



(l. to r.) Vernon Keys, Martin Kelley, Brian Marion, John Riddle, and Steve Arensang a barbershop selection at the May Musical May 11 in the Auditorium.

Teachers In Fight Against Transfers

by Marcia Davis

When Charles West began his sixth year at SW as a counselor for the 1977-78 school year he had no idea that it would be the last.

Mr. West is not leaving his profession, but is one of many SW staff members who have been told that they will be transferred to a Northside school next fall in order to achieve a racial quota.

The quota, which came from a consent decree made by U.S. District Circuit Court Judge James H. Meredith, requires a 30% minority staff in each St. Louis Public School. The number of teachers being transferred from both predominantly black and white schools hits the 360 mark with 90 non-teaching personnel also being transferred.

Many teachers both from North and South St. Louis are protesting the transfers on the basis that the mass migration of teachers will be disruptive to the quality of education in the schools.

Teachers have backed up their disapproval by holding several protest meetings and are planning to file a class action suit against the St. Louis School Board.

SW teachers who are members of the SW Faculty Advisory Council have played an active role in protesting the transfers. Teachers have been holding meetings with the School Board said Mrs. Anita Madsen, a member

of the council. The council has also sent letters to people like Congressman Gephardt, and school Superintendent Robert E. Wentz.

Mr. West, who agreed with teachers that the transfers will be to the students disadvantage said, "Teacher transfers will totally wreck the education process."

Although he is in agreement with most teachers about the transfers, West has done nothing to protest. With a strong belief in the powers of God, he said that all the protesting would not do any good. For one reason, he said, in the city of St. Louis, legally, teachers have no right to negotiate with the School Board. West added that if there was any change, it would come through the help of God.

Principal Marvin O. Koenig, has another view on the outcome of the teacher protest. Koenig said that there is a possibility that the Board might reconsider the case with Judge Meredith. Koenig, who also believes that the impact from the transfers will be greater in the elementary schools than the high schools, said that he supports the idea of having an integrated staff. What he doesn't agree with, is the way the Board is handling it.

"The implication is not wise," he said. Koenig suggested that teachers be replaced by minority staff members when some one retired, was fired or quit.

Requirements Altered

by Valerie Jones

The Board of Education for St. Louis Public Schools has agreed to a proposal to raise requirements for high school graduation. The total number of units (20) will remain. Only unit requirements in certain subject matter will be raised. The new requirements will include four units of communication skills, three units of social studies, two units of mathematics, two units of science, one unit of fine arts, one unit of practical arts, one unit of physical education and at least six units of electives.

Questionnaires were sent to parents to inform them of the proposal and to solicit their opinions. Parents were to agree or disagree with statements such as: the proposal will induce an increase in units in required areas and a decrease in the units of electives. The overall reaction was in agreement to the proposal.

The current state requirements are one unit of communication skills, one unit of social studies, one unit of mathematics, one unit of science, one additional unit of mathematics or science, one unit of fine arts, one unit of practical arts, one unit of physical education and eleven electives.

Counselor Charles West also agrees with the proposal. "I just hope that now they make a review of the course offerings, especially the communication skills department. More composition and 'meat' courses should be offered."

"I think this is a step in the right direction. I really don't understand why they lowered them in the beginning," stated Principal Koenig. "Any increase in requirements will help to supply a student with a good basic background for whatever he plans to do after graduation," he added.

Student Enjoys Work

by Michael Parish

Many students hesitate to do volunteer work because of their lack of interest and their lack of knowledge of the rewards. Therefore, many volunteer positions are left open.

Debbie Spagnolo, 17 years old, is a junior at Southwest. Although Debbie works at a restaurant four days a week, on Saturdays she finds time to take an active part in the Crestwood South View Special School for retarded children.

During the week, the children go to school, just like everyone else, and then on the weekends attend what is called a Mini Camp. There they participate in various activities such as crafts, gym, art, and games. At the end of May, South View children begin their summer vacations and end them in August," Debbie said.

Debbie is one of the few teenagers who volunteer their Saturday mornings, from 10:00-12:30 to help with the supervision

and participation of the Special School children in their various activities.

Through her relationship with the South View Special School children, she gains a better understanding of herself.

"When they accomplish things and you know they have, you feel good," Debbie said.

To some this "feeling" is even better than money.

"Being with the retarded children and trying to inspire them to participate can become a frustrating experience; therefore, it requires a strong control over one's emotions, as well as patience. This, and other experiences with these children help to add to the character of the person who comes in contact with them," she said.

She became interested in South View Special School through her cousin. Her cousin had previously taken courses in special education,

through which she had been exposed to South View Special School.

Debbie began her volunteer job in October of 1977. Debbie, who was also just recently elected president of National Honor Society, was responsible for the Easter Egg Hunt held for the Special School children.

"The children really enjoyed themselves. They found a lot of eggs."

Debbie would like to return to her volunteer job next year but she does not know if it will be possible with money becoming more and more a factor in her life.

After graduation, Debbie would like to attend UMMSL and study business or special education for handicapped or retarded children. Her volunteer job will have helped her, no matter what field she goes into because now she has a better understanding of others and of her own abilities.

Exchange Students Tour SW

by Marcia Davis and Kevin Fowler

Spending five years in high school may pose a problem for most students but to senior Cesar Villalon it was all a part of a program that took a lot of hard work to participate in.

A student exchange program sponsored by the American Field Services was responsible for Cesar's visit to the United States. The program requires students who come to another country to spend a year in school. Because the AFS in the Philippines only asked for students who were graduates, Cesar is repeating his senior year, only this time at Country Day High School in Missouri.

Besides requiring students to attend school, there are some cardinal rules, said Cesar. Because the AFS does not provide insurance for the exchange students, they are not allowed to drive while visiting a country. Students are also warned to be aware of drugs and alcohol. Any student seriously violating these rules and causing severe problems will be sent home, said Cesar.

The rules of the AFS may not

seem to cause any problem when compared to the difficulty in becoming an exchange student. Qualifying for the program varies around the world. In the Philippines, Cesar was chosen only after completing several tests and interviews.

For American students, Mrs. Ryan, sponsor for the SW chapter of the National Honor Society, said in order to send someone abroad a high school has to be a member of the AFS, paying an entrance fee of \$850. And is required to sponsor an exchange student who comes into the U.S. This includes not only trying to keep the student entertained during his stay, but also to find him a host family.

