



Pioneer



Southwest High School

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Financial Aid—Who and What to Know

You want to go to college but you can't afford it. There are many ways of financing a college education outside of independent wealth. Some examples of student financial aid are federal grants, student loans, academic scholarships and work-study programs.

Most university scholarships are given on the basis of financial need, measured by Need Analysis forms, varying from university to university.

Students usually have a better chance of getting a scholarship if they apply to a school within their own state. Universities also give scholarships for scholastic merit such as the University of Missouri's Curator's Scholarship, which, at Southwest, is awarded to the six highest ranked students in the school.

These are also available to the top 18 per cent if the higher ranking students decline them. Kirksville College is also a good place to look for financial scholarships.

Federal Grants

Another source of college fundings is federal and state grants. For a federal grant, you may apply under a Basic Grant Application. In the 1975-76 school year, the government awarded an average of \$640 per student obtaining a grant, but in the 1976-77 school year there will be little, if any, money for federal grants

By Kenneth Smith

unless Congress approves a \$750 million spending budget.

State grants are also awarded to students on the basis of financial need, but last year of 50 SW students who applied, only three received grants.

One of the most effective forms of aid is the work-study programs sponsored by most universities. In a work-study program, students work on campus during free time and the money is either given directly to the student to pay expenses or is used to pay the student's tuition. In Missouri one of the best known work-study programs is at the School of the Ozarks, where students have built the entire campus.

Military ROTC

Students may also find a career in the military rewarding, whether as an enlistee, an officer, or an academy student. As an academy student, for which one needs the recommendation of a congressman, students pay no tuition, and the academy pays for books, room and board, as well as \$300 per month to the student.

After four years, one graduates with a BS degree and a commission, but the government expects five years of service in return.

Also, as an enlistee, one works 40 hours a week, but on free time may take college courses for which the government usually pays 50 per cent of the tuition. In college, students may also join the ROTC where one takes military science courses. As a junior and senior, ROTC members are paid \$100 a month by the government and are under short-term obligations after graduation.

Guaranteed student loans are another source of aid. In this agreement, students borrow directly from the bank which has its loan guaranteed by the government. Students may borrow up to \$2,500 a year at less than 7 per cent interest and have up to ten years after graduation to pay back the loan. Students needn't start payments until nine months after graduation.

There are also many other forms of financial aid, such as the National Merit Scholarship, alumni funds, and aid from industries for which students or their parents may work.

For more information on financial aid and scholarships, talk to Mrs. Margurite German in the counseling office or ask your counselor for a U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare Fact Sheet on financial aid. If you are interested in military service, contact Counselor Charles West.

Counseling by Teenagers for Teenagers

By Laurie Schmitz

This is to propose a plan wherein ten willing students, selected by application, are trained to counsel other students during the first, fifth, and seventh period every day.

Is it possible? Ritenour Junior High thought so and in September of 1975 started the ten-week training course, so that now it has peer counseling twice a week and plans to continue it. Peer counseling would mean a willing ear when it's needed most by someone of the same age group who doesn't have three hundred other students to counsel, a mountain of clerical work, and administrative meetings taking up precious time.

Counselor Steve Warmack, said that a lot of students come to him with personal problems, but he doesn't have enough time to go into depth counseling. He stated, "We are doing the best job we can under the circumstances, but we have duties which take away from the time that should be spent with students."

So it is established that the counselors themselves often feel counseling has become another desk job. The answer to this, obviously, is volunteers who are not tied up with the clerical work and want to offer their free time to listen to those very important problems every teenager has.

It was suggested that such counseling begin experimentally at Southwest as soon as possible. The response received from Dr. Rosemary Kline, counselor, was less than heartening. First of all, each individual would have to have ten weeks of training. This makes one wonder how it could possibly take ten weeks to teach someone to listen willingly and offer any available help. Five weeks is conceivable for learning to direct special problems to help of a professional sort.

Secondly, a time element is involved because counselors now must schedule every semester so training would not be able to start until May, which would not leave enough time.

