

Spirit Week, Feb. 10-14

Dual Theme for Activities

This year's Spirit Week, planned for February 10-14, will feature a double theme. Monday through Wednesday gangsters will invade Southwest and the remainder of the week will be taken up with a love theme leading up to Valentine's Day.

For the gangster part of the week SC has in store a gangster aud, which will revolve around the 1930's, the era when gangsters were notorious in the U.S., and will feature Bonnie and Clyde.

On Tuesday, a gangster takeover day is planned in which students will switch roles with the faculty in classes.

Wednesday is gangster dress-up day. Students should try to dress in outfits sported during the 1930's. SC is especially hopeful that student participation this day will be successful.

Thursday will start the "love" theme of Spirit Week. A cupid sale will take place after school in which students can purchase

"cupids" to carry books and perform other menial tasks the next day at school.

The closing of the week will end on a romantic key. There will be a love aud with Valentine's Day as the theme. Voting will be held to pick the two faculty and two student "sweethearts" who will be announced in the aud session. Votes will be counted by the amount of money, donated as votes, in front of the aud.

That night a dance will be held from 8 to 11 p.m., and SC will have a computer match-up service. The computer service will be operated for students who wish to participate by filling out a character sheet and having themselves matched. The couples will meet each other that night for one announced dance.

The basketball game on February 8 has been designated as Homecoming, and a large student turnout is expected to help start out Spirit Week with a show of school spirit.

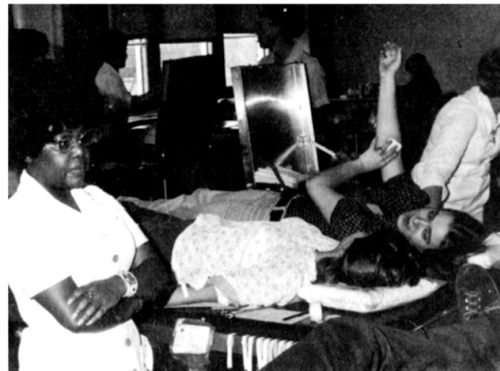


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A RED CROSS worker supervises the Blood Mobile program as SW students willingly donate blood, Southwest surpassed other schools involved by collecting 125 pints on December 18.

Toys for Tots Surpasses Goal

The Toys for Tots campaign was a big success this year with teachers and pupils contributing \$677. This amount bettered last year's total by \$477.

Miss Marilyn Chase, Senior Class sponsor, expressed thanks to all who contributed to this cause, and especially to the top three advisories.

Topping this list of highest contributors was Miss Jo Roduit's junior advisory, giving \$44.03. Second was Mr. Carmon Cameron's freshman advisory with \$34.29, and third was Mr. Edward Forti's freshman advisory with \$26.05.

Toys ranging from jacks to firetrucks were presented to children at Cardinal Glennon Hospital on December 21. Senior Mark Winkler, dressed as Santa Claus, presented the toys.

Asked about next year's drive, Miss Chase said, "It's a tradition now and will continue next year."

Blood Drive Proves Success

They were lined up all down the hall. Things were an hour behind.

That's the way it was on December 18 when the Red Cross took blood donations from Southwest students and faculty members. SW outdid the other four city schools participating in the program by collecting 125 pints.

The blood collection was planned and arranged by Mrs. Edith Arensman's microbiology and advanced biology classes. Members of the classes took care of all the advertising and getting blood donors. They worked throughout the day of collection as volunteers.

The class was able to recruit 160 donors. Of these, 35 were for various reasons unable to give. Of the 125 who did donate, there were only 11 adverse reactions.

Mrs. Arensman, Science Department head, stated, "I would say it was an excellent project. I would sponsor it again."

"I was scared," stated senior donator Dorothy Wofford, "but glad to do something for someone else."

Mrs. Arensman, the microbiology and advanced biology classes, and especially the Red Cross would like to thank all those who donated blood and those who helped in any other way.