Cesar, who will return home in July, has been staying with Mr. and Mrs. Weruderk. This is not the first time the Weruderk's have been a host family. Mrs. Sally Weruderk said she liked the idea of having people of other countries in their home because it was a learning experience for the visitor as well as the hosting family.

Besides helping the Weruderk's learn a little about the people of the Philippines, Cesar has been learning something himself. After touring several city schools, including SW, Cesar came to the conclusion that American schools were more informal and relaxed than Philippine schools, though Americans go to school longer. In his country, students attend six years of elementary school and four years of high school, usually graduating at the age of 16 or 17.

Cesar, who graduated at 16, will return home in early July. Before leaving, AFS will take him and other exchange students on a bus tour visiting several states. Cesar plans to attend college when he returns home majoring in either Mass Communication or Medicine.

If Cesar did not wish to return home, he would still have to because of an agreement made with the AFS. The program requires that Cesar return to the Philippines and remain there for at least two years in order for him to inform others about the U.S.



(l. to r.) Senior Earl Cook, sophomore Tracy Davis, and Senior Vincent Griffin converse at the Senior Prom that was held May 19 at the Breckenridge Pavilion.

What's Happening?

June

- 1 Graduation Rehearsal-Aud-9:15 a.m.—Caps and Gowns Distributed—11:00 a.m.
- 2 Last full day of classes
- 5 Final Exams—Period 2-8:30 a.m., Period 3-10:00 a.m.
- 6 Final Exams—Period 4-8:30 a.m., Period 5-10:00 a.m.
- 7 Final Exams—Period 6-8:30 a.m., Period 7-10:00 a.m. Senior Luncheon—Top of the Sevens—12:30 p.m.
- 8 Graduation Rehearsal—Kiel Auditorium Opera House—9:30 p.m. Graduation Exercises—Kiel Auditorium—8:00 p.m. Make-up Exams—8:30 and 10:15 a.m., by prior arrangement with teachers only
- September
- 1 Freshman Orientation—9:00 12:00 a.m.
- 7 Classes Begin

Entertainment From A-Z

by Vicki Beichel & Carolyn Kelly

In summer there is often plenty of time on hand. St. Louis offers a wide and interesting assortment of entertainment to help absorb this spare time from A to Z. Here are a few suggestions, on how to experience summer:

ART exhibits can be found at the Art Museum. Take a ride in the ARCH, if it's been a while since you've seen the top, or take a trip on the S.S. ADMIRAL with day or night cruises.

BIKING and **BOWLING** are good exercise. On a warm afternoon or evening enjoy a **BASEBALL** game at **BUSCH** Stadium, or perhaps start your own game. Top them all off with a **BAR-BEQUE**.

CAMP out on a weekend, or visit the **CLIMATRON** to enjoy the wonders of nature.

DOWNTOWN DEPARTMENT stores are a pleasant place to stroll through when in the mood to shop. On the way home stop at one of the area's many **DELICATESSENS** and enjoy a **DELICIOUS** but inexpensive lunch.

EATING out is one of the most famous past times, and with many types of restaurants in the area, **EVERYONE** can have what they like best.

FOREST Park is a FUN place to visit. Take a ride on a **FERRY** boat, or visit one of the area **FAIRS**.

GOLF makes a **GREAT** new hobby. Enjoy a **GOOD** show and dinner, and a pleasant evening on the **GOLDENROD** Showboat?

HELICOPTER rides aren't just for kids; why not take one on the Mississippi, or arrange a **HORSEBACK** ride.

ITALIAN Restaurants are numerous in the area, and offer a fine variety of tasty dishes. To satisfy a craving for **ICE** cream, why not visit the St. Louis Creamery on South Hampton for a wide variety.

JOG to get back in shape and spend the Fourth of JULY under the Arch watching the fireworks. **KITE** flying is an enjoyable way to spend a windy afternoon.

LANDMARKS like **LACLEDE'S** **LANDING** offer a **LOOK** at the past. Why not spend a quiet afternoon by a **LAKE**?

MUSEUMS of History, Transportation, and Science provide an educational change. To save **MONEY**, when seeing a **MOVIE** there are **MATINEES** in the morning. But one can just go to the **MOVIES** at night without a discount. **Souland MARKET** brings a change of

pace also.

NEW friends, **NEW** places, and **NEW** restaurants can be found this summer, or it may be spent doing absolutely **NOTHING**.

ORGANIZE a worthwhile community project, or spend an evening at the **OPERA** for entertainment.

PLAY water **POLO**, **PING PONG**, and **POOL** for some sports fun. For some socializing throw a **PARTY** or **PICNIC**.

QUAINT, out of the way places are nice to spend time along or with someone you care for.

RACQUETBALL courts at Forest Park offer exercise. The **RIVERFRONT** offers an array of places to dine and tour during the day.

SWIM and build up some of the old **SKILLS**. For indoor activity **SEW** some new clothes for the next school year. Why not try to start a game of **SOFTBALL**?

TENNIS is a sport to learn and build up skills for pleasure and exercise. **TAKE** it easy and sunbathe to get a **TAN**.

UNDER an **UMBRELLA** on a rainy day take a walk with the one you love.

VACATION and get away from it all. Join **VIC Tanny** to slim the body down.

WALK in the **WOODS** for quiet and solitude. **WATERSKI** on a lake to get the full advantage of **WATERfun**. **WATCH** repeats on TV.

X-MAS shop while out of town or even at a store in St. Louis.

YOUTH groups such as the **YMCA** or **YWCA** are numerous in the area and are a great way to meet people of the same ages.

ZOO visiting is one of the city's highlights and is free to the public.

The Years Go By

by David Sprague

With the ending of this school year and movement to the next (for most) come many changes. These changes are particularly evident at the high school level.

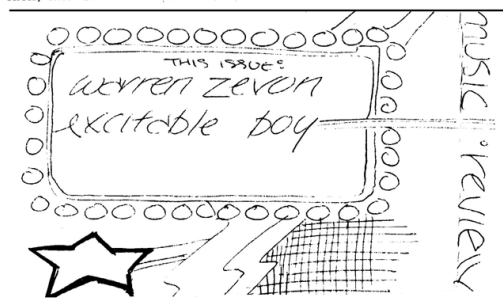
Freshmen will no longer have juniors and seniors approaching them in the halls offering to sell them an elevator pass for "only five dollars." No longer will there be the ever-present fear of being stepped on by an upperclassman or run over by a near-sighted teacher. And also, there will be no more searching for the swimming pool which is by your next class. Yep, you've come a long way freshmen.

