SW dance Saturday evening.

Approximately 1,200 students viewed a first for SW Homecomings, a tricycle race, held on the athletic track after school, Friday.

Both students and teachers participated in various competitions. Brian MacKinnon and his "Mac 1/2" won the 100-yard and 220-yard races.

A Handicap Race, in which the girls pushed the boys who were not allowed to peddle, was won by the team of Bill Patterson and Karen Wichmann on their tricycle, the "Question Mark."

A 440-yard relay race was won by the team of Randy Jurgenson, Ben Blake, John Calcaterra, and Tom Robak. Their bike was called "The Shadow."

Tension mounts as trike contestants Fiend-Gene Gladstone prepares to be catapulted down the track by Connie Perkinson, Spirit Woman Cam Ayres gets ready to push Spirit Man Radford, Madhouse Pat Meloy and Daffy Sue Davies prepare to blast off, and Bonnie Burgett works up to heaving that dashing coach, Go-Go Gower around the runway. Photo by John Dengler.

The afternoon ended with the teacher's Handicap race, with Miss Carol Komandina and Mr. Steve Techner in their "Gemini Speedsters" running off with the trophy. The "Go Go Wonders" team of Miss Bonnie Burgett and Mr. Warren Gower placed second, while the "Spirit Mobile" piloted by Miss Cam Ayres and Mr. Ed. Radford, took third.

Mrs. Sue Davies and Mr. Pat Meloy in their "SC '69-70 Special" finished just ahead of the last place team of Mrs. Connie Perkinson and Mr. Gene Gladstone in their "Gold Coast Special."

Saturday morning 17 cars participated in the Homecoming Parade, sponsored by Student Council. The cars, decorated with materials provided by SC, traveled from Kingshighway to Eichelberger, then to Jamieson, down Chippewa to Macklind, and from Macklind back to SW. The parade began at noon.

Immediately following the parade, SW battled Soldan on the football field. The only disappointment of the weekend, SW lost 10-0.

Saturday night, Linda Collins was crowned Miss SW, the All-Sports Queen, by Stan Mann, the Lettermen's Club President, at the SC-Lettermen's Club dance held in the new gym.

Miss SW of '68-'69, Marilyn Wilds, attended the dance to present the new queen with the crown. Marilyn was escorted to her seat by Stan Mann to begin the coronation.

All the candidates walked through an idyllic garden while the theme from "Romeo and Juliet" was played to set off the evening event.

The candidates and their escorts were: Julie Otto and Ken Slaven; Karen Moore and Craig Scherzer; Jerre Gansmann and Mike Espy; Janet Riemann and Bruce Vierheller; Bobbie Bray and Tom Cook; Brenda Mast and Bill Laskowsky; Nancy Curtin and Lloyd Lauck; Leslie Noakes and Ron Gielow; and Anna Johnson and David Moore. Linda Collins was escorted by Stan Mann.

The coronation was emceed'd by Rowley Warner, SC President and Jenna Weidner, SC Treasurer, described the girls' dresses.

SW Singers Set Sail December 4 & 5

"Anything Goes" this year for SW's operetta, which will be presented on December 4 and 5 by the SW Music and Dramatics Departments.

Anything Goes is a fast-moving comedy that takes place mainly aboard the ocean liner *American* en route to Europe during the 1930's. The plot concerns the romantic involvement of the passengers coupled with complications such as mistaken identity and shady deals.

Featured in the lead roles are Bob Carter as Moonface Martin, a gangster and "Public Enemy Number 13"; Lynn Niemeyer as Bonnie, Moonface Martin's gun moll; and Virginia Bicket as Hope Harcourt, a debutant.

Craig George plays Sir Evelyn Oakleigh, Hope's fiancé; Karen Moore as: Reno Sweeny, a famous nightclub singer and ex-evangelist; and Brice Shearburn as: Billy Crocker. Diane Juedeman plays Mrs. Harcourt, Hope's mother, and Charles Overstreet plays Mr. Whitney, Billy's boss and Wall Street businessman.

