

Buying Car Insurance Can Be Exhaustive

By Don Vilella & Ty Tanner

There were 25,649,280 automobile accidents in the United States in 1973. In those accidents, 5,203,440 persons were injured, and 52,560 were killed.

With so many accidents it is easy to understand why the car insurance business is so complicated.

Students may wonder why they pay considerably more for insurance than adults. According to the Insurance Information Institute, the average rate for bodily injury and property damage liability on passenger cars is \$75 a year. Yet, the rate for a young man who has just obtained a license is \$275 a year.

Why does the student pay more? Recent statistics reveal that drivers under the age of 20 comprise 10.3 per cent of all licensed drivers but are involved in 20.6 per cent of all accidents. Drivers under the age of 25 comprise 21.7 per cent of all licensed drivers but are involved in 39.4 of all accidents. This is the main reason why students pay more.

Rating Territories

Car insurance rates are based on the total amount of money an insurance company pays out for damages and legal defense. The higher the amount of money paid out, the higher the insurance. But the rating procedures are not quite that simple.

Insurance rates differ in various parts of the country. States are divided into rating territories. These territories reflect the amount of money paid out in different areas by the state. A territory can be a city, part of a city, a suburb, or a rural area.

According to Insurance Counselor Raymond Hunsaker Jr., St. Louis is divided into two territories: east and west of Kingshighway.

Statistics reveal more losses occur on the east side than the west. Therefore, drivers who live on the east pay more than drivers on the west.

Not all rates are the same. Many factors are involved in determining rates. They include: the amount of coverage you wish to purchase; how often you drive; your driving record; the year and make of your car; the engine size of your car; and the number of miles you drive in one year.

Most states require liability coverage which accounts for bodily injury or property damage to someone else.

Mr. Hunsaker states, "You must carry enough insurance to cover the state limit on liability coverage. \$10,000 maximum for personal injury, \$20,000 maximum for all injuries in a single accident, and \$5,000 payment for property damage are average quotas."

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Although Missouri does require liability coverage, the law is not as strictly enforced as in other states. New York State, for example, requires drivers to purchase liability insurance before obtaining a license.

Variables

A variety of coverages is offered. There are so many possible coverages that people tend to become confused as to exactly what they are covered for.

Bodily injury liability coverage applies when your car injures or kills pedestrians, persons riding in other cars, or riders in your car.

Property damage liability applies when your car damages the property of others.

On both the bodily injury and property damage policies, the coverage provides the protection in the form of legal defense in case you are sued.

Under the medical payments coverage the insuring company must pay (up to the policy limits) medical expenses resulting from accidental injury. Payment is made regardless of who is at fault.

Collision insurance covers damage to your car by someone else's vehicle, regardless of who is at fault. If a student has these basic coverages, he can feel relatively secure no matter what kind of accident he is involved in.

Distributive Education teacher, Mr. Conrad Wuerz, who has sold insurance, stated, "If a student doesn't have insurance, he is taking a big risk. Just one accident could financially cripple a student for life."

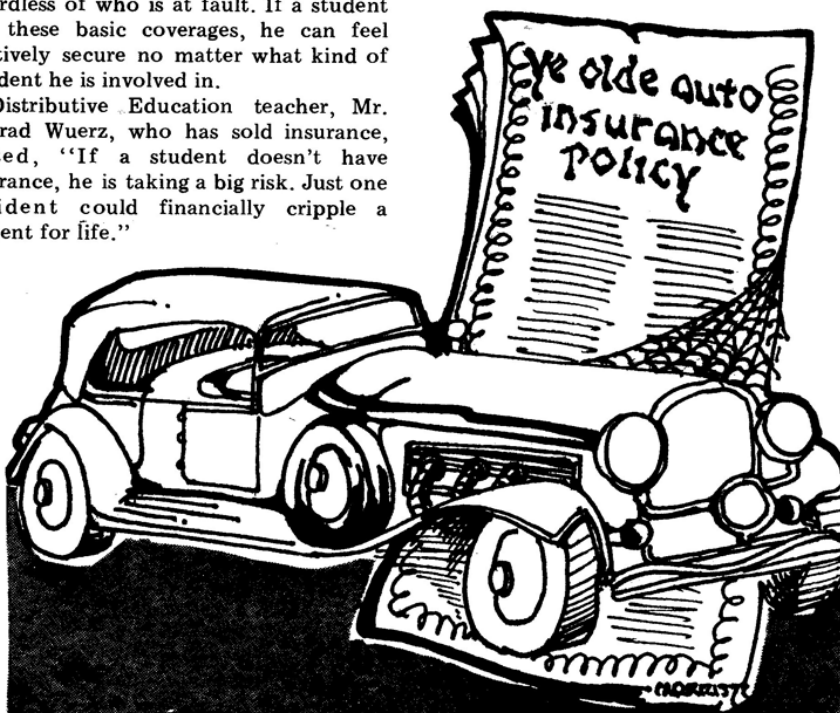
A great deal of criticism has been aimed at the insurance companies in the last fifteen years. The main point in question is the long legal process of determining who is at fault.

