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Mr. Ashley Bids Adieu

When classes resumed at Southwest on March 14, after the strike, Southwest students and faculty noticed someone missing who had been present for a long, long time, gym teacher and Athletic Director Don Ashley. Mr. Ashley had been teaching for a total of 44 years (35 at Southwest with ten years as Athletic Director) when he announced his retirement after four weeks of the teacher's strike. Mr. Ashley proudly exclaimed, "I taught for 44 years and I wasn't absent a day. I must have set some kind of record." He had planned on retiring in June but he is glad he retired when he did because the strike lasted for eight weeks.

A trip to Africa, Spain and Portugal in June, also had an effect of Mr. Ashley's early retirement because he had already made his reservations and plans for the trip.

Mr. Ashley has been keeping very busy during his (so far brief) retirement. He has put two coats of paint on his basement walls, and done some other painting around the house. Commented Mr. Ashley, "I have a big yard with lots of trees and a garden and taking care of it takes lots of work." Concerning his retirement, Mr. Ashley com-

by John Crusius

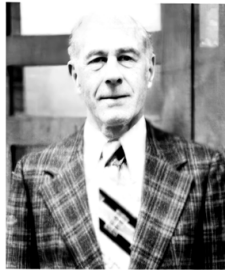


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mented, "The hours are good," but he also admitted, "I miss the kids, the faculty and the school."

Mr. Ashley proudly recalled the two state championship teams at Southwest during his years at the school. Both the 1955 golf team, coached by Mr. Ashley, and the 1965 cross country team, coached by Mr. Berres, captured the coveted state crown.

Over the years, Mr. Ashley noticed some changes in the athletes and in the sports offered at Southwest. When he started working at Southwest, only five sports were offered—all boys' sports. The two fall sports were

tennis and football; the only winter sport was basketball, and the two spring sports were baseball and track. The sport of golf came and went during Mr. Ashley's tenure at Southwest.

Mr. Ashley finds the athletes essentially the same, but believes they now receive better medical care and better food, and because of this are physically larger and stronger. The athletes of Mr. Ashley's starting days were not distracted by television, automobiles, or jobs. Said Mr. Ashley, "They were more sincere; they appreciated sports more, and more kids came to games. I used to sell six or seven-hundred basketball season passes per year; whereas this year I sold maybe twenty." "The athletes still want to excel," added Mr. Ashley, "and they still learn cooperation and sportsmanship. There are still lots of good kids in this school, and it's still the best school in the city by far. It always has been and it always will be."

Mr. Ashley shows the kind of dedication that is in some cases lacking in teachers and he will be sorely missed for some time at Southwest. It's the kind of dedication that comes around maybe once every thirty-five years.

Krieges Take Music Seriously

by Barb Birkicht

What has four legs, blonde hair, and plays the trombone, accordion, drums, trumpet, and piano? Answer: Paul and Frank Kriege, brothers who are deeply involved in music.

Paul, a senior, and Frank, a sophomore, are both involved in the Southwest Jazz Band, Symphonic Band (Paul is serving his second year as president), and Chamberwinds. In addition, they have individually participated in operettas, Fine Arts Nights, graduations and May Musicales.

The two brothers are also involved in the music field outside of school.

Frank teaches drums at Nottleman's Music Store in Lemay. So far, his students have been between the ages of seven and

seventeen.

Paul has been in a total of six bands. He is presently playing with **Rapid Transit**, a band that plays rock and disco at local clubs. They have just discovered that they will perform at this year's Senior Prom.

This is the type of music that Paul really enjoys playing. He learned of an opening in **Rapid Transit** through a trumpet player he met at an audition. Auditions don't bother Paul a great deal. "If you've played in quite a few bands, you know to handle yourself in audition situations," he says. "Chances are the other

can cause problems," says Frank.

It takes dedication to keep a schedule that allows time for little else but practice. Sports and club activities are almost impossible to work in. "Sometimes I get really tired of it. But by far, the majority of time I couldn't be doing anything I like better," says Paul.

Both plan on pursuing careers in music. Their parents accept this idea readily and are quite proud. Their father is a professional musician and is able to encourage and help them.

They plan on going to college. "You can't just depend on being a



PAUL AND FRANK KRIEGE enjoy their activities together as musicians and brothers.

photograph by Eric White

guys in the group aren't much more experienced than you."

Each of them have heavy schedules which must include much practice. "Paul and I can't practice at the same time, which

success in one field. You need something to fall back on," says Frank.

Paul adds, "What I'd really like is to become known as a musician to the general public, as well as to fellow musicians."



JUNIOR KING AND QUEEN, Jasper Trevisano and Angela Frazier crowned at the Junior Ring Prom

photograph by Eric White

Danforth Visits SW

by Marcia Davis

On April 5, social studies teacher Henry Tepe, along with selected Southwest students hosted a question and answer session with Senator John Danforth. Although many of the students (a large portion from the Living Law classes), had only learned of the session a day before, they were ready with questions ranging from topics such as nuclear power to the increased number of teachers' strikes in the St. Louis area.

"Harrisburg is not the end of nuclear power," said Danforth, in response to one of the students.

"The reliance we have on foreign oil is not satisfactory. We have got to avail ourselves of nuclear power."

Danforth continued by stating that the United States needed to maintain a strong military. "There is no substitute for being strong. The defense budget should be raised. The United States has to maintain sufficient military strength. We don't want to fall behind Russia."

Though Danforth supports a large military, when asked about the possibility of the draft being reinstated, he commented, "It will be hard to persuade me that we should institute the draft during peace time."