Thirdly, each group of peer counselors must have one adult counselor, creating an added strain because the proposed plan calls for one the first, fifth and seventh period each day. Then, there is the problem of selecting the students who have the credentials to be peer counselors and deciding who is qualified to do the selecting.

A lot of red tape is involved. However, a lot of things accomplished at Southwest took some sweat and some straining. In the long run, this plan would lighten the counselors' loads quite a bit, meaning more effective counseling for students.

On the Battlefield

Profiles

Fort Donelson, the Battle of Shiloh, Chickamauga Creek. These Civil War battles may seem all too familiar to American history students, but to Mr. Kent Forrest, Social Studies teacher, they are something special. They are a part of his heritage. His great-great-granduncle was none other than the famous Lieutenant General Nathan Bedford Forrest of the Confederate States of America. Colonel William Forrest, his great-great-grandfather, was also an officer of the Confederacy.



Photo by Henry Voges

General Forrest was one of the most outstanding cavalry commanders in America and would not give up easily. He is most noted for his bravery and daring tactics. During the war, he had 29 horses shot out from under him and captured 31,000 prisoners.

He died in 1877 and at his burial, Jefferson Davis, the ex-president of the Confederate States, served as pallbearer.

Mr. Forrest is also a collector of Civil War relics and a member of the Ohio Gun Collectors. Each year, he attends conventions in Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Forrest is extremely proud of his heritage and highly recommends that others trace their family tree. This can be done by contacting the St. Louis Geneological Society.

In The Chapel

Senior Steve Lancaster aspires to have his own mortuary some day. He currently works at Hoffmeister Mortuary on Chippewa.

"It's the greatest job in the world for meeting people." Steve does the work of a doorman, arranges flowers, empties ashtrays, cleans chairs, makes coffee and generally keeps the rooms neat and presentable for the guests who visit.

Steve acquired the job when he viewed the way Hoffmeister handled the funeral of a longtime friend. The mortuary conducted the situation very smoothly and



with such class that he became interested in the business. He inquired about a job and was hired.

"Funerals are viewed as being more realistic by the family of the deceased. They accept death with much less sorrow these days."

Steve goes to mortuary school classes at Forest Park Community College and plans to make his life's work funeral directing and doing his own mortician's work.

"I'm helping families when they need it most. I get the satisfaction of helping them, and they view it as a comfort."

Students Experience Parenthood

By Henry Voges

The students of Miss Jessie Finley's Child Development classes are now proud parents. They began their journey to parenthood by becoming pregnant at the beginning of the semester.

These unusual role playing methods are being used in many Child Development classes to get students more involved in the course. "The purpose of the course is to prepare students for parenthood," according to Miss Finley.

The course begins with human reproduction and conception. Miss Finley said, "There is no feeling that this is a dirty subject. What we are dealing with is life."

All of the students, both boys and girls, have "had" their babies and are now concerned with caring for their new children. There have been demonstrations of bottle feeding and the proper way to bathe a baby. Later in the semester, the students' younger brothers and sisters will be brought into the classroom for observation.

Mrs. Jean McGinnis, also a Child Development teacher, shares Miss Finley's

desire to get students involved in the course. Mrs. McGinnis has had her students go to department stores to price items and to doctors' offices so they can get a real idea of the cost of raising a child today.

One student summed up the importance of the course: "I think this course is important because it gives practical knowledge that almost everyone can use in his or her later life."

SW To Register Voters

Southwest is sponsoring a voter registration drive on March 3 from 9:30 to 4 p.m. in room 222.

This drive is primarily directed toward the 400 18-year-old students here at SW. This will also include registering voters from the community as well.

The drive is in conjunction with the April 6th tax election. The major concern is to get all eligible students and community voters who are not registered, registered and to get the already registered voters with an address change reregistered.

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SC Replies

Dear Pioneer,

Regarding the article titled, "Where Are New Reps Heading?" in the January 30 issue of PIONEER, we have found most of the article to be untrue and unfounded. We fail to see how by electing new reps we have lost the initial purpose of Student Council.

If anything, we have heightened our purpose. One of the many reasons for electing new reps was, as you stated, half of the time the students did not get reports from their reps. We had hoped to improve communications by having one member of each social group as a representative. Furthermore, one need not run for a position to understand its purpose.

