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'Oklahoma' To Liven Stage Nov. 31, Dec. 1

Tickets for this year's operetta, *Oklahoma*, to be presented November 30 and December 1, will be sold for \$1.75 in advance and \$2.00 at the door. Tickets are available from any music student.

Oklahoma is a comical, pre-statehood story that takes place in Oklahoma. It deals with the relationship of Laurey (senior Charlotte Watts) and Curly (senior Greg Shiner) who like each other but are afraid to admit it. Laurey accepts Jud Fry's (freshman David Hall) invitation to the box social to make Curly jealous.

Jud wants to get out of the filthy world he lives in by finding the right girl. The girl he wants is Laurey, so a rivalry emerges between Curly and Jud. To make Laurey jealous, Curly goes off with Gertie (junior Debbie Timponi).

Another part of the plot involves Ado Annie (junior Karen Sondag) who likes the traveling salesman Ali Hakim (senior Chris Todd), but this results in Ali's feeling trapped.

Will Parker (senior Stu North) also likes Annie; however, Annie's father, Mr. Carnes (junior Mark Spravale), says Will can't marry Annie until he has \$50. So Will goes to Kansas City to find work to earn the \$50. In the end all turns out happily for all involved.

Many different units go into such a performance. Five hundred to seven hundred students are involved. Mr. Robert Lewis is in charge of dramatics, Miss Leontone Meyer and Mr. Barnett Sinnott are heading the choruses and soloists, and the Stage Band is under the direction of Mr. Robert M. Nordman.

In charge of set design and execution will be seniors Sue Henderson, Mark Dopuch, Charlie Christenson, Paul George, Glen Bauer, Steve Daniels, Jackie Thurn and junior Mark Spravale. The stage managers are seniors Connie Duerer and Pat Tentschert. The assistant stage manager is junior Sally Sneed.

SW in Mock Disaster

There is a disaster at Southwest High School. Twenty students are injured. A medical team and police arrive and ambulances are dispatched.

SW participated in such an emergency disaster drill on November 15. All state hospitals are required to have a drill of this sort every two years, and the State Hospital on Arsenal Street asked if SW would cooperate.

At 1:40 p.m. SW notified the hospital of a simulated disaster at school. Doctors and nurses arrived and were sent to examine the injured while ambulances were summoned. The doctors were then to determine which of the injured were the most critical to evacuate them first.

Police assisted by directing the traffic.

Ambulances carrying the injured reached State Hospital where a team of doctors decided on immediate surgery, closer examination for critical injuries and treatment or special attention for minor injuries.

Doctors also had the responsibility of sending the patients to the right wards of the hospital for their conditions.

Fifty students volunteered to be victims, but only 20 could be used. Mr. John Close, assistant principal, remarked, "SW must have the biggest hams in the world."

Mr. Close also stated that the major problem was to notify parents and the community about the drill. A letter was sent to all SW parents on November 13, explaining the event.

Students displayed large signs on Arsenal and Kingshighway, stating that the "disaster" was only a drill. Letters were sent to television and radio stations to alert news staffs of the drill. They were also asked to disregard any telephone calls from those who might misinterpret the mock disaster.

Except for the "victims" of the simulation, 2,700 other students could be glad that it was class as usual.



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Taking time out from a busy *Oklahoma* schedule to pose for a family portrait are principals: (seated from left) sophomore Mary Decker, senior Charlotte Watts, junior Karen Sondag, (standing) senior Greg Shiner, freshman David Hall, and seniors Chris Todd and Stu North. *Oklahoma* will be presented on November 30 and December 1.

Oklahoma?
Okay!

Teachers Serve in Various Roles

It has come to the attention of PIONEER that recently Principal Robert M. Young, discussed with teachers in a faculty meeting the subject of "Student Confidences."

When interviewed, Mr. Young stated, "All persons at a

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time in their lives have problems which they need to discuss with persons whom they trust and whose judgment they value. Many young people turn to their parents for such advice, others to their family doctor, to their minister or priest, and increasing numbers to their high school counselor or favorite teacher.