Jobs Resemble Gold Rush

By Jana Thomson PIONEER News Writer

The job market is like the California Gold Rush, says Counselor Charles West. When one career mine opens up to fresh prospects, college freshmen rush into those courses to stake their claims until, as graduates, they monopolize the territory and the leftovers walk the streets.

According to Mr. Larry Gross, journalism teacher, the journalism field has Watergate to answer to for the recent flood of students into this field of study. "The discovery and reporting of the Watergate break-in, around that time and since then, has tended to make journalism a glamorous career," he said. Mr. Gross went on to explain that budding journalists may be disappointed when they're forced to take less prestigious positions than they'd wished — another result of the gold rush-syndrome.

Statistics on job opportunities made available by the U.S. Labor Department are of little help. As Mr. West said, "By the time the ink's dry on it, it needs to be revised."

Just the same, students need to know what to do after June. What fields are open now, and why?

Unlike the war-ridden '60's, today Mr. West said he sees a lot of interest in the military as a career alternative — even among girls. This is due

to the economic recession. It seems that a four-year guaranteed job becomes quite attractive when our economic future is so dubious.

Another popular field right now is the health professions. Like journalism, the paramedics are currently glorified by TV shows like "Emergency." There is also a trend toward medical and dental technicians' careers.

Law enforcement seems to be quite in vogue. The motivation for this seems to be more idealistic than monetary.

Careers in the social sciences also attract people with idealistic aspirations. There is a great need for counselors, psychologists, sociologists and other social workers. But where does the cash come from to put these people to work? Government spending cuts shave them to a premium.

Although computer programming is declining, automotive repairmen and other mechanics are in demand. One drawback is that these fields are often localized in one part of the country.

Construction, a field now low in popularity, is on the verge of an upswing, Mr. West predicted, due in part to the imminent nose-dive of construction material prices.

This may give some panic-stricken students a few ideas for their futures.

Students to Visit Capital

To give students a basic idea of how our government works and how they can take part in it, eight Southwest students will travel to Washington D.C., February 16-22.

Mr. Henry Tepe, Social Studies teacher, will accompany the group on the trip. Close Up, a nonprofit organization sponsoring the trip, is made up of many governmental officials.

Students will get the chance to experience live discussion between congressmen, senators, lobbyists and other politicians. By sitting in on these meetings, they will be able to realize how the government must

continuously change to meet new needs and adjust to current situations.

Each participant will be assigned to discussion groups which will meet at the end of the day. The purpose of these sessions will be to conduct a talk, chiefly about their agenda of the day.

"The trip will give personal meaning to the impersonal study of the textbook and introduce all involved to the personalities of those who make the government function," commented Mr. Tepe.

Scholar Quiz In TV Match, February 23

Once again Southwest's Scholar Quiz squad, trying to maintain a winning tradition, will be matched against Edwardsville and John F. Kennedy High School on February 23 at 4:30 p.m. on KMOX-TV.

This year's squad, sponsored by Miss Marcella Milicic, consists of seniors (captain) Roger Green, Walter Allen, Harry Charalambous, and Peggy Mettler with alternates John Morgan and Beverly Pfeifer.

Eleven people were asked to participate on Scholar Quiz, and members voted it down to the final six. They practiced during the summer and have recently been meeting twice a week to get in shape for the program.



photo by Jon Young

MEMBERS OF THE Scholar Quiz squad listen intently as they practice for the meet February 23 on Channel 4 at 4:30 p.m. From left are seniors Bev Pfeifer, alternate; Harry Charalambous, Peggy Mettler, Walter Allen, Roger Green, captain; and John Morgan, alternate.

What's Happening

February

- 10-14 Spirit Week
- 14 Valentine's Day dance, 8 p.m.
- 17 George Washington's birthday; no classes
- 18 PTA meeting, 1 p.m.
- PIONEER vs. Girls' Varsity Basketball game, 4 p.m.
- 22 PTA card party; American Czech Hall
- 23 Scholar Quiz, KMOX-TV, 4:30 p.m.

