

Birth Order May Affect your Life

By Debbie Baker

"When I was her age, I wasn't staying out as late as she does, and I was doing more work around the house than she does."

This is a typical complaint of the oldest child talking about a younger sister or brother. Birth order possibly could affect your family life as well as your personality.

"The oldest child usually is a leader, is somewhat outgoing and more independent than the others," said Family Living Teacher, Miss Karen VonGlinow.

There are some disadvantages of being the oldest. "Since I'm the oldest girl, I always have to set the examples for my little sisters," explained senior Diana Layton. Unlike Diana, her brother senior Dennis Layton, who is the middle child, does not have to set many examples.

"Parents tend to be more lax with the middle children and the youngest because they have had more experience with their first child," explained Miss VonGlinow. This seems very unfair to those who are the oldest.

A lot of people think middle children have more problems because they're right between the oldest and the youngest who get the most attention. "I don't feel that I get any less attention from my parents than my older sister or younger sisters do," said junior Bev Venigoni.

If you're the youngest, you might find people treating you like a baby. This might be because you're the last of your parents' children and the unconsciously want to hold onto you as long as possible.

"Younger children tend to be more social and not very independent," said Miss VonGlinow.

If you're the child who has to set the examples all the time, you're probably the oldest. If you're the child who is

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Movie Stars Come For Spirit Week



"Spirit Is Shown in Many Disguises"



Requirements Quite Lenient

By Kathy Ortleb

The standards of education in the St. Louis Public High Schools are not at an all-time high. This may be attributed to the fact that the minimum requirements for graduation from these schools are at an all-time low.

These low requirements are not found only in St. Louis, however. In fact, minimum requirements in St. Louis are higher than those of the state.

Missouri law requires students to pass only one full year of each basic subject with the exception of two years of English. The Lindbergh school system holds to these state requirements, yet their education performance is one of the highest in the area.

What can be the cause of this discrepancy? The St. Louis Board has chosen to raise the standards required by the state for their school system, yet the quality of education is still not as high as it could be.

Parkway schools have the same requirements as our own, but their performance is also much higher.

Southwest, as well as other public high schools, has been in the process of gradually adopting new minimum requirements for several years. Three years of English, two of Social Studies, and one each of other basic subjects are needed to graduate. No foreign language is necessary.

The result of lower standards has been that students are choosing courses that are too easy for them. Students aren't challenged enough and take the easy way out, according to Mrs. Marguerite German, guidance counselor.

Parents and counselors must guide students to choose subjects that will aid them in their future. Passing courses is not enough. Employers and colleges look at what sort of subjects were taken in high school more than the statistics and averages students have.

SW is lucky enough to have many advanced placement courses, such as Western Civilization, Advanced Composition & Literature, French 9 and 10, Calculus, and Advanced Sciences. Many other public schools do not offer them. If students do not sign up, SW may be in danger of losing them.

Obviously, the low minimum requirements are not prompting students to make the best of their high school education. Therefore, minimum requirements should be raised to force students to help themselves.



Reduce Programming Problems

By Henry Voges

Programming courses for next year will take place this week.

Several changes in the programming procedure will be initiated in an effort to reduce programming difficulties.

Students will plan their program for the entire year instead of on a semester basis. Therefore, it will be necessary for students to plan far in advance as they begin programming.

Many problems in programming for this semester were caused by students filling out their programs incorrectly.

To reduce the number of these errors, Miss Jacqueline Hudson, administrative assistant in charge of programming, offered several suggestions.

"The first step for students is to read the course description carefully," stated Miss Hudson.

Next, the student should check the prerequisites for the course. The student shouldn't sign up for a course if he doesn't have the prerequisites.

A student shouldn't sign up for a course he has already taken. "It may seem silly, but some students signed up for courses they were currently taking," Miss Hudson commented.

Courses will not be numbered and there will be no R and E courses. This step will be handled by Miss Hudson in an effort to improve programming procedures.

In addition, students will be responsible for setting their own priorities. The course the student wants most will be listed first, and the others in decreasing order.

If a student follows these suggestions, he will have more success in getting the courses he wants with a minimum of difficulty.

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Incompetent Teaching Flourishes

By Sherri Davis

Most students think of quality education as up-to-date text books, communication devices and, most of all, a skilled teacher who knows the curriculum.

It is understood that the student should learn substance. In order for the student to learn, the teacher must know the subject he teaches. The content which the teacher knows is important, but the goal of teaching is relating education to each child's needs so that the curriculum takes sense.

Schoolwide testing has proven that an increasing number of adolescents graduating from high school cannot comprehend.

