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Show Stopper

Karen Moore, lead of the operetta "Anything Goes," is shown singing the title song of the production. For additional pictures of the operetta, turn to page 5.

Opinions On Change Vary

Effects of Devaluation Diverse

Mixed emotions have greeted the recent change in the price of lunch checks from 12½¢ to 5¢.

The majority of student opinion tends to go against the change in value. Most seem to feel that there are too many checks to carry around. As one senior expressed it, "They're a pain in the neck — there are just too many." And another student commented: "My purse has gained twelve pounds since I bought lunch checks."

Taking the opposite viewpoint are some students who like the change, because the price of some foods has been reduced.

Said one student, "It was ridiculous to pay 12½¢ for one cupcake when you can get two for that price in stores. At least now it's a little better."

Although it is true that students save money on some items, they are also losing money on others (such as soups, cakes, and pies, which have gone from 12½¢ to 15¢).

Teachers had much the same viewpoint concerning the devaluation. Some commented that they could no longer buy lunch checks for the entire week, and others were upset

with the increase in price of soups and desserts.

Mr. Gene Gladstone, assistant principal, said that the purpose of the devaluation was "to bring the price of the check more in line with the value of the items being served."

Team's Quiet Leader

Lloyd Lauck Named MVP

Lloyd Lauck, the "quiet leader" of the football Longhorns, has been selected as this year's Most Valuable Player by his teammates.

Lloyd was presented with the MVP trophy last night at the annual Lettermen's banquet.

His coach, Leon Anton, said Lloyd exerted "a type of quiet leadership on the field. The fellows admired and respected him."

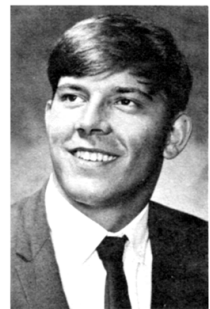
"It is very unusual for a lineman to be chosen MVP," said Coach Anton. "That distinction normally goes to a back. The fact that Lloyd was

selected is a tribute to the fine job he did."

Lloyd was a two-way performer for the Steers this year, playing at both the offensive and defensive tackle positions.

The MVP award was the second honor Lloyd has earned this year for his football playing ability. Earlier he was named to the All-City football squad.

Lloyd also excels at track. He was the number one shot putter in the district last year. In addition, he is vice-president of the Lettermen's Club and sergeant-at-arms of the senior class.



MVP Lloyd Lauck . . .
... "Quiet Leadership"

Pioneer Calendar

December

- 12 — Soccer SW vs. Augustinian 4:00 at SW
- 12 — Sr. Dance 3:30 New Gym
- 13 — Basketball SW vs. Roosevelt 1:30 at SW
- 16 — 1:15 PTA Christmas Meeting
- 18-22 — Senior Post Office
- 23 — Christmas Aud; 6th period caroling in the halls.

Dismissal at 3:15 for Christmas Holidays

January

- 5 — Return to school
- 6 — Basketball Homecoming against St. Mary's
- 13-15 — Final Exams
- 20 — 7:30 PTA Meeting in New Gym
- 24 — Invitational Wrestling Meet 9-6

Extend Operetta Run

SW just completed its tremendous production of Cole Porter's *Anything Goes* and the humming and singing of "Take Me Back to Manhattan" and "Blow Gabriel" still seem to be echoing throughout the halls.

Every year the cast outdoes itself and this year was no exception. And as the finale came, everyone was saying, "Isn't it too bad. All this work and it's over already."

Exactly. Months of singing, practicing, memorizing, and tiring work go into the production and — puff — after two nights it just becomes part of SW's history.

The inevitable answer is why not extend the Thursday and Friday night performances to possibly Saturday night and Sunday afternoon?

There is always an abundance of people who never get to see the operetta because all the tickets are sold out. If the performances were repeated on Saturday and Sunday, more people would be able to enjoy the operettas and SW could make more money from the additional ticket sales. Furthermore, the cast could feel more satisfied that all their work did not end so quickly.

If all SW's talent on stage were to be measured in pounds, SW would tip the scales. Why then turn away literally hundreds of people with "Sorry, we're all sold out?"

PIONEER therefore feels that to satisfy the cast as well as the audience, extending the operettas would prove to be profitable, rewarding, and immensely gratifying for everyone concerned.

Dec. 1 — Black Monday

Monday December 1, 1969 will long live in the memory of anyone associated with SW. On this day the lunch check was devalued from 12½¢ to 5¢. Although the long range effects of this move have not yet been determined, the immediate effects have proved to be devastating.

Because the immediate supply of checks will not satisfy the demands, it is anticipated that the sale of checks will soon be at a standstill. On that fatal day, the security guards had to be called out to stop the crowd of people scalping their checks at any price to impatient students waiting in the endless lines.

The Levi Strauss Company has issued an immediate order to strengthen the pockets of their products in order to equalize the shock of suddenly having twice as many lunch checks in circulation as before. Debates are still going on as to whether or not the company should put extra pockets on their goods.

An administrative committee has tried to compute whether or not the increased demand for lunch checks will have an immediate effect on the school system's metal stockpile. The committee is trying to pass a bill through the school board to make the holes in the checks larger. This would stretch the metal supply by almost 33-1/3 per cent.

