

SENIOR TOM BOETTINGHEIMER and Senior Marei Perniciaro enjoy their first dance as the Senior Prom King and Queen.

photo by Dave Schaefer

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College Preparation Is Important

The most important decisions that a student must make are those that deal with his or her future. Many high school students are planning to continue their education after they graduate. Several different choices of education and training are available; junior colleges, colleges, universities, trade schools and other institutions may be considered.

Most students should realize that a high school diploma will not be sufficient for planning a vocation. A college education is required for many professions and has become necessary in many other fields of work.

Other students are aware that a college education will make them more successful in their chosen occupations. Some students may want to broaden their cultural background or may wish to increase their understanding and knowledge of certain subjects to satisfy intellectual curiosity.

In any case, if students are interested in attending college, and succeeding, they should analyze: (1) their abilities and aptitude, (2) their particular interests and needs, (3) their self-discipline and motivation.

A student's ability is revealed through the standardized tests administered in the junior and senior years. The scores give some indication of the student's aptitude

by Mike McConnell

in certain areas and also help determine the student's chances of being admitted to specific colleges.

The student's interests and needs should be resolved as soon as possible. If a student has some idea of what he or she is interested in when entering high school, the proper courses can be selected every year. Marguerite German, a SW counselor, reports that many colleges consider chemistry and four years of math essential for admission. She adds, "Colleges like to see a foreign language on a student's schedule" even though it is not required in high school. If the student is aware of financial problems early in high school, he or she can prepare by getting a job and saving the earnings.

A student's self-discipline and motivation can be determined by a careful examination of his or her high school record. Did the student take college prep courses? Did the student do well in these courses? How was the student's attendance? Did the student participate in extracurricular activities?

The high school student with great aptitude, well-developed interests, and a strong academic drive may apply to top colleges and universities with a good chance of admission. In addition, the exceptional student can easily acquire financial aid if necessary.

The average and below average students should consider the junior or community college. Admission requirements make it possible for almost all high school graduates to enroll. Most offer a wide variety of subjects; courses that can prepare one for a larger college; courses that may be necessary to meet admission requirements of more prestigious colleges; and courses designed to qualify the student for employment in a particular field. The fees are relatively low, so a student could work part-time to cover most expenses.

All college bound students should develop good study habits and skills. The successful student will be able to read with good comprehension; be able to make good notes; be able to memorize well; be able to pick main points out of a lecture; be able to write and speak clearly. Students must learn to use the library.

College will be a new experience for students. It is necessary that the students make the proper adjustments in order to succeed. The students enjoy much more freedom in college than they had in high school. The hall floors are not covered with yellow lines and the professors do not send out slips. So, college is not a place for the immature. College is for the ambitious, the capable, and the responsible.

Programming Modified

by Judy Lehr

This year was different from recent years as far as the programming process is concerned. When it came time for the students to receive their usual pack of programming materials in advisory, they did not receive them. Instead, students were summoned to their counselors in small groups. This enabled them to receive direct and personal advice in making the future plans.

To many students, this appeared to be a new idea. Actually it is an idea that had been used in the past. It has been revived in hope of being beneficial to the students. Fewer errors and better schedules are the goals in mind.

Marguerite German, a counselor, is one of the people who requested the return of this system. She prefers this process, not only for the reasons already stated, but also so she may be able to meet and talk with her students.

The programming spanned a period of three weeks. When programming materials were distributed, some questions arose. Students claimed that the last page of the programming booklet had a list of unfamiliar graduation requirements. Those listed on the page:

Communication Skills 4 Units

Social Studies (one of which must be American History) 3 Units
Mathematics 2 Units
Science 2 Units
Fine Arts 1 Unit
Practical Arts 1 Unit
Physical Education 1 Unit
Electives 6 Units

Principal Marvin O. Koenig said that the stricter set of graduation requirements listed in the 1979-80 programming materials is the set of requirements that Southwest High School has always encouraged. The St. Louis Board of Education sets the minimum set of requirements. New ones went into effect in September of 1978. They are basically what are listed as Southwest's required credits. The only difference is that only one science is needed and an additional unit of either math, social studies or science.

Since the Board's minimum requirements went into effect in September of 1978, this year's freshmen must meet them. However, since Southwest has always tried to encourage students to strive for the higher number of credits, the list in the programming materials is to be considered mandatory for all; but exceptions may be honored on an individual basis.

Summer Brings Boredom

by John Crusius

this Jack of motivation is the fault of the teachers, while many teachers blame the students.

"The teachers should have more interest in their jobs," claims senior Danila Grillo.

According to senior Kathy Schuttenberg, "The teacher that teaches a subject has to enjoy it before he can get the kids to enjoy it."

"If it weren't for the strike," claimed senior Laurie McNamara, "seniors would have been out May 25. You start to think, 'Why

should I have to come (to school) when the other schools are already out?'"

Mr. Feick didn't blame anyone. He commented, "I don't think it's anybody's fault. When spring fever hits, it's more difficult for both students and teachers to buckle down."

Mr. Gower maintained, "I'm lucky because most of my students have cooperated tremendously by doing the homework and making up missed assignments." He does feel, however, that the last four weeks will be the hardest.

Greek Student Reveals Experience In America

by Mike McConnell

Nick Avouris is a seventeen-year-old Southwest student. He is presently living with his relatives here in St. Louis, but his original home is on the island of Zakynthos, off the coast of Greece. Nick left his Grecian home in November, 1978, and came to America to find out first hand what life is like in this country.

Through the help of his cousin, as an interpreter, the PIONEER was able to learn about Nick's experience in the United States.

Nick says that many differences exist between the United States and Greece. He feels that Greece is a more beautiful country than the United States. However, Nick stated that America definitely has the better economy!