Counselors Respond to Survey

By Albert Volk
PIONEER Editorial Writer

Recently Student Congress circulated a survey among seniors asking them to evaluate their counselors on certain points. Although PIONEER was not able to see an actual questionnaire, SC Sponsor Pat Meloy explained that basically students were asked if they thought their counselors did a good job, if they could trust their counselors and if they thought counselors knew what they were talking about.

Mr. Meloy said the survey was prompted by a number of student complaints about SW's counselors. He reported the results were varied — some students praised counselors while others were dissatisfied.

On the Evaluation

PIONEER spoke with counselors and got their views on the survey:

Counselor Dorothy Owens said, "It gave us an opportunity to receive valuable input and criticism. It's most important for personal improvement."

Counselor Marguerite German was at first unsure but decided the survey was a good idea: "Feedback is important, and I'm glad to have it."

At the other end of the spectrum, some were not as

pleased. Counselor Alex Halbman at first had nothing to say of the evaluation, but after requesting the comments of other counselors, he hit upon the idea that "if you are going to do this sort of thing to us, you should do it to everyone."

Yet another counselor who wished to remain anonymous was disturbed because the whole affair was too pointed.

This counselor also attached the fact that the administration was allowed to see the results before the counseling staff.

Now that the counselors have been faced with the students' opinion, it is up to them in making any changes or revisions in their manner.

On Other Problems

Counselors are not there to make decisions for you, but they are there to guide you in the right direction. Many high school students have no idea how to plan a balanced schedule, prepare for a career or get ready for college.

Students may have a minimum of 18 teachers during high school, making it almost impossible to be on a personal level with any except their counselors, who often are too busy to see you.

What causes this? PIONEER explored this area while talking

to some of the counselors. Almost all blamed it to having too many students to counsel, along with a paperwork overload.

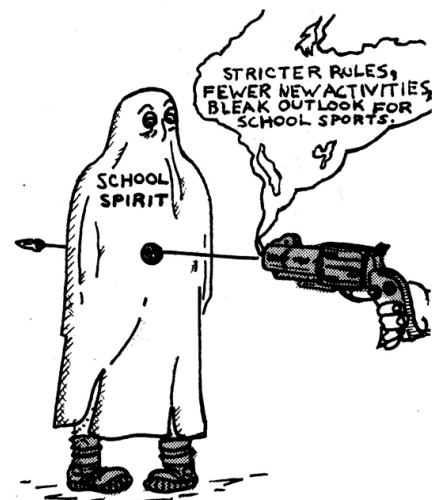
Counselors are each assigned approximately 350 students. Simple math tells you there are 450 minutes in the average school day minus the counselors' lunch of 45 minutes, leaving each student about a minute of his counselor's time.

Mrs. German said, "I don't always feel I get to do my job (counseling) because of all the paperwork, but there is no way to avoid it."

Possible Solution

Mrs. Owens has a worthwhile suggestion, but it needs considerable student and administrative support. She has long been an advocate of student counselors — a group of interested young people to help with minor duties and be the basis of an educational program making students aware of counselors' duties and where they stop.

True, there is a shortage of funds, but counselors are the most important people in a high school career, and, perhaps, the Board of Education should re-evaluate their placement of priorities.



You Can Save PHL Sports

When the Board of Education announced the discontinuation of varsity sports for next fall, most students blamed taxpayers for not passing the November 6 Bond Issue.

The PIONEER staff agrees that some of the blame lies with the taxpayers but students are equally guilty. PHL Sports could be self-supporting if attendance at the games were better.

Mr. Don Ashley, athletic director, explained that about 5,000 paid spectators are needed at every game. About one-tenth of this amount usually attend.

Where are all the avid Longhorn fans? It seems they all must be at home, complaining about how bad things are at SW or how bleak the future looks.

