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JUNIOR AND SOPHOMORE king and queens pictured starting from the top, left to right: Juniors Chico Humes and Mary Jo Blaha, Sophomores Kim Hunt and James Brewer. The students were chosen by their fellow classmates and were announced at the Basketball Homecoming and on February 7. (Not shown are Freshman Keith Burnsmann, Toby Barric and Seniors Kenn Judd, Terrie Wilson, king and queens.)

photograph by Ann Voges

Karen Shows Concern

by Sherri Davis

Senior Karen Stefack is eighteen years old and the second oldest among three brothers and three sisters. Her individuality is rare and her disposition is refreshing.

Karen's friends often refer to her as the friend who is always there. Her ear is always open to those who need someone to listen to their joys or their troubles. Even with her busy schedule she finds the time to open her heart and feel concern for other people than herself.

One night a week she attends Harris Stowe College. Karen works at the Children's Center Nursery School with children 2-6 from 3:00-5:30 in the Southwest neighborhood.

"I feel sorry about the way a lot of kids are being brought up today because it really affects them later in life. The Bible says train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Karen is not ashamed or afraid to discuss her strong belief in God.

"It seems that a lot of people don't think they can know for sure that there really is a God or heaven and hell. I believe they would come to an answer if they would be honest enough with



photograph by Ann Voges

themselves to ask God to reveal the truth to them," Karen said.

Karen reveals that she has a peace inside her and a personal relationship with the Lord. "I finally realized that God wasn't too big to care about me."

Karen is a member of the Storefront Fellowship at 7172 Manchester. Her participation is extensive. She is a member of the theater group and she plays an acoustic guitar in the band along with two other Southwest students, senior Lola Marion and senior Ron Watts, and she teaches and participates in the Bible Study.

Karen's accomplishments scholastically are many. She partici-

pated in the Honors Arts Program in her sophomore and junior year. Her main interest was ceramics and now she owns her own potters wheel. She has received three gold keys from Scholastic Art Awards.

Karen is a two year member of the National Honor Society. She is a recipient of a \$350 memorial scholarship which is to be used toward her education.

Karen has not only excelled academically but athletically. She lettered in track her freshman and sophomore years.

Karen said, "I can't really take credit for my success. I have faith in God and this gives me strength in my life."

This semester Karen was chosen as a peer counselor. This will give her an opportunity to help others once again.

She plans to continue her education at Webster College and major in child study after graduation.

January Graduates Miss June Fanfare

By Karen Pope

The 1978 January graduates are Dennis Barebo, Debra Belflower, Lynette Davis, Tonda Hart, Paula Heckel Volsey, Jane Jones, Laura Kleppinger, Tony Parise, William Pidgeon, Joan Simanek, and Dorene Vernon.

For some, graduation was a semester early, achieved by taking six subjects five out of seven semesters, to fulfill the required 20 credits needed for graduation.

There are many advantages to early graduation. Some students, like Tony Parise, begin college a semester early. Tony is now attending Southwest Missouri State in Springfield.

There is always the possibility of entering a trade or business school. Laura Kleppinger has enrolled in Hickey Secretarial and is looking forward to a full-time secretarial job by the end of the year.

The military always accepts

new enlistees, such as Dennis Barebo, who joined the Air Force.

Another advantage is getting a job to finance expensive college educations. Debra Belflower is now holding down a full-time job and saving her money for college next fall. The job market is less crowded in January, and prospects of finding and securing a job are much greater at this time, than in June.

If January graduation is so alluring, why do some students decide to stick out that last spring semester?

Those who graduate in January miss the fanfare of a traditional June graduation. They miss the crowd on graduation night, the caps and gowns, the tears, and the ceremony itself. The last and most anticipated event of high school, the graduation ceremony is the last time the whole graduating class will be together.

Looking For a Job: Resumes Made Easy

By Mary Cox and Cindy Browne

"I feel it's important to share knowledge," said Mrs. Joan Bramsch. Mrs. Bramsch is an author, a freelance writer for the Post-Dispatch, a substitute teacher for St. Louis Public schools, a student at Washington University College working towards a BA degree in English, involved in various forms of mass communications, in addition to being the 41 year old mother of five children.

