

Phys. Ed. Change a Possibility

A Physical Education curriculum change is being considered at Southwest for next semester and next year. This would change P.E. into a mid-course, allowing students to choose what courses they will take during the school year. The innovation is being sought to deal with student dissatisfaction, and to keep abreast of modern trends.

"The P.E. program has been archaic for the past several years," said Assistant Principal Gene Gladstone. "We'll strive to make P.E. do what it should — have carryover value in later life."

Courses under consideration for student availability are basketball, gymnastics, slimnastics, tennis, volleyball,

softball, and recreational games, such as shuffleboard, table tennis, and badminton. These would be offered as short courses, with the student choosing three subjects from a choice of four. Each course would be six weeks long, giving 18 weeks of P.E. per semester.

Another innovation of this program is the fact that a student may be able to take P.E. daily for one year and receive one full credit for it, instead of the quarter credit now given. However, if a student is "qualified," he may take it all four years and receive four full credits.

A committee consisting of Mr. Gladstone and P.E. teachers is striving to get this program launched, hopefully, at the start of the second semester. The senior class is prepared to help financially, and if it is started, will pay for all of the equipment needed the second semester.

photo by Jon Young



DAN GEORGE, (LEFT) winner of the Most Valuable Player Award, talks with his teammate Mike Holmes, who was awarded the Timothy N. O'Neill Award.

Dan George Wins MVP

Dan George, Southwest Varsity Football offensive guard and defensive linebacker, was named Most Valuable Player at the fall Sports Banquet on December 10. Mike Holmes, offensive end and defensive tackle, was awarded the Timothy N. O'Neill Award.

The O'Neill Award is given in recognition of athletic performance. The winner is selected by the head football and track coaches. The MVP Award is also given for athletic achievement, but the winner is chosen by his teammates.

Other Longhorn football players have gained honors. Placekicker Tony Bruening was named to the *Post-Dispatch's* All-District team. He was also named on the PHL All-Conference team along with Mike Holmes and defensive halfback Kevin Woods. All-PHL went to defensive guard Mike Garozzo.

Carla Creates Mood of Love

By Ralph Morton
PIONEER News Reporter

photo by Jon Young



The "golden" days of Hollywood have seen many striving performers, searching for the footlight glamor of the stage. At Southwest, as in Hollywood, having talent, getting the proper exposure, and being discovered can be the beginning of a success story, as it was for Sophomore Carla Giles in last Monday's aud session.

"I really had a lot of fun singing *Delta Dawn* in the freshman aud," Carla explained, "and after that aud Student Congress sponsor, Mr. Pat Meloy, told me that he thought it would be a good idea to try something new, like a one-woman show."

Through her enthusiastic performance, Carla created the proper moods of love, which she reflected in the songs of her repertoire.

"I thought a theme about love would be appropriate because it's the week before Christmas, and Christmas is a special time for expressing our feelings for the ones we love," Carla stressed.

The instrumental portion of the show was supplied by a band composed of some of Carla's neighbors. The Southwest Stage Band, under the direction of Mr. Robert Nordman, instrumental music instructor, also accompanied her in the two songs taken from the Broadway musical *Purlie*.

SINGER CARLA GILES: "I thought a theme about love would be appropriate because it's the week before Christmas."

Carla's face is not an unfamiliar one on the Southwest stage because in the span of her two years here, she has been a member of both Intermediate and Concert choirs. She recently portrayed the character of Fruma Sarah in this year's operetta, *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Carla hopes to attend college and further her musical interest. "If I should get married, I probably will not continue with my singing because I feel it would take too much time away from my family," Carla predicted.

Bums To Cheer Southwest Cagers

The Bleacher Bums, a basketball spirit group, has been organized by Varsity Basketball Coach Mr. Charles Tracer. They will attend Varsity basketball games as a cheering section and will be distinguished by wearing yellow T-shirts with green lettering.

