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SENIORS DAVE SYLVESTER and Diane Fulks discuss freshman Todd Hale's future in the operetta, "The Music Man."

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The "Music Man" Is Southwest Success

by Valerie Jones

"The Music Man," Southwest's operetta for 1978, was a resounding success. Although bad weather affected attendance to some extent, the audiences were very responsive. "It was beautiful! After one of the worst dress rehearsals, everything went as smooth as silk," commented Miss Leontone Meyer.

Miss Meyer also commended the performers for doing such an excellent job. "I was really proud of the principals because many of them were inexperienced in playing lead parts."

Recognition was given to efforts of the orchestra and the audiovisual and stage crews. "There were more scene changes this year

than ever before," stated Miss Meyer. "Also this year was the first year parents were used to help chaperone."

The operetta is the most ambitious money-raising project for the school. The cost of producing "The Music Man" was approximately \$1,800. As a result of the production, each department will receive \$100 from the profits and the remainder will go toward the general fund after all expenses are paid.

The enthusiastic support and cooperation of the students, staff members, and parents helped to make the operetta the biggest event of the first semester.

Will there be a teachers' strike? Are the demands that are being made reasonable?

If there is a strike, what effects will it have on Southwest?

On January 4, the Board of Education will meet with members of the A.F. of T.—American Federation of Teachers and announce its decision on whether or not it will fund a pay increase. If demands such as a salary increase, limited class sizes, and preparation periods for elementary school teachers are not met, there is a strong possibility that teachers may decide to walk out. Since the threat of a strike had appeared last month, *Pioneer* posed the questions above to numerous students and staff members at Southwest. The following are responses obtained from the people interviewed.

"I cannot support a strike. I personally don't believe in a strike; strikes are illegal," said Principal Marvin Koenig, speaking from his position as an administrator. Concerning what would happen if there were a strike, Koenig commented, "We would still attempt to have school operating."

Even though Koenig does not support strikes, he has been quick to make the statement that he understands the viewpoint of those who strike. If there were a strike, he believes that 2/3 of his staff would not appear and that parents would object to letting their children cross picket-lines.

"I do feel a good portion of my office workers and non-certified staff would be present," Koenig concluded, "I'll be here."

While most people are depending on January 4, to answer their question of whether teachers will go on strike or not, a member of the negotiating committee, Miss Marilyn Chase, stated that she is sure there will be a number of meetings following that first crucial gathering. She said that negotiations will continue and a decision to strike will probably not

be made immediately. "I am not aware of what will happen, but I am optimistic that if there are excess funds, teachers will be given a small pay increase in January."

Although Chase seemed to express a rather favorable attitude, there are some whose views are not as optimistic.

"If the Board doesn't live up to promises, a strike will result," commented drama teacher Mrs. Georgia Schoeffel. "I feel that we've given them a chance; if they don't respond, we should strike."

A similar attitude was expressed by Mrs. Linda Techner; "I feel we should get a raise; I feel the Board of Education should talk more with our negotiators. The Board just ignores us."

Agreeing with Mrs. Techner, Mrs. Vivian Zauf, a clerk in the Guidance Office stated, "I feel

very strongly about arbitration. School should continue and the issues should be discussed and negotiated."

Many students interviewed also believe that school should continue. While many said that they think the demands being made by teachers are reasonable, students expressed fear of the possibility of having to make up days if there were a strike.

"I hope they don't go on strike. I don't want to graduate in July," retorted Senior Gia Puleo.

"A strike will interfere with scheduling and work programs and summer school. A lot of class time will be lost due to reviewing materials; things wouldn't be as well-organized. Everyone will be in a mad scramble trying to get out of school," said Bonnie Scott, a senior.

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Jackie Zakibe Wins Junior Miss Contest

Senior Jackie Zakibe has been honored by being named Junior Miss of the South St. Louis Area on November 25th at Webster College.

"It came as a shock to me when I found out I won," Jackie exclaimed. "I had been very sick and missed a lot of the practices at the beginning."

Jackie is a very versatile and industrious person. She is a member of the National Honor Society, was on Student Council and Junior Board. She is also involved in many other activities both in the school and the community. Presently she works at a nursing home and has been a tutor of slow learning children.

Jackie heard of the contest from her counselor who suggested that she enter because of the \$2,000 scholarship all entrants receive.

The pageant was only opened to seniors who wouldn't become 19 before May of '79. Applications had to be filled out and each entrant had to sign a set of rules in the event that they might win. Sponsors of the pageant were Kodak, Coca Cola, Breck, and Kraft.

Each entrant was interviewed by six judges before the actual pageant. The questions were asked to see how well the girls spoke and what their views were. Three other judges dealt with academics. The transcripts of the entrants were sent to them and Jackie won Miss Academic. She also won a special award for creativity in the talent contest where she reenacted a watch scene from Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. Other characteristics that they were judged on were physical fitness and poise and appearance.

The stipulations that accompany the title are as follows: the winner can't get married; she can't appear in a bathing suit as Junior Miss, and the sponsors can use her for their products. As prizes she received clothes, a crown-bouquet of roses, two trophies, and a \$6,000 scholarship. While she is Junior Miss, she will make appearances in parades and be a guest at



JACKIE ZAKIBE, WINNER OF Southside District's Junior Miss Contest.

photo by Dave Schaefer

several different affairs.