Sophomores, your junior year has many thrills and spills to deal with. One of your biggest thrills will be getting your Junior ring. Now you will be set apart from the "kiddies" and move into the elite group you've admired for two long, long years. Guys, flash those shiny rings in front of those cute sophomore girls and watch their eyes light up.

The junior year has all these good points, true enough, but there is one BIG drawback—lots and lots of tests. The PSAT, SCAT, TASK, etc. . . just to name a few. Good luck, you'll need it.

Juniors, at last you've reached that magic plateau—you're going to be a senior! Your last year of high school, and it's been a long time coming. Graduation, Prom, graduation expenses, college expenses to think of, etc. So you see, being a senior won't be all fun and glory as it has appeared since you were a "little bitty freshman." There are drawbacks even to this seemingly perfect life, so take it slow and easy and you just might make it.

And seniors, you've finally made it. After four (or five) years you're leaving good old Southwest and venturing into the cold, cruel world. College, work, loafing, or whatever the case may be, it's a lot different than high school. So good luck, and come back sometime.



Zevon Zooming To Top

by Mark Smith

With **Excitable Boy**, Warren Zevon has finally come of age. He has found his place in rock and roll music and has created a masterpiece with this latest work.

The best way to describe Zevon, for those unfamiliar with him, is to combine the emotion and songwriting ability of Jackson Browne, the violence and hidden meanings of Sam Peckinpah, and the lunacy of Monty Python. Zevon is able to somehow combine romanticism, naturalism, and the theater of the absurd. Such songs as "Lawyers, Guns and Money," "Excitable Boy," and "Roland the Headless Thompson Gunner" are all prime examples of what he can do.

The characters that he writes of are all bigger than life and in some way demented. In "Werewolves of London," which has been getting some local air play, he is able to recreate the feeling and spirit of the time of Jack the Ripper. At the same time, he is able to make it all seem absurd.

Musically the album is excellent. The list of names of people working on the album reads like a "Who's Who of West Coast Music." Jackson Browne co-wrote some of the songs, sang harmonies, and produced the album. John McVie and Mick Fleetwood of Fleetwood Mac, Linda Ronstadt, Karla Bonoff, and John Souther are all on it also. Zevon's guitarist, Waddy Wachtel, is outstanding. On a song like "Johnny Strikes Up the Band," Wachtel is able to take it away for a fantastic solo and then give it back to Zevon for his resonant vocals.

My Gripe Is:

I feel that by paying \$6.50 for Junior Ring Dance the band could have been more considerate to the students than they were. A lot of people were disappointed.

Dave Sylvester

Judging Is Not Fair

Dear Editor

My name is Jacquelyn Weddington. I am a Varsity Cheerleader who lettered this year. On March 28, I tried out for the Southwest Varsity Cheerleading Squad; I did not make it. At the try-out I did just as well as the girls who made it, but I was scored lower; and I received no reasonable explanation as to why I was not chosen for the 1978-1979 squad.

I feel that I was judged on a biased basis by the people who disliked me personally. Twelve girls are usually selected for the varsity squad, but this year only nine were selected. The B-Team Cheerleading Squad has a number of alternates-varsity has none. I feel that in choosing someone to represent your school, personal and biased feelings should be eliminated; the girls should be judged on their performance.

I hope that the students and faculty body, as a whole, will look into this particular matter so it does not reoccur. I hope that in the near future someone who does not know the girls will judge where-by personal conflicts will not interfere with their performance.

Jacquelyn Weddington

Girls were judged on their performance and the best nine were chosen. Judges marked rating sheets independent of one another and the scores were tallied to select the cheerleader squad.

Karen A. VonGlinow
Carol Eveland

Girls Make A Complaint

Recently the Southwest Pom-Pon girls have undergone a sponsor change. A sponsor was chosen for us.

Before the yearly pom-pom tryout, the new sponsor decided on a squad of 20-25 girls. In keeping with her desire the seniors chose a squad of 23. In order to be on the squad, a girl had to have a score of 80% or more. This gave us a legal squad of 23 girls. This is when the trouble began.

Something happened though to change our new sponsor's mind. She now wanted one more girl on the squad. Could it have been her talk with our old sponsor which caused her to change her mind? After all he was extremely angry when he found out that the cut off point was 80% which meant that his daughter did not make it. Now our new sponsor wanted a squad of 24. This would have dropped the cut off point to 70%. This seemed a bit underhanded to us. So now our vacillating sponsor wanted a squad of 27; then she wanted 26 which was greater than the original 20 to 25. This would have seriously damaged the quality of our squad. She let us know that she did not care.

What is happening to the fairness in this world when pom-pom tryouts are fixed?!

We ask you, is it fair to the other girls who tried out as well as the girls on the squad to allow such practices to continue?!

Cheryl Chandler

Sandi Glasscock Elaine Carnes
Cindy Rolfus Gwen Haynes
Mel Evans Phyllis Morgan
Collette Stoner Wanda Bill
Robin Woods Cathy McCormick

"Cut Day" Policy Unfair

by Cindy Browne

It has been said that history repeats itself, and it certainly has here at SW. Once again the class of 1978 was made to bear the burden of an administrative decision, no matter how unfair the changes seemed to seniors.

After "Senior Cut Day," April 19, it was announced that all seniors who were absent that day and couldn't clear themselves of the cut slip to be issued would have to make up the day by taking six hours study hall or they would lose their right to graduate on stage. A question could be raised as to the exact motive behind the disciplinary action taken. If it was to be a preventative action, why wasn't it announced sooner? Though the exact date may not have been known, "Senior Cut Day" traditionally falls during the last three months of school. Announced earlier, the plan of action taken could have cut absences among seniors drastically. Not many seniors would have risked their right to graduate on stage just to say they cut on "Senior Cut Day."

Seniors were cleared of the cut if

they were absent April 18 and 20, as well as on April 19, so perhaps next time, everybody will just take these days off instead of one. A student was also cleared if they had appointment slip from a doctor, but it must be considered that not all doctors give appointment slips.

A note from the parents would only clear the "cut" if it were brought on April 20, which followed school policy. While it is indeed part of the school procedure as far as absences go, it is a part so seldom enforced that it is easily forgotten. Is the senior class now to be held responsible for the lax attitude of the whole school?

