



GUESTS WAIT IN receiving at a "come as you are" party for Nerd Day.
photo by Greg Finch

SW Spirit Shines

by Ben Holden and Bill Lodderhose

The word is out. Southwest students actually worked up a sweat during Spirit Week. The mood was merry, friendly, and rather crazy during the action-packed week of fun and frolic.

A different activity was planned for each day, and the movie Monday during 5th period started things off in excellent fashion. The movie was Alfred Hitchcock's *Murder by Death* which was viewed by 800 students in the auditorium. Despite a minor problem with noise, the film was thoroughly enjoyed by most who saw it.

Tuesday's Spirit Week activity undoubtedly turned a few heads. It was a leg contest—that is, a competition to judge the best legs of those teachers competing in the contest. The winner, and the present holder of the coveted title of 'best legs' is teacher Leon Anton. In the eyes of Judy Blankenship, a student of Anton's, it was no contest.

In the annual battle of youth vs. experience, youth lost out again, as the faculty defeated the lettermen once more by a score of

42-36. The lettermen fought hard, but nevertheless, the older, seasoned faculty squad scored their 4th victory in as many years, leaving the lettermen to graduate without ever witnessing a lettermen victory.

Nerds dominated the remainder of the week, parading around the school with stooped postures and out-dated clothes, commanding curious glances and out-right laughter from all on lookers. Many Nerds were sold into slavery on Thursday, and seeing this injustice, and sympathizing with them, hundreds of new Nerds showed up Friday for moral support, only to be judged as outcasts. Actually, Thursday's Nerd sale and Friday's Nerd Contest went quite well, with a dance also held on Friday. Music was provided by the *Jay Barry Band*, and about 260 students attended.

Spirit Week 1980 can be considered only a moderate success financially, but in terms of promoting a better school atmosphere, its value was much, much greater.

Procedures Combat Tardiness

by Frank Clements

"Anything anonymous does not register too much concern on the part of the author," stated Southwest High School Principal Marvin O. Koenig, in response to the first issue of the *Student Perspective*, distributed to the students on March 11.

The *Student Perspective*, an anonymous news-letter, criticized the tardy procedure at Southwest. But this procedure, according to Koenig, was not unnecessary.

"The faculty came to me, and we agreed that there was a tardy problem. The complaints ranged from too much class interruption, and too much fooling around in the halls between and during classes. We had meetings and I asked for suggestions from the teachers in writing," stated Koenig.

He continued, "We felt the measures we imposed were necessary to curb the increasing lackadaisical attitude that is among the Southwest student body. This attitude was especially evident in the increased amount of tardies. We also felt it is a factor behind the vandalism in restrooms (which are then closed for repairs), increased smoking in restrooms and also locker theft and vandalism. Many students are displaying a fifth-grade mentality."

One of the major complaints of students is the constant teacher supervision in the halls. The *Student Perspective* compared Southwest to a "prison."

"We feel the teacher supervision in the halls should not be

necessary, and it is only being used as a temporary measure. We feel that (before this issue of the *Pioneer* is distributed) we will no longer need the teacher in the halls supervising," answered Koenig.

Another complaint voiced to Koenig was that of organizations not being allowed to go from advisory to advisory.

"We found that when organization representatives were in the halls, too many students were also in the halls who had no organizational business. There is no reason to be in the halls during advisory."

Koenig closed by stating the results, "It's obvious the plan is working; students and teachers both have noticed it. There are fewer tardies to school and to classes than three weeks ago."

again has definite advantages.

Marson and Tony are also helping the students get ready for the upcoming mock trial competition (to be held during the first week of April). The Southwest contingent will match legal wits against Beaumont in the first round. Six public high schools will be participating in the competition, which will again be sponsored by the American Bar Association.

Students from all three Practical Law classes will be involved. Seven of them will act as lawyers and witnesses in the case. Marson and Tony are helping the students in preparing their witness statements, in getting their facts and strategies in order and in becoming accustomed to thinking on their feet. Instructor Tepe adds, "Their assistance and effort are welcome as mock trial preparation can be a monumental task."

