



SENIORS MARK SMITH AND Diana Pepmiller act as tourists in a skit in an aud session sponsored by Foreign Language classes on March 17.

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Spring Scramble Begins

by Roy Ivey

Despite the long winter the scramble for summer jobs has already begun, and the jobs are going fast.

Teenage unemployment is always high despite government help and programs. Even when unemployment drops as low as five percent, teenage unemployment stays about 20 percent.

Many employers will cut borderline summer jobs because they cannot afford to pay the recent

minimum wage increase of \$1.65 an hour.

It's the early bird that catches the worm, and the time is now.

First look at yourself. Examine your skills and talents and compare them to your goals.

Construction work and other jobs that require joining a union should be checked out thoroughly because the process is long and tedious and sometimes almost impossible if you do not have a relative in good standing in the union.

Think about what kind of job you are suited for; indoors, outdoors, business, working with people, etc.

Pay attention to school announcements and bulletin boards. Try some of the fast food chains.

No special skills are required except diligent work, genuine interest and a healthy attitude.

Always be kind and courteous, and fill out applications completely. You will probably be called back later for an interview, which is rarely given the same day as the application is filled out.

Know something about the job and during the interview ask questions; give the interviewer reasons why he should hire you.

Don't ask repeatedly about how much money you will get; this may make him think you want something for nothing.

Steady summer work may be hard to find, but you can pick up a fair amount of money, doing odd jobs, mowing grass, babysitting, etc.

Violence: Problem In School

by Bill Morris

While violence and classroom disruption in schools nationwide as well as locally has always been a problem, only recently has the problem come to the forefront of the educational scene. Although students in some parts of the country may be exposed to only one or two moderately violent acts a year, others regard violence or the threat of violence as a way of life, a "necessary evil."

A survey was taken recently in St. Louis Public Schools by the St. Louis Teachers Association. It asked for teachers' opinions, and evidently, a problem exists.

Several causes suggest themselves. Presently, there is no consistent policy for dealing with behavioral problems. The discipline administered differs from school to school, and depends greatly on what the individual in authority feels is best.

Another reason is that up until now, according to SLTA president Thom Downey, the general attitude has been to let the students do pretty much what they wanted to. That, says Downey, was a mistake.

"You don't go to school to be entertained, to meet your buddies, or whatever," said Mr. Downey. "You go to school to learn. That's what it's all about."

According to the survey, 41.9% of all teachers listed disruptive behavior in their classrooms as being a moderate to significant problem; however, the majority

said it was less.

"I think we have too much violence. Any level is too great as far as I'm concerned," said the Association's president. "I don't think classrooms are places where teachers should have to deal with that."

"I've had 91 teachers report that some of their students have received physical threats. We cannot tolerate that on any level."

It is felt that society is changing its views on students' respon-

sibilities and would like to see some sort of normal behavior restored to its schools. Some steps are being taken in that direction.

Recently, SLTA brought in an expert from Washington D.C. to meet with teachers during a 3-day workshop to discuss new techniques for dealing with the disruption problem.

"It must be understood that one does not have a right to go to school," emphasized President Downey. "It is a privilege."

Disco King Boogies

by Marcia Davis

The dimly lighted room is filled with people dancing. From a small section of the room a strange sounding voice shouts, "I'm the disco jock who loves to rock. I'm the baddest jock you'll ever know; they call me Dr. Disco."

Dr. Disco sits behind two Pioneer turntables surrounded by the latest 45's and albums. He continues to entertain his crowd by shouting catchy phrases to the music and an occasional burst of smoke that appears with the touch of his finger, with the help of electrical wires and fireworks.

Behind the smoke screen, the funny voice, and the large stack of records, sits junior Anthony Bills.

A completely different person at school, Anthony does not give the impression that he would be shouting and playing records for people's entertainment, but he does and has become one of the most well known disc-jockeys in St. Louis County, with a rising popularity in the city.

