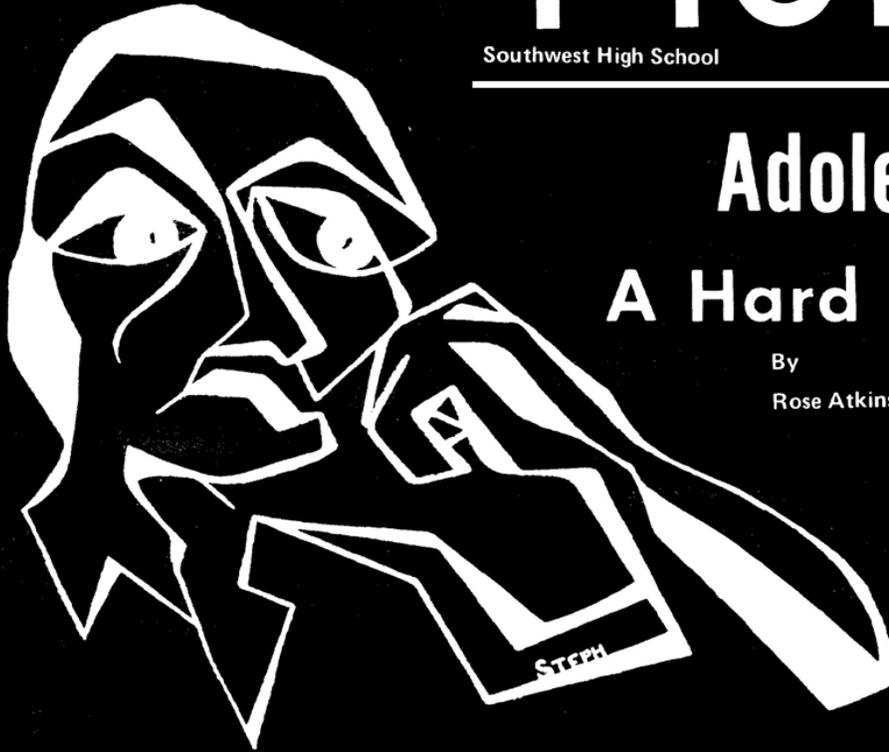


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Adolescence: A Hard Way to Grow

By
Rose Atkins

often confused as to how to relate to the situation. Thus, depression results.

Depression, much like every other aspect of life, is measured in degree.

"There are a number of theories about depression, but no one really knows the exact cause or causes," said Mr. Schmitt. The most common symptoms of depression, according to one psychologist, are:

(1.) sad, apathetic moods, 2.) self-blame, 3.) the desire to hide or stay away from others, 4.) loss of sleep and appetite, and 5.) a change in a person's activity level. Sometimes a person may even reach such a state of hopelessness that he considers suicide.

Every teenager, at one time or another, has all of these symptoms and they are quite normal. It is only when a person has a prolonged feeling of sadness, self-blame, etc. that his friends and parents should begin to worry about him.

"Most teenagers usually don't get this depressed, but if they do, early help from clinics and social agencies can help them avoid the dangers of severe depression," according to Mr. Schmitt.

Depression in teenagers is often provoked by parents, other teenagers, school and jobs. Those afflicted are subject to seeing familiar things in different ways.

One of the most common problems which teenagers face today is changing values and morals. On one side are parents telling them to live one way; on the other side are friends telling them the complete opposite.

"Many teenagers don't realize that it is they who have changed, not their parents, and that parents are being seen in a different light," said Mr. Schmitt.

Misunderstood Motives

Parental problems are usually caused by a misunderstanding of parents'

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Mild depression among teenagers is a very common problem. To overcome this, a person must want to help himself before anyone else can. To try to keep yourself in a healthy state of mind, one should:

1. Avoid running away from or fighting your emotions. Try to understand why you feel the way you do.

2. Avoid negative thinking. Remember, there's always tomorrow to patch up that fight you had with your best friend today.

3. Avoid self-pity. Try to have a sense of humor and be honest with yourself.

4. Avoid looking for bad motives when analyzing other people or yourself.

5. Avoid worrying over little things. If you find yourself worrying, talk it over with someone else.

6. If you find a depressing mood has overtaken you, check to see what caused it. Maybe someone else can help you if you let him.