As in most situations, it boils down to: stop complaining and do something about it. If you want to continue to enjoy the games and meets, pay the \$1, 75 cents or a quarter for admission.

Few people realize the expenses involved in presenting a single football game. Each of the 55 players is provided with over \$200 in equipment. Coaches, score keepers, a doctor or nurse, ticket takers, guards and maintenance workers all must be paid for their services.

Is it worth playing a game that obviously will not break even? If you think not, do something about it, such as buying a ticket and coming to the game yourself.

Southwest Sound Off

Sounds of Silence

Dear Editor:

I disagree with the following statements in a PIONEER editorial which was advocating free study: "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."

What is wrong with studying quietly? I thought that the main purpose of school was to study and learn. I would agree that some students do not benefit from study hall, but I hardly see that as the fault of the study hall.

I realize the purpose of the editorial was not to degrade

study hall but to justify the alternative, free study. I am opposed to a philosophy which seems to advocate that one must be constantly moving, socializing, eating, entertaining, or being entertained.

Mrs. Pratt

Shy Don't Try

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to various rumors the Student Congress officers and myself have been hearing. We have recently been criticized for putting the same people repeatedly in the aud sessions. How can you have new faces in the auds if there aren't any new faces trying out?

It's always been our policy to announce tryouts at least a week before they are scheduled. It's usually 100 per cent true that all those who try out have something to do in connection with the aud.

If you feel so strongly about this, instead of gossiping or spreading rumors, please write your complaints, sign your name and send it to the SC office.

Sincerely,
Sherry Snell

PENPOINT

By Beverly Pfeiffer
PIONEER Co-Editor

Southwest students were greeted with a new scheduling format this year which allowed them to take courses on a semester basis instead of a full year.

This idea is very beneficial to many students and affords an opportunity to take a varied range of subjects.

However, there are some problems with this system. Programming twice a year creates more work for already-overloaded counselors and programming assistants. Many students do not change subjects completely between semesters, but take the second part of the same course.

At SW this semester some students found that although taking the same courses, the periods or the teachers listed on the program sheet were

different. True, some classes were offered different periods or with a different teacher, but a sizable number of students could have had the same teacher, the same period, for the same class. Yet, seemingly unnecessary changes were made.

In one instance, a student's schedule was kept intact except for a teacher change. The original teacher was still available but yet a change was made.

Another example shows three or four classes being switched around when the original first-semester schedule of class, room, and teacher was duplicated in the second semester.

Since many classes remained the same, why can't a student be reinserted into as many of the same classes as possible? It seems feasible and also a method of reducing the volume of paperwork or the possibility of class conflicts.

It would seem also, teachers would be able to go directly into normal classwork, instead of learning new names, new faces, reissuing books, and reviewing briefly, for new students, work done in the previous semester.

Another problem with switching teachers but keeping the same subject comes when two teachers teach the class in a different format. Having a different teacher each semester may result in repeating the same work each semester.

The option of changing classes in mid-year is a good idea, but overdoing it can easily ruin it.

The new program can be assured success if done in moderation and with respect to a student and his needs.

Necessary and beneficial changes are advantageous to the student, but unnecessary movement in a schedule can also hurt a student.

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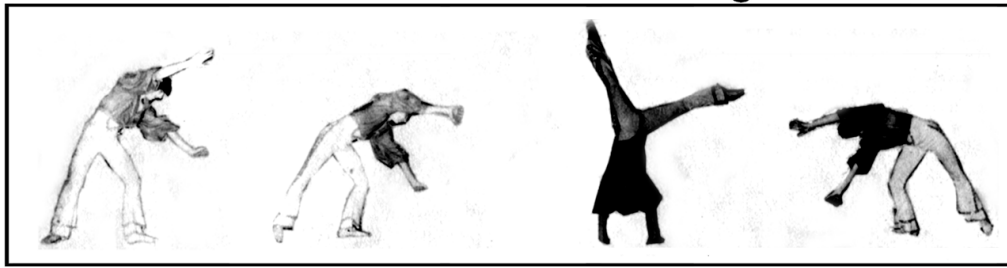
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Tony Dances and Flies through the Air

photo by Jon Young



By Rose Atkins
PIONEER Feature Writer

The spotlight centers on freshman Tony Parise as he flips and cartwheels across the stage and into the hearts of the female population of Southwest High.