Growing popularity has also gotten Anthony a fan club, and the organization, Low Down Productions. LDP is made up of three DJ's which includes Anthony and his two cousins.

The group is worth approximately \$2,500, said Anthony. His estimate is really the approximate value of the LDP Disco Machine, or simply, the group's equipment. They own several speakers and other equipment.

With all their equipment, LDP has to buy new records, which may sometimes amount to \$30. When the group gives their own dance they may make close to \$300, said Anthony. When they are hired by someone, Anthony added, the group charges \$60.

No matter who gives the dance, when LDP performs, a lot of work is involved.

"Being a DJ is not all fun and games," said Anthony. "You want

every record to follow the last one without any time in between," he said. "This means having both turntables on and in the last six seconds of one record, start the other, so that it fades in as the other fades out."

The week before the job is spent getting supplies from places like Radio Shack and Peaches.

With all the work involved in being a disc-jockey, Anthony still enjoys his job. Anthony got started as a DJ when a friend, also a DJ, needed someone to fill in for him. He asked Anthony and he has been doing it ever since.

Anthony said he would like to go to broadcasting school and later work for a radio station. But before he graduates he hopes to be able to give a performance at SW.



SENIOR KATHY FINCHER performs at Fine Arts Night on March 14. Kathy was one of two students to win the Key Award for 4 years participation in Concert Choir.

photograph by Ann Voges

Zoo Parents Feed The Animals

by Annette Rufkahr

Does your yearly food list consist of 78,000 pounds of carrots? Or how about 340,000 crickets? Or 7,488 heads of escarole and 6,240 bunches of parsley?

This list is only a small part of what the St. Louis Zoo buys yearly to feed the animals making the food bill at the Zoo more than \$180,000 annually.

It is now possible for individuals or groups to "adopt" an animal for a year by paying for their food costs under the new program, "Be a St. Louis Zoo Parent," sponsored by the St. Louis Zoo Friends' Association.

Costs range from \$10 for a Stinkpot turtle, Fairy bluebird, or African Four-Striped Grass Mouse to \$2,500 for an Asiatic elephant.

Each animal is allocated only one parent on a first come, first serve basis. The least expensive animals are being adopted first.

The carnivorous mammals and larger vegetarians run up the highest food bills.

Sibay, the Siberian tiger and most expensive of the big cats, cost \$1,600 to feed yearly. For \$1,900 a "parent" can adopt a rhino or a hippo.

Most people expect elephants to carry the highest price tags, but if Siegfried, the walrus, was still alive, his seafood diet could have claimed top price of \$6,000.

Though the expense of feeding the animals is enormous, the preparation has recently been made easier. To provide the animals with a well balanced, nutritional diet, the Zoo is using factory prepared mixes. The mixes spare the Zoo the inconvenience of trying to find ingredients and preparing them on a daily basis.

However, no matter how perfect the diet, if it doesn't cater to the animals' behavioral patterns as well, they won't eat it. For example, Monkey Chow is used to feed the primates, but fruits and vegetables are provided to fill the animals' natural, psychological needs.

Some animals, however insist on the real thing, which is why 340,000 crickets and 260,000 mealworms must be shipped in weekly from Mississippi, Louisiana, and California.

Persons making donations of \$10 or more will have their name engraved on a large plaque to be located near the Seal Basin in the Zoo. Donors will also receive a certificate of "parenthood," an iron-on decal, and an invitation to a Parents' Party later in the year.

The first day of the campaign, all animals under \$50 were adopted. However, the Zoo is compiling an additional list of animals available for under \$50 for anyone interested, or people can donate to a general fund for a specific larger animal.

Anyone wishing to adopt an animal, or wanting more information about the individual animal's food costs, may contact the Zoo between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 647-5800.

What's Happening?

