

Court Rules on School Integration

by the Editorial Board

A suit was filed four years ago by a group of Black north St. Louis parents who charged that Blacks were being discriminated against in the public school system. So, last month United States District Judge James H. Meredith signed an anti-bias plan to eliminate segregation in the schools.

The provisions of this agreement, to go into effect by September, hope to establish "magnet schools," each with a special curriculum and open enrollment, with no less than a ten-percent minority of Black or White teachers in every public school the first year of the plan. In the second and third years, the minority of any faculty would be increased to twenty and thirty per cent respectively.

St. Louis Superintendent of Schools Robert E. Wentz told the Post-Dispatch, "This court decree provides the school system with an alternative to busing. It provides a way to make educational programs so attractive that parents will want to send their children to city schools."

Social Studies teacher Marilyn Chase stated, "The Board of Education should see to it that any changes made to fulfill the recent court decision on integration be handled as fairly and justly as possible. Vacancies should be filled, first through attrition; then, seek volunteers, only if absolutely necessary, through transfers based on seniority."

The True Story

According to Principal Marvin O. Koenig the school has an annual teacher change-over, meaning new teachers hired, of ten per cent. What this plan calls for is that all the teachers hired for the 1976-77 school year will be a minority in that school.

During an interview, Mr. Koenig contacted a large northside school to get an idea of the percentage of minority teachers there. This school already had a minority percentage of 23 which is higher than the Board's proposed figures after two years of the integration plan.

What effect does such a plan have on students? To most students a teacher is a teacher whether Black or White. Mr. Koenig feels that the purpose of the plan is to expose students to differences in personality between races. If students understood and became used to dealing with other races, maybe they would not be afraid of living in an integrated society and would be better prepared to face the world after graduation.

Magnet Schools

Another proposal being studied by the Board would begin the formation of

"magnet schools" at the elementary and high school level. A magnet school is one having a specialized curriculum and an open enrollment. Some specialized curricula would include the performing arts, science and mathematics. It is hoped that such schools would be a way to attain a racial balance.

However, implementation of the magnet school project and any desegregation plan will require a large amount of funds from the United States government. As yet, two million dollars have been received by the School Board

but it is not sufficient. Superintendent Wentz and a few other school officials have gone to Washington seeking more funds. Among those contacted were the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and Missouri congressmen.

Counselor Dorothy Owens said that by working through adults (teachers), who have a supposed level of maturity, hopefully, we can avoid another "Boston" situation.

These plans were agreed upon by the parents committees, the Board of Education, and the court. Will these proposals result in a more integrated

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'One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest'

by George Ryan

Unless you know your own mind, don't go see "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest." It is a very gripping and realistic drama of man's rising hopes and ultimate failure. It is not a happy movie, but there is much laughter in the beginning as Jack Nicholson exerts his manipulative skills to arrange fabulous experiences for his fellow inmates. These are the same skills which bring some quick success, but he does not succeed in winning the final game.

The acting is so genuine that one wonders whether the inmates are not real and the entire scene a portrayal of life in an asylum. R.P. McMurphy, the main character, takes over a small ward of 18 men in the institution and competes with the nurse for control of the ward and with the doctors for control of the hospital. Trying to run things his own way (gambling, prostitution, liquor, fishing trips, basketball games, etc.), leads to an astounding Christmas party that brings down the ward and Mr. McMurphy.



Sex and Equality
by Laurie Schmitz

Does equality between the sexes mean forfeiting your sex? Must a woman deny her femininity in order to raise herself to her brother's level? Will things like being soft to touch, smelling good, and speaking softly become obsolete because they are qualities allegedly held by second-class citizens?

These questions are and should be raised by women who want equal pay for an equal day's work, but still enjoy the sign of respect and charity shown when a man holds a door or stands when she enters a room. Things have gotten out of hand when these beautiful gestures are termed "chauvinistic" and regarded as insults. Next time, perhaps she can hold the door for him. Certainly *he* won't be insulted.

Women who think equality, means adopting men's voices, gestures, and clothing have missed the point entirely. The term is equality, not imitation. Forfeiting your individuality and the sex you were born with is only a mockery of liberation. To liberate means to ac-

quire the freedom to be yourself. A woman or a man can be liberated.