His dancing career, varying from the auds and operetta at SW to the Muny Opera, started at the age of seven. His mother enrolled him at the Gerri Stretz Academy where he is now a teacher of tap, jazz, and acrobatics.

Since he has been at Gerri's,

Tony has learned several types of dances, including jazz, tap, ballet, interpretive, character, and acrobatics. Tony feels that "people just don't realize the artistic quality and value of the dance profession."

While attending the academy, Tony had performed in recitals, benefit performances, talent shows, St. Louis Civic Ballet, Muny Opera, and some professional jobs which were located by agents employed by Gerri's Academy. As far as Tony is concerned, he thinks he has matured much quicker with his

cultural background than had he not experienced it.

Tony feels it was a great step from grade school to high school. "Kids in high school respect me for what I can do more than grade school kids. They are much more mature about it. People now have different ideas and can do what they want, yet they can respect my ideas too."

Tony is at the studio an average of three hours per day, learning more steps and teaching private classes. He goes there not only for the enjoyment, but to

further himself because he feels that "no one has ever learned everything there is possible to learn."

When he first began his dancing career Tony did not consider it as a profession, but rather as a means of expressing himself. Then, as he expanded his knowledge and progressed in the field, he began seriously considering it as a future in itself. Tony says, "I would definitely enjoy doing this for a living because I like the work and have always found pleasure in entertaining people."

photo by Jon Young

Movie Review

Godfather Returns

By Diane Ortleb
PIONEER Movie Reviewer

"Godfather Part II" is a fascinating story of the two destructive forces that have made the Mafia and its people successful — influential power and bloody revenge.

Tracing a parallel between the lives of Don Vito Corleone and the heir to the Mafia dynasty, his son Michael, Francis Ford Coppola compares and contrasts their success through numerous flashbacks.

"Part II" touches on sections from the initial "Godfather," and diverts from scenes of the Corleone family before and after the first film. The time concept is complicated because of the jumps in space, and the movie is difficult to follow unless the viewer has previously read the book or seen the original show.

Robert De Niro succeeds Marlon Brando in his classic performance as the young Godfather with excellent acting; he has brought real depth to the character of the Don. Al Pacino is also good, but I was somewhat disappointed in him. He probably played his part of a ruthless gangster too well.

"Godfather Part II" is an outstanding movie, but only for those who can endure the unsightly contents of a rival's stomach being splattered across the screen, and only for those who can keep up with the complicated, fast moving plot.

Class Has Odd Homework

Have you ever heard of a class where the homework was a newscast, a billboard, bumper stickers, a radio program and a movie?

Sounds like quite a bit, but under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Morrissey, the Media Class has accomplished just that. It is a first-year survey class designed to introduce students to all different forms of communications media.

Led by junior Tina Elam, one group filmed a fifteen-minute movie entitled, "The Great Getaway." The story is about two bank robbers who after successfully pulling off a job, return to school, don school clothes and I.D.'s and turn into normal students. They had already stashed the loot in a locker. The movie was filmed in the school lobby with a super 8

camera.

Another project was a fifteen-minute video-taped newscast. Sophomore Diane Faigle and her group gathered information from the Public Service Wiretape about local and world events, weather and sports. Unfortunately, they were unable to tape it after it was finally put together because the videotape machine was broken.

Other projects included a radio program with music and news on cassette, a four-page newspaper including school news, editorials, features and sports, a 6' x 3' billboard, bumper stickers, and a six-page comic book.

Concerning the project, Tina said, "We had a good time working on it, and it was a good experience even though we didn't have enough time."