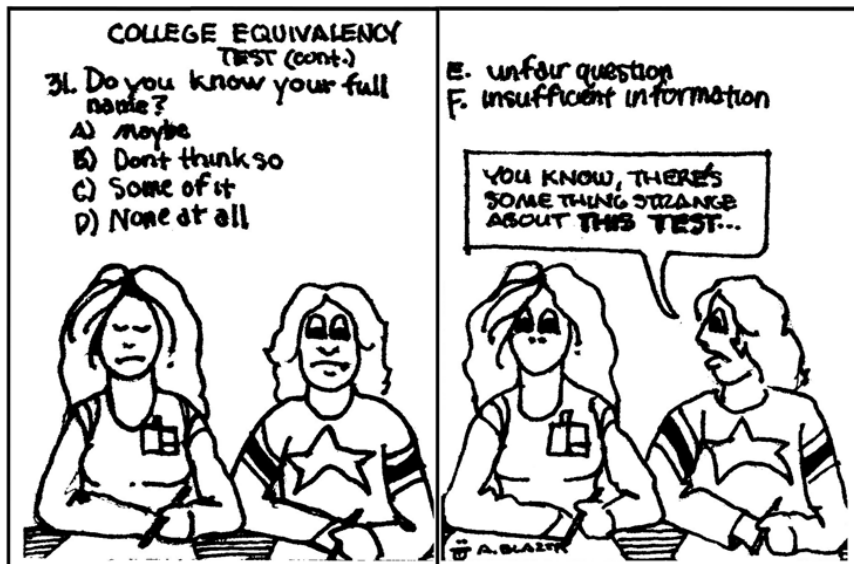
No fault insurance eliminates the legal process of determining who is at fault before payments can be made to injured persons.

Another legal problem is what happens to uninsured drivers who are involved in accidents.

If an uninsured driver has an accident with damages over \$200, he can lose his license. The person must compensate for the damage in any way possible. In order to regain his license, he must obtain a form called a SR22. It can be obtained from various insurance companies, but it is up to the company's discretion of whom to issue them to.

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Now Let's Hear It for Spirit!

By Kathy Ortleb

"We got spirit, yes we do! We got spirit, how 'bout you?"

Starting Monday, all of you will have the chance to show the rest of the school exactly how much spirit you do have. Student Council has arranged for an interesting variety of activities to take place during the annual Spirit Week.

Dress-up day will be featured again this year with the theme of "movie stars." This theme includes cowboys, gangsters, monsters, and teenagers from the '50's. True, it is not easy to dress up like James Caan or Barbara Streisand. When choosing a costume, think of someone with definite trademarks to make your impersonation obvious.

Some examples are Shirley Temple, Elvis Presley, Dracula, Mae West, Charlie Chan, Tarzan, John Wayne, Popeye, or the Wicked Witch of the West. How about getting some friends together to be the Three Stooges, the Marx Brothers, or the Tin Man, Scarecrow, and Lion from the Wizard of Oz?

Students may hesitate to dress up for fear of being embarrassed. Put your fears

to rest. This year all SC members will be in costume, assuring that at least one hundred other students will be dressed up.

Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the best-dressed contest during all lunches. How's that for incentive?

Another feature of Spirit Week is the slave sale, known this year as Rent-A-Star. All stars must be in costume so that buyers will be assured of having someone else dressed up with them all day.