Females have been equal to males from the start. Only foolish traditions forced women into a passive role and men into one of dominance. In these days of awareness, both men and women have acknowledged the mistake. Only women are ignorant enough to believe they must prove it.

If women feel they must prove their equality to themselves, they can take the constructive route and do all those "chauvinistic" things for men. Give him your seat. Hold the door. Stand when he enters a room. Pick up the check. It will pleasantly surprise him and do more good than all the booming voices, butch walks, and sacrificed skirts in the world.

Show men that you have as much respect for them and yourself as they do. Prove that you are sure of your equality by accepting it rather than proving you aren't sure by masquerading as a man. This only shows your belief that men are better because of your tremendous desire to be one. Be an equal — but be a woman!

Where Are New Reps Heading?

by Helen Goble

With the recent turnover from old reps to new reps in Student Congress last month, what should be the initial purpose of this organization has been lost — acting as a mediator for problems among students, faculty and administrators.

The reason for having new reps was that the old reps didn't have enough contact with the student body to be effective representatives. The new reps don't understand enough about the purpose of SC because they weren't interested enough to run in the first place, and they have no written guidelines.

About half the time the students do not get a report from their reps in their advisories. Many students see SC as the sponsor of social events, with the sole purpose of providing entertainment. Since few students know of other projects not pertaining to entertainment, a feeling that the activities could be sponsored by any group is generated, for instance, the need of officers to plan a Hello Day Dance. The lack of contact with the reps leaves many out of the planning circle.

SC currently is operating without a constitution. This means that they do not have a goal or perspective in view for themselves and their student body. There is no way they can fulfill their responsibility to the students if they don't know what it is.

One solution would be that over the summer or at the very beginning of the year, meet and discuss problems and goals to be accomplished which would involve more than entertainment and would probably take a school year to complete successfully. Then, make these goals public, with a step-by-step plan for completion, calling for immediate help from students and faculty.

An alternative would be to throw out the idea of a SC or totally revise it as it exists now. Develop a system whereby committees would organize with year-long goals in mind. These groups could operate separately, independent of each other, or together. These groups would publicize their progress to students, faculty and administrators in the form of written reports.

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Food for Thought

by Melody Noel



People who diet to the point of near starvation may be suffering from a psychological disorder called anorexia nervosa.

What sort of people get anorexia nervosa? Most of them are young girls, often bright, and good in school and sports.

But the victim is a worrier about grades and appearance, especially about getting fat. Wouldn't she look better if she were a few pounds thinner? She is constantly on a diet, skips meals, exercises continually in gym, and she becomes thinner and thinner.

Classic anorexia nervosa symptoms include a distorted body self-image, an obsession with some foods that are "safe low in calories," and self-imposed starvation and an increase in calorie burning exercise.

The body weight of the victim drops from 25 to 30 percent. The anorexic becomes shaky, has low blood pressure, subnormal temperature and slow pulse rate.

The self-discipline needed to maintain the strict diet can last only so long, after which the victim will splurge uncontrollably. This is then followed by self-induced vomiting and deep guilt feelings.

Stores about anorexia nervosa seem morbid, probably because there is something really sick about starving yourself. Some doctors prescribe hospitalization and forced feeding. Psychological care is also needed. But there are some things friends can do. Encourage the victim to eat. Refrain from comments on her weight appearance. Give emotional support by demonstrating how much they care for her.

Are History Studies Valid?

by Kenneth Smith

If history repeats itself, what can you do now to change the future? Take history! Some students ask, "Why take history? I'll never use it." But history is important. The roots and heritage of all people are in history. This may not mean a personal family history but the history of people, their reactions, their dilemmas, and beliefs.

On an individual basis, history will help one to find oneself and his role as an American. By looking at history, one finds the human reactions of the common American, the workers, the farmers, the businessmen. The "runs" at the time of the stockmarket crash show the common reaction to a dilemma. The riots of the Sixties show recent American reactions to war, but who would expect anti-war riots if we didn't know our history?

Look at a wider range—the American heritage and tradition. Our American history helps us identify accomplishments, shortcomings, and failures. Historian George Santayana said, "Those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it." Will the United States make Angola another Vietnam? Not if we have learned from history.