Some concern has been expressed abroad over this event. France has written a letter to the school board questioning the soundness of the move. Japan has issued a proposal to manufacture lunch checks for the school system at five cents per thousand. The Viet Cong representative in Hanoi says the Board of Education is trying to punish the students for their anti-war feelings. The Kremlin has made no comment as yet on this Black Monday. by Dennis Clark

Don't Abuse Free Study

Responsibility, like many other terms, is very hard to define because everyone decides for himself what it entails. However, the PIONEER staff feels that the administration is justified in accusing the student body of a lack of responsibility in respect to the free study program.

Some students are taking advantage of their "freedom" at the expense of the rest of the school. This is not responsibility by anybody's standards.

Each day, I.D. cards are collected from students who are out of bounds during their free study or lunch period. The halls are filled with litter. Refuse and lunch trays are often abandoned on the cafeteria's tables and floor. Students create disturbances in the cafeteria distracting to those who would like to talk quietly or study.

The administration each year makes a promise to the student body. If the students desire privileges and will accept the responsibility that goes along with them, then their requests will be granted. If students do not show proper responsibility, then privileges will be revoked. The administration has kept its promises in the past.

The administration is threatening the discontinuation of free study if student behavior does not improve. If the students want this freedom to continue, PIONEER urges them to make the administration aware of this through positive action.

Commentary: On Christmas

By Linda Gelner
Pioneer Editorial Editor

Christmas is a paradox. It celebrates the birth of a man who was to unite all men in the cause of love, brotherhood, and peace under God. However, is our present-day celebration of this event truly for all men? The answer to this question lies in the individual's interpretation of the true meaning of Christmas.

Is Christmas the birthday of the Christian religion and therefore a sacred holiday? No one really knows when the birth of Jesus took place. Although many Christians may protest that this is the true meaning of the season, it is apparent that other aspects of the season are foreshadowing the religious purpose.

Store windows are decorated with brightly colored lights, Santa Clauses, and winter snow scenes. There are few representations of the Nativity. Think about the modern Christmas songs. They are about everything from "Snoopy and the Red Baron" to "Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town," but there is hardly a mention of "Silent Night" or "Glory to the Newborn King."

When a group of Southwest students were asked what Christmas meant to them, a wide range of answers was received, but few were related to religion. Most students thought the season was gay and exciting and spoke of decorated trees and presents.

Is Christmas, then, a gay holiday designed to levitate the cold, dull winter by bringing a spark of good cheer to people? There was always some sort of celebration at the time of the winter solstice. Before the Church designated this time to celebrate Christmas, it had been a popular pagan holiday. The majority of the world's people are not Christian, but a surprising number of non-Christians celebrate Christmas. Tokyo, capital of a predominantly

Shintoist population, has as many decorations and Christmas shoppers as most Western nations.

It seems, therefore, that the Christmas holiday has a great amount of appeal. Even Jews participate in the season as much as their religion will allow by sending "Season's Greetings" cards and gifts to their Christian friends. Some rationalize this almost universal participation in the Christmas season by saying that one simply cannot escape Christmas. Offices are permeated with Christmas music, television and radio gear their shows to the season, and the facades of buildings are covered with decorations.

This thought is not generally accepted, however. Many think that there is another reason for the universal appeal of Christmas. The Southwest students mentioned earlier decidedly felt that there was an aspect to Christmas, known commonly as the Christmas Spirit, which was practically indefinable, but which pervades the atmosphere at this time of year. It is this spirit that one cannot escape.

Is Christmas, then, a time when all men regardless of race, color, or creed work together toward peace and understanding on earth? If this warm feeling of good will which pervades at Christmas time were used to better relations of brotherhood, would not the true meaning of Christmas then be realized? Perhaps not all men believe in the celebration of Christmas, for well over half the world's population are non-Christians, but men everywhere, no matter what their belief, would join in a cause for peace—not even Scrooge could deny that cause. What greater tribute could be given to Jesus than to celebrate His birthday by practicing the ideals of love and brotherhood he so ardently preached?

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Presents: Where To Hide Them?

By Patty Whitby
Assistant Feature Editor

For years, parents have been faced with the question, "Where do I hide the Christmas presents?" My heart goes out to them, for theirs is a lost cause.

There is no place on earth where presents can be hidden and not found by snooping "children" ("children," in this case, is anyone aged one to 100). But, even though parents know that they cannot win, they always make a gallant effort.

Parents, of course, know that it is ridiculous to think that presents can be hidden in such places as closets or locked drawers. They, therefore, have come up with some very clever hiding places.

A friend of mine, who lives in the country, stashed all of her presents in the bathtub. But, they remained safely hidden only until Saturday night.

Another lady, may she rest in peace, was having trouble finding a place to hide an electric train set that she had bought for her son. Finally, she very ingeniously cut the insides out of an entire set of encyclopedias and put the train

set, a few pieces per volume, inside. The boy never found his gift and was thrilled and surprised on Christmas morning. The husband, equally surprised, however, clubbed his wife to death for ruining a \$300 set of encyclopedias.

One poor man was permanently crippled from walking around for seventeen days with a pair of diamond earrings for his wife, stuck between his toes.

There was one family that bought their teenage son an electric guitar for Christmas. After much thought, they disguised the guitar as a pole lamp. The young man was extremely pleased with his gift on Christmas morning. The parents, however, after hearing the boy play, agreed that the guitar made a much better pole lamp and gave their son a pair of pajamas instead.