Movies in the aud are always popular during Spirit Week. Featured will be the Three Stooges, among others.

Next Friday night, Full Moon Consort will perform in the gym. This band is well-known throughout the city and should be a definite success.

Why get so enthusiastic about Spirit Week? A lot of hard work has gone into breaking up the boredom of the school routine. Success can only be achieved through participation by you, the student body.



Dress Code Has Few Limitations

By Cyndee Newlin

With warmer weather coming soon, cooler clothing will be desired. But what can you or what can't you wear at Southwest according to its dress code? The limitations are few and sensible. Southwest's dress code includes no midriffs, no hats and no clothing that would distract classroom participation. Everyone must wear shoes.

Those who violate the code are sent home to change their clothing. If they still persist in violating the code, further disciplinary action will be taken.

Obviously, the dress code at present is not the same as years ago, which would make today's list look trivial. Each time it has changed, the limitations have lessened.

It would be hard to imagine living under a dress code of no hair below the collar, no pants for girls, no shorts and especially no jeans for anyone, as it was several years ago.

The present Southwest dress code is both reasonable and adequate. Certain restrictions must be enforced in any institution to maintain control. Styles change and so do people, but anything less than the present code would be none at all.

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Car Insurance

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The SR22 allows the person to obtain insurance for one year in compliance with the state to regain his license.

A variety of discounts are offered to the student. According to Mr. Hunsaker, as much as 25 per cent for a B or better average in school, as well as ten to fifteen per cent for driver education, and five to ten per cent for non-smokers. As much as 15 per cent can be saved by putting the car in the parents' name.

Mr. Weurz agrees. "I've found that students can save a substantial amount by putting the car in their parents' name and

obtaining insurance through the parents' policy."

Many insurance companies are reluctant to publicize their rating scales. "Some companies are larger and more influential than others. They wish to keep the market competitive, and this would be impossible by releasing all the rating scales," stated Mr. Hunsaker.

Students who are buying insurance should ask specific questions of the various companies. That is the only way to pin down a particular policy.

Senior Trip Becomes Too Costly

This year the Southwest Senior Trip, sponsored by Senior Class, was cancelled. The trip to Florida was called off because not enough seniors signed up to go. Forty students were needed to charter a bus and receive group rates of \$250 per student. Only about fifteen seniors made down-payments.

The trip was to be a first-rate trip lasting seven days with a visit to Disney World as one of the high points. Senior Class Sponsor Alan Ecker commented, "I think many seniors are going to regret their decisions on not going because the trip would have been well organized and well worth the cost."

What is the cause of this lack of participation? Most seniors complained of the cost which has risen steadily in the past years. Senior Dave Barton, who was planning to go, said, "The trip would have been great, but I could have paid the same amount traveling to Mexico unchaperoned."

Other reasons given by seniors for not going were saving up for college, cost of the prom, and holding down jobs. If a person's friends weren't going he wouldn't either. Why go with people you don't know?

One way to still have a senior trip and cut the cost would be to do something

By Richard Maskell

inside the state. A few suggestions are a weekend at the Ozarks, or at Johnson's Shut-Ins, or even a well-organized float trip. Student Council President George Despotis remarked, "I think there would be more student involvement in a senior trip if it were closer to home and not as expensive."

Today students' budgets are more restricted than a few years ago. Maybe it is time for seniors to plan activities in which more could participate instead of ones that only a few can afford.

Students wishing to participate in these types of activities should notify Senior Class officers. If the officers receive enough responses from interested seniors, they could look into alternatives for a Senior Trip.

Let's All Go Kite Flying!

By Karen Pope

Kite-flying, a national sport, and the month of March go hand in hand. Named after the kite bird, a graceful hawk, kites have been in use for centuries. In Asia, kites flying over a house at night were believed to keep evil spirits away.

In the United States, kite-flying is a fun sport. Many communities hold annual kite-flying tournaments.

With the decline of school spirit and pep at this time of the year, and many students looking forward to spring, a kite-flying contest at Southwest may be a welcome shot in the arm.

Held on the football field, competition could be held between the different classes or between the opposite sexes.