Nick has not yet become accustomed to seeing so many automobiles every day. He reports that in Greece, most people ride bikes and motorcycles; the most popular car in Greece is the Fiat. Nick says that he misses the Mediterranean Sea that he used to look upon almost every day of his life; he also misses the nude beaches of his native homeland.

Nick states that he likes American people especially the students at Southwest. He said that he associates well with his fellow classmates and his teachers. As yet he has acquired few close friends, except a girlfriend who is

slowly learning Greek as she slowly teaches English to Nick.

Although a communication problem exists between Nick and his teachers, he is doing surprisingly well with his studies. He



NICK AVOURIS ENJOYS his new home although he feels that Greece is a more beautiful country.

photo by Eric White

What's Happening

- June
- 5 APT Luncheon, 12:00 p.m.
- 8 Junior Choir at Buder, periods 3 and 4.
- 12 Freshmen ITBS, periods 1, 2, and 3.
- 13 Freshmen ITBS, periods 1, 2, and 3.
- 14 Freshmen ITBS, make-up day.
- 15 June Musicale, 7:30 p.m. on Quadrangle.
- 16 No classes.
- 20 APT meeting, 7:30 in library. Dr. Wentz speaker.
- 21 Senior book collection all day.
- 22 Senior locker clean out. Graduation rehearsal. Caps and gowns distributed. Seniors' last day.
- 23 Senior Luncheon, 12:00 p.m.
- 24 Symphonic Band - Grand Oak Hill Festival, 2:30 p.m.
- 27 Last full day of classes. Graduation Rehearsal, 10:30. Graduation at Kiel Opera House, 8:00 p.m.
- 28 Final Exams. Periods 1, 2, and 3.
- 29 Final Exams. Periods 4, 5, and 6.
- 30 Make-up exams.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editors:

I would like to respond to your article of May 18th entitled **Sexes Treated As Equals**.

I grew up in an old-fashioned family. I had three sisters. Dad did not allow them or my mom to lift or carry heavy objects; either he did it or I was elected. My teachers lived by this adage also. Projectors in the A. V. Department weight up to 28 pounds; some are more than that. A load of film can also be

rather heavy. Miss Puleo should have been specific and stated what I meant when she said that I would not let the girls, "do some things." I have a ten-year-old daughter. I hope some teacher doesn't forget she's a female and ask her to transfer a 28 pound projector from a classroom on the second floor to the third floor.

Virgil McKissick
A. V. Director

Students Look For Jobs Hours, Wages Considered

Spring is here. And what comes after spring? Right, summer. And what goes with summer? Right again, summer jobs.

Now is the time when many students are looking for the right place to spend their summer vacations, and I don't mean the Ozarks.

Is the pay high enough? Are the hours reasonable? Do you get enough of them to make the job

by Dave Millman and Tom Regan worthwhile? What kind of work would you like to do and at what kind would you rather not be caught dead? And, the distance between your residence and your job short enough so that your wages could cover your gas bill? These are the questions that the student must ask himself before applying anywhere.

The majority of the students,

when asked what they looked for in a summer job, mentioned money first. They then went on about their own personal preferences such as the physical attraction of the other employees or the certain night(s) that they would like to work.

There was, however, another aspect which seemed to be almost as important a characteristic of a summer job as the money, the atmosphere. Is it relaxed or does the management clamp down on their employees? This aspect is a very important factor when determining the longevity of one's employment.

So which businesses in St. Louis seem to be able to draw the students? Southwest students, Six Flags, and the Zoo are very popular. Both give the employees a chance to work outside. The Zoo, however, pays its employees very little compared to the rest of the businesses. But the location and the atmosphere seem too good to let a "little thing like money get in the way."

Some Members Wander But Group Still Survives

by Marcia Davis

by a senior at Central High School, Charlotte Shaw, held rallies, marches and sit-ins to try to help resolve the dispute. They received their greatest amount of publicity, however, when they were successful in getting the Rev. Jesse Jackson of PUSH to come to St. Louis.

When the strike finally ended, most thought that the group would dissolve also. But Vice-President of the organization, Juwon Buckner of Soldan High School, said, "No way!"

Juwon, along with nine other members of the group, meets regularly at their headquarters, a room on the second floor of the Yeatman Community Center at 1360 Dr. Martin Luther King Drive.

"When we started, there were about 20 people; when the strike ended, there were 40. Now our membership is 70," Juwon stated.

"Many of our members are seniors," Juwon said. "A lot of them are working trying to get ready for college. Others are just busy. They're here in spirit, but they just can't make the meetings."

Juwon added that the group was planning on working out a system where once a month there would be a mass meeting of all the members, with smaller groups meeting in-between.

Despite the problem with attendance, the group continues to plan. They are presently working to raise money for a trip to Ohio for the national PUSH Convention, a group to which most members of the Concerned Students belong. The group is also planning to hold a voter registration drive for high school students June 4-9.

"This was something we promised the Rev. Jesse Jackson

we would do," Juwon said.

The group is also working on getting a charter for their organization. When it is completed, they will be an official non-profit organization.

Dealing with education, said members of the group, is what they are all about. Though the strike is over, Juwon said that he still wants to see some changes made in the public schools. He believes that all students should be required to take a class in modern government, to prepare them to become politically involved. The group also wants to

"When we began our group, we tried very hard to get some white students... It seemed they just didn't want to be bothered."

help the Board of Education get rid of unqualified teachers.

"Some teachers are not doing anything," Juwon said.

The outspoken attitude that was with the group during the strike is still there. And though it brought criticism from many members of the community during the strike (some thought students should stay out of the teacher-board conflict), Juwon stated that things are getting better. He said that their relationship with the St. Louis Public School Board is also improving. He added that he hopes the two will be working together to get the program, EXCEL, into the schools, a system Rev. Jackson has been spreading over the country to make students do better in school.

One complaint that the group can not deny, however, is that there are no white members.

"When we began our group, we tried very hard to get some white students in the group," Juwon said.

