



REVEREND JESSE JACKSON addresses Southwest students urging a "PUSH" toward excellence. Story page 3.

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## Job Season Opens The Hunting Begins

by Judy Lehr

Even though spring has just arrived, it is not too early for students to make summer plans especially if the plans include a summer job. The old saying "the sooner the better" definitely applies.

Some job openings are announced through the schools and through ads in the local paper. The Missouri State Employment Service recommends putting in applications at all employment offices, recreation centers, HDC offices and Gateway centers. Two places that are always accepting applications are the McDonald's and the Venture which are located on Kingshighway. Six Flags is another good prospect. It will accept applications through August.

Ms. Lou Ossowsky, a Venture personnel manager, recommends being fully prepared when going to fill out an application. This means bringing a pen and a written list of required information, such as references. Preparation shows that the applicant is truly interested. She advises to fill out an application completely, neatly, legibly and with correct spelling.

The interview is also a chance to make a good impression if prepared for correctly. Advice given is to be courteous, neatly dressed, and show genuine interest in the position.

Many students have survived the trials of applications and interviews for their summer jobs and as a result have extra money to set aside for college or help with necessities like car bills, clothes or dates. Junior Janis Johnson had a

summer job downtown as a telephone solicitor for Periodical Publishers. The only requirements were that she had to be 16 and have a good speaking voice. Her summer job made it possible for her to support her car.

This year's opportunities for summer jobs have seemed to dwindle due to the strike. Senior Joe Norton and Junior Janet Shapiro had summer jobs that were affected by the strike due to the extended school year. Joe worked at the Zoo and Janet worked at Six Flags. These two, among other employers, have been trying to work out schedules to aid their employees. Mr. Whittington, an assistant business manager for

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Senior Laurie McNamara

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## Strike After-Shock Felt; Other Choices Explored

The 56 day teacher work stoppage has had many varied effects on the students in St. Louis Public School system. Due to the strike, an as yet undetermined number of students, have fled the troubled school system and sought refuge in private schools, taken their GED (Graduation Equivalency Degree) test, taken correspondence courses to fulfill their credit needs, or have simply dropped out.

As indicated the upper classmen are the one's who have suffered the most from the strike. The under classmen do have opportunity to make up time lost and less activities to involve themselves in during the spring.

"I chose to take a correspondence course," comments senior Vicki Beichel, "because I could now be working 35 hours a week instead of struggling through here; besides I only need a half credit to graduate."

The more popular alternative to a correspondence course is the GED. The process for getting a GED is a difficult route to go. For those students under 18, the principal or assistant principal must write a letter recommending that the student be allowed to take the test and that only happens under extreme circumstances such as in the case of a dependent child who needs full-time employment. For those students over 18, a trip to the EOC (Educational Oppor-

ties Center) is recommended.

"The GED is not an easy test; I don't recommend taking it," says counselor Marguerite German.

If one did pass the GED, there might be some disadvantages involved, claims social studies teacher Mr. Henry Tepe.

"You must consider that once you get that GED, it stays with you the rest of your life and there

is a certain amount of prestige involved with a high school diploma."

Other than the GED, there is a possibility that problems might arise for seniors concerning their transcripts. On the transcripts now being sent to colleges only the 10 week grades are included and the date of graduation, which is tentatively set for June 27, is not included.

## Athlete's Aspirations Thwarted By Strike

by John Crusius

In addition to being "inconvenienced" by going to school into late June and losing summer jobs, Southwest students have felt the crunch of the strike in shortened sports seasons. Sports affected include boys' and girls' track, boys' and girls' basketball, boys' and girls' swimming, baseball and wrestling. As this is more than just a small portion of the sports offered at Southwest, many students have been obviously affected.

The girls' basketball team probably was affected most by the strike. With a 7-1 PHL record and an 11-3 record overall, the team had high hopes for success in future games and in the regional tournament. Any chance for

success was eliminated, however, when coach Warren Gower chose not to cross the picket line. Said Junior starter Laurie Stayton, "The team worked hard all season, only to have its goals shattered by a few short days of the teacher's strike."

The boy's swimming team was 2-1 in PHL competition and had beaten Roosevelt in non-league competition. The team had hopes of winning the league title, but ended in third place because of the strike. Senior Doug Finley and junior Randy Artale were allowed to compete in the state meet only because they had qualified before the strike.