Playing the angels that Reno is taking to Europe as part of her act are Louise LaBoube, Caryn Hasselbring, Charlotte Coble, Bobbie Bray, Linda Range, Carol Turner, Jan Montani, Karen Butchko, Patricia Ludwig, and Susan Black.

Other members of the cast are Ron Fehr, Bob Sherwin, Robert Kilzer, Vernon Wirth, Gary

Boulcott, Richard Huhn, Warren Leong, and James Klasek.

Stage managers for the production are James Anastasoff and Charles Wilson. The sets will consist of three acting levels and a revolving stage. The scenery will reflect the atmosphere of the 1930's.

The show is under the direction of Miss Leontone Meyer, Mr. Robert Nordman, Mr. Douglas Morrison, and Mr. Libero Monachesi.

Tickets may be purchased in advance from any music student. They are \$1.00 for the Thursday night performance and \$1.25 for Friday night. Tickets will be 25c more if purchased at the door.

News Shorts

Open House Nov. 18

Southwest will hold an Open House Tuesday, November 18 from 8:00 until 9:30 p.m. During this time parents will have an opportunity to confer individually with teachers concerning mid-semester report cards.

A brief PTA meeting at 7:15 will precede the Open House and will feature a film strip describing new programs in the St. Louis Public Schools. A preview of the coming Operetta, "Anything Goes" will also be presented at the meeting.

Seniors Plan Class Trip

The senior class is sponsoring a trip to Washington D.C., Jamestown and Williamsburg over the Easter vacation. According to Mr. Al Ecker, the trip sponsor, at least 30 seniors must be interested to make the trip exclusively for seniors. If the required number is not attained, the trip will be open to all students in good standing.

SW Girls Join Ensemble

Three seniors and a SW graduate are performing with the St. Louis String Ensemble this year. The girls are Nancy Adams, SW orchestra president; Barbara Baxter, orchestra vice-president; Debra Stephens, orchestra member, and Marie Violetta, former SW orchestra president and June '67 grad.

The girls have also been members of the Webster Groves Symphony for several years.

Delana Performs At SIU

Delana Thompson, semester seven, was one of three soloists presented in the Young Artists Concert at Southern Illinois University recently. She was one of nine outstanding young musicians selected to perform from Missouri and Illinois.

Students Tutor At "Y"

South Side Branch YMCA is still taking applications for tutors. Students will receive \$1 to \$2 for tutoring one to three pupils during an hourly session.

Location, days, and times of tutoring will be agreed upon by the parent and tutor. The children range from the fourth and eighth grades. Any interested SW students may call the South Side YMCA at 865-3500 and ask for an application card.

Allen To Be Teacher

Mr. Fulton Allen, the Audio-Visual director, will be leaving SW on November 14 to attend classes at Arkansas State at Jonesboro. He will return to St. Louis in September to teach social studies at a public high school.

Microfilm Reels Purchased

The St. Louis Board of Education has purchased a microfilm collection of books and articles on the Negro from the New York Schomburg collection for all St. Louis Public High School libraries.

Each high school will receive 131 microfilm reels containing over 110 selected books, articles, and periodicals about Negroes. Students will be able to use the microfilm on the new reader-printers now in use in all high school libraries.

Four Display Art Work

Four SW students' art work was displayed for the Missouri State Teachers' Association conference in Convention Hall, Kiel Auditorium, Nov. 5-7. Chosen was the work of seniors Andy Alexander and Virginia Bicket, and sophomores Theresa Kendrick and Shelia Edington.

SW Students Model

Charlotte Coble, Betty Ann Martin, Susan Black, Linda Miller, Suzie Westermayer, and Kathy Stoepleman represented SW at a fashion show before a meeting of the Better Business Bureau recently.