Her latest accomplishment is a brochure developed to aid young people in discovering more about themselves, filling out resumes, and applying for jobs. Mrs. Bramsch spent 14-16 hours a day skimming psychology books, statistics, and "how to" reference books in preparing the brochure.

The brochure begins with a job reference test designed to evaluate your interests and to determine what is most important to you.

It continues by asking for a list of values, not necessarily those characteristics generally appealing, but those you find attractive in others.

Though the questions posed by these lists are difficult, it's important not to be discouraged.

"Taking time to find out who you are, what you want to be and how you're going to get there is important," said Mrs. Bramsch.

Find a field that includes as many of your skills as possible. Ask yourself: What do I want to accomplish? What opportunity am

I looking for? What kind of people do I want to work with? What starting salary will satisfy me?

"Life can't be very enjoyable if you work 8-10 hours then come home to be happy," stated Mrs. Bramsch.

Some tricks to remember in resume writing are: use 7x10" paper with quality texture, and pale blue or beige rather than white; call attention to your signature by signing with a blue felt tip pen.

In a job interview, be sure to show an interest in the prospective employer and job. Mrs. Bramsch offers these tips to remember during the interview: shake hands; be sincere and energetic; be a good listener; ask intelligent questions; and "always protect your present employer." Don't be interviewed over the phone, arrive too early, arrive late, smoke, chew gum, show nervousness or boredom, pretend to know everything, interrupt, lose temper, brag or name drop. To show your appreciation, follow up after the interview with a good thank you letter.

Mrs. Bramsch hopes the brochure will be distributed to high school students this year. She is also in the process of putting together a pamphlet for students on selecting a college, finding out about grants, scholarships and other financial aid sources for college bound students.



SENIOR STEVE FINCH as the villain Smedley Smudgin plots dastardly deeds against senior Cathy Morris as the schoolmarm, Miss Priscilla, in the old-fashioned melodrama, "The Perils of Priscilla" February 10 in the auditorium.

photograph by Ann Voges

What's Happening?

MARCH

- 3 Junior Rec Night, 7:30 p.m., New Boys' Gym
- 8 Jazz band performs at Nottingham School, and at Forest Park Community College, 7:30 p.m.
- 9 Foreign Language Disco, "Thursday Noon Fever" 5th period.
- 10 Spring Sports Aud, 2nd period. Senior Rec Night, 7:00 p.m. New Boys' Gym.
- 14 Fine Arts Night, 7:30 p.m., Aud.
- 15 ITBS Tests, for freshmen, periods 2, 3 & 4.
- 20-24 Spring Vacation, no classes.
- 27 Classes resume
- 28 Midterm exams, Periods 2, 4
- 29 Midterm exams, Periods 3, 6
- 30 Midterm exams, Periods 1, 5, 7
- 31 Jazz Band concert, 6th period.



NANCY VORDTRIEDE DISHES out spaghetti to servers Karen Dopuch and Judy Tehr at the Band Spaghetti Dinner. The dinner is to help raise money for the annual band trip and other band expenses.

photograph by Ann Voges

New Exam Policy Underway

By Bill Morris & Marcia Davis

Senior Mark Meier has maintained a grade point average over 3.0 since his freshman year. Because of school policy he has never been required to take a final exam except in cases where he wanted to raise a grade. This year, Mark along with all the other seniors, will be required to take all his final exams, no matter what his grades are.

Mandatory exams will be an alteration in the school policy that has been in existence over four years; all students with B or above grades were excused from final examinations.

Seniors taking final exams came about as a result of Princ-

pal Marvin O. Koenig's new policy. All seniors will be required to take comprehensive final exams, no matter what their grades. Koenig believes students should have the experience of taking comprehensive exams, especially those students going to college.

"In the past, students have gone into college without the experience of taking final exams and have found themselves unprepared for them," he said.

"I thought the system was cheating the students," he said.

Though the policy may be to the seniors' advantage, Koenig has met a sizable amount of opposi-

tion from the senior class.