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Looking For Ice Cream

by Judy Lehr

St. Louis is the hometown of the ice cream cone. This delicious invention was discovered back at the World's Fair in 1904, and has continued to grow in popularity. Today there are ice cream addicts and fans of all ages.

There are a variety of shoppes and parlors from which the ice cream fanatic may choose when one of his ice cream fits begin. They range from the informal ice cream truck (otherwise known as the bomb-pop-man) to the sit-down restaurant style.

red and white stripes, Happy Joe's on Watson Road is the place. It is a combination ice cream and pizza parlor. This is a fun and games place, perfect for birthday parties.

Now, for the truly sincere ice cream fan who wants to go all out, the St. Louis Creamery Co., located at 6417 Hampton, and Swenson's Ice Cream Factory, at 9733 Clayton Road, are highly recommended. Both serve homemade ice cream and are sit-down restaurants.

Swenson's is modeled after old-



A casual ice cream place with window service is Ted Drewes. Ted Drewes serves vanilla frozen custard which actually is a soft-serve, French ice cream. His specialty could be considered the concrete shakes which are exceptionally thick and delicious.

If high quality ice cream is desired as well as a place to sit down, Baskin-Robbins is a good choice. Its famous 31 includes burgundy cherry and mandarin orange soufflé. Ice cream cakes and pies are also offered.

For an old-fashioned, ice cream parlor atmosphere, including the

time San Francisco. This rich ice cream is offered in some very unique flavors like chocolate-peanut-butter cup, caramel-turtle-fudge and root-beer-marble.

The Creamery has an antique interior with old signs and pictures. Some of the many flavors are chocolate cherry, cinnamon, banana, and cheese cake ice cream. They also have Italian ice which may best be described as a popsicle on a cone.

These are a few of the many ice cream shoppes throughout the city for both the ice cream addict and the person with the summer munchies.

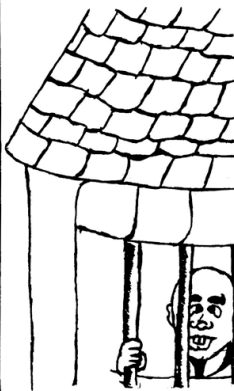
Movie Reviews Alien

by Kevin Fowler

Alien, the word itself is sinister, invokes fear, propagates terror, initiates horror, in other words it's a downright nasty word and the movie Alien fits the description.

It's slick; the special effects make Star Wars look like a cheap side show and after the first 15 minutes, your heart pounds and your chest heaves (but not as much as one of the characters; he goes to extremes) until the final credits roll by.

The action takes place on the cargo starship Nostromo, returning to Earth with 20,000,000 tons of ore, and a crew of seven, five men, and two women. All resemble frozen cod in their hibernation (hyb) tanks.



All is silence . . . then the computer picks up a beacon that repeats every twelve seconds. Unfortunately for them there is a provision in their contracts that states that they must investigate any signs of intelligent life (in this case he's intelligent and he must resent their dropping by unannounced).

In a spectacular scene they land and three crew members set forth on foot in a gale-like wind of methane crystals to find the source of the beacon.

If you were on a strange planet, had just stumbled down a hole in an alien ship and had landed in a cavern with leathery-looking eggs on the floor, would you touch one of them, then peek inside? One of the idiot characters (the one with the heaving chest) did.

Up until this point the film is rather slow, but after the alien grabs the idiot by his face, things

do speed up. I won't ruin the story for you by saying any more, but be prepared for the most frightening, well-acted movie, produced this year.



The Prisoner of Zenda

by Bill Lodderhose

Many people expect a Peter Seller's movie to be hilarious; unfortunately this is not the case with Seller's new movie, **The Prisoner of Zenda**. This is not to say the movie is a flop, but rather it is not the comedy it pretends to be. The story, however, is entertaining because it leaves the audience wondering what will happen next.

The story consists of Peter Seller's playing a dual role, one as

a king of a far-off land, and the other as a common horseman. When the king's life is threatened by his own brother, Michael, Sidney the horseman, played by Peter Sellers is asked to act the role of the king until all is safe. In the beautiful surroundings in which the movie was filmed complete with castles, draw bridges, and moats, Sellers outwits the villains. Although **The Prisoner of Zenda** is not a good comedy, it is a very entertaining movie.

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PROM KING Tom Boettingheimer and Queen Marei Perniciaro preside over the Senior Prom.

photo by Dave Schaefer

Officers Think Prom Is A Hit

by Marcia Davis

"I had a good time," said Senior Class Sponsor, Marilyn Chase, as she commented on this year's prom. Those senior class officers interviewed by PIONEER agreed that the prom, held on May 25, at the Marriott Pavilion was a success.

The evening began at 7:00 p.m., with dinner being served at 7:30. Students were entertained throughout the evening by the band, Rapid Transit. One of the last events of Magic Moments, (the prom's theme), was the coronation, where Tom Boettingheimer and Marie Perniciaro

were crowned King and Queen. Tickets, priced at \$35 each, were on sale for two weeks before the dance and 162 were sold, said Chase.

"Our goal was anything over 150," she added.

Those officers interviewed agreed with Sergeant-at-Arms, Larry Dougherty, who said that he did not believe that the price for tickets was abnormally higher than any other school. The group also made the point that the tickets were \$3 less than last year.

Though the officers of the class thought that the prom was a success, Vice-President, Karen Dupuch said that there had been some students who wanted to have the prom on the Admiral.

"The Marriott Pavilion is above average in terms of a place to hold a prom," said Chase. She also made the point that on the night of the prom the Admiral was not in St. Louis.

"We would have been dancing on the River Front," she commented.

News & Notes

SW Holds It Back

Southwest students and faculty donated fifty-three pints of blood in an emergency blood drive Saturday May 19. The platelets were to be used by cancer patients, and the blood plasma was needed for the Memorial Day weekend. The fourth period entomology students worked the entire day with the Red Cross nurses: checking people in, taking temperatures, carrying the blood and working in the canteen.