Some parents believe that presents are safe once they are wrapped. To this I say, "Bah! Humbug!" If any present is left where it can be seen and touched, it might as well not be

wrapped at all. Five minutes after being placed under the Christmas tree, all presents have been shook, poked, thumped, squeezed and x-rayed.

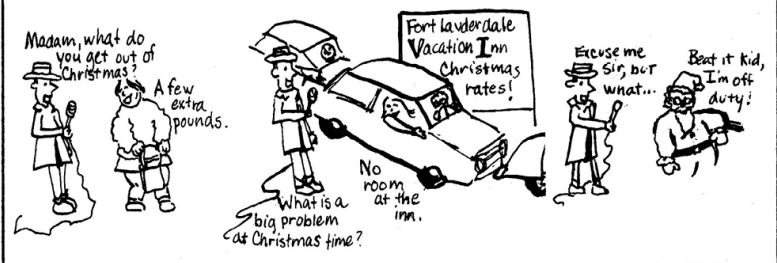
If none of the above reveal the contents, the recipient will try more advanced techniques. He will first try waiting until everyone is out of the house and then simply unwrap the gift, play with it for a while and then wrap it back up.

Some parents put "fake presents" under the tree to throw their children's minds off the real presents. One year I was sure by the shape and size of the package, that I was getting a record album for Christmas. After working for several days, I finally snuck the package into my room, opened it and found a 12" by 12" color glossy of Lawrence Welk, suitable for framing.

I suppose that as long as there is a Christmas there will be the problem of hiding presents. By the way, you should see the nifty watch my parents are giving me for Christmas this year.

'Tis The Season?

By Virginia Bicket



"Anything Goes" Proves To Be Hit

By Linda Brooks
Pioneer Co-Editor

Southwest's musical and dramatic talents combined to present the school's 30th annual operetta, "Anything Goes," Cole Porter's musical comedy from the 1930's. The play ran Dec. 4-5 to sellout crowds.

The musical, with music and lyrics by Cole Porter, adapted from a book by Guy Bolton, P. G. Wodehouse, Howard Lindsay, and Russell Crouse, starred Karen Moore as the notorious nightclub singer, Reno Sweeney, and Brice Shearburn III as Billie Crocker, a New York broker.

It is the story of a man, Billie, trying to get his girl back (Hope Harcourt, played by Virginia Bickett), and whose unscrupulous tactics entangle him with gangsters, chorus girls, an English lord, and an occasional officer of the law.

Other lead roles were played by Corky (Robert) Carter as Moonface Martin, Public Enemy No. 13; Lynn Niemeyer as Bonnie, Moonie's gun moll;

Craig George as Sir Evelyn, an English lord engaged to Hope; Diane Juedemann as Mrs. Harcourt, society matron and mother of Hope, and Charles Overstreet as Elijah Whitney, Billie's boss.

Minor roles were also played by Ron Fehr, Bob Sherwin, Bob Kilzer, Richard Huhn, Vernon Wirth, Gary Boulicault, Warner Leong, and James Klasek.

The production of "Anything Goes" had much talent, enthusiasm, humorous lines, and a lot of leg — the latter being shown mostly by the Angels — a chorus line of ten girls who worked with Reno. They were Bobbie Bray, Karen Butchko, Charlotte Coble, Caryn Hasselbring, Louise LaBoube, Pat Ludwig, Janice Montani, Linda Range, and Carol Turner. The tenth Angel, Susan Black, deserves commendation not only for her dancing, but also for choreographing all the Angels' routines as well as teaching them

to the Angels and to the Modern Dance group.

Reno emerged strong, sexy, tough, brash, but magnetic — with one touching weakness — Sir Evelyn. Karen's voice was a joy to listen to in its versatility. She can belt out a number like "Blow, Gabriel, Blow" loud enough to drown half the chorus, yet she can do a love song like "I Get a Kick Out of You" just as capably. Her performance had a professional touch that's rarely found at a high school age.

Brice was quite amusing as he leaped from disguise to disguise, keeping up the clever banter between himself, Moonie, Sir Evelyn, and Reno. Being a romantic lead in a high school production is a difficult job, and Brice and Virginia ought to be congratulated on the quality of their performances.

The part of Moonface Martin, Public Enemy No. 13 was a good role to begin with, but Corky

Carter gave it his own personal, relaxed touch — as well as an occasional ad lib — and in the end improved on the material he had to work with. He and Bonnie kept up a clever banter. Bonnie's number "Heaven Hop" was rousing, lively, well coordinated.

Craig George was marvelous as the droll Englishman, Sir Evelyn. He had some of the funniest lines in the play.

Each member of the cast deserves credit for the fine job he did — conversation was audible, intelligible; the action moved fast and smoothly. One of the more minor points that contributed to the overall effect was the costuming — the frequent changes into colorful, authentic clothing.

Two groups — the orchestra and the stage crew — deserve a special thanks, the orchestra for the excellent job done on difficult music and the stage crew for handling the props.

News Shorts

Teachers At Hearings

Faculty members are now included in suspension board hearings, according to Principal Robert M. Young. The decision to have teachers participate in the hearings came after several members of the faculty requested such duty.

Mr. Young presides at suspension hearings, along with the student's counselor and either Mrs. Mary Kelly, assistant principal, or Mr. Al Ecker, administrative assistant.