Prizes could range from largest kite, smallest kite, longest-flying kite, shortest-flying kite, and most creative kite.

Would you like to hold a kite-flying contest? Besides being fun, it's a chance for the entire student body to become involved. PIONEER welcomes student and teacher responses and suggestions.

Classes Look Into Popular Culture

By Jerry Belton

Science fiction, record albums, comic strips, television, top-40 music, magazines, movies, comic books, fast food franchises—all are aspects of popular culture, and those who don't devour it willingly absorb in unconsciously.

While all this is going on—students reading, watching, listening, buying and doing things that give them enjoyment, some fans are cashing in on their interest in popular culture by taking course for credit.

"For once, it seems, student interest and academic development are on the same wave length," stated Mrs. Ruth Morrissey, Media Survey teacher.

Popular culture courses offered here include Media Survey, Mysterious and Supernatural, Science Fiction and, last year, Rock and Rhyme.

The kind of material covered in a popular culture course depends on the particular class. Some teachers emphasize the popular arts: radio and television drama, movies, category fiction (science fiction, fantasy, suspense, mystery, etc.) and best-sellers in general.

"The idea for a course in the popular arts is this: you can tell a lot about a culture by paying close attention to what is widely read, seen, and heard by most people." Mrs. Morrissey also stated, "Students are going to be bombarded with media for the rest of their lives, and they need to know the techniques to protect themselves as consumers."

There are still those who feel that the study of popular culture is merely an easy credit, that it coddles students by giving them what they want in place of what they need.

Mr. George Fithen who teaches Mysterious and Supernatural, stated that the course basically uses the same texts as previous courses but is organized in categories. He stated that it wasn't necessary an easy course because it required a lot of reading.

In one way, the study of popular culture is actually closing the generation gap, according to Mrs. Morrissey, because students are studying media their parents grew up with.



photo by Henry Voges

SOPHOMORE Vicki Farmer admires a soft sculpture chair made by junior Tammy Riley. Hopefully, it will be at Fine Arts Night next Tuesday.

Fine Arts Night Honors Students

Fine Arts Night is held each year, stated art teacher, Miss Betty Godwin, "to honor those who have excelled." It will be held this year next Tuesday from 7:30 to 10 p.m. and will include some interesting art displays and various musical talents.

A soft sculpture chair will be a unique feature of the evening. It is presently being judged in finals in New York after receiving a blue ribbon here, although there is the possibility it may not return in time.

Junior Tammy Riley, when creating her chair, was "trying to come up with something unusual."

The chair is orange and is made entirely of soft sculpture arms. A real chair was used as a base so that besides being unusual, it is useful.

Another unique project which will be displayed was made by junior Steve Thurn. His masterpiece is a huge

marshmallow with many tiny ones tumbling out.

He stated, "The assignment was to make a container that was in some way related to its contents."

When rummaging through his kitchen cabinets for an idea, he found a bag of marshmallows which inspired him. Also to be displayed is Steve's soft sculpture of a grandmother knitting a stocking.

Entertainment will be provided by the Music Department. The program will feature vocal and instrumental soloists and ensembles, the Madrigal Group, and the Brass Choir and Tympani. Junior Tony Parise will perform a pantomime skit.

Awards will be presented to those who have been in music groups, operettas, and festivals for two years. Keys will be given to those who have participated in music for four years.

News & Notes

THIS YEAR'S Bausch-Lomb Honorary Science Award was given to Senior Class President Scott Messel. The award honors the top science students at various schools having H or A averages in science courses.

THE FINALISTS of Southwest in the 1977 Merit Scholarship competition are William Tolen, Henry Voges, and Paul Weise. Counselor Margaret Schaeffer said, "These three finalists on a test would do better than 99 per cent of the students."

Being finalists enables these seniors to compete for Merit Scholarships, which

pay up to four years of college expenses and are sponsored by various corporations. Announcements of scholarship winners will be made in April.

SENIOR KAREN STEVENS was recently selected to represent Southwest in the Executives' Secretaries Business Career Development Program. Business skills and knowledge of office procedures, potential leadership ability, personal appearance and poise, and career objectives are considered by the local chapter to select the best candidate to represent them on the regional level.

