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## Splash!

Rain keeps falling on the head of Tom Zipf with assistance from Karen Kapp (left) and Nancy Curtin. All three are part of '70 Shenanigans to be presented April 2. (See story on page 3)

## Cast Chosen

## Rand Play Selected

The Southwest auditorium will be transformed into a courtroom as the Class of 1970 presents *Night of January 16th*, a comedy-drama by Ayn Rand. The murder mystery will be given as the Senior Play on April 23 and 24.

Mr. Robert Lewis, SW German teacher, will direct the performance with the assistance of Miss Rose Mary Memo and Mr. Ron Youngman. Mr. Lewis performed in the play in his high school in Oklahoma.

The play is an enactment of the trial of Karen Andre (Janice Montani), accused of murdering

Bjorn Faulkner, head of Faulkner Enterprises. The vast business was built upon several huge frauds, and Faulkner died just before it failed completely.

Faulkner's life had been ruled by two women: Miss Andre, his secretary and fellow swindler, and Faulkner's wife, Nancy Lee Faulkner (Louise LaBoube). She was the daughter of John Graham Whitfield (Carl Overstreet), a well known philanthropist.

Supporting roles will be played by Jim Anastasoff as Judge Heath, Randy Jurgenson as Jungquist, Hugh Stone as Sweeney, Rick Huhn as Dr. Kirkland, Charles Wilson as the clerk, Christine Errante as Mrs. Hutchins, and Chris Mahon as Miss Chandler.

District Attorney Flint (Bruce Vierheller) charges that Miss Andre threw Faulkner from his penthouse apartment on the night of the 16th, while Defense Attorney Stevens (Reynaldo Anthony) says he leaped in despair. A great variety of characters are called to witness in the case. Between the conflicting testimonies of night club dancer Roberta Van Rensselaer (Karen Moore) and gangster Larry Regan (Stephen Young), and the rather humorous answers of secretary Magda Svenson (Lynn Niemeyer) and private eye Homer Van Fleet (Nick Papagianis), the case is thoroughly confused.

## Senior Dance Tonight To Feature 'Unlucky' Theme

By Lynn Niemeyer  
Assistant News Editor

Who will be the "Super Stomper" to be crowned at the Senior 7-11 Stomp Friday night, March 13? The students who enter the contest to identify the "Super Stomper" will have to depend on their ingenuity and luck (on a Friday the thirteenth?). The "Stomper" will be revealed the night of the dance sometime between 7:30 and 10:30. The winner of the contest will be refunded the price of his ticket.

Tickets to the dance will be sold in freshman, sophomore, and junior advisories by the SC reps and in senior advisories by the spring dance committee members. They will cost 75 cents.

The dance committee under chairman Janet Riemann and faculty advisors, Mrs. Markowski and Mr. Droste, chose the world of the supernatural and luck as the theme for this year's

dance. The theme will be carried out by Terry O'Connell and the decoration committee who plan to deck the new boys' gym with black crepe paper. Be careful, don't step under a ladder!

Starving students will be glad to know that Jerre Gansmann and the refreshment committee will be on hand to serve pretzels and soda. If there isn't enough time to make a voodoo doll, use the jinx box that will be on hand. For one thin dime, the victim will be placed in the jinx box. (It's much more practical than old-fashioned spells.)

For a final touch, the music will be provided by the Shantells. Some people believe that it's unwise to stir from home on an unlucky Friday the thirteenth, but that's just an old wives' tale, isn't it?

## Sophomore Pilgrim Chosen

By  
Joyce Edinger  
Pioneer News Editor

Martha Renner, semester 4, has been chosen to represent SW in the annual Sophomore Pilgrimage to Jefferson City on April 14th. The pilgrimage is sponsored by the American Federation of Women's Clubs - Eighth District to honor superior Missouri students at the sophomore level.

Candidates for Sophomore Pilgrim were chosen by SW counselors, and a faculty committee made the final

selection. Other candidates were Susan Baylard, Marie Coras, Linda Psaris, and Lavatryce Singfield. They were chosen on the basis of scholarship, leadership, and participation in extra-curricular activities.

Included in the pilgrimage to Jefferson City are a bus ride to the capital, tours of important government buildings, and a luncheon at which the governor may be present.

Marty commented on the

choosing of the Sophomore Pilgrim, "It was a very difficult choice. We all decided that on the night of the interview (February 9th)."

A member of GAA, Officials Club, and Concert Choir, Marty represents SW well. Her outside activities include Festival Chorus and Cosmopolitan Singers, and she is presently Marshall of Bethel 19 of the International Order of Job's Daughters.



Pilgrim finalists: Lavatryce Singfield, Linda Psaris, Marie Coras, Susan Baylard, Martha Renner.