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## Two Of The Very Best At Southwest

by Dave Millman & Paul Sleet

The Southwest Girls' Basketball team, coached by Warren Gower, has produced two talented athletes, junior Sheryl Gatewood and senior Laurie McNamara, who added a new dimension to a great team.

Sheryl started at the wing position, and with a height of 5'7", averaged 12 points a game. To her surprise she was ranked 5th best girl basketball player in the PHL, according to the *South Side Journal*, and was chosen to be on the All-Star Team, according to the *Argus*. Sheryl commented, "My season, has been satisfactory although I do expect to improve 100% before I graduate. Organization and good coaching have been the key to our success."

Basketball is not the only sport that Sheryl excels in; she earned a varsity letter from the PHL champion Girls' Field Hockey team, at the half back position. Sheryl also earned a letter from the Girls' Track team running the 880 and the 880 relay. The team dubbed her with the nickname "Wilma," which stands for the famed track star Wilma Rudolf. This has followed her throughout her involvement with athletics.

Besides having an interest in athletics, Sheryl is a third year member of Student Council. She is an Executive Officer for the Student Council. Sheryl is also a member of the Secondary Students Issue Seminar; she represents the

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Junior Sheryl Gatewood

## Matt Jacobs Reveals Talents In Drama

by Barb Birkicht

Junior Matt Jacobs is an aspiring actor who, "dresses poorly, has a big nose, a Jewish background, no sense of humor, and can't read cue cards without squinting," or so he says.

Matt wrote this description of himself when *Saturday Night Live*, a television comedy from New York, was selecting a host from the viewing audience. He likes to write when he has a "creative flash."

But there's more to Matt Jacobs' talent than his comic gifts. With the City Players, a locally based acting company, he has appeared in the recent production of *The Shadow Box*, a play about the lives of three groups of people and how they would react to the prospect of death. Matt heard of the auditions from a former dramatics teacher at the Mark Twain Institute, Sue Blue. He felt fairly confident

during the auditions, he says, playing the part of a street-wise fifteen-year-old. He adds that his mother had to be notified because he would be using "colorful" language in the play.

Although he was excited about getting the part, since the Southwest operetta was in full-swing for at least three nights a week, Matt had a very hectic schedule with operetta rehearsal after-school until five and the *Shadow Box* rehearsal from seven-thirty to ten-thirty.

Matt gained much experience from working with the cast of the *Shadow Box*. "I really learned a lot about professionalism. We had a great set and really tough rehearsals." He continued, "I also learned that when it comes to roles in acting, you don't get anything handed to you. You have to go out



JUNIOR MATT JACOBS says that money is not important in his career.

and earn them yourself."

In pursuit of his career, Matt also takes guitar lessons, participates in different theater workshops, and takes Advanced

Show Biz and Mixed Chorus here at Southwest. In connection with Advanced Show Biz, he has recently been accepted in the Southwest touring company. He describes the acting class as, "my splurge of the day."

At school, Matt has participated in auds, operettas, melodramas, and Fine Arts Nights since his freshman year. Southwest audiences are familiar with Matt as a Groucho Mark look-alike or a pale-faced mime.

Groucho Marx, incidentally, is not only a favorite of Matt's; he is more like a role model. Matt admires Groucho, and adds that he was not only a brilliant performer, but a genius. Matt has also been inspired by contemporary performer Robin Williams, well-known as "Mork" on ABC-TV's

*Mork & Mindy*. He admires Robin Williams for his creativity, humor and success.

Matt finds supportive encouragement at home. About his family, he says, "We're a bunch of hams." His father especially shares his interest in dramatics.

After completing high school, Matt plans to attend college and enter the field of entertainment. "My big fear is getting out into the

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### What's Happening

- April 11—Roundup collection 2nd payment in advisory.
- April 19—Band-Choir concert 7-10
- April 20—Jr. Ring Dance 7-10
- April 26—May 3-Mexican Trip
- April 26—Blood pressure screening

# Students Lose As Dispute Ends In Record Time

An Editorial

The School Board said it couldn't find enough money; Federal Mediators couldn't find a compromise; in spite of the obstacles, the 1979 St. Louis Teachers Strike is finally over. Teachers have returned to work under a contract made possible with the promise of Missouri State Funds supplemented by substantial donations from local businesses.