In order to make our national history useful, we must also look at the histories of others, look at the rise and fall of other civilizations. Is there a greatness in the fall of Rome, the greatest of all empires? Yes, it teaches all that come after not to make the same mistakes. But how will we know if we don't know history?

Notes & News

THE Southwest Concert Choir, consisting of fifty-five students, participated in thirteen concerts last month. They raised almost \$600 for the Christmas Carol Association. The money will be used for childrens' organizations.

The group will be performing at the Parent-Teacher Convention on February 5, at Bel Air East.

SIX members of the Southwest Symphonic Band have received "All-American" Hall of Fame Band Honors for 1975. They are seniors: Dave Million, band president; Dan Vandersteen; Glenn Vordtriede; Debra Kinman; George Ryan and George Corey, who are also members of Missouri State Lion's Band.

These students were selected from nation-wide nominations based on outstanding musical abilities and participation in school band activities. All six students are members of the present Symphonic Band and the Chamber Winds ensemble at SW.

THE Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis has announced that applications for the coming year are now being accepted. The final date for receipt of completed applications is April 1.

In order to be considered, students must show the ability to do satisfactory work at the college of their choice, must be residents of the Metropolitan St. Louis area, and must show financial need.

Students may attend any colleges and universities, technical and professional schools in the St. Louis area, and the Missouri State Colleges and University.

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The Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis.
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THE lettermen will be trying to break an age-old losing streak when they tip off against the faculty February 24 at 4 p.m. in the new boys' gym.

The annual classic is a popular event and always well-attended.

What's Happening

February

- 3 PTA Board Meeting
- 9-13 Spirit Week
- 16 Washington's birthday, no classes
- 17 PTA Luncheon, Mt. Tabor, 12:30 p.m.
- 18 Blood pressure drive
- 19 Honor Society induction
- 21 PTA Card Party, Czeh Hall 7 p.m.
- 24 Letterman-Faculty Basketball Game, 3:45 p.m.
- 24 Spirit Dance, KSHE OJ

Eighty New Stools Added to Cafeteria

For a long time Southwest has been in short supply of stools in the cafeteria, but no more. We now have received an additional eighty stools.

The stools came from four other city high schools: McKinley, Roosevelt, O'Fallon and Vashon, each contributing twenty. If not for this transfer, the only way to get more stools would have been to appeal through some sort of school organization to raise money.

For two years, according to Assistant Principal Woody Hatfield, SW has been asking the Budget and District Control Board for 152 additional stools, but the request was denied for lack of money.

Many of the stools now in use, along with some tables, have been here since the school was built. A number of stools just disappear. Along with the number destroyed, this eventually adds up and makes the shortage understandable.

Mr. Hatfield said that the Board is aware of the problem, but without the funds, there's nothing they can do.

What everything really comes down to is the school tax election, April 6. If not passed, the Board won't have enough money to buy any furniture because of a projected decrease in the number of students. A school only gets so much money depending on the enrollment.

This year Southwest was the only school in need of stools but by next year there may be more.



USING A RECORD high \$1,311,20; the Southwest Senior Class purchased and distributed gifts among the patients at Cardinal Glennon Childrens' Hospital December 20. Santa and his helpers were played by Jan Collier, Steve Jeffrey, and Marianne Duncan.

SW Spirit Week Steers West

Southwest will celebrate Spirit Week, February 9-13, sponsored by Student Congress. This year's theme is the Wild West.

This year the students will be allowed one day to dress in western style. Two aud sessions, which had not yet been approved, were scheduled to be held on Thursday and Friday of that week. The theme of the aud sessions will be Western also.

Spirit Week is held to try to increase attendance and student spirit in winter sports such as basketball, wrestling, etc. It is set up so that every student will be able to take part in some activity that week, even if it's only the aud sessions.

Many students seem to like the idea of Spirit week, although mostly seniors take part in dressing up. "I think it's a good idea to do something to break the old school routine," said Mr. Pat Meloy, SC sponsor.