Koenig answered his opposition by stating that he liked to phase the idea of taking finals slowly and that next year everyone would be required to take finals. Teachers are given the option of requiring the class to take exams this year he said.

Changing the policy has not brought a lot of opposition from the teachers said Koenig and believes many members of the staff agree with his idea.

One such member, Miss Dorothy Griewe said, "The only reason I could see for using the old policy was to help C-plus students work to get a B."

Letters To The Editor

An Open Letter to Mr. Koenig:

Dear Mr. Koenig,

I am writing to express my dissatisfaction upon many of your new policies.

The first involves your new policy of requiring all seniors to take final exams. At the beginning of this school year it was understood that no students having a "B or better grade" would take the finals. Now by stating that seniors will have to take finals, you have reneged on a promise and also given seniors exactly nothing with which to work. The possibility of getting out of finals had offered to seniors a final incentive for their last semester, but many are wondering why they should break their necks in study when they have to take the finals anyway. The reason we were told that seniors had to take finals was that a few graduates had returned and stated that they did not know how to take college exams. This appears to be a personal problem. One must ask-do these students possess good study habits? Did they take a full academic program in high school and if so, how well did they do on these courses' exams? If you believe that final exams are a definite asset to good college preparation, why start this procedure on seniors, in their last leg of high school. I mean how exactly is one set of final exams going to prepare us for college exams. It is apparent that if this is your belief, this policy should be started with freshmen and after their four year stay maybe it will improve their college marks. But to single out seniors and force them to take finals is obvious discrimination and quite inconsistent.

Secondly, you announced your intentions for a tentative June 13 or 14 graduation date. Perhaps you are unaware, but many seniors had planned to get summer jobs to buy college educations. It will be quite difficult to obtain a summer job when one must tell a prospective employer that one will not be able to start until the middle of June, especially when many high school graduates will be out by the beginning of June, including other public schools such as Vashon, who graduate May 31. Also considering that most colleges will begin sometime around August 21, this will give seniors only about eight weeks to make the money needed. Admitted that we have missed three days because of inclement weather and may miss more, but the question is why have some public high schools arranged to make up the missed work and graduate at the normal times and Southwest can't.

My final complaint concerns the scheduling of the so-called "meaty" classes. You for one, are frequently boasting about the great academic program offered here at Southwest. I wonder how this could be when I, among others, was forced to choose from many of the college prep classes I had asked for because they were scheduled on the same periods. Mainly, I am referring to last semester's scheduling of Advanced Biology and Western Civilization classes during the third period, and Elementary Functions, Advanced Literature, and Yearbook being scheduled during sixth period. I have also heard of conflicts between American Historical Development and Advanced Algebra, the list goes on and on. It would be quite logical to assume that since these are some of the most advanced courses offered, only a few students would have the qualifications or ability to take these classes, and they would generally be taking all advanced courses, so why schedule them at the same periods where conflict is bound to be a result. Unable to schedule a complete program of academic classes, many students had to resort to classes offering less than academic criteria and not at all challenging. Is this the sign of a school offering a great academic program? Certainly not.

In conclusion, please don't misunderstand the purpose of this letter. I am not saying that you were not trying to act in the best interest of the students, but I do believe that you should reevaluate your stand and consider the students' viewpoints.

Sincerely,
Lana C. Johnson
Senior Girls' Secretary

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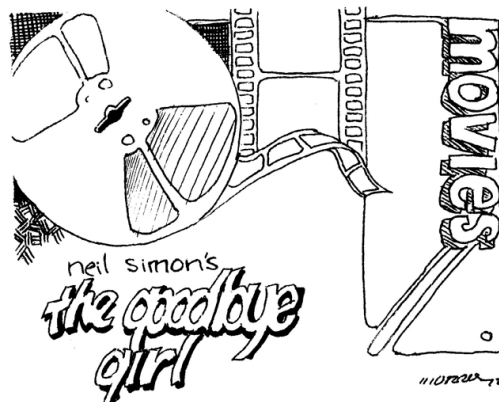
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Dreyfuss Stands Out In The Goodbye Girl

Neil Simon's *The Goodbye Girl*, receiving five academy nominations, is well worth seeing.