Top Ten Ranking Seniors

The top ten ranking seniors at the close of the sixth semester are: Pamela Gronemeyer, 4.900; Caryn Hasselbring, 4.866; Carol Boyd, 4.700; Beverly Kocot, 4.400; Linda Hibbits, 4.387; John Careklas, 4.344; Christine Reimler, 4.292; Stephen Krieh, 4.266; Randi Reed, 4.226; and Joan Brune, 4.233.

Barnes Holds State Post

Jim Barnes, a SW distributive education student, was elected Missouri State Parliamentarian by a distributive education delegation held in Jefferson City. This is the first time a Missouri school has been successful in getting a distributive education student elected for a state office two years in a row.

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SW Co-Eds

Hog Pigskin

By Patty Whitby
Assistant Feature Editor

Football has always captivated me. I just wish I knew what the game was all about!

I often wondered how those boys could run all over the field with those nails stuck in their shoes. The one and only time I tried on a pair of spikes, I got bogged down in the mud. Two hours passed before my brother found me standing there, nailed to the ground, and pulled me out.

I recently played my first football game (if you will excuse the over-statement). Fifteen girls and ten boys got together one Sunday for the game. Eager to impress everyone with my great knowledge of football, I immediately announced that I would be the goalie.

Groans from the boys grew louder and louder as we girls began to yell such phrases as "Batter up!", "Use the backboard, girls!" and "Fore!"

Suddenly, a sickening thought struck the boys. Upon questioning us their worst fears were realized — none of the girls knew the slightest thing about football. We began to hear mumblings of discontent from their midst.

After a lot of fast talking and quick thinking, we talked the boys into staying and giving us a chance. So our team ran off to talk to our coach. I, remembering all the football games I had seen in cartoons, ran over to the boys' side to spy on them and steal their plays. But they threw clods of dirt at me, so I went back with my own team.

The boys took pity on us and told us that we could start the game, so we promptly proceeded to call time out. Maggie, one of our star players, had broken a finger nail.

Finally we were ready for the game to begin. The boys had agreed to play touch football but the girls had decided among themselves that they would play tackle! We backed off, ran straight at them, hit them, bounced off and fell flat on the ground. They just stood there and stared down at us with an expression that was a mixture of disgust and disbelief.

When the boys finally caught on that we were playing tackle, they stopped being nice guys. The next time I got the ball, fifteen people fell on my leg. I calmly tried to get everyone off by screaming in agony and beating the people within reach with my fists. After all fifteen groaning people had rolled away, I managed to stumble up to one foot and limp off the field.

What had started out as a simple game of football ended up as a combination of Red-Rover, Keep Away, SPUD and Rhythms. The "official" score, according to the girls, was 21 to 7. Naturally the boys lost.

We girls never knew why, but for some strange reason the boys never organized another football game.

Forrest Employs Values Games

By Virginia Bicket
Pioneer Staff Writer

What did you do yesterday that you were proud of?
When was the last time you cried?

When was the last time you said something nice about someone?

These questions are characteristic of what a SW student may encounter during a year in a class of Mr. Kent Forrest. Deliberately provocative, the questions are part of a relatively new kind of student-teacher communication system being used by several instructors in the St. Louis area.

The system consists of a variety of exercises and experiments, all of which are designed to encourage students to become aware of their values and to make responses concerning them.

"It is multi-purpose," Mr. Forrest explained, "in that it enables the students to see and know one another, provides interchange between teacher and student, and teaches us all toleration without judgment."

Mr. Forrest, who has been teaching at SW for five years, first introduced the process into his classes two years ago, and found it to be so profitable that he has continued it ever since. He employs various methods — interviews, with questions like the ones previously mentioned or thought-provoking quotations, which the students are encouraged to react to and think about.

"Actually," he explained, "the value games could be used in any subject, since they stress the question, 'Why is this important to you' — and that is the thing that makes any knowledge relevant to the student."

When asked if he felt that his method was achieving its goals, Mr. Forrest replied, "Not only are many of the students enthusiastic about it, but I find it helpful in my teaching too." He stated further that it makes him aware of conflicts in values between himself and the students.