"What they are seeking is a sympathetic listener and wise counselor." Mr. Young has urged teachers to give this sympathetic attention to all pupils' problems even those that might have been "hush-hush" a generation ago,

Marching 100 Play at Stouffer's

The SW Longhorn Marching Hundred played at the Stouffer's Riverfront Inn Ballroom last Friday at 7:00 p.m.

They were invited to perform by the Convention and Tourist Bureau of St. Louis and the Mayor's Office.

The Longhorns, under the direction of Mr. Robert Nordman, performed for several hundred business and industrial leaders from all over the United States, who were in town for a preview of the new St. Louis Convention Center.

Benches Proposed For Quadrangle

Attempting to put Southwest's quadrangle to more practical use, the officers of Student Congress have developed the idea of placing benches in that area, according to SC President Steve Daniels.

SC is now negotiating with State Hospital on Arsenal to secure ten to fifteen benches from their surplus. If these benches are acquired, they will be placed toward the north side of the quadrangle, away from classes, and would be open for student use during lunch and free study.

SC Plans Ahead

Southwest will be bustling in December from the first day up to the day before Christmas vacation.

The second night of *Oklahoma* will be performed December 1, and a winter sports aud on Dec. 7.

SW's Basketball Homecoming is being planned for December 12, the Serf Sale December 19, and the Free Rock Concert is tentatively set for December 19 or 20 with the Lettermen - Faculty Game following on December 21 after school.

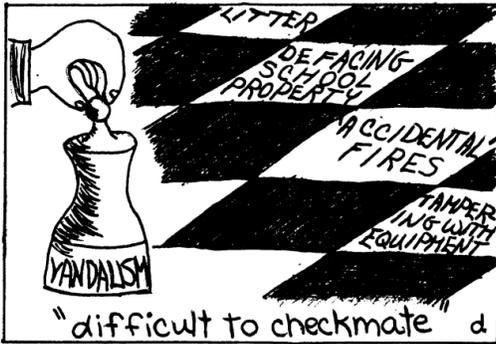
Tuesday of Spirit Week, December 18, promises a morning aud, and Friday, December 22, calls for an afternoon aud.



Sophomore Jean Allman falls "victim" to the mock disaster that took place at Southwest in conjunction with the State Hospital drill on November 15.

Pioneer Calendar

Nov.	
23-24	Thanksgiving holidays
30	Operetta
Dec.	
1	Operetta
4	Pep hockey aud
7	Winter sports pep aud
12	Basketball homecoming
18-22	Spirit week



Students Neglect Help

By Marilyn Baucom
PIONEER Editorial Writer

Now, as in the past, Southwest counselors have received the reputation for being neglectful to students planning to go to college. There are stories about the counselor who is never in his office, or if he is in, there is a line half way down the hall. Others say that when they do get in, they have little time to decide which colleges to apply to or what tests to take.

Because of these exaggerations, many students feel it is of no use to try to see their counselor at all. They procrastinate until May when most college dorms are already filled. Once again, the counselor is blamed for not helping the student. However, students often are just not in touch with the guidance office and vice-versa.

"I feel our guidance office is one of the best in the city," said Student Congress Treasurer Mark Dopuch. "It's a shame more students don't take advantage of it."

The fault lies with neither the counselors nor the students, but stems from an extreme lack of communication. "If kids really want help, there's no reason why they cannot get it, but somewhere along the line communications have broken down," explained Mrs. Marguerite German, SW counselor.

A majority of SW students have a very vague idea of what our guidance office has to offer. Few students know that there are bulletin boards in room 300, displaying schedules for college reps, financial aid information, scholarships available, and testing (PSAT,

SAT, and ACT) schedules. These bulletin boards have been up for over a year but when asked about them most students have the same reaction; "Bulletin boards? What bulletin boards?" (See related story on page 3.)

Also in the realm of the unknown is the fact that peer counselors are available in the guidance office at all times. These SW students have taken a mid-level course providing them with the necessary skills to aid students in college selection and test requirements.

This year the guidance office has planned a three-week period for helping seniors make post-graduation plans. It seems the majority of seniors don't even know about it or are reluctant to go to their counselors about college. When asked why this is, Mrs. Sharon Alexander, another SW counselor, stated, "These people are just hurting themselves, and some of them are just plain scared."

Many scientists have theorized that in the future people may lose the use of parts of their bodies because they don't use them. So it may be with our counseling services if we don't utilize them.



