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OPERETTA LEADS SING OUT a selection of medlies before a sell-out crowd in their last performance of "Hello Dolly," December 6, in the aud.

Honor Roll

Brilliant Students Make Good

PIONEER has always printed the honor roll with the grade point averages of the students, but according to the new law protecting the privacy of students records we can no longer print them. This law was discussed in the last issue. Seniors with a 4.0 grade point average or better are:

Walter Allen, Jean Allman, Mark Baltzer, Kathy Bice, Carol Bitonti, Carla Brandberg, Nancy Brown, Catherine Bundy, Harry Charalambous, Terry Creasy, Mary Decker, Mary Dezutter, Giuseppe

DiQuarto, Patricia Fichtenmayer, Michael Findely, Bart Freer, Patricia Galati, Stacy Georges, Thomas Goebel, Roger Green, Thomas Helo, Mary Henneberger, Karen Humes, Kimberly Kittrell, Kathleen Kleppinger, Daniel Loncaric, Robert MacKinnon, Marcia Mangelsdorf, Peggy Mettler, Richard Mizera, John Morgan, Peggy O'Brien, Mark Packer, Suzanne Palumbo, Kenneth Parker, Beverly Pfeifer, Suzanna Prica, Peggy Psaris, John Raniero, Geri Rocchio, Patricia Saxton, Robert Schainker, Barbara Scully, Edward Shanks, Karen Stuetzer, Kathleen Stuckey, Mark Thomsen, Jana Thomson, Daniel Ummel, Mary Watson, Arthur Westphal, Christopher Wilson, Kevin

Woods, Lynn Yarrington and James Zakbe.

Juniors: Nancy Bohmert, Terri Casteel, Alice Chavez, Martha Crusius, David Ford, Kimberly Gregson, Cathy Herskenhoff, Mary Kaslick, Stephen Melton, Kevin Mowery, Nancy Paul, Donald Schwalbe, John Smith, Michael Thompson, Kathryn Weber, Lesbia Welker.

Sophomores: Cynthia Bicker, Michael Blase, Laura Charley, David Dietzler, Pamela Duvall, Mary Elliot, Randall Harris, Ananias Hill, James Huntley, Helen Kadlez, Anne Mangelsdorf, Kathleen McCarty, Carol Melvenney, Scott Messel, Nancy Minney, Cynthia Newlin, Donna Roesch, Jane Saussele, Robert Schaefer, Nevels Scott, Stephanie Tanaka, Henry Voges, Paul Weise, Cheryl Wilson.

Freshman: Cynthia Armbruster, Cynthia Brown, Cynthia Davis, Laura Emory, Lynne Johnson, Thomas Karagiannis, Lyle Levine, Mark Meier, Marilyn Munn, James Niemann, Susan Omara, Tony Parise, David Paul, Jacqueline Porges, Judith Sanazaro, Mary Schnell, Neal Wilson.

Band and Choir on the Go

This past month has been a busy one for the Music Department, beginning with the operetta, selling records, Christmas caroling and planning a trip.

Concert Choir has been selling the album, "A Saint-Louis Christmas," for the past month. Along with other area schools, Southwest's choir recorded one song, "Cradle Song of the Shepherds" during November. The album is the first one that the Saint Louis Christmas Carol Association has sponsored.

The Boys and Girls Glee Clubs caroled for Southwest parents on December 10 at the PTA meeting. It was the first time that the Glee Clubs participated in a Christmas

program. Concert Choir went caroling December 11, 12, 16, and 19 at various places throughout St. Louis, December 13, they caroled through SW halls. On December 14 the Madrigals sang at a private party.

You may have noticed the band selling a lot of different things this year, starting with trash cans and last month, tote bags and poster boards. They are raising money for a trip to New Orleans, April 9-12, and plan to present at least two concerts. They will need approximately \$8500 for the entire band to attend.

New English Courses for Juniors, Seniors

Next year the Communications Skills Departments in the St. Louis Public Schools plan to make some course changes in the curriculum for juniors and seniors. This new program is still in the planning stage, although there are certain courses that will definitely be offered.

Advanced Composition and Literature, American Literature, English Literature, and World Literature will be offered as one-year courses. There will be a one semester course called Advanced Media, dealing with the different aspects of the 'media world.'