Influenced by questions from the audience, Danforth went from

foreign policy to domestic affairs.

"I believe that there should be a health insurance plan instead of a comprehensive one," he said. His plan, said Danforth, would provide the payment for only large hospital bills, and not all medical expenses. Danforth also proposed that the cigarette tax be raised 10 cents to pay for his health plan. "Ten cents a day would raise three billion a year," he said.

"I believe in education, but I also believe in a balanced budget," Danforth said responding to a question about government aid to college students. The government has a tuition tax credit to help the middle income families and the Basic Equal Opportunity grant for lower income brackets.

Continuing to discuss education, Danforth shied away from a question about the increased number of teacher strikes in the St. Louis area. "The strikes are highly publicized in Washington. But it is not a federal issue," he said. "I don't think it's good to have some guy from Washington to come in and say something about a local issue. It's not the kind of issue I should be talking about."

The session ended with the usual question, Danforth answered with a smile, "No, I don't intend to run for the presidency."

No New Rules: Old Ones Are Just Being Enforced

by Marcia Davis

Although to many students it may appear that there have been a number of changes regarding security at Southwest, Principal Marvin O. Koenig stated, "No rules have been changed; they are just being enforced."

What Koenig was referring to are the several procedures that have been established to deter class-cutting and to keep outsiders from entering the building. Students are now required to have tags on the back of their I.D.'s indicating what free period they have. The smoking lounge is open during the last fifteen minutes of each period instead of the first, and finally, Koenig has moved from three lunches to two. Because of excessive cutting and outsiders entering the school, Koenig stated that, "If the new procedures had not been added, there was a possibility of dropping independent study altogether."

Teacher Otis Eaton, who supervises independent study during

fourth period, agreed that the plan is getting positive results.

"Before all this began," stated Teacher Otis Eaton, "the whole cafeteria would be full of students, now there are only a few tables full," he said. "Koenig certainly put a crimp in class skipping."

Though many believe that Koenig's plan is working, there are some students who are not pleased. Many complain about not being able to leave the library or cafeteria without a hall pass. In response, Koenig stated, "Independent study was never meant for roaming the halls."

The largest complaint, however, concerns the new lunch schedule. Because there are only two lunches, there are more people in the cafeteria at the same time; consequently the lines are longer.

While some are displeased and there has even been a petition circulating among the student body, Koenig said that he had heard no complaints. In response to the petition Koenig commented, "People just don't like change."

What's Happening

May

- 1 Mexican Trip
MOSCAT 1, 2, 3, 4, Jrs.
Assertive Discipline Workshops
for Parents and Teachers
- 2 Mexican Trip
Make-up MOSCAT Jrs. 1, 2.
Band Trip
A.P.T. Board Meeting
- 3 Mexican Trip
Make-up MOSCAT Jrs. 1, 2.
- 4 SIU Choir 1 p.m. Selected
Students
Band Trip
- 5 Band Trip
- 9 Blood Pressure Screening
- 19 Flea Market
- 24 Senior Survey
- 25 Senior Prom; Breckenridge
7:00-12:00 p.m.
- 26 No School
- 28 No School

Nuclear Power Contested

by Kevin Fowler

With the recent Harrisburg incident permeating the public mind, concern has increased over the environmental effects of nuclear energy.

At Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, there was nearly a core meltdown, the technology of which is rather simple but the implications of which are staggering.

For a nuclear reactor's core to melt-down, the cooling system and the back-up cooling system and the cooling system backing that one up must fail. Even though the odds are astronomically against this happening, it appears nearly to have occurred at Harrisburg.

A bubble of gas from the overheated core formed at the top of the reactor, started to expand and threatened to shut down the cooling system completely which would have led to a melt-down. During a melt-down, the core superheats and melts through the reactor chamber and into the earth spewing enormous amounts of radiation into the biosphere.

As a result of the minor leak of gaseous materials (which measured only a few millirems of radiation) in the Harrisburg reactor, radioactive iodine of a non-lethal dosage was discovered in the milk produced by cows in the surrounding area. Radioactive iodine has been known to cause

cancer of the thyroid. This area produces most of the dairy goods for New York and New Jersey.

A few millirems of radiation was enough for the Governor of Pennsylvania to evacuate all pregnant women and pre-school children who were living within a five mile radius of the reactor.

Admittedly nuclear accidents occur very seldom; therefore, nuclear waste materials present the more immediate problem to the environment and to the populace. Nuclear waste has a destructive staying power a thousand times greater than any

petroleum or coal linked disaster. Eventually the earth will recover from an oil spill or from sulfur in the air but nuclear waste remains radioactive for generations and low level radiation is a known cause of some cancers.

As an example of the potency of radiation, from the minor crack inside the containment building at the Harrisburg plant the radiation measures 30,000 roetgens from which a fatal dose can be received in 30 seconds. Because of this they will be unable to repair the plant for 2-3 years.



Morning Blues

by Julie Moser

The sky is blue; the temperature is climbing and the birds are singing outside my window; at least that's what I'm led to believe. But there is one problem, I am very much asleep. Oh yes, I am moving around getting ready for school, but as I do, I keep wanting to crawl back under my covers and go back to sleep!

I am not a person who likes mornings, though I pretend to. I greet my friends in the cafeteria every morning with a smile, but in reality I am asleep.

This is not my fault! I am just not a morning person. It is a handicap, just like being short. Some people can come to school looking wide awake as if they actually enjoy mornings; those are the people to whom I find it hard to relate.