In the search for a solution to the problem of excessive absences on so-called cut days, perhaps the idea of organizing and authorizing a "Senior Cut Day" should be explored. On this day, a senior could miss without fear of reprisal, but underclassmen who cut could expect a severe reprimand. While this solution may seem to give privileges to the senior class, after four years of attending high school, is one day too much to ask for in return?

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Flashback To Freshmen Year

by Cindy Browne

Now that we're seniors, it's easy to sit back and laugh at the confusion of the "itty-bitty freshmen," but we were freshmen once, too, remember?

Freshmen Orientation was fun. It was a day just for us, and everybody was smiling. We didn't feel so alone, either. Mr. Marvin O. Koenig, our principal, was new here, along with Home Economics teacher, Ms. Karen Von Glinnow and Business Education teacher, Ms. Celestine Windom.

The second day was different, though. The halls had suddenly become longer and definitely more crowded. The walls closed in as taunts like "Hey, look at the new jay!" came from all around.

Another major difference was noticed when you crept sheepishly into your second hour class about 10 minutes late. That nice teacher you'd talked to the day before had sharpened his fangs and renewed his membership in the Monster's Association.

We weren't the only ones with problems. The tax levy was creating difficulties for everyone. By not passing, it caused B-team

sports to be cut and the school to be closed early, making extracurricular activities almost impossible.

Varsity sports made up for what we missed in B-team that year. Though Sumner was supposed to dominate the sports scene, the Longhorns had different ideas. The football Steers ended the season with a 10-0 record, taking the PHL title and ranking first in the Metropolitan area. They beat Sumner, 7-0, and for the first time in seven years, they beat Vianney 27-13.

Ladue, the second ranked team in the Metropolitan area had more accumulated points than SW, and went to the state finals. By a strange twist of fate, so did Sumner with a 8-1-1 record.

Soccer took first in the PHL that year, and all our other teams did well, enabling us to take the 1974-75 All Sports Trophy. Our All Sports Queen, crowned during the football Homecoming week, was senior Vickie Woods.

SW not only excelled in sports that year, but our musical programs were also great suc-

cesses. Remember senior Mary Decker and junior Dave Dial in "Hello, Dolly!" or senior Roger Saunders in the title roll of "Tom Jones?" Freshman Tom Enders starred in the May Musicales, "Porgy and Bess," making us very proud. See, freshmen aren't so dumb!

We had some great aud sessions, too. How about that crazy Christmas Aud, a parody on "The Night Before Christmas." And who can forget junior Tammy Murray as she flew across stage, portraying Cupid during the "Love" theme half of Spirit Week. What time we weren't dodging Cupid's arrows, we spent running from the bullets from the gangsters' sub-machine guns.

We had our serious side, too. We collected \$477 more for Toys for Tots than was collected the year before. For the Red Cross Blood drive, we collected 125 pints, draining more students than any other school.

All in all, freshman year wasn't too bad. We survived, a little tougher and wiser, but alive. And ready for next year, anytime!

*"No goal is too high
if you
climb with
care and confidence."*

-Senior Motto

Sophomores Diligent

by Michael Parish

After their sensational freshman year, the 1978 class returned sophomore year with high hopes and determination to succeed in sports, as well as other activities.

In football, varsity gained a playoff berth after a 22-game winning streak. B-team made a comeback from the previous year. Varsity Club was begun for athletic girls after GAA dissolved.

The Homecoming Parade was cancelled due to lack of funds to maintain the Marching Band, but that didn't prevent the crowning of Maureen Sutherlin as Miss Southwest.

In soccer, the Steers took their fourth straight PHL championship. The cross-country Harriers finished two points behind Cleveland in a race for first place. In wrestling, Southwest grappled for a second place PHL title after defeating Central.

Even though the varsity basketball's record was 10-14, the season was much more exciting than the team's record reveals. The swimming team took first in the league, winning the PHL. In hockey, the Longhorns captured second in the Missouri State Hockey Association, but were defeated in the quarterfinals of the playoffs. In baseball, the Varsity

Longhorns again slid in first to gain the PHL.

Consistency and the excellent performance exhibited by Southwest athletes won the all-Sports Trophy for Southwest in 1976.

The first chapter of National Honor Society was formed that year. Eighty new stools were added to the cafeteria. In addition a speaker system was provided for the smoking lounge.

Open lunch, for all students, was an experimental project launched and dropped during 1976. The Peer Counseling Program which has just recently formed was then being conceived. During "Wild West" Spirit Week, the first DJ dance was held, and a visit from Governor Kit Bond enhanced Spirit Week on Hello Day.

Southwest students enjoyed all lunches while they listened to Mamma's Pride. During Swap Day, 600 disappointed students tried to change their schedules, all at the same time.

In December, Southwest presented the musical, *Mame*. An advanced drama group, headed by Mrs. Georgia Schoeffel, began that year touring grade schools.

Ending the year were Junior Board and Student Council elections.

Reflections of Student Council

by Annette Ruffkahr



Cindy Davis, Student Council President

Cindy Davis will soon be retiring from the office of Student Council President. As she looks back over her year in office, she reflects about being the first female Student Council President sup-

ported by all female executive officers.

"Last May, when I ran for President of Student Council, I had hopes of becoming "in tune" to the needs of the students. I wanted to help the students in communicating with teachers as well as one another. I began to realize this year that I needed more than one year to accomplish everything I wanted."

"I'm very glad the school gave me a chance to represent them at school functions. We put together five dances over the year and I soon found out each dance involves a lot more than signing a contract for a band. With each activity there were due dates and often they were not met. This is why a president needs a dependable and reliable staff of officers to help out. I found

that while I was president a lot of people depended on me and in turn I often depended on other people, especially Mrs. Techner and Mr. Sneed."

"Many times I could feel the pressure and temperatures rising and I often found myself yelling when there was no need to or laughing when I was too mad to yell. It gave me a lot of headaches and hardships but I also found the job very rewarding at times."

"As for being a girl, I found it didn't matter. I felt I was qualified for the job as well as being strong and determined."

"I feel good about my year as Student Council President, and while everything didn't always come out roses, I feel I tried and did my best."

Senior Opinions Expressed

by Karen Pope

As the school year draws to an end, with graduation around the corner, the Class of '78 is able to look back and reflect on its four-year stay at Southwest.

For many, high school is the perfect opportunity to get to know a variety of people. The cosmopolitan atmosphere at SW is conducive to just that. Where else in the city can such a mixture of ethnic backgrounds be found under one roof?