Thematic courses in Science Fiction, Contemporary Writers, Humor and Comedy, and Advanced Afro-American Literature will be offered.

Report Cards Change

The second and fourth quarter semester report cards will be mailed home and will be on a new form. The first and third quarter grades will be issued to the student on the current form, PIONEER has learned.

During the 1973-74 school year a committee of secondary school personnel worked on the revision of the report cards and the student schedule forms in an effort to make the forms compatible with curriculum and policy changes.

The adoption of longer course titles and limited space for the subject name made the

current cards and schedules obsolete.

In order to create more space for the subject name, the committee recommended the conversion from the four quarter, two-semester report card to a two quarter, one-semester card. It was also suggested that the "Track" and "Grade Points" columns be eliminated.

A separate column headed "DP" (Department) was added to help identify the subject area for parents. It was clearly felt that the subject name did not clearly identify the subject area as Social Studies, English, etc. A reference list of departments and code numbers will be printed on the reverse side of the card and schedule.

All references to credits were changed to units with a definition on the reverse side of the card. The committee recommended the adoption of S (Satisfactory) and U (Unsatisfactory) notations for

the citizenship grades, eliminating the number system. Citizenship grades will be given for advisory and study hall periods.

The committee recommended that the five columns corresponding to the days of the week on the schedule be eliminated and two columns headed, "Days" and "Room" be used. The column headed "Days" will indicate if the class meets daily, on Tuesday and Thursday, etc. Room number entries will be made in the column headed "Room."

The semester column will be eliminated and "Fall" or "Spring" will be printed above "Student Schedule" on the bottom of the form. To assist in identifying students who have not taken enough classes to meet graduation requirements, "Class Hours Scheduled" will be printed on the front of the schedule, with explanation on the back.

Christmas Aud Monday

Student Congress is presenting a Christmas aud session Monday which is a parody of "The Night Before Christmas," written, produced, and directed by senior Jean Schomaker.

Scheduled classes will be rearranged to allow time for the aud.

The aud session will be a variety show, with the acts linked together with the theme of "The Night Before Christmas."

Jean, who has been dancing for 15 years, says that she wants

to go into show business. "I have been involved in shows since I was 3." She also said, "I like show performance people, and I want to go into television production and direction."

Jean's list of accomplishments include four years in the St. Louis Civic Ballet, two years in the Marquee Players, one year in the Munny Opera, and a year in Uptown '74.

Along with senior Jim Zakibe she also wrote, directed and produced the "Wizard of Odd" aud earlier this year.

Senior Money Crunch Out of Control

photo by Jon Young

By Jim Robinson PIONEER Reporter

With the recent purchase of senior rings here at Southwest, juniors are just beginning to familiarize themselves with the Senior Money Crunch.

The figures are astonishing for senior expenses. For a ring, one can expect to spend about \$65, and that's just the beginning. For the prom, the most motorized senior event, a guy can expect to spend about \$100, a pretty expensive date, but one that most seniors won't do without. A girl can probably expect to spend about \$75 dollars for her formal attire.

As for the price of the senior trip, most of us wish we had the chance just to make that much money, much less spend it. The trip this year is going to cost \$295, another deep grab into our financial holdings.

For caps and gowns the price is \$5.50, and graduation announcements are expected to run about \$10.

Just getting to school to fulfill your role as a senior can cost you \$80 for bus transportation with the weekly pass. If you drive a car, you can't just figure gasoline costs but must add insurance and general wear and tear.

For the outgoing senior, the cost is even greater, sort of a recreational expense. If you went to the Miss Southwest Dance, it probably ran you about \$25, and the Hello Day Dance probably cost another five.

For the soft hearted senior, you probably got cornered into buying anything from candy bars to trash cans and this cost you up to \$15. Add on the cost for tickets to football games and other athletic events and you're spending \$30.

If you bought the yearbook it cost you \$5, and



for a paper subscription, a truly worthwhile investment, it cost you a meager \$2.

In wrapping up the senior year and preparing for college, a senior will have to spend \$7 for the ACT test, \$6.50 for the SAT, and for more advanced placement tests, the cost is \$30. Transcripts will also cost an additional \$5.

For the senior luncheon, another end-of-the-year social event, you can add another \$3.