However, teachers were on strike for eight weeks! Seventy-three thousand students encountered the longest teacher walkout in Missouri's history. Although it may have been a welcome rest for many, the unplanned vacation is over.

And how did the students benefit? Two months ago Union spokespersons cried out for quality

education demanding higher wages, smaller class sizes and preparation periods. Will the students benefit from these demands?

Better salaries may gradually attract better teachers and retain the good teachers who may have otherwise resigned. However, during the strike Southwest, alone, lost two popular instructors.

Preparation periods may aid students if they are used for effective preparation. Smaller class size could be beneficial, but if a teacher is inefficient the improvement will be negligible.

The students are required to make up for the two months missed. It's been proposed that the school week be extended to include Saturdays and each day of the new

calendar extended 1/2 hour longer.

This plan will compress a twenty-week semester, somewhat. The proposed schedule is favorable to teachers and students because the classrooms promise to be hot and uncomfortable, and no one wants to endure them longer than necessary.

Some teachers may give up nine restful Saturdays but many students will risk week-end jobs or sacrifice nine days of school. In addition, some conscientious students may feel that compressing the semester will not be as productive and constructive as the original schedule.

The Strike affected school activities. Many January and February sports were curtailed or eliminated. The baseball season has arrived and St. Louis schools are not prepared. Dances and trips scheduled for the past eight weeks did not materialize.

The new schedule will possibly interfere with plans for summer jobs and summer school. Seniors may find college admission harder to acquire.

It's obvious that St. Louis students became the unfortunate victims of a labor dispute.



## Epidemic Breaks Out Everyone Is Affected

by Julie Moser

News flash! . . . Everyone all over the city is experiencing unusual symptoms. Many have been taking off their winter coats, mittens, scarves and ear muffs. Some were even in shorts. What kind of epidemic can this be?

There is nothing to be alarmed about. Every year around this time St. Louis gets a touch of what is commonly called "Spring Fever." It won't keep people home in bed for a few days, but, instead make them want to get outside to do the things they could not do all through the winter months. One day will not go by without seeing someone outside enjoying himself. This "fever" is very contagious; if one person gets out to wash his car then

ten others must go out and wash theirs.

The parks do great business. People are found fighting for parking spaces, picnic tables, barbecue pits and some even for the ants.

Sports leagues start their practices. Kids dust off their equipment and run to practice just to find that it has been called off because the rain the night before had left puddles all over the field. As the old saying goes, "April showers bring May flowers," those showers seem to last clear through June!

Don't panic over a little case of "Spring Fever." It only lasts a short while then it's back to watching the snow flakes fall.

## Show Of The Century

by Bill Lodderhose

On Sunday night, March 18 and Monday night the 19, St. Louis was treated to a rare concert appearance by the English rock group, Supertramp. Both of these concerts were excellent in all respects. The light show, sound system, and music was some of the very best ever to come to St. Louis. Unlike most of the recent rock groups, Supertramp appeared at the Checkerdome without an opening band.

Supertramp blended its unique brand of music and its visual effects perfectly. One example of these visual effects was the train on the screen behind the band during the song, "Rudy." This gave the audience the effect of riding the train at high speed. The highlight of the evening was the song, "Fool's Overture" which is off their *Even in the Quietest Moments*. album. Another very good song and special effect was on the song "Crime of the Century;" while the band played, the screen behind them showed the stars in space slowly moving thus making the viewer feel as though he were traveling through space. All of these effects and music made for a great concert Supertramp has



been one of the best concerts to appear in St. Louis.

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real world and wondering if audiences will click with me," he says. Matt adds, "The big goal in my life is just being happy with what I'm doing. My personal satisfaction is the big thing. It isn't so much money or fame." He hasn't decided on a specific direction for his career; Matt would like to be a versatile per-

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The entire indoor track season and the boy's first outdoor meet were cancelled by the strike. Many valuable days of training were also lost. Junior Dave Millman commented, "One of the reasons I didn't go out for basketball was that I thought I had a good chance to qualify for the indoor state meet. Because of the strike, I didn't get that chance."

Although the boy's basketball

team competed in the regional tournament at Webster Groves High School, the team did not participate in any previous games since the strike started. The players showed their rustiness when the lost 54-53 to Dubourg. Jon Johnson, one of two seniors on the team, commented on the strike: "It messed up our whole season. We were just coming together as a unit."

But performing still comes first with Matt. "Entertainment is the way I want to leave my mark on the world," he says.