Jackie will now go on to the state competition held January in Florissant. There will be approximately 35 girls from all over the state in the competition. The pageant will be at the Florissant Civic Center.

Jackie gives credit of her success to her big family, consisting of 12 children, and the tutoring she does.

"I think this helped my interview because a lot of the questions pertained to the fact that I come from such a large family and the tutoring I do."

Jackie hopes to be a special education teacher.



SOPHOMORE NICOLE JACKSON, Olympic hopeful for the 1980 games in Moscow, limbers up for another gymnastic routine after returning from Kassel, West Germany.

photo by Kevin Fowler

Nicole Gains Gymnastic Honors

by Kevin Fowler

November 1, a rather inconsequential day for most students but for Nicole Jackson November 1, was the first day of an odyssey that took her to Kassel, West Germany, and with a little good fortune will take her all the way to her 1980 Olympic Games.

The 16-year-old sophomore was invited to Kassel by International Federation of Gymnasts' Judge Judy Avener. The Kassel Meet was the first of three meets (that if she is successful in) will qualify her for the Junior Olympics in June and that in turn will qualify her for the '80 Olympics in Moscow.

"My chances for the Olympics are fairly good, I hope," stated Nicole with the shyness that was evident during the interview but that evaporates when she steps out before the crowds.

Once in Kassel, under the close scrutiny of Nadia Comaneci and the Romanian Olympic Team, Nicole won a gold on the UPB (uneven parallel bars), and three silvers: one on the horse, one in the floor exercises and finally a silver in the overall competition as the U.S. team took second place.

"The UPB is my favorite exercise and as would be expected during the competition, I fell off! The Soviet Union placed first in the competition; they were good, real good," stated Nicole slightly under her breath.

Concerning the fact that half the judges at the meet were from the Soviet Union, she added more matter-of-factly, "As you know when the majority of the judges at a meet are from one country, the scoring is usually a little one-sided

but in this case, I feel I was judged fairly."

Maybe a little luck had to be with Nicole; however, as with most athletes, Nicole came equipped to make certain that it did.

"My St. Christopher," stated Nicole while unconsciously twirling the bright silver medallion, "is my good luck charm. Although I wasn't able to wear it during competition, I took it with me. It worked even if he isn't considered a saint anymore."

Nicole isn't just a gymnastic star, she is a dancing expert. She is proficient in tap, ballet, and jazz styles of dancing.

"Last summer I performed before the Prince of Wales. Yes, no need to ask; I was scared to death."

What's Happening?

December

22 Christmas Aud per. 1
22 Caroling in halls per. 6
25-Jan. 1 No classes Christmas Break

January

2 Classes resume
15 No classes — Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
17 Final exams per. 1 and 2
18 Final exams per. 3 and 4
19 Final exams per. 5 and 6
19 Student Council Dance 7-10



SENIORS VALERIE JONES, Cheryl Jolly, Anne Dengler, and others participate in a game of volleyball during Senior Rec. Night, November. 17.

Letter To Santa

by Vicki Beichel

Dear Santa Claus,

I'm a senior this year and I find myself wanting more presents for Christmas than ever before. To be honest Santa, what I really need is a large amount of luck to finish this school year.

Luck is what I'll need to have enough money to buy pictures, graduation announcements and attend the senior luncheon; they're all special to me. I'd also like it if, when I receive my diploma, my name would be pronounced correctly. I'll walk to the front to accept my diploma, and using a little more of my Christmas luck, I won't trip.

All that is pretty far away Santa, so what I'd like now is enough luck that the next time I tell someone that I'm a senior instead of being giggled at and asked if I'm kidding, I'd like to see a look of awe that every senior deserves.

Santa, I'd like to go to college next year, and I know that you have friends everywhere. All you'd have to do is leave some extra presents under a few trees and put in a good word for me. I'd really like to impress them; so if you could arrange it with my teachers, I'd settle for straight A's on my report card.

One more thing Santa, if you could arrange it, how about leaving my diploma under my tree just in case the teachers strike? Otherwise, keep this list, I may need the same things next year.

Love, Vicki

Elf Bakes For SW

Pioneer offers these cookie recipes as suggestions for satisfying your sweet tooth over the holidays.

Candy Cookies

1 cup butter or margarine
1 cup confectioners' sugar
1 egg
1-1-1/2 teaspoons almond extract
1 teaspoon of vanilla
2-1/2 cups flour
1 teaspoon of salt
1/2 teaspoon of red food coloring
1/2 cup crushed peppermint candy
1/2 cup sugar

Preheat electric oven 375 degrees F. Using medium speed of electric mixer, mix butter, confectioners' sugar, egg and flavorings. Combine flour and salt and blend into sugar mixture. Divide dough in half. Blend food coloring into 1 portion. Roll 1 teaspoon each color dough into a



strip about 4 inches long. Place strips side-by-side. Press together lightly and twice like a rope. Place on ungreased cookie sheets. Shape into cane forms. Bake 9 minutes or until lightly brown. While still warm, sprinkle with mixture of crushed candy and sugar. Yield: 4 dozen.

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Another senior, Paul Cook, expressed different reasons for not supporting a strike. "I don't think they should strike in the middle of the year," he commented. "The School Board won't give up anything." Cook said that he believes teachers should work to get their demands met for next year, instead of January. He added that he does believe teachers should have pay hike for the cost of living but that it should be on next year's contract.