Some Bad Signs

One of the worst experiences a student can have is a "slum teacher." A better phrasing would be a teacher who doesn't relate or know the curriculum. Other factors of incompetence shown in a teacher may be the lack of motivation transmitted to the student, inability to accept differences of opinions, constant failure to grade homework and tests, and inability to control the students.

Here at Southwest every teacher is evaluated. The procedure for evaluation is that the Department Chairman evaluates the teachers within the department. Mr. Stephen Warmack, Assistant Principal of Instruction, reevaluates the teacher, and last, Principal Marvin Koenig meets with the two evaluators and analyzes the evaluation.

Teachers Observed

When you observe Mr. Warmack or the Department Head sitting in the class, the purpose of observation of the teacher is usually taking place.

According to Mr. Warmack, incompetence in a teacher's teaching procedure is not easily proven. When incompetence is present a teacher is marked unsatisfactory and given the choice to stay within the school where presently teaching or to transfer within the district. With this method, the poor teacher is continually practicing bad teaching habits which are hindering the student. The administration feels its method for evaluation is sufficient.

Students Evaluate

In many universities and some high schools throughout the nation, the teachers are evaluated by students. Students should participate in the procedure for evaluating teachers because we, the students, are under the teacher's instruction for 187 school days and can observe and judge more accurately than the administration. A person who is outside in the cold relates better to the cold than the person inside a warm house.

Walk, Ride or Run for Money or Fun

An important discovery has been made! A person can get some well-needed exercise, have an extensive tour of the St. Louis area, make money for a worthy cause, and maybe even win a prize all in the same day.

How? Simply sign up to walk, run, or ride your bike for one of the various organizations sponsoring such programs.

One example is the "Spring Stroll-a-Thon" on May 7 sponsored by the March of Dimes.

With two routes to choose from, one in the city and one in the county, participants walk twenty miles at their leisure. As a result, a great part of the community can be viewed.

Strollers ask relatives, friends, and neighbors to pledge money for each mile walked. The money will be used for research and equipment needed to prevent birth defects.

Another incentive is the possibility of winning a color T.V., stereo, or other prizes. All participants are admitted free to a Cardinal baseball game.

Want to do something worthwhile? Look into one of these activities and sign up soon!

Rocky Punches Way to Stardom

By Richard Maskell

The movie "Rocky" is a particularly exciting picture, if you don't mind the long lines to get in.

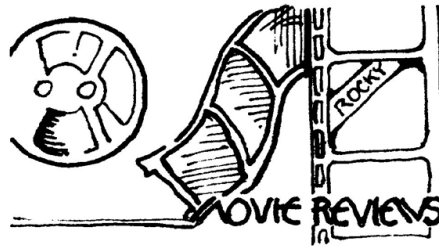
The screenplay was written by Sylvester Stallone, who also plays the main character. Stallone has appeared in other movies, such as the "Lords of Flatbush" and "Capone," but was, for the most part, unnoticed.

More noteworthy is that Stallone could have made more money selling the script and allowing a popular actor to be cast as Rocky, but he held out to star in it himself for less money. Needless to say, it has made him an over-night success.

Rocky Balboa is a lonely, uneducated boxer whose career is starting to fade. He comes across as a likeable character who is appealing to the audience.

Rocky's hopes rise when he is challenged to a boxing match by heavyweight champion Apollo Creed. Although Rocky is past his prime, he attempts finally to make something of his life.

An intensive training schedule prepares him for the fight. Some of his methods are quite different from those of other boxers.



Only a small portion of the movie takes place in the boxing arena, but the actual boxing scenes are not in the typically fake Hollywood style. An example of this realism is that Stallone complained of pains that lasted for several months after the scenes were shot.

"Rocky" is a movie that shows the trials of a boxer, but it is still good entertainment for those not interested in sports.

Quadrangle Open for All Lunches

Now that warm weather is here, students have been found sticking to their seats in the cafeteria, and the butter is starting to melt off the ceiling. It is becoming more desirable to be outside than in the stuffy building.

Students can be seen sitting on the esplanade but not on the quadrangle.

Many students are unaware of the fact that the quadrangle is open during fifth period. Students are allowed to go down there and even eat lunch if they want.

"The quadrangle has been open since I've been here. It doesn't bother me if

students sit there, but I don't want it to turn into a gymnasium," stated Principal Marvin O. Koenig. The playing of sports is not allowed in the quadrangle because of damage that could be done to the new building's windows.

Due to disturbance of new building classes, students aren't allowed in the quadrangle during other periods.