SC is currently operating under a charter which clearly states our purposes

Piece of Mind



Adam & Eve

My Dearest Laurie,

Or is that being a Male Chauvinistic Pig? In your last article you talked about "Sex and Equality." I was very touched! Not as a feeling sensation, but as a psychological fault. I have but one quote from the article to discuss: "Females have been equal to males from the start. Only foolish traditions force women into a passive role and men into one of dominance."

First to start, women are not equal to men. In the beginning as far back as Adam and Eve, God made Adam to rule over animal, fowl, and every living creature. Then God made Eve to be a companion and serve Adam, to honor and obey him, to love and cherish him. And wasn't it Eve who offered the forbidden fruit to Adam? As punishment, God put the woman on a lower standard from Adam! Thus, meaning Adam was to master her.

Secondly, I feel that those so called "foolish traditions," are only standards of living adding the "passive role" as a feeling of love to man.

Therefore, as a conclusion, man has and should dominate the sexes. I am not saying that woman has no place in society except in the home. But I will state that she should not question the male on the basis of whether or not he considers her equal.

(Name Withheld Upon Request)

and goals. We found the constitution to be more hindering than useful. Each year we spend months revising the constitution because when it was written, no one could have anticipated the situations and circumstances which would arise in later years.

The article suggested that SC should hold meetings during the summer to plan for the entire year. Mr. Meloy has been holding such meetings for the past five years.

SC published its goals on November 13, 1975 in a letter to advisors. We would like to take this opportunity to repeat them:

1. Improve communication between students.

2. Improve communication with faculty and administration.
3. Improve the appearance of the school.
4. Find areas of interest to students so that school will be more attractive.

You must realize that problems cannot be solved until we have found the solutions. We have spent the last quarter discussing solutions and submitting them to Mr. Koenig. We now know how to approach these problems and can begin to take action.

The only way to find out if there's a better way is to try one. We can only help the students if they help us.

(signed by the Student Congress Officers and their sponsor)

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Touring Company To Go on Stage

A new experimental touring company has been formed by the Drama Department under the supervision of Mrs. Georgia Schoeffel. The repertory consists of five girls and five boys from the advanced acting class.

The company is practicing their version of the Cinderella fairytale. It will consist of mime, dance, poetry, singing and a little percussion music. Mrs. Schoeffel will send out letters to the public elementary schools in the Cleveland-Southwest District and ask if the touring company can perform there. Then, during the last ten weeks of school the repertory will go on tour to these schools.

The time and energy spent making the touring company a success is all voluntary and the students get no school credit. Whether the repertory will continue next year depends on the success of it this year.

Senior Gary Weinhold said, "It gives us a chance to experience what professional touring companies have to offer."

"The touring company is the best learning experience any serious student of the theater can get at Southwest," stated senior Mary Beth Kaslick.

The touring company consists of seniors Carla Giles, Mary Beth Kaslick, Gary Koenig, Roger Morris, Laurie Schmitz, Albert Volk and Gary Weinhold; and juniors Ellen Ecker, Kim Morris and Robert Woodward.

Integration Plan Defined

More specific plans have been made for the desegregation proposal as outlined in PIONEER last month. These plans have aroused various challenges over the past few weeks.

The magnet school program on the high school level will consist of:

A visual and performing arts high school.

A mathematics and science high school and a Creative Arts Center.

Other similar programs are planned for the elementary level as well. These schools and programs will be established from other schools or in old buildings that can be repaired. No new buildings will be constructed.

These specialized programs will operate along with the regular academic programs of the city schools. All alternative programs will be open to students throughout the city. A goal of a 50-



JUNIOR Paul Ethim and senior Bruce Walden study the fundamentals of wave motion with Slinkies during Mr. Ron Zapf's period 6 Physics class.

Students To Get Fine Arts Awards

Fine Arts Night will be held March 16 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium where a number of students will be presented with art certificates and band and choir keys.

On this night students of the art classes will display their work, and entertainment will be provided by stage band and the choir groups.