Allen Retires From SW

Mr. Thomas Allen, SW typing teacher, retired on Dec. 1, 1969 after teaching here for more than sixteen years. During that time, he was absent from school only one day.

He began his teaching career at Soldan High School in 1930. He also taught in several Missouri and Illinois schools, including Hadley Technical School.

Schumer First in Oratory

Ed Schumer, a SW junior, won first place in the American Legion Oratorical Contest recently. His speech was entitled, "Checks and Balances — Our Basic Governmental Principles." Ed will go on to compete in a statewide contest on December 19.

Newcomers Join Staff

Two newcomers have joined SW's staff. E. Joseph Kalal, a former SW student, has become the school's new security guard. He is a Navy veteran.

The other new to SW is George Willis, a 1968 graduate of Roosevelt High School, who has been hired to direct the audio-visual department. He is also a part-time student at Forest Park Community College.

Grad Killed in Action

A 1969 graduate of SW, Pfc. William A Duncan, was killed in action on November 20 while serving with the 1st Calvary Division in Vietnam. Duncan had been in Vietnam since February, 1969.

Grad Combines Careers

SW graduate Monica Potts is now a Wave serving at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland. Beside her duties at the Operations Department, she belongs to the St. Mary's Community theatre in St. Mary's County, Maryland, where she has had several starring roles. When her military obligations have been fulfilled, Monica plans to major in the theatre arts at St. Louis University.

6 Apprentices at SW

Six student teachers are earning their classroom hours at SW this semester. They are: Jane Eros, St. Louis University, English, Mrs. Martha Ryan; Janet McWilliams, St. Louis University, English, Miss Dorothy Greiwe; Carol Purcell, St. Louis University, math, Mr. John Personett; Ruthanne Ahlmyer, Fontbonne, Spanish, Miss Jean DeGrand; Cheryl Baber, University of Missouri at St. Louis, social studies, Mr. Rex Brown; and Mary Hart, St. Louis University, English, Mrs. Elsie Backers.



Cut Up

Principal Robert M. Young receives advice from his wife as he cuts a cake presented to him upon his 14th anniversary as principal at SW. The cake was presented at a small party for Mr. Young on December 1.

10 Week Report

Honor Roll Released

For the first ten-week grading period 59 seniors, 39 juniors, 32 sophomores, and 50 freshmen made the honor roll. Those with 4.0 averages or better are:

Seniors: 5.0 — Pamela Gronemeyer; 4.7 — Sue Mizera, Caryn Hasselbring, Christine Reimler; 4.5 — Carol Boyd, Jean Caldwell, John Careklas, Susan Sanders; 4.3 — Debra Stephens; 4.2 — Janyce Dunn, Carol Asher, Susan Black, Joyce Hamilton, Beverly Kocot; 4.1 — Joyce Edinger, Virginia Bickett; 4.0 — Linda Gelner, Stephen Krieger, Terry Piskos.

Juniors: 4.6 — Linda Wilcoxen; 4.4 — Alexander Karagiannis; 4.2 — Charles Standridge, Stewart Smiley, Diane Wallemann, Terry Shapiro; 4.0 — Anil Angelo, Jeffery Boyher, Margaret Bozesky, Barbara Bratton, David Bruenger, David Diuguid, Carolyn Imhof, Michael Quinn, Donald Speck.

Sophomores: 4.7 — Susan Baylard, Martha Renner; 4.2 — Mark Wunsch; 4.1 — Marie Caras; 4.0 — Mary Gatewood, Denise Koehr, Toni Manzo, Joe Morrison, Linda Tune, Rebecca Vuch, Minnette Zelenovich.

Freshmen: 4.4 — Jill Brandenburger, Constance Duever, Kathy Williams; 4.2 — Staleye Fujarski, Arnell Hinkle, Louis Miksicek, Chris Pashos, Patricia Virtue; 4.1 — Amy Sausse; 4.0 — Kathleen Cannito, Stephen Crusius, Richard Daut, Emile Dierking, Mark Dopuch, John Dubis, David Fairris, James Fujarski, Dennis Gelner, Carolyn Howard, Mary Thomas, Glenn Weidler, Barbara Winhold, Michael Wilson, Deborah Witt.

SC Selects Three For Teen Contest

Rowley Warner, Cindy Singfield, and Leslie Noakes have recently been elected by Student Council to represent SW in the Outstanding Teenagers of America Contest. The contest is sponsored by the Outstanding Americans Foundation, a non-profit organization.

The Outstanding Teenagers Awards Program begins at the high school level. To be eligible for a state or national award and a scholarship, the teenager must be nominated by the school principal. The principal may seek advice from faculty members and student leaders in the school.

At SW, Student Council handled the nominations. Some guidelines used in the process of nominating were leadership, service, scholarship and extra curricular activities.

The winners will be announced in the spring.

John, Lynn Speak Out

John Careklas and Lynn Niemeyer, two SW seniors, were picked by Principal Robert M. Young to appear on the talk show, "Point of View." They were on a panel made up of four other students from schools in the St. Louis area.

The show, taped on November 8, 1969, was shown November 30, 1969. Russ David, the moderator of the show, asked the students questions, and then showed a film interview of adults who were asked the same questions as the students. After the film, the members of the panel were asked to formulate their opinions and present them to the audience.

The questions ranged from home life (Should parents tell their children what to wear?) to national affairs (Do you think the youth of today are patriotic?)