These expenses do not include eating lunch, dating, and other things not really associated with school, but still adding to the cost burden.

All told, the senior could fall victim to nearly \$700 in costs.

As Senior Class Boys' Secretary, Mark Winkler, put it, "I've spent more money this year than the previous three combined!"

What's Happening

December

24-Jan. 1 Christmas holidays; no classes

January

8 SW Parent Congress Meeting; Shaw's Garden, 7 p.m.

14 Finals: 1,3,5
15 Martin Luther King's Birthday; no classes

16 Finals: 2,4,6

17 Finals: 7
End of first semester



AWAITING A RESURRECTION

Can Literature Corrupt Your Mind?

By Janet Smith
PIONEER Editorial Writer

Earlier this year, there was much dissent in several southern states regarding certain textbooks used in public schools. These books were new and chosen exclusively for language arts.

The principal objection to the texts was on the grounds that they were antireligious or were detrimental to the morality of the young.

A few of the "objectionable" books are used here at Southwest, and after a close and careful scrutiny, I personally found nothing objectionable enough to boycott a school. It makes one wonder just why these people reacted as they did.

Perhaps, it was because it could have caused some students to question the status quo, and just why some of the authors, especially the poets, saw things as they did. But that is the purpose of education, both in school and that done on your own — to learn new things and seek new experiences.

Many classics have some "shocking" scenes in them, but they aren't there to titillate. They simply fit the characters and the situations. Can you imagine a "cleaned-up" Shakespeare? His plays and poetry certainly contain suggestive episodes. And how about Chaucer? T. S. Eliot? D. H. Lawrence? Can we safely unleash these on a pure and unsuspecting public? There never will be a way to ascertain what is obscene or morally degrading unless we utilize a controlled government for books, television, radio, and lives.

It is, to put it mildly, difficult to know what shocks some and delights others. The only thing to be done is to give kids a good understanding of art, not smut. Art isn't only the old classics, for more books that will achieve that peak are evolving.

All things aren't completely good or bad, but it seems that these people want a decent world much like the one in a Ray Bradbury novel, *Fahrenheit 451*.

PENPOINT

By Mark Packer
PIONEER Co-Editor

The Longhorns, a 10-0 football team, won the Public High League by 1½ games over second place Sumner (8-1-1), but Sumner made it into the state tournament while Southwest had no place to go.

How could this happen? Even though both are members of the PHL, they were illogically placed

in different state districts by the Missouri State High School Activities Association.

Unfortunately, the Steers were eliminated from a District 3 berth in Class 4A by Ladue, who had a 9-0 record and a 29.89 playoff point average. Southwest's was 29.75.

In the playoff point formula a team receives 30 base points for any game it wins. Points are

Economy Puts Squeeze on Hiring

By David Lundstrom
& Barb Bloom
PIONEER Editorial Writers

Unemployment rate reaches highest level ever... Big Three announce more layoffs... D.E. program in jeopardy?

With the increasing demand for jobs, especially student jobs, what effect have the present economic conditions had on students and work available for them?

A check with the counselors' office showed that companies have not been calling for students. In fact, during a period extending from early September to early December only four calls were received. All of these were for part-time employment and the most prestigious seemed to be for two boys to sell handicrafts from India.

We also checked with D.E. Instructor Conrad Wuerz as to the problems this program might face. In this program students and teachers are both responsible for finding work for a student in which he works part-time and attends school part-time.

Mr. Wuerz said that he had heard that students would probably either be laid off or have hours reduced after the beginning of the year. He went on to say, "The success of the D.E. program depends on the students in it because places of employment are where students have worked before. Where the previous student has done a good job the employer is eager to hire again."

In an economic slump, part-time workers are often the first to be dropped or have their hours reduced. Some students have reported this problem. The student looking for a job may have a bigger problem.

For students who are looking, Mr. Wuerz gave these helpful hints: first, look clean and neat. Employers make a lot of judgments on first appearances. Secondly, be prepared to have a list of at least three personal references, complete with address and telephone numbers. Also, have a list of your previous places of employment, your

supervisor's name, complete address, and its telephone number. Thirdly, be prepared to ask questions. Employers like it and expect it. Last, fill out your application completely, honestly, and neatly.

"You never get a second chance to make a good first impression," said Mr. Wuerz.

