

'77 Seniors' Career Goals Surveyed

By Michael Parish

It seems that the career goals of Southwest seniors are not chosen because of money, but, surprisingly enough, the jobs that they would like to have all pay well.

In a survey taken by PIONEER of the career goals of 130 seniors, 73 percent want to go to college or attend some kind of training school. Students had a variety of occupational goals, but some concentrated areas were evident. Fourteen percent want to go into the health field, 10 percent want to go into business, and 6 percent want engineering or accounting careers. In contrast, only two people want to be teachers.

A person coming out of high school or college is going to have to do some hard work to get a job. Some students follow in the footsteps of a relative or friend. Others may turn a part-time job into a full-time one.

Counselor Marguerite German said, "Any job to start with is good because usually you can't start at the top; but do a good job, whatever you do."

The survey of seniors' goals turned out as Counselor Charles West predicted. "There are a lot of students who want to go into the engineering, health, business, administrative and accounting fields, but there isn't much demand for teachers,

and, anyway, the students aren't going into that field.

"The health field, which includes nurses, doctors, dental technicians as well as others, is in the largest demand, but in the business administration and engineering fields, the demand for workers is sometimes up, sometimes down," Mr. West said.

Students who can't find jobs may turn to a military career. Mr. West said that students should be flexible if the job market happens to be closed and be willing to take some training in something else.

"It's always good to know a little about something else," he said.

Students don't have to be totally ignorant of the occupations that they would like to have. The *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, found in the counseling office, tells students how much schooling is needed for a job,

salary, working conditions, and gives a 5-10 year projection of where tomorrow's jobs will be.

Survey Results

Career	Total Choice
Accounting	8
Architecture	2
Biology	3
Business	13
Carpentry	1
Electronics	1
Engineering	8
Journalism	2
Law	3
Mechanic	9
Music, Art, Photo.	5
Police	3
Science	7
Secretary	10
Special Ed. Service	8
Sports	1
Stewardess	2
Teaching	2
Woodwork	6

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Teachers' Requirements To Be Explained

Ever since Mr. Steve Warmack became the assistant principal in charge of instruction this year, he has been visiting various classrooms. He has visited about 40 classes and plans to visit all classes by the end of the year.

Mr. Warmack has several things he looks for when he visits a classroom. He

By Henry Voges

notes the teaching style, teacher personality, classroom management, and lesson presentation.

Mr. Warmack stated, "The faculty is doing a good job. The atmosphere here at Southwest is conducive to academic learning."

One significant result of Mr. Warmack's classroom visits is the establishment of a general teaching policy.

This general policy will be a broad outline of the teacher's requirements for passing the course. It would cover the teacher's policies concerning absences, tests, daily work, and other class requirements.

This week the standardized policy will be discussed with students. The teacher's requirements will be described to them. Then, the students will sign a card stating that they understand the requirements for passing the course.

"This policy is in keeping with Mr. Koenig's program of student responsibility," according to Mr. Warmack. "I hate it when a student says a teacher failed me. It's the student who failed himself," added Mr. Warmack.

"I think this is a protection of student rights. It makes the student accountable and responsible to himself."

Some teachers had a fear that this would standardize teaching technique throughout the school.

Mr. Warmack countered this fear by saying, "Each teacher has his own technique. Our policy is not to inhibit or suppress their personality."

In the course of his classroom visits, Mr. Warmack has encountered a wide variety of teaching techniques.

One such technique is that employed by mathematics teacher, Mrs. Doris Lancaster. Her technique is based on a concept called the Open Classroom.

Mrs. Lancaster has an individualized way of teaching. "Each student is his own classroom. The class is divided into six groups and each student progresses at his own rate."

Another interesting feature of Mrs. Lancaster's classes is music. On the days when students work individually, the sounds of Chicago, Bob Seeger, or Lynyrd Skynyrd might be heard coming from room 103. "Music helps the student relax," Mrs. Lancaster commented.



photo by Henry Voges

Students Express Views on Cliques

Do you find yourself sitting through free study with the same people day after day? Are those people the same ones you also eat lunch with everyday? Do those people always seem to be around after school too?

If this is true, to some people you and your friends would be classified as a "social clique." According to Sociology teacher Mr. Leon Anton, "A social clique is a group of closely knit young people with similar interests."