April

- 4 Heart Association blood pressure screening
- 5 Science field trip: Career day in chemistry
- 7 Spring Fling Dance: 7:00-10:00 p.m.
- 12 Band-Choir Concert: 8:00 p.m., Auditorium
- 13 No classes: Parent-teacher conferences, 1:30-8:00 p.m.
- 19 Jazz Band: Nottingham School, 2:15 p.m.
- 21 Junior Ring Dance: 7:30-10:30
- 24 Industrial Arts Association of Missouri exhibits and awards competition: St. Louis District Sophomore Aud Session: selection of junior officers
- 25 Sophomore elections for junior officers: advisory
- 26 Blood pressure screening



JUNIORS DAVID SPRAGUE AND Cherly Jolly (center) discuss the tedious training and work required to be a peer counselor with senior Debra Taylor. David is the only male participant in the peer counseling program which will soon be offering advice to students.

photograph by Ann Voges

Peer Counselors Get Together

by Kevin Fowler

As an assignment three students attending Camp Miniwanca, were told to think of some service that their school might require.

"Somehow they came up with the idea of Peer Counseling and because I had proposed the idea a year earlier when there seemed to be no interest, they (Lyle Levine, Diana Hohner, and Mark Meier) came to me," stated counselor Mr. Charles West.

With some idea of the sort of program to be instituted the sponsors of Camp Miniwanca, the Danforth Foundation, gave the group \$500 for organization and the purchasing of supplies.

"We can't go out and throw away the money," stated Mr. West, "we have to justify our use of it."

On Tuesday evenings when there is a training session, each counselor explains to the others what he has learned through a week of intensive study which consists of the reading of different psychological doctrines.

"By absorbing all these different ideas they can formulate their own ideas," stated Mr. West, "and create the type of therapy that fits their characters."

"I'm trying to get them to give credit for being a Peer Counselor. It's a great deal of reading and is comparable in stature to any course offered here at Southwest," said Mr. West.

Mr. West stated that the group should be functioning effectively

by the middle of this semester.

"My girls softball team (he calls them this because there's only one boy on the Peer Counseling staff) is working together rather nicely, even though they don't think so," stated Mr. West.

"I think it will work out well even though the training is slow and tedious. But I like it; even the book reports we have to do are OK because you can do as much as you want to," said Cheryl Jolly.

David Sprague, the only active male member of the Peer Counseling group said that he felt that it would benefit the boys that are to be counseled if more males were in the group.

Schools Inundated By Cheating

by René Willeke

It's test day. The whole class waits expectantly as the teacher distributes the dreaded exam. The test has now begun, as the students restlessly ponder question upon question. It's such a hard test—even unfair. A student can't be expected to remember all this.

Reluctantly, a girl slowly moves her paper aside to reveal notes carefully printed on her desk. As she begins to answer the next question, a steady hand falls heavily upon her shoulder, and she knows she has been caught!

While the preceding scene does occur at Southwest, for each isolated time it happens, there are many, many other times when a student is not caught. Maybe these countless times a student has just been "lucky," but perhaps it is the teacher who is being negligent!

While crib notes are undoubtedly the most popular device for cheating, there is an endless number of ways as to how these notes can be devised. For instance, there is note writing on hands and arms, backs of desks and desk tops, pencils, backs of I.D.'s, and bottoms of shoes.

Still other students have devised more ingenious methods of cheating, such as a whole system of inter-class communication,

ranging from pencil tapings to coughing, to even Morse Code. Sound absurd? To some at SW it isn't!

What about some of these? Is getting a copy of the exam prior to the test, checking your paper with a neighbor's answers or changing your answers when you grade your own paper cheating? Maybe you don't consider these to be the same as "regular" cheating, but, nonetheless, it is cheating.

Or, is it cheating if you don't get caught? The answer is still "Yes."

Work Programs Offered

by Karolyn Kelly

Applications for Office Co-op, Distributive Education, and Work Study are being accepted. Juniors who are interested should contact the sponsor of the program they choose.

Office Co-op, sponsored by Mrs. Kathleen Bullock, uses skills such as typing, filing, knowledge of office machines, and telephone answering. A business course must be taken the junior year of in the senior year while holding the job. Morning classes are taken at Southwest. After fourth period the student goes to work for the af-

ternoon. Students must work a minimum of 18 hours a week.