President of Student Council, Rick Goehring, and Vice-President, Brett MacKinnon, both

shared similar views. Both said that they believe demands were reasonable, but that they did not want to see teachers go out on strike. The two continued, stating that they would be willing to become involved in the negotiations if it would help.

Although many of the teachers' requests will be beneficial to students as well, most students do not want to give up part of their summer vacation. The final question that arose in students' minds was echoed by sophomore Kennett Johnson, "Do we have a choice?"

On December 13, a St. Louis premiere of *Superman* was held at the Esquire Theatre. Many of the T.V. and radio personalities from the St. Louis area, as well as newspaper and recording studio representatives, attended.

Superman, Bob Pacanowski from Southwest will be continuing his appearances in front of the theatre during the showing of the film, which opened to the general public on December 15.

Superman, the movie, was a multi-million dollar project. Many efforts by special effects engineers went into the tedious job of making everything look real, and it looks real. The special effects in this movie are second to none. One of the many high points of the special effects is the explosion of the planet Krypton when the baby "Superman" is rocketed to Earth.

For those who liked the music of *Star Wars* and *Close Encounters*, John Williams has once again created a master piece of a movie sound track. It should prove as memorable as those of the earlier films.

One problem of making most fantasy films is that they lack believable plots and they try to make up for it by adding more special effects. This is one problem it seems the writers of *Superman* did not have. The writers have

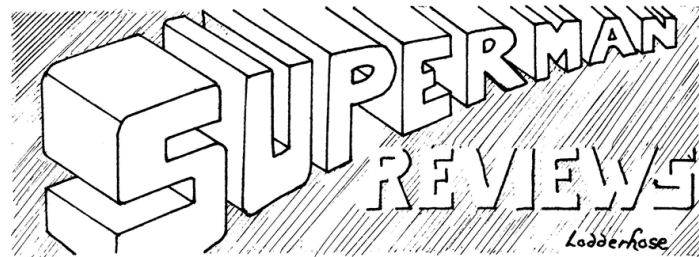
created an excellent story describing the adventures of the "Man of Steel." The "Man of Steel," this time, is Christopher Reeve.

The plot of the film is similar to the earlier ones with which the readers are familiar. As in the older versions of *Superman*, the planet Krypton is doomed to explode and the baby "Superman" is sent to Earth. Marlon Brando played Jor-El, the baby's father. It is reported Marlon Brando received three-million dollars for his role as Jor-El. When the baby lands on Earth, he is found by the Kents

and, of course, they name him Clark. His life with the Kents takes place in the fifties. Then he makes his journey to the North Pole where his Fortress of Solitude is created. He spends twelve years learning of his origins from a three-dimensional image of his natural father, Jor-El.

When "Superman" arrives in Metropolis and receives a job at the *Daily Planet* as a reporter, the year is 1978. The rest of the plot evolves from this point.

The movie is two and a half hours long, and most viewers will thoroughly enjoy it.



"The Man of Steel" Is Reborn

Hitton Presents Comedy

The Loretto-Hilton Repertory Theatre recently produced *A Penny for a Song*, a comedy, by John Whiting. This play worked well with an audience, I believe, due to its vitality and energy. The audience was charmed by the lovable eccentricity of its characters.

The comedy centers around a balmy, English family living in 1804, and preparing for an attack by Napoleon. *A Penny for a Song* demands a quick ear from the viewer who tries to catch the quips that are swift and numerous in this production.

Several serious and poetic themes are brushed on, in spite of the humor: the pain and pleasure of growing up, the pangs of unrequited love, and the serious aspects of growing older.

The actors were very human and the set design outstanding. A garden fronted the facade of a two-story house. On several occasions one-liners were delivered from the window of the second floor.

From the response, it seemed that the audience had as good a time as the actors appeared to have in its performance.

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X-mas Brings Money Problems

'Tis the season for giving and receiving. 'Tis, also, the season for Christmas expenses. With Christmas quickly approaching, students have to find a way of getting their little hands on enough money to buy gifts for family and friends. Of course, this can be quite expensive if there is a large family or a lot of friends to buy for.

The most common or easiest way of earning the money is by getting a job. While the majority of those students who have jobs, have year-round jobs at such places as fast food establishments and the Checkerdome or Busch Stadium, other students have temporary

Christmas jobs. Most temporary Christmas jobs start around the first or second week of December and last until Christmas at such places as discount and department stores. Senior Gia Puleo's job is a good example of a temporary Christmas job. Gia works at Famous-Barr Downtown's Santaland as one of Santa's helpers. Her job mainly consists of helping Santa with all the young children who come to visit with him each night.

Besides jobs, students have found other ways of getting around the money obstacle. These

students borrow money from parents and grandparents, sell things to fellow students, shovel snow (if there happens to be any), save money through the year, babysit, withdraw money from their savings accounts, or if all else fails the last and final choice is to not buy any Christmas gifts at all.

Some students find it much easier than others to get Christmas money. Sophomore Michael Grills gets his father's Mastercharge. "I just say, 'Dad, can I have your mastercharge?' and he says, 'Yeah, but don't spend over ten dollars a person.'"