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STUDENT JO ANN Gacioc works as a bankteller at a local savings and loan through the DE program. This program, as well as students in general, will probably be hit hard by the economic crunch.

I.D. Controversy Continues

By Albert Volk
PIONEER Editorial Writer

Many conflicts have risen over the new I.D. procedure at Southwest which states that you may not be admitted to advisory unless wearing your permanent identification badge. This gives a student two options: (1) returning home to get it or (2) pay a dollar for a new badge.

I feel this program has many fallacies. Electing the first option means trying to find a way home. This is a problem for the majority of SW students, since many do not live near the school. If a car is available for ready transportation at least a half hour must be allowed. With the irregularity of buses, many

students are forced to take more than an hour to retrieve their I.D.

Having a new I.D. made poses a problem for those without the extra dollar and the lack of enough time for taking pictures.

Complaints came from the administration concerning the large number of temporary I.D.'s issued since September.

Why was this allowed to take place? Originally, disciplinary action was to be taken after a student was issued a certain number of temporary I.D.'s. By adhering to this plan, the administration could have eliminated much paperwork and alleviate student distress over this new procedure.

Fifth Period to Lose Free Study

Beginning next semester underclassmen with fifth period unassigned will be denied the privilege of free or independent study.

This decision was made by Principal Marvin O. Koenig after observing the free study situation during fifth period this semester.

According to Principal Koenig, the reason for his decision is that there are not enough places for students to go during fifth period.

Seniors will be unaffected by this ruling because senior lunch privileges allow them to leave the building during fifth period.

The PIONEER staff has found several flaws in this plan. It is unfair to any underclassmen who earned the privilege, to be denied it because he or she was unfortunate enough not to be scheduled into a fifth period class.

The principles behind study hall are definitely outdated. Twenty years ago it might have been a place to study, where as today it only provides students with 50 minutes of total boredom. The study hall rooms can only accommodate a small number of students during fifth period. Extra students would probably be distributed in various classrooms. This idea is just as disagreeable to students as it is to teachers.

Neither Student Congress nor the Rules Committee was consulted before this decision was made. If Mr. Koenig had considered some other points of view, maybe he would have been able to see this was a poor choice.

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added or subtracted from that base for every game the defeated opponent finishes over or under the .500 mark. For example, Southwest's victory over Sumner (8-1-1) was worth 37 points.

It would appear that changes are in order for the MSHSAA playoff system. One obvious change would be to have all of the teams in the Public High League in the same state district.

At the very least, this would prevent a second place team from going to state while the winner stays at home. If the state association cannot devise a format to insure a berth in the playoffs for all conference champions, hopefully, it could change the format so that two teams from each district — instead of one — be permitted to qualify.

It was a bitter pill the Longhorns had to swallow this year, but perhaps they can find some solace in the fact that unbeaten, untied teams were also left behind in the past: St. Louis University High (1972), Beaumont (1972), Berkeley (1972), St. Mary's (1971), Vianney (1970) and Brentwood (1969). Somehow, it seems, teams with unblemished records should be in the playoffs. Are you listening MSHSAA?

photo by Jon Young

Hitchhiking May Be Expensive

Hitchhiking should be an easy and inexpensive way of transportation, a chance to travel to new places, and a way to meet different people; unfortunately for many, this has not been true in their experiences.

Several students at Southwest have related incidents while hitchhiking when the driver has propositioned them. Due to occurrences like these and the frequency of reports of hitchhikers being raped, robbed or killed, several students stated they would rather have a ride from somebody they know than chance a ride with a stranger.

Many students, however, do hitchhike, as evidenced by the knots of persons strolling

By Diane Ortleb
PIONEER Feature Writer

backwards in the gutter along Arsenal at 2:20 and 3:15.

Male hitchhikers outnumber females because they obviously do not face the same risk with the driver as a young girl may; boys are assured of their safety through their masculinity.

A senior girl remarked, "I hitchhike if I'm not by myself. The way things are today with people disappearing, I wouldn't do it by myself."

A sophomore girl, also commented on hitchhiking in groups for safety. "Hitchhiking is a great way to get around if I'm with a bunch of kids, but it's

so risky these days with all the strange people running around."