Sponsor Ray Feick commented, "I was extremely disappointed at the turnout. There were so many poor excuses. Everyone talks about school apathy, but this was the epitome of school apathy." He added, "I was ashamed of Southwest. It is usually good for over 200 pints."

Flea Market Helps

On Saturday, May 19, the APT held a Flea Market on the corner of Arsenal and Kingshighway. The members primarily sold clothing and some other small items. In the process they managed to make \$150, most of which goes to their organization. However, they will contribute some of it to the senior luncheon on June 23.

Contributions of the items sold were from the parents and friends of Southwest students.

Seniors Get Ready

The Senior Luncheon will be held on June 23, at the Top of the Sevens at twelve noon. The Luncheon will be served buffet style with tickets costing eight dollars. After the meal, awards will be given along with other maritime entertainment. The tickets will be on sale June 6-22.

Graduation rehearsal and caps and gowns distribution will be on June 21. Another very important rehearsal will be on June 27, at 10:30 at the Kiel. At this time Ms. Chase will distribute extra graduation tickets and a Vincent Price photographer will be taking orders for graduation pictures.

More Hot Classes

Summer school will be held at Southwest and Northwest High Schools this summer. The term will run six weeks from July 9 to August 17. Juniors and seniors are eligible to attend. Third-year sophomores should see Mr. Grant for information concerning attendance.

Courses will be offered in the following areas: art, business education, communication skills, home economics, industrial arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.

Assistant Principal Maurice Grant will serve as principal. Assistant Principal Stephen Warmack as assistant principal, and April Anderson as secretary.

"I expect to have a very fine summer school, with the traditional Southwest rules and fine conduct of Southwest students. Others will have to bend to our tradition," stated Grant.

Officers Are Picked

On May 15, the senior class of 1980 elected their class officers. The function of the newly-elected officers will be to serve and plan activities which contribute to a more pleasant senior year, such as senior rec nights and the senior prom.

The new officers are: President John Clements, Vice-President Judy Lehr, Girl's Secretary Julie Moser, Boy's Secretary Jeff Fields, Girl's Treasurer Janis Johnson, Boy's Treasurer Greg Theodore, Girl's Sergeant-at-Arms Cathy Dielt, and Boy's Sergeant-at-Arms Kenny Newsome.

New President John Clements stated, "My major goal is to help bring about a more uniform senior class as well as increased participation of the students in various class activities."

Model U.N. Notes

On May 5, 1979, the Southwest High Chapter of the Model United Nations elected its new officers for the coming year.

The new officers are Chairman Constantine Pashos, Treasurer-Secretary Carol Clark, and Parliamentarian William Mitchell.

The Model U.N., in which students act as delegates from the different U.N. countries and deliberate topics on world affairs, had one change in the coming year. Marilyn Chase retired as sponsor of the club, but Ray Feick has stepped in to take over as sponsor.

Pom Pons Selected

Tryouts were held May 15 for the 1979-80 Southwest Pom Pon squad. The future Wranglerettes were notified of their success by being "kidnapped" on May 19. In honor of the new Wranglerettes and the seniors who will be leaving the squad, an awards' banquet was held May 22 at the Tropicana Bowling Lanes.

The following girls will be Wranglerettes for the 1979-80 school year: juniors Wanda Bell, Valerie Darden, Annette Dattilo, Kim Ewing, Shirley Haynes, Nancy Jaeger, Michelle Meier, Phillis Morgan, Lynda Owens, Debbie Pfeil, Queanna Phason, Kim Pulliam, Cindy Rolles, Liz Venegoni and Kelly Williams, and sophomores Judy Blankenship, Carolyn Boykin, Cindy Devine, Debbie Dutton, Joyce Johnson, Melencia Light, Dorothy Maleas, Paula Snodgrass and Sunny Zangara.

Guitar Players Visit SW

by Barb Birkicht

On May 22, selected music students enjoyed a program of classical guitar music by the Guitar Ensemble of the St. Louis Conservatory of the Arts under the direction of Rodney Stucky. Stucky has been a guitar and flute instructor at CASA.

This group is actually a class of Stucky's at the Conservatory. "Our main purpose is to acquaint people with classical guitar and flute with the music. Also we want to acquaint people with CASA," says Stucky.

They say that they have received good audience response, although the gentle sounds of the string instruments demand more of the listener than other types of music. This group visits any area schools and groups on request.

The performers in the group, Herbert Arnold, Doug Back, and

William Evans-Ash, are available as guitar teachers. (Anyone interested can inquire through CASA.)

They allow for a question and answer period at the end of each show.

Stucky finds students interest piqued because of the recent popularity of the guitar. He says in some homes the guitar now replaces the role of the piano.

The young men in the ensemble find it an enriching experience for themselves also. Herbert Arnold said, "I didn't have the opportunity to hear it in this way as a younger student. The experience is good. The ensemble idea is new."

The program certainly is interesting, entertaining, and informative, with contemporary works written for the classical guitar included.



SW STUDENTS WATCH intently as guitarists from the St. Louis Conservatory of Arts perform. photo by John Crusius

Scholar Is Also Athlete

by Marcia Davis

Senior Laurie McNamara was chosen as one of the Post-Dispatch 1978-79 Scholar-Athletes. The award went to several students throughout the city who had both scholastic and athletic ability.

Laurie, who received her award on May 3, at a banquet held in honor of the awardees. She said that candidates for the awards were voted on by their communities. She added that the final decision was made by a Post-Dispatch executive board.

Participating in sports since her freshman year, Laurie has demonstrated a great deal of athletic flexibility, moving freely from swimming to basketball each season. Laurie said that she will definitely continue to play basketball when she goes to college, but was unsure about participating in any other sports.

"Maybe a little intramural volleyball, I am not sure," she said.