FOUR MEMBERS of the Southwest Chapter of the National Honor Society will be attending the state convention of the Society at the University of Missouri at St. Louis on March 18 and 19.

They are President Henry Voges, Vice-President Nancy Minney, and juniors Tom Enders and David Schultz.

The purpose of the convention is to acquaint the chapters of the various activities of the other chapters in the state. The participants will then report back to the chapter membership in the April meeting.

What's Happening

March

- 14-18 Spirit Week
- 15 PTA Meeting, library, 6:30 p.m.;
Fine Arts Night, aud, 7 p.m.
- 17 Junior Choir singing at Chronic Hospital, 1 p.m.
- 18 Student Council Dance, new boys' gym, 7:30 p.m.
- 22 School Board candidates, Parent Congress, aud, 7:30 p.m.
- 28 Mid term exams, pers. 1, 5, 7
- 29 Mid term exams, pers. 2, 4
SW Jazz Band, Forest Park Community College, 7:30 p.m.
- 30 Mid term exams, pers. 3, 6

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Sumner Begins New Two Lunch Program

By Michael Parish

A new lunch period program was recently begun at Sumner High which differs from Southwest's three lunch periods.

Sumner's Principal, Mr. Virgil King, decided rather than have all the other northside high schools change to three lunch periods, Sumner would change to two lunches. He also wanted to create another snackbar line, but since it would have been too costly and other schools would have wanted two, he decided upon a lunch hour ten minutes longer.

The new two period lunches are serving about 600 students each, not including those students who go to the snackbar line. SW's three lunch periods serve about 500-600 students each period excluding those who eat out.

With Sumner having a school population as much or more than SW going to two lunches with just 40 minutes to eat, one might think the idea absurd, but since February 25 it has been working.

With lunches from 11:45 to 12:25 and from 12:45 to 1:25, p.m. the cafeteria

workers have 20 minutes to clean up the lunch room and collect the few trays available.

Presently, students come into the lunchroom and find food stacked on the tables, but maybe the 20 minutes would prevent this problem from continuing.

Also during the 20 minutes all the halls, bathrooms and the cafeteria are supposed to be cleared, which means that all students must be in some classroom.

This is supposed to prevent cutting unless the student leaves the building.

Assistant Principal Steve Warmack, who is presently in charge of the lunch hours here, stated that with our present three lunches, the lunchroom was being used to its capacity. If the two lunch period program should prove effective, as well as useful, then maybe SW's three lunches could be altered.

Spirit Week Begins Next Week

"Spirit Week brings people together," commented Student Council Secretary Sandy Abdallah. The first Spirit Week, January 20-24, 1969 began what has since become a tradition.

This year's Spirit Week agenda includes a variety of movies and cartoons, such as Laurel & Hardy, W.C. Fields, the Marx Brothers and others, period 5 in the aud on Monday. Rent-a-star in the old girls' gym is on Wednesday. Thursday is dress-up day, and Friday begins with an aud periods 2 and 3 with the theme "That's Entertainment" and ends with a

dance 7:30-10:30 p.m. in the new boys' gym. A copy of the agenda was put in every advisory.

Southwest's program at one time allowed students to enroll or graduate on a semester basis. Hello Day was then held twice a year. SC Sponsor Ralph Sneed believes that SC, "changed the extra Hello Day to Spirit Week."

Spirit Week then included a dress-up day, slave sale, outdoor pep session, pep aud, colors day when all loyal SW'ers wore Green and Gold, a Spirit Man and mystery Spirit Woman, a poster contest, a Mr. Ugly contest where students could vote for fellow students, and a dance.

Though the themes have changed over the years, new ideas added and old ones discarded, Spirit Week activities continue.

Greece or the USA?

By Cindy Browne

Tropical islands, sandy beaches and belly dancers are just a part of a daydream to most of us, but to junior Alexandra Pelekanou, it is all a part of home.

Originally from Mitilini, Lesvos, a Greek island in the Aegean Sea, Alexandra went to school in Athens. Schools in Greece are in session Monday through Saturday for five hours a day. In high schools, students stay in one room while teachers change rooms.

Alexandra and her family came to America during January 1969. Overnight, it snowed. "It looked like everything turned white. I didn't know if I was scared or happy."