MEDIA CLASS STUDENTS film "The Great Getaway" in the school lobby. Junior Tina Elam is behind the camera filming bank robbers freshmen Dan Kazanas and Kathy Maceleny. The teller is sophomore John Luzynski.

Badges' Secrets Revealed

By Larry Havranek
PIONEER Feature Writer

PIONEER asked for and was granted an exclusive interview with an I.D. badge belonging to one Macum Lotta Bucks, President of ACME I.D. Badges Co. Inc., one of the largest wholesale distributors of high school I.D. badges this side of Kingshighway.

His badge told me that one reason so many badges are left at home is because of a special device developed by S. Windell Kidds. This device is like the homing instinct pigeons have which enable them to find their way home from almost anywhere. This device is activated with the ringing of a school bell which makes the badge jump out of a person's pocket and end up at his home.

When I asked what could be done to make sure badges were not lost at school, the badge replied, "Well, you could have them riveted to your chest." He also suggested that another way would be to lock it in a well-guarded wall-safe with a

twelve-tumbler lock, and a midget Humphrey Bogart with a Tommy gun, on the inside.

The interview was ended with a short tour of the factory. There were several workers in the building. One woman near the rear was busy putting hooks in the badges. Mr. Bucks' badge told me that she was very happy with her job and that they called her "the happy ... snapper." Before leaving, I asked if I could have a badge made (I saw Penny Crone do it on the news), and I was told only if I could offer sufficient proof that the badge was lost and then put up \$15.39 to cover costs.

News Briefs

Students to Visit Mizzou

A full-day field trip is scheduled this Friday to acquaint minority students with the University of Missouri at Columbia and its opportunities for further education. Eighty-two Southwest students are enrolled to attend and will have an opportunity to talk with various college deans at the university.

PIONEER Takes Second Place

Southwest placed second out of 32 schools at the Seventeenth Annual Junior Journalist Press Conference and Writing Contest at Washington University on January 7. Eleven PIONEER students won individual awards in writing and cartooning. In the photography contest SW took first place.

The students winning awards and the categories in which they won were: Excellent; Beverly Pfeifer and John Raniero; Meritorious, seniors Mike DuSold, Ralph Morton, Janet Smith, and John Willis, and juniors Helen Goble and Diane Ortleb; Honorable Mention, senior Lillian Millman and juniors Rose Atkins and Albert Volk.

Jon Young won two awards in Photography, one Excellent and one Meritorious.

Sci-Fi Class Visits Planetarium

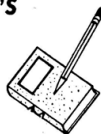
Mrs. Margaret Peterson's English mid course class, "Visions of a Future Time," had attended a showing of "Beyond the Stars and the Sun" at the Planetarium yesterday. "Visions" is a class designed to investigate every aspect of the future through science-fiction literature.

Molly and Sylvia Sing for State

Senior Molly Watson and Jr. Sylvia Collins represented Southwest in the All-State Choir recently, which travelled to Jefferson City to perform for the Missouri State Teachers' Association Convention. Both girls are members of SW's Concert Choir.

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YOU DESERVE A BREAK TODAY

Hockey Steers Xmas Champs

The Southwest Icemen will come to grips with Vianney tonight in a 7 p.m. game at the Arnold Ice Rink.

Coming into the last part of their 1974 - 75 schedule and nearing the playoffs, the hockey Steers can look back on a fine year highlighted by a championship victory in the Christmas Hockey Tournament at Immerfrost. The Longhorns skated off with the trophy by defeating Cleveland, CBC, Pekin (Ill.) and tying DuBourg, capturing seven of a possible eight points.

Team Captain Ed Haveland was voted the tournament's most valuable player. Said Coach Steve Warmack, "The tournament has given the team the confidence to be playoff champions."

Following the tournament the Steers travelled to St. Charles where they defeated Aquinas, 9-5. Hat tricks were tallied by Mike Guannini and Chris Pappas.