The quadrangle is open for the enjoyment of all. If you are wondering why benches aren't down there anymore, it is due to vandalism. Maybe in the near future, benches could be put down there again.



photo by Henry Voges

NEW STUDENTS, dressed by SW Seniors, make their debut on March 11.

Senior Prank Transforms Statues

Southwest seniors this year have been both bad and good. Their most recent "bad" escapade was the monstrous prank of dressing the statues above the esplanade as SW athletes, obviously detrimental to the statues.

The statues were dressed on Senior Rec Night, March 11, and most students were surprised the next Monday. Senior Kathy McCarthy commented, "I liked it. I think they should do it again." Others called the prank everything from "cute" and "funny" to "shocking."

One senior suggested dressing up Principal Marvin Koenig next time.

The pranksters will not get in trouble

because as Mr. Al Ecker, a Senior Class sponsor, noted, the prank was in good taste and didn't damage anything. In fact, the administration knew of the prank before it was carried out.

The "good" the seniors have done is the extra money from the Toys for Tots campaign, approximately \$1,000, which was donated to Cardinal Glennon Hospital. About one month after it was donated, it was put to good use. They found that a former SW student, sophomore Bonzella Calvin, had bone cancer and her leg had to be amputated. The money bought Bonzella an artificial leg.

Symphonic Band Makes Musical Tour

The Symphonic Band will tour two cities from April 26-30. The band's first stop will be in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, and their second will be Cherokee, North Carolina.

The Symphonic Band has sold jewelry and magazine subscriptions to help finance this trip. The parents of the band members sponsored a spaghetti dinner, and the band members sold candy bars for fifty cents apiece. From candy sales alone, band members raised \$4,100. The trip itself costs \$4,885.

The band makes these tours because members enjoy the annual trip. It originally started as an exchange

performance with a high school in Chicago. They liked that idea and decided to make a tour once a year.

Seventy-eight of the 95 members will participate. Said band member, sophomore Mike Dial, "I hope the band trip will be successful and that I'll have a good time. I've been looking forward to it."

None of the band members are obligated to make the tour. The Junior Ring Dance is scheduled that week, and some members preferred to participate in that.

One of the band's more interesting tours was to New Orleans, two years ago.

April 29 Set for Jr. Ring Dance

Griffin will be the band performing at this year's Junior Ring Dance, April 29, from 7:30-10:30 p.m. The group plays a variety of music by artists such as Dave Mason, Aerosmith, Foghat and K.C. & the Sunshine Band, to name a few.

The dance theme is "Stardust." Decorations will center on an outdoor garden. A picture stand will be set up for those interested. Prices for the dance will be \$6 for couples and \$3.50 for singles. Dress will be semi-formal.

Rings will be distributed at the dance. Those juniors not attending may get their rings later. Each advisory will nominate a candidate for king and queen of the dance. They will be voted on the week before the dance in advisories. Winners will be crowned at the dance.

Wins Fourth Place in Contest

Junior Tom Karagianis recently received a fourth place award in the "Voice of Democracy Contest" sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The entries had to be written, spoken and taped by the students. There were four hundred entries in this city wide contest, with \$25 bonds given to first, second and third place. Fourth place received a certificate of merit.

What's Happening

April

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| 4-8 | Spring vacation, no classes |
| 12 | PTA Board meeting, 1:30 p.m. |
| 13 | Blood pressure screening, identified students |
| 14 | Band-Choir Concert, 8 p.m.;
no classes, parent-teacher conferences, 2-8 p.m. |
| 15 | PTA installation, fashion show-industrial arts display, 1:30 p.m. |
| 25 | Cheerleader tryouts, new boys' gym, 3:30 p.m. |
| 26 | Singers Insight |
| 26-30 | Band trip |
| 29 | Junior Ring Dance, 7:30 p.m. |

News & Notes

MEMBERS OF the PIONEER staff, at a Washington University Press Conference on March 15, won awards in various contests sponsored by the Conference. Members receiving awards were juniors Karen Pope, Meritorious for editorial writing; Cindy Browne, Meritorious for feature writing; Bill Morris, Meritorious for editorial cartoons and John Riddle Honorable Mention for news. Seniors receiving awards were Henry Voges Honorable Mention and Meritorious for photography and Pleasant Lindsay, Honorable Mention for news.

They were competing with the newspaper staffs from 39 senior high schools.

CANDIDATES FOR Junior Board will be presented at an aud session on May 2, period 7. Juniors will elect their candidates during advisory the next

Amount of Stolen Materials Rises

While operating on the principle of trust, the school library finds itself losing more books every day. Last year a total of 296 books was not returned, adding up to \$2,368. The majority of books missing deal with current controversial matters such as sports, drugs, or sex.