FRESHMEN LEAH ATKINSON and Jack Douglas enjoy themselves at the reception after the mock wedding.

NEWS AND NOTES

Books To Be Sold

The Southwest Library is in the process of collecting old books and magazines for their book sale, the date of which has not definitely been decided on yet. Mrs. Mildred Connors, librarian, feels that the sale will not occur until after the holidays are over.

Mrs. Emily Mogelnicki, librarian, informed Pioneer of the tentative prices. Magazines will be sold for 10¢, paperbacks 20¢, and hard-bounds either 35¢ or 50¢. Those books not sold will be donated to the Famous-Barr Collection.

Students wishing to donate any books should take them to the library and place them in the big box to the left of the door.

The book sale is sponsored by the library and the money received will go to buy the audio-visual equipment needed for the new student initiation program which the library is also sponsoring.

Contest Challenges

Interested seniors participated in an essay contest dealing with the life and history of George Washington Carver. The deadline for entering was December 15. The purpose of the contest was to recognize students with writing talent and high scholastic qualities.

The first prize will be a \$100.00 savings bond, plaque of recognition and one free ticket to the Carver Day Luncheon. The second prize will be the same except that the cash prize is a \$25.00 savings bond. All other entries will receive Certificates of Recognition. The winner is to be announced on December 31.

Blood Is Collected

The Red Cross Bloodmobile collected blood at Southwest on December 18. Before the collection drive, sponsor, Mr. Raymond Feick stated that he expected Southwest to equal or better the previous year's total of 227 pints. To donate blood, one had to be at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds.

The average person has 13 pints of blood and since less than a pint is taken, no damage is done. According to a pamphlet published by Missouri/Illinois Red Cross Blood

Services. "The energy loss might be compared to the exertion required for a half-mile walk."

Afterwards to replenish fluids, the donors were served milk, water, orange juice and cookies.

Comment on Strike

St. Louis' two major papers, the *Post-Dispatch* and the *Globe-Democrat*, have been out of circulation since November 20, due to a strike begun by the pressmen at the *Post-Dispatch*. The city has been without newspaper service except for a few ethnic and neighborhood papers and some special strike papers.

The strike has affected many people in various ways, and caused emotions to flare. As Mr. Wallach put it, "I am disgusted by the fact that a few people can stop the whole city!" Many students were apathetic toward the strike. Many of them only missed reading the funnies.

But other students, like Sheryl Gatewood, missed more than the comics, "I miss going home and reading the paper; now I have to wait until 10:00 to be informed of national and local news." This complaint was heard from other concerned students. Some missed the social pages and others have classes for which they must clip news articles.

Because of the Christmas season, the lack of newspapers created a number of problems. Mr. Zapf commented, "I really didn't think the strike would affect me as much as it does. I have Christmas shopping to do and without papers I can't compare prices, so I have to do a lot of traveling."

If the strike continues further, it may cause more serious damage than it already has; but one thing is certain, according to teachers and students, the city of St. Louis needs its newspapers.

Visitors Enjoy Lunch

Southwest High School welcomes senior citizens to its new lunch program. Three weeks ago a program was started for senior citizens who want a reasonably priced hot lunch.

For ninety cents, these senior citizens can purchase a Gateway. The cost to the senior citizen is higher than that to students because the Board of Education

doesn't receive any federal aid for the senior citizens.

This new program was started in the Roosevelt-McKinley School District and has finally been extended to the Cleveland-Southwest School District. The program began as a result of community requests to aid senior citizens.

Any senior citizen can come to Southwest and eat lunch. To identify themselves as senior citizens, they can get a special card from any cafeteria cashier.

This new program was announced in the *South-Side Journal* but so far, very few senior citizens have taken advantage of the new program.

Lunch time for senior citizens begins at 11:30 a.m. and only through the east cafeteria line.

One community resident, Mr. Spinnicchia, taking advantage of this program, says "The food is really delicious, and a good bargain." Another senior citizen says that the company is good for a change.

Student's "Married"

On Friday, November 17, 1978, at 1:30 p.m., a marriage ceremony was held in the auditorium of Southwest High School. It was a mock wedding for two couples. The couples were freshmen, Leah Atkinson and Jack Douglas and Cheryl Mott and Mark Beckenbacker.

The wedding was a project taken on by students from an Urban Studies class. At the time, the class had been studying the family unit and its importance, not only to the United States, but to the world.

Mr. Roger Cayce, the teacher of the Urban Studies Class, said that the project served as a learning experience for the class. The four students went to various stores and shops to acquire the needed information. Mr. Cayce said he felt his students gained a greater understanding of the activities involved in planning and going through with a wedding. The three most important facts stressed were the cost, preparation and time involved.

The final parts of the assignment were the performance of the mock wedding and the work involved in preparing the reception afterwards.

Holiday Spirit Shimmers

Each year, as the Christmas season rolls around, the Southwest student body gets into the holiday spirit by planning and taking part in many varied activities in and around the school. Most everyone, in one way or another, takes part in at least one activity planned to benefit the school and community and to celebrate the holidays.

Perhaps the most important of these activities is the Toys for Tots Campaign, sponsored by the Senior Class. Each year, all of the advisories throughout the school compete with each other to see which will collect the most money for this worthy cause. The money which is collected goes to buy toys for children throughout the area who would normally have none. The winner of this campaign for the past three years has been Mr. Tepe's advisory.