In Greece, a tropical country, even frost is rare. According to Alexandra, "The children take it and make it into snow. Then they put it into a bowl or bag in the freezer."

Fluent in English, Greek, Spanish, and Turkish, Alexandra also speaks some French and German.

American music and dancing are okay, according to Alexandra, but Greek rock'n'roll and belly dancing music are the best. She says that she prefers belly dancing to modern dancing.



Though Alexandra likes America and hopes to become an American citizen, she wants to return to her country to live in a few years.

photo by Henry Voges

1) Poster on wall removed, 2) Stapler is different, 3) Picture on desk is upside down, 4) Pepsi bottle is now Diet Pepsi, 5) Senior button is added, 6) Typewriter carriage is moved, 7) One cup is upside down, 8) Fewer flowers in vase, 9) Telephone held in other hand, 10) More hats, 11) Pen on desk removed.

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Jazz Band To Participate in Festival

By Pleasant Lindsey

The Jazz Band will attend an annual jazz festival at Forest Park Community College on March 29. This will be Southwest's eighth year of participation.

There will also be bands representing other city schools and many county schools. All bands will perform separately for twenty minutes before a panel of three judges. The judges are professional jazz musicians from the Kansas City area. They were chosen from such a distance so that they will have no prior influence from any of the participating schools.

After each band performance, the judges will speak with the band directors and members to discuss with them different techniques that would change or alter the quality of their selections.

When asked how they felt about performing before three judges, senior Steve Gaglio, a band member, replied, "I feel that everybody will feel tense and excited. That will affect our playing until we get comfortable. Then we will give them a concert."

Another band member, senior John (Sax Symbol) Vlasek, stated, "I feel that there is going to be a little nervousness by being judged against other schools, but this is my fourth year participating in the festival, so it probably won't bother me as much as some of the newcomers in the Jazz Band. I feel that being from the city,

we have something to prove to the county schools."

There is no competition during the festival. The judges are present only to criticize the music. They do not make

ratings or give prizes to the best band, though from time to time they do choose the outstanding soloist of the festival. Last year Paul Kriege and Mark Bentzinger, both from SW, were chosen as outstanding instrumental soloists.

Teachers' Mannerisms Can Be Frustrating

By Debbie Baker

Every teacher is different and all have their own ways of teaching, but a lot of teachers have the same mannerisms. For instance, some teachers bang on their desks or throw books on the floor like they're going crazy, just to get your attention.

Another popular way of getting the class's attention is for the teacher to scratch his nails across the blackboard. This is a most effective way but results in students screaming, yelling, and sometimes complete chaos. Other times the teacher will just sit and stare at you as if he's in a trance, to get your attention. Sometimes this method makes you feel uncomfortable or, depending on the look on the teacher's face, can make students go into fits of laughter.

Did you ever try to take notes while a teacher was explaining something but kept stopping because he would

remember something from his past and tell you the story? Students would probably get better test scores if they were given a test on their teacher's past.

There is an art to taking notes but it makes it very difficult to do if you get a teacher who talks so fast you hardly have time to listen. A swivel chair for students who have a teacher who is constantly walking around the room while explaining something might help.

A lot of teachers are neat and orderly while others can't find the grade book because it's buried in two feet of papers on their desk.

Then there are the teachers who ask questions and answer them too. After the first week in their class, you don't even bother to raise your hand.

Don't let teachers' mannerisms get you down because if this is what it's like in high school, what will it be like in college?

Spot the Differences in Pioneer's Picture Puzzle



AN ACE PIONEER reporter makes a call to get the facts straight for a story. Three hours later, eleven changes have taken place in

this typically messy PIONEER room. Can you find them? The answers are printed on page 5.

photo by Henry Voges

Cindermen Prepare For Bright Future

The prospects for the 1977 season are bright. The Southwest Cindermen finished with a total of 9½ points and placed ninth in the Dick Hudlin Invitational competition, held at the Armory February 25. The track team is coached by Mr. Bud Wallach and assisted by Mr. Larry Davis.

For the past 40 years, every PHL team has had a track championship more than once except SW, which has never clinched the title. This year the Cindermen plan to make an effort to show how well SW compares to other teams.