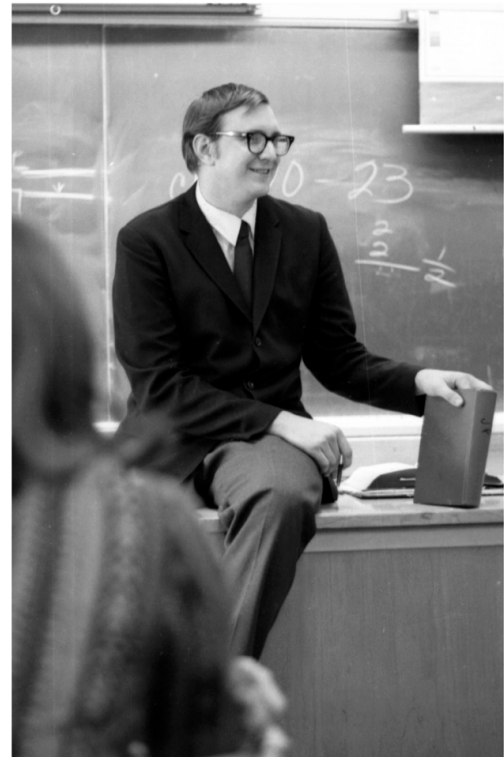
He went on to emphasize that although this teaching process can be an enjoyable experience, he does not let students use it just to take up class time.

"My concept of education," he stated, "is that value systems are a lasting impression that any teacher can leave with his pupils. In twenty years, few of the people in my classes will remember the Punic Wars, but good attitudes which they form now may stay with them forever." With this idea as a basis, he uses the value games to enrich the study of history.

He said that he was proud of the way many of the class members stood up for their beliefs, whether he agreed with those beliefs or not.

"The important thing to remember," he said firmly, "is not to express either approval or disapproval. Too often teachers are willing to tell what they believe to be the right answer, thus forcing their opinions on the class. This discourages students from giving honest answers."

Has use of this communication process had interesting results? "Well," replied Mr. Forrest with a smile, "I used to wear white socks sometimes, until once in an interview a student made it clear to me that this was simply not done."



Mr. Kent Forrest on the point of the Values Games . . . "Few of the people in my classes will remember the Punic Wars, but good attitudes which they form now may stay with them forever."

On Values

Becoming more serious, he concluded, "I think this method can have important implications in any institution where values must be considered."

SC Presents Memorial Plaque

SW Veterans Commemorated November 10

By Richard Limmer
Spotlight Reporter



Rowley Warner presents SC plaque to Mr. Young during Veterans' Day Aud, Nov. 10.

Veteran's Day is held to remember those who have fought in America's wars. This Veteran's Day Student Council gave the school a memorial plaque to commemorate SW students who have fought and died while serving their country in Korea and Vietnam.

PIONEER also wishes to remember these men. The following article tells of several former SW students who have died for their country.

On December 8, 1966, Army Specialist 5 Royal T. Krell, 20-years-old, was fatally injured in a helicopter crash at an airfield near Anh Khe. A door gunner in the 1st Air Cavalry, he died of burns incurred in the crash. He had enlisted in the Army on January 29, 1964, two days after graduating from SW.

During his high school years, Krell participated in the operettas in 1961, 1962 and 1963, in the Hello Day for 1962, in the May musicals, in audio-visual, in the Rifle Club and in the Archery Club. He also was an officer in the Senior Choir.

At Fort Leonard Wood, during his basic training, he nearly died from pneumonia. After recovering, he volunteered for parachute training at Fort Benning, Georgia, and then for combat in Vietnam. Spec. Krell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene V. Krell, received a Bronze Star and an air medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters for Krell's actions in Vietnam.

Pfc. Monte E. Vanskike was killed in action in Vietnam on March 5, 1968. He was a 1965

graduate from SW. In his years at SW, he was a member of Advanced Chorus, Senior Choir, Early Risers, the All-City Choir and the wrestling team. He also participated in the 1965 operetta, the 1962 and 1964 May musicals and the Christmas Aud.