Though Laurie did not receive any recognition for her athletic ability until she reached high school, she said that by no means did her interest in sports begin in high school.

"Before when we lived in Ohio, there was nothing but boys in my neighborhood. All they did was play sports. There was nothing else for me to do," she concluded.

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Question: Coupe or Camaro?

by Frank Clements

There is one invention in American history that has played a major role in the formation and development of this country. It is one of the largest industries in the world, supplying jobs for millions. It has been immortalized in motion pictures, television and song. And it plays a vital role in our summer recreation, the great American automobile.

With the oncoming of summer, there is an increased interest in getting on the road, after being pined in all winter, of waxing up the chrome to a blinding sheen, to "rev" up the engine after months of driving in the cold.

Attitudes toward the car have, over the past couple of decades,

changed dramatically "The Little Duce Coupe," the '57 Nomad, and the '56 Chevy are not as popular as they were in their heyday in the late '50's early '60's. These cars were geared and refined for drag racing, cruising and quick starts at stoplights.

The '60's were the years of anti-establishment and non-conformity, thus producing such foreign favorites as the V.W. Bus, the Bug, Volvo, and of course the American "chopper."

These days, however, the trend has changed again. The trend now is either one of two things, small and/or luxury. With the gasoline

pinch, small cars such as the MG, Celica, B-210, Brat, and other smaller cars and trucks, usually foreign, rate tops.

On the luxury side of the coin, the sports cars of the late 60's, the Camaro, the Firebird, and Mustang, have turned into the luxury mid-sizes of today, with plush velour upholstery, quadrophonic stereo, and power windows, seats, etc.

So what will be in style next year? The new Detroit "x-cars", (Citiation, Chevette, Omni, etc.)? A revival of the classics? It will all depend on gas prices, maintenance, kids' salaries, and in many cases, the generosity of "mommy and daddy."

The Automobile And The Feminine Touch

by Marcia Davis

I hate self-service gas stations. At least that's how I felt a little while ago. Now, however, with a few weeks under my belt, memories of a bad experience and a little more knowledge, I could tell anybody anything about taking care of cars.

It all started when a friend, (I'll call her Lucy,) and I wanted to get some air for her tires. As we pulled into the service station, she asked if I knew how to put air in tires.

"No, but it shouldn't be too hard. Anybody can probably do it."

We reached the pump and hopped out of the car. I froze. "Easy girl," I thought to myself, realizing that I didn't know what in the world I was doing.

As I stood there wondering where the money slot was, she must have read my mind.

"I think you pay the gas station attendant when you're finished," she said.

It all sounded good to me. But when you're confused, anything sounds good.

"OK, what's next?" I asked as I grabbed the hose. Lucy looked behind her to see, whom I was addressing. I sighed heavily and turned around in search of help. I noticed a gas station attendant leaning against one of the gas pumps. He had been staring and shaking his head from time to time. I later found out that it was in sympathy and amusement. At the time I simply thought he was dodging flies.

"Hey, we need a little help," I said.

"Yeah, I can see that," he said moving toward the car. "I thought all you women could do anything. I mean, being liberated and all."

I flashed a tolerant smile at him that could easily be read, "Shut up and fix the tire." You would think that that would be the end of it, but he persisted in his analysis of the liberated woman. Finally I answered him.

"Look, all we need is to get some air in these tires. Being liberated has nothing to do with putting air in tires. And besides, who said anything about us being liberated?"

He turned and continued to work, quietly this time. I gave a triumphant nod to Lucy, who was by now, applauding my act of courage.

When he had finished, I asked in another confident voice, how much we owed. Any decent person would have just told me that there was no charge for air. But noooooo, instead, he broke into an uncontrollable laughter.

Prodded by my newly-found assertiveness and what I then believed to be moral support from Lucy, I asked what was so funny.

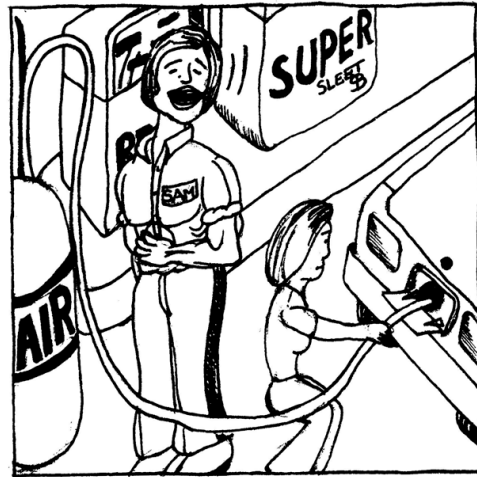
He straightened his bent over with laughter position, wiped his eyes, and squeezed out: "Lady, air is free."

I heard a laugh come from another direction. But I quickly dismissed the idea that she would be laughing because her back was turned and she was preoccupied with dodging flies.

"Oh," I said, a little crushed. A whole lot crushed! I mumbled a "thank you" as I crawled to the car.

Leaving the lot, Lucy and I said nothing, but we both took a final glance at the attendant. He was talking to another employee and the two were shaking their heads and pointing.

"Humph, if I was in a kitchen I would show him a thing or two," I thought as we left, then I remembered I couldn't cook either!



It's A Long, Hard Journey To Six Flags

by Tom Regan

Friday night, May 18. Six Flags over Mid-America staged a seven-hour extravaganza that can best be described two ways: one big party or one big mess.

Since we decided earlier ("we" being the six occupants of our car) that nobody would be there, our car didn't hit I-44 until well past eight o'clock. Reasoning it would be maybe a half-hour ride, this would give us plenty of time to tour the park before taking in "Head East" at midnight, only a half-hour ride.

Yeah, right.

After three and one-half hours on a slow rolling party (sometimes known as Interstate 44), we finally arrived in front of Six Flags.