Returning to home ice, the Longhorns began what appeared

to be a mauling of Webster Groves, pouring in four goals in the first period. Webster then returned the favor to tie the score at four all. The Icemen regained their composure in the third period and scored two more goals to defeat Webster, 6-4.

The Green and Gold Blades moved into the most difficult week of their schedule beginning with a Saturday evening game against Clayton at Queeny Park. The Longhorns took little pity upon their opponents, humiliating them with a 9-3 pasting.

Facing Kirkwood the following Monday, the Icemen again managed three goals only to be matched by the opposition. The game ended in a 3-3 draw.

At Winterland, Southwest fought Ladue but were disappointed to the tune of 4-1.

Last week's game against Chaminade was heard on KCLC, FM 89.1, reflecting the increased interest in prep hockey in the St. Louis area.



BOB ITALIANO (3), Dave Passanisi (9), and team captain Ed Haveland (20) control the puck in their own zone as goalie Paul Sutton (30) looks on. Southwest won the game against Hazelwood 9-2 at Immerfrost on January 23.

SW Soccer: Toward Another PHL Championship?

"It was the most exciting game since I've been coach," commented Coach Shell about the win which virtually clinched Southwest's third consecutive championship.

The Steers stretched their record to 6-0-1 by winning their remaining league games. After already claiming victories over Northwest and Central, the Kickers were scheduled to face Sumner January 28. However, the game had to be postponed. If the Steers win they take the title once again.

With the start of the second half, Roosevelt promptly came back with a goal of their own. With less than five minutes worked off the clock, a loose ball was booted into the Southwest goal, tying the game at 1-1.

Content with the tie, Roosevelt stalled throughout the remainder of the game. Coach Gary Shell instructed his team to keep pressure on the Roosevelt fullbacks and "wait for a mistake."

It was such a mistake that gave the Steers a corner kick with just two minutes remaining in the game. The ball dropped in front of the goal and junior Gary Heck put it in to grab the 2-1 victory for Southwest.

In the most important game of the season, the Southwest Soccer Steers met the Roosevelt squad on January 14. The Roughriders, 5-0, led the Steers, 3-0-1, by a half game in PHL league play.

The first goal came midway in the first half from the foot of sophomore Scott Messel. Receiving the pass from junior Jim Privitor, Messel wasted no time in drilling the ball into the Roosevelt goal.

Girl Gunners Go for Winning Season

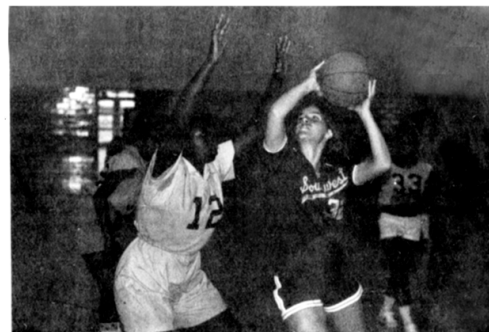
Varsity Basketball, coached by Miss Mary Ann Griot, started their season off right by defeating Roosevelt, 44-15. This game preceded the boys' Basketball game on December 17 at Roosevelt. The high scorers for the game were sophomore Sue Sondag, juniors Kathy Weber and Mary Beth Stolzer, and senior Diane Moorman.

"We have a lot of good talent and we should make a good showing," stated Gymnastics Coach Connie Perkinson. At present, the girls' gymnastics team has not been selected, but Coach Perkinson feels they will have a good turnout of potentially-talented girls.

March 12 will be their first novice meet which is held for girls who have never competed on the high school level before. Competing schools in this meet will be Cleveland and Roosevelt.

Mrs. Perkinson feels that the girls are really advancing in tumbling and are now practicing more difficult stunts such as the back hand spring and back aerial somersaults. With these new activities, along with the old, Coach Perkinson thinks they should have a high placing in the March 14 Beginners Meet to be held at Roosevelt.

photo by Martin Millman



SENIOR DIANE MOORMAN shoots as a McKinley player defends. Southwest was victorious scoring 40 points to 12 for their opponent.