According to librarian Mrs. Mildred Conners, "We've almost made up our mind not to buy any more books. It's almost no use. One student will get it, and no one else has a chance."

The procedure for taking out a book is quite simple—all it requires is the student taking time out to sign the index card and for the librarian to stamp the date to be returned. Every student is allowed to keep a book for two weeks and if an extension is needed, Mrs. Conners said, "We have not turned down one student yet this year who has come to us and asked for more time."

Mrs. Emily Mogelnicki, another librarian, said, "The problem is that the student is afraid that when he comes back some time later the book will be gone, or some just take it for a joke. Thirdly, they just don't want to take the time out; if they could just see it from our point of view. In a sense the book is destroyed if it is just taken and not signed out. The base of the problem, I think, is that respect is missing for things and people."

Other problems have also arisen in the library. Books are being destroyed, magazines cut up or stolen, and yearbooks mutilated. Mrs. Conners stated, "The mess in the magazine room is comparable to the mess in the cafeteria."

morning. Applications were distributed to interested sophomores last month. To be eligible, students must have a good citizenship record, a minimum 2.5 grade average, fewer than twelve absences per semester, and sufficient credits.

SOUTHWEST WILL be represented by juniors Paula Heckel, Jim Niemann, Karen Stefacek, and Steve Thurn in the Achievement Awards in Writing on April 22. Students were recommended by various Communication Skills teachers. These four students were selected by a general consensus.

Their entries will consist of an impromptu theme, written in no more than one hour under teacher supervision and a sample of prepared writing. Though no cash award is given, the prestige of placing in the achievements awards usually weighs heavily with colleges, according to Mrs. Marie Markowski, head of the Communications Skills Department.

SEVERAL SOUTHWEST STUDENTS participated in a math contest of all Southwestern Conference high schools at SIU Edwardsville on March 12. They were seniors Anne Mangelsdorf, Nancy Minney, Paul Weise, Henry Voges and Nevels Scott; juniors Linda Clark, David Schultz, Lyle Levine and Mark Meier; and sophomores Cindy Fears, Ann Voges, John Crusius and Irvin Millman.

According to math teacher, Mr. Warren Gower, the competition was very stiff. Though the preliminary results are back, the actual scores have not yet been returned.

Band-Choir Concert to Head Activities

The Band-Choir Concert will be held this Thursday in the Southwest auditorium at 8 p.m. featuring Concert Choir, directed by Miss Leontone Meyer, and the Symphonic Band under the direction of Mr. Robert Nordman.

Choir selections will include "O Occhi Manza Mia," "Cantante Domino," "The Turtle Dove," "The Last Words of David," "There Shall a Star Come Out of Jacob," "Glorious Everlasting," "You Will Be My Music," and "Aleluia" by Bach. Student director Tom Enders will lead "Round the Earth's Imagined Corners." John Riddle is the accompanist for the choir.

The Symphonic Band selections will include "Chorus Line" (selections), "Wilderness Overture," "Declaration," "Fanfare from the Hermitage," "Symbol or Honor," and "Hosts of Freedom."

A Singer's Insight workshop, led by Mrs. Antoinette Petrie, will be held for the Concert and Intermediate Choirs Tuesday April 26 at 10 a.m. The session will center around singing and performing music.

"It's work, but I feel music is really satisfying. I find it interesting and fun to do," said Mrs. Petrie.

Mrs. Petrie has studied voice, teaches voice privately, and is a professional singer.

The Early Risers, SW's male barbershop group, now has competition in the form of the recently-formed Sweet Adelines.

Junior Kathy Fincher, director of the group, has received adeline music arrangements from other groups to provide a wide variety of tunes. This group will perform at the annual Spring Music Festival in May.

Mizerany Skates Into Spirit Week Aud



photo by Henry Voges

Mr. Steve Mizerany's surprise appearance was a highlight of the Spirit Week aud session, March 18.

After the show, Mr. Mizerany noted, "The kids really impressed me. No rowdiness, just healthy cheering. I enjoyed it."

He apparently had no reservations about being a monster in a Southwest skit. He agreed because, as he stated, "They asked me."

In the act, when Dr. Feickenstein (Mr. Ray Feick) created his monster, Mr. Mizerany appeared, as usual, on skates. "When you come out on skates, people recognize you. We like people to think our store's so big, we have to skate around it. In fact, sometimes we do."

Mr. Mizerany's last comment was an invitation to "come down and skate with us."