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SW Views Integration

by Karen Chandler

After the United States Supreme Court Decision in 1954 that ordered that segregated school systems "be disestablished with all deliberate speed," the St. Louis Board of Education adopted a neighborhood school plan at a time when many neighborhoods were integrated. In March, 1980, another court, the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, declared that segregation continues in the St. Louis Public School System.

The court recognized the attempts the Board has made to encourage integration. These include faculty desegregation and the availability of magnet and specialized schools. However, the Court stated, "In our judgement, these steps, while meaningful, are not adequate to dis-establish the existing segregated school system. Something more is clearly required."

On March 3, the Court ordered the St. Louis Board of Education to produce a plan that would successfully desegregate all public schools. The Board must present its plan by May 2, 1980.

The Southwest High School community had varying reactions on the court ruling. Feelings ranged from total opposition to the decision, to confusion, to complete

agreement.

Many Southwest students who were questioned, felt that busing might be an integral part of the Board's plan. These students felt that the money that would be applied to a busing program could be used for better purposes.

"I believe the money could be used in school for better learning programs instead of for gasoline for buses," stated senior Alan Morgan.

Alan also felt that busing students to different neighborhoods would not stimulate learning. "I honestly don't feel that desegregation is the answer to education. It doesn't make sense to forcibly mix dumb white kids together with dumb black kids to make education better," argued Alan.

"If someone is forced to go somewhere he doesn't want to go to, he's not going to want to learn," agreed senior Susan Welker.

Another senior, Eric Maichel, stated that it was unreasonable to expect fifty-fifty integration. "It will not work out because there is not a fifty-fifty ration between black and white students," commented Eric.

"An integration act will, therefore, inevitably cause more white families to send their children to parochial, private and county schools than ever before," continued Eric.

Math Department Chairman,

Warren Gower, also felt that some students would leave the public schools. "There is probably a small percentage of the school population, both black and white, that would rather withdraw from the school system than be part of a desegregation effort," stated Gower.

"I don't think people should be forced to integrate, but I believe in desegregation - if desegregation means the dismantling of a system that was intentionally segregated," explained Gower.

Senior André Collier expressed a similar view. "If the money isn't spent to try to forward desegregation, then the same prejudices that face us today will continue. We have a better chance to educate our youth against the evils of separation," commented André.

"Southwest has a good balance but it is only one high school that has made it (desegregation) work. That's the exception, not the rule," added André.

Senior Jeff Weddington stated that desegregation would benefit students. "I would think it would be better because it would get young people to associate with different races. It would be better for my nephew because he goes to an all black grade school. It would be better for both races because they'll know what the others are like."

Students Help Students

by Judy Lehr

Programmed Tutoring in Reading is a program new to Southwest this school year. It is a pilot program of students helping students. The freshmen Communications Laboratory and upperclassmen Modern Writers Class are the two classes involved.

Students tutor on a one to one basis every Tuesday and Thursday during second period. The student from Communications Laboratory reads aloud and the tutor from Modern Writers gives help without directly telling an answer. The tutor then asks questions to determine how well the student is comprehending the material. If a word is mispronounced, it is put in a work book and spelled aloud to utilize all senses in the learning process. After five errors, flash cards are made to be used in review. Reports of progress are made by the tutor and given to the teacher.

Two goals in mind are to increase comprehension and develop the reading skills of the freshman and perhaps even of the tutor. The classes took a test in the fall and will take another test to measure improvement.

Marie Markowski, the department chairman and the Communications Laboratory 2 teacher, thinks the success of the program will depend on the communication between the two students and the positive reinforcement given by the tutor.

There are a variety of opinions among the students involved. Maxine Smith, the Modern Writers teacher, says the students have accepted the program. However, some students feel that it takes away from other class work.