## Imaginary Play Company Is "Real" At Loretto Hilton

by Barb Birkicht

The Imaginary Theatre Company, in spite of its name, is very real. It is the resident, professional, touring theatre company for the Loretto-Hilton. This company performs drama adaptations of modern literature and well-known folklore in its own, novel way. The company uses the imagination of the audience as a major ingredient in every performance, with the only props on stage being a trunk filled with scarves of different materials that indicate when the players have changed characters.

The company performs for audiences of all ages. Their repertoire consists of a wide-range of skits, including a "hip" version of *Little Red Riding Hood* and two original works by one of the company's actresses, Addie Walsh. The acts are connected and

assisted by Eric's guitar and a bit of singing.

The company, which has been touring the Midwest for six successful years, includes five actors: Eric Brooks, Johnathan Gillard, Susan Maloy Wall, Addie Walsh and Bari K. Willerford. All are young men and women under thirty.

St. Louis audiences may be the most familiar with Susan Wall. She has held roles at the Loretto-Hilton in such plays as *Macbeth* and *The Iceman Cometh*.

All of the performers have attended college and prepared for their careers in other ways such as studying dancing, singing, and musical instruments. And a few, like Bari and Addie, even have additional talents. Bari has played football and is a good athlete, and Addie is a licensed keymaker.

## Cindy Is SW Finalist

by Patti Rose

One afternoon Senior, Cindy Fears, received a letter and application to become a Missouri National Teenage Finalist. After filling it out and returning it with her photograph, a reply came from the Missouri National Teenage Finalist stating that Cindy had won a chance to compete in the contest, which will be held May 25-27 in Columbia, Missouri.

The biggest question of all is how the Missouri National Teenage Finalist got Cindy's name. "At first I didn't think this was a legal contest," stated Cindy, "but the letters I received were marked in care of Southwest High School. So I filled out the papers just to see what would happen."

The Missouri National Teenage Finalist might have gotten Cindy's name from the many organizations with which she is involved both in and out of school, such as the National Honor Society, Swim Team and the Danforth Foundation.

The finalists will be judged on scholarship/leadership, poise/personality and beauty based on a judge's interview, an essay, a song and an evening gown competition.



Each finalist must find a business sponsor to pay her way to the contest, and for lodging and food. Along with a sponsor, each finalist must select a business that will put an ad in the pageant programs, to help defray the cost of printing.

Every finalist must perform a five-hour community service. Cindy has chosen to volunteer at her church.

The winning contestant will receive a paid trip to Atlanta, Georgia, in August, to compete in the National Teenage Pageant

## Rumors Fill School Halls

by Vicki Beichel

Effects of the teachers' strike are still being felt by faculty and students at SW. For instance, it is believed that Mr. Forti, due to a lack of funds, was forced to grow a beard because he could not afford a new razor.

To pay his bills, it is believed that Mr. Rogers had to sell his tennis racket, and eventually the entire tennis team.

Rumor has it that spirit week has been rescheduled for the week of July 4. (No fire crackers please!) Reliable sources have informed this reporter that the Pioneer Co-Editors spent the entire two months correcting mistakes from previous issues of the Pioneer.

Roundup staff members are grateful for the strike. This year when the yearbooks arrive in August, it will be no accident!

The Pioneer staff bids a fond farewell to News Editor David Sprague who sang his final words, "I'll be working on the railroad!"

Finally, it has come to the attention of the staff that some students have threatened to die from the heat in their classrooms. Anyone found dead in class without a written excuse will have to come to school on Sundays too!

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# Jackson Visits SW

by Kevin Fowler  
A special aud session was held Monday, March 26, during which the Reverend Dr. Jesse Jackson, head of Operation PUSH, spoke. Among those on the platform were members of the St. Louis Board of Education, school board president Anita Bond, Evelyn Battle, president of the local 420, of the American Federation of Teachers, and Charlotte Shaw, leader of the Concerned Students Group. Following a few words by school board and teacher's union officials, which were not well-received by the audience, Rev. Jackson spoke. His message emphasized the point

that students and people in general should "PUSH" toward excellence. "When we respect other people we respect ourselves; nobody is too big, too bright, too white or too black to respect others." Jackson continued by stating that every generation has to decide whether or not it wants to be original and creative or just get in the jetstream and float along. "If you pass the agenda test, you will be a great generation but if not, you will fail. Since you must come to school together, you must live together or die apart as fools; that is your challenge as a generation," stated Rev. Jackson.