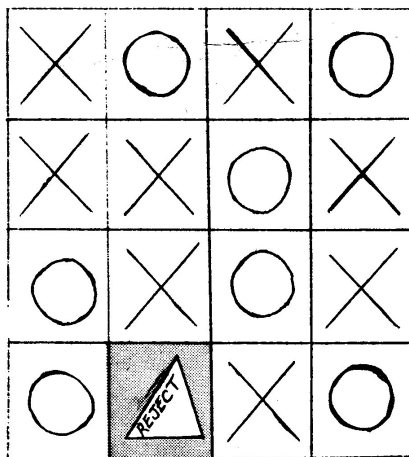
Such cliques do exist at Southwest as well as throughout society. The dictionary says a clique is a small exclusive set or snobbish group of people. Students expressed similar meanings of cliques.

"It's a group of people who think they're better than others," said senior Karen Payne. "It's people who don't want to talk to anyone else. They're in their own little group themselves," said sophomore Mat Mate Linda Dieckman.

"It's a stuck-up group with special friends who don't want to associate with anyone else," said junior Pom Pon girl Kim Depper. "It's a group that wants to be different than everybody else," said senior Letterman Harry Lohse.

It's normal for people with common interests to hang around together, but

By Debbie Baker and Margie Fichtenmayer



maybe you're missing out on something by not getting acquainted with that quiet person in the corner. Perhaps you're not helping yourself by not exploring.

Senior class sponsor, Miss Marilyn Chase, stated, "Being in a clique can be harmful by excluding yourself from new experiences." As coach of the Girls' Field Hockey and Swim teams, Miss Julie

Frank feels cliques among the teams can be detrimental to them. Miss Frank thinks this discourages other people from trying out, therefore, leaving the same people on the same teams year after year.

These types of groups give several impressions to other students. Junior Board member Leslie Williams feels clique groups are fine if a certain group of people like each other, but when that group thinks they're exclusive, that's bad.

"I think they're dumb and there is no sense in them. We should all try to get along," commented senior Barb Gleason. Student Council officer Mark Chavez stated, "Cliques are good in a way because they allow people to get closer together, but on the other hand they're bad because clique members don't associate with anyone else."

There seems to be almost no way to avoid social cliques. People of the same religion, and of the same political beliefs form cliques. "No matter where you go you're going to find cliques because of social, economical status," said junior Tony Parise.

People of lower, middle, or upper income tend to associate with other people of about the same income. People of similar backgrounds socialize together.

'No, I Don't Have Three Job References'

By Don Villella

Well, it's about that time of year again.

The time when high school students scramble to put in job applications for spring and summer.

Mr. Conrad Wuerz is the sponsor of the Distributive Education program at Southwest. He has had a great deal of experience in helping students find jobs.

He stated, "Many students aren't prepared for applications. Applications require a list of three references, of whom none can be relatives. Aside from three references, the address and phone number of former employers is required."

"Students should write down the information they will need. They should give competent references. Teachers are a good reference to use. Someone related to a church situation is impressive."

Marie Wolff, assistant manager at the McDonald's on South Kingshighway, stated, "When we look at an application, we look for leadership. We look for the schedule which the employee is able to work."

Along with the application comes the interview. "Employers size you up consciously or subconsciously by the way you walk in or look. Most young males don't want to give best manners and a

good appearance because they would look like a sissy," said Mr. Wuerz.

"The first impression is extremely important. You never get a second chance to make a good first impression."

With the help of Mr. Wuerz, here is a list of suggestions for conducting a successful interview:

Greet the interviewer by name as you enter his office if you know the pronunciation.

Don't chew gum, and don't smoke unless he invites you to do so.

Never sit down, unless he offers you a chair or sits down immediately.

Sit up and look directly into his eyes from time to time. Never make a slighting remark about a former employer.

Always try to ask questions. If you don't ask questions, then the employer may feel you aren't very interested.

Above all, before you leave, make sure that your good points get across to him. Try to appear factual and sincere, not bloated with conceit.

When applying for a job, the student must appear more qualified than the other four of five applying.

Good luck.

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Through rain, snow, or sleet, going to school is like carrying mail.



Curfew Law Spoils Enthusiasm

By Sherri Davis

The St. Louis curfew law is designed for the juvenile seventeen years old and younger. The time designated for curfew is 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Most crimes are committed between the hours of 10 p.m. and 1 a.m. The curfew somewhat protects the teen from being a victim or participant in crime. In this respect, the curfew is needed. The adult also should be protected by this law.

Curfew hours aren't enforced in the St. Louis metropolitan area a great deal. If they were, a teenager's enthusiasm would be killed.

Most parents tell their child what time to be home according to what they think their child's maturity level can handle.

The laws should be enforced when a group of teens are making a disturbance or standing on a street corner singing at the top of their lungs. When a responsible group of kids are together and they aren't disturbing the person next door, no one should be penalized.