## Pioneer Calendar

### March

- 13 - Spring Dance
- 14 - Scholarquiz; SW vs. McClure
- 17 - PTA meeting
- 18-20 - Mid Semester Exams
- 21 - Senior Trip to Washington D.C.
- 23-27 - Spring Vacation
- 30 - Baseball Opener at Sublette

### April

- 2 - Senior Variety Show
- 3 - Preliminary Pom Pon Tryouts
- 7 - Bond Election
- 10 - Report Cards
- 13 - Long District Parent

## Ratings Unrealistic

How is it that the girl sitting next to you always gets "1's" in citizenship while you end up with an assortment of "2's" and "3's"? Does she talk less? Not really—she disrupts her share of classes. Is she more industrious and responsible? Probably not. Then what makes her so different from you? The answer is simply the teacher.

Our citizenship standards vary with the personalities of the faculty members themselves. While some regard talking after the bell a major offense warranting a "3" in citizenship, others allow an uproar to continue throughout the class period with little more than a slight scolding. With such contrasting standards of behavior, citizenship marks have come to have very little comparative value.

In addition, teachers often let a student's academic grade influence his mark in citizenship. Although scholarship and responsibility usually go hand in hand, they are not equivalents and should not be treated as such. Theoretically, a student should be able to receive an "F-1" or an "H-3." However, as long as teachers continue to rate co-operation largely on the basis of achievement, such grades will continue to be rare.

What can be done to make citizenship marks more meaningful? First of all, the number system should be replaced by a "satisfactory-unsatisfactory" grading scale. This would eliminate the fine line between "outstanding" and "average" behavior, both of which are misnomers open to a wide range of interpretations. Secondly, citizenship grades must be based on conduct, not achievement. Otherwise, they are merely variations on the letter grade and do not warrant the space given them on report cards.

## The Power of Youth

Doubtless, many young people at one time or other have felt the vast potential power of youth, and at the same time have felt their powerlessness.

Young people are powerful mainly because of sheer force of numbers. In this respect young people are both an economic and political force. The economic power of youth is recognized by advertisers who cater largely to youth or those people who would wish to be young. The political power of youth was felt in 1968, during the McCarthy campaign. The Children's Crusade demonstrated that youth was at least for the time being, concerned about the directions in which the country was moving.

It is in the area of politics, however, that the powerlessness of youth is profoundly felt. The party conventions seemed to be controlled by party regulars who could not directly repudiate the mistakes of the past. The doors of party politics were closed and the only evident recourse was that of the individual ballot (the only sane recourse). However, the polls were also closed to many young people (those between the ages of 18 and 21). Perhaps it is no wonder that many young people are frustrated with what is now history and have turned to more dramatic but less reasonable methods of effecting change.

There are several reasons for this powerlessness of youth which need to be explored in the light of present events and past traditions. First, youth is powerless because it lacks experience, that of the type which comes from living. In many areas youth fails to make the connection between past events and present conditions. Many of the problems of past youth were different from the problems of youth today, but the youth of today are different also in that they have a keener awareness of the world around them, even if they do not always understand it. Second, the structure of our society is such that youth is not in a position to run the society. This is a throwback to the issue of experience, and it is a common trait in many societies that youth is simply not consulted about anything. Third, the state of being young is a temporary condition, and one's outlook on life changes so drastically from high school to college that it would be foolish to say that it would not change just as much in the years that followed.

Youth, then, is in a most advantageous position to criticize the evils in society, but is hardly prepared "to run the show" in any sense of the idea. An awareness of these limitations imposed by the existing social and political structures would help many young people to examine issues, such as the 18 year-old vote or the draft, with understanding and a more mature viewpoint.

## Down Home Wisdom

By Linda Brooks  
Pioneer Co-Editor

In the winter time. Newborn babies were teaed, too — with onion tea until they broke out in hives. Mothers feared that if the hives didn't break out on the outside, they would break out internally and kill the baby.

Not all of the doctoring was asked for either. A couple of the Brand brothers, Jack and Els, used to run a store out in Goodland. It was back during the Depression when there were a lot of illiterate drifters around. Jack and Els used to give these drifters a little medicinal extra when asked for a meal — candy. At least, it was supposed to be candy. Not many of the bums knew what the Ex-Lax across the front of the package meant, although they bore the consequences.

There weren't as many cures, however, as omens of death. If a baby sees itself in a mirror before it is a year old, it will die. If you sneeze before breakfast on a Sunday morning, one of your friends will die before the week is out. Never walk with one shoe off, because the number of steps you take is how many years you will live.

Since many of the people out in the hills went for months without seeing a person outside the family, it may have been wishful thinking that started belief in these omens. If you dropped a knife, company was coming that was dirtier than you were. Seeing a red bird also

portended company coming.

If the signs were right for company to come, girls used to hang pulleybones over the doorway, since the first fellow that walked through was supposed to be the one you were going to marry. Another way to find out who your intended was to pare an apple, and throw the peeling over your shoulder. The letter the peel formed was supposed to be the initial of the man you were going to marry.

One of the more valid country specialties was foretelling the weather. Pigs carrying sticks and pigs frisking around meant winter is near. When the moon had a halo around it, counting the stars would give the number of days it would be before a rain. If there are no leftovers from any of the meals of the day, the next day will be clear.