7. Always remember, "Nothing succeeds like success."

Who am I? What am I?

No, this is not a severe case of amnesia, but rather a problem with which we are all familiar — adolescence. According to psychologist Sigmund Freud, "Adolescence is a time for mourning." The teenager is saying goodbye to childhood and to many of the things he loved as a youngster.

Mourning Has Broken

Teenagers everywhere are facing the problems of mental, emotional, psychological and physical changes which may lead to depression.

"As children, they had managed to compromise trusting people and becoming independent and dependent. But now as adolescents, they find themselves suddenly thrust into all kinds of new and challenging adjustments and must learn to renegotiate all of their ideas," stated Southwest Social Worker, Mr. Theodore Schmitt.

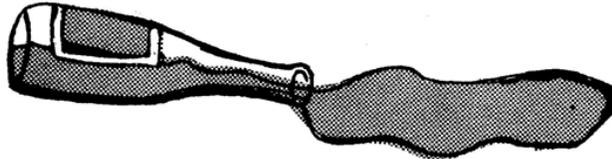
Physically, we are undergoing tremendous changes. Mentally, we stop thinking as children and we evolve a more complex thinking process. Emotionally, we must learn how to handle new relationships with other people, and psychologically, we have to learn many new roles. As a result, when faced with a new type of problem, teenagers are

Alcoholism - What to Know

By Steve Carroll

Choosing whether or not to drink is not necessarily the most perplexing problem about drinking. The real problem lies with handling your drinking or not drinking at all. Every person should have his own positive reason for drinking. This involves honest evaluation of your motives. Arthur J. Lesser and other M.D.'s, psychologists and psychiatrists at the Center for the Prevention of Alcoholism gave these warning signs as the most positive symptoms of alcoholism:

1. The drinker begins drinking much more often alone.
2. He begins using any excuse to take a drink.
3. He finds himself needing a drink early in the morning.
4. He sometimes blacks out or has temporary lapses of memory, usually forgetting the most recent information given him.
5. He begins drinking to escape his daily problems.
6. The drinker gulps drink after drink.
7. He needs a drink often in the middle of the night.
8. He becomes very nervous in the presence of people when he hasn't had a drink.



At this stage a person can effectively be treated. If he doesn't seek help, he faces a possible addiction to alcohol. There are several treatment centers in the St. Louis area. Two organizations are the ones nearest you. One is Alcoholics Anonymous-South Branch at 5425 South Grand, telephone-353-5353.

Another organization if you need help or would like information is Alcoholism Information Center, 1118 Hampton Avenue, 781-3550. These organizations have openline telephones 24 hours a day. If you need to know something or you know of someone who might be on the road to becoming an alcoholic, give them a call. They're there to serve you.



We Need It

By Laurie Schmitz

On March 3 and 11, Southwest held voter registration for the interested eighteen-year-olds in the school, who number over 400. This registration was in preparation for the school tax election scheduled for April 27 in an effort to get the eighteen-year-olds to vote for the tax.

If united, the eligible students could have an astonishing effect on the election. Coupled with the affirmative vote of their parents, the badly needed funds could be raised.

SW students know how badly this money is needed. Their parents also can see the effects of lack of funds.

The often-repeated consequences of the failure of another tax election will not be put down here. Anyone who listens to the news is familiar with these. Only this point needs to be made — anyone who cares about the welfare of the school system should get out and vote themselves, or, if they are unable to vote, urge their family, friends and neighbors to go out and cast an affirmative vote. We need it!