The responsible person shouldn't be penalized for conducting him or herself in an orderly way. There is a necessity for an extended or flexible curfew in St. Louis.

Whatever Happened to Promises, Money?

By Cyndee Newlin

Have you wondered whatever happened to all the promises and money the public schools were supposed to receive as a result of the tax election last April?

After the schools won the 79-cent school levy increase, the Board of Education's Budget Committee and parents from each school got together to decide how much money each school would receive. The parents were asked to give suggestions explaining what their school's needed.

The most important suggestions were considered and the money was divided proportionately. "Need was the most important idea to be considered in the distribution of the money," stated Mrs. Elaine Afton of the Board of Education's Public Affairs division.

Most every school in the city was in great need of repairs. During the summer of 1976, approximately two million dollars was spent on maintenance.

Based on all priorities, student-teacher ratios have been lowered to an average of 25:1, compared to a previous average of 30:1. Additional counselors were hired to accommodate the counseling and psychological services which were needed in the past.

Other areas included an expansion of the athletic and physical education program. This program had been saved during the 1975-76 school year as a result

of contributions from St. Louis businessmen. Extra-curricular activities were restored and more classroom supplies and equipment have been purchased.

Still, you might ask, what has this money done for Southwest and its students? Some of the changes within SW are new lockers in the old boys' gym, a new floor in a science room, new seating

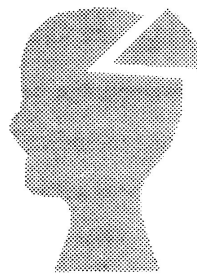
in another science room, new balcony seating, a new copying machine, and the remodeling of the counseling office. This does not complete SW's share of the money. Many more improvements are expected and equipment is on order.

Thanks to the Budget Committee, parents and other St. Louisans, all the promises that were made before the 79-cent school levy increase were kept.

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Dear Editor:

I strongly object to the comparison of football games to the gladiatorial shown in Rome. True, these are times of violence and killings, but football is not a sport of violence. It is rather a sport of great intensity. Football players do not go out onto the field with the intentions of deliberately crippling their opponents, "Hit 'em in the head, break their legs," as you so tastefully described it, but merely to subdue their opponent and leave the field victorious.

Football, being a contact sport, appears to be violent, but the violence that you see is merely the players going after this goal with such intensity that even the fans interpret it wrong and rise to the aid of their respective "teams." It is very easy to make this mistake, but it is a mistake. A very unjust misconception of a beautiful game.

Dear Editor:

Violence has been going on in sports for years, so why compare it to Richard Nixon, world unrest, and rising crime rates?

I'll bet that the majority of the people who attend football, hockey, and basketball games want to go see a good, well-played game. Just because a bunch of drunk bums cause a lot of trouble at the games, don't degrade the game.

Ted Bouras

Dwight Dread



JOHN REGAN imitates Santa Claus as he helps spread Christmas cheer in Cardinal Glennon Hospital. The Senior Class exceeded their goal of \$1500.

Toys for Tots Tops Goal

Imagine an ordinary couple shopping at Target, pulling four flatbed trucks full of toys behind them.

"Why all the toys?"

"We have a very large family," answers Mr. Al Ecker, accompanied by Miss Marilyn Chase, as he picks up another game.

This was the scene when the Senior Class officers and their sponsors shopped for the Toys for Tots Campaign.

The total contributions for this year were \$2714.31, well over the goal of \$1500. As a result, the class purchased \$1700 worth of toys and presented a \$1000 check to the Cardinal Glennon Hospital. Mr. Henry Tepe's sophomore advisory was top with \$277.29, followed closely by Miss Ami Christianson's freshman advisory with \$218.87. Mr. Bill

Genck's advisory was the top senior advisory, contributing \$63.82.

"It's unbelievable. We didn't think we'd gain over \$1,500. We were really surprised," said Senior Class President Scott Messel.

Senior Class Officer Karen Brents commented, "I think it was good because everyone had school spirit. We had 100 per-cent participation. None of this could have been possible without the help of Miss Chase, Mr. Ecker, and the students at Southwest."

Treasurer John Regan was Santa Claus when the toys were delivered at the Cardinal Glennon Clinic. The Elves were Karen Brents, Janice Mastis, Mindy Berry, and Ruth Rasche. Assisting were Paul Weise, Scott Messel, Robert Woodward, and wrapping assistants were Anne Mangelsdorf and Diane Hohner.

City Schools Closing Rare Treat

According to the *Post Dispatch*, radio announcers say the severity of a storm can be determined by whether the St. Louis public schools close. One of those rare occasions was Jan. 10 and 11 when blizzard-like conditions forced the closing of schools.