Certificates are given to students who have been honored in contests such as the Veiled Prophet Float, Christmas Carol Posters and Scholastic Awards. Other poster winners are awarded also.

Divided into two groups are the music awards. One group is for band and the other for choir. Choir members receive letters for being in the same group for two years and participating in the major musicals. If they partake in a choir group

for four years and in the major musicals, they are eligible for a key, according to Vocal Music Teacher Leontone Meyer.

Band members receive letters for being a member for three years and keys for four years. A special award is given to members of Stage Band and Senior Band for participation for three years.

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Southwest's NHS Inducts Members

The newly founded Southwest Chapter of the National Honor Society inducted its charter members at a ceremony for parents and friends in the auditorium last Thursday.

At the ceremony, the 77 charter members, 50 seniors and 27 juniors, received their certificates of membership in the NHS and took a pledge of membership. "Service, Scholarship, Character, and Leadership are the statutes of the society," explained Faculty Committee Chairman Marie Markowski. Four candles were lit to symbolize these statutes by graduate members of the NGHS who are of the SW faculty.

The new members were not the only ones to receive certificates, as Principal Marvin O. Koenig was presented with the NHS Charter for the SW chapter, thus officially establishing the chapter here to commend those worthy of the honor.

The students selected for induction qualified in each of the four guidelines: service, scholarship, character, and leadership, with grade-point average deciding scholarship. Faculty members evaluated the students for character and leadership, and the students filled out a questionnaire for service. Final selection was decided by a point scale set by the Faculty Committee.



Juniors Nancy Minney and Mary Ginther seem to enjoy the dissecting of a pig as they play doctor in a biology class. This past month all biology classes have been dissecting earthworms, frogs, and pigs.

SW Spirit Week Westward Bound

Spirit Week is now scheduled for next week, March 1-5. As originally planned, the theme for this year's Spirit Week is the Wild West.

Spirit Week activities begin Monday at 7 p.m., when Southwest plays Mehlville in a Girls' Powder Puff ice hockey game at Immerfrost. Tuesday will feature a Moog synthesizer concert and light show second period in the aud,

as well as the traditional slave sale. The slave sale, or cattle auction as it is called this year, will be held in the old girls' gym during fifth period.

Free Laurel & Hardy and Abbott & Costello movies will be shown in the aud Wednesday during the lunch hour. Thursday will be dress-up day, on which students get into the spirit of the week by dressing up as cowboys and Indians.

Friday rounds off the week with an aud seventh period, during which the King and Queen of Spirit will be announced. The highlight of the week will be the DJ Dance from 6:30-10:30 Friday.

Spirit Week was postponed from earlier this month because the gym was needed for a basketball game on the planned night for the DJ dance, February 13.

Notes & News

SENIOR Nicholas Moon, juniors Mari Wildhaber, Gay Hines, Stephanie Hemm and sophomore Steve Thurn were winners from Southwest in the Blue Ribbon category in the recent Scholastic Art Awards contest, senior division. In the senior division for Gold Key Awards were seniors Marion Merritt, Nicholas Moon, juniors Beth Brunkhorst, Ruth Rasche and sophomore Karen Stefacek.

Winners for the Blue Ribbon category in the junior division were freshmen Connie Cunningham, William Morris, David Smith. The Gold Key awards were given to freshmen Mary Jo Blaha, Daniel Formenti, Verna Porta and Judy Sanazaro.

Honorable Mention Awards were also given to 23 SW students.

THE FOURTH Annual University City Jazz Festival was held on January 31. Two Southwest Stage Band members, senior Mark Bentzinger and freshman Paul Kriege, won Outstanding Musicianship Awards. The judges were Dominic

Spera, Jamey Aebersold and Jim Peteresak, all professional musicians.

DASHING through the halls, the Southwest Cindermen used a novel form of fund raising for the 1976 indoor and outdoor track season.

Running laps isn't new, but being sponsored for running them is. Coach Steve Nuske decided that rather than sell goods (candy, T-shirts, etc.) the trackmen would sell their time and energy for 80 laps of the second floor: 10 miles. This proved very profitable as the track team made \$1,000. The most money was collected by juniors Bob Rosenkranz and Paul Weise, sophomore John Dietl.