I am overjoyed when the weekends roll around. But, I have a problem in my house. My father is an early-morning riser. He feels my entire family should be up to watch the sun rise then enjoy a huge breakfast together. At least I am not alone in my family; my mother and brother dislike mornings just as much as I do, but that does not stop my father. So, every weekend he gets up, tells us the sun is shining, the birds are singing and it is just beautiful. We, of course, believe him because fathers do not lie.

Do not get me wrong; I love life. It is mornings I hate.

What Should We Do Tonight?

by Greta Ossowsky

read this article, and maybe just maybe get a few ideas for next weekend.

There's always the old stand by, a movie and pizza afterwards. If pizza isn't your style, there are always hamburgers.

If you're the sporting type, how about bowling? If not, there's tennis or racquetball. With racquetball's new found popularity, many racquetball clubs have opened, and for a minimal amount of money, you can play either tennis or racquetball.

Concerts are also a good choice.

There are usually several concerts held each month either at the Checkerdome or Kiel Auditorium.

With summer fast approaching, the St. Louis Zoo and Botanical Gardens will be opening soon, and both are good places for picnics or maybe just a walk.

Six Flags will also be open soon, and there's enough to keep you busy for a full day.

If you're looking for something to "get away" for a few hours, the Admiral has daytime or evening cruises. You can enjoy the short trip down the river along with music and dancing.

Next time you feel the "I don't care what do you want to do" syndrome coming on, just whip out this issue of PIONEER and be prepared!

Wendy's Provides Old-Fashioned Fun

by Roland Smith

Since the fast-food restaurant establishment is generally considered the most popular form of dining out among high school students, the Pioneer staff deemed it appropriate to review a restaurant of this type.

This reporter had the opportunity to experience the "hot and juicy" culinary delights of Wendy's Old-Fashioned Hamburgers. The setting at Wendy's could be described as homelike, since it has that warm, friendly atmosphere somewhat reminiscent of one's home. The floor is covered by patterned carpeting; the ceiling is adorned with Tiffany-style lamps; while suspended multi-colored beads lend a contemporary touch. The tables provide a particularly in-

teresting decoration. They are covered with vintage newspaper ads calling for the purchase of such diverse products as cider presses, corsets and printing presses.

Another pleasant feature at Wendy's is good music piped in at strategically placed speakers mounted on the walls. This reporter heard "You Don't Bring Me Flowers" by Neil Diamond and Barbra Streisand as well as a rendition of a nostalgic hit, "Put Your Head On My Shoulder" while dining there.

The service is prompt and friendly, though there was a discrepancy in the order. Unrequested tomato was served on a hamburger, but the customer was not charged for this error.

The burgers, which are the main fare, leave a little to be desired in terms of living up to their "hot and

juicy" slogan. They are juicy alright, but they were served at slightly less than room temperature, which leads one to believe that the burgers were prepared much in advance.

The vegetables that garnish the burgers were excellent, fresh and crispy, lending fine embellishment to the overall sandwich. An inside source informed this reporter that fresh vegetables are shipped in daily.

The prices of the burgers run from 89¢ for the single, \$1.59 for the double, to \$1.99 for the triple. Cheese and tomato are 10¢ extra. Wendy's French fries are served piping hot, but need to be cooked longer. The chili has a mild but pleasant flavor. The Frosty dairy dessert had a rich, creamy texture and was a fitting end to a hearty meal.



"China Syndrome" A Hit

by Tom Regan

Movie goes finding the prospect of a nuclear power plant near St. Louis interesting should see the *China Syndrome*. This totally believable flick shows the near catastrophic accidents and resulting cover-ups at the fictitious Van Tana Nuclear Power Plant near Los Angeles.

The film stars Jane Fonda as frustrated newswoman, Kimberly Wells, who although a ratings hit

as a feature reporter would like to move up to hard news. Accompanied by her volatile cameraman Richard Adams, (Michael Douglas), the duo is filming the Van Tana plant as part of a feature series when an accident occurs. Richard Adams secretly (and illegally) films the plant's control room while the accident is taking place, and from there the picture starts to move.

To reveal any more would surely spoil the effect of the show, as mounting conspiracies, attempted murders and an array of falsified documents will keep viewers on the edge of their seats. Interestingly, it is mentioned in the film that a nuclear melt-down would render an area the size of Pennsylvania uninhabitable. Pennsylvania, of course, is the site of an actual nuclear crisis at the Three Mile Island plant.

Although there are some parts in the picture with poor acting, mostly by minor actors, all in all the show is very good. The suspense builds steadily through the show and then explodes in a harrowing climax which will leave the viewer wondering if the show is fiction or cleverly disguised fact.

Editorials

School Held Saturdays: Plan Feasible or Futile?

Pro

by David Millman

Saturdays have practically become a must for seniors because it allows them to graduate, in time to make arrangements for college, junior college or trade school. By attending schools on Saturdays, students will be able to leave school two to three weeks sooner than originally thought and, therefore, will be able to start making money a little earlier.

Those students who presently work on Saturday are probably "fit to be tied" right now. But when summer comes they will be singing quite a different tune.

As for as pre-schoolers go, by getting out earlier it prohibits school from conflicting with their summer activities such as Little League and summer camp. Those families who wish to take summer vacations will now be able to take their kids due to Saturday attendance. True, most vacation during August, but enough go during July to make it important.

As for as the school curriculum practically every extra curricular activity will be over, long before the end of June. Could you imagine going to school in July knowing that all the sports are over for the year? Just think what the sports page will look like. If nothing else, you could use it to draw pretty pictures on. If you are a sports-fan like me, then the paper would become very boring.