Dr. Robert Wentz, superintendent of St. Louis public schools, said, "The principal does not have authority to shut the school down. Officially, it's the superintendent's responsibility."

One crucial factor in the superintendent's decision is the operation of the bus systems. A flyer distributed to students last month by the Board of Education stated that when travel conditions halt the transport of students by buses (those buses under contract), schools are closed. However, on January

3, buses to some magnet schools were not operating, yet school was open. Dr. Wentz explained, "We don't control those buses."

Regarding weather conditions and early dismissals, the superintendent stated, "Generally speaking, the best decision is to leave them (students) there." However, as with most generalizations comes an exception and such was the case of January 4.

Because schools receive state aid, they're required to follow guidelines of state legislation. If a day is missed due to inclement weather, it must be made up. Dr. Wentz commented, "It would be nice to have two or three extra days on the school calendar." He also stated that he is looking for snow days for next year's calendar. These extra days would compensate for any lost time.

Conferences Continue

Tomorrow from 2 to 8 p.m. parent-teacher conferences will be held. Each teacher will be stationed in a specific room, and parents may visit their children's teachers during this time. Regular classes will not be held.

The conferences held in the middle of last semester were very successful, according to Principal Marvin O. Koenig. Approximately 1,500 parents came, and each teacher held from five to 45 conferences.

Father Candidate for Mayor

To most of us the mayor is a distant, unreachable figure, not someone you talk to daily. But soon a Southwest student junior Dorren Koehr, may be very close to the mayor.

Doreen's father, Mr. Jack Koehr, is presently city counselor. If he wins the primary, he will be running for the office of mayor in the election this March or April in St. Louis. "I think he has a pretty good chance," Doreen commented.

Her father has been in and out of politics for as long as she can remember. Doreen doesn't feel that this has affected her a great deal. She endures a lot of teasing but basically isn't interested in politics, preferring for herself to go into some field of conservation.

If he is elected mayor, he will get a chauffeur but Doreen reports they will still live in the same house, and she will probably still attend SW.

Pom Pon Places Fourth

Southwest's Pom Pon Squad finished fourth in an individual competition held here on December 16 with other area high schools. Judges were former sponsors and squad members of nearby schools.

What's Happening

January

27 Parent-teacher conferences, 2-8 p.m.; no classes

February

1 Basketball homecoming, aud and game
15 PTA Founders Day Lunch, Mt. Tabor Church, noon
16-18 Graduation announcements ordered
21 Washington's birthday holiday, no classes
25 Student Council dance
26 PTA Card Party, Czech Hall, 8 p.m.

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IT DOESN'T HURT that much winced senior Angela Torrente, as she gave blood December 15 for the Red Cross blood Mobile.

Blood Will Help Leukemia Patients

Every year the Advanced Biology class helps the Red Cross in their annual blood drive.

On December 15 with the help of Red Cross Representative Kathy Bennett and Teacher-Sponsor Ray Feick, 268 Southwest students signed up to donate a pint of blood each.

"It took a lot of work, but it couldn't have been done without the help of my

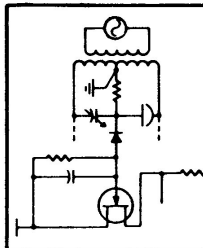
Advanced Biology class, but mostly the 188 students who donated blood to help patients' lives who depend on it," Mr. Feick stated after the drive.

Only two of the donors had ever given blood before. Thirty-four of the original 268 scheduled were not allowed to donate because of colds, etc. The blood will be used to help leukemia patients.

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News & Notes

STUDENT COUNCIL plans to generate interest in the February 1 Basketball Homecoming with a number of activities. A pep aud will be held on homecoming day with basketball players being introduced and, perhaps, a short skit.

Other ideas being considered are election of a king and queen from each class, the sale of buttons, as well as other activities.

SOUTHWEST'S JAZZ band will sponsor a spaghetti dinner February 12 at Hope Luthern Church located at Tamm and Eichelburger. Tickets may be purchased from any band member. The dinner is open to the public but tickets must be purchased in advance. This is a fund raising event sponsored by band parents.

SOPHOMORE CHRIS WALTON received first place in the high school division of the Christmas Carols Association Poster Contest. Freshman Kathy Lester and Scott Adams and sophomore Verna Porter received honorable mention. All four students are in the Honors Art program at Shaw School and their posters were displayed at McDonnell Planetarium.

TWO MORE SODA machines are being installed either this week or sometime next month in the cafeteria. These machines are to be placed in the two main lunch lines to lower the number of students going to the snack bar for sodas.