"You get to be around a lot of different backgrounds. Southwest draws from all parts of the city," stated Kathy Wilson.

Cindy Connor commented, "You learn a lot, not about school, but about people."

"I gained a lot of friends," said Patty Abbati.

"I will remember the different friends I had who were not only American, but who originate from all parts of the world. I guess that is why Southwest has so much cooperation. We have students from the whole world working together," added Alexandra Pelekanou.

Many seniors felt a lot of the rules were too strict.

"It's gotten stricter every year," said Colette Stoner.

"There are too many rules," commented Georgette Taylor.

"It was fun in the beginning, but now they're so strict, kids feel like they're in jail," added Vicki Beekman.

"When I was a freshman, they weren't so strict, and I had more fun. Now they have so many

policies. But I did enjoy high school," commented Linda Heddell.

School spirit has also suffered. "School spirit has really gone down. The classes that are coming in now think they are so grown, that they are unfriendly," Georgette Taylor said.

"We don't have as many auds as we did freshman year," added Colette Stoner.

"Every year it went downhill. Next year will be a mess. I'm glad I'm getting out," said Laura Emory.

For the most part, high school has proved to be a learning,

growing experience, for all students involved. After all, high school is a small scale world.

Tim Kozenczak commented, "I thought it was all right. The years went by fast."

"It was a lot of fun. I met a lot of interesting people and if I had to do it all over again, I would," commented Cheryl Chandler.

"Southwest has definitely been an enriching experience. I'm glad I came because I was able to meet people from all different walks of life. Southwest has prepared me to encounter any social environment I might meet in the future," summed up Lana Johnson.



Superb Seniors Establish Titles

CLASS SWEETHEART
CUTEST DIMPLES
TALLEST
SHORTEST
BIGGEST COSSIP
MOST BASHFUL
BIGGEST FLIRT
BEST MUSICIAN
BEST SMILE
BIGGEST CLOWN
WORST JOKE TELLER
MESSIEST LOCKER
CUTEST
BEST ACTOR/ACTRESS
MOST FRECKLES
BEST LEGS
BEST SINGER
PRETTIEST EYES
MOST TALENTED
PRETTIEST HAIR

Kim Hoffman, Rick Garozzo
Julie James, David Knight
Mel Whittenburg, Mike Funk
Terri Budding, Mfon Aqua
Linda Heddell, Joe Zakibe
Gina Gusatella, Joe Heiple
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Paula Ingram, Tom Enders
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Debbie Jung, John Riddle
Lois Bentrup, Joe Jascur



SENIOR BOB DICANDIA extends his congratulations to Senior Terri Wikson as her name is announced as Senior Prom Queen. The Prom was held May 19 at the Breckenridge Pavilion.

Seniors Absences Cause Alarm

Karolyn Kelly & Paula Ingram

On a RAINES day in the KUHL month of April, when the ZAVADILS were BUDDING, the Seniors from DREADFUL High School of the Class of '78 decided to cut school.

Fortunately PAPPA'S LYONS was totally unaware of this planned affair.

The students were ABELL to attend a variety of places. McDonald's for one, where they drank CHERRY soda, and ordered BERRY pie and FRENCH fries. They got FULLER than anything, but still they wanted MOORE and MORR.

Then they all went to WOODS MILLS Park on top of a HILL down the LANE. There they HELD a PEEPLES party. Everyone arrived in RUFKARs or rented D-AVIS cans.

While TAGGERing through the park they ate candy CAINS and drank soda POP-E. They arrived at the picnic grounds and fixed up

some REIFSTECKs and T-RICE. After lunch ROESCHs came and a RATLIFed up the table and were EATON up the leftover food.

Now, well into the afternoon the BLAZER sun came out and people got BROWNE and TANNER. It was BOYDing hot, so where the FALLS ran into the LUEKE warm BROOKS the seniors Waded in. They dried their KOTHEs off and moved on.

Everyone decided to HEDDELL on over to CRAIG VERNON's and WILLIAMS ZAKIBE's HOLMES. People single PFEILED through the door to hear the FUNK coming from the stereo from the Brothers JOHNSON and the GAROZZO STONER Band. Everyone was having a terrific time dancing, and PATTERSONing around when all of a sudden, they heard a KNOX at the door. The master from school had sent you SPEIS to discover where all the Seniors had gone. He had dogs SMEL-CER out the

students and track them down.

Seniors ZIPped out the front door and out the back and even through windows. VERNON vowed to ZAKIBE "I'm going to KELL-You for leaving an INGRAM of evidence for them to trace us here."

It was a sad KNIGHT for all Seniors. They had TORREZIBLE nightmares all night, thinking of the unbearable punishment ahead.

The next day the CANNON went off when all the Seniors returned and they were STUCKEYED into the dungeon. They were treated as if they were itty-bitty FLESH-MANS, and received much MOCKERY.

Their punishment was never ENDERSing weeks, LOCKED up in the DURY and GOREy study HALL.

The moral of this story is: Once you cut, you DUNN COOKed your goose.

Juniors Jumping With Joy

by Mark Smith

The Class of 1978 returned to school in September to find many changes. Mr. Grant came to Southwest as the Assistant Principal of Guidance. Mr. Warmack, who was formerly a counselor, became Assistant Principal of Curriculum. Mr. Sneed and Mrs. Techner replaced Mr. Meloy as Student Council sponsors.

Physical education became co-ed. The soccer team won their fifth straight PHL title, and the Green Machine had trouble in the rain.

Student Council began their selection of Auds for the student body with Hello Day on October 1. Students were entertained in a double and session which featured "Sonny and Cher." At the dance, that night, a packed crowd moved to the sounds of March Hare.

Football Homecoming was held October 23, 1976. The tough game ended with a score of SW-6, McKinley-6. The lone touchdown was scored by Stanley Newsome. With Southwest spirit as high as ever, despite the rainy day,

students crowded the new boy's gym that night to watch Lesa Morris be crowned Homecoming Queen.

December 2 and 3, Brigadoon appeared on the Southwest stage. This operetta starred such members of our class as Paula Ingram as Fiona, Tom Enders as Tommy, Kathy Fincher as Kate, Tony Parise as Harry, John Riddle as Angus, and Libby Carter as Jean.

Another highlight of the year was Spirit Week held the week of March 14-18. The theme was "Movie Stars." Movies including Laurel and Hardy, The Three Stooges, and Abbott and Costello provided lunchtime entertainment. Besides a Rent-A-Star auction, Dress-Up Day, and an aud session titled "That's Entertainment," which featured Steve Mizerany, there was a dance with Full Moon Consort.