"Being employed in an office is a very worthwhile experience to have as a part-time job," remarked Senior Terri Schmitt, employed at Electronic Communications.

Work Study, sponsored by counselor Mrs. Evelyn Schultz, is a completely different program. The student doesn't attend Southwest at all. In the morning, classes are held at the place of employment to prepare the student for his job in the afternoon. This allows the student to gain advanced training in a job field he prefers.

The Distributive Education program, supervised by Mrs. Mecker, again provides students with a combination of school and work. They have a first period class in which they learn about the working field. They are dismissed after fourth period to attend their jobs. The student can choose employment in fast food restaurants, gas stations, stores, etc.

"D.E. gives you a good chance to learn and experience the business world," stated Pat Tenant, employed at Burger Chef.

Letters To The Editor

Editors Note:

Due to lack of space PIONEER asked that all incoming letters be limited to 250 words or less.

As a Southwest student, I find it both appalling and embarrassing to see the amount of trash that is consistently left in the cafeteria by my fellow classmates.

I am sure that this activity is not carried over into each student's home life. If so, I have a deep sympathy for their families.

Not having enough respect for ones self, nor enough consideration to clean up his or her own trash is an insult not only to the student, but to his parents as well.

Most parents do teach their child, drench the necessity of being clean, and to see the condition the cafeteria is left in each day would arouse great displeasure among them and cause parents to think their efforts futile.

Marcia Davis

Cafeteria In Chaos

by Ann Voges

Whatever happened to the music? The cafeteria once had music, but not any more. The trivial matter of music wouldn't make a major change in the cafeteria but perhaps it would make the place a little more bearable.

With a little music, some lunchers might be calm enough to stop hurling ice across the cafeteria. Not much can be said about the mess some people make when they try to improve upon the food by mixing their salad with chocolate milk, but these people should have the decency to cover their creations so as not to nauseate the entire student body.

In regard to the limited choice of food (always pizza, hamburgers, etc.) the students could make suggestions instead of just sitting back and complaining. We have the power to make changes, but apparently don't know how to use it.

Walking through the cafeteria is like walking through a jungle, the only thing you don't have to worry about is being hit by someone swinging on a vine, but give them time, it could still happen. You have to watch your step or you might walk into a booby trap (innocently out turned chairs, milk slicks, or chocolate pudding with raisins in it.)

What can students do? First of all they can start cleaning up after themselves. One usually doesn't grant special privileges to people who have to have their faces and tables cleaned for them after they eat. Showing responsibility is the first step. After that, asking or signing petitions for requested privileges would cause the administration to take notice.

Unfair Rules In Library

by Kevin Fowler

In the Southwest High School Library there is another instance of the double standard situation that is obviously inexcusable.

Students are ejected from the library everyday for doing what teachers and librarians don't give a second thought to; they speak in a normal tone of voice. The librarians' rule for students is that while in the library they may not speak above a hushed whisper. It has gotten to the point that students have been reprimanded for walking too loudly while faculty members chatter about recklessly and speak in a loud tone of voice.

Maybe the librarians don't realize they are being unfair but this cannot be allowed to continue for it upsets the already precarious teacher-student relationship. In other words, it causes the student to feel anger and frustration that is transmitted to the librarians and faculty members through sour looks, uncooperativeness and bitter mutterings of rebellion.

If the librarians and faculty members would take time out and put themselves in the place of the helpless student who is studying diligently, trying to pass a test he has the next period, then they might understand that what they do is not a petty annoyance but a major disturbance and detracts from a students respect for a teacher.

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My Gripe Is:

The mistakes on the King and Queen picture and caption, Keith Brunsman was pictured and his name was misspelled. Terri Wilson's name was misspelled. James Brewer was not pictured. Ken Judd's name was misspelled. Toby Barrow's name was misspelled, as well as Yvonne Bottorff's.