THE FUTURE HOMEMAKERS of America chapters at Southwest all took part in Christmas projects last month.

Mrs. Jean McGinnis' chapter made hand puppets and gave a party at the Evangelical Children's Home. Junior Kathy Peterson played Santa Claus.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Joyce Kettenhofen's FHA class baked cookies and Miss Karen VonGlinow's group delivered Christmas stockings for 106 pre-school children at the Guardian Angel Settlement, a day care center in the city. The kids had a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus in the form of seniors Craig Longworth and Valorie Jenkerson.

Miss Jo Roduit's period 3 chapter held a Christmas party at the Harry S Truman Center for 43 elderly residents. Each received presents and a \$100 donation was made to the center. Cookies, cake and punch were prepared by the students.

Mrs. Lake's chapter made rag dolls and stuffed animals and painted little wooden cars made by industrial arts class. The gifts were distributed during a party at St. Elizabeth Day School.

Mrs. Roth Goes; New Son Arrives

By Cindy Browne

"May we see your papers, please?" is a question that has brought fear to illegal immigrants for many years.

Andrew James Roth, a recent immigrant to the United States, doesn't have to worry about the Federal agents. Born in Chihuahua, Mexico on October 26, 1976, he was adopted by the Roths. Mrs. Sharon Roth just recently left her teaching position at Southwest. At the age of nine weeks, Andy entered the United States, complete with passport, immigration papers and alien card. According to Mrs. Roth, after about a year, he should be able to obtain a dual citizenship.

This he should be able to keep until he is eighteen, when he will have to choose between his United States citizenship and his Mexican citizenship.

Mrs. Roth stated, "I thought being a Spanish teacher would enable me to help him to be aware and appreciative of his Hispanic background. Hopefully, he will become bi-lingual."

The process of adopting a child is much shorter in Mexico than in the States. The process took one year in Mexico, whereas, according to Mrs. Roth, it could take up to three years to adopt a child in the United States.

For the American government, the requirements that had to be met were numerous. An I-600 (standard adoption) form had to be turned in to the United States Immigration Offices along with proof of economic status, character references and income tax forms. A home



A HAPPY SON and a happy momma, Mrs. Sharon Roth, with recently adopted son Andy, get along quite well. Mrs. Roth will be leaving SW this month to become a "full time mommy."

study had to be made by an accredited agency to show the type of home he would be going to. Mr. and Mrs. Roth also had to be cleared by the FBI.

For the Mexican government, there had to be an adoption decree, a paper releasing the baby from his natural mother's custody, a picture of the baby for his passport, and the names of the people intending to adopt him.

Finally, after everything was collected and Immigration cleared the parents, the child was eligible for a visa. "After four weeks and lots of papers, the child was given his alien card and we were able to bring him home," commented Mrs. Roth.

Mrs. Roth is obviously very proud of Andy, who is, according to her, good-natured and very cute. She said that they are really happy to have him home.

She also stated, "We felt that just because the child isn't our natural child, we still will have a happy family life and a wonderful son."

Upon his arrival at his United States home, Andy was taken care of by his adoptive grandparents, with his parents looking after him of an evening and on weekends. At the end of the semester, however, Mrs. Roth left her position here at school so she could become a "full-time mommy."

Schroeders Love Children Too!

By Pleasant Lindsey

In 1974, Science Teacher Martin Schroeder and Mrs. Schroeder adopted Vietnamese children. The procedure took two years. They were twin girls, Amy and Ann, 4 months old. The reason it took so long to acquire the children was that after going through certain channels with one adoption agency, the agency folded and could not acquire more children. The Schroeders tried another agency. After a year of going through the same type of procedures, they received the girls.

"We adopted these two children because we felt a great need for the

orphans in Vietnam," said Mr. Schroeder. "We felt we could help fill that need. We both love children and think that all children should be in a loving home."

When the South Vietnamese were fleeing the Communist forces of the North, some children were separated from their parents and became orphans. Others were put on American warships to keep them away from Communist influence.

Once South Vietnamese refugees reached the American shores, there was no place for them to stay. They were forced to live in makeshift encampments, resembling tent cities. Most of them were located in Southern California. Food was

given to them by the federal government. Charities provided some money and clothing for the refugees. Many wanted to stay. Most of them wanted to return home.

Mr. Schroeder is not only father to the Vietnamese twins; he and his wife have three other children. Mr. Schroeder stated that upon receiving the twins, his two older sons readily accepted them as sisters, and there was no jealousy or rivalry among them.