As a club, they will have meetings and pay 25 cents per week dues. Mr. Tracer said, "The dues are for anything the Bleacher Bums might do extra." He also said that they will hold dances and other events. They will receive a discount on the regular season passes according to how large a group they can get.

Junior Terry Sutherlin said, "I think this club will succeed because of all the support and spirit they have." Junior Kevin Woods stated, "I think the Club will succeed because there is a lot of enthusiasm for it."

Honor Roll First Ten Weeks

The Honor Roll for the first ten weeks has been tabulated.

Those Seniors having a 4.0 average or above are: Roy Kugler, 4.8; Richard Miksicek, 4.75; Jo Ellen Brandmeyer, 4.667; Greg Guckes, 4.6; Nancy Robinson, 4.5; Joe Patti, 4.4; Debbie Timpone, 4.4; Dina Brandenburg, Kenneth Dopuch, Susan Green, and Glen Thompson, 4.333; Carol Bentzinger, Ralph Crozier, Bruce Dudley, Dennis Greiner, and Susan Wiedermann, 4.25; Leisa Bequette, James Betz, Kathryn Bicker, Ann Johnson, Richard Riggs, Rebecca Scholl, Sonia Schroff, Nancy Slovinski, and Mark Stolzner, 4.2.

Bill Carneal, Arthur Cornell, Yvonne Dashen, Judith Eisefeldt, Patricia Enders, Karl Everhardt, Pamela Faulkner, Kathleen Flaherty, Janet Greco, Dianne Gruchalla, Cynthia Heuvelman, Nancy Kavanaugh, Lucy Kiesel, Sam Mazzola, Debra Meisel, Linda Palmisano, Cheryl

photo by Jon Young



TEVYE, SENIOR MIKE Kerch, (sitting) and his friends celebrate the engagement of his daughter Tzeitel to the butcher Lazar Wolf, in "Fiddler on the Roof" presented at SW on December 6 and 7. The Friday night performance was a sellout.

What's Happening

Dec. 24-Jan 1
Christmas holidays

January

- 2 Classes Resume
- 8 Junior night at Varsity basketball game
- 15 No classes, Martin Luther King's birthday
- 16 No classes at O'Fallon
- 16 Final Exams per. 1,5,7
- 17 Final Exams per. 3,6
- 18 Final Exams per. 2,4
- 25 Junior Rec. Night

Rainwater, Debbie Theodore, Ermioni Tsahiridis, Tim White, Beckey Wynn, 4.0.

Twenty-two Juniors had an average of 4.0 or above. They are: Mark Packer, 4.75; Roger Green, 4.4; David Juedemann, 4.333; Jean Allman, Karen Humes, and Pat Keuhner, 4.25; Kevin Criscione, Jeanne Hartmann, and Lillian Millman, 4.2; Suzanne Palumbo and Robert Riggs, 4.167.

Carla Brandenburg, Terry Creasy, Giuseppa DiQuarto, Kathleen Finn, Thomas Goebel, John Morgan, Peggy O'Brien, Michael O'Donnell, Barbara Scully, Edward Shanks and Arthur Wespahl, 4.0.

Those Sophomores with 4.0 or above are: Kevin Mowery, 4.8; Rose Atkins and Gail Daughtery, 4.5; Catherine Burgett, Karen Erhardt, Mary Kaslick, Mark Smith, and Kathryn Weber, 4.4; Stephanie Barkley, David Ford, Mark Koopman, John Smith, and Michael Thompson, 4.2.

Martha Crusius and Suzanne Eggers, 4.167; Michael Fabrizi, Kimberly Gregson, Carol Hampt, Martin Millman, Susan Muench, Nancy Paul, Daniel Reimler, Richard Ricketts, Sally Smith, and Steven Smith, 4.0.