Hitchhiking in groups can also have its disadvantages — a driver is more likely to pick a lone person than a small mob, for his own safety. A senior boy, told PIONEER he hitchhiked home from school all freshman and sophomore year. "But now that I have my own car, I don't pick up anybody unless I know them!"

The safety involved in hitchhiking all depends upon the character of the driver who picks you up, or the hitchhiker which you, the driver, pick up. Another sophomore girl, expressed her opinion: "I hitchhike all the time; you never think about what can happen until it does happen."



HITCHHIKERS MAY THINK they have found an easy and cheap form of transportation, but the price may be more expensive than they think. As more and more incidents involving hitchhikers are reported, the dangers of hitchhiking become more present.

News Briefs

Students Win Math Contest

Eight students brought Southwest a third place in the Mathematics Contest given by St. Mary-of-the-Woods College at John F. Kennedy High School, on November 23.

The seventeen schools participating were divided into groups of two according to their year in school. SW participants were Freshmen Cynthia Armbruster and Jacqueline Porges. Sophomores Anne Mangelsdorf and Nancy Minney, Juniors Dana Tillman and Martha Crusius and Seniors Mary Decker and Guiseppe DiQuarto.

They were competing for individual awards, group awards and the school award. Individually, Cynthia placed fifth among the freshmen and Anne took third among the sophomores. The freshman, sophomore and junior teams all took third in their divisions.

Tony Wins in Poster Contest

Sophomore Anthony Patti won first place in the St. Louis Christmas Carol Association's Poster Contest.

Other winners from Southwest are seniors Cindy Boulicault, Tim Kelly, Anna Schaefer, Carol Bitonti, and Brenda Harvey. Juniors are Louis Lovera and Nicholas Moon, as well as sophomores Janis Mastis and freshmen Judy Sandzavo and Michael Camdea.

McDonnell Planetarium, where awards were presented, will display the winning posters throughout the remainder of December.

Seniors Buy Toys for Tots

For the second consecutive year the Senior Class has been collecting money to purchase toys for needy children referred to them by Cardinal Glennon Hospital.

Last year, the Senior Class collected \$200, and this year Miss Marilyn Chase, Senior Class Sponsor, hopes to reach a goal of \$300. Collection has been taking place since December 9 and will continue through today.

'Joe, This Is Marcia. You Busy Friday?'

By Jim Robinson & Rose Atkins
PIONEER Feature Writer

"Hello, Joe, this is Marcia. I wasn't planning on doing anything this weekend and wondered if you might like to go to see a show or something?"

Sound familiar? Probably not. Currently in our society the dating process, which started years ago, has been run on a boy-ask-girl, boy-take-girl-out basis.

Is it all right for a girl to ask a guy out? Maybe you've wondered about this at one time or another. Some feel it's perfectly all right. Why not?

Girls have the same right to ask out guys, and with a changing view on customs they shouldn't be looked down upon.

On the other hand, this could be a pitfall for girls. Some guys might think the girl is too aggressive, or maybe take advantage of them.

Senior Debbie Chinnici pointed out, "It's like a come-on. The guy might feel she's really after him and take advantage of her."

Senior Cindy Adams said, "I asked out a guy before. There's nothing wrong with that. I think it's wrong that parents raise kids with the idea that the boys are

the ones who should ask out girls for dates."

Parents...is that where the problem lies? The answer is most probably yes. As a child, most of us were taught a certain role to follow because of our sex. Now as teenagers we accept the role and seem not to hesitate when acting out the role.

Junior Kim Mullins, feels it's a good idea to ask out a guy.

"Because if guys are too shy, it's a good means of getting to know them. If women want equal rights, let them carry the whole load."

In truth there are no definite answers on whether a girl should ask out a guy. It seems all right, but most of the doubt seems to lie within the girls.

Sophomore Jan Mastis said she thought it was all right but wouldn't do it herself because she didn't want to look aggressive.

That seems to be the most typical way of thinking by the girls, but as for most guys, sophomore Glen Heralds put it frankly: "If they feel like doing it, it's all right with me!"

PIONEER thought it might be interesting to see what reactions a boy would have if he was approached and asked out on a date by a girl. PIONEER reporter Rose Atkins telephoned several boys and asked them for a date as an experiment.