# Vacation Shortened

Students returned to school on Wednesday, March 14, after eight weeks out of class. Since the semester must consist of a specified number of class days, a decision had to be made concerning how the missed days would be made up.

Four possible methods were suggested. In each, however, students would receive only two holidays, Memorial Day and the Fourth of July.

1. A regular school day schedule for school to end July 27.
2. One half hour added to each day so that the last day would be July 13.
3. One half hour extra each day and five Saturdays to have classes end July 6.
4. One half hour extra and nine Saturdays and the last day would be June 29.

The vast majority of Southwest students preferred to include Saturdays as make-up days. Principal Marvin O. Koenig stated that there is a possibility that seniors would have their last day two weeks before underclassmen and graduate June 27 with any method chosen.

The decision concerning the new schedule would be made by the Central Office and the Board of Education. At press time, this decision had not been made.

However, since there was a "trial Saturday" on March 24 it was felt that there was a good chance that future Saturdays would be scheduled.

Student Council Vice-President, Brett MacKinnon, commented, "I think there won't be very many people that will show up. I think it is a good idea though because I'd rather go on Saturdays rather than later in the summer because it will be a lot hotter then."

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The zoo, stated that the zoo is trying to make it possible for students, particularly returning employees, to work around class schedules. Six Flags and other employers are arranging for students to work the night shifts.

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students of Southwest taking the problems of the school and its students to the meetings of the Board of Education. Sheryl has a definite interest in dentistry: she is presently enrolled in a dentistry course at Washington University, where live demonstrations are performed and various branches of dentistry are taught. Sheryl enjoys camping, canoeing and ping-pong during her free time.

Laurie is somewhat of a contrast. She played the point-guard position, the quarterback of Mr. Gower's offense. She was not known for her high scoring ability

# SC Reschedules Activities

Some students did not appear to have missed coming to classes such as algebra and chemistry during the teachers' strike, but some things were sorely missed: for example, school friends, sports and student council activities. Two dances, Basketball Homecoming and Spirit Week were scheduled during the time of the strike.

The Basketball Homecoming will not be rescheduled because the season has ended. Dates for the dances are being reviewed, but a particular date will not be decided

upon until make-up time is determined. Spirit Week is designed to break up the dullness of the winter months. Since winter is over, Spirit Week will not be rescheduled. As a replacement, an aud or a fun day will be scheduled. Activities already scheduled will continue as planned.

SC president Rick Goehring stated that everyone knows what has happened and students just want to settle down and get out of school as soon as possible. "Our main concern is having school on

Saturdays. I think it's better to go to school on Saturdays than in July," said Rick.

"Saturdays will be our target day for extra activities. Maybe we will have a lemonade stand during fifth period or something similar to that," stated Rick.

SC sponsor Ms. Linda Techner did not return after the strike. She is now working as a salesperson at Don Placke Toyota, "I don't think they will replace her this year. We will miss her, but I feel we can still accomplish what we set out to do," stated Rick.

# News And Notes

## Junior Ring Prom

FUTURE PARADISE will be the theme of this year's Junior Ring Prom to be held Friday, April 20, from 7:30 to 10:30 in the new boy's gym. Picture packets will be

available depicting a "stairway to the future" background. "Friends" will be the featured performers. Tickets will cost \$7.50 a couple and \$4.00 singles and are now available from Junior Board Representatives.

## Girls Win Awards

Seniors Valerie Jones and Bonnie Scott are recipients of National Achievement Scholarships. Awards are based on the PSAT and SAT scores along with various achievements throughout the high school years. There only are 512 awards given in the country. Each winner may have the award forwarded to the school of his choice. Valerie, who is interested in computer science, said, "I am happy and can use the money."

## Publications Change

Due to the strike, the publication dates of ROUNDUP and REFLECTIONS have been postponed. "The calendar for the publication on the literary magazine, REFLECTIONS, will be revised so that it appears on Fine Arts Night," states Miss Markowski. The date for the yearbook, ROUNDUP, is not known at this time, but "hopefully," says Miss Joan Paddon, ROUNDUP sponsor, "it will be available to the seniors before graduation."