SENIOR Kenneth Bass was on hand for the signing of the proclamation that established a Future Business Leaders of America Week by Governor Christopher S. Bond, January 22, in Jefferson City. Kenneth is presently the Missouri State FBLA vice-president.

An O'Fallon co-op student, Kenneth is taking a data processing course of study.

What's Happening

- 1-5 Spirit Week
- 1 Powder Puff hockey game, 7 p.m.
- 2 PTA board meeting, 1 p.m.
Slave Sale, old girls' gym, per. 5
- 3 Spirit Week aud, per. 2
Old Movie aud, 11:45 a.m.-1:25 p.m.
- 4 Dress Up Day
Spirit week aud, per. 7;
- 5 DJ dance, 7-10 p.m.
- 9 National High School Math Exam, per. 2, 3
- 16 Fine Arts Night, 7 p.m.
PTA meeting, 7 p.m.
- 18 Madrigals; PTA Founders,
- 19 Senior Rec. Night, 6:30 p.m.

Tripping Down SW Memory Lane

If the halls of Southwest could talk, chances are they would have quite a story to tell. It may seem hard to imagine, but the very halls students trod were used by the bobby-socked generation of years past.

Back then, a student was not known as a sophomore, junior, etc., but was a "1," "2," or "3" etc. up to an "8." In the 1940's and '50's, students entered high school by semester rather than year. A "1," always referred to as a "nujay," was in his first semester, while a "2" was in his second, and so forth. To add to the confusion, the class day consisted of eight periods.

After-school activities offered a wide variety of choices for every interest. For the academic, you could join the College Club. Athletics were always welcome at the Mixed Badminton Club, and those who enjoyed the company of small-feathered friends could find fulfillment in the SW Bird Club. The Girl Scouts of SW offered every female student a chance to give her best to the country.

If you were into something a little out of the ordinary, you could sign up for the George Gobel Fan Club in room 215. In 1954 the club's membership stood at thirteen.

Bobby Socks and Berets

If you couldn't decide what to wear a look into PIONEER told you what all the "wheels" in the school were wearing.

By Jeanne Robinson and Stephanie Tanaka

The "with it" look for girls in 1967 consisted of a mini-skirt with mini-sweater, topped with a little beret and raised chunky-heeled shoes. At one time a survey determined that Bermuda shorts were the favorite of boys and girls. The new fall trend in boys' clothing was basically anything as long as it was pink and charcoal gray.

In the 1940's, it was impossible to escape the effect of World War II. SW did its share in the war effort by forming the British and American War Relief Unit. Students also made special trips to Southwest Bank to purchase defense savings stamps.

SW Hit Parade

The SW Hit Parade for the first time displayed the popularity of a dance,

the Mambo. Songs on that week's list mirrored this fact with Perry Como's "Papa Loves Mambo" and Rosie Clooney's "Mambo Italiano." During the holidays you could boogie to "Jingle Bells Mambo" or "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer Mambo." In October of 1956, PIONEER took a vote to decide the King of Rock. The candidates were Elvis Presley and Pat Boone.

Senior Syndromes

In 1942, the January graduates numbered 154, six of whom had perfect attendance records for four years of high school. The senior buttons of that year were constructed of cardboard to conserve metal for the war.

It may sound strange to us now, but who knows? Maybe students of the future will be amused by Led Zeppelin, platform shoes, and mood rings.

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Melton, Richards Ignite Steers

With senior Steve Melton scoring 29 points and junior Howard Richards contributing 25 points and 18 rebounds, the Southwest Longhorns coasted to a 78-62 triumph over the Rough Riders of Roosevelt on February 5.

Coach Bob Vogel stated, "Many of our points came from the result of defensive plays. If we play a strong defensive game, Southwest can hold their own against anybody."

The Longhorns hosted CBC February 3 and came away with a 64-61 victory. Melton and Richards again paced the Steers as they posted 19 and 15 points respectively.

On January 30, Coach Jodie Bailey brought his troops down from Northwest. The final score was 79-61 in favor of the visiting Blue Devils. SW was led by co-captain Dave Adams with a 24-point performance.