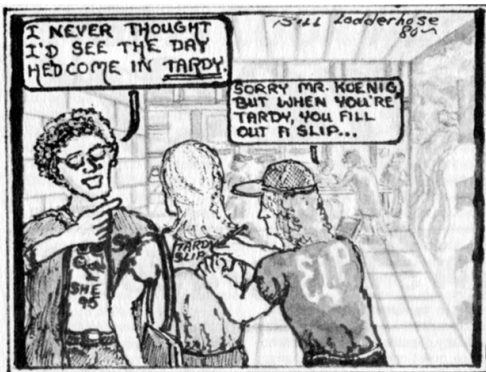
What's Happening

March

28 Junior Ring Dance 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

April

- 1 8th Grade Visitation
- 2 APT Board Meeting
12:30 p.m. - Room 215
- Parent Teacher Conferences
1:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- NO CLASSES
- 7 thru 11 NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK
- 18 Spring Fling Dance
- 21 11th Grade MOSCAT
- 22 SW District Congress of Parents - Nottingham - 7:30 p.m.
- 22 - 24 9th Grade ITBS (Periods 1-3)
- 24 Band - Choir Concert - 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
- 25 Senior Prom at the Marriot Pavilion 7:00 - 12:00
- 28 Begins 11th Grade TASK



Cruellest Month Arrives

by Lisa Gentilini

April Fool's Day is just five, count 'em five, days away. Some of you may say, "So what." Well, so what! We at *Pioneer* happen to take the fool very seriously and have been studying a number of fools for the past year to come up with a list of predictions for April Fool's Day. The following isn't that list. Instead, the following is another list of even more foolish predictions.

- (1) Donnie and Marie Osmond will undergo surgery to be permanently disjoined.
- (2) The *Village People* will be arrested for impersonating human beings.
- (3) Marcel Marceau will speak.
- (4) The Beatles hit song "The Fool on the Hill" will become the theme song for the presidential inauguration.
- (5) Rula Lenska will realize that she doesn't know who she is either.
- (6) Debbie Boone will marry Rod

The staff of the *PIONEER* welcomes the views of its readers. Limited space makes the publication of all letters impossible. The choice of letters for publication will be determined to a large extent by their relevance to the entire Southwest community.

Letters may be submitted to members of the staff or placed in the sponsor's mailbox.

A Letter To The Editor

Once again the federal government has demonstrated its total disregard for the United States' Constitution. In ordering the desegregation of St. Louis public schools, the Eighth District Federal Court of Appeals shows more discrimination than the segregated school system. A group of black students from a predominately black school are exchanged for an equal number of white students from a predominately white school. The only thing considered in selection is race. The black students are chosen because they are black; the white students are chosen because they are white. This eliminates discrimination?

The government has also ignored the best interest of its citizens (an action which has become normal procedure of late). In a demonstration of stupidity the court has decided to waste millions of gallons of gasoline (helping to conserve energy), to waste billions of the taxpayers' dollars (great for the

economy), and to practically eliminate interaction between parents and the schools. If a student becomes ill or is injured at school, the time required for him to return home, or for his parents to pick him up would be ridiculous. Parents would also be less likely to attend open houses or teacher conferences because of time and distance of travel.

Further, the court's mandate clearly violates the Fifth and Fourteenth amendments to the Constitution. Apparently the court believes that simply telling someone to be greatly inconvenienced by going to a school far from his home is due process of law. Obviously we need to eliminate the present members of the court system which has supported this tyranny. We cannot simply accept this attempt at dictatorship as the right of our government. We must unite and fight against it with any means necessary if we are to keep our freedom.

David Pempiller

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SW Looking For Labor

by Donna Heidbrink and Stephanie Tubbs

Educational background often determines the opportunities for jobs within a specific field. A high school diploma may be sufficient for many individuals, but most jobs require college degrees or trade school attendance.

In 1975, college graduates earned over one-third more than persons with a high school diploma. While persons with five years or

more of college earned one-fifth more than persons with four years of college.

Individuals going into the fields of technical, managerial and clerical positions will find projections favorable.

The clerical jobs such as secretaries, typists, receptionists will have an increase in growth of 29% between the years of 1976 and

1985 rising from about 15.6 million to 20.0 million workers.

Service workers, which are in jobs ranging from fire-fighters to janitors, are expected to rise from 12.0 million to 14.8 million workers between 1976 and 1985. This is an estimated increase of 23 percent.