Each year, the members of Southwest's chapter of the National Honor Society attempt to serve those less fortunate than themselves during the Christmas season. On December 13, members visited Elias Michael School, a special public school for handicapped students presently enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grade. Once there, they visited with the students sang various Christmas carols, and dispensed candy and spread the holiday spirit.

Students from high schools throughout the area are invited each year to compete in a poster design contest sponsored by the Saint Louis Christmas Carols Association. In past years, Southwest has had winners in this competition, and so is the case this year. Junior Brenda Hughes and Senior Robin "Chris" Walton each received honorable mention for their entries. The top 100 posters were on display at Frontenac

Plaza where awards were presented by Senator John Danforth on Sunday, December 3.

Concert Choir has taken part in many caroling projects this season. Among these projects were singing and collecting money for the St. Louis Christmas Carols Association at Kiener Plaza, caroling at Miss Hullings, at the Executive Building and at Pet Milk. On December 19, at the Sacred Christmas Concert Aud, they performed for half of the concert while the band performed for the second half. On December 22, seniors caroled in the halls of Southwest during 6th period, and all members of the Choir were welcome to carol at Chronic Hospital after school on the same day.

Foreign languages classes also have taken part in caroling. On December 22 during 4th period, various classes will carol in the languages of their classes on all floors of the school.

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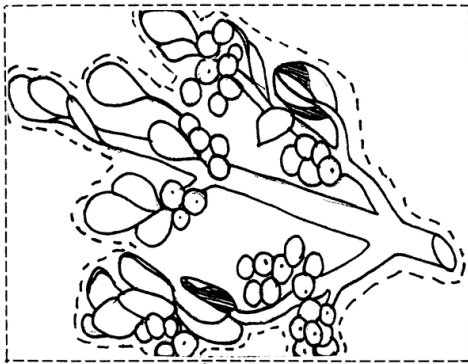
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 3. Now go get 'em! ! ! ! !

Christmas Season Offers New and Different Parties

by Julie Moser

Christmas is here again. All those boring parties are here too! If you are planning to have one yourself, try these steps to a fun party, one that your friends will not forget easily, but they will try! First invite adults; they always stifle the atmosphere.

Next, get Santa to visit. Have him come down the chimney to make it authentic, but find a Santa who hates heights. His screams will gather everyone in the living room. It saves you your breath and provides a perfect time to show home movies of your Florida vacation.

Of course, you must have loads

of mistletoe all over. For example: in the doorway, under the chair and the ever popular dark corner. But wouldn't it be fun if it were poison ivy? They sure would get an itch out of that!

Ah, we can't forget the beautiful Christmas tree, but don't let the dogs near it because what took hours to arrange, takes them minutes to dismantle.

Adults love to sing Christmas carols, but they will have to force the kids to sing with them. So, have the kids stand in the back; once the singing starts have them sneak downstairs and turn on some R.E.O.

There you have it, just a few helpful suggestions for your party. If you try these, your party will be quite different.

Will Christmas Lists Upset Santa Claus?

by Patti Rose

As Christmas draws nearer, students are writing frantically to finish their Christmas lists. Try looking over the shoulder of a freshman. Is he or she wishing this Christmas away on something foolish? If a sensible list is found, check to see if the writer is wearing a senior I.D.

Santa himself might have made some of these requests, as a little Santa, while in school.

Freshmen: One blueprint of S.W. High School (so not to get lost between classes.)

One pair of stilts (since they are "cut down" so much).

Sophomores: One class ring, early (to impress one's boyfriend or girlfriend).

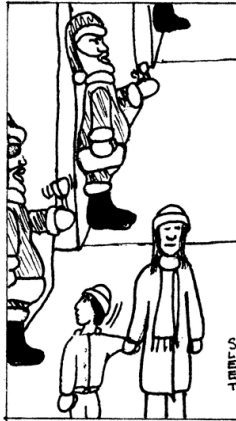
Upper classmen status (to finally get that class button). Juniors: One senior I.D. (to escape these hallowed halls for awhile).

To skip one year (to them, they've been here long enough, but not long enough! !).

Seniors: One honorary diploma (just in case . . .)

Extra money (for support of their last year).

Passing grades (don't want to repeat year).



The Christmas Quiz Only Scrooges Fail

So you think you know Christmas?

1. What is the date of Christmas this year?
2. What are the names of Santa's eight reindeer?
3. What does Santa do in his garden?
4. What was the gift on the eighth day of Christmas?
5. What was Frosty the Snowman made of?
6. Why does Santa wear black boots?
7. To what ghosts and spirits did Scrooge speak?
8. To whom was Kris Kringle married?
9. How many reindeer did the Grinch have?
10. Which comes first, Christmas or New Year's Day?

Answers: 1. Christmas is always on December 25, this year too. 2. Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen, Prancer, Dasher, and Vixen. 3. Ho! Ho! Ho! 4. Bright maids a-milking. 5. Christmas snow. 6. So he does not get cold feet. 7. The ghost of his old friend Marley. Spirit of Christmas Past, Spirit of Christmas Present, Spirit of Christmas Future. 8. Kris Kringle, also called Santa Claus, is married to Mrs. Claus, of course. 9. He did not have a reindeer. He had a dog. 10. New Year's Day because it comes on the first day of the year and Christmas comes near the end of the year.