Can Students Judge Peers at SW?

Student Courts Work at Area Schools

By Terry Piskos
Assistant Feature Editor

Would a Student Court work at SW? Several St. Louis private schools have instituted court systems to reduce discipline problems. All the courts have met with at least some success according to school officials.

Mr. Charles Conway, assistant principal of St. Louis U. High, a private Catholic boys' school, explained how their Student Disciplinary Board operates. Each year the court meets during the summer and appoints five seniors, five juniors and four sophomores as justices and 10 advocates or "lawyers" from those who apply. Four freshmen are appointed as justices for the second semester.

The Board presides over cases which have grounds for suspension. The assistant principal decides which cases are important enough to warrant a court session and may call one of three courts. St. Louis U. High has a student-faculty court, an all-faculty court and an all-student one.

The all-student court performed "exceptionally well the first year" according to Mr. Conway. The court is functioning in its third year and is subject to revision each summer.

Mr. Conway stated, "In most cases students are the best to teach other students. They are usually more effective than



Judgment by peers: A Student Court at SW?

faculty." He pointed out, however, that there has been no need for a hearing in over a month.

John Burroughs High, a co-education private school of about 500 students, operates its student court on an entirely different basis. The court handles only cases of minor infractions and has no jurisdiction in suspension hearings. The Chief Justice, bailiff and five justices are all elected by the student body, explained Steve Dassler, a member of the court.

The head master is not a member of the court, so students or teachers may appeal to him to reverse decisions. A

student may call two witnesses, but no lawyers. All trials are held before school and are open to everyone.

Prefects or "student policemen" issue summonses to the court. Steve emphasizes that prefects are responsible seniors with good records and do not take advantage of their authority.

Sister Switzer, Director of Villa Duchesne, a Catholic girls' school, explained that they formed a court this year patterned after that of John Burroughs. She believes, "the students feel more responsibility now. The whole thing depends on them." She says that students believe in the court's fairness

because its members publish a list of all offenses and punishments. However, court members are restricted from discussing cases or names out of court.

St. Joseph's High, a private Catholic girls' school, has a student court similar to Villa Duchesne's.

Principal Robert M. Young, believes the composition of a court here would launch a major controversy. He emphasized the difficulty in deciding which students should have so much power. He also said that Board of Education rules place discipline problems within jurisdiction of the

administration. Another drawback, he said, would be the reluctance of students to report to others.

Mr. Young discussed the 1950-1959 Student Court at SW, headed by Miss Stucki, a history teacher. It disbanded when she retired. Mr. Young said that the court was shrouded with secrecy and even he was not allowed to attend its meetings. Teachers, pupils and parents complained because court members made exceptions for their friends and handed down inconsistent judgments. Mr. Young added that on occasion seniors and juniors took advantage of sophomores and freshmen by taking them to court for very minor offenses.

Mr. Al Ecker, administrative assistant in charge of discipline, feels "the main problem boils down to a question of selection." He believes that all members should have good grades and good discipline records.

He said, however, he would "object to students making decisions on any suspension hearing. The principal bears a legal responsibility to the parents and community. Because of this responsibility he should have the right of review over suspension hearings." Mr. Ecker says he would approve of a student court only if it functioned in an advisory capacity.

Northern Gentleman Discusses "Cool" Job

By Mary DeWitt
Pioneer Feature Editor

"It isn't easy living where it's always cold, the nights are 6 months long and you have to stoop over to carry on every conversation."

Santa Claus sat in his big study and chuckled this comment in a recent interview. In an effort to learn a little more about the Christmas mystery man, we went to the North Pole to get a closer look at the real Santa Claus (alias Kris Kringle, Saint Nicholas, etc., etc.).

When asked how he got into this line of work, Claus laughed and said, "Behind every successful man there's a woman. My wife and mother-in law decided that there was no future for me in aero-dynamics and insisted that I try something else."

On a tour of the plant, Claus explained that "it's not all plum pudding and fruit cake. Did you ever try to keep 273 striking elves from taking over the administration building?" The only time he has had trouble with the Elves Local 999, though, is when Prancer got loose and nearly trampled a night shift crew. The incident was followed by a strike for better working conditions.

The Claus operation is run on a tight schedule, with work going on 362 days a year. Does he have any trouble on his annual trip? "Only my wife," he said. "She always wants to go along. Says she never gets out of the house!"

Of course, everyone wonders about the flying reindeer. "That's no breeze either," commented Claus. "They eat like horses." He also finds it difficult keeping them in harnesses and shoes. "I've thought of cutting some from the team, but what would they do? There's not just a whole lot of demand for flying reindeer these days."

Claus admits that he has a few problems. Clothing presents a crisis when a suit is worn out. He cannot get a tailor who will take him seriously and "Santa Claus" suits are too expensive to rent. Bookkeeping is also getting to be a problem, with the population explosion and "new-fangled" zip code, but he doesn't mind the work and encourages readers to "keep those cards and letters coming in."

In accordance with popular belief, he is a jolly, rotund old man and bears a striking resemblance to his numerous caricatures. His sense of humor is outstanding, which probably accounts for his frequent use of the expression "Ho, Ho, Ho!"

"I think I'm going to have to start using a new password," he said, with a shade of worry, "because the Jolly Green Giant keeps getting all of my mail."