Specialist 4 Joseph F. Spinnicchia, 22, was killed April 10, 1969 while participating in Operation Massachusetts in the Ash Shu Valley. A member of the 101st Airborne Division, he entered the Army in January, 1968, and was sent to Vietnam in November of that year. He had attended Forest Park Community College after graduating from SW in 1967.

On May 29, 1969, Timothy O'Neill, a Marine 2nd Lieutenant, died of wounds inflicted from a mortar attack near the Demilitarized Zone. He had gone to Vietnam shortly after his father's death on April 12 and was assigned to the 3rd Marine Division.

O'Neill was commissioned in the Marine Corps after graduating from Southwest Missouri State College in 1968. Prior to that, he attended Southwest High and graduated in 1964. Besides receiving letters four years in both football and track, he was Sergeant-at-Arms of the Letterman's Club and participated in the Weight Training Club, Senior Choir, Friendship Day, Student Council and Pep Club at SW.

Billy Dale Short, Specialist 4th Class, was killed by a land mine on October 5, 1969. Drafted in September, 1968, he had been in Vietnam since June 6.

Don Ashley---A Varied Career

By Cyndi Compton
Spotlight Reporter

"A man's reach should exceed his grasp" is the philosophy of Mr. Don Ashley, SW's new athletic director. He succeeded Mr. William Gerber this year after Mr. Gerber retired.

Mr. Ashley said he has applied this motto throughout his career, which has been a long and varied one.

In high school, Mr. Ashley played football, basketball and

track. His prowess on the hardwood was such that he received a basketball scholarship to Southwest Missouri State College.

After college he was asked to join the semi-professional Meramec Caverns basketball team, which was under the men's division of the St. Louis Muny Athletic Association.

From his position as a

forward, he helped them to win the championship six out of seven years, from 1940 through 1947. The team played their home games at the Arena and Sherman Park. For his efforts Mr. Ashley received ten dollars per game.

In 1948 he tried out and subsequently made the first professional basketball team in St. Louis, the St. Louis Blues. It was composed largely of the coaches around the city. He was paid \$75 a game, but was unable to play any road games because of his teaching commitments. After one year the Blues folded. At six-foot, Mr. Ashley was one of the tallest members of the team.

In 1944 he came to SW from Central to coach football. During the 25 years he has been at SW, he has coached basketball, track, swimming, and boys' gymnastics.

In his free hours, Mr. Ashley has officiated football and basketball games for high schools and colleges in Missouri and Illinois.

Those who know Mr. Ashley marvel over his fine physical shape.

The secret of his physical fitness?—daily exercise, usually with his boys' gym classes. He also keeps in shape by working around his house and lawn and by playing his favorite sport, golf. He stays young looking he

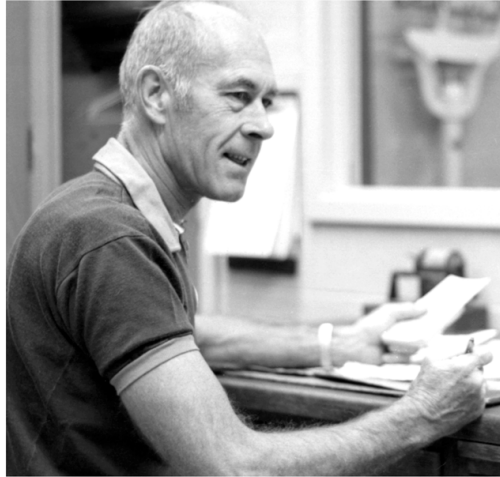


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said with a grin, by "clean living, no wine, women, or song."

"Work hard and keep healthy" is the advice Mr. Ashley gives to young athletes. He speaks out against cigarettes because "smoking cuts down an athlete's endurance."

Mr. Ashley feels that "the first 25 years are the hardest," but he is anxious to begin the second 25 at SW.



"The first twenty-five years are the hardest," says Mr. Donald Ashley. He is anxious to begin his second twenty-five at SW.