Becky Holmes

I think it's perfectly ridiculous for a league champion whether B-team or Varsity to be allotted less than a full write up in a school paper.

Benjamin Holden

I think that sad imitation of a cartoon strip, "Fred" in the Pioneer, is really awful. Why not use that space for something better like obituaries or something.

Tom Reagan

Librarians who don't let you make ANY noise, but yell clear across the library to each other or a teacher. Also having to tear up my Pioneer for this.

Paul Young

Readers with significant complaints, are urged to make use of this 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

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School Rules Are Enforced

To inform the Southwest student body, PIONEER is publishing an up-date report on rules and regulations. According to the administration these guidelines are to be enforced and followed at all times.

Early dismissals may be obtained from counselors between 8:15 and 8:35. The student must bring a written note from a parent or a guardian stating the time and date of the dismissal.

Tardy slips will be issued only between 8:50 and 9:05 by guards at the Kemper Street entrance. After 9:05 students must explain tardiness to an administrator or counselor.

Free study privileges must be used properly by all students. The

lunchroom, smoking lounge and library are designated free areas. If students desire to change locations, a guard, a teacher, or an administrator on duty must escort them.

Before advisory and during lunch periods the esplanade area may be occupied by students. During all other class periods, it is designated as an out-of-bounds area.

The library may be used by all students during their free period, lunch period and during and after school. Librarians Mrs. Connors and Mrs. Mogelnicki ask consideration from all students not to talk in the library.

Passing in the halls is permitted during the five minute intervals between classes. After these times,

students may not pass freely in the halls unless he has a note from a teacher or administrator.

Study hall assignment is issued to any student who does not adhere to school rules. When a student cuts a class, he is assigned to five days of penalty study. If the student is not present at penalty study he is given five additional days for each day missed.

During lunch periods between 11:50 and 1:30, all students excluding seniors must stay within the building to eat lunch. Seniors must have their identification badge to re-enter the building after lunch.

In addition, students must wear their ID badges at all times.



JUNIORS JOHN CRUSIUS AND Irving Millman work on problems at SIU Edwardsville after a math contest sponsored by the university on March 11.

photograph by Ann Voges

News & Notes

Nominees Selected

The National Council of Teachers of English annually awards certificate of achievement to some of the best high school writers in the nation. The awards will be given to approximately 876 students who will graduate from high school in 1979.

Juniors Sharon Dopuch, Valerie Jones, Bonnie Scott, and Vicki Welker were nominated as candidates for a 1978 NCTE Achievement Award in Writing. Two entries of written composition consisting of an impromptu theme and a sample of the best writing from each nominee will be submitted to the NCTE. The Award finalists will be announced in October.

Model UN Confers

The Southwest Model United Nations Club participated in a Model U.N. Law of the Sea Conference that was held at Parkway Central on March 10 and 11. Schools from both Missouri and Illinois were represented in this event. Parliamentary procedure, international affairs, and the sea were all stressed.

Candidates Chosen

The Senior Prom will be held at the downtown Breckenridge Inn on May 19, from 7 to midnight.

The candidates for Prom King are: Donald Craig, Jim Johnston, Ken Judd, Rob Purvis, and John Smelcer; Prom Queen—Kim Depper, Gwen Haynes, Lola Marion, Terri Wilson, and Melanie Wittenberg.

Mock Trial Staged

Young Lawyers Mock Trial Division of the St. Louis Board of Education Law and Education Project will present a mock trial on April 21 from 1-2:30 p.m. in the aud. The trial will be open to students in law classes, as well as students from Dewey grade school.

Junior Activities Set

The Junior Ring Dance will be held Friday, April 21, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., in the new boys' gym. The theme will be "April Love"

and music will be provided by Kip Niven. The dress is semi-formal. Tickets are priced at \$6.50 a couple or \$3.50 a person. Class rings will be distributed at the dance.

The Junior Rec Nite, originally scheduled for March 3, is being rescheduled for a Friday night in May.