# Koenig Helps Grads

Early in January it appeared that St. Louis teachers might go on strike - and before mid-terms. Consequently in some schools: Southwest, Cleveland, Beaumont and Northwest grades for their January graduates were compiled prior to the strike. January graduates at some other St. Louis High Schools had to wait until March for their records.

Seventeen Southwest seniors received transcripts before schools closed on January 16. Several other students waited until Southwest reopened March 14. Marvin O. Koenig told the PIONEER that he thought a strike was imminent and that there was "no reason not to have teachers grade those students."

An article in the St. Louis Post Dispatch stated that the School Board almost made the strike "a racial issue when it graduated mid year seniors at predominantly white Cleveland and Southwest high schools (and a few at mostly black Beaumont)." Actually the Board had nothing to do with those students acquiring their transcripts. The high school principals had the authority, and some the insight, to give transcripts to the mid-term graduates before the strike.

The PIONEER also discovered that Northwest allowed their January graduates to turn textbooks before the strike.

Mr. Koenig said, "I found the whole incident rather humorous."

for for her precision passing as she fed the ball inside to the forwards for the high percentage shots. Because she is one of two seniors on the team, a captain, and four-year letterwoman in the sport, the team looks to Laurie for leadership.

In addition to her basketball skills, Laurie is an accomplished swimmer. She will be going for a fourth letter in this sport as well. As captain last year, she participated in the individual medley, 50-yard and 100 yd. fly, 50-yd. and 100 yd. free style, and the fly in the medley relay.

Laurie doesn't limit herself to just sports at school. She is very active at her church playing volleyball and softball. Her favorite sports are basketball, football and baseball. She hopes to play sports in college and she says that she will stay interested all her life. She also enjoys canoeing and camping.

Laurie is also academically inclined, presently ranking 16th in the senior class. She is a member of the National Honor Society and was recently on the Roundup staff as the undergraduate section editor. Among her many other talents, Laurie enjoys playing the piano and the guitar.

Laurie likes to work with people and said, "I don't know what my vocation will be but I do want to do something that permits close involvement with people."

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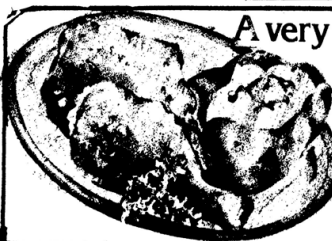
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**JUNIOR EUGENE WEST, along with other members of this year's track team works diligently for the upcoming season.**  
photo by Eric White

## Steers Stagger In Short Season

The season for the Southwest Basketball Longhorns has been, to say the least, dismal.

The last game reported was a 64-50 route by the Beaumont Bluejackets. The following two league games, were an exciting but losing effort to the Vashon Wolverines, 77-68, in which the Steers had the lead until the last two minutes of the game, and an 85-65 thrashing by the McKinley Goldbugs. The team then went into the Chaminade Christmas Tourney, with Parkway North as their first opponents. Even though the Steers hit more from the floor than Parkway, the opponents were hot from the foul line, and defeated the Steers, 78-63. Southwest dropped into the consolation bracket where they took first place, defeating

Parkway South, 77-67, and Cleveland, 78-66.

The Steers next game was a league contest against Roosevelt which they lost in overtime, 73-70. The Steers then took on the Chaminade Red Devils. At one point in the game, the Steers were down by eleven points, but cameback to defeat the Red Devils, 68-64.

In the Steers last game before the strike, they defeated the Cleveland Dutchmen for the third time, 66-58.

After a four week layoff because of the strike, the team came back to play an exciting game with the Cavaliers of DuBourg. With only seconds left to play, the Cavs hit a foul shot to defeat the Steers, 53-52. The final game of the season was a resounding loss to CBC, 80-60.

The Steers finished with a six and nine record, and a one and four league record.

Coach Robert Vogel, however, remained optimistic about the season and his young team, all of which but two, will be returning next year.

"We have paid a price, the price of experience. We've taken our knocks, and if we have any intelligence at all, we'll be a much stronger team next year."

### Steers Await Meet

The Boy's Track Team will begin its season on April 3 and 4 running in the PHL Relays. The team is coached by Norville Wallach and Larry Davis. Even though the team got off to a slow start and didn't get to participate in the indoor track season, both coaches are confident about their team.

Coach Wallach commented, "I am very enthusiastic about this season. We got 66 athletes out for track, hopefully we'll hold on to most of them."