Fleetwood Mac Confirm 'Rumours' to Reality

By Don Villella

Take two members of a hard-rock British blues band, two starving musicians from California, and one pop-oriented female composer. Put them all together and you have Fleetwood Mac.

"Rumours" is Fleetwood Mac's second album under their new alignment. It basically follows the format of the successful "Fleetwood Mac" album, which has been on the charts for 85 weeks.

Fleetwood Mac doesn't sport any instrumental virtuosos. But the vocals are superb. Christine McVie's British accent is offset perfectly by Stevie Nicks' mystical harmonizing, and Lindsey Buckingham's Southern California accent.

"The Chain" is definitely the best track on the album. Each member of the band lent a hand on the writing. Lindsey Buckingham and Stevie Nicks share the vocals. It opens acoustically, with a rousing drum beat that is prevalent



throughout the entire song. The beat gets stronger and stronger until finally, Buckingham plays an aggressive guitar solo reminiscent of the solo on the live version of "Rhiannon".

Stevie Nicks is featured on "Dreams." In the heavenly mood created by her voice, the sense of understatement is almost unbearable. Her voice is so relaxing, yet vigorous.

"You Make Living Fun" falls into the mold of "Say You Love Me", "Songbird" is comparable to "Warm Ways" off the "Fleetwood Mac" album. In fact, most of the tracks on "Rumours" sound more than vaguely similar to the "Fleetwood Mac" album.

The most original track is "Go Your Own Way." While maintaining an acoustic rhythm throughout, Buckingham mixes in an electric riff here and there. His vocal is very convincing.

The band seems to be following a formula. It is a good idea as long as the formula works.

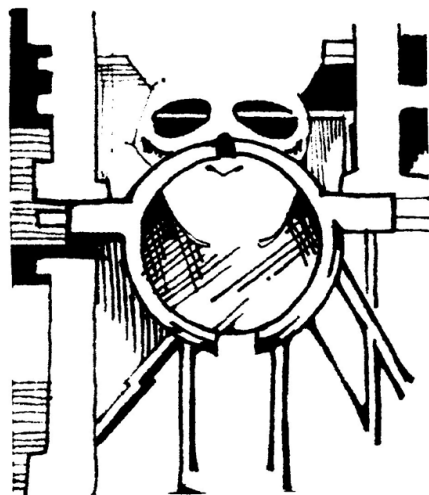
They're not heavy metal, they're not progressive, they're not folk — they're just Fleetwood Mac.

Science Club Stresses Activities

By Ty Tanner

Southwest has currently taken on a new substance in its compound of extra-curricular activities. It is the new Science Club, which began in late February.

"In the beginning of the 1976-77 year, the faculty decided that all clubs formed must be purposeful and active," stated Mr. Zapf, the club's energizer.



In its three meetings, the club has planned a star-viewing expedition, an archeological trip to Cahokia Mounds, and a venture to Chicago to view the King Tutankhamen exposition scheduled there.

Meetings are held every other Thursday in room 212. The club has been revived from last year's blight of relative disorganization and disinterest. The pundits of the Science Department, Mr. Robert Brown, Mr. Ray Feick, Mr. Steve Nuski and Mr. Ron Zapf, are the sponsors of the activity.

In its third meeting on March 17, Mr. Brown introduced the hologram effect of filming. It is produced by coherent light (laser) and split into separate beams. One beam is directed straight to the film while the other is reflected to it from different angles, giving all the features of the object.

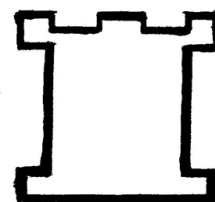
This produces a hazy, three-dimensional optical perception similar to the "electron cloud" portion of the popular Laserium laser concert.

"For example, if you were looking at a profile of someone on a two-dimensional picture, you could only see that side of the head. With the hologram, you can walk around and see the front and even the other side of the head," explained Mr. Brown.

The club also issues a basic but informative newsletter every meeting listing current topics in all fields of science, science programs on television, and mind-bending puzzles.

The three basic objectives of the club are to inform of extraordinary phenomena, provide awareness of current scientific issues and crises, and to get members involved in the science field.