Richard Dreyfuss, in the role of Elliot, is outstanding in his performance. Theater critics have acknowledged his contribution in *The Goodbye Girl* as one of the best performances in his career.

The character Elliot is a guitar-playing actor from Chicago. In New York to open in his first off-Broadway production, Elliot meets Paula in a squabble over an apartment. Their compromise, to share the apartment, leads to arguments caused by Paula's antagonism towards actors and Elliot's determination not to be intimidated by her. Elliot tries to

convince Paula that he too has been "dumped on" and to show her the stupidity of never again trusting a man. A shared love for Lucy, Paula's daughter, eventually brings them to love one another.

Marsha Mason portrays Paula in a highly commendable performance. Both Mason and Dreyfuss bring out the emotions faced by their respective characters and enable the audience to relate to them.

Quinn Cummings makes her motion picture debut as the quick-witted 10 year old daughter, Lucy. Cummings' role adds the touch of humor that keeps the show going between the more serious parts with Dreyfuss and Mason.

My Gripe Is:

Teachers that penalize students who are excused for school excused activities. Some do and some don't. Mr. Koenig's rule is that students are not to be penalized as long as all work is made up.

Why doesn't the St. Louis Public School system have enough foresight to make room for snow days? I think it's ridiculous to have to make up all days that are missed due to weather.

Pioneer is now introducing a Gripe Box. Readers with significant complaints, are urged to make use of this new feature. Jot down your complaint, cut out the box, and place it in Miss Paddon's mailbox in the General Office, Room 201. Thank you for your cooperation.

My Gripe Is:

Pioneer would like to thank its readers for their excellent response to the Gripe box. Your gripes often make the staff aware of things going on that might otherwise be missed. In order for us to print your gripes, however, they must be signed. Signatures will be withheld upon request.

Concert Choir Sings

Southwest Concert Choir will participate in the All-City Music Festival on March 15, at Harris-Stowe Teachers College. They will be one among the many city choirs given ratings and critiques. Miss Leontone Meyer, director of Concert Choir said they will be judged on everything they do, no matter how trivial.

After they perform, the choir members will attend a sight reading session where they will be tested on their ability to read music.

Concert Choir will also be given the chance to listen to the Fox High School Choir which is noted as being one of the best choirs in the State.

On March 14, Mrs. Rochelle Ellis with a select group from mixed choir will participate and receive a critique in an effort to get more people involved in music.

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The band "Rising Sun" performed in the aud fifth period, Wednesday of Spirit Week.
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Activities During Week Successful

The voice of the unknown goose seeped out of the aud and into the halls to add to the sound of the student body moving about in their unusual costumes. They were in search of places to haunt or to make joyous with the presence of Fairy Tale characters.

It was the week of February 21-25 and it was also Southwest's Spirit Week. The theme revolved around Fairy Tales and Fairy Tale characters.

Spirit Week began on Tuesday, February 21, because of George Washington's birthday on Monday. On that Tuesday there were movies in the aud fifth period.

On Wednesday a band called Rising Sun auditioned for upcoming Southwest dances and by doing so entertained the student body.

Thursday Ali Baba's Auction

was held in the Old Boys' Gym. Ali Baba auctioned slaves that were their masters servants on the following day.

Friday was the culmination of Spirit Week activities. An aud held third period featured the unknown goose (Steve Finch) and skits which showed the lighter side of life in Fantasy land. It was also dress up day and prizes were given for the best costumes.

The Spirit Week dance featuring Faustus was held that evening in the New Girls' Gym. It was an unusual arrangement in that a basketball game was being held in the New Boys' Gym and admission to both events was paid for with the same \$1.00 ticket. A barricade was set up between the two gyms so that entrance to the dance was only gained through the esplanade entrance.

Students Take Trip

Junior Patience Jones and sophomore Jamel Richardson, accompanied by Mr. Ken Franklin, participated in the Close-Up program in Washington, D. C., January 22-27.