By Sue Henderson
PIONEER Co-Editor

"It is only with the heart that one can see rightly. What is essential is invisible to the eye."

Quite a statement for a mere

NHS a Missing Honor at SW

Southwest is lacking something many high schools have across the nation — the National Honor Society. The NHS is an organization whose purpose is to recognize further the scholastically advanced student. A student who is a candidate for the NHS is judged by a panel of teachers in four categories: character, leadership, service, and scholarship.

The last of the four, scholarship merit, is judged rather easily. It is based upon academic grades. The problem is teachers have difficulty evaluating the other three categories. For instance, how does a teacher judge character?

Teachers must be willing to make evaluations in these three areas if we are to have an NHS. It has been voted on twice by the faculty and administration but never passed.

It is the opinion of the PIONEER staff that SW is behind the times in this area. We should have an NHS to recognize further honor students at SW. It would be a privilege to have an NHS to augment the other honors bestowed on SW students in the past.

Curfew: Restriction or Freedom?

By David Koehr
PIONEER Editorial Writer

Most of you needn't worry about changing into a pumpkin if you're getting in late; you should, however, keep in mind the circumstances of disregarding curfews, legal or parental.

In a recent sample poll taken by PIONEER, most students were unaware of the actual legal curfew and the seriousness involved.

There was a time when a juvenile caught being out too late by the police was merely taken home.

But now, records are kept and the first error is a warning. When you are caught twice a letter is sent to your parents, requiring them to appear in court. The judge may then fine them up to fifty dollars for your carelessness or, in some cases, plain disobedience. For every subsequent curfew violation the fine can be increased fifty dollars.

Of course when you're seventeen or older, the city curfew ordinance no longer affects you. Most students, as revealed by the poll, thought this was on an eighteen or twenty-one year old basis.

The legal curfew, of course, is from 10 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sundays through Thursdays and 11 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays for children under the age of seventeen.

Basically, kids who disregard the gravity of the curfew ordinance still have parental curfews to contend with. Many students stated that they have check-in times designated by their parents and still feel curfews are a reasonable form of restriction.

But some students feel curfews should be self-imposed. Sharon Montgomery, a senior, stated that "laws can never fill the space reserved for good judgment and common sense."

fox to make, but it happens all the same in Antoine de Saint Exupery's symbolic book "The Little Prince."

The story involves a little prince who lives on a very small planet. One day a rosebud flies onto the planet and he cares for it. It grows to be extremely beautiful, but conceited and demanding.

Gradually the prince begins to feel crowded and decides to leave.

Upon his departure, he gazes over his planet and every plant seems precious to him. He begins to reflect upon his love for the flower. "The fact is that I did not understand anything! I ought to have judged by deeds and not by words... I ought to have guessed all the affection that lay behind her poor little stratagems. Flowers are so inconsistent! But I was too young to know how to love her..."

After several stops, he lands in a desert on earth and meets with the shy fox who begs the prince to tame him for "one only understands what one tames."

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For a broader view, I talked to Officer Milford Eaves, counselor and juvenile officer, who said, "From personal experience, about fifty per cent of the kids violating the curfew are good children who just let the time slip by. On the other hand, the remaining fifty per cent are out late with intent to commit other crimes."

I feel a student can take care

of himself. On school nights if he starts getting in late he'll remember it when that six o'clock alarm rings in the morning. As for weekends, I sometimes disregard legal curfews and forget parental restrictions. Obviously this isn't a wise practice. I, for one, have never been caught and don't intend to be. But then we all make a mistake some time.

Bookstore Proposal Reviewed

Bookstores have been established at many area high schools. At these bookstores necessary school supplies are sold including items with school emblems, such as sweatshirts, book covers, and sweaters.

A good example of a successful bookstore is one at Bishop DuBourg High School. Students operate the store which opens a half hour before class in the morning. Students of DuBourg feel the bookstore performs an important service and should be continued. Father Givonovic, sponsor of their store, stated that a bookstore in the school is convenient for students as well as faculty.

McKinley and Sumner are other schools that have initiated bookstores. Sumner's is run by the Distributive Education Department and is working very well.