Most of the guys were totally shocked at first and one even said, "I was scared! It was a new experience and I wasn't sure how to handle it." When she called one SW junior, all he could say was, "Why?"

"But if you think they were surprised when I asked them for

a date, you should have heard the reaction when I told them I'd pay!" Rose said.

"Well, I really don't think you should have to pay. Umm...I'll try to see if I can find a few dollars somewhere," said one guy. Another one said "That's kind of goofy! I'd be embarrassed!"

As far as most people are concerned, it is the boy's place to pay for the date, and many boys would feel strange if the girl paid.

New Course Gets 'Sweet' Reaction

If you fall asleep in class, you might get docked an M&M.

That's the rule in a new mini-course for juniors called, "What's Your Thing" taught by Guidance Counselors Charles West and Evelyn Schultz. It's a simulated work experience course where candy and grade points represent the payroll, and students sit in class instead of punching a clock.

The purpose of the course, according to Mrs. Schultz, can be summarized in two themes: 1) Self Understanding and 2) The World of Work. Mr. West added that these themes synthesize into a goal for each student—to find a career that best suits him.

In helping to achieve these goals, the counselors have planned a variety of activities and projects for their students. There is a planned field trip to Jewish Hospital where, Mrs. Schultz said, over one hundred job titles are available for

students' scrutiny.

Also on the agenda is a number of guest speakers from different fields of work such as Miss Epstein from Lerner Shops, Mr. Banneker from Bell Telephone and Officer Eaves.

On the self-understanding side of the course, students will take aptitude tests. Girls in particular, Mrs. Schultz added, will find that their interests and their aptitudes are not always the same. Many girls with a knack for math have no interest in it.

Mrs. Schultz said that a conflict of values sometimes arises in business. For example, should an employee of an oil company refuse to work on behalf of ecology? She said, "The job holder makes a choice of making a living with a higher salary but alien to his moral beliefs."

The course is only a part of the search it takes each of us to find out what's our thing.

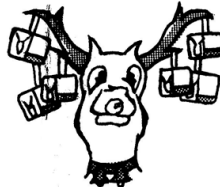
SW Santa Spreads Happiness

By Jeanne Robinson
PIONEER Feature Writer

EDITOR'S NOTE: As we draw to the close of the holiday season, Santa's mail has increased accordingly. He reported to PIONEER that he will try to answer all letters but felt some needed to be printed to reach the appropriate person in time. Also, Santa sends his warmest wishes for a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

Dear Marvin,
I'm afraid your Christmas present will be a little bit late. Well, I mean, have you ever tried to get eight tiny reindeer to wear I.D.'s? Anyway we should be arriving by at least July.

Luv ya',
Santa



Dear Leon,
I'm sorry but it is impossible for me to drop a bomb on the Missouri High School Athletic Association from my sleigh. Would a voodoo curse do?

Love and Kisses,
Santa

Dear Bob,
I know you are a fine leader of students and will go far, but don't you think you are a little young to be President of the United States? I will see, though, that your name is nominated to be President of the Mickey Mouse Fan Club.

Love You Always,
Santa

Dear Al,
Why a man would want a Do-It-Yourself Chamber of Horrors Kit, I'll never know. Unfortunately, the last one of these is gone. On the brighter side, I can get you Barbie's Beach Bus (beach not included).

Love You Always,
Santa

Dear Lee,
Another fine operetta deserving congratulations and much more. This year I'm getting you, absolutely free, one hundred "Hello Dolly" albums and a personally autographed life size Carol Channing doll.

Keep on Singing,
Santa

Dear Jeanne,
You naughty girl, putting down such nice people at your school! Shame, shame! I can think of only one gift to fit the crime, a lifetime subscription to PIONEER. Better luck next year.

Thinking of you,
Santa

Tall Problem for Cagers: Height Barrier

The Southwest Cagers faced Cleveland in their first league contest and downed the Dutchmen, 86-70, December 6. Junior Dave Adams led the way for the Steers with 20 points and ten rebounds. Adams hit seven shots from the floor and added six more from the charity stripe.

The Longhorns opened the season at the two-day SLUH Tournament, November 29 and 30, ushering in the first losses of the season. The relatively undersized team, stressing defense rather than offense, just didn't have it, dropping both games, one to SLUH on that Friday and another to that new archrival, Sumner — both by at least 16-point margins.