The program, open to students in grades 10, 11, and 12 only, is designed to provide students and teachers with a first-hand look and an opportunity to achieve a meaningful understanding of government. The Close-Up program "as a multipartisan forum" maintains a curriculum free from any single slant allowing students to formulate their own political beliefs.

Focal points during the week included the executive branch,

Capitol Hill, judicial process, and foreign and domestic policy issues. The daily routine of Close-Up involved students in seminars, workshops, forums, meetings with politicians, lobbyists, ambassadors, and tours of various places of interest.

Patience Jones said she thought Senator Danforth was the most stimulating speaker "Because he made you interested and get involved; more kids asked questions during his session." Patience stated, "I want to go back and would recommend Close-Up to other students."

A follow up session is planned March 15 at Webster College.

Tryouts Coming Up

A new pompon squad will be chosen at the end of March. Girls who are present members of the pompon squad and others who wish to become Wranglerettes will compete against each other in tryouts for positions on the squad.

Cheerleaders will also be choosing a new squad and will sponsor a clinic March 6-17 for girls wishing to tryout. Participants, who have to be members of Pep Club, will be instructed by the present Varsity squad, everyday after school during the two week clinic, after which tryouts will be held.

Arts Night Coming

Fine Arts Night will be held on March 14 at 7:30. Displays of the finest classical arts will be at hand as well as entertainment from various students. Students will receive awards for recognition of their outstanding achievements in the fine art and music fields.

Two keys in concert choir, which is a rarity because of its requirements of participating in music 4 years, will also be given to seniors TomEnders and Kathleen Fincher. As freshmen, both were able to participate in Concert Choir, which is usually composed of juniors and seniors.

Rec Night Planned

Junior Rec Night will be tonight, from 7:30 to 9:30 in the New Boys' and Girls' Gyms. This activity was designed to help juniors get better acquainted. Volleyball and basketball games, as well as dancing will be available. Refreshments will be served. Rec Night offers juniors a chance to show off their junior T-shirts. Junior board members urge juniors to attend this activity to show class spirit.

Seniors Frolic

Senior Rec Night will be Friday, March 10, from 6:30 to 10:00. Such activities as basketball and volleyball will be played with refreshments being served. Senior rec night is used as a night to get acquainted with other members of the class as well as for enjoyment. One of the main attractions will be a volleyball game pitting the Student Council officers and their sponsors against the Senior Class Officers and their sponsors.

Old Policy Enforced

In an effort to better security at Southwest, Principal Marvin O. Koenig instituted stricter enforcement of the independent study rules.

At the beginning of independent study, students should report to either the cafeteria or the library, where they are to remain for the entire period. Otherwise, students may go to the smoking lounge at the beginning of their independent study and remain there for the full 15 minutes. After the 15 minutes, the smoking lounge is closed and as

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Mr. Koenig said, "... students will be escorted to the lunchroom or, avoiding out of bounds areas, go to the library." After the first 15 minutes nobody is supposed to be in the halls without a hall pass. The penalty for not having an ID or a hallpass is study hall for the rest of the year, even though it might be the first offense. Mr. Koenig added, "This would enable us to keep the independent study at Southwest."

Senior In Contest

Senior Laurie Speis has been chosen by the Southwest business department to participate in a Business Career Development Program. Offered by Executive Women International in cooperation with Sears, Roebuck & Co., BCD is designed to recognize and encourage interests in business.

Languages Active

The Foreign Language classes will sponsor an aud 6th period, March 17 for selected classes. On March 9, they will also sponsor a disco dance in the old boy's gym during fifth period, called "Thursday Noon Fever."

"Many other schools have foreign language week. We are trying to show a little of what the classes are about," said Miss Celeste Henshaw.

Sports Policy Set

In an effort to arouse more spectators at Girl's Basketball games, according to Athletic Director Donald Ashley, triple header games will be introduced next year. The girl's games will precede the Boy's B-Team game with Boy's Varsity following B-Team.