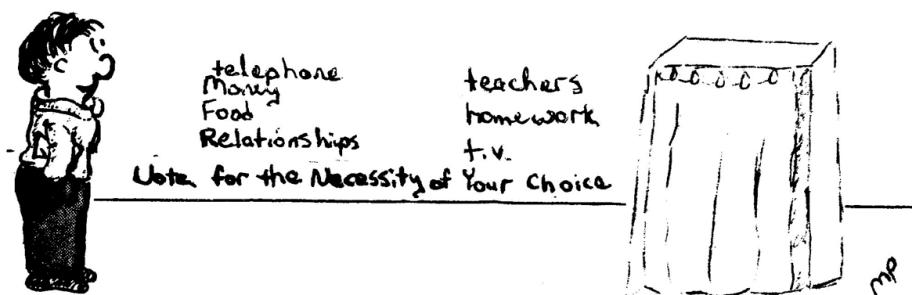
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Teens Discuss Living Necessities

By Michael Parish

In this complicated world, if you had to reduce life to its essentials, what would be necessary to you and what wouldn't? PIONEER asked this question of a number of students.

Four of the most essential commodities for students were money, music, a job, and the telephone. A few students gave humorous answers, such as toilet paper, deodorant or mouthwash. Some students also put various degrees of relationships with the opposite sex as a necessity.

Most students recorded going places for entertainment as a necessity, replying that they couldn't stand staying home all the time.

Sophomore Marcia Davis said, "There's nothing good on television because the plots of all the shows are

alike, except for their use of different characters."

However, junior Melanie Evans said, "The first thing that goes on when I come home is the television."

Some students replied that the telephone is a sort of entertainment, especially when they're alone. Junior Shirley Haynes stated, "The telephone can hide appearances and feelings, making the person feel at ease to communicate."

The question, "What things can you most do without?" was also asked, and half-way humorous replies like homework, crabby teachers, elders, I.D.'s, the cafeteria food and TV were given.

The essential entertainment for teenagers today seems to have changed from mental to physical activities.

Some of the students stated the saying, "Money can buy anything," as their reason for putting it as a necessity.

How to Study Less but Learn More

By Cyndee Newlin

There always seems to be some people whose grades and studying come easily. Did you ever wonder what their secret is? Well, maybe it's no secret at all.

With only eight or nine weeks of school left, soon finals will have everyone hitting the books. So now's the time to get your act together.

There are many excuses people use for poor grades. One may be "I just can't seem to remember anything." If this sounds familiar to you, don't be discouraged. It could be that you never learned how to study. If you follow these few simple steps you can soon be studying less but learning more.

Proper Atmosphere—The best time to begin your studying is when there isn't much on your mind. Don't try to do your homework when you're sleepy, upset or sick. You will have better concentration otherwise. Study in the same place everyday, whether it's in your room or in the backyard, wherever you are most comfortable with few things to distract you.

Shorter Study Periods—Study periods are most effective when used in four half-hour periods, instead of two full

hours. This way you're less likely to become bored.

If you have a long-term assignment to accomplish, spread your time out evenly as you would in athletics. Pace yourself. Don't wait till the night before. Take frequent short breaks. Then, come back and see how much you remember.

Repetition—This is the area where most students have trouble. Just the thought of repeating something over and over will turn many students off to studying. It's normal to forget, and repetition is often needed and essential for information to stick. Drill yourself several times, then take a break. Come back to see how much you recall. You'll probably be surprised.

Review—If you are preparing for a test, use the suggestions above and review frequently over the chapter and your notes.

If you try these suggestions, you're already on the right track. All you have to do is give yourself a chance. The secret to studying is making every minute count. In other words, know when to quit, as well as when to start.

Silly Symptoms of Spring Fever

By Karen Pope

Spring is the season when young men's hearts turn to what young women's hearts have felt all winter.

That long-awaited season is here. Mid-terms are over, the weather's beautiful, and everyone has an acute case of spring fever.

Most often characterized by staring out the window and daydreaming, spring fever can be diagnosed through other symptoms also. You know if you've got it if:

—you need to cut your fifth period class at least three times a week.

—spending the day at Forest Park becomes very alluring.

—the boy/girl you've hated all semester becomes very attractive.

—you pick out your prom dress three months early and remember you don't have a date yet.

—you find homework interesting.

—you begin to believe Mr. Koenig's rules aren't all that bad.

—you wear crazy combinations, like stripes and polka dots.

—you find yourself singing "Love Is A Many Splendored Thing" on the way to class.

—you find yourself calling in sick to work every Friday and Saturday.

—you actually enjoy reading a PIONEER humor story.

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Longhorn Nine Ready for Chaminade

The 1977 Baseball Longhorns will continue their schedule against Chaminade at 4 p.m. tomorrow at Chaminade.

Southwest has eleven returning lettermen on this year's squad, five of whom are pitchers. Among them, the Steers have the "Italian Connection," senior Joe Finocchio and junior Rich Garozzo. Garozzo led the Longhorn pitching staff last year with a 5 - 1 record and a 2.46 earned run average. Finocchio finished the season with a 2.84 E.R.A.