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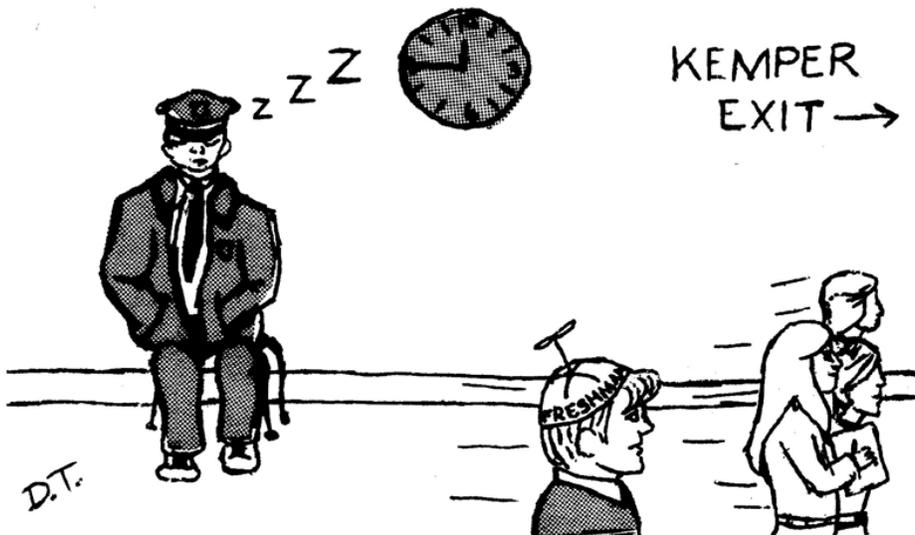
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Locker Thefts Show Lack of Respect

By George Ryan

This year at Southwest has shown a rise in locker thefts. This should seem strange with three security guards and teachers stationed in the halls. Apparently, there are students in this school capable of opening locks faster than their owners can. Considering this as a possibility, it would be impossible for a guard or teacher to spot a locker thief.

PIONEER interviewed Administrative Assistant Al Ecker and discovered some facts about locks. Mr. Ecker urges people who have combination locks to keep the combination to themselves. People should never set combination locks so that they open with one turn. However, Mr. Ecker was most critical of key locks that have keys with teeth on both sides. These are the easiest to pick. Mr. Ecker advises strongly that students buy good hardened steel locks.

There is also the question concerning Audio-Visual and their bolt cutters which gives Mr. Steve Hearnes, AV head, and a select group of students access to any locker in the school. With regard to this, Mr. Ecker stated that he has given orders to have the bolt cutters kept under lock and key and available only to Mr. Hearnes.

Having a locker is a privilege and a convenience given to students by the school. However, the school is not liable in any way for things stolen from lockers. Most of the items being stolen are books, money, and expensive coats. Students who are caught stealing, and some have been caught, can in most cases wave goodbye to SW, according to Mr. Ecker.

According to Mr. Ecker the thefts aren't occurring at night or during the tutorial classes. The thefts are occurring during lunchtime and in the late afternoon. Students are stealing from fellow students. That's real school spirit.

It would seem that it is up to each individual student to devise adequate security for his belongings at school because the student can expect little or no help from security guards or teachers.

Badges Have New Uses

By Diane Ortleb

ID badges, those unpopular plastic cards that no Southwest student can survive without, serve various purposes, both legitimate and not so legitimate, outside the school building.

The badges may be used as a valid identification when applying for jobs, cashing a check, or possibly establishing credit. One math teacher encourages the use of ID badges as straight edge rules in his mathematic classes.

However, several SW students have created for themselves new identities out of their old badges and started a growing although illegal use for the ID.

The badges split, with either normal wear and tear or with some assistance, into two plastic layers bearing a photograph and the Southwest emblem, and a paper with the typed information concerning the student.

Several students have merely changed their birthdate on the ID to make them old enough to purchase liquor, or to attend discotheques with an age requirement. Other students have altered their ID's, granting themselves counterfeit positions at Southwest such as security guard, or custodians.

Students should be aware that disciplinary action will be taken if ID's are found to be defaced.

A SW Junior commented, "The ID's are made so cheaply this year, fakes are super easy to make. And for a dollar you can always get a new one."

After two years of student reluctance and even defiance in wearing ID's, students have discovered a purpose for their badges, although it may not be the intended one.

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motives. Oftentimes we feel that they are "pushing us around", but this might be because some parents are just as unsure of this period of our lives as we are. They are faced with the problem of seeing us as young adults rather than children. We are faced with the problem of coping with the fact that our parents aren't the perfect human beings we once thought they were, and that they make mistakes sometimes too.

Another big depression factor among teenagers is dating. This is the time when most of us first experience what we feel is "true love" for the opposite sex. Guys are afraid they might be turned down and the girls are afraid they may never even be asked. Emotions tend to run wild during teenage years, and this can cause periods of depression which aren't always balanced by those of elation.