The Schroeder children include "Chip", who is six years old; Kurt, who will be five next month; Amy and Ann the adopted twins, who are 2½ and their newest, Eleanore, who is one year old.

Enlistment Is No Simple Process

By Ty Tanner

A problem of many high school graduates, some pre-graduates, and many dropouts is what to do with their lives. A popular alternative to the situation is enlisting in the armed forces.

Sargeant Bill Spraul, Southwest recruiter, and Sargeant First Class Bob Soltvedt informed PIONEER of the basic format for enlistment at the Army Recruiting Station, 2529 Hampton Avenue.

This is where preliminary screening begins to verify qualification of an individual. First, a question-answer type session is used to determine if the person is mentally, physically, and morally (criminal record) acceptable. If inept in any of these three fields, the person is immediately rejected. A test of math, English and space perception is administered to assure academic ability. The person's age cannot exceed 35 or precede 17. (High School students are encouraged to finish or acquire a GED).

Among attracting mechanisms for meeting the Congressional quota for number of men recruited in the all-voluntary service are \$361 a month starting pay, 75 percent funding of further schooling, and re-enlistment bonuses from \$2,000 up to \$12,000. Also, a new delayed-entry program has been put in effect and allows a 270-day period before going in.

photo by Henry Voges



SGT. BILL SPRAUL LOOKS on as Sgt. Walker punches in the code for a seat in job training. Recruits have 270 days to wait for a particular opening.

This all could stop in realistic speculation though.

"The Defense Department may have to re-issue the draft due to the great expense of the voluntary system," speculated Sgt. Soltvedt.

Equal opportunity is characterized as the number of women enlisting has nearly doubled since 1973.

"I attribute this to the equality in jobs and pay for both men and women," Sgt. Spraul evaluated.

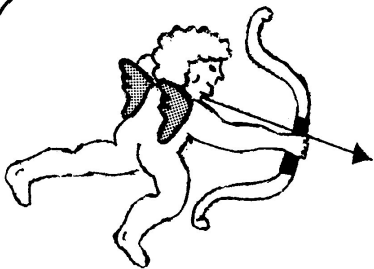
With success in preliminary screening the civilian is sent to the Armed Forces Examination and Entrance Station (AFES) to take a larger test which is designed to match job wants with ability.

A physical and chest X-ray to filter the men from the mice is given by medical physicians. If all is in check, the applicant often utilizes the recreation room while test scores, blood and urine analysis are being studied.

At this point, a counselor may call him to discuss job openings with ability shown by test. To find when the jobs are available, a referral is made to Sargeant Walker, who sits before a computer which determines the propinquity of a selected job.

The final step is to take the indelible oath finalizing commitment."

At the completion of this 6-8 hour-process, all that can be said is ... You're in the Army now.



In a few weeks, everyone will either be giving or getting heart-shaped boxes of chocolate candies or enormous bouquets of roses. They will be exchanging small heart-shaped cards with ridiculous chymes. The difference between this day and other holidays is that no one knows why they are celebrating.

Perhaps you have heard of St. Valentine, but who is he? And what does he have to do with hearts, flowers, and chocolate candies? The answer is — nothing.

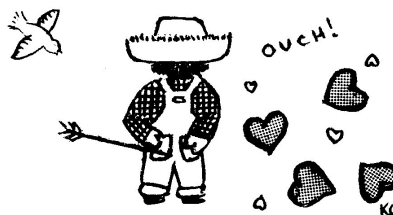
St. Valentine was a martyr in Rome who happened to die on February 14 in

Cupid Strikes Again

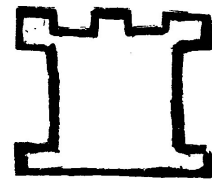
the third century. Churchmen in the Middle Ages made him the patron saint of lovers in order to give Christian meaning to pagan rituals already taking place on this day.

Pagans believed that on the second fortnight of the second month birds began to mate for the summer. Therefore, young ladies and men would also choose their mates for life on this day and exchange gifts with them.

Eventually, the giving of cards made of lace and ribbon became prevalent. These cards became known as valentines. This is the only connection left with the religious holiday that Valentine's Day had once been.



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Eliminate Winter Boredom Blues

By Karen Pope

The mid-winter blues have set in. School activities are at an all-time low, class periods seem to last forever and everyone has a severe case of boredom. To solve the problem, PIONEER has compiled a list of activities to make life more interesting.