Freshman on the high Honor Roll are: Stephanie Tanaka, 4.8; Anne Mangelsdorf, 4.667; Scott Messel and Paul Weise, 4.6; David Dietzler, James Huntley, Helen Kadlez, and Tracey Nash, 4.4; Karen Brunsman, 4.25; Nancy Minney and Nevels Scott, 4.2.

Those Freshmen with 4.0 are: Melinda Berry, Beth Brunkhorst, Laura Charley, Mary Elliot, Beth Mackinnon, Richard Maskell, Sue Puleo, Robert Schaefer, and Henry Voges.

Technically, the Honor Roll includes all those with a 3.2 or above average. Of 2,581 students at Southwest, 514, or almost 20 per cent, have this average.



MR. RONALD ZAPF, physics teacher, conserves fuel and helps the environment by riding his bicycle to and from school.

Energy Conservation Faces Southwest

By Bev Pfeifer

PIONEER Editorial Writer
temperatures is being lowered in many buildings.

At a recent principals meeting with Superintendent Clyde Miller, much discussion and opinion was heard concerning the energy problem. Still unsure as to the final effects of a shortage, Mr. Miller stated that he would comply fully with the federal and state governments.

In the faculty news bulletin certain measures were handed down. They are as follows:

- 1.) Turn off all lights in rooms not in use.
- 2.) Use only necessary lights in a class room "to insure adequate illumination for the learning program."

- 3.) Lower the temperature in a room not in use.
- 4.) Heating conditions in a classroom will vary but the heat should not be reduced below 68 degrees.

Other examples of combating the shortage at SW are evident everywhere. The SW Faculty Advisory Council, headed by Principal Robert M. Young and comprised of seven teachers, met recently to discuss teachers' problems. The result — teachers will form car pools. It will alleviate the crowded parking lots and will certainly save on gas.

One of the faculty, Ronald Zapf, physics teacher, rides his bike to school almost every day. He has many reasons. Mr. Zapf bikes from Lafayette Park and back each day, about four miles each way. He informed me that it would take him longer to get to school each day if he drove. But whatever the reasons, his biking would not be affected by the gas shortage.

As of now, few students have really been affected by the energy crisis, but perhaps if fuel conservation measures are used not only at SW but in other public buildings and homes, few will ever be seriously affected.

Movie Review

The G.E. Devil and Walt Disney

Westworld

By Frank Gurskis
PIONEER Movie Reviewer

If you walked into "Westworld" a bit late, you might think it was another western with the ceremonial saloon brawls, big, bouncing ladies of pleasure and other fun things. But here it's all automation — the blood, the women, etc., for Westworld is part of a futuristic amusement park.

You can also work out your frustrations in a Medieval World dungeon or have a classical orgy at Roman World in total safety because everyone except the guests and management are robots. So, for a thousand dollars per day, you can kill or do anything else you want for everything is safe and controlled.

Peter Morton (Richard Benjamin), trying to recover from a recent divorce, joins a friend (James Brolin) on a return visit, and in two days they've been in three shootouts, a brawl, and other typical situations. The robots begin to break down and the movie ends in an exciting chase after Morton by a robot gunfighter (Yul Brynner).

Benjamin gives a good performance of an Everyman, and Brolin does well in the empty bravado of a man whose life is games. Brynner creates a fine image of a mindless evil, a Lucifer for G.E.

Michael Creighton, author of the "Andromeda Strain" novel and screenplay, both wrote and directed "Westworld." Creighton is much improved over "Andromeda Strain" in development of a more coherent

story line, more human characters, more effective use of special effects (superb), and a sense of humor and morality.

There is a message in "Westworld" although the action predominates. The message has both a sense of humor and morality. An example is a scene where the managers complain over having to program in an unexpected love affair. You can snicker at the people at the brothel and take sides in the saloon brawl, but you realize the empty plastic life these people lead.

Creighton shows how unreal society can become in the regulated reality of the amusement park. It becomes clear that you can build an artificial man, but you can't put a soul on printed circuits.