Resulting from the failure to control the boards, and with

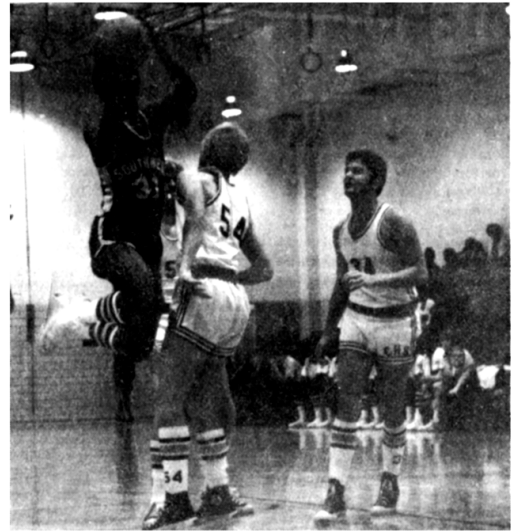
SLUH a better team, they walked over the Longhorns 63-47. Even though SW didn't make that many mistakes, the competition proved too strong, giving the defense many a headache. "SLUH is a good team, one of the top ten rated teams in the area," Coach Robert Vogel stated.

The Psychological barrier against Sumner was widened just a little by a 92-71 trouncing the next day. Returning for vengeance from football, the Bulldogs shot from the outside — a weak spot in the SW defense. In addition, the Longhorns didn't seem to pick up the opposition offensive scoring patterns. Coupled with the lack of rebound control, these brought the stranded defense to its knees. Forward

Hal Bentrup was the high scorer in both games, pumping in 16 points against the Junior Bills and 21 points against Sumner.

In his first year as varsity basketball coach, Mr. Vogel plans to use what he has from last year's team, and, combine these with the new players for the best advantage. The team is young as compared to previous ones, and there's a definite height problem — the tallest man is only 6' 4", with the rest of the team maxing 6' 2".

The bulk of this year's team are in the sophomore-junior bracket, with fewer seniors and more freshmen than usual. At any rate, there is no way to tell just how far The Longhorn Charge will extend in basketball. Time will tell.



JUNIOR GERALD ELAM draws a foul while going up for two during the game December 6. Southwest Longhorns downed the Cleveland Dutchman, 86 to 70.

Young Steers Aim for Victory

Southwest's soccer team opened its season with a victory against DuBourg 2-0, December 2 at Lindenwood Park.

Spurred on by junior goalie Bob Savio, the defense held DuBourg scoreless while the offense tallied two scores.

Throughout the first half, both goalies made key saves as neither team could sustain a scoring

rush, although near misses kept the half exciting.

The deadlock was broken by a well-placed shot by junior halfback R. J. Brown early in the first half which eluded the DuBourg goalie and sailed cleanly into the goal.

Minutes later SW mounted another scoring drive with sophomore forward John Russo putting the ball past for the

photo by Martin Millman



GOALIE BOB SAVIO stops a scoring attempt by DuBourg in the match at Lindenwood Park December 2. Savio held DuBourg scoreless as the Southwest Kickers took the match 2-0.

Longhorns Have First Totally Undefeated Season

By John Willis

PIONEER Sports Reporter

It was a season people will talk about for a long time. It was the first time the Southwest Longhorns were undefeated in PHL play since 1957, and the first time ever they won all games they played. At the beginning, fans expected the Longhorns to be good, challenging Sumner for the league championship.

Good, yes, but few expected the Longhorns to go undefeated. By defeating Sumner, 7-0, before 5,000-plus people at O'Fallon on October

26, SW gained sole claim to ownership of the PHL crown.

It was a season marked by an opening game upset of Vianney 27-13. The following week, SW was ranked fourth by some, third by others.

It was a season in which, after allowing 16 points in the first two pre-season games, the Longhorns gave up only six points (to Beaumont) in eight PHL games. This was due mainly to the defensive front four which average 240 pounds.

This front line of Seniors Chris Pappas, Curt Underwood, Rich Sanders, and Steve White

managed such accomplishments as holding Soldan to an incredible minus 49 yards rushing and containing Sumner's potent running attack. They thrilled fans several times with staunch goal line stands, protecting an end zone that was penetrated only three times during the entire season.