The distance, sprints and the field events all look strong this year with returning lettermen and aspiring freshmen. The workouts are being designed by Coach Davis, the only hold back is the track is in bad condition because of the rain, therefore practice is being held in the building.

### Girls' Miss Chance

Friday, January 12, the Girls' Basketball Team played St. John's in what proved to be their last game of the season. They won easily, 49-16, as they brought their record to an impressive 11 wins and 3 losses. With consecutive wins over two PHL teams a week earlier they had brought themselves into a tie for first place in the league with Vashon, a team they had previously beaten during the season, 60-45.

They were looking good all season with the exception of the East St. Louis Lincoln Christmas Tournament, where they lost their first two out of three games to Lincoln and Chicago of Harlen before beating Cahokia 53-52.

Since then, though, they had run off three straight victories, (the third over St. Johns) and were preparing for the regionals with confidence. But the strike wiped out any chance they would have had as the coaches decided to honor the picket line and not take their teams to their respective districts.

### Swimmers At State

Two members of the Boys' Swim Team qualified for the State Meet in Columbia February 23 and 24. Senior Doug Finley took tenth in the 100-yard backstroke and twelfth in the 100-yard butterfly. Junior Randy Artale placed seventeenth in the 100-yard butterfly.

### Team Needs Luck

Southwest Varsity Baseball begins this season Monday, April 2, when they meet U. City at Heman Park. The Longhorns face a very competitive schedule this year.

"We play as competitive a schedule as possible," Coach Ed Graham stated. "If we could make our schedule any tougher we would."

While Coach Graham said his team had a "Good attitude," weak outfield and pitching, poor depth, and no proven catcher could spell a less than good season for the Longhorns.

"We'd have to be lucky to win the PHL championship. There are too many holes to fill to be a serious contender, but we will be competitive," commented Coach Graham.

### Swimmers Hopeful

The Girls' Swim Team began practice February 25 at Forest Park Community College. Juniors Carol Smith and Lisa Adams were elected co-captains. Adams and freshman Jody Smith will dive this year, except Smith will only compete in PHL meets.

Coach Julie Frank commented, "We have a strong, young team. They have a good chance of capturing the PHL title this year if they continue to improve."

### Steers Eye PHL

The Boy's Tennis Team seems destined for a second straight PHL championship, despite the loss of four defending champs Mfon Aqua, Jim Neiman, Greg Schuman and Dave Spagnolo. The Longhorns have four returning lettermen, juniors Mark and Eric Maichel, Kevin McDonald and Roland Smith. Last year the team compiled a record of forty-six wins, four losses and the team feels they will do even better this season.

### Girls' Track Starts

The Girls' Track Team began practice just as soon as school resumed, each day picking up new people. However, some of the girls on last years team felt that there was a lack of participation this year and Mrs. Earline Falcker, the coach admitted that the number of tryouts was lower than she would have liked. Perhaps this could be attributed to the teachers' strike which has affected every sport in its own way.

The girls will compete at Roosevelt on April 6 to begin their season. Mrs. Falcker feels that she needs the time from now until then to get her team ready.

### PHL Calendar

- April
- 10 (B) BB-SW vs McKinley at Sublette Park at 4 p.m.  
(A) BB-SW vs McKinley at Cherokee Park at 4 p.m.
- 11 Girls Swim-SW vs Beaumont at Beaumont
- 13 (B) BB-SW vs Cleveland at Minniewood Park at 4 p.m.  
(A) BB-SW vs Cleveland at Sublette at 4 p.m.
- 17 (B) BB-SW vs Northwest at Davis Park at 4 p.m.  
(A) BB-SW vs Northwest at Davis Park at 4 p.m.
- 18 Girls Swim-SW vs Cleveland at O'Fallon
- 18 Girls Swim-SW vs Roosevelt at Roosevelt
- 20 Girls Swim-SW vs Cleveland at O'Fallon  
(B) BB-SW vs King at Sherman Park at 4 p.m.  
(A) BB-SW vs King at Sublette at 4 p.m.
- 24 (B) BB-SW vs Soldan at Enright Middle Campus at 4 p.m.  
Girls Swim-SW vs Ursuline at Forest Park
- 26 Girls Swim-SW vs Vashon at Forest Park
- 27 (B) BB-SW vs Vashon at Sublette at 4 p.m.  
(A) BB-SW vs Vashon at Fairgrounds # 1 at 4 p.m.

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