Concerned Students Clean up

How many times have you heard someone say: "This cafeteria is a mess," "This school looks like a barn," or "Don't the students care about anything anymore"? Well, finally, there is an answer. The students do care, and they are proving it by forming a special clean-up committee.

The committee consists of a group of students who are willing to give their time and efforts to get our cafeteria in tip-top shape. They began their efforts during a clean-up week, several weeks ago.

This is just one of Student Congress's ways of promoting teamwork for the betterment of the school. We feel that projects such as these are good in promoting school spirit.

Hopefully, this is just a beginning. It would be great if Southwest could form successful committees to help take care of other needs. Perhaps, this could spread to forming committees to clean up such places as the halls, the aud, and the bathrooms.

By enforcing teamwork for a mutual worthwhile cause, SC can achieve a friendlier and closer relationship among students. SC, keep up the good work.

Pep Sessions Show Chauvinism

"All right, everybody, let's hear a big round of applause for this year's varsity basketball team. Let's cheer our guys onto victory! And now, let's have a cheer for our varsity wrestling team. We'll introduce each one of the guys. And of course, you'll all welcome our varsity football team. Let's hear it!"

Sound familiar? In our first two pep sessions, it appears that the only sports Southwest deems worthwhile and necessary are the boys' sports. PIONEER feels, however, that girls' sports should be given equal time, too.

For instance, did you know that our girls' swimming team placed second in the South Side and city-wide meets? Do you know all of the members of the team? Probably not.

And have you been wondering how our girls' field hockey has been doing? Again, they've placed second.

On top of all this, were you aware that our GAA league basketball team has remained undefeated for two consecutive years? These games aren't played just among the Southwest girls. The league team plays in the St. Louis Public High School League — competing against such schools as Roosevelt and Cleveland. Were you introduced to any of the team's stars?

So come on, guys. Move over and give the girls the equal time they deserve!



By Kevin Moore
PIONEER Editorial Writer

A terrible epidemic is sweeping the country today, affecting the entire population. The disease: inhumanity and lack of understanding and compassion. It is hard to diagnose and even harder to accurately define, but the symptoms seem to come from exposure to pressure, hate, prejudice, domination, and non-involvement.

These come from a typical lack of a want or need to get in and feel with others, common with today's fast pace and increased need for efficiency and mechanistic perfection. It spreads so quickly, and is so common, the infected one may not even be aware he or she has it until it is too late.

Examples: the government is turning its back on the very people who elected, put trust

and a good deal of money into it. It has become unresponsive and irresponsible, especially when it comes to answering to the people. The lack of compassion is apparent here.

Our children may be called by Social Security numbers (instead of by name), supposedly making a record keeping easier. This type of inhumanity (a stronger term at most for depersonalization) shows in recent science discoveries, where it threatens to put child-bearing in the hands of a computer, with matched chromosomes and all.

All that is needed now is to use a study made last year that says we should not laugh because laughing is a series of complicated reactions to stimuli of which science knows little, and may be dangerous. Meanwhile, no laughing.

This, of course, is sickening; some will do anything for science. But this points out the need for a really effective vaccine: love. We can see people as people, not things, who still need food, clothing, and shelter. An added dose of self-examination couldn't hurt any either. With these, we can curb this epidemic - before it's too late.

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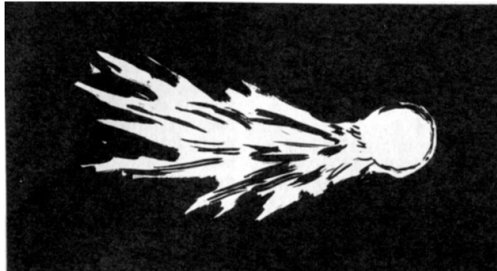
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Comet of Century Is Here

By Georgia Atkins
PIONEER Feature Writer

Kohoutek. Kohu-what? Many people are wondering what "the comet of the century" really is. Kohoutek is a whirling ball of dust and gas with a tail that stretches a sixth of the way across the sky, approximately 30 million miles. Comet Kohoutek is passing by earth now and will swing back out of the solar system in mid-January. It is believed it will be brightest December 28 and January 10-20. The best time to see it is about an hour before dawn by looking toward the southeast above the horizon in December. In January it will be visible in the southeast just after sunset.