Stage Band To Play Concert

The Southwest Stage Band will participate today and tomorrow in the fourth annual University City Jazz Festival at University City High School. Southwest and Cleveland are the only city high schools performing along with eighteen county schools.

Each of the twenty bands will play a thirty-minute concert to be judged by people noted in the music field, and a winner will be selected.

The twenty-three member band will play: "A Time To Grow" by Paul Clark; a Maynard Ferguson version of "Chameleon;" "The Queen Bee," a Count Basie tune; and an original version of

"First Time Ever I Saw Your Face," arranged by Robert Nordman, instrumental music director.

A new group created by Mr. Nordman is the Chamber Winds. This is the first time Southwest has had a group like this. It was formed for two reasons, 1) it gives the students an opportunity to study sacred wind ensemble literature and 2) now Southwest can accept the many invitations for a small group.

The 45-member ensemble is selected students from the 115-member Symphonic Band. The next performance for the Chamber Winds is at Hope United Church of Christ.

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Blades of Grass

Within the last decade a multiplicity of ecological movements and associated ecology "freaks" surfaced. However, it seems that the "freaks" did very little except wear green and white patches on their jeans.

At Southwest is someone different. Senior Karl Kelley is dedicated to his position as chairman of the endangered species group in the Student Environmental Organization, or SEO.

Students from twenty schools around the St. Louis area join together to make surveys, formulate petitions, and basically generate interest in ecology. Karl stated, "We learn about environmental problems and take action on them."

Action is the key word, including float trips, camping, and backpacking. "You've got to experience the outdoors to learn about ecology."

Karl has been trying for a year and a half to form an ecology club at Southwest. With luck, the first meeting will be held next month with Mr. Ray Feick, biology teacher, acting as sponsor. Anyone who is interested should look for announcements in the bulletin. Karl is hoping that many SW students will take an active interest in their environment.



Blades of Steel

"You need a good pair of skates, costing about \$100; also, a jersey top, a helmet like the kind you need for bike racing, long sleeves, and gloves."

No, this isn't a hockey player's equipment list. Instead, it's a description of the basic equipment needed for speed skating as given by Joe Chapin, a senior at Southwest.

In 13 years of competition, Joe has accumulated many awards, cups and trophies. Last year, he was the state champion at the 440-yard distance, and he finished second overall in the state.

"My favorite events are the 440 and 880," said Joe, but he also skates in the 3/4 mile, the mile, and the two-mile events as well. To stay in condition, Joe practices for one hour four nights each week. In the summer, running, bicycle riding, and weight training round out his exercise program.

Joe's ultimate goal as a speed skater is competing in the Olympic games, but speed skating is only in its infancy in this country. "In Norway, which is about the size of Missouri, they have 20 Olympic-size tracks. In this country, they have only one."



photo by Mark Brueggenjohann

Profiles

Employment May Threaten Studies

by Stephanie Tanaka and Terry Willis

The current rise in part-time jobs prompts parents and teachers to ask if working affects a student's academic studies.

Surprisingly enough, 90 per cent of the students interviewed who are working don't seem to think so. Several teachers and counselors agree.

"High school isn't such an academic challenge," according to Mr. Pat Meloy, Student Congress sponsor, "that the average kid can't handle it along with a job. Sixty to 70 percent of my students have held jobs and I think these jobs have been a beneficial addition to their lives."

Maturity is an important quality a student develops in high school. It involves responsibility to yourself and to others. Earning your own money and knowing how to spend it correctly is a responsibility all have to learn sometime.

Of the students interviewed at Southwest, it was clear that they shared the same pleasures and problems of working. They enjoyed working and earning money, but often the hours were tedious.

Senior Barb Millman, formerly employed at Burger Chef, stated, "I'd be asked to close a couple of times a week and not get home until 1 or 2 a.m. During

the summer it was okay, but during school I'd come home exhausted from standing and cleaning up and then have to go to school in the morning."

Since a job limits the amount of time a student has, the first thing that's going to fall is his grade point average.

Even though this may be true, a job may be just what the doctor ordered — Dr. Rosemary Kline, that is. She believes that working can be a good motivating force. "If students hold a job without an opportunity for advancement, they soon realize what an important role education plays in their future."