Finally, one must consider the temperature. Those who are against coming Saturdays evidently don't know what condition the schools air-conditioning is in. It is nonexistent! Thank God for Saturday.

Con

by Judy Lehr

A mistake was made when the policy of opening school on Saturdays to make up days lost by the strike was proposed and accepted. School on Saturdays is not only wrong but futile.

After having five full days of school, students and teachers look forward to weekends. (If school were the only obligation students had, then maybe students would look forward to school on Saturdays.)

Students' weekend hours are very demanding and filled with various preplanned commitments. Several of these are family plans, club activities, volunteer work and jobs. Many students set Saturday aside as their day to work and rely on this income for necessities in the upcoming week. With six days of school, there is not much time for anything but school.

Another disadvantage of having school open on Saturdays is that it is not economical. Already scarce money must be used to pay the custodians who work this extra day.

The major reason in opposition to class on Saturdays is that it is not in the best interest of education. Due to the low attendance not much teaching, and therefore not much learning, can be done. Little would be accomplished even with normal attendance because it is difficult for most to be alert and work efficiently on this sixth day.

It is obvious that good education was not the primary concern in making the final decision. Apparently making up the days as soon as possible, at whatever expense, was.

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Feick To Teach At Twain In Summer

by John Crusius

While many teachers spend their summers travelling or just relaxing, others choose summer jobs to supplement their income and help pass time. Biology teacher Ray Feick will have a rather unique summer experience through his teaching job at Mark Twain Summer Institute. The Institute, founded in 1958, provides extra learning experiences for students of exceptional ability.

Mr. Feick will teach a course in animal behavior which will emphasize ecological and evolutionary aspects of vertebrate and invertebrate behavior.

Mr. Feick will not mind the extra teaching because it is such a departure from his role at Southwest. The class will be taught almost exclusively outdoors or in a laboratory as opposed to in a classroom. Students will spend much time observing animals at the zoo and at Tyson Research Center. "It won't be like work," commented Mr. Feick. "It will be more like fun." "The

biggest difference between teaching at Southwest, versus teaching at Mark Twain," according to Mr. Feick, "is the students." Based in Clayton, the Institute accepts only the outstanding, scholars. Explained Mr. Feick, "It will be a pleasure to work with and teach them. They will make me stay on my toes to try to keep ahead of them."

The session begins Monday June 18, and will end July 27. Classes will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Mr. Feick is still unsure if he will be released early from his duties at Southwest to teach at Mark Twain or arrive late at the Institute.

Any students interested in taking the animal behavior course or any of the many other courses offered at Mark Twain should consult his counselor. The tuition is \$125 per student but a scholarship fund is maintained for academically able students from lower-income families. Applications are due on or before May 1, 1979.

SW Performances

by Patti Rose

Due to the length of the St. Louis Teachers' Strike, Fine Arts Night, the Band-Choir Concert, and the May Musical have all been rescheduled.

With classes being held on Saturdays, the week is long and tiring to all. Due to this, Mr. Koenig feels that the fewer evening programs, the better.

Many of the evening programs will have to be moved to Saturdays during school hours. The St. Louis School Board can not afford to let individual schools carry on with so many evening programs, like SW choral programs, because the cost of paying the custodians and teachers extra duty time, is now beyond the School Boards' limit.

Much opposition has appeared with the rescheduling of these programs. Many of the choir and band students who are to receive either music letters or music keys on Fine Arts Night felt cheated when they discovered that Fine

Arts Night might be moved to a Saturday. The big resentment is that some parents may not be able to attend the award ceremony due to the fact that some parents work on Saturdays.

Knowing the feeling of some students, Miss Leontone Meyer is already looking into various churches in the city that will allow us the use of their church for the Fine Arts Night Program. Whether there will be a rental fee is another question. The choir and band can either dip into their treasuries, if that is sufficient, or have a fund raising sale.

As for the Band-Choir Concert and the May Musicales, these programs will undoubtedly be scheduled on a Saturday.

The May Musicales has now been moved to a June date. Whether permitting, the program has been already planned as an outdoor event on the school grounds.

Law Bans Co-Ed Tennis

by Mike McConnell

Senior Laurie Psaris is displeased. Laurie told the PIONEER that Mr. Urburger, Athletic Director, will not permit her to play tennis on the "spring" team.

Laurie said that she is good enough to play on the team (composed entirely of boys), and that Mr. Rogers, Tennis Coach, would have allowed her to participate. However, Laurie stated that Mr. Urburger felt it improper for a girl to play on a team composed entirely of males.

The PIONEER spoke to Mr. Urburger. He explained that there exists a state law that prohibits girls from playing sports on a team of boys when the school provides a comparable sport for the girls. The same law applies to boys. Urburger mentioned that girls can technically play "boys" baseball this year because at SW "girls" softball has been eliminated. However, Urburger maintains that SW has two tennis teams—a girls' team and a boys' — not a "spring" and "fall" team. Mr. Urburger is not sure why girls play in fall and boys play in spring but it is also not clear why the girls' swim team meets in spring and the boys in fall.

Mr. Urburger points out that SW does not have access to enough

courts to allow girls and boys to play together. He also argues that if the law did not exist, it could be unfair to a school whose "girls" team was composed entirely of girls compared to a "girls" team composed of girls and boys.

Mr. Rogers, Tennis Coach, said that except for the state rule, he has no objection to letting Laurie play on the team.