—count the pats of butter on the cafeteria wall

—go up and down the left side of the staircase

—write backwards on homework assignments

—count the number of steps you take to each class

—aspire to get better grades next semester

—prepare a disappearing solution for Mr. Droste

—count the wads of gum under your desktop

—refuse to buy food in the cafeteria

—dye your hair red for Valentine's Day

—attempt to count the cigarette butts on the bathroom floors

—raise school spirit by attending basketball games

—bring an alarm clock to wake yourself up after a refreshing nap in Mr. Haun's class

—ask out that certain guy/gal you've been watching all year

—surprise your parents, come home at midnight



—count the lines in the palm of your hand

—read the newspaper (not just the funnies!)

—perfect your forgery of Mr. Ecker's signature

—start counting the days till you graduate

—read a PIONEER humor story

SW Beats Cleveland in Exciting Contest

For the first time all year there was genuine excitement for the Southwest fans in our gymnasium. The occasion was the SW — Cleveland basketball game.

In the season — opener against Madison, Longhorn fans saw SW lose by 25 points. The Steers dropped their next home game to Central by 21 points, 74-53, despite junior Ralph Jacobs 19 points. But against Cleveland, the January 7 contest wasn't decided until the final 20 seconds.

SW led at halftime by 2 points and stretched the lead to as much as 8 points in the third quarter but Cleveland came back to tie and then go ahead. The lead changed hands many times in the final quarter. Senior forward Kelvin Bostic scored with 17 seconds left to give the Longhorns a 56-54 victory. Bostic led SW with 16 points.

More important than the excitement the game invoked was that it bettered the Steers league record to 2-1 at press time.

SW's Homecoming game is February 1 against SLUH in our gym at 8 p.m.

Cliques

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Cliques even exist unknowingly. There are a group of people who strongly dislike social cliques. Even though these people may not socialize together, they do form a clique. People who always volunteer for things form a clique even if they don't do their socializing together.

Shifting of cliques also exists. For example, later on in life, if you get married, you would tend to associate with other married couples. If one of the husbands or wives die, the widow or widower no longer fits into this group, so he is forced to move to the group of singles again. Or, if you're single and you marry, you'll be more apt to associate with other married people and move out of your singles group. As your living situations change, so do your social cliques.

As you grow older your interests will change and so will your social life. So, perhaps if you do eat lunch, sit through free study and see after school the same people, you are missing something. Experience new things now and it won't be hard to adapt later when its necessary.



SENIOR KELVIN BOSTIC and junior Wayne Woods anticipate a rebound in the triumph over Cleveland, January 7.

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Country Day Blanks SW

SW lost to city schools also. On New Year's Day DuBourg beat to Hockey Steers in a hard-hitting 5-3 contest. SW lost to St. Mary's also, 6-5, on December 27. St. Mary's scored with less than a minute left to give them the victory.

With a 9-0 loss to Country Day and a 12-0 loss to Lindbergh, the Longhorns have a long way to go before they can compare with former hockey clubs at Southwest.

Both Lindbergh and Country Day are top teams in the area. Lindbergh is ranked first and Country Day is in the top five.

"They were just better than us," stated SW's steady defenseman Tim O'Mara.

O'Mara elaborated, "County schools have more money, facilities, and man-power than we do. We're allowed to dress out 25 players but we only have 17 on the roster and due to injuries only 15 are usually dressed out."

The Longhorns did manage a win over Aquians, 12-7. Senior Larry Freeze filed five pucks behind the Aquians goalie and junior Dan Forness tallied four goals to pace the Steers.

SW opposes Cleveland tomorrow at Immerfrost at 8:30 p.m.



JUNIOR DAN FORNESS (12) attempts to fake his opponent out of position as a Country Day forward tries to get back in the play. Country Day won the game on January 8.

Swimmers Undefeated in PHL

Southwest's Swimming Longhorns started the race to the top of the PHL with two victories. The first was against Beaumont (56-26), and the second was with Vashon (63-17). It is still a long way to equal or surpass last year's 5-0-1 record.

This year, the team is young and much smaller than the previous season's. "There wasn't a large turnout and this is the reason for not having enough swimmers

for each event. This has caused a few losses against much larger non-league teams," stated senior Captain Chuck Artale.

Excellent performances by sophomore Doug Finley (Backstroke), freshman Randy Artale (butterfly), sophomore Norbert Kembitzky (Individual Medley), junior Mike Brueggenjohann (breaststroke), and junior Mark Lyles (freestyle) stimulate team morale which will greatly be needed against high-ranked Roosevelt. Diving is very strong with the talents of senior Scott Hamrick and junior John Dietl.

The next meet will be on February 1 against Affton at Affton.

Basketball Proves To Be Myra's Talent

Towering above her team mates at 6'0" sophomore Myra Heckel feels that basketball is her sport.