Grading Scale:

If you got 6-10 correct, you are an expert. Have you been tutored by Santa?

If you got 6-8 correct, you know Christmas fairly well. Just be sure to be good for goodness' sake!

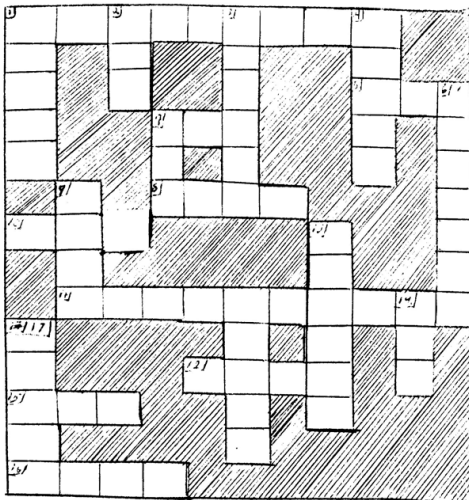
Well, if you got 4-5 right, you are only a so-so Christmas buff. Maybe you got it confused with some holiday like Valentine's Day.

"Bah, Humbug!" You are just an old Scrooge if you got 1-3 right. Since you flunked Christmas, you will have to return all presents and report to study hall for the 12 days of Christmas.

X-mas Mind Teaser

by Barb Birkicht

Across



1. December 25
5. Egg ____; a popular holiday drink
7. ____ and hers
8. ____ log
10. "Mama in her kerchief, and I in my ____"
11. Decorated
12. "O Christmas ____"
15. "The stars in the sky looked down where he ____"
16. Happy New ____!

Down

1. A Christmas ____ by Charles Dickens
2. Christmas colors; ____ and green
3. The shiny strands you put on the tree last
4. The man who brings the presents down the chimney
6. Decorative roping for your tree or walls
7. "The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the ____"
9. What is around an angel's head?
13. One of Santas reindeer
14. The Day Before
17. A traditional holiday decorative plant

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Fruit Cocktail Gems

- 1-1 pound can fruit cocktail
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1/2 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 egg
- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 1/2 cup raisins

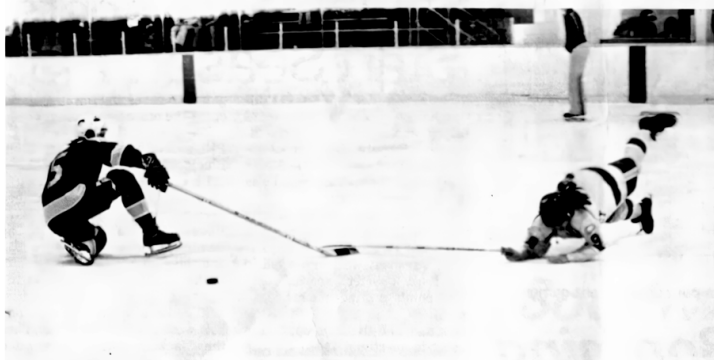
Preheat electric oven to 375 F. Drain fruit cocktail, reserving syrup. Using medium speed on electric mixer, cream butter, sugars, and vanilla until fluffy. Add egg. Add combined dry ingredients alternately with 1/3 cup of reserved syrup. Stir in nuts, raisins, and fruit cocktail. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto greased cookie sheets. Bake 12 to 15 minutes yield 4-1/2 dozen.

Raisin Cookies

- 1 cup butter or margarine
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 teaspoon grated lemon rind
- 4 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2/3 cup commercial sour cream
- 1 cup raisins

Using medium speed electric mixer, cream butter, add sugar and beat well. Add eggs, vanilla, and rind. Add sifted dry ingredients alternately with sour cream. Fold in raisins. Chill dough.

Preheat electric oven to 375 F. Roll dough 1/8-inch thick; cut with floured 3-inch cookie cutter and place on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake 12-15 minutes. Yield: 7 dozen.



SENIOR LISA SMITH and junior Darlene Niemeier battle for the puck in the Powder Puff game, November, 27.

Hockey "Blitzed" Two In A Row

Southwest Varsity Hockey has started the new season in a familiar way, dropping their first two games by wide margins. "We were just outplayed," said Southwest coach Joe Giannii as the Longhorns lost the season opener to Affton, 11-2 and Clayton, 7-1. Despite these two early season losses, the team's morale is still good, according to Joe Giannii.

"They just don't let down," he said. While he stated some players on the team having little time to play together might have hurt them, he also added experienced players from last year's team should make this year a better one for Southwest Hockey. Last year's hockey team skated to a disastrous season with their only win coming on a forfeit.

Grapplers Wrestle Toward PHL

The Southwest Wrestling Team began its 1978 season in the St. Charles West Quad meet on December 2. The team took third in the meet; they were stronger there than in the scrimmages they held. Even though the team is lacking experience with only four returning lettermen, juniors Jim Hofstetter and Kendrick Kendall and seniors Scott Leslie and Mark Bryant, they look tough in all of the weight divisions and practice hard every evening. Before the season

began, there were some injuries among the starters, which was a major setback.