Mr. Urburger bluntly stated, "We have the sport for her (in fall) and she played in it."



THE JUNIOR RING PROM is a success after months of work by the Junior Board.

News & Notes

Library Holds Sale

Hundreds of second-hand books and magazines were sold in the library April 2-6; over \$118 was collected. The money will help purchase library and AV equipment.

The sale may become an annual event said Mrs. Connors. She commented, "I think it went very well."

Seniors Plan Prom

This year's senior prom will be on May 25 at the Breckenridge Pavilion. The dinner-dance featuring the theme "Magic Moments" will be from seven o'clock to twelve o'clock.

The dinner menu will consist of fresh fruit cocktail, roast top sirloin of beef, potatoes au gratin, green bean amandine, mixed garden salad with choice of dressing, hot buttered rolls, cheese cake with strawberries and coffee tea or milk.

Ms. Marilyn Chase, senior class sponsor, anticipates that 150-250 people will attend with tickets costing from \$35 - \$40.

The band Rapid Transit will be playing at the prom.

Finalized Make-Ups

It appears that St. Louis Public School students will be forced to make up the school days missed because of the strike by going to school on all of the fourteen Saturdays until June 30, except April 14, May 26 and June 16.

If the state legislature had changed the law prohibiting extending each day to make up days missed because of a strike, students could have gone to school an extra half hour a day each day and gone to school on nine Saturdays and spent their last day in school on June 29.

Under the present plan, seniors will turn in books on June 21, and graduate June 27. No senior will have to take a final. The rest of the students must take finals June 28 and 29. Teachers will have to report to work on July 2 and 3.

Commenting on the failure of the state legislature to change the law forbidding the make-up of missed days due to a strike by extending the school day, junior Janis Morrow stated, "Did they ever

think that striking was against the law, too?"

Drug Advice Given

A special auditorium session was held on April 9, during 2nd period. Only selected science and home economics classes were allowed to attend. Mr. Bernthal, Southwest District Superintendent, arranged to have Jack Hazelwood speak on the subject of Self Respect Regarding the Use of Drugs." Mr. Hazelwood is a reformed drug user who wishes to warn young people not to make the same mistake he made. His well-prepared speech was laced with humor to convey a very serious point.

SW Hosts Project

Southwest's Practical Law classes are participating in a pilot National Street Law Project. This project, sponsored by St. Louis University Law School, offers credit for law students to teach in selected high school classes and to take law classes taught by Professor Sandra Johnson. Professor Johnson is also

supervisor of the project.

Mr. Dan Joyce and Ms. Allisse Camazine are the two third-year law students selected to assist Mr. Henry Tepe with his consumer-law related classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Mr. Tepe is one of the three teachers in the school system involved in this pilot program which began March 27, and will continue for four weeks. "I think it is a very worthwhile project. It is also a very good learning experience for the high school students as well as the law students," stated Mr. Tepe.

Both law students were excited to begin. Mr. Joyce stated, "I am really enjoying the classes at Southwest. I find it refreshing to see eager and enthusiastic students. In comparison with some schools in the county, I find Southwest very impressive."

Not only are the St. Louis University Law students enjoying the project, but the Southwest students also find it interesting. "I think the whole program is very educational and could very well help us in our futures," stated senior Eric Brown.

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A Letter From "Dear Abby"

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The day I died was an ordinary school day. How I wish I had taken the bus! But I was too cool for the bus. I remember how I wheedled the car out of Mom. "Special favor," I pleaded. "All the kids drive." When the 2:50 bell rang, I threw all my books in the locker. I was free until 8:40 tomorrow morning! I ran to the parking lot, excited at the thought of driving a car and being my own boss. Free!

It doesn't matter how the accident happened. I was goofing off — going too fast. Taking crazy chances. But I was enjoying my freedom and having fun. The last thing I remember was passing an old lady who seemed to be going awfully slow. I heard the deafening crash and felt a terrific jolt. Glass and steel flew everywhere. My whole body seemed to be turning inside out. I heard myself scream.

Suddenly I awakened; it was very quiet. A police officer was standing over me. Then I saw a doctor. My body was mangled. I was saturated with blood. Pieces of jagged glass were sticking out all over. Strange that I couldn't feel anything.

Hey, don't pull that sheet over my head. I can't be dead. I'm only 17. I've got a date tonight. I am

supposed to grow up and have a wonderful life. I haven't lived yet. I can't be dead.

Later I was placed in a drawer. My folks had to identify me. Why did they have to see me like this? Why did I have to look at Mom's eyes when she faced the most terrible ordeal of her life? Dad suddenly looked like an old man. He told the man in charge, "Yes, he is my son."

The funeral was a weird experience. I saw all my relatives and friends walk toward the casket. They passed by, one by one, and looked at me with the saddest eyes I've ever seen. Some of my buddies were crying. A few of the girls touched my hand and sobbed as they walked away.

Please . . . somebody . . . wake me up! Get me out of here. I can't bear to see my Mom and Dad so broken up. My grandparents are so racked with grief they can barely walk. My brother and sisters are like robots. In a daze, everybody! No one can believe this. And I can't believe it, either.

Please don't bury me! I'm not dead! I have a lot of living to do! I want to laugh and run again. I want to sing and dance. Please don't put me in the ground. I promise if you give me just one more chance, God, I'll be the most careful driver in the whole world. All I want is one more chance.

Please, God, I'm only 17!