The Longhorns were humiliated by highly-ranked Soldan, 78-55, on January 23. Guard Steve Melton contributed 14 points in the losing effort.

SW lost to CBC in the first round of the single loss elimination DuBourg Tournament 44-42.

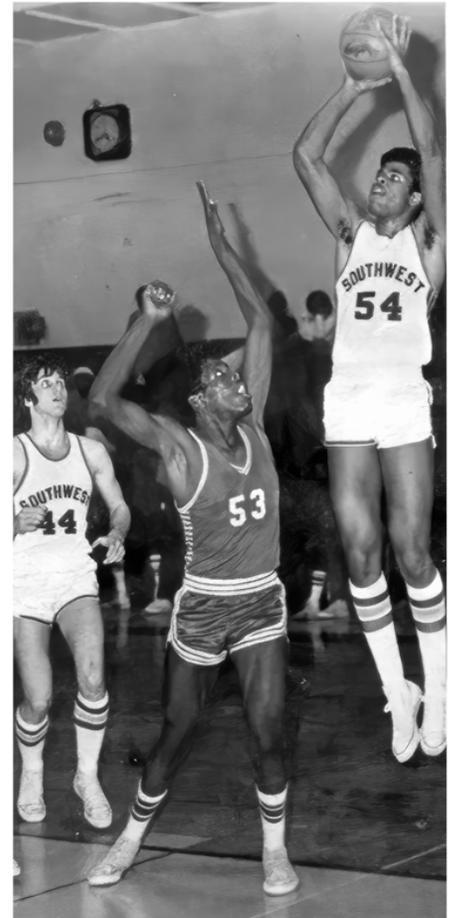
Senior Greg Croson explained, "We played some of the best defensive ball we've played all year, but we just couldn't get our offense to work."

District play starts next Monday for the Steers at DuBourg High School. The teams in SW's district are St. Mary's, Roosevelt, Cleveland, and DuBourg.

Coach Vogel stated, "Top rated St. Mary's will present our biggest competition. They feature a strong passing attack and accurate shooting that would present us with problems should we face them during the Districts."

"We hope to prove something to ourselves as well as to the other schools in our district by having a strong showing."

The Longhorns could be a spoiler at DuBourg but, as Coach Vogel says, "they have to believe in themselves first."



JUNIOR HOWARD RICHARDS (54) shoots over his bewildered Vashon opponent in the Steers 53-49 victory on February 13 in our gym. Senior Dave Adams anxiously anticipates the two points.

SW Upset Central; Capture 2nd

Just as Southwest dominates baseball and Central rules basketball in the PHL, Northwest stands head and shoulders above the other schools in wrestling.

Unfortunately, Southwest wrestling has always been an also-ran in league competition. Evidently someone forgot to tell the 1975-76 team this. They wrestled through all competition with comparative ease, suffering only a tie to Beaumont. Then they travelled north for a first place showdown with the Blue Devils of Northwest.

"We thought it was going to be close," explained senior Del Covington. "Then they came strutting out on the mat like it was a bother for them to have to wrestle us. It drained all our enthusiasm."

In their "drained" condition, SW was able to score only fourteen team points as they lost their first dual meet, 34-14.

After slaughtering McKinley, 51-16, the Longhorns met powerful Central, January 28. The Redwings had also lost to Northwest, and were in second place.

"Northwest was forgotten. We were determined to at least clinch second place," said senior Bruce Walden.

The Longhorns edged Central, 33-30, with the help of five pins. Scoring the six-pointers were first-year men Scott Leslie (98), Jim Green (105), and juniors George Kirkou (145), Tom Coslet (155), and Dave Campbell (167).

The team went on to defeat Sumner, 49-9, and squeak by Roosevelt, 29-27, to clinch second place in the PHL with a record of 8-1-1.

The annual SW Quad Meet saw three SW wrestlers take first places, as the team finished second to Ritenour ahead of Soldan and SLUH. The three medal-takers were sophomore Phil Simms (112), junior Tom Coslet (155), and senior co-captain Greg Noonan (138), who was coming off a leg injury.