Christmas Won't Be Same

By Kevin Moore
PIONEER Feature Writer

With all the things that have happened this year, nothing more can surprise me. Like Christmas — it won't be the same without the lights and the comfortable central heat, besides all the other shortages. But, it's not all that bad.

A lot of things have changed for the better, and some of them are quite strange. Take the Underer, for instance. You know him, about seven feet tall, with long, dangly, pipestem legs and "little hoofies" that look like steam irons; and a Bullwinkle nose, crossed-eyes, and soft floppy antlers? That's him.

That's not all. In Scandinavia, legend has it that ol' St. Nick has replaced his reindeer with nine sexy girls in furry red parkas with white trim and black boots; outfits that leave nothing to the imagination.

Physics Instructor Ron Zaph feels, "Kohoutek is not particularly exciting scientifically, but it is exciting because the everyday man can go out and see it." You don't need any instruments — the comet is visible to the naked eye.

Some students in Mr. Zaph's physics class will be taking pictures and studying Kohoutek by these means. "It should be a good show. I feel everyone should see it, and it doesn't take that much to look out the front door after sunset," commented Mr. Zaph.

Comet Kohoutek will be as bright as any star at least. It's impossible to tell exactly how bright it will be until it has made its complete orbit. The longer the period of time the comet is

in orbit, the closer it will get to the sun, therefore making it brighter.

Mr. Wallace Droste, chemistry instructor, stated, "I think Kohoutek is extremely interesting. I have always been fascinated by astronomy." Kohoutek's path is influenced mainly by the sun and the planets, according to Mr. Droste. Mr. Droste remarked that he plans on rising early and observing Kohoutek before sunrise.

Scientists hope to find out exactly what the comet is made of and its origin. It probably contains material that has been in space five billion years. This could help shed light on the solar system's creation.

Comet Kohoutek will probably be the most studied comet in the history of science. Some of the world's largest study equipment went along with U.S. astronauts aboard Skylab.

It is believed that this is the first time Kohoutek has been drawn into the inner solar system by a passing star or planet from its original orbit. It is not expected to return for 75,000 years.

Family Living Classes Wedded in Bliss

By Jana Thomson
PIONEER Feature Writer

Family Living classes taught by Mrs. Verna Cluver and Miss Rhonda Roach are making their way down that blossom-paved road to matrimony.

It's all part of a deceitful plot launched by these teachers to prepare students for their future lives. These students are planning a hypothetical wedding and marriage career. Their make-believe marriages include determining the cost of the wedding itself, including the guest list, food, flowers, gifts and the church.

To start off the project, each student made a list of three class members whom each would prefer to pair off with. Then the ballots were submitted to the teacher, who made the match. Each student was put with his "spouse" to get to know each other.

As married couples, these students were required to plan

their careers, incomes, budgets, children if any, and so on. The "wives" were taught to shop for values and keep house.

Miss Roach said that the kids "learned a lot about planning it out and are now able to relate to a wedding more realistically." To supplement the value of this project, which will last all year, Miss Roach advocates throwing in a disaster or two to see if the couple can handle it. The couples can have the disaster of their choice, for instance an accident or financial troubles.

When asked if she thought the course and the project would be of help in her life, Senior Sue

Piskos said, "I really think everybody should take it. I think it's teaching us a lot and its very educational." Sue was surprised by how many seniors in her class are actually engaged or promised.

Senior Bev Acord did not agree entirely. She thought the ideas outlined in the book were a little bit outdated but that the project "helps in some ways."