It was a season of joys. The joys experienced at upsetting Vianney. It was the joy of Terry Sutherland, twice saving touchdowns in the Sumner game, and the joy of the fans as they counted down the final seconds of each game, the joy of another victory.

It was a season of disappointment, also. The disappointment of realizing the loss of the shut-out in the final second against Beaumont. It was the disappointment of players and fans, as the word came through that, because of a highly-questioned point system, the Longhorns would not go to state.

It was a season to remember — was it the last?

Varsity Basketball Shoots for Winning Season

"Most every player gives it all they've got, as I expect them to. They're out there to win and play the best game they can," commented Miss Mary Ann Griot, varsity basketball coach.

This will be Southwest's first year to attend the annual Regional Tournament to take place the week of February 11. In this tournament, the team will face keen competition from county, public, and parochial schools. The girls will have to work harder and play more skillfully than in any preceding year. This Regional Tournament is a preliminary to the state tournament.

Schools participating in PHL

league play are McKinley, Cleveland, Vashon, Northwest, and Roosevelt. Tentatively, there are four or five other schools the girls will be playing against, including Visitation. Miss Griot says, "I anticipate seeing good teams from both Cleveland and Roosevelt. I think they'll be our toughest teams in league play."

They will participate in their league meets and possibly an additional one sponsored by SW. They will then be a city-wide meet at the end of the season. Coach Connie Perkinson stated, "I look for a successful year from the girls because they have a lot of potential."

Inexperienced Team to Battle on Mats

Southwest opened its 1974-75 wrestling season with a 42-15 victory over Cleveland on December 5. Scoring victories for SW with pins were sophomores Calvin Feebles (112 lbs.) and Phil Coslick (167 lbs.) and senior Curt Underwood (heavyweight).

The Matmen return only three lettermen this season, senior co-captains Greg Miller (119 lbs.), Jim Zakibe (185 lbs.), and junior Greg Noonan (138 lbs.).

Perhaps the team's biggest fight will be the battle of the bulge. Coach Bud Wallach stated that many of his wrestlers were out of weight and some were having problems getting down.

On the lack of experience, Coach Wallach said, "We're a green team. A lot of these guys are new and just learning."

Co-captains Miller and Zakibe expressed the belief that the team had a lot of potential and urged students to attend the matches and support the team.

Hockey Steers — Explosive Potential

"From the attitude of the players in the locker room before the game, I expected we'd blow them off the ice."

That was Coach Steve Warmack's thought about the Thanksgiving Day game against Bishop DuBourg High at Immerfrost. The Southwest Hockey team will again return to Immerfrost to face Country Day High this Thursday at 8:30 p.m.

DuBourg spoiled Coach Warmack's expectations by handing the hockey Steers a stinging 7-3 defeat. "This was the worst game that we have ever played," he continued. "We were tight and they were loose."

One reason for this could have been the 450-plus crowd which attended, the largest audience the team has ever played for.

"Fifty per cent of this game is mental," said Coach Warmack.

"I expect better things from this team. We have the potential to be the most explosive club in prep hockey."

The Iceemen did not disappoint that idea as they handed SLUH a 4-1 defeat at Immerfrost on Dec. 2. Team Captain Ed Haveland scored two goals in the game which was marked by some hair-raising near misses by both teams. Goalies Paul Sutton and Brad Jordan dazzled the cheering crowd as they fought off several break-away scoring chances. The defense and offense combined to contain the surprisingly tough SLUH attack.

After the Steers took a 2-1 lead in the third period the SLUH defense began to crumble. Within the last minute of the game, Southwest scored twice to wrap up a victory.

Swimmers Begin Season; Splash Past CBC, 92-74

The Southwest swim team downed this year's first opponent, CBC, by an overwhelming score of 92-74, December 6. Three finnen were double winners. Senior John Morgan dominated the field in the 50-yard and 100-yard freestyles. Sophomore Chuck Artale took first in both the 200-yard individual medley and

the 100-yard butterfly. In the 100-yard backstroke and the 200-yard free style, Mark Finley took the first place honors.

The meet opened with Finley, Artale, Morgan, and junior Tony Torrente combining for a victory in the 200-medley relay. In the diving competition, the Hamrick brothers, Scott and Pat, finished 1-2.