PIONEER has presented this idea in the past and still feels a bookstore is needed to serve students. We would be interested in your opinions. Address all responses to PIONEER c/o Mr. Larry Gross' mailbox.

Moody Blues - Looking Back

By Bob Davis
PIONEER Reviewer

I was truckin' past my local music shop the other day and I thought I'd go in and see what was happening. While checking out the sounds, I came across a lone copy of the Moody Blues, *On The Threshold of a Dream*. I remember hearing it a couple of years ago and liking it, so I bought it.

I couldn't believe what was happening inside my head. The Moody Blues have a sound unique unto themselves. They are noted for their vocal harmonizing and instrumentation. As a tribute to this, the Moody Blues were rated first place in *Playboy's* 1972 All-Star Band, vocal group category.

Side one of this album gives a good sampling of the Moody Blues' various styles. Most of the selections are the slow, pleasant, mellow sounds usually identified with this group, but there are a few cuts that don't really seem to be true Moody

Blues, such as "Send Me No Flowers," which suggests a hint of country-western.

Side two is an awe-inspiring musical experience. The first two cuts, "Never Comes The Day" and "Lazy Day," are quiet and relaxing. They do an excellent job of leading you into the third cut, "Are You Sitting Comfortably." This is the high point of the entire album.

You are completely relaxed, and exotic visions are painted in your mind. Then comes "The Dream." Taking advantage of your state of mind, it shocks you into another dimension, another time.

The last three cuts just expand the void created by "The Dream." They leave you with a feeling of semi-understanding of the attitude of life presented by the record.

All in all, it was a good trip. I'm not going to tell you to go buy the album, but borrow it from a friend or tape it, and enjoy.

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Students Become Citizens

"I pledge allegiance to the flag"

In St. Louis alone, over fifty people a month say this for the first time as a United States citizen.

Junior Blanca Castro from Honduras and senior Tony Marcou from Greece, both Southwest students, were at one time among 50 foreigners. And yet they were all one body — future citizens of the US.

Tony, naturalized a few months ago, and Blanca, naturalized November 3, went through many requirements, forms, tests and speeches to become Americans.

"It really isn't too difficult," said Tony, "but first you have had to live in the US for 5 years. Then, you can fill out an application."

A couple of months later the applicant is contacted and must go to the US Court and Custom House to take an oral history exam. At the Court a judge asks questions on American history.

Tony commented, "The questions weren't all that



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New Citizen

difficult. I was asked questions that were important to the US and the people who live here—questions about the presidents, the Constitution, and the Declaration of Independence." He added, "The judge that gave my aunt a history exam eight years ago was the same judge

Junior Blanca Castro takes the oath for American citizenship "with all the rights and privileges thereof" on November 3 in the Federal Courts Building. She is one of about fifty who become citizens each month in this area.

that gave me my test."

Blanca and Tony went through an eight hour procedure, but now they have been granted something that no one can ever take away from them, something they will keep forever. They are part of these United States.

Amusing Errors Occur During Exams

Do tests always seem boring to you? It is probably true that most of your exams aren't very entertaining, but some Southwest students have taken tests which proved to be experiences in themselves.

What would you do if you had a few seconds left to complete a three-page history exam which covered material you had never heard of before? Panic? You'd better believe it. One SW student was in this same situation and the only salvation he had was in the gum he was chewing madly — there it went — down on his paper. He became absorbed in the test all right, but so did the teacher when he tried to let go of it.

Fifth period seems to be arranged quite well since lunch breaks provide the perfect opportunity to exchange answers. Students in one class last year discovered this chance and asked the most brilliant pupil for the answer. He gave it to them all right, but they misunderstood him. This produced a very strange

By Pat Virtue

PIONEER Feature Writer

outcome — 31 students in the class agreed on the same answer while one pupil differed in opinion — he was right.

Do teachers make you nervous by looking over your shoulder when you're trying to write an essay? Senior Annette Berra found herself in this predicament once, and she desperately tried to keep calm and continue writing. Her essay was finished at the end of the period — complete with the conversation she had with her teacher.

Many times students urgently try some sort of copying device in order to pass an exam. One girl came up with the brilliant idea of writing all 100 true and false answers on the palm of her hand. Clever, huh? She thought so too until she handed the test to her teacher with the marked hand.