NHS Selects Two

This year's nominees for the National Honor Society Awards Program are seniors Mark Smith and Debbis Jung. They were chosen by NHS club members. The two semi-finalists will each go on to compete for one of the 225 national scholarships offered.

Letter Women Meet

The Letterwomen's Club was established this year in order to raise money to purchase awards for any girl's team that might win a PHL championship. To be a member of the club the girls had to earn a varsity letter. Miss Siegel sponsors this new club.

Runners Set Goals

The 500 Club sponsored by Mr. Robert Brown, science teacher, has set a goal of 500 miles for its members to run by September.

Junior John Crusis says it's "Good for your health and it's fun despite the hard work."

Awards Presented

Seniors Diane Held, James Johnson, Carolyn Kelly, Lyle Levine, James Nieman, and David Schultz received certificates from the St. Louis Hills Home Owner's Association, on Thursday, January 26. The awards were presented for achievements in scholastic, home, community, service, and religious activities.

The applicants had to be seniors, and residents of St. Louis Hills.

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Cagers Drop In PHL Ratings

The Southwest Cagers have lost their 2nd place ratings in the PHL.

The team has had a four game losing streak, according to Coach Robert Vogel, which knocked them from their second place seating. They lost to Sumner 68-48 on February 3. They were also defeated in a non-league game against CBC 64-58. Along with these losses, the team faced defeat as they battled against Soldan February 9 with a 45-41 final score. The game against Northwest on February 17 brought defeat to the Longhorns with a 58-56 score.

Coach Vogel said, "It's not that we couldn't win because we're capable. It's that we did not do the things that make winning possible."

Coach Vogel believes that the team has not been performing as well as they should by not providing a good defense and getting rebounds.

Though the team has faced four game losing streak, they were

successful in defeating Beaumont on January 27, 73-53.

The team also took second place in the DuBourg Tournament. The Cagers defeated Roosevelt 51-41 and trampled Dubourg in a 61-51 victory. They brought second place trophy home after they lost the championship game to CBC in a 70-46 game.

The team played Roosevelt in a league game February 24, but results were not back in time for publication.

The Cagers also played their first game in the Regionals on March 1, but like the Roosevelt game, no results were available.

Though variety has lost footage in the PHL ratings, B-team has managed to clinch a tie for first place. According to B-team Coach Kenneth Franklin, the team along record.

Franklin said that in order to have the final first place position the team will have to defeat Roosevelt on February 24 and

Beaumont will have to lose its game against Vashon.

If both teams are victorious, Coach Franklin added, the two will probably meet in a playoff game or both will hold a tie for first place in PHL.

NEWS FLASH

B-team defeated Roosevelt and has won the PHL championship.

Hockey Droops

by Mark Smith

This year's hockey team ended the season with only one victory. Just a few years ago Southwest had been the number one powerhouse of the Midstates League, but this year they are trying to rebuild and their hopes are on the future.

As Coach Joe Giannini stated, "The team has shown tremendous progress so far this year. The people that we will build the team around are still going to be with us next year."

The team lost to Central Division champs, Vianney, by a score of 25 to 1, to Webster by a score of 16 to 0, and to Hazelwood Central by a score of 8 to 5. As the scores show, one of Southwest's major weaknesses is defense.

With a pretty bad season behind them, next year's team can only do better.



JUNIOR DOUG FINLEY qualified for State in the 100 yard backstroke with the time of 1:00.581. photograph by Ann Voges

PHL Calendar

MARCH

- 3 Track-Summer Indoor Invitational at Army
- 4 Basketball Regionals
- 10 Girls Track-District Open at Army
- Track-SLDUSAA District Open Indoor Meet at Army
- 15 Winter Athletic Awards Banquet - Watson Terrace Christian Church, 6:30
- 17 Track - State Qualifying Indoor Meet at Army
- 25 Track - State Indoor Track Meet at Columbia
- 29 Track-Summer-Southwest-O'Fallon at O'Fallon