Spring Fling Swings

April 7, Student Council will host the annual Spring Fling and dance. The dance will be from 7:30 to 10:30 and feature the band Blaze. Clubs will be sponsoring booths and games in the new girls' gym. The cost is \$1.25 in advance and \$1.75 at the door. The extra 25¢ for tickets will be given to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation to help the "Q Chute for M/S" campaign.

Students Fight M/S

Student Council is participating in the "Q Chute for M/S" contest sponsored by KSLQ, Six Flags, and the St. Louis area chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

The contest consists of writing the phrase "Q Chute for M/S" for every nickel donated.

Southwest is competing against other schools with student populations of over 1,000.

The school that collects the most money will receive a prize of \$1,000 along with Six Flags tickets for the entire student body for "Q Night" at Six Flags on Friday, May 5.

Student Council will also award T-shirts to the top five sellers in the school. Deadline for contributions is April 8.

Volunteers Needed

The United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater St. Louis is seeking people 16 years of age and older, to become actively involved as volunteers to help a cerebral palsied person attend camp June 12-July 2, at Cuivre River State Park in Troy, Mo. Interested students should call 994-1600 and ask for Dennis Costello for further information. Interviewing dates are May 23 and 25, 7-9:30 p.m.

Mark Twain Opens

Applications are now being accepted for the Mark Twain Summer Institute. The 6 week program beginning June 19 is designed for academically able high school students seeking enrichment of their academic background. Course offering descriptions are in catalogues available through counselors or by calling 726-2550 ext. 176. Application deadline is May 1.

NHS Sponsors Hunt

NHS members participated in an Easter egg hunt for students at South View School, a school for retarded young people ages 8-18, on Saturday, March 18. Members planned the hunt and provided the eggs, games and prizes.

Touring Co. Performs

Southwest's Touring Company will begin visiting elementary schools with their version of "Aladdin and The Magic Lamp." April 17.

The ten members in the com-

pany are responsible for the total production: revising the script, choreography, and management.

Jeff Sells Artwork

Junior Jeff Smith recently provided the McDonnell Planetarium with 25 copies of a silk screen print to sell in the gift shop. The print had been on display along with the work of other Honors Art students in conjunction with a UNICEF display of children's art at the Planetarium.

Jeff is donating the commissions from the sale of his prints to a fund for the Honors Art Program's Spring trip.

Annette Honored

Senior Annette Ruffkahr has been selected to serve as a member of the advisory board for the Danforth Foundation's Youth Leadership Project. From among 60 students representing St. Louis and St. Louis County, she was one of four chosen for this position.

Danforth Dynamic

Juniors Cindy Fears, Rick Goehring, and Cheryl Jolly, along with faculty members Ralph Sneed and Stephen Warmack, have been selected to participate in the 1978 Danforth Youth Leadership Project.

The students and faculty members will participate in sessions to learn leadership techniques as well as outdoor weekend projects, such as camping overnight in city and county parks, to learn the problems of urban areas.

There are 20 schools participating in the program this year and each will be allocated a grant of up to \$200.00 for a senior year project.

Two of the students and one faculty member will participate in a 10 day co-educational camp experience from July 29-August 10 at Camp Minnwanca in Shelby, Michigan.

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Girl Determined To Win

by Paula Ingram

Senior Donna Hubacek has been representing Southwest girls' track team in 440 relay, 440 dash, and high jump, for three years, and is presently working out for the fourth year.

"I like track, and have been running constantly to keep in shape for the season." In a rather rewarding career, Donna has been successful in taking first and second place in many events in which she competed. She also placed second in the PHL City Meet, Senior Division, last year.

"My inspiration is due to determination," states Donna, "and when I'm determined to run, I'm determined to win."

She also gives credit to Coach Earline Falker, "Mrs. Falker pushed me as a freshman, and ever since I stayed with it." Donna was chosen as girl track co-captain, along with senior Vernadine McCoy.