This strength lies both within the long and short distance events. Competing in the field events are stampeding junior Kenn Judd who wrangled a first place in the shot put event February 25, and senior Harry Loshe.

Competing in the varsity 880 are junior Tony Boeger, who placed fifth in his heat.

The varsity 880 relay team, junior Kenn Judd, seniors Aninias Hill, Frank Daniels and Stan Newsome, won their heat and are predicted to oppose teams in their tracks.

Senior Paul Weise placed second in his heat in the mile, and hurdler, junior Kelvin Brown, made the finals in his event.

In the junior-varsity division the two-mile-relay placed in their heat.

The remaining indoor meets include the Sumner Invitational, March 4. Results were not available at press time. The St. Louis Indoor district will be held March 18.



SENIORS ANINIAS HILL, Stan Newsome and junior Maurice Danzler truck to raise funds for the Track Team on February 28, The team will complete in the St. Louis Indoor District Meet, March 18.

Gymnasts Display Poise and Coordination

When co-ed physical education classes started all students still had the opportunity to choose what type of gym class he or she wanted, whether it was Basic P.E., Individual Sports, Team Sports or even Gymnastics.

According to Physical Education teacher Miss Julie Frank, "Several boys

signed up for the course, and I feel these are the ones really interested, the ones not afraid to display poise and body movement. Also, a big advantage of having boys is that they can help out a lot because they make good spotters for stunts."

Miss Frank teaches gymnastics periods 5, 6, and 7. She stated, "A class of 15 is a good number so students can work on stunts without being crowded, and I can devote more time to each individual."

The class is based on what each individual can do himself. Everyone is at different levels and is working at his own pace and aiming for his goal.

Junior Terri Fueller explained it as contract learning. "Everyone writes out what he or she will accomplish for a 5-week term."

A total of 10 stunts are expected, but the student can determine what he or she is capable of doing. Grades are given basically on performance on a certain stunt involved.

Junior Kevin Brown said, "I like the class. It's fun. I can learn more things as in body movements, and I like the girls."

At the end of last term a gymnastics meet for the classes was held. Miss Bonnie Burgett, Miss Fran Bradburry, Dr. Kathy Kinderfather and Miss Frank judged the contest. Blue ribbons were handed out for many different stunts.



SENIOR CHRIS Caldwell gives assistance to junior Kevin Brown while performing a stunt on the vaulting horse during gymnastics class.

Basketball Cagers End Disappointing Season

Southwest's Cagers went onto the court against Vashon February 25 with a positive attitude. However, that attitude just wasn't enough. Vashon iced SW, 68-58, despite the fact that junior Ralph Jacobs had a game-high of 25 points.

The Longhorns' first mistake was a technical foul before the start of the game. During warm-ups senior Chad Hanna dunked the ball. Even though dunking is allowed during the game this year, it is a technical foul if you dunk in pre-game drills.

Vashon left the court at the end of the first quarter with a two-point lead.

During the second quarter, Vashon's Wolverines prevented a scoring drive for almost three minutes.

The rest of the game was dominated by Vashon. The victory extended their winning streak to 15 games.

A few days earlier on February 22, SW opposed St. Mary's at their gymnasium. This time positive attitude and good defensive control worked well; the Longhorns pulled the game out, 68-66. Before this game St. Mary's was 20-4.

On February 17, the Steers played host to Roosevelt. Roosevelt won the contest, 78-73.

With the score standing at 25-9 at the beginning of the second quarter with SW leading, the Rough Riders caught fire to narrow the margin by the half.

The Longhorns ended their regular season with a 10-13 overall record and entered their regional seeded third behind St. Mary's and DuBourg. SW has beaten both of these teams earlier this season.

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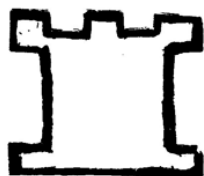
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Girls' Track Rebuilding

Southwest girls began their indoor track season last Tuesday. They will be competing in the State Qualifying Meet on March 18. April 21-23 will find the girls running in the Parkway North Invitational.

The strongest teams in the PHL should be Beaumont, Northwest, Soldan, and Sumner. These teams have many experienced girls returning.