The Junior Ring Dance was held April 29. With a "Stardust" theme, music was provided by Griffin.

Juniors received class rings and the highlight of the evening came when it was announced that Ken Judd and Kim Hoffmann had been elected Junior King and Queen.

In June, it was all over, and the Class of 1978 began planning and looking forward to their final year of high school.

Seniors Close Out Year

Graduation rehearsal will begin at 9:15 this morning in the auditorium. Caps and gowns will be distributed following the rehearsal at 11 a.m.

The Senior Luncheon will be held Wednesday at the Top of the Sevens, 7777 Bonhomme in Clayton at 12:30 p.m. A buffet will be served. The price is \$7.50. Variety and musical entertainment will be

provided. Mr. Sneed will host the celebrity roast. Libby Carter, Judy Gilbert, and Paula Ingram will sing. John Riddle will play and accompany on the piano. A top-secret award will be presented at this time.

Graduation rehearsal will be held at Kiel Opera House Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Graduation will be at 8 p.m.

Recipients Acknowledged

by Sherri Davis & Mary Cox

Each year a number of SW seniors are recognized for their attainments. The class of '78 has its share of outstanding students.

National Merit finalists are judged on grades, courses taken, test scores (SAT, PSAT/NMSQT), extra-curricular activities and accomplishments, school recommendations, and self-description.

SW is proud to have three such finalists, Diana Hohner, Lyle Levine, and Mark Smith. Diana received a \$1000 National Merit Scholarship in addition to the Corine Hachtman, and is undecided in her choice of a major while attending the University of Tulsa. Lyle, also offered a Regents scholarship from Southeast Mo. State, a Chancellor's Honorary Scholarship from Wash. U., among others, has decided to attend the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena; his intended major is physics. Mark, accepted at Harvard University,

received a \$1000 NMS as well as a Harvard Scholarship and plans to major in political science.

National Achievement scholarships were bestowed on three more SW seniors: Melanie Evans, Lana Johnson, and Leslie Williams. Melanie, accepted a four year college sponsored scholarship related to the Nat'l Achievement, as well as a Chancellor's Honorary Scholarship from Wash. U. Lana has received a college sponsored NA scholarship to UM-C. Leslie, also to attend Wash. U., has accepted a NA scholarship, besides having been offered a Georgetown Minority Grant for academic proficiency.

President's Scholarship beneficiaries for Southeast Mo. State at Cape Girardeau are Cindy Armbruster, Jeanne Hamilton, and Caroline Stevenson. The scholarship covers tuition, books, and incidentals for four years providing the student maintains a specified g.p.a.

University of Missouri Curators awards were offered to Diana Hohner, Mark Meier, Jim Niemann, and Laurie Speis. Laurie has accepted the award and will attend UMSL.

Recipients of SW's Corine Hachtman Award are Kathy Fincher, Diana Hohner, John Riddle, Jim Niemann, and Tony Parise. Kathy will attend William Jewell College and major in music education. John, also received an academic scholarship offered by the college, a Courier award, and a music departmental award at Southwest Baptist College. Jim is hoping to attend Wash. U. with his prospective major in chemical engineering. Tony is presently attending Southwest Mo. State.

Sherri Davis, to attend Marquette University, has received the Marquette U. award and Greater St. Louis Association of Black Journalists award based on academics and leadership.

Tom Enders will attend the University of Cincinnati-College Conservatory of Music with a four year full tuition, Albert Voreis Memorial Scholarship.

Charlie Huffines accepted a Regents scholarship to Mo. Southern State.

Barry Kneuen also received a Courier scholarship and a departmental award to Southwest Baptist College.

Dale Morgan received a no-need scholarship to North Central College.

Bill Morris has accepted an art award to Wash. U.

Michael Parish has decided to go to Northwestern University with a Northwestern scholarship though he was offered scholarships to UMKC, Southeast Mo. State, Northeast Mo. State, and Wash. U.

Karen Pope will attend UMC with a St. Louis Post-Dispatch Scholarship.

Accepting a partial tuition award for scholarship to Wash. U., David Schultz plans a double major of physics-mathematics.

Georgette Taylor and Nedra Thomas received scholarships to Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Georgette also received a McDonnell Douglas Foundation Scholarship.

Athletic scholarships were offered to the following: Bob Dicandia-Baker University; Joe Jascur-Benedictine College (basketball); Winston Rogers-Illinois College; Rob Purvis and Joe Zakibe-Ottawa University; Howard Hill-University of Cincinnati; and Ken Judd-University of Missouri, Columbia, (football).

Mark Lyles has been chosen to tour seven European countries in July and August, with the U.S. Collegiate Wind Band. A highly selective musical organization, the Wind Band selects a maximum 100 musicians nationwide each year for the tour.

Seniors Above Average

The following seniors have earned cumulative grade point averages of 3.5 or above after seven semesters, entitling them to recognition on the Honor Roll of June graduates.

3.5-3.9-Jackie Berry, Yvonne Bottorff, Steven Boyd, Cindy Browne, Andrew Burton, Elizabeth Carter, Mary Cox, Cynthia Davis, Sherri Davis, Richard Dury, Patty Heuvelman, Paula Ingram, Ken Judd, Debbie Jung, Karolyn Kelly, David Knight, Mark Lyles, Kathy MacAleney, Ed Mantels, Lorie McLemore, Dale Morgan, Sue O'Mara, Julie Osborn, John

Riddle, Tamara Riley, Tim Schumann, Karen Stefack, Georgette Taylor, Angelo Vandel, and Don Vilella.

4.0-4.4-Cindy Armbruster, Linda Clark, Laura Emory, Melanie Evans, Diana Hohner, Mike Parish, Doug Potts, Don Quante, Mary Schnelle, David Schultz, Laurie Speis, Caroline Stevenson, Denise Vandersteen, and Neal Wilson.

4.5-and-up-Tom Enders, Tom Karagiannis, Lyle Levine, Mark Meier, Marilyn Munn, Jim Nieman, Judy Sanazaro, and Mark Smith.

Senior Reflection Is Broad

by Sherri Davis

was crowned Homecoming queen. Also, in the spotlight was the operetta, *Anything Goes* presented December 1 and 2.

New changes did not take place only around the school but also changes in the weather. This winter was probably the worst winter that we have ever experienced. St. Louis collected 67 inches of snow. Because of bad weather, we were blessed with five snow days.