This is a time when teenagers are under the stress of peer-pressure and acceptance by other teenagers. Many people end up just following the trend and "going along with the gang." They

try so hard to be accepted, and if they are not, they become depressed and begin to wonder why they tried in the first place. So, they may be compelled to turn to alcoholic beverages or drugs because of a need to escape from this pressure.

According to Mr. Schmitt, this is a time when "teenagers must learn how to develop themselves as individuals and yet be a part of the group. This is a pretty big job."

School can also be pretty rough on teenagers. After the first few months, some people get bored and it becomes tiresome sitting through classes all day and then often facing hours of homework at night. But there's also the longing to finish high school and get that diploma.

Another major contribution to teenage depression is the job situation right now. Most teenagers don't enjoy the drudgery of going to a job every day after school, but the rising prices of their wants and needs force them into this situation. Thus, job and school often conflict. Homework has to be done, but you also

have a job to go to, so schoolwork slides and grades become depressing.

Also, there are many teenagers who have no idea what they will do or what will become of them after high school is over. Jobs are hard to come by and many employers don't want to hire people without experience.

Apparently, this is what adolescence is all about — gaining experience. As teenagers, we have to learn the boundaries in a whole new world. Where feelings are concerned, we have to learn the highs and lows of life, what level of feeling is appropriate in specific situations. Because of this, some teenagers become overly depressed about themselves because they haven't learned the proper perspective and balance.

As we gain experience, and as rough waves hit us, we can say "I've been through this before and I guess I can ride it out again." But we aren't alone. There's a whole world of people just like us facing the same problems as we are. Maybe this is one of the advantages of growing up.



GOVERNOR KIT BOND watches freshmen **Cindy Tatum** and **Judy Hughes** conduct an experiment in a science class.

photo by Henry Voges

Gov. Bond Visits

Governor Christopher Bond visited Southwest, as well as O'Fallon Technical Center, Northwest High School and Scullin Elementary School, on March 4.

This tour originated out of the Governor's office with the purpose of seeing situations as they exist in public schools. He chose O'Fallon for its technical facilities, Northwest for its overcrowded conditons and Scullin as an example of elementary learning.

He chose SW because this is one of the few schools which has enrollment at capacity. Governor Bond was also interested in the Reading Room and Free Study areas in the cafeteria and student lounge. He also visited science, spanish and physical education classes.

Scholars Vs. Faculty

Southwest's Scholarquiz Team has challenged some of the faculty members to a match next Wednesday at 3:45 in the auditorium.

Since the match is free, anyone is welcome to view the game. The teachers who volunteered for the game are Mrs. Martha Kuhn and Mrs. Marilyn Chase, social studies teachers; Mrs. Anne Marie Medley, French teacher; Mrs. Linda Techner and Mr. Michael Carroll, Communications Skills teachers; and Mr. Gary Shell, math teacher.

The idea for the game came from a similar one played between faculty members and a team at Washington University. "I think the faculty is competition," said Mrs. Marcella Milcic, sponsor of the SW Scholarquiz Team.

Bands to Go on Tour

Southwest's band groups will be on the move for the next several months. Stage Band will start their travels on March 30. They will be taking part in the Seventh Annual Forest Park Community College Jazz Festival for their fifth year.

At 7 p.m. on April 4, Union United Methodist Church will be the third appearance off-campus for the Chamber Winds group. This will be their second sacred concert.

By special request Symphonic Band will play "Jesus Christ Superstar," as well as original works for bands by American composers on April 8 at 8 p.m. in our aud. This performance will include the band and choir. Tickets will be on sale from any music student.

School of the Ozarks is hosting a college band workshop in which the SW Band will participate. They will leave April 28 for the Ozarks and perform at the International Silver Dollar City Music Festival and return home, May 1.

After a four day rest, on May 5 will be the SW District Band Festival at 7:30 in the new boys' gym. This will include the Symphonic and Stage Bands, District Elementary Honors Band and bands from Busch, Buder, and Nottingham Elementary Schools.

The last of the concerts will be on May 13 which is the May Musical at 8 p.m. in our auditorium.

Co-Ed P.E. in Fall

Because of a Federal Government requirement regarding mixed classes in the St. Louis high schools, there has been talk that Southwest will have co-ed physical education next year.

Recently, a meeting was held by SW's physical education teachers in which it was decided that SW will have co-ed gym next September, but so far only in team sports and gymnastics.