With all the practice and dedication to sports, Donna has maintained a 3.2 grade point average.

The girls first track meet is April 3 against Beaumont and McKinley. Although Beaumont is a good team, Donna feels that SW will be a challenge. She also feels SW has an edge over McKinley.

Donna will be attending either Meramec Community College or University of Missouri, St. Louis, after graduation and has no definite plans for a track career.

Gymnasts Display Poise

This year's gymnastics team has been practicing everyday after school for months in preparation for their meet on April 1. The team is being coached by Mr. Tom Brannan, who is assisted by Chris Caldwell.

According to Chris, who graduated from Southwest last year, this year's team has a lot of potential. Among students she cited were senior Diana Hohner, junior Cathy O'Brian, sophomores Janis Johnson, Pam Moore, Debbie Pfeil, and freshman Cindy Devine.

The girls will be participating in their only meet on April 1 at South-

west. The meet starts at 9:00. Some of the girls also participated in a tumbling meet on March 15.

As Coach Brannan stated, "Part of the problem the girls face is the lack of meets. With only one meet the girls really don't have time to get used to the spectators or competition. Also, if one of them has a bad day, she doesn't get a second chance."

The girls put in at least two and a half hours of practice a day. As senior Diana Hohner commented, "It is a lot of hard work but I enjoy it. When I'm able to learn a new stunt which I've had a hard time with, it really seems worth it all."

Track Gains Speed

The Boy's Track team opened the indoor season February 24, with the Dick Hudlin Invitational at the Armory. They finished eighth out of 15 schools.

The indoor season has been considerably slowed due to the flooding of the Armory.

With the loss of eight seniors due to graduation, the nucleus of the team is returning members.

The Cindermen traveled to Columbia March 16, for the State Qualifying Indoor Meet.

Senior co-captain Ken Judd qualified for state competition with a throw of 56' 6 1/4" in the shot put. Judd took first place in his district.

Senior Rich Newcomb qualified with a jump of 12' 6" in the pole vault. Newcomb took second place.

The State Indoor Track Meet was held March 25 in Columbia. Results were unavailable at press time.

Coach Bud Wallach stated, "Everyone tried hard at the State Qualifying Meet. All the members ran their hearts out."

Judd stated, "We will have a good team this year. Even though our indoor season was messed up, we looked forward to state com-

petition. Our outdoor season will be when everything will come into place. Everyone will be in shape and we should have a good season."

Seniors Howard Hill and Jeff Rogers are the two fastest runners on the team this year, according to Coach Wallach.

On March 29, Southwest competed against Sumner and O'Fallon. Results were unavailable at press time.

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Practices Hindered

The boys' tennis team has begun practice for the upcoming season, which begins on April 4 with a match against Vashon at Sublette.

The snow and ice have limited practice to running and practicing various strokes indoors. This is a problem according to Coach Carolyn Siegel, who said, "We are really handicapped because we have no indoor facilities, which many county schools are equipped with."

Coach Siegel feels that this year's team should be as strong, if not stronger than last year's. Last season the team finished with a 40-5 record which was good for second place in the PHL. Cleveland edged out Southwest for first place by a single match, but the team is looking forward to a first place finish this season, with all varsity members returning.

Senior Dave Spagnolo said of the upcoming year, "Last year, with a young team of all first year varsity players, we placed second, and with all but one player returning, we hope to capture the PHL title this year."

Girls Track Begins

The Girls' Track team began practice February 15. The 42 member team led by senior co-captains Donna Hubacek and Vernadine McCoy are working to top last year's third place.

"The team has more potential for sprinters than I've seen in five years," commented Coach Mrs. Earline Falker, "but it's hard to tell the team's potential at this point."

During February and March the team practices have been limited to inside, over distance work. Speed for shorter distances is difficult to obtain in the building.

The girls work hard for the benefit of the team as well as for their own satisfaction. Scholarships offer another incentive for girls who are good in their sport.