To the superstitious mind, itches have a lot of significance. An itchy nose means company is coming. An itchy foot (only the bottom of the foot, mind you) means you will walk over strange ground. An itchy right hand means you will shake hands with someone you are glad to see. An itchy left hand means you will receive some unexpected money.

For centuries the rural population has been noteworthy — if only for the high mortality rate. You may not only have an idea now of the reason why it was so high, but may give cause to wonder why anyone is alive out there at all.

## Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

It was always understood that one of the policies of Southwest was to include all students in activities such as aud sessions, pep sessions, and class meetings. There is one group of Southwest students who have been left out. These are the O'Fallon Co-ops.

When we entered this program, it was stressed that we were Southwest students and that we would take part in everything that other Southwest students are allowed to participate in. Yet, this has not proved to be true.

On behalf of the Southwest students who attend O'Fallon, won't you please make a continuous effort to include us in our school's activities?

Southwest-O'Fallon Co-ops

Dear Editors:

I am writing about the lack of spirit at the aud session on February 27. I was shocked that the students' morale has gone down this much. During the aud I attended there was much loud talking. Some of the students were acting as if the aud was only an excuse to get out of class.

Worst of all was the feeling a person got as he walked into the aud. There was a lack of excitement and enthusiasm on the part of the students. When the students applauded for something, it was as if they did it only because they were expected to.

Where has the pride of our school gone? Are we going to stand idly and watch our spirit drain away? How about it, Southwesterners?

Sincerely,  
Linda Tune

Dear Editor:

As a transfer student from McBride High School, I have been able to draw several comparisons between Southwest's Free Study Program and McBride's Independent Study Period (ISP), which is a special privilege for seniors only.

Southwest has granted a great deal of independence to all of its students and has left no reward to anticipate when one becomes or attains "Seniorhood." It is

apparent by the closing of the snack bar Monday, March 2, that the majority of the students are unable to handle the responsibility granted them by this privilege.

It is my belief that the Free Study Program at Southwest should be granted only to those students who have proven themselves average or above average academically, with even greater freedom granted to the seniors.

Some special privileges for the seniors might be: television in one of the vacant study halls (as they are at McBride), a private "Senior Lounge", or more senior Aids.

An Interested Senior

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## News Shorts

### Honor Roll Completed

More names of students who have made the honor roll have been submitted to PIONEER. PIONEER would like to congratulate these students and those mentioned in the last issue for their achievements.

**Seniors:** 4.5 - Susan Black, Stephen Krieh; 4.1 - Mary Bante; 4.0 - Donna Grouse, Jan Montani, Karen Swallow, Dennis Visos.

**Juniors:** 4.2 - David Bruenger; 4.0 - Anna Caltigirone, Carolyn Imhof, Sally Merkle, Debbie Rinke.

**Sophomores:** 4.6 - Linda Psaris, Becky Vuch; 4.4 - Catherine Scully, Lavatryce Singfield; 4.0 - Mary Moxley.

**Freshmen:** 4.4 - Amy Barrow, Maria DiQuarto, Annette Berra, Patricia Virtue; 4.3 - Emile Dierking, Christopher Todd; 4.2 - John Dubis, Arnell Hinkle; 4.1 - Susan Kinast; 4.0 - Debbie Witt.

### Bill SW Scholar Athlete

Bill Laskowsky has been chosen as SW's 1970 recipient of the Post-Dispatch Scholar-Athlete Award.

The award is given to a senior boy who combines high quality scholastically and athletically. Scholar-Athletes from over 100 schools in the St. Louis Area will be honored at a banquet on Thursday, June 4, 1970.

### Scholarquiz Match March 14

Southwest will meet McCleure Senior High School tomorrow, March 14, at 5:00 p.m. on KMOX-TV Channel 4. The team consisting of seniors Pam Gronemeyer, John Careklas, Lynn Niemeyer and John Day, with alternates Steve Krieh and Sue Mizera, will compete in the second quarter final of the spring semester.

### Lynn, John Merit Finalists

John Careklas and Lynn Niemeyer have been selected as finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Competition. Lynn and John are among 15,000 other finalists throughout the country trying for 2,600 scholarships.

### SW Artists Win Awards

Fifteen SW students took awards in the Scholastic Art Awards Contest. Their work was displayed at Downtown Famous Barr, Feb. 9-14.

The work of Joyce Hayashi and Paul Garin Isermann, Blue-Ribbon finalists, was sent to New York for national competition.

Paul Garin Isermann and Glen Bauer received Gold Key awards. The following received honorable mentions: Barry Albright, Carol Asher, Glen Bouer, Diane Dendrinelis, Beth Floresek, Terry Gibson, Louis Mikscek, Kathy Murphy, Susan Sanders, Suzanne Stockhausen, Diane Thom, Linda Futino, Joe Williams.