The St. Louis schools were given a certain number of years to implement an amendment in Title Nine, a government mandate where the integration by sex of certain classes was necessary in order to keep receiving Federal support.

As of now, SW is the only city high school which doesn't have some kind of phys. ed. co-ed class. Last semester, Sumner had co-ed Slimnastics and swimming classes. Roosevelt also had co-ed swimming classes.

Mrs. Earline Falker, department head of girls' Physical Education, feels confident that co-ed gym will work and most of the students will like it.

"The only problem I would worry about would be the safety of the student. Girls aren't as strong as boys and this might create some problems."



photos by Martin Millman



Notes and News

THE CHEERLEADERS Club is sponsoring a Rock Concert April 23 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. It is being held to help raise money to send the cheerleaders to camp this summer.

The performing group, Babylon, has played here before and some of the members are graduates of SW. Tickets are \$1 and will go on sale after next week.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH Annual High School Mathematics Examination was held at Southwest on March 9 in which sixty-five math students participated. The examination was aimed to create interest in mathematics among students and various awards will be given for high scorers.

TAKING THE PLACE of Mr. Steve Techner in the Mathematics Department is Mr. Prem Bahl. Mr. Bahl attended the University of London for three years and then came to St. Louis in 1970. In 1971 he got his masters degree from Washington University and taught at Ladue and Cleveland High Schools. Mr. Techner left SW to pursue a career outside of teaching.

NATIONAL Honor Society had their organizational meeting March 3 to elect officers. Elected were senior Dave Ford, president; junior Scott Messel, vice - president junior Margie Fichtenmayer, secretary; and senior Nancy Bohnert, treasurer.

ANOTHER NEW ADDITION to the SW faculty is Miss Julie Frank. Miss Frank is taking the place of Mrs. Connie Perkinson in the Physical Education Department. Miss Frank went to school at Skidmore University in New York and taught at Buder, Windsor, and Meramec Elementary Schools the first semester of this year. Miss Frank said it was a relief to get back into a high school where it is easier to communicate with students.

ON MARCH 13, the Seventh Annual Mathematics Field Day was held at the SIU Edwardsville Campus. Competing for Southwest against other schools were: seniors Martha Crusius, Kevin Mowery, Martin Millman, Kevin Foster, and alternate Sue Muench; juniors Helen Kadlex, Anne Mangelsdorf, Nevels Scott, Paul Weise, and alternate Brian Wirthlin; and sophomores Linda Clark, Lyle Levine, Mark Meier, Nancy Minney, David Schultz, and alternate Jackie Porges.

Individual and team awards were presented to the high-scoring individuals and teams in each class.

REFLECTIONS will be published in early April and will cost 25 or 30 cents. Sponsor, Mr. Pat Meloy, said that the name may be changed according to its contents, but it is still to be a collection of students writings, poetry, short stories, essays, etc.



Due to vandalism resulting from orange spray paint which can be seen around the school building, both Southwest and Roosevelt have been placed on a one-year probation.

The cause of the vandalism was the fact that SW beat Roosevelt for the PHL title in swimming competition, February 12. SW tied Roosevelt with a score of 40 points. Roosevelt lost points due to a technicality—Roosevelt had no visual lap-counters for the 500-yard free style. This provoked strong resentment among Roosevelt students, according to Coach Dennis Whitworth.

When asked why SW was placed on probation since Roosevelt was not vandalized, Coach Whitworth said that a mache' penguin, Roosevelt's mascot which was stolen by SW swimmers in January, had something to do with it.

Roosevelt is also not allowed any spectators at any of their home meets as a disciplinary action for the vandalism.

"Reflection of poor sportsmanship on the part of Roosevelt was shown because we tied the meet on a technicality, which shows immaturity and the inability to accept things," stated Coach Whitworth.

Principal Marvin Koenig agreed that this was an act of immaturity on the part of Roosevelt.

Regarding who has to pay for the damage and the cost for repairs, Assistant Principal Woody Hatfield said that the school board will have to pay for this and it may be quite expensive.

The probation means that if either of the two swim teams show any unruly conduct within the next year, it will be suspended from Public High League competition.

What's Happening

April

- 4 Chamber Winds perform, United Methodist Church
- 6 PTA Board Meeting, 1 p.m.
- 8 Band-Choir Concert, 8 p.m.
- 12-16 Spring vacation, no classes
- 20 PTA Meeting, fashion show
- 23 Rock Concert, 7 p.m.
- 30 Junior Ring Dance, 7 p.m.