According to Dr. Kline, a student shouldn't work more than 20 hours per week plus 30 hours in school. However, senior Roger Morris stated, "No matter how long you work, you always have extra time. It all depends on how you budget your time and what you think is more important."

In one SW case involving senior Tom Tornado, working has drastically affected his life. "I work 27 hours a week and go to school in the day and night. I just don't have time to study. I would rather be studying so I can graduate. But I need the money now just as much as I will need the education later."

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FRESHMAN SUE DANIELS has become the first girl on the Southwest Junior Varsity Hockey team. She enjoys the sport and just wants to be treated like anyone else. Sue joined the team after Christmas vacation and has played in several games. Photo by Henry Voges

Something Different

"And now for something completely different...it's Monty Python's Flying Circus!"

The time is 10:30, the day is Wednesday, or 10 p.m. on Sunday, and thousands of viewers are tuned in to Channel 9 to watch Monty Python's Flying Circus. Monty Python's Flying Circus consists of a group of seven insanely funny Englishmen who claim to be an extreme Right - Leftist group dedicated to good food and plenty of holidays.

Since Monty Python's premiere on St. Louis television in early September of 1975, it has been growing in popularity every week. Steak and Shake is now the major sponsor of Monty Python's show. In order to get more public subscriptions Channel 9 offers a free album with every family membership. This is proving to be effective as a means to get the needed subscriptions to keep the show on the air.

That's right, Monty Python also makes albums, not to mention two movies, most famous of which was "In Search of the Holy Grail." In the movie each actor played at least two parts with some playing as many as five.

Monty Python's most famous record, "Matching Tie and Handkerchief," is unparalleled in the fact that it has three sides on just one record, not mentioning the unhinged humor of Monty Python.

Paul Keeber stated, "Society expects you to be polite and proper, but Monty Python allows a person to be deviant twice a week."

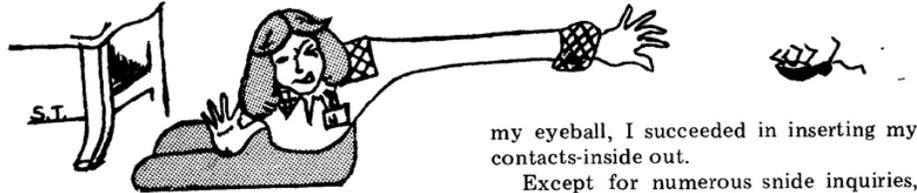
The Eyes Have It

by Diane Ortleb

From the initial moment of our breathtaking meeting, our relationship has been intimate. Our beings have become entwined, so that every waking hour is spent in constant companionship. Our twosome is inspired by a sense of need and care.

I was unaware of the drastic change that would affect my life upon our first meeting at the doctor's office. I had long dreamt of such an attachment, but I was unprepared for the pain and the mishaps that accompanied my first pair of contacts.

I anticipated the first fitting of my contacts with self-confidence and the assurances of my so called friends. Yet



when the drooling, menacing figure of the doctor approached my chair, balancing that almost invisible lens upon his great claw, a wave of panic overwhelmed me. I firmly closed my eyes, and despite pleas and demands from the doctor, they remained shut for a full seven minutes before I cautiously peeped one open.

Blink! The vicious creature snuck one lens in my right eye! I resigned myself to my fate, as the evil doctor inserted the other contact, upon whose entrance my eyes watered and my nose ran for the next five days.

I dressed for school the following morning and after 53 unsuccessful jabs at

my eyeball, I succeeded in inserting my contacts-inside out.

Except for numerous snide inquiries, (Was I trying out for a part in Creature Feature? Pardon me, but did you just emerge from the Black Lagoon?), the school day passed without misfortune until sixth period.

During the French exam, my contact insisted on popping out. The exam was cancelled, as 29 people wormed across the floor, but they only found crumpled candy bar wrappers, fifteen cheat sheets, and two dead cockroaches.

Gradually, I have become dependent on my contacts, despite the first discomfort and the teasing of the boy behind me in history class who insists that I'm winking at him.



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Inaccuracy from the free throw line and the inability to get the ball across the mid-court line against the full court press of Sumner were the causes for the Steers 69-59 loss to the Bull Dogs.