## Fire Causes Temporary Closing

By  
Joyce Edinger  
Pioneer News Editor

Students were dismissed from school February 17th when fire broke out in the SW scenery room. The fire was reported at approximately 8:25 a.m. by seniors Linda Votaw, Diana Porterfield, and Susan Stoeppelman, who were passing the room and saw smoke coming from underneath the door.

The cause of the fire has not been determined; possibilities are spontaneous combustion and arson.

Damage was limited mainly to the stage sets and furniture used in past operettas. However, students were dismissed from school because smoke filled a large area of the old building, and water seepage to the first floor made it impossible for cafeteria workers to prepare lunch.

Principal Robert M. Young commented that "students and teachers co-operated well, and remained calm." There were no injuries in the incident.



A city fireman pushes a mop along to remove water from the second floor of the old building. The water accumulated after firemen put out a minor blaze in a scenery room.

### Waterlogged

### '70 Shenanigans, Trip

## Senior Activities Planned

The swinging senior variety show, '70 Shenanigans is set for April 2. Tryouts were held March 2, 3, and 11.

The theme of this year's show is famous entertainment acts of the decades from 1900 through 1970.

Various aspects of the show, such as publicity, scenery, etc., were divided up into committees headed by senior class officers. The theme committee headed by Linda Collins chose the theme to provide a variety of entertainment and novelty. All other committees then went into full swing to work towards a successful show.

About thirty seniors will tour Washington, D.C. and Williamsburg, Va., during Spring vacation. Accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Al Ecker, they will arrive in Washington on Saturday afternoon, March 21. They will bus to Mount Vernon to visit the home and tombs of George and Martha Washington. The group will depart for dinner at Colonial Williamsburg.

On Sunday morning they will tour Jamestown, Va., the site of the first permanent English settlement in America, founded by Captain John Smith in 1607. Upon returning to Williamsburg, they will view the Governor's Palace and Gardens, Capital, Old Gaol, Bruton Parish Church, William and Mary College, and several old Craft Shoppes in this reconstructed colonial city.

Smithsonian Institution buildings will be visited first on Monday, including the National Gallery of Art and the Archives Building. The Declaration of Independence and Constitution will both be viewed in their special vaults in the Archives

Building. The seniors will also tour the F.B.I. headquarters. Monday evening, they will visit the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, and Library of Congress.

Tuesday will start with a visit to Alexandria, Va., to visit Christ Church, where Washington worshipped. Then they will go to Arlington National Cemetery to see the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the graves of President and Senator Kennedy. Tuesday afternoon the Capitol, Supreme Court, Senate and House will be toured.

The seniors will see the manufacture of money at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing on Wednesday before visiting the White House. That afternoon they will tour Georgetown and the Embassy and Legation sections of Washington.

Thursday they will visit the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and the Washington National Cathedral.

## Volunteers Needed in Easter Seal Campaign

Volunteers are needed to help with the Easter Seal campaign during the Lily Days on March 19th, 20th, and 21st. On these days, volunteers solicit money for the campaign at various locations throughout the city. They collect at street corners, shopping centers, hotels, restaurants, banks, and public buildings.

The funds are used to serve the needs of disabled children and adults. All volunteers will help in various ways: assisting

disabled persons and their families in finding and making use of available resources, helping school placement and nursery school education, and aiding social casework and parent education. Also, students will volunteer by transporting children to special camps, training centers, and giving professional help with social, educational, recreational, personal, emotional, and medical problems.

Interested persons should call 652-7342 as soon as possible.



### Memorial Gift

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Robb are shown presenting Principal Robert M. Young with a King James Version of the Bible, which they donated to Southwest in memory of their close friend, the late Senator Everett Dirksen. The commemorative gift will be kept in the library for student use.

# Changes in SW Reflect City Growth

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Has Southwest High School changed very much through the years? What was SW like 33 years ago when it was built? If the school has changed, how? These are questions which are not likely to cause one much loss of sleep, but they should be of interest.

In 1920 the St. Louis Board of Education bought a tract of land in extreme southwestern St. Louis for use at a future time. Because of the Depression the land was not used until 1934, when the Superintendent of Schools recommended to the Public Works Association that a school should be built on the land.

A special commission of St. Louis educators and other esteemed persons went to Washington, D.C. to try to get approval for a government appropriation of one million dollars to build a new high school. The request was approved and in 1935 work began.

The building was not completed until the school year 1938 because of a controversy over the selection of a name for the school. Two names were suggested: Denton J. Snider High School and A. L. Wissman High School, prominent local educators. Neither one could be decided upon so the school was simply called Southwest High School, because of its location.

Has SW changed very much? The answer is yes. Originally, SW was meant to be strictly an academic institution with little emphasis on sports or practical types of education, which is quite unlike the way it is now. In fact, when the school was opened two full time Latin teachers were employed, whereas now there are only two class periods of Latin taught.

Many more courses are offered today than before. Because of the rapid and varied increase in the pace of living, it is necessary for a student to receive a more generalized and broader education. Since the school was built, new and larger gyms have been added. Shop rooms and a home economics department have also been added. The science, math, and social studies departments have been expanded and updated.