Hypothetical Situation

Tiwi Tribe Destroys U.S. Except For SW

By Sue Mizera

Problem: The Tiwi tribe of Australia has detonated an H-bomb that destroyed the entire United States except for Southwest, which was miraculously saved. To avoid radiation and fall-out, the entire student body has to stay within the walls of the school for three to four years. Develop a system whereby the school could operate under such adverse conditions for the given length of time.

This was the provocative assignment given by Mrs. Cheryl Baker, an apprentice teacher to Mr. Rex Brown's third and fourth period sociology classes, and it yielded some rather unusual and surprising ideas.

The purpose of the assignment was to see if, under the given circumstances, the classes would make a society different from the present-day society, Mrs. Baker explained.

The class decided that government would be communistic, but that leaders would be democratically elected. Policemen, chosen by the elected leader, would enforce discipline. Offenders would be given trial by jury.

"It was odd that the students looked upon the teachers as a minority group and that treatment of them was generally cruel," Mrs. Baker said. She pointed out that in times when the youth preach equality that given the chance to prove their unbiased and unprejudiced attitude, that they really are biased.

Because of the meager amounts of food, the students

agreed that under such conditions, a person would receive so much food for so much work. Many deaths were anticipated because of the extremely crowded and adverse conditions.

One group decided that suicide would be honorable since it would alleviate the already crowded situations and it would leave more food for the others. Therefore, it was decided to dispose of the dead by

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cremation. Burial was considered unpractical.

Lounges and dorms were to be made of the gyms but the aud was to be kept intact so that performances could be given to lighten the drudgery of life.

The institution of marriage was expected to crumble and a high illegitimacy rate was anticipated.

Only five students considered religion to be a major factor in daily life. Chapels were to be set

up but it would not be mandatory for anyone to attend the services.

Classes, it was decided, would continue in an everyday manner. The primary reason for this was to make sure everyone would be kept busy and to insure that future generations would be intelligent and capable enough to rebuild society.

Floors would be torn up in the basement where experimental gardens would be planted. The outcome of such vegetation was severely doubted since there would be little seed or water available.

Barbaric? Yes and no. The emphasis was put on the group, not the individual. Everything that was done was geared to the survival of the group and survival of the fittest was the mainstay or the written law of the society.

Under these chaotic conditions, many folkways and mores understandably were changed. Religion, marriage, and the democratic system of government were altered appreciably. However, the society still maintained a leader, trial by jury, a daily work routine and modes for entertainment.

Although basic man-made institutions were changed, the inherent qualities of leadership, gregariousness and fairness were maintained. According to Mrs. Baker, the conclusion seemed to be that man can be changed by his environment, but hereditary traits may never be altered by any type of environment, whether communistic, democratic or chaotic.



Big Wheel

SW mud slinger, Bruce Vierheller, gets the dirty end of the Trike race as he takes a nasty spill. The race was held October 23 to signal the opening of homecoming weekend.

SW Kickers Seek Third PHL Title

Soccer coach Ed Radford still predicts a third consecutive PHL title despite the absence of several of his starting players from pre-season practices.

Football players Bill Laskowsky, Chuck Eccher and Les Nappier have been unable to attend soccer practice because the football season does not end until November 15.

The season begins on December 1 against McBride and Mr. Radford expects trouble from the parochial schools again this year. Last year's team was 8-0-0 in league competition but had an over-all record of 10-7-3.

Besides Laskowsky, Nappier, and Eccher, the returning players from last year's championship team are Harry Stratos, Bob Messel, Vince LoRusso, Kent Kloepper, Dave Ferrario, and Ron Kohring.

Last year, no goals were scored against SW in league competition. SW scored 51 goals all season, 40 of which were scored in league play. The non-league competitors scored 26 goals against SW.

Chris Papagianis, June '69 graduate, holds most of the team's records including most goals in one season, 30, and most goals in one game, 10, against Vashon whom we beat, 16-0. However, Kent Kloepper holds the record for most assists in one game, four, and Bill Laskowsky holds the record for most assists per season, seven.