Like many of the senior classes that have gone forth in the last ten years, we were told by the media that we could not read nor write. Therefore, Mr. Koenig decided to enlighten our lives by having all seniors take finals. Just think of the good old days when we had the privilege of being exempt from a final because of our 'B' average. According to Mr. Koenig, finals would prepare us for college study. The majority of seniors disagreed.

At the end of our sixth semester, Assistant Principal Mr. Woodrow Hatfield retired. During his stay,

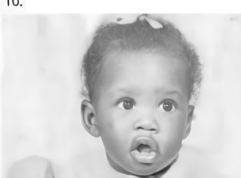
Mr. Hatfield contributed many dedicated hours and promoted excellency.

The next big event was Spirit Week. The theme was "Cartoon Characters." During that week, class kings and queens were elected. Ours were Ken Judd and Terri Wilson.

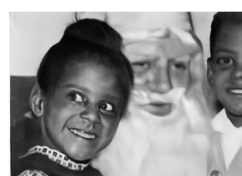
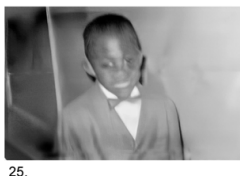
SC must be commended on a dynamic job in raising \$5,235 for "Q Chute for M/S. The reward for winning the contest was free Six Flag tickets for the entire school.

Changes came to SW for the better and for the worse. We learned what we were, or what we were not. Time has flown. We've made it. Over the four years some of us have progressed and others have regressed. Some of us have felt joy and some of us have felt sorrow. Hearts were broken and hearts were touched. We will remember from time to time as Benjamin Franklin wrote: "Dost thou love life? Then waste not time, for time is the stuff that life is made of."

Mysterious Faces Appear



by Michael Parish & Annette Ruffkahr
After being subjected to the heavy curriculum load of Southwest, a few members of the class of 1978 mysteriously reverted to their second childhood. The Pioneer staff would like to request your help in identifying these pictures in order that we might help these poor unfortunates below.



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| 32. Sue O'Mara | 14. Kim Barron |
| 31. Colette Stoner | 13. Laura Dengler |
| 30. Ken Judd | 12. Annette Ruffkahr |
| 29. Theresa Wash | 11. Latonya McNairy |
| 28. Cindy Armbruster | 10. Alexandra Pelakianou |
| 27. Lana Johnson | 9. Mr. Lecuyer |
| 26. Vanessa Raines | 8. Tom Enders |
| 25. Vincent Griff | 7. Judy Gilbert |
| 24. Chris Zurawsky | 6. Sabrina Lawrence |
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Junior Rick Goehring speaks at the Student Council election held May 12.

Students Visit SW

Members of the Beaumont Student Council visited Southwest April 26, in the last leg of a program to expose student council members to different ideas and concepts.

The student exchange idea was initiated by Keith Franklin, the Beaumont Student Council

president.

The Southwest Student Council visited Beaumont March 7.

"Basically what we gained from the experience," stated Brett MacKinnon, "was a day out of school and time to discuss the different money raising campaigns used by each school."

New Positions Filled

A number of new positions and offices have been filled for the 1978-79 school year.

The newly selected PIONEER co-editors are Marcia Davis and Kevin Fowler.

Co-editors for ROUNDUP will be Julia Branson and George Mavromatis.

Junior Board members will be

Diane Birtley, John Clements, Tracee Davis, Nancy Jaeger, Janis Johnson, Judy Lehr, Gary Lucas, Tina McClanahan, Julie Moser, Kenny Newsome, Debbie Pfeil, Tom Regan and Eugene West.

The new officers for National Honor Society are President—Debbie Spagnolo, Vice President—Valerie Jones, Secretary—Janet Hampe and Treasurer—Linda Dubis.



Senior Leslie Williams performs as concert choir singing "The Wiz" at the Spring Festival May 11.

New Officers Chosen

On May 9, the class of 1979 elected their Senior Class officers. After a week of campaigning, juniors voted during fifth period for the candidates of their choice.

The Senior Class officers elected were President—Mike Dial, Vice President—Karen Dopuch, Girls' Secretary—Tracy Little, Boys' Secretary—Jim Smith, Girls' Treasurer—Debbie Treglown, Boys' Treasurer—George Tanaka, Girls' Sergeant at Arms—Sharon Dopuch, and Boys' Sergeant at Arms—Larry Dougherty.

UN Elects Officers

The Model United Nations Club participated in their last session of the school year on April 27, 28, and 29. The club has also elected new officers. Next year's chairman will be junior Bill James. Junior Paul Cook will serve as the club's parliamentarian and junior Janet Hampe will be the club's secretary-treasurer.

Telescope Received

The Science Club finished the year by making plans to buy a telescope. The members decided to purchase a refracting telescope to use with the mount the school already has.

Registration at SW

Voter registration at SW is now available to both students and the public. Signs will be posted directing prospective voters to the general office. Assistant principal Stephen Warmack, assistant principal Maurice Grant, administrative assistant Jacqueline Hudson, Mrs. Judy Hall, secretary, Miss Donna Watson, clerk-typist, and Mrs. Vivian Zauf, clerk, were deputized as voter registrars after

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attending a session at the Board of Election Commission in late April.

This new service is designed to make voter registration even more convenient to the community as well as to the students.

SC Positions Filled

In the May 12 election junior Rick Goehring emerged as Student Council President.

Junior Brett MacKinnon won the vice-presidency, junior Kim Austin became secretary and sophomore Greg Simonds was voted treasurer.

Oposing candidates will serve as aides on the executive board of Student Council.

Letter Banquet Held

The annual Spring Sports Banquet was held on May 31, at the Redeemer Evangelical Church. Letters were given to qualifying students participating in boys' and girls' track, baseball, tennis, girls' swimming, gymnastics and cheerleading.

The guest speaker was Brooks LaRowe, sport's writer for the Southside Journal. The dinner menu was roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad, and apple pie for dessert.

New Squad Chosen

The 1978-1979 Wranglerettes were chosen, after eight months of preparation by the 1978 senior members. They were judged on their personality, their kicks, their neatness, and execution of the routine, as well as their overall performance.