Operatives, including assemblers, packers, truck and bus drivers, will employ from 13.4 million in 1976 to 15.6 million workers in 1985. The percentage of increase is estimated at 17.

Professional and technical fields employ people who are scientists, engineers, medical practitioners, accountants, etc. This group is expected to grow to about 18% rising from 13.3 million to 15.8 million workers.

Data processing, managerial and administrators, salesworkers, transportation and public utilities, medical-related fields and laborers are expected to increase in the job openings.

Employment in companies and teaching (if enrollment continues to drop) will experience a decrease in jobs. Blue-collar workers, those in crafts and laborer jobs, will also undergo a decrease in opportunity.

Many things can interfere in the future job prospects. Openings can result from employment growth, retirements, deaths and promotions. When looking at the growth in certain fields, one should keep such things in consideration.

the leading role in CBC's production of *Bye, Bye Birdie*.

"It's the one thing I enjoy most. It seems like I have been singing forever," she comments. Besides singing, Laura plays the piano and has studied dance.

She has already won a \$1000 talent scholarship to Millikin University and is auditioning for a scholarship to Webster College. She plans to be a Musical Theater major and hopes to go to New York after attaining her degree.

Laura has always loved the theater. She says that, "there are all kinds of opportunities available and the teachers here have helped to broaden my knowledge of theater."

She has a large record collection, most of which are musicals. Her favorite singers are Fanny Brice, Judy Garland, and Barbra Streisand.

After *Bye, Bye, Birdie*, Laura will be trying out for the leading role in *110° in the Shade* (the musical version of the *Rainmaker*).

Southwest Showgirl

by Lisa Gentilini

What's five feet, eight inches tall, has sandy brown hair, collects hats and sings?

No, it's not Miss Piggy. It's senior Laura Wallace.

Laura has been a member of Concert Choir for three years and is a member of the Madrigal Group. She is also a member of Southwest's Tour Company. She has been in the past four operettas: *Brigadoon*, *Anything Goes*, *Music Man* and *Babes in Arms*, respectively. This year, of course, she had the leading role in *Babes in Arms*. She has also performed at several Fine Arts Nights and Spring Festivals.

Outside of school, Laura has performed at the Ice Cream Festival held downtown, as a chorus member and understudy for Hope Harcourt in *Anything Goes* by the Kirkwood Playmakers, as a chorus member in *Camelot*, a benefit show for the American Cancer Society produced by the Actors' Equity Guild, and has just been chosen for

SW Students Counsel Their Peers

by Mike McConnell

Many Southwest students maintain part-time employment during the school year. The jobs, which generally range from cashier to cook, rarely serve more than a means of income: money set aside for college, or money used to keep up the monthly payments on an automobile and the daily payments for gasoline.

Yet, four Southwest students have found work that offers more than a paycheck: Quenna Phason, Charles Parish, Lenny Smith and Henry Harris are employed at City-Wide Teen Reps, a peer-counseling group which offers guidance and advice to St. Louis teenagers for a small fee.

The program was founded three years ago and is sponsored by the St. Louis Division of Health. Financial support is supplied by the city and private funds.

Senior Quenna Phason, a co-ordinator, works six days a week for the City-Wide Teen Reps. She leaves Southwest after third period and takes a bus to Wohl's Health Center located on Dr. Martin Luther King Drive at Kingshighway. She spends the remainder of her day supervising the clinic's activities and goes



photo by Greg Finch

home about 7:00 p.m.

Phason told the *Pioneer* about the services that are available to teenagers: new members may receive a physical examination and watch films on venereal disease, the pros and cons of contraceptives, and the human anatomy.

On the first and third Fridays of each month, the group visits the St. Louis Detention Center and talks with young boys and girls who need, and want, counsel.

When possible, Teen Reps visits high schools, colleges and church-

es to inform young people of their organization by giving short presentations and performing skits.

Phason boasts that the City-Wide Teen Reps have members from almost every high school in St. Louis; forty to fifty members meet regularly.

Phason finds her job rewarding: "I love it. It's really great - really great."