He is concerned that there are so few interested in the continuation of his profession. "I've thought of breaking someone in gradually as an apprentice, but no one will answer my want-ads."



Santa Claus obviously captivated by mature SW senior.

The job gets tougher each year, but Claus is determined to keep it up in spite of chimney-less apartments and gas heat. "Chimneys aren't getting any larger and there seem to be more and more rooftops all the time, but as long as even one child has the Christmas spirit, I'll be around!"

Yes, Virginia, Santa's Around, And Creative

By Sue Mizera
Pioneer Co-Editor

"Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus" and he's more creative and original and modern than ever. Due to a recent technological advancement (the replacement of his workbench with an assembly line) he is in the present confusion of constructing what are commonly called by Madison Avenue advertisers "Santa's Sizzlers."

Nell has asked for a "dolly that laughs and cries, one that opens and shuts her eyes," and is she ever going to get it for Nell has a choice this year of a Talking Drawsky, who mumbles or a Tippy Toes who tumbles. There is also Snoopy Dog, Baby First Step, Baby Walk Alone, Baby First Whisper, Baby Small Talk and Baby Grow-a-Fang.

A 20-inch Softee Baby "says mama, has a cuddly soft body and snuggly pj's" while Little Baby Miss Peep is said to coo when hugged and cry when pinched and it's rumored she teaches a course in computer programming on the side.

Mattel's physically-perfect Barbie has also expanded in scope as she can now bend her arms and legs and talk "six teen phrases." She also has a new family, for Francy is Barbie's cousin, Casey is Francy's English friend, Stacy is Barbie's English friend, Skipper is Barbie's little

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Mann Reflects on Sports Career

By Jerre Gansmann
Pioneer Sports Editor

Stan Mann leaned back in his chair and thought about who has had the greatest influence in getting him interested in baseball and basketball.

"I guess my Dad was my biggest influence. He played pro baseball with the Cardinal organization before I was born." Although Mr. Mann no longer plays professional baseball, he keeps his summers busy by playing softball. He is also an avid sports fan, particularly if Stan is playing.

Stan started playing baseball when he was just eight. He played for Waterson Boys' Club for two years and then switched to the Southwest Kiwanis team at the age of ten.

He began playing basketball for the Kiwanis Zips at the same age. Another SW basketball player, junior co-captain Steve Valli, also played with the team.

"We won three Missouri-Illinois Khoury League Championships with the Kiwanis in baseball," said Stan, "and I still play for them. Last summer we were once again the Missouri-Illinois champs."

Besides playing baseball for the Kiwanis, Stan also played ball last summer for the Gardenville-Aftton American Legion team which took the Missouri championship last year but lost in the national finals in North Dakota. Other members of the team were SW graduates Ted Brazell, Don Polietie, Steve Wilson, Chris Papagianis, Mike Buha, Marion Sprung, Joe Steiner, and Joe Nolan, who is now a member of the New York Mets organization. Jim Laws and Ron Kohring also played on the team with Stan. The remainder of the team was made up of players from Augustinian and DeSales.

At SW, Stan has been named to the baseball All-PHL first team as a sophomore and a junior and second team All-Metro last year. He was named to the second PHL team in basketball.

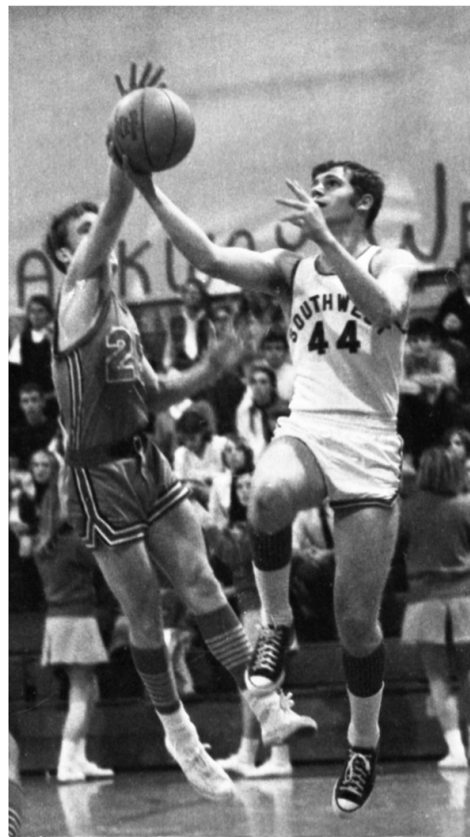
Because of his early success in high school sports, Stan has already been contacted by about twenty colleges. Among them are Davidson and Florida State, which both ranked in the top ten of the pre-season basketball poll, and Memphis State, Duke, Cornell, Brown, and the University of Missouri at both Columbia and St. Louis.

In giving his prediction for the upcoming season, Stan said, "Sumner and Beaumont will be stiff competition. Sumner is defending Class L Champion and Beaumont has a pre-season All-America pick in center Billy Morris. Then there's Cleveland and Vashon who are always tough. But, SW should be strong inside with Steve Valli."

Besides serving as co-captain in baseball and basketball, Stan is president of the Lettermen's Club, and Prom Magazine reporter.

He is a member of the Gardenville-Aftton American Legion team which took the Missouri-Illinois Championship last year but lost in the finals in North Dakota.