This statement proves to be true. Myra averages eight points per game and leads the team in total points.

Her best game thus far came in the first game of the season when she tallied 19 points and led the team to a 41-19 victory against Northwest.

Coach Earline Faulker commented, "Myra has great potential as center because of her height and size. Whether she develops it enough will determine if she will excel in basketball."

Myra stated, "I plan to go on and play basketball as long as possible, but I find it difficult playing with new people every year."

So far this season the girls' basketball team has fallen behind in their schedule with three defeats and only two victories.

Myra stated, "Basically, we have a good team, but sometimes we can't get up the momentum till the end of the game. It's like we can't get psyched up enough. So, if we're losing we got to be more aggressive and hopefully draw more fouls which could definitely make a difference in the game."

With seven games left to play, Myra said, "We can pick up the momentum for one last winning streak to finish the schedule with a winning season."

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Grapplers Face Northwest Today

Longhorn wrestlers today will try to seek revenge for the 34-15 loss suffered from Northwest last year. This showdown will take place here at 4 p.m.

Southwest was handed its first loss, 30-22, by Soldan, the fifteenth ranked team in the St. Louis area. Only two SW wrestlers scored pins— Carl Faulkner (126) and Joe "Jaws" Zakibe (heavyweight).

After this performance, Coach Bud Wallach disappointedly commented, "We just got beat. Soldan wanted it more than we did." That held true as Soldan waltzed away a convincing victor.

SW competed in the annual Christmas Tournament. December 29-30, by placing ninth. Senior Glen Hearold stated, "We didn't do as well as we thought we could have, but we had a few individuals who did well." Those individuals who won medals were sophomore Terry Pijuit (105), senior Pete Heddel (119), senior Chris Dubis (138), senior Tom Coslet (167), senior Glen Hearold (185), and junior Joe Zakibe.

Through the strong support of fans, SW wrestles aggressively at home. Evidence of this enthusiasm is shown by a



SENIOR CHARLES MOORE attempts to score a pin against his opponent. Although Moore didn't get the pin, he did win the match as SW came in third in the January 6 Roosevelt Invitational.

sign posted on the ceiling of the old boys' gym— "If you can read this sign, you're being pinned!"

Longhorn wrestlers have shown their appreciation by not losing a dual meet at home in two years. They continued their streak, December 21, against Vashon with a convincing 59-9 win.

The Cleveland Dutchmen narrowly escaped being shut out when they fell into the Longhorns clutches. SW was a 56-3 victor. The only win for the Dutchmen came in the first bout by a few points.

Beaumont became SW victims on December 9, grasping a 54-9 victory.

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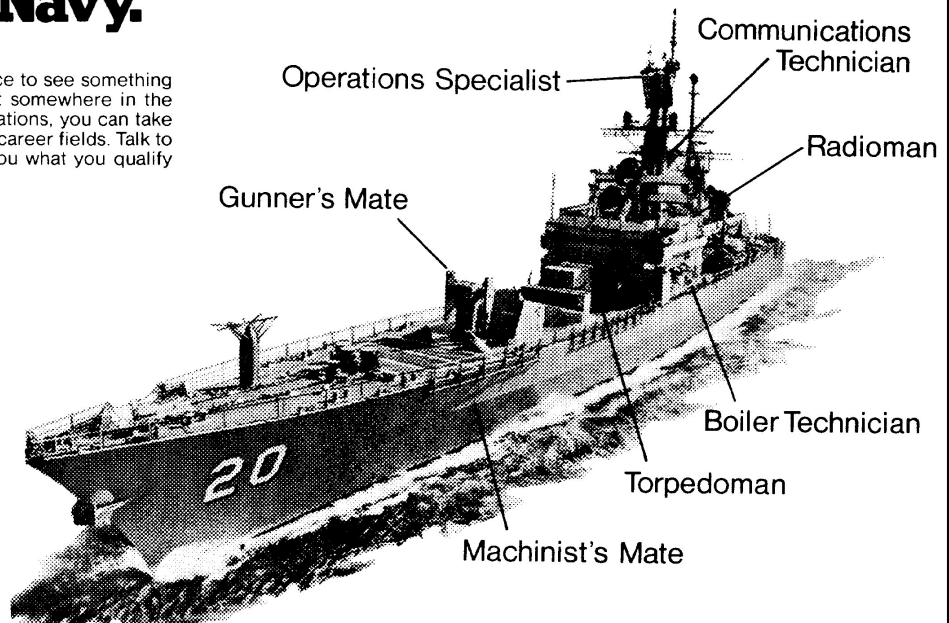
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