APRIL

- 1 Girls' Gymnastics League Meet at Southwest, 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Track - Southwest vs. University City at University City
- 1&3 Mehlville Varsity Baseball Tournament
- 3 Girls' Track - Beaumont-McKinley-Southwest at Beaumont
- 5 Baseball - Southwest vs. CBC at Forest Park No. 6
- Track - Southside Relays at Roosevelt
- 6 Baseball - Southwest vs. St. Mary's at Wilmore Park
- Track - Southside Relays at Roosevelt
- 10 Baseball - Southwest vs. University City at Heman Pk.
- 11 Track - League Relays-Field Events, O'Fallon & Southwest
- Baseball - Southwest vs. Beaumont at Sublette Park
- 12 Girls' Track - Southwest-McKinley-Summer-Cleveland at Southwest

Swimmers Clinch Third

The Boys' Swim Team finished its season third in the PHL because of losses to Sumner and Roosevelt.

Coach Julie Frank commented, "The PHL meets weren't challenging, except for Sumner and Roosevelt; they were good experience. The meets against county schools were invaluable, making the team swim their hardest."

In the 50-30 defeat by Roosevelt February 17, juniors Doug Finley and Norbert Kembitzky took first and second in the 100 yard backstroke. Finley also took a first in the 200 yard freestyle. Sophomore Randy Artale took first in the 100 yard butterfly with a time of 1:03.27.

Coach Frank said, "Coaching the

team was a pleasant experience for me. Next year the team should do better in the PHL if they push harder."

The team swam at the District meets at Parkway South on February 17 and 18. Southwest was the only public city school represented. The 200 yard medley relay team of Artale, Finley, Kembitzky, and Brueggjenjohann was in the consolation round. The 400 yard freestyle relay team of Moody, Kembitzky, Lyles, and Johnston was alternate in the consolation round, with Lyles as Johnston breaking a minute.

Doug Finley took fourth in the 100 yard backstroke with a time 1:00.581. He went to the State meets on February 24.

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SENIOR MIKE FUNK (52) reaches for a pass from Howard Hill (30) in the Homecoming Game against CBC.

photograph courtesy of ROUNDUP photographer, Julie Osborn

Girls' Season Over

The Girls' Varsity Basketball team ended its PHL season February 3 by defeating Sumner 35-21. The victory put their PHL record at 5 wins and 4 losses.

The team went on to play St. John's in the DuBourg Tournament, February 6 and suffered a 42-33 loss. The record now stands at 7 wins and 12 losses.

Coach Earline Falker feels the team should improve greatly next year if most of the players return. Junior Laurie McNamara was the only experienced starter on the team this year. The only senior on the team was Laura Dengler.

Coach Falker feels that several

of the players on the team have great potential and that they simply lacked the experience, practice time, and the facilities they needed to play up to their full potential.

Freshman center Angelina Bonner averaged 11 points per game in the last 5 games while sophomore forward Cheryl Gatwood averaged 13 points per game in the last 5 games. Junior forward Laurie McNamara averaged 6 1/2 points per game for the total season.

Coach Falker commented, "I think we've gained experience and will do well in the PHL next year."

Matmen Lose Hold

The Southwest's Grapplers finished their season ninth in the PHL. Coach Norville Wallach commented that the team was very young and inexperienced, having only three seniors. At the beginning of the season 56 members were on the team, but throughout the season over half the members found jobs or other reasons to drop out. Senior co-captain Phil Simms stated, "The team didn't have as much spirit and enthusiasm as they have had in previous years."

The District Tournament was held at O'Fallon Feb. 9 and 11. Southwest took seventh place but the individual efforts were exceptionally good. Simms took fourth place in the 138 lb. division and senior Kelvin Bradshaw took

third place in the 112 lb. division. Senior co-captain Joe Zakibe lost in an overtime match in the heavyweight division.

Bradshaw and Simms proceeded to the Regionals Feb. 15 at Meramec. Simms was not able to compete because of an injury. Bradshaw was defeated by a Riverview Gardens opponent 8-0.

Outlooks for next years teams are pretty good. B-team coach, Edgar Graham stated that B-team made a lot of progress this year. Many members of the B-team moved up to Varsity. "If they make as much progress next year as they made this year, we should have a pretty good team," commented Coach Graham.

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