According to Miss Roach, when the school year concludes and the marriages are dissolved, each couple will have the choice of remaining in pretended wedded bliss, or they can conclude the contract in the traditional way — divorce.

News Briefs

English Tutors Aid Classes

Southwest's English Department has initiated a new tutoring program, offered to students who are in the participating teachers' classes. The tutors spend their free period in an English room teaching some students having difficulties so that they will be able to keep up with the rest of the class. Tutoring is emphasized for freshmen but is offered to other students also.

Wood Shop Makes Toys for Needy

The Southwest Wood Shop classes made toys this year as a part of a Christmas project of the St. Louis Industrial Arts Teachers. Some of the toys included wooden cars, buses and tow trucks.

Sophomore Dennis Skelton, along with one student from each of the other schools presented the toys to the Shriners' Hospital for Handicapped Children on December 19.

Diane Wins First in Poster Contest

Sophomore Diane Dippel won first place in the 1973 Christmas Carols Association high school competition out of 100 posters entered. Honorable mention was given to sophomore Christy Cunningham.

Certificates were given on December 8 at McDonnell Planetarium. The posters will be on display there during the month.

Math Team Takes 2nd in Contest

Southwest came in second as a team in an all girl math contest sponsored by St. Mary of the Woods College on November 17. Individual awards were given out according to class. Winners from Southwest were junior Mary Decker, third place; sophomore Martha Crusius, fourth place; freshman Anne Mangelsdorf, fourth place; and senior Jo Ellen Brandmeyer, seventh place.

Other team members were senior Sue Green, junior Nancy Porter, sophomore Kim Gregson, and freshman Kathy White. Seventeen teams competed in the contest.

Santa Brings Happiness and Goodies to Faculty

By Janet Smith
PIONEER Feature Writer

Editors' note: Since Santa is rather busy this time of year, and can't make it to the house of all you wonderful people, he sent his responses to your letters to PIONEER. Due to a shortage of space, we can't print them all. We decided teachers get priority.

Dear Gene,

I'm sorry to tell you this, but you won't get any presents this year. You've been a very bad boy! You 1) didn't eat your vegetables, 2) didn't drink your Ovaltine, 3) didn't make your bed, and 4) you were pouting. If you promise to be good, next year I'll bring you a choo-choo.

Sincerely,
Santa

Dear Leon,

We've been through this again and again, and I can't turn

the entire Miami Dolphin team into 15-year-olds and enroll them at Southwest. I know Christmas is a magic time, but really! However, I can get you Tim Van Gelder.

Love,
Santa

P.S. Raquel is busy. Will Wilma Flintstone do?



Dear Lee,
Congratulations on the Operetta! I know you'd like new music, so I'm getting you the rights to perform "Hair" in the fall of 1974, the words to the

"1812 Overture", a Beethoven sweatshirt, and a tissue and comb.

Adante con mucho molto,
Santa

Dear Pat,

For your Christmas aud, I am getting you the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, the elves will tap dance, and for your own personal enjoyment, I'm giving you all the albums Hank Williams and Pat Boone ever made.

Rock on,
Santa

Dear Al,

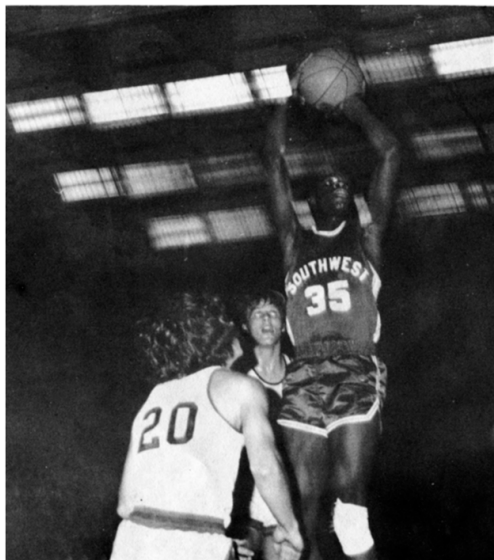
I received your letter but, unfortunately, I can't bring whips, chairs, or an Iron Maiden. Would you settle for a snuggle bunny?