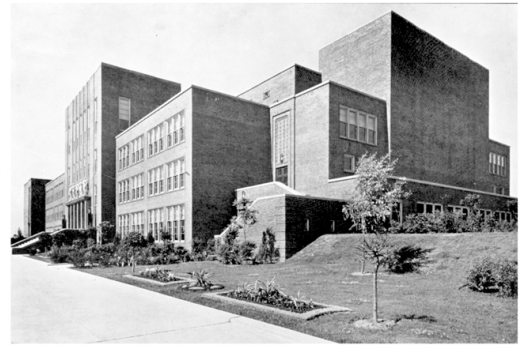
Physically, the school looks quite different today. Two additions, one in 1958 and one in 1964 doubled the school's capacity of 1200 to more than 2400 students. Initially, there were only 35 teachers and one principal. Today there are over 100 teachers and administrators, including several principals. Believe it or not, it used to be possible to fit the entire student body into the auditorium at one time. Today even two aud sessions seem hardly enough.

At one time, counselors were unheard of. Today there are seven full time counselors with more needed.

Also of interest is the fact that the school library which once contained 2,000 books, a vast sum, was located in what is now the guidance office. The library now contains over 20,000 volumes.

Another aspect of the school is one that is not so obvious or definite. It is not one that can be touched or seen, but is probably the most important aspect: the students. Are the average SW high school students any different today than those of 33 years ago? Styles and forms of dress have changed, but students are basically the same. More forms of entertainment and escapism are available today to compete with school work, but today's students can't really be said to study any less today. The same youthful urgings of affection for someone sitting across the aisle, or a desire to pelt a fellow student with a paperwad are felt today as always.

Although the changes in world conditions have caused students to become more aware of what is going on around them, the goal of SW is still the same — to provide a good education for its students.



Past . . .



. . . Present

## SW Club Sponsors Acknowledged

The following tribute of heroic couplets is dedicated to our heroes and heroines — those teachers who give their extra time to sponsor clubs and extra-curricular activities.

*With volleyball and basketball to play,  
There's Mrs. Perkinson for GAA.*

*As busy as Miss Henshaw has to be,  
She still takes extra time for French Club—Oui!*

*The lettermen who can win every game  
will certainly know Mr. Murdoch's name.*

*The Pom Pon Girls have pep to help us win.  
They stay inspired because of Mrs. Lynn.*

*As Mr. Ashley knows, it's lots of fun,  
But Golf Club's biggest problem is the pun!*

*If ever Miss Griot should leave our midst  
The Modern Dance Club might cease to exist.*

*The Chess Club thinkers plan their every play.  
With Mr. Forrest's help they're here to stay.*

*Senors y senioritas of SW  
Can all agree that Miss DeGrand's the best.*

*The Rifle Teams may not need fans to root,  
If not for Mr. Brown, they couldn't shoot.*

*Department head Miss Lewis finds the time  
To sponsor FTA. (That doesn't rhyme!)*

*And Mrs. Davies leads the girls who cheer.  
The benefit of all her help is clear.*

*With Mr. Youngman to keep them on the ball,  
The Tyro writers do the best of all.*

*Here are our thanks to you and all the rest  
Who help to make SW the very best!*

## I Was Buried Alive In Tons of Junk Mail

By Patty Whitby  
Assistant Feature Editor

About five years ago I ordered a \$1.95 trinket from a mail order company. Ever since that day my mail box runneth over with junk mail.

Recently, a mail order company wrote my family a letter offering to give us a free gift if we bought only two greeting cards imprinted with the "Legend of the Gladiolas".

We naturally sent the order right off. How could we pass up that free gift!!! — our choice of a year's supply of roach killer cakes or a can of Aunt Nellie's chocolate covered Swiss cheese (both have the same deadly effect—on roaches and people!).

The company also sent along a catalogue of "Shop at Home Unusuals." And, believe me, there were plenty of unusuals in it. For instance, how many people do you know have a diamond studded pancake turner? The company also offered a patented harpoon pronged walking cane, wonderful for a midnight jaunt through the park; Dippy Donkey, the wonder animal whose tail changes color with

the weather; a pocket knife with over 30 handy cutting blades and devices (guaranteed to turn every Boy Scout into a junior brain surgeon or a stab wounded victim); a package of 50 spools of thread in the most asked for colors (snow slush grey, spot green, etc.); and a labor saving device that no lady slob should be without — when you are attacked by muggers, push a button and it screams for you.

I have also begun to receive invitations to join secret and/or charitable organizations. One such society, the Ant-i-Pesticides, said that they would send me a set of water colors of the world's most beloved insects (perfect for kitchen or dining room) and a button reading "Make Larvae not War" — if I donated only \$50 to their cause.

Another group sent out to their patrons a monthly magazine which reviewed all the new stag movies.