In the January 9 contest, the Longhorns stayed close in the first half with scoring from juniors Howard Richards and Kelvin Bostic.

Sumner opened the second half with their ball-hawking, full-court press. This produced 10 unanswered points for the Bull Dogs and an 18-point lead. The margin proved to be insurmountable as the Longhorns recorded their seventh loss to only five victories.

Sport Shorts

...After losing their first two games, the Girl's Basketball Team hopes to make a quick comeback to build up their confidence. The games were lost against St. Elizabeth's, 29-11, and Cor Jesu, 68-19. High scorers for Southwest in each were Laurie McNamara with 8 points and Myra Heckel with 9 points.

...New and more difficult routines made up by the National Gymnastic Federation are challenging the Gymnastics Team whose skill, Coach Connie Perkinson feels, is increasing rapidly. Only four girls are returning to the team this year: juniors Chris Caldwell, Margie Fichtenmayer, and Vanessa Jones, and sophomore Barb Fichtenmayer. Among the freshmen who dominate the team, Stacey Richey is outstanding.

Medley Record Broken

Southwest's Swimming Longhorns have had a successful season. They were undefeated at press time in dual meets. Their victims include CBC, Clayton, Vashon (forfeit), Beaumont (132-31), and De Smet (97-79). The team finished second to Mehlville in the Ritenour-Mehlville meet, 98-96.

SW features a state-bound, 200-yard medley relay team. The relayers are freshman Doug Finley (backstroke), junior Chuck Artale (butterfly), and seniors Tony Torrente (breast stroke), and Mark Finley (freestyle).

Co-captain Chuck Artale stated, "This year's squad is better balanced than last year's. We hope to place at least a few swimmers in the State championships."

They proved this in the PHI Relays on January 16. The 400-yard medley relay team of the Finleys, Artale and Torrente broke the meet relay by 6 seconds. The Longhorns finished first out of the seven teams competing.

With balanced scoring and an aggressive defense, the Steers brought home the trophy for third place out of eight teams in the Chaminade Tournament over the Christmas holidays. The opening round contest was no contest. With 18 points from Senior Greg Croson, the Longhorns crushed the weaker St. Johns' team, 58-24.

Southwest hoped to advance into the championship game but was stopped cold by Parkway North, 65-41.

The consolation match saw the Longhorns roll to a 73-65 triumph over Oakville. Croson fired in 23 points with senior Dave Adams adding 17 to pace the Steers.

Center Howard Richards' 18 points were not enough to overcome the Blue Jackets of Beaumont. Beaumont downed Southwest, 61-47, on December 19.

Forward Greg Croson stated, "We have the individual talent but getting everyone to work together is sometimes hard to accomplish."

Everyone worked together on December 18 against Maplewood, and the Longhorns coasted to a 64-44 thrashing. Co-captain Adams led the Steers with 14 points.

Southwest is scheduled to play Northwest at 4 p.m. today in our gym.

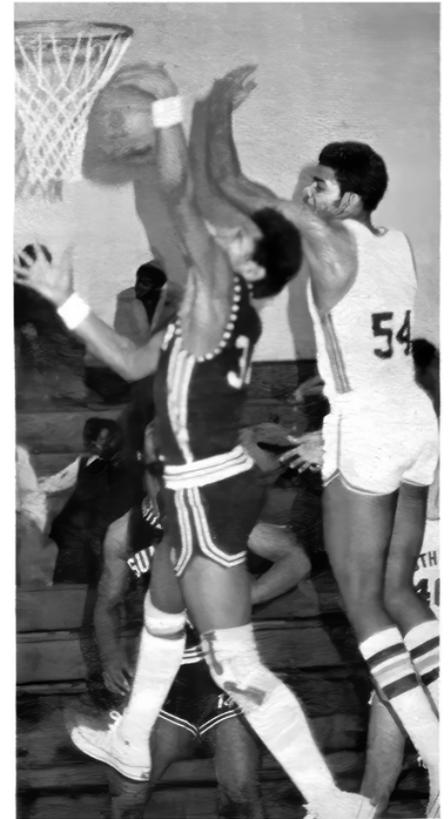
Skaters To Meet Division Foe

Two key upcoming games for the Southwest Hockey Steers against division opponents Country Day and Vianney could well decide the outcome of the Central Division of the Mid States Club Hockey Association for the Hockey Steers.