Discovering the local police department had blocked off entrance to Six Flags' jammed parking lot, we imitated hundreds of others, abandoned our car on the side of the interstate and hoofed it to the park.

We did arrive in time to catch the last twenty minutes of a fine performance by Head East. The thousands who jammed into the amphitheater cheered the band enthusiastically; one young man was so overcome with enthusiasm that he climbed a tree inside the amphitheater, bared his backside and swung back and forth to the whistles and cheers of the crowd.

After the concert, we found the

by Julie Lohmeyer and Julie Moser weather. Other suggestions not thought of by students interviewed are walking to school, taking the bus, and forming car pools with friends who live close by.

There were a variety of reasons why people think the gas shortage is fake. Junior Scott McMahan said, "In my opinion they were talking about closing the gas stations for the Memorial Day weekend and the oil companies wouldn't let them, so when gas gets

to a dollar a gallon there will be plenty of gas around," Junior Mary Kavanaugh raised the question, "All the gas companies are making profits, how can they make profits on what they don't have?"

Junior Dale Barebo stated, "There is one because the government and the gas companies are holding back. If they'd let it all out, there would be no gas shortage."

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"It seemed like they just didn't want to be bothered."

Juwon added that because the group may appear to be as a civil rights group with its involvement in PUSH, this should not hamper any white students from joining. "The group is not in the PUSH organization; members of the group," he said.

The fact that most of the people

who are in the group are seniors will cause the group to have a recruiting session in August.

"We invite anyone who wants to join," he stressed. "I believe the group will become very strong within the next five years," he said.

"People are noticing that this is the generation that will not just take anything."

Michele Austin Wins In Dance Contest

by Barb Birkicht

On April 1, senior Michele Austin won first place in the solo song and dance category of the Regency Dance Contest. She performed a number "Cabaret," from the movie of the same name.

Michele saw an announcement concerning the Regency competition posted at the Chicago Theatrical Supply Store in Clayton.

Soon Michele, along with the first place winners from the other categories, will compete with the same routine in the Regency National Finals. The National Finals will include contestants from all fifty states. This competition will be held on May 20, at the Holiday Inn in Eureka, Missouri.

Michele has choreographed her



photo by Eric White

own dance routine and designed her own costume. She stated, "I went out to dance in this contest to prove to myself that I could really do it."

"Screaming Eagle" To Six Flags

"Screaming Eagle" was shut down, (bummer), so instead we roamed the park, hitting the different rides one by one. I noticed the police generally stayed toward the front of the park, and some hid inside the enclosed rides. This left the further reaches of the park to partiers, crumblers, (people who couldn't handle the walking and simply collapsed) and other assorted riff-raff.

At five A.M. it was a long, weary walk back to the car. For some people it was a longer walk because about fifty cars had been towed away. (Probably by the same people who blocked off the parking lot earlier). The lucky drivers who did find a parking

place inside the lot found that it could take up to two hours just getting back out.

Despite all shortcomings, the evening did rock. A repeat of that night would be both wild and welcome. But please guys, how about more parking facilities, and a few less cops, and you could have left some more food places open, and have the "Scream Eagle" operating, and.....

Notice to Subscribers
Instead of its usual ten issues Pioneer, during the 1978-79 school year, will have published nine issues, four containing extra pages. This substitution has been the result of second semester rescheduling.

SPORTS AND FADS

Run Or Jog But Don't Just Sit!

by John Crusius

Now that the warm weather is here and the end of the school year is in sight, you may be looking for a way to lose some of that winter fat and get in shape for summer. While there are tennis, racquetball, softball, and dozens of other sports to choose from, an exceedingly popular and very healthy way to get in shape is through running.

Runners abound in probably every park and on every street in the city. Not only is running "in," but it is very good for you, too. A fit body gives the runner more energy to burn in everyday activities, and also helps ward off illness.

The beginning runner needs only five essential items: a shirt, gym shorts, shoes, and desire. (Include *Runner's World* magazine, the runner's bible, if you are a devotee of that particular publication). If you are really serious about running, a good pair of running shoes is a smart investment. Running all those miles can do much damage to your legs. If you quit after a few days, however, it would be foolish to put too much money into shoes.

There are several qualities for which good pair of running shoes must be checked. The shoes should have ample cushioning in the heel in order to provide maximum shock absorption. The cushioning should not be soft and spongy, but instead firm to absorb the many pounds of force the leg must take. The shoe must be rigid from the heel to the ball of the foot, and flexible from the ball of the foot to the toe, where the foot naturally bends. Finally, the shoe should have a fairly wide heel to help

prevent twisted ankles.

Many of the top running shoes run for around thirty to thirty-five dollars. The Brooks Vantage Supreme, the Saucony Trainer 1980, and the Nike LD-1000, in addition to many others in the same price range, were given excellent rankings by *Runner's World*. Retailing for just over twenty dollars and also given excellent rankings were the Saucony Hornet and Ms. Hornet. Many of the department stores are now putting out fair imitations of the best running shoes for around \$15.

There are a number of manufacturers capitalizing on the running market, many with items of questionable value. For instance, there are runner's gum, neckties, and cassette players (the maker claims "the unique rhythm sensation far outweighs the weight factor.") There are also runner's water belts so that the runner can wear his water rather than carry it. There is even a product which straps the runner to a door so that he can run, according to the manufacturer, "without leaving the privacy and comfort of his own home."

Before starting, a runner should do various stretching exercises to limber up the muscles and help prevent injuries. Take it easy at first. Don't run so hard your first day that you're too sore the next day to get out of bed. You can gradually build up your mileage as you become more and more fit. If you don't overdo it, and have patience, you can look forward to an energetic and fun filled summer.



Dave Millman

As Southwest's athletic season draws to a close, it is appropriate to reflect upon the highlights of the year. In the area of Cross Country, the Steers ran exceptionally hard, winning all of their tri-meets and only falling short of the PHL Championship by a few points, placing second. The true star of the season was senior Stan Smith who took 3rd in PHL and first in most of the tri-meets. Next year's team should be just as strong, if not stronger with the talents of its returning lettermen.