The team's first meet will be held April 3 at Beaumont against McKinley and Beaumont, last year's first place team. Coach Falker feels that Beaumont will dominate the PHL again this year. "The team," commented senior cocaptain Donna Hubacek, a four year veteran, "has a lot of speed and looks promising."

Steers Swing Soon

The baseball Longhorns have started practicing for the exciting season ahead. The 1977 first place PHL trophy is very inspiring to this year's team. Despite the loss of six starting members, Coach Edgar Graham has a positive outlook on the upcoming baseball season.

"The competition will be stiff from all the PHL teams. Four or five teams will contend for the title, and we'll have as good a

chance as anyone," commented Coach Graham.

Coach Graham expects every player to perform up to his capability. "If the players perform with this attitude, the winning will take care of itself."

The team's first game will be in the Mehlville Tournament, Saturday, April 1, at Lindenwood. The team will take on Vianey at 10:00, and play the winner of the Affton and Lindenwood game second. The third round will be played on April 3.

Girls Defeat Vashon

The Girls' Swim Team started practice February 28 at Forest Park Community College. Twenty-two girls practice every day after school until 5:30.

Coach Julie Frank commented, "We've got a full schedule of meets this year. The team shows a lot of depth and potential, since we have three starters in each event."

The team won its first meet against Vashon on March 16. They took first and second in every event, except the 100 yard freestyle relay. Junior Laurie McNamara was a dual winner, winning both the 100 yard Individual Medley and the 50 yard freestyle.

The girls practiced everyday during Spring Break to prepare for the meet against Affton March 27.

PHL Calendar

APRIL

1 & 3 Mehlville Varsity Baseball Tournament

3 Girls' Track-Beaumont-McKinley-Southwest at Beaumont

4 Tennis-Southwest vs. Vashon at Sublette

Girls' Swim-Southwest vs. Vashon at Vashon, 4:00

5 Baseball-Southwest vs. CBC at Forest Park No. 6

Track-Southside Relays at Roosevelt

6 Tennis-Southwest vs. King at Sublette

Baseball-Southwest vs. St. Mary's at Wilmore

Track-Southside Relays at Roosevelt

10 Baseball-Southwest vs. University City at Heman Park

11 Baseball-Southwest vs. Beaumont at Sublette

Track-League Relays-Field Events, O'Fallon & Southwest

12 Girls' Track-Southwest-McKinley-Sumner-Cleveland at Southwest

Girls' Swim-Southwest vs. Cleveland at O'Fallon, 4:00

13 Tennis-Northwest vs. Southwest at O'Fallon

14 Baseball-Southwest vs. McKinley at Sublette

Track-League Relays Running Events at O'Fallon

15 Baseball-Southwest vs. Lafayette at Lafayette

17 Track-Southwest-Cleveland-St. Mary's at Southwest

18 Tennis-Southwest vs. Soldan at Dwight Davis

Baseball-Southwest vs. Cleveland at Minnewood

19 Baseball-Southwest vs. Kennedy at Sublette

Track-Roosevelt-Southwest-Cleveland-C.B.C.-DuBourg at Roosevelt

20 Tennis-Southwest vs. Sumner at Tandy Park

Track-Affton Relays

Girls' Swim-Cleveland-Southwest-Roosevelt, O'Fallon 4:00

21 Baseball-Southwest vs. Northwest at Sublette

Track-Affton Relays

21 & 22 Track-Parkway Invitational

24 Girls' Swim-Southwest vs. Villa Duchesne at Villa 4:00

25 Tennis-McKinley vs. Southwest at Sublette

Baseball-Southwest vs. King at Sherman

26 Track-Southside Invitationals at Roosevelt

Baseball-Southwest vs. Chaminade at Sublette

Girls' Swim-PHL at O'Fallon, 3:45

27 Tennis-Southwest vs. Central at O'Fallon

28 Girls' Swim-Southwest vs. Mary Institute at Country Day 4:00

29 Girls Track-H. Ray Memorial at Northwest.

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