The District Championships, held at Roosevelt on February 13 and 14, proved to be a disappointment for this year's young matmen. The team managed only a ninth place finish, but sent four wrestlers to the Regionals.

Both co-captains qualified as Noonan captured a third place at 138 while Glen Hearold took fourth at 185. Tom Coslet, who brought the best record on the team into districts (16-3-1), grabbed a fourth place finish at 155. Jim Green, a freshman sensation, also took a fourth place at 98.

The regionals were held February 18 at Forest Park Community College, but regardless of the outcome, SW is looking for even more success next year, especially in the PHL.

Tom Coslet summed up the team's feelings best when he said, "We're losing only one key starter next year, and I KNOW we're going all the way to the league championship."

SW Swimmers Take PHL

After placing first in the PHL with a 5-0-1 record, Southwest's Swim Team sent their 5 top swimmers plus the 200-yard-medley relay team to the district meet at Meramec on February 20 and 21, Coach Ron Whitworth explained, "We chose our nine best swimmers, including seniors Bernie Kemitzky, William Bennett, Rick Sanders, Tony Torrente, juniors Chuck Vitale, Mark Finley, Ken Sanders, sophomore John Dietl, and Freshman Doug Finley, to make up the medley relay team, to swim against every school in the district and decide six swimmers who would qualify for state."

Cleveland, who was among SW's recent victims, was downed 111-60 on February 5 at Forest Park. SW's only tie, at 41 apiece, came from Roosevelt on February 12, and their final victory on Feb. 17 put CBC and Priory out, 113-93-74.

Behind SW in the PHL race was Sumner taking second and Roosevelt in third. The state meet will be today and tomorrow in Columbia.

Sports Shorts

... "We still need lots of girls who can run or are willing to help coach, keep time, or keep score. An area our team has always been especially weak in is the mile. It doesn't take speed, just strength."

Mrs. Erline Falker, girls' varsity track coach, is asking for strong runners to compliment the sprinters.

Southwest was chosen among 24 other teams to participate in the Parkway Invitational, April 22-24. ... With an overall record of 4-4, SW girls' basketball team finished first in

their league and are tri-champions in the PHL.

In their first game, the team tromped Beaumont, 28-20, with senior Kathy Weber gunning 13 points. Against Cleveland, freshmen Myra Heckel performed outstandingly to lead the team to a close 31-30 victory. After downing Central, 21-12, Weber and Heckel each scored 12 points to put Sumner down, 32-22.

Coach Bonnie Burgett commented, "Even though they weren't high scorers, freshman Laurie McNamara and Debbie Lang deserve recognition."



JUNIOR CHRIS CALDWELL practices agility and grace on the balance beam as she prepares for gymnastic competition to begin in March.

Skaters Fight For Second, Playoffs

The Southwest Hockey Steers have qualified for the Mid-States Hockey Playoffs for the fourth consecutive year but have yet to clinch second place in the Mid-States Central Division.

Under the playoff system, the second and third place teams in each division play each other. This means the Hockey Steers will play Chaminade, who tied 4-4 in a February 7 game. After the first period, SW skaters were leading, 1-0, on a goal by senior Mike Gianinni. With :09 elapsed in the second period.

Chaminade tied the score at 1-1 and went on to take a 4-3 second period lead.

In the third, it took just 1:46 for senior Dave Italiano to tie it up, which is how it remained. This could insure second place for the Steers, who have 22 points. Chaminade has 21.

The Longhorns quickly fell behind a strong Vianney team, 3-1, in the first period of a February 4 game, but went on to win though they were still losing, 7-1, when they skated off after the second period. Two late third-period power-play goals by Gianinni helped the Steers to an 8-7 win over Vianney. The winning goal was scored with only five seconds remaining in the game.

It looked like an easy win in a January 24 game when senior Matt Buha (21 goals, 55 points), Italiano, and senior Rich Peth scored within the first five minutes of the game. Clayton came back with two late first-period goals of their own, and by the end of the second period, they were leading, 4-3. Junior Keith Bowen then netted an unassisted goal to tie the score at 4-4, as the Steers went on to win, edging Clayton, 5-4.

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