SLUH Drops Longhorns at DuBourg Tourney, 54-41

The DuBourg Tournament at DuBourg, January 20, resulted in a 54-41 loss to SLUH, dropping Southwest from further competition. Leading at half-time, the refined defense kept SLUH off the mark while the SW offense made its move. But returning in the second half, SLUH revived its stalled engines and roared past the weakening opposition offense.

Quick-action was the watchword in an exciting game with the Soldan Tigers, January 10. Many fouls marred the game, which accelerated slowly into a final tit-for-tat battle for the lead. Soldan shot ineffectively from the outside and the defense seemed trapped in some kind of indeterminate problem, but took every advantage of Longhorn errors. Even so, the

Longhorn offense couldn't keep up and eventually lost, 68-75.

Halfway into the basketball season at press time, the Longhorns have played ten games out of their 17-game schedule. Of these, their overall record is 3-7, with a 1-3 PHL record, making them fifth in the league. Averaging 68 points per game, and giving up an average of 78.2 points to offense, SW possesses quick, potent defense and a middle-range offense.

The defensive trouble seems to be the inability to check the outside successfully while the offense cannot go up against more powerful defenses from other teams. There is also an offensive accuracy problem, where points-to-shots average between 25 and 30 per cent.

Steer Swimmers Succeed: Finish Second at Relays

Spirited swimmers and determined divers led the swimming Steers to second place in the PHL Relays held at Forest Park Community College on January 17. At press time, the swimmers were undefeated in the PHL. Tomorrow's meet with Roosevelt should decide their final standing.

Sophomore co-captains Chuck Artale set up a thrilling comeback victory in the 400-yard medley relay at FPCC. Artale, swimming the butterfly leg of the medley, took possession of a five-yard deficit and turned the race around by overcoming it and building a 10-foot lead for anchorman John Morgan.

Altogether, the swimmers totaled 60 points for one first, three second, and two third-place finishes. Regrettably several swimmers were disqualified in two events: the 400-yard individual medley relay for an illegal turn and the 200-yard medley relay for entering the water before the referee signaled. Diving for Southwest were freshman John Diel, sophomore Scot Hamrick, and junior Pat Hamrick. Together they finished second with 10 points.

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Rich Saunders Voted Most Valuable

Every year at the end of the football season two awards are presented to players on the Longhorn squad. One is the Most Valuable Player, presented to the player who consistently turns in above-average performances game after game and plays a fundamental part in the team's success.

The second award is in its fifth year of existence, but the name is probably familiar to teachers and administrators who were at Southwest back in 1963. It is the Timothy M. O'Neill Award and is presented to the player who combines excellence on the field with team spirit and willingness to push himself past the point of the average player.

Chosen as this year's Most Valuable Player was senior offensive tackle Rich Sanders.

Senior defensive back Kevin Woods was named as winner of the O'Neill Award. The Longhorn co-captain was also named to all-PHL, all-district, and all-metro teams.

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SENIOR GREG MILLER pins his man on his way to winning his weight class at the Roosevelt Invitational January 18.

Matman Having On-and-Off Season

After starting the season with victories over Cleveland and Vashon, the Southwest wrestling machine hit a snag.

overwhelming score. Against southside rival Roosevelt, Longhorn wrestlers pinned seven opponents on way to a 54-6 victory.

The snag came in the form of the PHL powerhouse, Northwest. The matmen were soundly defeated by NW, 43-17. This was marked improvement over previous performances against the Blue Devils.

Senior co-captain Greg Miller, a consistent winner, took first place in the 119 lb. class at the Roosevelt Invitational. SW wrestling fans were hoping for more performance such as Miller's when the Longhorns were host school for the Southwest Invitational, January 25.

There were other bright spots, as well. The grapplers defeated second-year PHL contestant McKinley by an