I've finally, however, figured out a way to stop this steady flow of mail. Next week my family is installing the world's first unlisted mailbox!



Senior Rec Night

SW seniors tangle for the ball in the new gym on Senior Recreation Night, February 20. Over 100 students and teachers turned out to display their athletic skills.

# Play Your Way Through High School

By Mary DeWitt Pioneer Feature Editor

It has been theorized that school is just one big "Monopoly" game. The following is a visual analysis which illustrates accordingly the experimental possibilities and hypothetical parallels existing

between the two elements of the aforementioned theory.

Based on the preceding assumption, the player (i.e., the student) should ideally circumnavigate the field of play in a continuous progression, striving to accumulate four

complete revolutions, thereby achieving four years and symbolizing the final acquisition of the diploma.

The divisions of the playing board are areas of participation in the school proper: the Old Building, the New Building,

Extra-Curricular Activities and Scholarship. These encompass the sundry facets of existence within the life span of most students in the freshman through senior years inclusive.

Whereas students daily take chances in the respective

passages through these hallowed halls and find it necessary to frequent the Guidance Office in times of need of counseling and intellectual insecurity, now it is possible to decide the entire course of high school life by a roll of the dice. Start at GO.

## COMMUNITY CHEST

TO MR. ECKER: Out of Bounds

TO MR. ECKER: No Hall Pass

TO MR. ECKER:  
Violate Dress Code

BACK TO GO:  
Buy or Sell Elevator Pass

LOSE BOOK:  
Go to Book Room

Extra Turn: Become Senior

Extra Turn:  
Find Working Telephone

Extra Turn: Pass Finals

Extra Turn: Buy PIONEER

Extra Turn: Buy ROUNDUP

## CHANCE

Make it to Next  
Class - Ahead 2

Cannot Take More Than  
4 Flights of Stairs  
Stop to Rest 1 Turn

Knocked Down by  
Flying Door - Back 2

Traffic Jam  
Lose Turn

Discover Short Cut  
Ahead 3  
Jammed Locker - Late  
to Class - Back 1

Teacher Gives You  
Detained Slip  
Ahead 2

Make it From 4th Floor to  
Room 10 - Go to Nurse  
Take Oxygen

## Playing Pieces

Senior



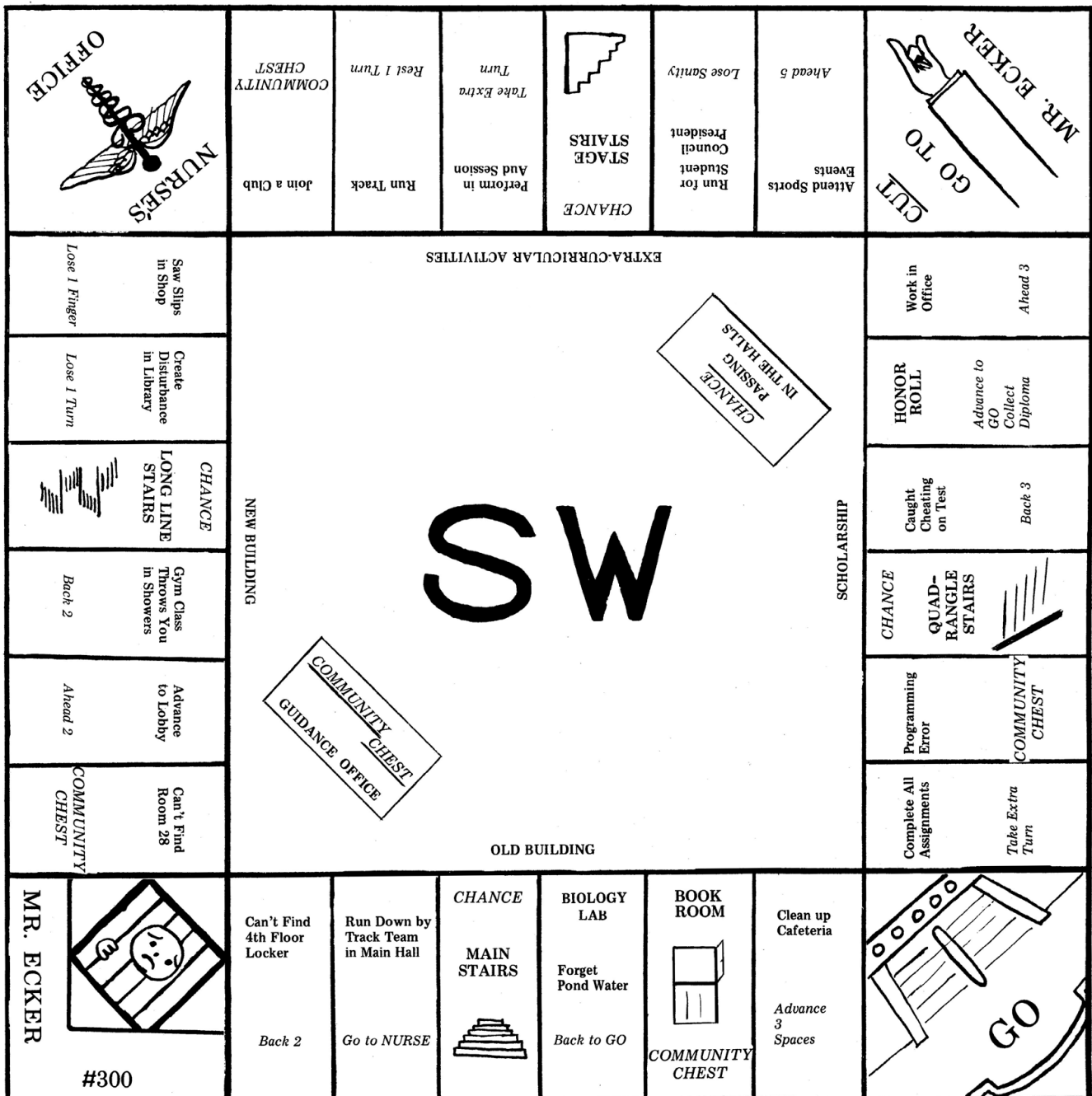
Junior



Sophomore



Freshman



# Steers Open Baseball Season On March 30

SW's baseball team, seeking their third PHL championship in a row will open the spring season at the end of this month.

"We have a solid infield returning," said SW baseball coach Ed Graham. "All we need is a good fielding outfield and some hitting and we will be contenders for the PHL championship." SW's baseball squad, now in practice sessions, has won the title for the past two years.

Last year's entire infield is returning, with Stan Mann, who has been ALL-PHL for the past two years, at shortstop, Jim Laws at third base, Mike Espy at second and Less Nappier at first. Nappier can also play the outfield.

"We should have depth in pitching, too," Coach Graham said. "There are two pitchers returning from the varsity, Bob Viner and Kent Kleopfer." There are several players coming from last year's B-team. Bob Downey, Dave Economon, John Whittaker, and Sam Kerley are all prospects.