Yawning Syndrome Strikes Southwest

It's time for the springtime blahs. Class periods seem to last forever, causing severe cases of classroom boredom. If it's any comfort, PIONEER has compiled a list of symptoms for those who fear they may be a victim.

Bordom is:

- waking up to find you are surrounded by strange people from the next hour class.
- playing tic-tac-toe with yourself and losing
- seeing how far you can cross your eyes without getting them stuck
- watching the big hand on the clock move
- trying to carve your initials in a desk top with a felt tip marker.
- counting your teeth
- seeing how many times in a row you can belch
- connecting the freckles on the neck of the guy in front of you
- seeing how many different bones you can crack from a sitting position
- watching the wierd kid across the aisle try to braid the hair on his arm
- guessing the brands of gum stuck under your desk
- watching the plant on the teacher's desk grow
- practicing Boy Scout knots with a strand of hair
- creating a new alphabet
- watching the pupils of the teacher's eyes dilate
- reading a PIONEER humor story

Record Buy at Cow Sale

Freshman Steve Wagenfuhr holds the record for the most number of cattle purchased at Southwest.

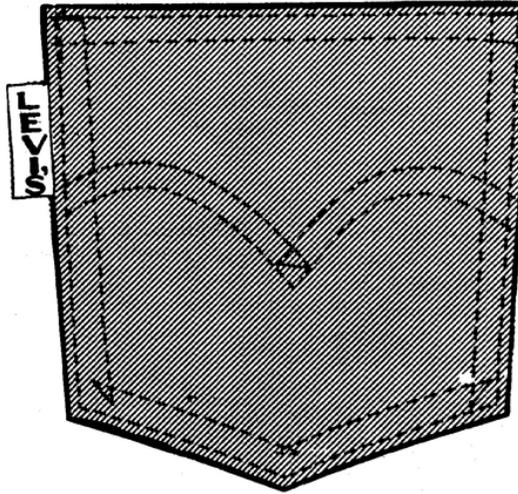
Steve bought 19 people at the cattle auction on March 2, sponsored by Student Congress to celebrate Spirit Week. The herd cost him a total of \$23.

Steve stated his reason for buying that many "cows" was to spend his money for a good cause and to get a little fun at the same time.

Although he bought so many "cattle," none of them showed up for the slaughter.

Among those purchased by Steve was Student Congress President Matt Buha. According to Matt, "There was a mishap between the 'cattle' and Steve. The 'cows' were unable to get his name or advisory number in all the confusion. We'll refund his money if he wants it."

Steve felt he didn't "mind losing the money, it's just the principle of the thing."



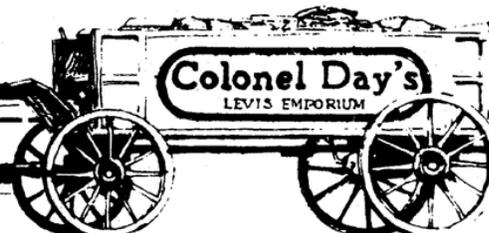
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Is Truth the Best Policy?

By Melody Noel

Truth, is it always the best way?

Sheila and Betty are old friends. Although their tastes are opposite, they still enjoy a pleasant rapport. Sheila comes to school with a new hair cut. Betty hates it. While the two talk, the conversation turns to Sheila's new style. "How do you like it?" says Sheila. "I hate it!" replies Betty.

Some students may find this type of truth refreshing. Others may feel hurt, insulted, perhaps even violently angry. "My first reaction would be to want to hit her," said senior Barb Burns. "I would probably settle for asking her why she hates it."

Truth between people is one situation we all come up against when more than two people are involved.

You walk into a party only to find your best friend's boyfriend/girlfriend with another boy/girl. The next day your friend asks you how the party was. If you don't tell him/her, your conscience will haunt you. If you do, he/she will be deeply hurt.

Sophomore DeDe Burch gave her answer to the problem, saying, "I would tactfully tell the person that she had better watch her guy. I wouldn't want her to go on not knowing." Senior Mike LaFerla disagreed with this, saying, "I would keep the information to myself. I would not want to be the one to hurt them."