STUDENTS FROM Miss Teresa Harris's art classes work on a mural located at the Kemper Street entrance. The mural will depict several sport and patriotic scenes. photo courtesy of Roundup

Students Working On Mural

by Bill Lodderhose

By the time the 78-79 school year has ended, the east wall of the Kemper street entrance will have a new look. Many of Miss Harris' art students are painting a giant mural. The original concept for the mural was submitted by the art students a couple of years ago. Many of the ideas came from a wide variety of magazines depicting typical America scenes, many of them relating to sports. Though the plan for a mural originated earlier, it was only last year that the supplies were purchased. The mural consists of two kinds of paint, acrylic and house paint.

In the beginning, the mural was to be painted on the custodian's work house, located on Kemper; fortunately Miss Harris was able to

have the location changed to the indoors. Miss Harris says, "Because I feel if the mural was outside and out of view of the guards, students might try to deface the surface." The art

students will continue to work on the mural for each of the Saturdays students are required to make up. Hopefully the mural will be completed near the end of June.

Leonard Shade Coaches Baseball In Spare Time

by Julie Moser

Junior Leonard Shade spends part of his spare time doing something that not many students would like to take on. Leonard coaches a little league baseball team in Olivette. Last year a friend, Dr. David Thomsson, asked Leonard to help him with the team. They boys are all 6th graders and are very well behaved. Last year the team won all their games and came in first place.

"I believe the basic idea of winning is a strong pitching staff and good offensive team. With a strong pitching staff we will win 85% of our games," states Leonard. "The team has a weak defense, great offense, and a pretty good pitching staff."

The team practices at Country Day High School and they play all their games at Stacy Park. "Their facilities are better than any in the P.H.L.," says Leonard.

Leonard was on the wrestling team and track team his freshman year. In his sophomore year he played B-team football and was offensive captain. In his junior

year he lettered in varsity football. Leonard, in his sophomore year, tried out for baseball but did not make the team, so he decided to coach instead.

In two weeks the team will play its first game and Leonard is certain that they will do as well as last year.



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Drama Company Tours

by Barb Birkich

Each year, ten select students from the Advanced Show Biz Class become the Southwest High School Tour Company. This group is taught by Mrs. Georgia Schoeffel.

This year the Tour Company consists of Ann Bommarito, Lisa Gentilini, Michael Hostetler, Matt Jacobs, Bryan Marion, Cathy McCormick, Michelle Meton, Robyn Vlasak, Freddie Walker, and Peter Williams.

These students were chosen on the basis of talent in drama, achievement, responsibility and maturity. They write, edit and produce their own show. In addition, they design and construct a set, build their costumes, set up their own schedule, handle

publicity, duplicate their scripts and schedules, compose any music or lyrics they may use, and do their own choreography. Their show will be performed for elementary school children in this district. Each member receives a grade in his participation in all of these activities.

This year the performance dates run from May 14 to June 15. The company has a schedule which includes about thirteen schools already, such as Mallinkrott, Mason, Buder, Longfellow and Busch.

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Loads of Offense Lack of Defense

Southwest Varsity Baseball started the 1979 season on an upbeat note. But after taking three of their first five games, Coach Graham is still a little pessimistic of his team's chances.

While Coach Graham described the team as good, physically, he added,

"Their mental aspect is terrible. They have to work on the mental aspect of the game. These guys are not dumb, they're just not thinking."

"In the season opener, the Longhorns blanked Chamaine, 4-0. Pitchers Mike McCoy and Ron Fink combined for a one hit effort.

In the second game of the season, Southwest lost to Oakville 4-3, in an eight inning contest. While Coach Graham said he had good pitching, poor defense lost the game for the Longhorns.

"Terrible defense!" was how Coach Graham described their next game with Vianney, where Southwest outslugged their opponents 11-8. Coach Graham added, "Good pitching and pretty good hitting," helped the Longhorns overcome their defensive lapses.

Southwest topped Fox 4-3 in the

following game.

"They played fairly well for a change," Coach Graham said. "There were few mental mistakes, but still enough to turn a few black hairs grey."

Next the Longhorns dropped a 13-8 decision to Lindbergh.

"It was a fiasco defensively," Coach Graham said of the Lindbergh game. "We made more mistakes here than in all previous games put together." According to Coach Graham, nine of Lindbergh's first eleven runs were gained on errors.

In their last game Southwest trounced Northwest, 12-5. Junior John Nicholas led the Longhorns as he hit four for five with four RBIs.

"We did well," Coach Graham said. "We stayed consistent, and that's what we are trying to get."

When asked if the team's good showing could be a reflection of the quality of the competition, Coach Graham replied, "No, not really. We played better mentally, cut our mental mistakes quite a bit," although Coach Graham added, "I'll have to see more than one ball game to see if we'll be competitive. The next two weeks will tell."



TENNIS COACH MARTIN ROGERS works to produce champions.

Longhorns Compete

Cold weather and lack of outdoor practice took its toll on Southwest's Boys' Track team, on April 6, in a meeting pitting Summer, St. Mary's, Beaumont and Southwest. Southwest finished a "weak" third. Considering the competition the 2 mile relay team consisting of seniors Irving Millman, Stan Smith, juniors David Millman and Tim Schoenecker, ran a very tough race coming in third. In the mile, Steer Stan Smith came in third with a time of 4:51.

In the sprinting department the team fared a little better. Senior Glenn Johnson took first place in the 220 yd dash and 2nd in the 120 yd high hurdles. Co-Captain senior Vernon Keys came up with a third place in the 100 yd dash; senior Larry Hines placed fourth in the same event.