The wrestling team is coached this year by Mr. Norville Wallach and Mr. Edgar Graham. Both coaches are looking forward to see what their young team can do, but they wished that they had more members on the team. Mr. Wallach commented, "I am disappointed in the passive attitude of people who cannot accept the challenge of wrestling."

On December 5, the team elected its co-captains, Cecil Howard and Scott Leslie. They are assured that the team will do well in the Christmas Tournament, scheduled for December 28 and 29.

Lettermen Awarded

George Tanaka was the proud recipient of the Tim O'Neill Award for Football at the Fall Lettermen's Banquet, held December 4, at Gethsemane Lutheran Church. Other sports honored were Cross Country, Field Hockey, Soccer, Girls' Tennis, and

Volleyball.

A lettermen's meeting was held on the 11th of December to welcome the new members. Preparations for the lettermen-faculty's game were also discussed.

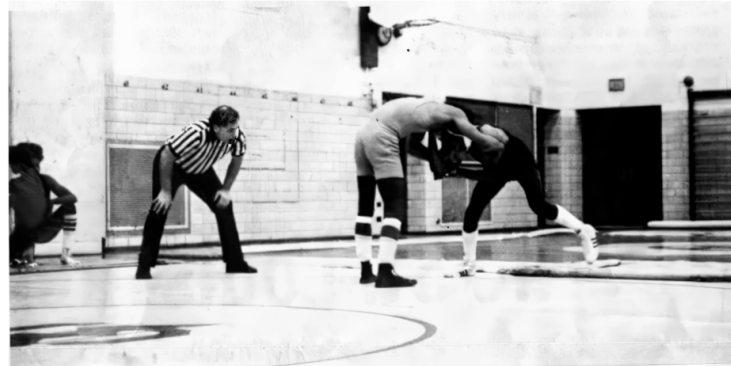
Two Make State Finals

The Boys' Swim Team began its season with a win over Vashon November 28, 56-22. They then lost to Affton December 6, although they took six firsts. December 7 the boys had a victory over O'Fallon 66-10.

The meet against Vashon was a very important one to the team. Two swimmers qualified for State, junior Randy Artale in the 100 yard butterfly stroke, and senior Doug Finley in the 100 yard backstroke. Freshman diver Frank Florence took a first in diving. Both the medley relay team of seniors

Finley and Bert Kembitsky, and juniors Artale and Deno Pashos, and the free relay of Finley, Kembitsky, Artale, and junior Steve Moody placed first. Junior Jack Puleo won the 50 yard freestyle, as did Moody in the 200 yard freestyle. Kembitsky and Moody placed first and second respectively in the 500 yard freestyle. Pashos took first in the 200 yard individual medley.

Coach Julie Frank commented, "I would like to send a relay team, to State with Finley and Artale. Also I would like to see the times go down."



DURING THE SOUTHWEST-Summer wrestling match on December 13, Southwest's Cecil Howard locks horns with a Summer opponent, as the referee checks for violations.

photo by Kevin Fowler

PHL Calendar

- December**
- 22 Girls' Basketball—SW vs McKinley at McKinley, 4:00 p.m.
 - B Basketball—SW vs McKinley at McKinley, 6:00 p.m.
 - A Basketball—SW vs McKinley at McKinley, 7:30 p.m.
 - 23 Hockey—SW vs CBC at St. Louis Arena, 7:00 p.m.
 - 26-28 Basketball—Chaminade Tournament
 - 28-29 PHL Wrestling Tournament at O'Fallon.
 - 30 Hockey—SW vs Chaminade at St. Louis Arena, 7:00 p.m.
- January**
- 1 Girls' Basketball—SW vs Roosevelt at SW, 4:00 p.m.
 - 2 A Basketball—SW vs Roosevelt at SW, 6:00 p.m.
 - 3 Hockey—SW vs Vianney at Queeny, 8:45 p.m.
 - 5 Hockey—SW vs St. Charles at St. Charles, 9:45 p.m.
 - 6 Hockey—SW vs St. Mary's at St. Louis Arena, 7:00 p.m.
 - 8 Hockey—SW vs SLUH at St. Louis Arena, 7:00 p.m.
 - 9 Basketball—SW vs Chaminade at SW, 6:30 p.m.
 - Swimming—SW vs Sumner at Forest Park, 4:00 p.m.
 - 10 B Basketball—SW vs Cleveland at SW, 6:00 p.m.
 - A Basketball—SW vs Cleveland at SW, 7:30 p.m.
 - Girls' Basketball—SW vs Cleveland at SW, 4:00 p.m.
 - Wrestling—SW vs A&B Soldan at Soldan, 4:00 p.m.
 - 13 Wrestling—Pacific Invitational, 10:00 a.m.
 - Hockey—SW vs DeSmet at St. Louis Arena, 7:00
 - 16 Basketball—Dubourg Tournament
 - 17 Basketball—Dubourg Tournament
 - Swimming—SW vs Cleveland at O'Fallon.
 - 18 Wrestling—SW vs McKinley at SW A&B, 4:00 p.m.
 - Swimming—SLUH Cleveland SW at Forest Park, 4:00 p.m.
 - Basketball—Dubourg Tournament.
 - 19 Swimming League Relays at Forest Park, 4:00 p.m.
 - Hockey—SW vs Affton at Affton, 4:00 p.m.
 - Student Council Dance, 7-10 p.m.
 - 20 Wrestling—Wentzville Invitational, 10:00 a.m.
 - Hockey—SW vs Clayton at Brentwood, 10:30 p.m.
 - 22 Hockey—SW vs Dubourg at St. Louis Arena, 8:45 p.m.
 - 24 Wrestling—SW vs Roosevelt at Roosevelt, 4:00 p.m.
 - 26 B Basketball—SW vs King at Centra, 6:00 p.m.
 - A Basketball—SW vs King at Central, 7:30 p.m.
 - Girls' Basketball—SW vs King at Central, 4:00 p.m.
 - Wrestling—SW vs Vashon at SW, 4:00 p.m. A & B
 - 27 Hockey—SW vs Webster at Brentwood, 10:30 p.m.
 - 29 Hockey—SW vs Ladue at St. Louis Arena, 8:45 p.m.
 - 30 Basketball—SW vs SLUH at SW, 6:30 p.m.
 - Basketball—Homecoming Aud.
 - 31 Wrestling—SW vs Northwest at SW, 9:00 p.m., A & B.
 - Swimming—SW vs Roosevelt at Forest Park, 4:00 p.m.