Karen Brents and Terry Lorrino will be the only returning seniors from last year's team for SW. Both girls will be competing for track scholarships at Northeast Missouri State College.

Junior Donna Hubacek and freshman Janet Johnson will give strong support to distance. Sophomore Elaine Carnes will anchor the sprinters.

Mostly freshmen and sophomores will compose this year's team. Mrs. Earline Falker, track coach, stated, "We've got a lot of new kids."

"They're going to be good," stated Karen Brents. "This will surely be a team of the future."

When asked about the team's inexperience, Coach Falker said, "We lost a lot of our strong runners." Kathy Weber and Maureen Sutherland graduated. Rose Winters, a fine looking freshman, has transferred.

Skaters Miss Playoffs this Season

One thing Southwest hockey is not accustomed to is watching the annual Mid-States Hockey Playoffs instead of participating in them. "Which is partly due to the loss of many of SW's top scorers. A lot of scoring punch was really lost," explained sports writer Kevin McGlynn of the *South Side Journal*, "but with the players coming back next year, they could definitely be a contender."

This is the first year SW will not go to the playoffs since the team was formed four years ago. "It's really a sick feeling," stated junior leftwinger Thom Barr, who had played in the playoffs two previous times, "knowing that your team has the talent and should be out there, instead of in the stands watching the other teams."

In the last game of the season, the Longhorns battled second-place divisional foe, Country Day, in a brawl-filled February 19 match in which a total of 13 penalties were called. SW was assessed nine of them. Senior defenseman Larry Freeze was given an eight-minute misconduct for kicking the puck after the play was over. Senior center Keith Bowen was given a game misconduct and a five-minute penalty for fighting when he went after another player instead of going directly to the penalty box.

All seven penalties in the second period against SW helped Country Day capitalize with four goals as they went on to win the game, 7-2.

Sports Shorts

SOPHOMORE DOUG FINLEY placed twelfth in the 100-meter backstroke at the State Swim Meet in Columbia. Doug was the only member of the Longhorn Swim Team to qualify for the State Meet which took place on February 26.

THE ANNUAL winter sports' banquet in honor of the athletes will be held tonight

at 7:30 p.m. This banquet honors the sports of basketball, swimming, wrestling, and volleyball. The guest speaker is Joe Tangaro, pro wrestler, and restaurant owner. Like last time, both male and females will attend.

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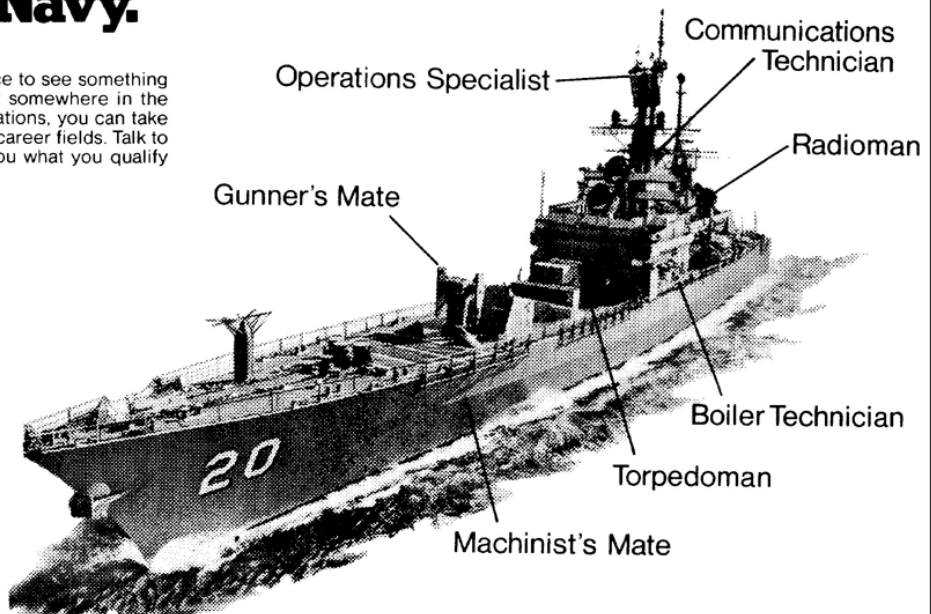
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