Another student was in a similar position when she filled out a cheat sheet to hide beneath her purse. This seemed

to be the perfect place for it, except she forgot that she had had art the period before and had been gluing together a project. Her purse was still sticky and provided just enough adhesive to attach the cheat sheet to the back of her test. Boy, was the instructor surprised with her answers!

New Hope Comes to SW Orchestra

Southwest is being given the opportunity to bring its orchestra back into existence, thanks to a new project designed specifically to aid orchestras in public schools.

Implemented by Mr. O'Hara Spearman, Instrumental Music Supervisor, the program was started as a part of two special federally funded projects geared to building the orchestra at the high school level. Southwest is one of the schools selected to participate in it. It does not presently have an orchestra.

As a result, Mr. John Dolan, SW artist-in-residence, is giving lessons in the string instruments, prerequisites for an orchestra, to several SW students, mainly freshmen. Also a member of the Municipal Opera orchestra, Mr. Dolan meets with his pupils every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday during the seventh period.

Disappointed at the discontinuation of the orchestra here, last May, Mr. Robert Nordman, Band Director, summed up his enthusiasm for the new program, commenting, "It's great that someone has finally shown concern about the orchestra program in the city schools."

As a part of the same federal grant, SW will also receive a harp and a harpist from the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra to teach the instrument.

Pair-A-Scope

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"What does that mean—tame?" said the Little Prince.

"It is an act too often neglected. It means to establish ties. To me, you are still nothing more than a little boy who is just like a hundred thousand other little boys But, if you tame me, then we shall need each other. If you tame me, I shall know the sound of a step that will be different from all the others. Wheat is of no use to me. But you have hair that is the color of gold. The grain, which is also golden, will bring back the thought of you."

So the prince tamed the fox. But when it came time for the prince to leave, the fox cried.

"It is your own fault," said the little prince. "I never wished you any sort of harm; but you wanted me to tame you ... It has done you no good at all."

"It has done me good because of the color of the wheat fields," the fox said.

The fox asked the prince to gaze at all the roses, the same as his rose, yet different.

"It is the time you have wasted for your rose that makes your rose so important. You become responsible forever for what you tame," said the fox.

How often are we like the prince — imprisoned because we meant too much to one rose, and consequently afraid to give ourselves to a fox for fear another rose will appear.

News Shorts

Eight Enter Math Contest

Eight Southwest students participated in the National Math Contest for Girls, held November 18 at John F. Kennedy Memorial High School. Two girls from each of the four levels represented SW in the competition. They were freshmen Margaret Barro and Laura Schmitz, sophomores Mary Decker and Marilyn Moutray, juniors Jo Ellen Brandemeyer and Cindy Kleppinger, and seniors Emily Dierking and Diane Swallow.

Library Receives New Material

Southwest's library has recently increased its media collection with the addition of 44 kits consisting of one film loop and one cassette tape, according to Mrs. Mildred Connors, librarian. The series covers the subject of auto-mechanics.

SW Girls Honored as Alternates

Senior Diane Swallow and junior Kim Porgess have been honored as second and third alternates in the Miss Teenage St. Louis Contest held on October 21.

Six Students Serve as Counselors

Are you a junior or senior worried about whether or not to go to college? If so, there is someone else you can turn to for help.

There are six "peer counselors" available to help answer any questions you may have. They are seniors Emily Dierking, Roger Grider, Vincent Maschek, and juniors Jo Ellen Brandemeyer, Beth Ann Klein, and Mary Sherwin. They were trained in a Midi English Course organized by Mrs. Marguerite German and Miss Jacqueline Hudson, and taught by all of the counselors. They help when the counselors are busy, doing anything from writing letters to discussing the SAT and ACT tests with interested students.

Students are urged to take advantage of the many materials available in the guidance office. There are several bulletin boards set up with information concerning test dates (outside of room

302), scholarships and visiting college representatives (across from Mr. Steve Warmack's office), and job aptitudes (in the hall across from room 300).

Across from Mrs. Evelyn Schultz's office are three sets of bookcases; the left side holds college catalogues arranged by states, the center deals with military programs, and the right side contains cards which may be sent to receive more information. Also available is the Admissions Search Kit (ASK) and a new scholarship file.