Southwest's field events were probably the most competitive of the three. Co-captain senior Brian Quarles took first in both the triple and the long jump, with jumps of 42'2" and 21'5-1/2" respectively. Junior Paul Sleet placed 2nd in the triple jump with a jump of 41' and 4th in the long jump jumping 18'1-1/4". In the pole vault junior

Fernandars Gillespie took 2nd clearing a height of 10'. And finally senior Winfred Frazier took 4th in the shot put throwing 38' 1-1/2".

The PHL Relays, held on April 3, and delayed until April 9, proved to be another in the Cindermen's path toward victory. Southwest's "lackluster" performance was only highlighted by the pole vault relay consisting of co-captain senior John Siebert, junior Gillespie, freshmen Jeff Newcomb and Doug Woods. (note: Siebert was injured during practice, possibly ending his chances for the rest of the season.) Southwest took a discouraging fifth place out of the eight teams in competition.

A wisp of warm weather was not enough to animate the Steers into a victory in the Southside Relays but it helped considerably. Southwest finished in second with 83 points behind St. Mary's 134.

Southwest's distance men could not overcome the strength of St. Mary's distance. As a result Southwest placed second in all of the distance races. The Dragons were defeated by the Steers 480 yd. hurdle team consisting of fresh-

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FRESHMAN KENNETH EATON glides over a hurdle during a Southwest track meet.

photo courtesy of Roundup

Longhorns Victorious; Winning Streak Intact

The Southwest Boy's tennis team, after much reorganization, remains in first place with victories over five schools.

Because some team members failed to turn in their eligibility notices on time, the original roster, (which was subject to change), included Stan Halbert at first singles, Jeff Smith at second singles, and Eric Gaffron at third singles. The doubles teams were Eric and Mark Maichel in the number one slot, followed by Stan Dippel and Andre MacMurray.

This lineup, though inexperienced, was devastating. They

routed King 5 to 0, and whipped O'Fallon's Hornets 4 to 1.

After all the eligibility notices were turned in, a new lineup was instituted by Coach Martin Rogers. The first change occurred when Roland Smith replaced Eric Gaffron at number three singles. The Longhorns then continued their unbeaten streak, destroying both Northwest and Soldan by 5 to 0 scores. Once more the lineup was changed, with Kevin McDonald, Roland Smith, and Stan Halbert in the top three respective singles spots. The doubles lineup changed also, with Alan Morgan and Terry

Pijut stepping in to play in the number two spot.

The team faced possibly their toughest competition of the year in Summer's Bulldogs on Tuesday, April 17. The singles matches were long and strenuous, with the Longhorns coming out on top in only one of them. However, both the double teams cruised to easy victories, leaving the team undefeated and in first place among all PHL teams.

With a 22-3 overall record, the Longhorns, if they continue at their present caliber of play, look like favorites to clinch the league title.



Southwest Triple Jump Record Shattered



April 12, 1979, will be a day long remembered in the lives of two Southwest students. That was the day when two members of the track team both broke the Southwest triple jump record. These two "record breakers" are senior co-capt. Brian Quarles, whose jump of 45'3" sets the new record, and junior Paul Sleet.

They accomplished this feat in the Southside Relays where Southwest took second place. Paul's jump missed the Southside Relays record, previously owned by his brother Wendell, by just a quarter of an inch. "My brother taught me a new technique in jumping which

enable me to get that close. I still have the rest of this year and all of the next to go after Brian. I have just begun to fight."

Brian owns that new record for the Southside Relays. Ironically this is his first year competing in the triple. He has mainly been a long jumper during his last three years at S.W.

Shattering the record came to Brian as a surprise. "I was just happy reaching 45. Mr. Sneed, (triple and long jump official at the meet and a faculty member here at Southwest), said that I needed a 45 or better to push our relay up near the top."

In spite of the two extraordinary efforts by both Paul Sleet and Brian Quarles, their relay team, consisting of four, finished second behind St. Mary's by only 1 foot.

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SENIOR ANNE DENGLER and junior Candice Williams pose for a picture during one of their track practices. The two girls are the 1978-79 co-captains of the Girl's Track Team.

photo courtesy of Roundup

Girls Are Second In First

In their opening meet, the girls' track team performed well, taking second to the host Roosevelt, 83-69. O'Fallon Tech took 3rd with 34.

Some impressive performances came from junior Cathy Deith, first in both the mile and 2 mile opens, senior Candice Johnson with a first in the 80 yard low hurdles, junior Denise Dippel in the open 440, and senior Anne Dengler 2nd in the shot put.

A very impressive showing was in the open 440 as Southwest took the top 4 places. Denise Dippel 1st, Candice Johnson 2nd, Phyllis Morgan 3rd, and Patricia Whitington 4th.

Coach Faulker feels that her team is still high among the PHL

teams. She feels Sumner's size will help them immensely. "They have a lot of girls out this year and they run them hard there. They're bound to rebound from last years disappointing season."

Cathy Deith commented on the aspirations of her team, "I believe that our distance has really become strong and if the sprinters can hold their own we have a good chance. Sumner lost some of their best sprinters."

Coach Faulker believes that her team is sound. She especially liked her junior divisions showing. She hopes that her team will improve in the field events, particularly in the long and triple jumps. "They

have the potential but seem a little afraid of the competition. Once they overcome this then we'll be tough."

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men Chris Lagarce and Ken Eaton, junior Fernandars Gillespie and senior Glenn Johnson. The Steers also took first in the 440 yd. relay consisting of freshmen Jack Douglas and Andy Williams,

seniors Larry Hines and Vernon Keys. The field events were won by St. Mary's with the Steers taking second in the triple jump, pole vault and shot put.