The Southwest Green Machine was green with grass stains. Their season was a tremendous disappointment, highlighted only by seniors Glenn Johnson, Rick Diaz, junior Steven Craig, and sophomore Tim Keys' performances. The team will have to recruit some more players for next season or face the same disaster. It will be interesting to see what happens. Mr. Leon Anton, varsity coach, made very strong statements at the Fall Lettermen's Banquet about "bootcamp" conditions during practice. What next if no improvements occur...?

The Girls' Field Hockey team used those little sticks of wood to

SPORTS WRAP UP



Paul L. Sleet

smack their way to the PHL title. Since we have never seen a field hockey game, it would be quite irregular for us to comment on the season. (Maybe instead of attending those football games, we should have gone to one). Nevertheless, it should be plain to see that if you have a team that won PHL and has members chosen to the All-Star Team, it had a good season. It appears that despite the loss of a graduating senior, the team will develop into the same strong unit next year.

Individual success instead of team victories was the story of the Grapplers. This was partly due to the fact that the team consisted of a few returning lettermen and many greenhorns. Thus they had to spend the majority of the season learning how to function as one team. Maybe next year they will mature into a team.

Both the girls' and the boys' basketball teams featured very young starters. The boys had somewhat of an off-year, but they were in the building stage, which also produced some exciting games. With their height and speed, they should be a contender next year for the PHL title. We look for them to challenge Soldan for the top spot.

The girls, on the other hand, with their aspiring team were very

successful. The young starter featured by the girls was not in terms of a player but a new male coach, the girls adjusted well. They tied for the PHL Championship with Vashon. With all but one started returning for next year, we pick them to take it all.

Soccer has been very very good to Southwest. The Soccer Steers brought home the PHL crown for the 8th straight year. This year's PHL victory was especially impressive due to the fact that those players also had to adjust to a new coach and his style. There seems to be no end in sight to Southwest's domination of PHL soccer due to constant developing talent.

The volleyball team volleyed to a third place in PHL and many of this year's talent will return. They have possibilities, very good possibilities.

The Girls' Tennis team took PHL again. However, they are losing some good talent including the number one and two girls in PHL. (Laura Psaris and Betty Soloman. Repeating their task may prove to be more difficult than anyone thinks. We, though, still believe that they are the heavy favorites for next year.

Computers Are The Latest

by Judy Lehr

Their popularity started with the T.V. tennis and has expanded into space wars with missiles and hyper-space.

The general purpose micro-computer is an even more complicated computer system. Games like Black Jack, Star Trek, word games, and poker may be programmed. These range in price from Radio Shack's \$600 model, which comes with a T.V. screen and taperecorder, to the Data World's \$6,000 model which may be programmed for just about anything, including games to be played on a T.V. terminal. Due to the expense of the latter model, it is usually purchased by businesses and programmed for accounting.

Jack Bader, the manager of programming for Data World, helps customers make programs for their computers. Tapes, like cassettes, or floppy disks, similar to a thin flexible record able to store 250,000 pieces of information, are used when programming the computer language called basic.

Besides fun and business, computers are being used to help students with their studying. This system is called Plato and runs on a big computer costing about \$50,000. Two of the subjects programmed are math and English.

Man seems to have invented a business helper, playmate and teacher. Who knows what positions computers will fill in the future?

Toys today have become more complex due to technology. Many people are acquainted with little electronic games. Some of the most popular ones are the Electronic Quarterback, Blip, Merlin, Simon and Comp 4. These allow the player to repeat music, color, and number codes or play a game of football. They range from about \$20 to \$35.

Junior Jeff Fields comments, "They're a lot more fun than the old standbys like Candyland. They don't take a long time to play. They're small and don't require a lot of time learning to play them."

The electronic games are much more complex than Barbie dolls, Matchbox cars, and checkers. However, they do not stop there.

Brand New Disco Opening Soon

by Barb Birkicht

The Saint Louis Arena Ice Skating rink has become the Sugar 'N Spice Disco for the summer. Teens, ages eleven to twenty, can get in every Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from seven to eleven.

This disco's atmosphere is set with pulsating lights and a mirrored ball. The crowd, which is expected to leave its hats, t-shirt

tank tops, and faded jeans at home, should generally be 250 to 300, although more could be accommodated. Also offered is a refreshment area. The refreshments do not include drinking. Smoking will only be allowed in a special area.

Disco dance lessons are soon to be offered. Prospective teachers are being interviewed at the present.

"I hope anyone who enjoys a teen-town atmosphere and disco dancing will come. People with different ideas can seek their entertainment elsewhere," says a representative of the Sugar 'N Spice Disco.



TRASH CAN IS coming to life at the hands of art students competing in the SCA Services' contest. photo by Eric White

Trash Is Beautiful

The SCA Services, Inc., United Disposal Division, is sponsoring a unique contest. They invite Junior and Senior High Schools in the St. Louis area to "paint and beautify rubbish containers." It gives students an opportunity to demonstrate their ability and to spread beauty and creativity.

Cash awards will be given to the school winners for use by their art departments.

To enter, students should call Dr. Marie Larkin, Supervisor, Art Department, and show their interest in participating. The containers will be furnished to the first thirty schools to enter by the SCA Services, Inc. Acrylic paint is suggested to paint the designs. Up to \$15.00 can be spent on paints, which are provided by SCA.

Several students from Southwest

are working on their own garbage container, under the direction of Miss Harris. The entries will be judged by persons not affiliated with the school system.

Disco Confronts Rock And Roll

by Frank Clements and Tom Regan

Village People. Donna Summer and company have been spreading their repetitious beat, music, and lyrics from Castro Street in San Francisco to Studio 54 in New York.