In planning his strategy for the coming season, Coach Radford has tentatively moved Laskowsky from the center half position to center forward.

Wood, Groetke Compete

John Groetke finished 58 and Gary Wood finished 68 at the State Cross-Country meet in Columbia on November 1. Kirkwood — where cross-country is as big a sport as football — won the meet with a score of 25 points.

Bob Pelikan of DuBourg won the individual title but his time of 10:10 failed to better the 9:58.5 record set by SW's Steve Wilson last year.

Wood and Groetke qualified by being in the top ten at the District Meet held on October 24. However, the Steers narrowly missed taking second place to Soldan that would have qualified the team for the State Meet. The District Meet score was DuBourg 42, Soldan 75, SW 80, Cleveland 86, SLUH 102, Vashon 176, Roosevelt 193, Sumner 201, Augustinian 237, Beaumont 250, and Central 378. Northwest, a top-rated team, was disqualified for not turning in an eligibility list.

Southwest decisively won the PHL Freshman-Sophomore Meet on October 29. The top five SW runners were Bob Akers, Kevin Wirthlin, Jeff Wood, Arlo Hasselbring and Bill Kuba. SW tallied 59 points while runners-up Cleveland and Roosevelt had 73 and 81 points respectively.

In the last regular league meet of the season, Soldan defeated SW 24-34 to clinch the league title.

SW Cagers Open Practice, Seek Title

By Newton McCoy
Sports-Metro Reporter

Varsity basketball team, seeking the PHL title and led by two All-PHL possibilities, have begun practice sessions in preparation for the coming season.

Varsity coach Warren Gower said Stan Mann and Steve Valli, who are among the St. Louis area's top prospects, both have an "excellent chance" to make the All-PHL team, or to earn even higher honors.

"He excels in everything," Mr. Gower said of Mann. "you could call him a jump-shooting guard or forward." The 6', 170 lb. senior led the team in interceptions and steals last year and was the number two scorer, averaging 16 points a game. Mann, who is also president of the Lettermen's Club, was named to the second All-PHL team last year.

"Valli is very strong," said Mr. Gower. "He'll probably out-muscle his opponents for his rebounds and points." Valli, a 6'5", and 195 lb. junior, was the leading rebounder last year and the number three scorer, with about 12 points a game.

The varsity has five returning lettermen: Mann, Valli, Steve Newton, 5'10" and 155 lbs.,

Dennis Economon, 6'2" and 185 lbs., and Ted Harviel, who is the tallest player on the team at 6'9" and 215 lbs." Around these people we'll form the nucleus of the team," said Mr. Gower.

Other members of the varsity include David Cole, Tom Lansing, Stan Nickens, Ed Schumer, Bryn Tracy, Bob Grana, Paul Nichols, and Ken Loddeke, a sophomore who Mr. Gower says is a good prospect.

"Our greatest PHL competition should come from Beaumont and Sumner," continued Mr. Gower. Sumner, the defending state champion, has most of its team returning, including 6'11" center Dave Brent, who was voted the Most Valuable Player in last year's state tournament.

"It's difficult to say what we're going to do," Coach Gower said. "I've been pleased with the progress in practice so far, but we still haven't seen the team in a game situation. There's a big difference in what a team looks like on paper and what they look like in actual games. I am sure that we'll play good basketball though."



Here's How

The varsity opens play in the St. Charles Invitational Tournament on December 5 and 6.

B-team coach Vogel said that

the B-team players are smaller in size this year. "We haven't got a lot of height," he said, "but we hope to make up for it in speed. We also want to see how well

our freshmen do. There are several freshmen that could become good basketball players if they make the adjustment to high school basketball."



Strategy

Coach Leon Anton confers with quarterback Mike Espy during a homecoming game with Cleveland.