The pitching staff also features junior Jim Gugliano. This control pitcher posted an impressive 1.17 E.R.A. and a 2 - 1 record last season.

SW is solid up the middle. Behind the plate will be third-year letterman, senior Mike Blase. Second base will be tended by the slick-fielding junior, Rich Juedemann. One of the stronger positions on the squad will be shortstop. Last year, as a junior, Scott Messel shared the hitting title of the Longhorns with a .407 batting average. SW will look to Messel to stabilize the infield as well as provide a consistent bat.

Junior Rob Purvis will control the action at third base with senior Alvin Simmons and sophomore Jamie Swanner at first base.

The outfield will be anchored by junior Al McNeil. McNeil batted .326 last season and possesses a strong arm. Newcomer junior Joe Heipel should provide needed power.

Each year Coach Ed Graham sets certain goals, one of which is to go undefeated in the PHL. "If we lose one league game there's a possibility that another team can win the title."

photo by Jerry Belton



THE "ITALIAN CONNECTION" heats up. Senior Joe Finocchio (left) and junior Rick Garozzo will play a major role as the nucleus of the Longhorn pitching staff.

The PHL crown this year is especially important to SW. No team has ever won or shared the title three years in a row. The Longhorns have brought the championship trophy to SW in 1975 and 1976.

Coach Graham commented, "This year, as every year, Sumner will be tough. Beaumont, Soldan and Cleveland also have improved teams."

State rules say a team can schedule 18 games and one tournament plus as many

games a team wins in the State tournament. The Longhorns have a full schedule.

Shortstop Scott Messel stated the team's attitude: "We do not plan on being knocked out in the first round of district play in the State tournament as we have been the last two years."

Joe Finocchio agreed. "Winning the PHL is most important and anything after that is gravy. I plan on having a lot of gravy with my meal."

Sports Shorts

AT THE ANNUAL Winter Sports Awards Banquet on March 16, senior Kelvin Bostic was awarded the basketball Most Valuable Player trophy. Athletes from the sports of Girls' Basketball, Boys' Basketball, Boys' Swimming and Wrestling were also honored.

IN THE POWDER PUFF Hockey game the Southwest girls tied Cleveland, 4-4. In the March 22 contest senior Sue Sondag scored the hat trick as junior Sue O'Mara got the other goal.

SOUTHWEST FACULTY and lettermen will compete with their Maplewood counterparts in basketball games. These games are tentatively scheduled for April 26 at Maplewood at 6:30 and 8 p.m. Tickets for the games will be sold for \$1.

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Swimmers Meet Vashon

Southwest's girls' Swim Team will face a short but challenging schedule for the 1976-77 season. Tomorrow SW will swim against the Vashon Wolverines at O'Fallon High School at 4 p.m.

On April 20 the girls will return to O'Fallon to compete in the PHL Swim Meet. They will try to improve last year's third place finish. Junior backstroker Cynthia Davis enthusiastically stated, "We took third last year, but we'll take first or second this year!"

There have been two major rule changes for this year. Diving and synchronized swimming have been eliminated this year.

The girls have made a considerable improvement in the butterfly event. Senior Barb Gleason and sophomore Lori McNamara will take charge of this event. Cynthia Davis and sophomore Linda Haywood will fill the holes in the backstroke department. These events were weak points for SW last year.

The freestyle relay, medley relay, and IME medley teams haven't been composed as yet. Coach Julie Frank is still looking for a winning combination. Senior freestyler Kathy Corzine is a steady performer and will surely be an anchor for the relay teams.



DIVING (FROM LEFT) are senior freestyler Kathy Corzine, sophomore flystroker Lorie McNamara, and freshman backstroker Leslie Corzine, during a recent practice, in preparation for the PHL Meet, April 20.

Birth Order

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constantly being pushed to follow in someone's footsteps you're probably the middle child, and if everyone treats you like a baby, you're probably the youngest.

Let's not forget the only child. The only child is supposed to be a spoiled brat, but Miss VonGlinow says this is not

necessarily true. It depends on what they are given, and for what reason, such as a reward. "An only child is usually more like the oldest-being mature, ambitious and outgoing," said Miss VonGlinow.