When asked about his plans for the future, Stan replied, "I'd



Stan drives for two points.

like to go to college or play pro baseball." He has already had a try-out with the Cardinals. Perhaps someday, SW fans will be able to cheer for Stan at Busch Stadium.

Yes, Virginia, Santa's Around

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sister, Tutti is Barbie's baby sister, PJ is Stacy's friend and somewhere Talking Christy and Talking Truly Scrumptious fit in.

A rather recent addition to the doll industry are the Skediddle Kiddies who "wave their arms, swing their heads and scurry along." Some Kiddies live in glass-domed ice cream cones or lollipop sweet-treats and come with their own Fritzy Frosty wagons, Tessie Tractors or Heather Hiddle Horses.

There are also cuddle snuggles known as Buffy Bear, Nibble the Monkey and Lovey the Lamb who says among other things, "Are you a bag bad wolf?" New this year is a Kangaroo Hop on Hide-a-Roo Ball while GI Joe, though he now comes as an astronaut, still sports his battle-scarred cheek.

Rockem'-Sockem! Robots are in this year for those who enjoy resorting to the pugilistic art of fisticuffs while they themselves are never hurt.

The moon has shed a new light on many new "looney" toys. Space stations equipped with laser beams and Martians are abundant while Doug Dawson has a super-powered grip-jaw robot who helps radiologists collect asteroid samples and protects astronauts from space.

Santa has really outdone himself in the toy and game department this year. Super-yes is amazingly a "telescope, microscope and super-scope" all at once while another time capsule machine converts contemporary beings into prehistoric creatures.

And you have the nerve, Virginia, to ask if there is a Santa Claus?



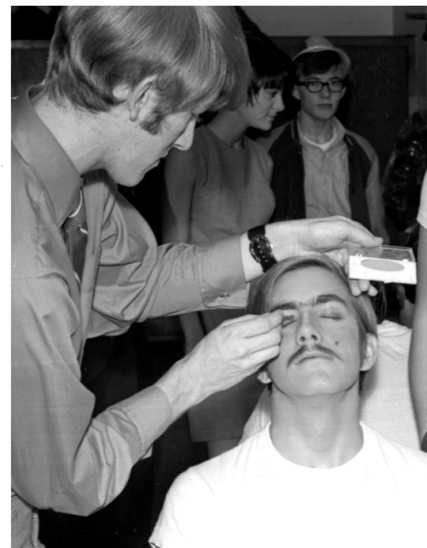
Time out for silent prayer



Angels do the "Heaven Hop"

"Anything Goes"

The following pictures were taken behind the scenes by Pioneer photographer John Dengler.



Craig becomes "Evelyn"

SW Cagers To Meet Roosevelt Tomorrow

Southwest meets Roosevelt here tomorrow at 1:30 for the Longhorns first league basketball game of the season. This will be the second meeting between the two teams this year. SW defeated Roosevelt by a margin of 15 points, 55-40, during the Southside Tournament.

SW placed fourth in the St. Charles Invitational Tournament on December 5 and 6. SW lost the first round to Parkway West, 54-37. High scorers for the Longhorns were Steve Valli with 20 points and Stan Mann with 14 points.

The absence of two starters

due to injury impaired the SW effort. Dennis Economon suffered a severely sprained ankle during the Southside Tournament and Ken Loddeke was injured in an auto accident during the Thanksgiving holidays.

St. Charles defeated SW in the second round by the close score of 60-55. The teams remained within a few points of each other throughout most of the game. Steve Valli scored 28 points for SW.

The sure-handed defense and rebounding of De Andreis carried them to a 58-45 victory

over Parkway West for the tournament championship.

One big factor in the SW play at St. Charles was that the team, as a whole, stayed out of the foul trouble which had caused problems at the Southside Tournament.

SW took third place in the first annual Southside Invitational Tournament held at McKinley High School on November 21 and 22. SW lost their first game in the tournament to Cleveland, 67-51. The teams remained very close during the first half. It was during the third quarter that the

Dutchmen began to pull away as SW got into foul trouble.

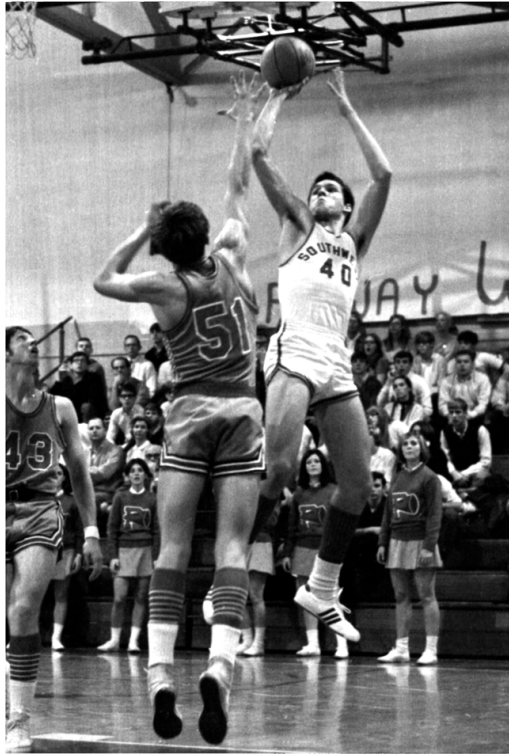
Ted Harviel fouled out of the game during the third quarter. Only minutes later Steve Valli also fouled out. Stan Mann and Ken Loddeke left on fouls only seconds apart in the fourth quarter. Of the five starters only two did not leave the game, Stan Nickens and Dennis Economon.