"For a catcher, we have Ron Kohring returning, who can also play outfield," he said.

"We've won the PHL for the past two years and it's very seldom that a team can repeat a third time in a row in this league. No one has ever done it four times. Northwest, McKinley, and Cleveland will be some of our toughest opponents, followed closely by Soldan, Sumner, and Roosevelt. There are six games that you can win or lose. A lot will depend on the breaks," he observed.

The season's first game will be a non-league contest against St. Mary's at Sublette, March 30. "You've got to rebuild a lot of your team every year. As a result, you don't have time to really develop your people. You have to depend on summer teams to do that. We lost Ted Brazell and Joe Nolan, who is now with the New York Mets, and we need to fill those holes."

"So, our pitching should be average to above average and we should have a strong infield. With the outfield and hitting, we will do well," Coach Graham concluded.

## SW Girls Compete

Tryouts were held March 5 and 6 for the girls' track team. The girls meet Thursdays and Fridays after school under the supervision of PE Department Head Mrs. Earline Falker. The meet will be held May 16. Other participants in the meet will be the city public high schools. Field events include the softball throw, the high jump, and the broad jump.

The gymnastic teams are shaping up on Thursday afternoons under the directions of Mrs. Sue Lampros and Miss Mary Griot. The beginners' tumbling meet will be held April 9, and the intermediate tumbling meet, April 15. The gymnastic team, beginner division, will meet the public high schools on April 25; competition in the intermediate group will be held on April 30. The gymnastic meets involve working on the horse, the uneven parallel bars, the balance beam, and on free exercise material.

The GAA officers for the spring semester are: Nancy Stichling, president; Joyce Hayashi, vice-president; Wrenae Gilmer, secretary; and Michelle Moroni, treasurer. First place teams in intramural volleyball are team 4, Mary Staples, team 8, Carol Migneron, and team 11, Vanessa Kelly. In second place are team 1, Sally Merkle, team 3, Cyndi Compton, team 5, Julie Otto, team 7, Connie Crump, team 9, Joy Kelling, and team 10, Carolyn Barrow. Last place teams are team 2, Joyce Meckfessel, team 6, Marilyn Jacobi, and team 12, Lynn Niemeyer. GAA meets every Tuesday under the supervision of Mrs. Connie Perkinson.

Interschool volleyball tryouts were held Wednesday, March 4 in the new gym. Mrs. Connie Perkinson, sponsor, works the girls out Wednesdays after school to prepare for the games against the public high schools.



## Almost Over At Armory

Pole vaulter Dave Moore is about to make contact with the bar, missing the opening height of 9'6" in the first Armory meet on February 27.

## Trackmen Run Tonight

SW's track team tonight will enter the first open meet of the indoor season at the National Guard Armory. The Armory is located on Market Street a block west of Grand.

This may be the most nimble-footed high school track season in the St. Louis area history. Already only two old freshmen sophomore Armory records remain unbroken out of the nine running events held.