Any of these solutions may strain relations not only with the people directly involved but also with well-meaning friends.

Truth, is it always a virtue?

You may have to decide.

Drive American Cars

That driver coming down the race track at 120 miles per hour is junior Robert Thompson.

Robert began racing last year at St. Louis International Raceway. His older brother was a drag racer and the profession has descended to him.

His first car was a 1955 Chevrolet named "Lady Marmalade." In one of his first races at the track, his car was destroyed in a wreck. Robert recalls the accident: "Never count on a rear axle not coming out at 120 m.p.h." Fortunately, Robert wasn't hurt, but his car was a total loss.

A 1968 Chevelle is Robert's present car. He already has about \$2500 invested in it. He hopes to race professionally someday but needs at least \$50,000 capital to get a competitive car.

The racing season at the tracks opens this month. Robert says that he'll be racing then, but, "Right now, racing is just a very expensive hobby."



Made in Japan

How would you like to find out you're going to a foreign country for a year, but not have any idea what city until six hours before you leave? It's a scary situation, but that's what happened to senior Makito Masaki when he came here from Japan in August.

"Now I'm glad that I came to St. Louis, and I'm very happy that I'm living so close to McDonald's."

Makito applied to be a foreign-exchange student with the group, Youth For Understanding. He had to pass an exam and attended several orientation sessions before coming. A host family in

the Southwest district picked Makito to stay with them.

After seven months in St. Louis, Makito has become accustomed to American life. He feels schoolwork is a lot easier here and there are more things to do on weekends.

"Americans have more money, land and leisure time," Makito commented. I'll bet we didn't know we had it so good!

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Steers Express Confidence, Look Toward Crown

by Mike Blase

The 1976 baseball season has three things in common with the 1975 season. Southwest's nickname is still the Longhorns, Mr. Edgar Graham is still the Steers coach, and the PHL title will probably belong to SW once more.

Coach Graham has been at the helm of the Longhorn baseball team for the past three years. SW has come away with the PHL crown five times out of those years.

Looking at the PHL this year, Coach Graham sees Sumner, Central, and Cleveland to be Southwest's closest competition. Last year's only league loss for the Longhorns came at the hands of Northwest. The Blue Devils shouldn't pose a problem this year.

Commander Graham has set three goals for the Steers to accomplish this season. The first one is to win the PHL and go undefeated through league play. Secondly, he would like to win a total of over 20 games for the year. And third, bring home a state championship to SW.

The Steers open their season on March 30 when the Cadets of CBC come to Sublette Park. This game should be an excellent stepping stone in preparing SW

for the Mehlville-Lindberg Invitational Tournament. This tourney presents many of the top teams in the area, including last year's state champion, Fox High School. The Longhorns open the tournament against one of the host schools, Mehlville, April 2, at Mehlville.

Behind the plate for the Steers will be senior Jim McNeil. McNeil is a defensive specialist who has the tendency to drive in clutch runs.

At third base is senior Gerald Elam. Elam is noted mainly for his hitting. He led the team in RBI's last year and should supply this year's squad with the power that is needed.

With senior Dale Economon and sophomore Rich Juedemann at second base, Coach Graham has the kind of problem most coaches dream about. Both players batted over .300 a year ago with Juedemann posting a .393 batting average, as a freshman, and Economon batting .317 and having a slightly better fielding average.

At first base, the job will probably go to the experienced senior, Dave Daniels. Daniels led the regulars last year with a .383 batting average and was the most consistent of the Longhorns with the stick.

The shortstop position on the SW baseball team is still up for grabs, but when the smoke clears and the dust settles to the ground, the position will probably belong to junior Scott Messel.

The Longhorn outfield has five strong contenders for the starting positions. Seniors Bob Bueltmann, Jim Privitor, and Mark Sutherlin (who will also see playing time on the infield as well), junior Greg Beisher, and sophomore Al McNeil will all be capable outfielders.

The pitching ace will be senior Jim Gehm. Gehm has a blistering fastball, a good curve, and an excellent change of pace.

The rest of the staff will be paced by two sophomores, Rick Garozzo and Craig Ummel. Garozzo allowed just 1.17 earned runs a game for the Steers last year and Ummel recorded a 1.20 ERA.