But how has disco accomplished this? Disco has few, if any, talented musicians. Its lyrics are mindless and monotonous. It has few of the characteristics of the rock and roll which has captivated the hearts and minds of American

teenagers for decades. Furthermore, disco groups rarely appear on the concert circuit, and almost never pack in crowds on par with big name groups such as Led Zeppelin, Supertramp and Yes.

Perhaps disco's greatest appeal is to major recording companies. Gather a few competent musicians, a decent vocalist, advertise like crazy and WHAM! a new disco hit. The process is fast, easy and inexpensive, with big royalties.

Some people look on disco as a harmless fad; if only it were! The legendary Emerson Lake and Palmer is breaking up partly because of disco; and false rumors that Led Zeppelin was going the disco route sent tremors through the world of rock and roll. Few AM stations play five minutes without a disco tune, leaving us wondering where those stations will be when the disco fad finally dies down, as it surely will. We hope.

Baseball Brings PHL Title Back to Southwest

Mr. Graham relaxed in his usual spot in the teacher's lounge, first chair to the left, next to the soda machine.

"Looking at the roster after the final cut, I saw a lot of inexperience, and a lack of depth," mused Graham, "and I thought that if we played .500 ball, we'd have a good season."

Fortunately, however, the Southwest Baseball Steers played well above .500, in fact with a .782 average and a 18-5 record.

"We've had an exceptionally fine year; my players have done really well," stated Mr. Graham, as he stirred his coffee.

Perhaps the Steers' best game of the year was their regional tournament match against South County's Lindbergh High School. The game was tight all the way, with Southwest taking a two-nothing lead in the second inning, but having Lindbergh come back and tie the ball game in the fifth, and finally the Flyers taking it in the eighth and winning 3-2.

But the remarkable item of the contest was the pitching performance by Tri-Captain Dan Greishaber.

"Greishaber's performance was one of the best I can ever remember. He pitched one of the smartest, toughest, wholehearted ballgames I have ever seen. We just lost our poise in the late innings, and Lindbergh took advantage of a couple of opportunities. It was an excellent game. Lindbergh's one of the toughest teams we've played this year, and I believe we gave them their toughest game of the year."

Lindbergh had to earn that victory, we didn't give it to them," remarked Graham.

Southwest's last two games were an odd duo of forfeitures. In the first, scheduled against Central, only half the team showed up, and made no move to get ready to play.

In the second, in which McKinley was to be the home team, the Goldbugs could not supply a field, so by mutual agreement, the game



MIKE FRAGERIO PREPARES to belt one in a Southwest game.

photo by John Crusius

was rescheduled for Friday the 25th. However, McKinley did not show up at all, and Southwest claimed the victory. A week later Summer lost its final game of the season, and Southwest had yet another PHL crown.

Coach Graham was considering giving up the team. His reply, "Definitely not!"

Asked for his evaluation of the season, the coach stated, "We've had an exceptionally fine season, from mediocre to very fine, and I think our tri-captains, Dan

Greishaber, Mike McCoy, and Jamie Swanner, were very influential in both performance and attitude. The whole team did exceptionally well," and as Coach Graham ended his statement, he propped his feet up on a small chair and relaxed, another winning season behind him.



Against Gateway Letters

Because of the teacher's strike Southwest High was unable to hold a Lettermen's Banquet for the winter sports. Those recipients of letters received them in school. They never had a dinner.

Spring came and with it the spring sports. And with the spring sports came those who had lettered in them. But a decision was made to eliminate the Spring Lettermen's Banquet. The spring lettermen never had a dinner either. (Although some members of the Boys' Track Team did receive a slight consolation

because they received their letters during the lunch periods.)

As the readers have guessed, many lettermen are quite upset. If they're like me, they participate for the glory and really eat up the attention given to them at these banquets. This total neglect has really been a blow to my ego. How shall I retrieve it? It will take something very big to restore my ego to its original dimensions and I don't see anything that big coming in the near future. At least I was one of those who got my letter at lunch!



URSULA MAXWELL OUTSPRINTS Sumner in one of the girls' meets held at Southwest.

photo courtesy of ROUNDUP

Rumor had been spread that

Boys' Track Surprises Rivals

The track team looked very good at the PHL title meet. They took a very strong third, only two points behind second place Sumner, with 95 points. Soldan, the heavy favorite this year, took the title with 128 points.

This was the best finish by Southwest in the PHL in a long time. They surprised all the coaches except their own.

Some good performances were given by senior Bryan Quarles (1st in the long jump and 2nd in the triple), senior Glen Johnson (2nd in the 80 yd HH), senior John Seibert and junior Fernandars Gillespie

(1st and 2nd in the pole vault respectively). But the best performance of all was given by senior Stan Smith. He took firsts in both the mile and 2 mile runs, each time edging Sumner's Courtney McCrea by fractions of a second.

District, however, was rather disappointing. The two-mile and mile relays both were edged out of qualifying for the state meet. There were other disappointments, too. Despite these disappointments though, Southwest did have five members to qualify. They were the 880 relay team consisting of seniors Larry Hines, Vernon Keys, Bryan Quarles, and Glen Johnson. Bryan

also qualified in the long jump and Glen in the 120 yd. HH. Senior Stan Smith qualified in both the mile and 2 mile runs.

Commenting on this year's season Coach Wallach described it as "a very good and pleasant year" with emphasis on the pleasant. He is looking forward to next year. "There is no reason why it can't be better next year. If the boys want it bad enough, they'll have to work for it during the off season." He suggested that the middle distance runners, 440 and 880 men go out for cross country next year.

Girls Place Third in PHL

coach is optimistic: "Hopefully the rest of the girls will be back."

Concerning the team's manager, Dianne Dietl, Denis Dippel commented, "Even though she is a

freshman she was a really good manager."

The girls hope next year will be better than this year. They are planning on taking the first place title.

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