SW-McKinley Contest Could Change Standings

Southwest faces a luckless McKinley grid squad tomorrow on the Longhorn field at 1:30. The Longhorns will be trying to tie for second place with Beaumont, should the Bluejackets lose to last-place Central on Saturday.

The Goldbugs, with a 1-6 record, are led by Kevin Rufus, a former SW track star in the 100-yard dash, who transferred to McKinley last year.

The Longhorns, now with a 4-3 record going into the closing game of the season, were eliminated from title contention by losing to Cleveland 12-7 on November 8. Bob Parisotto scored SW's lone touchdown on a three-yard run set up by Bill Laskowsky's 70-yard punt return.

Cleveland won the PHL championship with a thus far undefeated 7-0 record. The Dutchmen will face a tottering Soldan club tomorrow, losers of last week's confrontation with Vashon, 24-0.

Soldan spoiled the Longhorns homecoming on November 1 by coming out on the long end of a 10-0 count. The loss not only spoiled the Steers homecoming, but cast a shadow on the title race.

October 25 saw the Longhorns score their fourth win in five starts by knocking over Vashon 28-6.

Derek Cummings and Bill Laskowsky split the TD's evenly with two each. Laskowsky

remained the team's high scorer by chalking up 16 points against the Wolverine's — two six-pointers and four conversions.

The Longhorns clash with McKinley is little more than a token game, since Cleveland has already won the championship. However, this season has shown Southwest not to be just a mediocre team that falls under pressure of big games.

Southwest's defense has allowed only 34 points in seven games, or a little less than five points per game. If offense can just pick up some more, Cleveland will have trouble retaining the title.

Going into the McKinley game, the Steers leading rushers are Bill Laskowsky with 451 yards in 103 tries and Derek Cummings with 320 yards in 90 tries.

The leading scorers are Laskowsky 49 points, Cummings with 24 points and Paul Nichols 20 points.

The B-Football team will clash with McKinley tomorrow at 9 a.m. McKinley has a 3-2-2 record.

Southwest has a 4-3 B-team record after losing to Cleveland 22-0. In previous games the team has defeated Soldan 16-0, Vashon 21-20, Central 39-0, and Roosevelt 7-0 while losing to Northwest 14-8 and Beaumont 36-0. Paul Lazare and Scott Poland have been the leading scorers.

Perkinson Sponsors New GAA Teams

GAA BASKETBALL organized this year under a new sponsorship. Mrs. Connie Perkinson has replaced Miss Bonnie Burgett as faculty sponsor of the club.

At the organizational meeting in September, the members voted Nancy Stichling, president, Wrenae Gilmer, vice-president, Vanessa Kelley, secretary, and Michelle Moroni, treasurer. Selected as captains of teams 1 through 12 were: Carol Migneron, Joy Kelling, Marilyn Jacobi, Kathy Rainer, Connie Crump, Sue Rehling, Carolyn Barrow, Linda Wilcoxon, Joyce Hayashi, Sally Merkle, Lynn Niemeyer, and Mary Staples.

"Few Pushovers"

Wrestling Season Opens Dec. 1

Coach Bud Wallach's wrestling team will open its seventh season on December 1 here against Maplewood. The matmen have been training hard in the old gym since school started.

"Wrestling is becoming a much tougher sport as more people get interested in it," says Coach Wallach. "Few teams will be pushovers this year."

He went on to say that

Northwest, Soldan, Beaumont and Vashon should be the toughest competition in the PHL. Other tough teams in the area will be Hazelwood, Lindbergh, Maplewood, McCluer, and Ritenour and Webster Groves.

Eight of last year's 13 lettermen will return this year. They are, in order of their probable competition weights:

John Bauer (98 or 107 pounds), Dennis Visos (107), Nick Papagianis (115), Chris Brewer (123), Keith Krumm (145), Randy Faulkner (165), Charlie Huggins (175) and Tom Cook (180). Other matmen for SW are: John Smith (98), Jim Laws (130), Dave Owens (130), Dennis Artale (130), Bob Parisotto (155) and Barry Brambilla (heavyweight).