Who knows? Maybe this year, with the mixture of experience and talent the SW Longhorn baseball team can bring home a state championship in the year of 1976.

Sport Shorts

... The annual Lettermen-Faculty basketball game played on Feb. 24 once again gave the faculty a victory through individual talent. Mr. Warren Gower led the faculty as high scorer and playmaker, bucketing 24 of the team's 57 points.

The Lettermen combined their efforts to come up with 50 points. High scorer was senior Joe Perniciaro with 9 points.

Coach of the Lettermen, senior Dave Adams, explained, "Both the faculty and we had a lot of talent on our teams, but in the end their experience proved to be too much for us."

... Coached by Bob Italiano, Southwest's Powder Puff Hockey Team played its first game against Mehlville on March 1 to begin Spirit Week. Adding to SW's 6-2 victory was junior Sue Sondag scoring the hat trick.

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Longhorns Lose in Regional Final

The Southwest Longhorns were defeated by the highly-rated St. Mary's Dragons in the DuBourg Regional Tournament on March 5 at DuBourg, 62-45.

The Steers fell behind early in the championship contest and were never able to catch up. SW got into the final by trouncing DuBourg 58-43 on March 3.

Coach Bob Vogel stated, "I feel that this game was the best that we've played all year."

The Longhorns were led by juniors Howard Richards with 21 points and Kevin Bostic with 15.

The Steers ended the season with a 10-14 record and had strong showings in the SLUH, Chaminade, and Regional Tournaments. Although the Longhorns ended this season under .500, Coach Vogel anticipates an improvement in next year's team.

Although five seniors will graduate, Coach Vogel feels that capable juniors, such as Kelvin Bostic, Howard Richards, and Bill Tolen, will take their place, besides the players brought up from B-team, who ended their season with a 13-3 mark.

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SENIOR Greg Croson fires away during the Regional Finals at DuBourg on March 3.

Skaters Lose in Quarter-Finals

It's ironic that DeSmet, the team the Hockey Steers defeated, 3-2, in last year's quarter final playoffs to enable them to go to finals, came back this year to turn it around by knocking the Steers out of the playoffs and further playoff competition.

In the February 28 quarter final match at Olivette, the DeSmet team jumped to an early 3-0 lead.

Senior Mike Gianninni broke the shutout with a power play goal, and it looked as if SW would start coming back. Senior Matt Buha then got a quick faceoff in DeSmet's end of the ice, enabling Gianinni to score his second goal. Gianinni ended the night with 3 goals and 1 assist. However, the Steers lost the game, 8-4.

Second-place SW played division opponent Chaminade in the first round of the February 24 playoffs. SW had to play into overtime before finally winning it, 7-6. Although Chaminade scored first, seniors Dave Italiano and Gianinni made it 2-1. Chaminade came out early to score quickly in each period, forcing the Steers to get back into the game in the second period to hold onto a 4-3 lead.

The Steers managed two late third period goals, and at the end of regulation time, the score was in a 6-6 deadlock. As the game moved into overtime with just under 1:00 gone, Gianinni netted the winning goal.

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Indoor Trackmen Compete for State

The Southwest Cindermen conclude their indoor season in the State Qualifying Meet this afternoon at the Armory.

Among the entries for SW are seniors Dave Ford and Don Schwalje; both are competing in the open 880-yard dash. Ford has an excellent chance of qualifying as he has already posted a time of 2:04.5. The distance runners have been strong throughout the indoor season, especially the two-mile relay teams.

The senior two-mile relay team of seniors Ford, Martin Millman, Schwalje, and junior Paul Weise has had two fine showings, placing fourth in their first meet and third in their second.

The junior team of freshmen Tony Boeger and Irving Millman, and sophomores John Dietl and Dave Schultz also has made fine showings with a fourth in the first meet.



SENIOR Karl Shafferkoetter bends his pole as he practices for the pole vault.

Distance is not the only strong point of this year's team. Returning shot-putter Ken Judd placed fifth in his first meet and has a good shot at qualifying the state. Sprinters, led by juniors Aninias Hill and Stan Newsome are also getting into form and will challenge anyone and everyone.

At the first meet February 20, SW placed 8 in a field of 18, scoring 15 points. The Steers finished the second meet with only 6 points garnered by the senior 2-mile relay, March 1, but still looked strong in the Summer Invitational, March 5.

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