Thank you very much,
Santa

photo by Jon Young



MEMBERS OF THE SC clean-up committee help spruce up our cafeteria during clean-up week, December 10-14.



SOUTHWEST LONGHORN'S FORWARD Larry Daniels, who lead the Steers by scoring 17, goes up for a jump shot while two Dubourg defenders took on. Southwest won the game 50-45, November 30 at Dubourg High School.

Kickers To Enter Tourney

The Soccer Steers will begin the Christmas Tournament tomorrow, and Coach Gary Shell expects about 55 schools to compete along with Southwest. Last year, 58 teams were registered, but not every school which was registered actually attended.

Rosary, which placed second in the state, is expected to be the biggest challenge to SW at the tournament. From the PHL, Cleveland should be powerful this year.

The kickers won their first league game against Sumner, 5-0, December 6. According to

Coach Shell, passing and shooting were poor. However, senior John Vitale scored three of the Longhorn goals.

Coach Shell said he is impressed with his young team's progress. Most of the players are new to SW's team this year. Mistakes caused by inexperience have been plaguing the team. The team must also work on strategy, but Coach Shell said he is impressed with progress over the past six weeks.

The opening game was a low-scoring loss to Rosary, 1-0, December 5. The only goal was made on a penalty kick.

Hockey Steers To Challenge County Day

The Hockey Steers will meet Country Day next Thursday on the team's home ice at Immerfrost. It will be the skaters fifth Missouri Hockey game and will begin at 8:30 p.m. The following Sunday, December 30, the team meets Aquinas at the St. Charles rink. Game time is 5 p.m.

On December 8, Principal Robert M. Young represented Southwest at a ceremony dedicating the SW emblem at center ice at Immerfrost. The emblem is one of four permanently embedded under the ice. Coaches Steve Warmack and Jim Clark received a banner which had been made for the team.

photo by Brian Grider



SOUTHWEST GOALIE, Paul Sutton, catches the biscuit to make a save. SW lost the December 8 game against Maplewood 4-1 at the Immerfrost rink.

Cagers To Tangle with Tigers

The Southwest Longhorns will play the Soldan Tigers in the O'Fallon gym Thursday, January 3. The Tigers feature 6'5" center Donnie Elliot and one of the top guards in the city, Vernon Goodman. Soldan stresses offense this season because they were lacking in that department last year.

Before they met the Longhorns on December 13, Sumner Coach John Algee described his Bulldogs this way: "We don't have height, speed, or agility; we just go at it with brute strength." Coach Algee probably thought better of his team after they overpowered the Steers, 69-64, using a well executed full court press to the Longhorn's disadvantage.

Swimmers Wade Into '73 Season

Southwest's swim team opened their season losing a close meet against Mehlville, 76 to 83, December 5 at Forest Park Community College, one of our home pools.

Their next meet will be against Soldan on January 4 at Forest Park at 4 p.m. With the addition of O'Fallon, Southwest has the use of two home pools.

The team started practices early in October to prepare for their first meet. Although the District and State Meets are not until February, the team feels they have a good chance. Their scores are higher than in previous years at this time.

Although student spectators are welcome at all of the meets, one or two, if any, ever attend. Coach Dennis Whitworth stated that with a few SW supporters, team spirit would be much greater. Coach Whitworth said, "We'll take all the spectators we can get. It would help the team a lot." The coach added, "A little spirit and support never hurt anyone."

The tight, annoying Bulldog defense caused the Steers to commit numerous errors and forced them to attempt long passes, many of which went astray. The only bright spot for SW was Rick Wilson, who played well in the fourth quarter.