The Midi English Course, "How to Choose a College," will be offered again this year, and, instead of one class, there will be two classes due to increased demand.

According to Mrs. German, the problem is "getting to know yourself, realistically choosing a college or not choosing a college."

photo by Guy Gilbert



Southwest sophomore Jeff Biechel (left) congratulates his opponent, senior Dave Foster of McKinley, after losing a chess match. The two represented their schools in a tournament, October 31, which ended in a draw. The chess team has been revived this year under its sponsor, Mr. Steve Techner, math instructor. Other inter-school matches are planned.

Checkmate



The Icemen Cometh!

Sophomore center Eddie Haleviand, clearing the puck out of the defensive zone, initiates another hockey practice. The Southwest Hockey Club will face off against Lindbergh, Saturday at the St. Charles rink.

Kickers To Face CBC

Hopeful of a very good season and a PHL title, the soccer Steers will take to the turf Thursday, November 30, with opposition supplied by the CBC Cadets. The game will be played at SW at 4 p.m.

Coach Gary Shell is optimistic about this season's prospects. He points out fourteen returning lettermen who provide needed experience, strong goaltending, a solid defense, and high-scoring potential by the forward line.

"The only weakness we have is size. There are only a few big men on the team, but we hope to make up for that in speed."

"Catholic schools are always tough, but this year we should have a chance to even up with them. Not only we but Cleveland and Central can give them a good fight, even win some victories."

Of course, the games against Catholic schools count only for prestige. How about the teams that count, the PHL?

"Cleveland will be the team to beat in the PHL. They have many returning lettermen, as we do, but they had a better record than we had last year. Central will be tough, but because of graduation they have lost many good players. So it should be SW and Cleveland for the top spot."

But Coach Shell warned that the rest of the teams in the league are no pushovers. Perennial also-rans such as Sumner, Beaumont, Northwest, and others are improving rapidly and could knock off anyone in the league.

The soccer campaign shows bright promise, and Coach Shell hopes the student body will turn out to support the team.

Hockey Highlights Girls' Sports

Southwest's girls' hockey team held Visitation to two goals but were only able to put in one themselves on October 2. Senior Amy Barrow booted that one for a 2-1 defeat.

The girls were expected to have a tough time against this team, which had previously defeated Northeast Mo. State, according to Miss Beverly Nance, team coach. Miss Mary Ann Griot announced that with much difficulty she has finally decided on the girls to represent Southwest on the girl's interschool basketball team. Among the returning players are seniors Cindy McMillion, Michelle Ummel, Amy Barrow and juniors Cheryl Wilkening and Kathy Palazolo.

When asked how she thought the team would do this year, Miss Griot replied, "We will have experienced players on our team and some new players with good potential. With this I believe we will have a great season."

The girls' Dance Club is staying after school several nights each week to practice for their part in the operetta, *Oklahoma*.

Members of the club have voted on their officers. They are: seniors Barb Whitworth, president; Bonnie Easterday, secretary, and junior Karen Roberts, treasurer. The club will get back to their normal meetings when the operetta is over.

Basketball Begins under New Coach

Southwest's basketball Longhorns will take the court with a new look this Friday night in the St. Louis University High gymnasium. They will have new uniforms, but more importantly, they will be under the direction of new Head Coach Wayne McKim.

Coach McKim has come to Southwest from DeAndreis High School, which he left after four years as head coach. At DeAndreis he compiled a 54 and 31 record with his best season at 23 and 4. Coach McKim graduated from St. Louis University and started teaching at DeAndreis nine years ago.

When asked about the morale of the SW team this year, he replied, "My ballplayers at DeAndreis loved the game of basketball and they loved to win. We'll see how much the SW team loves the game. Will it be enough to win? We'll soon find out. Right now I'm impressed with the attitude and enthusiasm of my ball players."

"The team this year," says Coach McKim, "will be a strong defensive ball club." This doesn't mean that SW will not score points, but he thinks that 50 percent of their offense will be defense. The cagers this year will play a pressure man-for-man, hoping to steal the ball enough to offset a real lack of scoring punch.