The Steers have had a tougher time this year against division opponents than last. The reason, explained Coach Steve Warmack, is "The division is more balanced this year than it ever was before."

Division opponent Country Day was tied with the Steers, 3-3, after the first period of play in a January 8 game, but the Steers were shut out for the rest of the game. First period goals were scored by seniors Dave Italiano, Matt Buha and Mike Ivan. The final score was 6-3.

Goaltending was the key in the January 3 game, as the Steers won by shutting out DuBourg, 5-0, behind the goaltending of Junior Kevin Sutton. Senior Hank Covert opened the scoring at 4:53 of the second period as the Steers held the lead to win the game. Also tallying were Italiano and Junior Jeff Kraus. Senior Mike Ginniani with two goals leads the Mid States Hockey



JUNIOR HOWARD RICHARDS (54) attempts to steal the rebound from the outstretched arm of his Sumner opponent in the January 9 contest.

Association along with teammate Buha as the 1-2 scorers in the league with 15 goals — 33 points and 16 goals — 32 points respectively.

St. Mary's proved to be a tough opponent for the Steers in a December 30 game as the Steers came off the ice after the first period trailing, 1-0, and were losing, 4-1, midway through the second period. Then, Giannini led the Steers in what was his first hat trick of the season within a span of 4:32. The Steers scored 4 more goals in the third period to make it 7 in succession for the team. The final score was Southwest 8, DuBourg 4.

The Steers opposed another division opponent on December 28, having an easier time against Aquinas as three players, Ivan, Buha and Giannini, looked for the hat trick. Covert tallied once as the Steers shut out the Aquinas team after the first period on two goals behind goalie Mike Creely.

In tournament competition the Steers defeated two divisional opponents, DuBourg and Cleveland, as well as two non-divisional opponents, CBC and SLUH, for an undefeated mark to take the second Annual Southside Christmas Hockey Tournament for the second year in a row, December 26-29.

Avid Rooters Inspire Matmen As Team Eyes Districts

Southwest sports fans have discovered there is a winter sport they can go to besides basketball. Not only is it cheaper to watch this sport, but the team is experiencing a winning season. The "other" winter sport is wrestling.

Coach Bud Wallach's matmen are the best-conditioned wrestlers to appear on the green and gold mat in at least four years. The team is well balanced. Freshman Jim Green (98 lbs.) has taken the PHL by hold and was undefeated in dual meets through the Cleveland meet. He also added a fourth place finish in the O'Fallon Christmas Tournament to his credentials.

Junior Tom Coslet (155 lbs.) had suffered only one tie in league competition through the Cleveland meet. Junior Carl Faulkner's (126 lbs.) only league loss came on a disqualification, and he also captured a fourth place in the Christmas Tournament. Junior co-captain Glen Hearold (185 lbs.) is also experiencing an excellent season, he was undefeated in the PHL through the Cleveland meet and also took third place at the Christmas Tournament.



JUNIOR CO-CAPTAIN Glenn Hearold looks as if he's trying to rip off the Soldan wrestler's headgear in the dual meet that took place here, January 8. Hearold won, 6-2, to run his record to 3-0 in dual meets.

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Even though Hearold is having a fine year, people don't come just to see him wrestle. He shuffles, stutter-steps, and gyrates in such a way that he leaves his opponent scratching his head, and the crowd holding their stomachs.

"It mixes people up when I move," explained, "but mainly I do it for the fans, to keep them coming. No one likes to wrestle in front of empty seats."

Empty seats have been no problem this year after the team's fast start.

On December 16, eight wrestlers

scored pins as SW defeated Vashon, 45-24.

Against Soldan, January 8, the team triumphed 26-22, as Green and junior George Kirkou (145 lbs.) pinned their opponents.

January 13 saw the Longhorns humiliate Cleveland, 44-12. Green and Kirkou again scored pins as did Tom Coslet (155 lbs.) and Dave Campbell (167 lbs.).

The last meet of the season will be at Sumner on February 3. District Championships start February

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