Girls Swim Is Looking Strong

The Girls' Swim Team defeated Sumner 56-10 in its first PHL meet April 4. Several double winners were junior Carol Smith in the 200-yard individual medley and the 100-yard freestyle, sophomore Toby Barrow in the 50-yard freestyle and 50-yard butterfly, and freshman Jody Smith in diving and 100-yard back.

"The team is getting progressively better and is swimming county and private schools to do better in PHL competition," stated coach Julie Frank. "Carol Smith needs a 1:15 in the 100-yard backstroke to qualify for the state meet, May 11, her best time is a 1:19."

Junior Co-captain Lisa Adams commented, "We've got a large team consisting of twenty-one girls, with only three seniors. We really stick together as a team and cheer each other on."

The team swam Roosevelt, April 18, Cleveland, April 20, Ursuline Academy, April 24, and Vashon,

April 26. There will be two championships, the dual meet with Cleveland and Roosevelt and, the PHL meet with all schools.

Southwest defeated Roosevelt 44-31 on April 18. Several adjustments in the length of races at the Roosevelt meet were made because the pool is only 20-yards, instead of the normal 25-yard pool.

The 200-yard medley relay team of junior Carol Smith, backstroke, Junior Chris Macchi, breaststroke, Senior Laurie McNamara, butterfly, and freshman Jody Smith, freestyle, placed first. Carol Smith was touched out by Roosevelt's Sue Grady in the 200-yard freestyle, although she won the 100-yard backstroke. Jody Smith was a double winner in the 50-yard freestyle and diving, as did Laurie McNamara in the 200-yard individual medley and 50-yard butterfly. In the 100-yard breaststroke, Junior Chirs Macchi and Senior Cindy Fears took first and second places, respectively.

Angelina Named To All-State Squad

Sophomore Angelina Bonner, was named to the All Metro, All State, and All Star teams this past season. Angelina has played on Southwest's varsity basketball team for the last two seasons. She played center, averaging 19 points and 13 rebounds a game.

Her talents were recognized as early as seventh and eighth grade, by her gym teachers. Angelina said, "That's when I really became interested in basketball, and

started working hard to improve my game."

In addition to basketball, Angelina is also interested in track. She has been on Southwest's varsity track team for the past two years. Her favorites in track are the shot put, high jump and the 220 yard dash. Her own personal record for the shot put is 35 feet, 9 inches; the high jump, 5 feet, 2 inches; and the 220 yard dash, 26 seconds flat.

Besides being on Southwest's track team, Angelina is also a member of the Royal Knights Track Club. She found out about this club after several of her friends joined the club.

Angelina has many other interests. She likes to swim and play tennis in her spare time. Angelina said, "I'm interested in almost all sports. I especially like to swim and play tennis to help keep in shape for track."

PHL Calendar

- April
- 27 Boys' Track Fr-Soph SW, Cl, O'F, R at SW 4 p.m.
- B-Baseball SW vs. Vashon at Sublette 4 p.m.
- Varsity Baseball SW vs. Vashon at Fairgrounds #1 4 p.m.
- 28 Girls' Track H.R. McNeil Invitational at North at Northwest
- May
- 1 Boys' Track PHL Field Day Prelims at O'Fallon 4 p.m.
- 2 B-Baseball SW vs. Roosevelt at Sublette 4 p.m.
- Varsity Baseball SW vs. Roosevelt at Roosevelt 4 p.m.
- Girl's Swimming PHL Meet at O'Fallon 4 p.m.
- 2 Varsity Baseball SW vs. SLUH at Sublette 4 p.m.
- 24 Boys' Track PHL Field Day Finals at O'Fallon 4 p.m.
- B-Baseball SW vs. O'Fallon at Fairgrounds #1
- 5 District Tennis closes
- Girls' Track Kirkwood Invitational at Kirkwood
- 7 District Baseball
- 8 District Baseball
- B-Baseball SW vs. Central at Fa at Fairgrounds #6 4 p.m.
- Varsity Baseball SW vs. Central at Sublette 4 p.m.
- Tennis SW vs. Cleveland at Francis 4 p.m.
- Girls' Track SW, Cl, Su, Ce at SW 4 p.m.
- 9 Boys' Track Fr.-Soph. Southside Invitational at Roosevelt 4 p.m.
- District Baseball
- 10 District Baseball
- Tennis SW vs. Roosevelt at Sublette 4 p.m.
- 11 B-Baseball SW vs. Sumner at Tandy 4 p.m.
- Varsity Baseball SW vs. Sumner at Sublette 4 p.m.

- District Baseball
- Girls' Swimming State Meet
- 12 Boys' District Track
- District Baseball
- Girls' Swimming State Meet
- Girls' District Track closes
- 14 Girls' Track SW, R, Ce, Cl, M, Kirkwood at Roosevelt 4 p.m.
- 15 Boys' Track SW, Ce, Cl, DuB, M, R at SW 4 p.m.
- Tennis SW vs. Vashon at Fairgrounds 4 p.m.
- B-Baseball SW vs. Beaumont at Sublette 4 p.m.
- Varsity Baseball SW vs. Beaumont at Fairgrounds #4 4 p.m.

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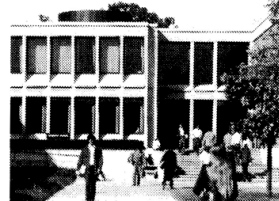
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