The new squad will consist of: freshmen Judy Blankenship, Gail Fithen, Michelle Meir, Kim Pulliam; sophomores Wanda Bell, Valerie Darden, Annette Dattilo, Kim Ewing, Nancy Jaeger, Cathy McCormick, Phillis Morgan, Lynda Owens, Debbie Pfeil, Cindy Rolfe, Liz Venegoni, Kelly Williams, Sunny Zangaro; juniors Mary Jo Blaha, Elaine Carnes, Karen DeClue, Sandi Glasscock, Audrienne Light, Angela Mathews, Judy Woods; alternates junior Heide Graess and sophomore Shirley Haynes.

Southwest Honored

Southwest won two first place team awards in the District Missouri Business Education Contest at Parkway South in speed typewriting and shorthand.

In speed typing senior Laura Emory took first and Gwen Haynes placed second for individual awards.

In shorthand Gwen took first, followed by Senior Cindy Conner in second.

Laura Emory also placed second in production typing.

Nine girls participated, with three winning one or more individual awards.

In statewide competition on April 29, the Shorthand II team took second place and Speed Typewriting III team took third place.

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Baseball Pushes Forward

In the PHL, Southwest's baseball club came in second.

In spite of rainy weather which postponed several games and practices, the Steers are doing well.

Coach Graham said, "We have

good material on our team this year. The team's morale is not as high as it should be because of the cancellation of many of our games."

Senior John Smelcer pitched a one hitter against Dr. Martin

Luther King High School on April 25. The Steers towered over King, winning 22-0. The game was ended in the fifth inning.

On May 1, the Steers felt a blow when they were defeated by the Cleveland Dutchmen, 5-0. Because the Steers lost their southside district game, they will not have a chance to compete in state-wide competition.

May 2, at Fairgrounds, Smelcer pitched a no-hitter against the Vashon Wolverines. The Steers were victorious over the Wolverines winning, 10-0. The game was called off in the sixth inning.

When Smelcer was asked how he felt about his victory, he said, "I felt strong in the game. It was a game to bring our spirit up since we lost our district."

SW played another strong game on May 10, when they racked up a win against SLUH, 17-7. The Steers boosted their strength, winning against the Beaumont Blue Jackets, 15-5. The game was ended in the fifth inning.



SOPHOMORE TIM SCHOENECKER strides to a first in the 440 May 17 at Southwest.

Boys Tennis Wins: Takes PHL Title

The Southwest Boys' Varsity Tennis Team has won the 1977-78 PHL tennis title by defeating Roosevelt High School on Monday, May 15 by a score of 5-0.

determined to make this year a different story. And that is exactly what they did, but it was not easily done.

At the beginning of the season, the team was hampered by the inclement weather which did not allow them any outdoor practice until just before the season opened. The only "practice" was running indoors and various conditioning exercises.

But the boys overcame those obstacles and put together an excellent season finishing with a near perfect 46-4 record.

The previous week, Southwest had defeated Cleveland by a narrow margin of 3-2. This gave Southwest a one game edge over Cleveland, last year's champions. The two had entered the match with identical 38-2 records. Last year Cleveland edged out Southwest for the title by a single match.

After last year's heartbreaking loss to Cleveland the team was

Girls Second In PHL Standings

The Girls' Swim Team tied Roosevelt for second in PHL competition. The team has a 2-2 PHL record.

The girls were defeated by Cleveland, the PHL champions, 49-30, April 12.

Coach Julie Frank commented, "This was a year of firsts for the team. We had a diver, Lisa Adams. We also came in second for the first time in several years. The girls had the chance to swim against county schools. It was a really good season and challenging."

guiding force behind the team. Because of her enthusiasm, we came in second in PHL. She made us go in and fight; we did it for her."

In the PHL meet April 26, the team succeeded in tying Roosevelt for second.

McNamara also stated, "The team improved in both skill and

spirit. We had swimmers in every event who swam their stroke well. If all the girls return and we have a coach, we should have a good team. The team worked well together and really pulled for each other."

The team's outlook for next year is good, having only one senior graduating. The team was composed mainly of freshmen and sophomores.

Girls Place Sixth In Districts

The Tri-Meet April 20 against Cleveland and Roosevelt resulted in losses for both. The races were in heats, with the five fastest times getting ribbons.

The team lost to Villa Duchesne April 24, 70-12. A meet against Mary Institute April 28 resulted in a, 132-33 loss.

Junior Laurie McNamara, captain of the team, said, "Miss Frank is a good coach and the

Districts were held May 6, for the girls' track team. Placing sixth out of ten schools, Southwest did not qualify for state competition.

Several individuals were able to place in the competitions. Junior Kathy Kieffer placed third in shotput and senior Laura Dengler placed sixth. Sophomore Candace Williams took fourth in both the 440 yard dash and the 80 yard low hurdles. Sophomore Cathy Dietl

placed fourth in the mile run. In the 880, senior Terri Wilson placed fifth and sophomore Sheryl Gatewood placed sixth. Freshman Angelina Bonner took sixth in the high jump.

"We would have liked to have qualified for state, but I still think this team is one of the best ones in the last three or four years," stated coach Earline Falker.

Steers Go To State

Several members of the Boys' Track Team qualified on May 15 for State finals. Competing against all other city schools, seven Longhorn team members were state qualifiers. Senior Ken Judd (already state champion) took first in the shot put along with senior Rich Newcomb who was first in the pole vault. Senior Jeff Rogers placed in the 220 and 100-yard dash with junior Brian Quarrels placing in the long jump. The 880 relay team, made up of seniors Kelvin Brown, Ken Judd, Jeff Rogers and sophomore Glen Johnson was also

successful in gaining a position in state competition. The seven competed in the state finals on May 19-20.

Before State finals Assistant Coach Larry Davis said, "It is a great improvement." Davis said he thought a pretty good number of team members had qualified.

Even though most of the strong competitors, many who qualified for state, are graduating this year, Davis said he believes that next year's team will also be good. "I've got high hopes," he said. Coach Bud Wallach agreed with Davis that the team will be pretty good next year. He added that there would be a lot of talented members returning, many moving to the Senior Division Competition.

Girls Finish With A Win

The Girls' Softball Team finished their season with a 3-2 record. Nine games were scheduled, 2 of which were cancelled and 2 were rained out.

Mrs. Linda Techner coached the team with the help of her husband, a former teacher at Southwest. She feels the greatest display of effort and teamwork was put forth in the game against St. Elizabeth's which went into extra innings and produced a, 9-6 victory for Southwest.

Mrs. Techner commented, "At first the girls hadn't played enough together, but then they became more sure of themselves and their positions. Not only could they play their own positions well, but they could also switch positions and play well."

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