Soldan has established three new records and tied one. Kirkwood has set two and Sumner one. Even the distance

medley relay record set by SW in 1968 was broken by Kirkwood. In many events several schools actually bettered the old mark.

SW placed ninth out of 28 schools at the March 6 Armory contest. All the team's eight points were accrued by the second place shot put relay of Lloyd Lauck, Paul Sneed and Greg Cobb. The total footage was 142' 7 1/4" led by Lauck's 53' 4".

The freshmen-sophomore relay team of Bill Kuba, Everett Holland, Dennis McGuire and George Graham made the next

best showing with a seventh place time of 149.9.

A combined distance of 143-2 1/2 took first place for ten of SW's twelve points. The high jump relay of Leong, O'Connell and Gross took fifth when all three made the opening height of 5-4.

All five of the Pioneer harriers went under 15 minutes—a feat which few of the best college teams can boast. Kirkwood also won the District track meet last year.

The qualifying meet for the State Indoor Meet at Columbia will be held next Friday.

## Cagers Finish Fifth

SW cagers went down to defeat against the St. Louis U. High Jr. Bills, 65-44, in the first round of the State Tournament on March 3 at Forest Park Community College after finishing the regular season with a fifth place in the PHL.

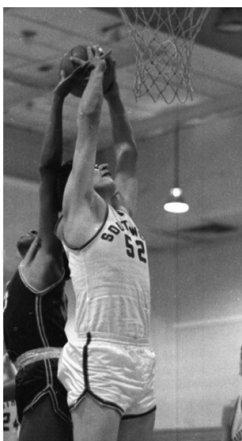
The Longhorns stuck close to the Jr. Bills throughout the first quarter which ended 14-11 in favor of SLUH. Then SLUH began to pull away though, and the score at the half was 33-22.

"We were just not shooting well enough," said Coach Gower of the game. "We usually score on about 46% of our shots. This time, we only scored on about 37%. We actually should have had about 20 points more than we did. On the other hand, SLUH is a team that has been defeated only by schools like Beaumont, Sumner, or Lindberg.

They are good."

SW finished the season with an overall record of 8-14 and a league record of 4-5 which threw them into a three-way tie for fifth place in the PHL with Cleveland and Vashon. Also, two of the games SW lost were decided by one point, against Soldan and Roosevelt, which made a big difference in SW's position in the standings.

SW's leading scorer for the year was Steve Valli, who averaged 18.5 points a game. Mr. Gower said that this was the highest average anyone on the team has had since he has been coaching. Following Valli was Stan Mann, who averaged 16.3 points a game. One of SW's most consistent shooters was Dennis Economon, who hit on 55% of his attempts.



Ted "the Hawk" Harviel nabs a rebound for a quick two points at game against Northwest on February 28. SW was victorious, 66-65.

## Should Sports Award B - Team Letters?

Should B-team letters be awarded? Should those freshman and sophomore boys who play on the B-teams receive recognition for having more playing time than others?

The general consensus among the students is that the letters should be awarded to those teams that have championships to win, such as football, basketball, and baseball. The current practice is to award the boys a patch of some sort only if they win their championship. The fact that boys, even if they don't win PHL, still put in long hours at practice and play hard at all their games, never comes to light.

Track, undoubtedly one of the hardest sports in the school to letter in, used to award varsity letters to boys who competed and earned enough points in junior division. This practice was discontinued this season, leaving a feeling of animosity among some of the track men. Under this system, a boy has almost no chance to earn a varsity letter until the end of his junior year, since junior and senior division competition depends mostly on age. Is this practice fair?

SW Athletic Director Donald Ashley feels that the present system should be continued with no letters being awarded to B-team players. In his own

words, "The expense and trouble of awarding the letters would outweigh the incentive the boys would receive."

Coach Ed Graham feels much the same. He believes that the letter wouldn't help the player enough to really make a difference in the way he would play. Also, if a boy's only incentive for playing a sport is to get the letter, "Then he shouldn't be there anyway," Mr. Graham said. "The boys who really want to participate in varsity sports will be back, regardless of what awards they got when they played on a B team."

The coaches all made good

points. If a boy really wants to play a varsity sport he will come out for the team no matter what the rewards will be at the end of the season. The closeness he will feel with his teammates, the love of winning and a chance to compete in a sport against boys his own age will outweigh his desire for a letter.

High school athletes are not mercenaries: most of them only want a chance to play.

But would they play better if they could receive a letter?

Coach Vogel of the B-team basketball team voiced a resounding "Yes" to the question of B-team letters. He thinks his boys should receive

recognition for playing on his team.

Mr. Wallach, coach of SW's cross country and wrestling teams, feels the same way. He thinks that the letters should be awarded on the same system as the varsity letters. "If a boy scores 16 points in B-team wrestling, he should definitely letter," Coach Wallach said.

Some sort of incentive should be used to encourage freshman and sophomore boys to come out for B-team sports. These teams will make up the varsity squads of the future. The idea of letters being awarded to players on the B-teams could provide the incentive.