High scorers against Cleveland were Stan Mann with 16 points and Ken Loddeke with 12 points. Stan Nickens also played a good game, scoring 11 points. Outstanding for Cleveland were All-PHL players Charles Ries and

Steve Dangos, both of whom will provide stiff competition this year in league play.

SW won a convincing victory over Roosevelt in the second round of the tournament, 55-40. SW remained well ahead for most of the game, but pulled away during the fourth quarter, stretching their lead from five, at the beginning of the quarter, to fifteen, at the end. Stan Mann and Steve Valli each scored 19 points.

Cleveland won first place in the tournament defeating McKinley in the final game by the score of 73-53.



Up And In

Steve Valli stretches and strains as he goes up for a shot against Parkway West in the St. Charles Tournament. Photo by John Dengler.

SW Matmen Decked In League Opener

Northwest roundly trounced the SW matmen by the score of 43-5 in the opening league meet on December 5. Tom Cook's pin in the heavyweight division prevented a shutout.

In the squad's first meet in the Old Gym on December 2, SW scored a decisive victory, 35-21 over Maplewood. Maplewood, one of the top area teams last year, boasts a two-time state champion, King Parsons, in the 155 weight class.

John Smith, Chris Brewer and John Steinman pinned their opposition. In a fiercely contested match, Dennis Artale defeated his opponent by a 12-4 decision while John Bauer battled to a 2-2 stand-off. Maplewood's forfeiture of the 175 and heavy-weight classes added 10 extra points to the SW tally.

The junior varsity led by pins by Gary Rutledge (165) and

Barry Brambilla (heavy-weight) were also victorious 30-28.

Varsity wrestlers and their "B" weight classes are: John Smith (98), John Bauer (107), Dennis Visos (115), Nick Papagianis (123), Chris Brewer (130), Dennis Artale (137) Mike Lenz (156), John Steinmann (165), Charlie Huggins (175), Rick Kellerman (185), and Tom Cook (heavy-weight).

A regular match lasts six minutes consisting of three, two minute rounds. Points for a decision are awarded for near pins (3 points), take downs (2 points), reversals (2 points), predicaments (2 points), time advantages (1 point), and escapes (1 point).

The scoring for a meet goes: five points for a pin, three for a decision, five for a forfeit and two points to both teams for a tie.

Football Roundup

Defense, Versatile Offense Carry SW

A strong defense combined with a versatile offense to give the football Longhorns third place in the PHL standings this season.

Quarterback Mike Espy headed the offense and racked up a 5-3 won-lost record. Mike was the Longhorn's leading passer, completing 26 of 73 attempts for 275 yards and two T D's.

Bill Laskowsky was the leading rusher and scorer for the Steers. The big fullback pushed for 424 yards in 108 carries and placed 37 points on the scoreboard. Halfback Derek Cummings was second behind Laskowsky with 354 yards in 91 carries and 24 points.

The Longhorn ground game was the most effective weapon of the offensive arsenal this season. The team compiled 927 yards on the ground. Passing accounted for 417 of the combined total of 1344 yards offensively.

End Bob Boekesh was the favorite target of Espy. Bob was the leading receiver with five receptions for 117 yards and two touchdowns.

Wingback Randy Faulkner was next with four catches for 83 yards.

Led by signal caller and middle linebacker Les Nappier, the defensive sentries held the opposition to a total of 60 points or a little more than one touchdown per game. A third of these points came in their one bad showing of the season, the 18-9 loss to Beaumont in the season opener. Three teams, Roosevelt, Central, and Northwest failed to cross the goal line against the Longhorns.

Two of the defensive front four of the Longhorns were named to the All-District team. Tackles Lloyd Lauck and Tom Cook made the first squad, which is quite an accomplishment. Rarely are two players from the same team who play the same position named All-District. Cook also made the PHL All-Star team.

Offensive guard Gale Wolff and end Bob Grana were given honorable mentions on the all-city team and fullback Bill Laskowsky was named as the All PHL first team place kicker.

Top McBride 2 1

Soccer Team Starts Strong

The Soccer Steers continued their tough-spirited tradition in the first week of competition despite the loss of many graduates last year.

Bill Laskowsky took the center forward position held by Chris Papagianis last year. Ron Kohring replaced Bill at center halfback. Jerry Rick, Rick Ferraio and Tom La Russo are the new goalies. Forward,

Arthure Diaz, a freshman from Mexico, is possibly the team's most promising player. Other new squad members include fullback Tom Price and forward Jim Laws.

The kickers lost a hard fought match to St. Mary's, 2-0, on December 5. However, they played to a stalemate against Rosary, metro champs last year, 1-1, with Laskowsky scoring the lone goal for SW.

In the season opener against McBride, Laws scored first on a well-executed assist by Diaz. Laskowsky then fired in a goal to make the final tally, 2-1.

Coach Ed Radford said St. Mary's and Rosary were probably the toughest of the parochial teams. Roosevelt, Central, and Northwest should give the most trouble on the PHL schedule.



Forgotten Man

The forgotten man of sports, the referee, pauses to rest, and perhaps reflect, as the SW soccer squad huddles around Coach Ed Radford between periods of a recent game. Photo by John Dengler.