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SENIOR LAURIE MCNAMARA dribbles the ball down court in a recent game.

Girls' Basketball Booming Coach Contemplates PHL

The Girls' Basketball Team has gotten off to an excellent start this year despite the coaching change. Under new coach, Warren Gower, the girls have swept three straight games. Their first victory came over the Summer Bulldogs. Right from the beginning, Southwest controlled the tempo of the game—winning by 31 points, 47-16, as Summer put on a rather careless exhibition of ball handling. Their next game was against Visual Performing Arts High School. This turned out to be a real laugh as Southwest literally ran away with the game by an unbelievable score of 92-1.

The third game of the season

proved to be the real test. Southwest went up against the defending PHL champs, Soldan. This game put the #2, Gracie Stevenson of Soldan, and #5, Sheryl Gatewood of Southwest, players in the PHL, according to the *Southside Journal*, against each other. The first quarter, typical of what was expected between these two teams, was a very physical one. Southwest's only senior, post-guard Laurie McNamara, had drawn 4 quick fouls, one being very controversial. This forced Mr. Gower to put in freshman Doveanna Reed and move junior guard Rhonda Smith to the post position. Rhonda appeared a little

unsure and Soldan began cutting at Southwest's early lead. But, then Rhonda started to come on strong. As she got more familiar with her new role, Southwest began to run up the score. At the final buzzer, Southwest had 54 to Soldan's 31 and appears on the way to a PHL crown.

Mr. Gower was very pleased with Rhonda's performance. "This was her game," he commented. "If we continue to improve, then a league championship is a real possibility. Right now, I'm confident that we are among the top 3 teams in the PHL."

Southwest Cagers Start Season, 2-3

The Southwest Basketball Longhorns opened their 1978 season on November 22, at the St. Louis University High School Invitational Tournament. The Steers opponent in the opening round was the host club, SLUH.

The Steers came out hustling in the first half, and jumped to a quick lead on the Junior Bills. The team, however, went into a lull in the third quarter, scoring only three points, and blowing their lead on SLUH. The Steers did battle back and tied the Bills up, before losing in overtime, 42-36.

In the second round of the tourney the Steers went up against a young Cleveland Dutchmen squad, and sparked offensively by juniors Lavance Madden and Jeff Weddington, and a good defensive showing by seniors Jon Johnson and Larry Hines, and juniors Jasper Trevisano and Terrence Trudo, defeated the Dutchmen handily, 54-45.

The team finished the tourney with a 74-69 loss to the St. Mary's Dragons, one of the top basketball teams in the metropolitan area.

The Steers next opponents were the Cavaliers of Bishop DuBourg. Southwest, having a big height advantage on the Cav's, played a zone defense, controlling the Cav's outside game, and forcing them to try to drive inside, where the Steers height advantage became apparent.

The Cavaliers played a tough

game, however, but the Steers overcame the obstacle winning, 57-50.

The Steers then opened their PHL season against the Beaumont Bluejackets.

The "Slam-dunking" Bluejackets were to be described perfectly in one word by Coach Vogel, "Intimidating." The Beaumont forwards averaged 6'5" and their guards, 6'2".

The outsized Longhorns, however, played an excellent first half, and at one point in the second half were only down by two. Then the 'Jackets poured it on and routed the Steers, 64-50.

There has been much speculation that this year is a rebuilding year for Coach Vogel and his young team. Coach Vogel's reply to the speculation, "We don't look at this as a rebuilding for next year. We have set a lot of goals for ourselves, both optimistic and realistic, and they have nothing to do with next year."

Grads in Bowl

Two former graduates of Southwest High School, Howard Richards and Ken Judd, will be playing for the University of Missouri Columbia Tigers when they face the Louisiana State University Tigers in the Liberty Bowl on December 23. Richards will start for Mizzou as offensive tackle and Judd may make an appearance as runningback.

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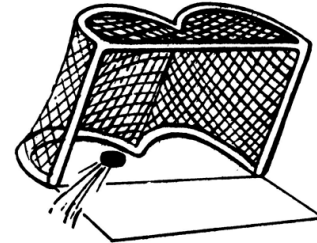
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