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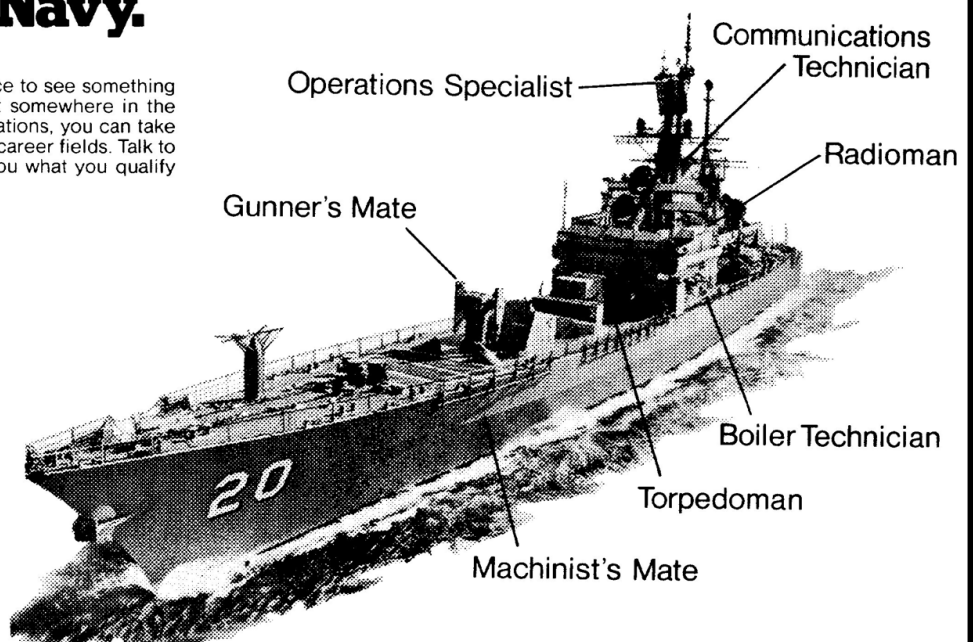
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Cindermen Place in District Heats, Go to State

With the help of tri-captains junior Ken Judd, and seniors Stan Newsom and Aninias Hill at the St. Louis Indoor District Meet at the Armory on March 18, the Southwest Cindermen placed in five districts enabling them to advance to the State Indoor Meet held in Columbia, March 26.

While senior Newsome took part in the 880-relay, and the mile-relay. Hill ran the low hurdles, and the mile relay also. Judd had a shot-put of 52' 10½" for a first place finish in that heat.

In four of the five heats the SW Cindermen had either a first-place finish or were tied for first in that heat.

The 880-relay team, senior Newsom and juniors Maurice Denzler, Frank Daniels, and John Dietl looked strong with a first place time of 3:59.4, as did the mile relay team with junior Wayne Woods', Hill, Daniels, and Newsome. Both relay teams turned in strong times.

Girls' Track Ready

The Girls' Track Team seems to be getting off on the right foot. Sometimes, even the left one. Seriously, the track squad will be a promising one.

Up to now, the team has been training for their events indoors, which has hampered them somewhat. Adjustments had to be made.

"When I'm running inside," commented junior Annette Ruffkahr, "I slow down because of corners, but when we're outside, the times may be as much as ten to fifteen seconds faster because there are no corners."

Senior Karen Brents has posted a time of 2:48.5 in the 880-yard run, her best so far. Another long distance specialist, freshman Cathy Dietl, ran the event with a time of 2:50.

In the 440-yard division, strong performances were recorded by sophomores Antoinette Bridges and Ann Jacobs, returning junior Donna Hubacek and freshman Vicky Bernard.

Probable runners for the 220 are senior Terry Lorino and junior Jackie Berry. This season's high jumpers include sophomore Anieakan Aqua and returning jumper, Donna Hubacek.

In the softball competition will be junior Laura Dengler, who threw a distance of 156 feet, and junior Vernadine McCoy, with 151 feet.

There are two mile relay teams this season. In the first team are Antoinette Bridges, Donna Hubacek, Ann Jacobs and Karen Brents. The second team consists of sophomores Pam Sabalja, Sarah Taylor, junior Annette Ruffkahr, and freshman Denise Dippel.

The next meet will be the Vashon Invitational at O'Fallon April 27 and April 29.

Junior Anthony Boeger came in a third-place finish in the 880 as he had a time of 2:09. Hill, excited at the chance of running in the State Indoor Meet at Columbia, had a first-place finish in the 65 low hurdles qualifying with a time of 8.0.

Judd returned from Columbia with a fifth-place finish in the shot-put

competition. Judd had a throw of 53' 1½", his best throw ever.

The Cindermen will run against the Northwest Blue Devils today at 4 p.m. at Sublette Park. SW will take part in the League Running Events on April 14, at O'Fallon. The Cindermen will run in the Southside Relays at Roosevelt on April 20.

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