The Steers were stung by the Blue Jackets of Beaumont, 83-53, December 7 in the PHL opener. At one point early in the game, SW lead by 6, but the Blue Jackets came back to take an 8-point halftime advantage. In the final two quarters Beaumont bombed the Longhorns with 50 points. The Devils played the zone to perfection and their fast-break offense led to the Steers downfall.

The Longhorns defeated the DuBourg Cavaliers, 50-45, November 30. The Cavaliers are favored to take the title in the CAC. Southwest fell behind early and trailed at the half by eight points but struck back with 31 tallies in the second half while holding their opponents to 19.

The players and an overflow-crowd of SW rooters cheered wildly when junior forward Walter Allen sank one

to deadlock the contest at 39-39 with 4:09 left in the fourth quarter. The spectators became even more enthusiastic when the Green Machine motored into the lead. Several Steer cagers were carried off the court by the ecstatic fans.

"Now that we have won," Coach Charles Tracer stated, "it will be easier for us. After a few more wins we won't get as excited as we were this time. Then, we will come on the floor relaxed and really win."

Even without 6'3" center Chris Carnes, who had fouled out, the Longhorns were able to control the rebounding department with a good display of muscle under the boards. Walter Allen expressed it best: "We simply out-hustled them."

The Steers opened the season taking two losses in the SLUH tournament, November 23-24. In the opening game, the tough Northwest Blue Devils defeated SW 67-41 as the Longhorns found it difficult to run with them. In the consolation game, host St. Louis U. High dropped the Steers hard 74-47.

photo by Brian Grider



SOUTHWEST SWIMMER, SOPHOMORE Mark Brueggunjohn, takes a breath during the 200-yard race. Mark was the only one to place in this event for SW Mehlville won the meet, 76 to 83, on December 5.

PHL Needs no 30-Second Rule

By Sam Mazzola
PIONEER Co-Editor

The future possibility of the 30-second violation becoming a PHL rule is slim. This rule, widely used in college and the ABA, states that the team possessing the ball is allotted a certain length of time in which to shoot. Its main purpose is to eliminate delaying tactics.

Varsity Basketball Coach Charles Tracer feels that there is

no need for the 30-second rule here because the action in the PHL is fast enough. He explained, "Most teams use fast breaks and take well under 30 seconds, so the rule wouldn't be needed much."

Sumner Basketball Coach John Algee agreed. "I don't think it would work. We put too much emphasis on shooting as it is."

Perhaps one of the biggest disadvantages of the rule is that a team would not be able to stall. This would take the small man out of the game. Coach Tracer explained that the stall is based around the small man. "He is usually a fine ball handler."

The rule, by eliminating the delay, is designed to make the game more aggressive, forcing the team to shoot or turn over the ball. Soldan Basketball Coach Marvin Neals stated, "Most teams don't play ball control."

It would be better in the case of PHL not to follow a trend that is spreading in colleges and is a rule in professional ball because PHL teams generally don't stall.

Grapplers Host Invitational

The Southwest Invitational Wrestling Tournament starts tomorrow here. The seven teams participating besides SW are Fox, Vianney, Maplewood, Jackson, Fort Zumwalt, Roosevelt, and McLeur.

The wrestlers were successful in their season opener, 29-27, over Vashon on November 29. They were to play Roosevelt December 13.

Leading the wrestlers to victory over Vashon were juniors Greg Miller and senior John Castelli with pins. Miller used a half nelson for his pin while Castelli used an arm bar

and a half nelson. Other winners were juniors Paul Woodward and Kevin McAllister and senior Mike Grana tied.

The team suffered its first loss, 30-36 to Soldan December 6. Winning in the losing cause were Woodward, Grana, Castelli and senior Dan Dudley with pins. Juniors Greg Miller and John Dimartino won by points.

Anchor men of this year's team are juniors Miller and McAllister along with seniors Grana, Castelli, and Dudley.

Grana, Dudley and Castelli were named as tri-captains of the squad.