The Steers have an abundance of talent but no single outstanding ball player. Senior Larry Edinger, going into his third year as a center for the varsity squad, will be expected to handle most of the rebounding with backup at forward by senior Carl Fulks and junior Larry Daniels up from "B" team. That front line will be supported by junior Chris Carnes, who will become eligible January 30.

As guards seniors Gary Wideman and Steve Stanley will be counted on heavily to play an aggressive defense and set

the offensive plays up for scoring opportunities. "This year we have probably two of the better guards in the area," commented McKim.

With regard to the depth of the Steers this year, McKim stated, "We are no better than our second and third strings, and they are really coming along with some good talent up from 'B' team."

Numerous players are expected to contribute this year as many players have worked over the summer and have improved greatly. Senior Mark Anderson, junior Charles Woodward and sophomores Walter Allen and Hal Bentrup hope to be in the middle of the action.

Height may be an important factor in how the SW Cagers perform. Coach McKim seems to think that this lack of height may be made up for by the exceptional depth of the team. This depth can be partially credited to the work of Assistant Coach Bob Vogel. "We have four or five players this year that could play varsity ball and much of the credit has to go to Coach Vogel for his efforts with the B — team last year."

B-team coaches sometimes don't receive the recognition they deserve, but they do play a major part in the building of varsity ball players.



Coach Wayne McKim: "We'll see how much the SW team loves the game. Will it be enough to win?"

Steers Season Climaxes in Tie

After a fantastic comeback during the fourth quarter, the Southwest Steers managed to tie the Vashon Wolverines 14-14 last Saturday, in the final game of the season, to make an overall record of 4-4-2.

For the first three quarters, the Steers were completely unable to score, while the Wolverines racked up two touchdowns and a safety, for a total of fourteen points.

Finally, with about seven minutes left to play in the game, junior running back Dan Dudley managed to get around the Vashon defense to make a touchdown. With the two-point conversion he then got, the score stood at 14-8.

With only a few minutes left to regain the ball and began a desperate drive for another touchdown. Again, Dan Dudley carried the ball across the goal, tying the game 14-14.

The Steers played a tight game November 4 against the Northwest Blue Devils, emerging with a victorious score of 7-6.

A Northwest running back scored first in that game, early in the first quarter. However, the Blue Devils had to settle for six points as the SW defense blocked their attempt at a two-point conversion.

After possession of the football had changed hands a few times, the Green Machine succeeded in its efforts to score. In the middle of the second quarter, junior running back Dan Dudley took the ball across the goal line. Then, senior end Mike Wilhite maintained his superb kicking record by making the extra point.

This one-point lead held throughout the game, giving SW the 7-6 win.

An even more impressive victory was the 42-14 win over

the Central Redwings on October 28.

The game started very poorly for the Steers when, only a few plays after the opening kickoff, a Redwing player intercepted a SW pass. Central was unable to capitalize on this, however, and the Green Machine regained its momentum when sophomore running back Luther Fleming scored the first touchdown of the game.

From then until the end of the game, the Steers dominated the field although Central was able to score twice through the outstanding efforts of two of its backs. Fleming himself scored three more touchdowns after the first quarter, and senior running back Gene Droege and sophomore running back Kevin Woods each scored a touchdown apiece.

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Gotcha!

Sophomore center Mark Winkler (no. 50) starts to his feet after throwing Vashon's quarterback for a loss in the game Nov. 11. Southwest tied Vashon in that game, ending the season with a 4-4-2 record.

Wrestlers To Grapple in Quad Meet

As the wrestling season rapidly approaches, the Southwest matmen have been preparing themselves nightly for their first competition of the season next Tuesday in a quad (four-team) meet sponsored by SW.

Strong prospects on this year's team are returning senior lettermen Chris Kavadas (138), Gary Rutledge (215), Dennis

Ventimiglia (98) and Dave Wellman (112), who are all working hard toward a possible PHL victory for SW.

Last year, SW was tied for second place in league competition, with Northwest winning the PHL championship.

The team feels strongly that if the wrestlers can defeat Northwest, the championship is practically guaranteed by the

strength of the SW team. Wrestling coach Ron Ward affirmed this belief, stating, "Northwest is the team to beat this year."

According to their coach, the B-team wrestling squad also looks strong. In the previous season, the B-team matmen placed third in PHL standing and are eyeing the first place position this season.