Southwest Junior, Charles Parish is training to become a Teen Rep counsellor. Parish attends the Wohl Health Center every Saturday where he is taught by professional counsellors. Parish is pleased with his training and is eager to join the rest of the Teen Reps staff.

Parish reported, "We learn things; we learn to make people feel comfortable."

Parish told the *Pioneer* that the City-Wide Teen Reps publishes its own newsletter and has a radio program.

He said, "When I go there, it seems like all my troubles go away; it's like we're brothers and sisters."

All students are welcome to visit the Wohl Health Center and meet with a peer-counsellor.

Brothers Johnson Light Up The Night

by Paul Lawrence Sleet

Brothers Johnson, but was written by Michael Jackson.

All of the *Brothers Johnson's* albums are structured alike. There are always one or two instrumental pieces on the album. On this album, "Smilin' On Ya" is a horn ensemble with the bass providing a background.

Another typical *Brothers Johnson* song is its ballad which features George as the lead vocalist. "Closer to the One that You Love," "All About the Heaven," and "Treasure" are all slow solos to set emotional moods.

"Celebrations" is the third type of Bro-Jay song which is mainly instrumental but one line is used to give an extra flavor to the song.

The *Brothers Johnson* has been putting out hit album after hit album, they began with *Look Out For #1* when they introduced themselves as George "Lightnin' Licks" and Louis "Thunder Thumbs" Johnson. After this initial success, *Right On Time* became a hit, then *Blam* and now *Light Up The Night*.

One of the reasons for the *Brothers Johnson* success is their producer Quincy Jones. He is an accomplished musician, songwriter and producer with a career of his own.

After *Light Up The Night*, one knows to expect the best from the *Brothers Johnson*. When you hear this album, be prepared to "stomp all night."



SENIOR TOM MUEHLBERG shoots over teacher Ray Feick in the Lettermen-Faculty game.
photo by Greg Finch

—NEWS and NOTES—

Seniors To Recreate

The class of 1980 celebrated its last Senior Recreation Night on March 21. Games like volleyball, basketball, and one-legged races filled the evening.

Senior Karen Chandler states, "I really had a great time."

Senior Class Sergeant-At-Arms Kenny Newsome told *Pioneer* that he was proud of his senior class because it's so well-organized.

The next senior activity will be the senior prom on April 25 at the Marriott Hotel.

Pom-Pons Compete

On Saturday, March 8, the Southwest Wranglerettes performed in the Metropolitan Area Pom-Pon Association competition at Lindbergh High School. The Wranglerettes, performing a routine choreographed by senior Phillis Morgan to the song "Heartbreaker," placed 8th in their division. This was quite a turnaround from their 1st place performance at summer camp (15 schools participated).

The girls' 8th place finish is a little misleading. Because of a mix-up, they performed in a division for squads of more than 16 girls. Southwest had exactly 16 girls, and if they would have been in the division for smaller squads, their rating would have placed them in third, in position for trophies.

Senior Captain Nancy Jaeger seemed pleased with the squad's performance. "In terms of ability and execution, the squad did well, and if we would have been judged on these things, as we should have been, we would have placed higher. Also, we were at a disadvantage by not competing last year because of the strike."

Auer Is Nominated

From 590 public and private schools in Missouri, students were selected to participate in the 1980 Missouri Leadership Seminar (MLS) which was held March 21-23 at the Campus Inn in Columbia, Missouri.

Each school was to nominate one outstanding sophomore. The selection was based on "evidence of emerging leadership ability, cooperation with fellow human beings and sensitivity to the needs of others, ability to relate to new pursuits and acquaintances, and the desire to learn and share knowledge and experiences with others." Sophomore Don Auer represented Southwest High School.

At the MLS one boy and one girl were selected to attend the annual all-expense paid, week-long International Leadership Seminar on "America's Incentive System".

MLS, sponsored by the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation and

coordinated by the University of California - Los Angeles, will be held in Los Angeles, California on July 5-12. Sophomores chosen to attend the International Leadership Seminar will meet other tenth graders from every state in the nation and many from abroad. They will also socialize with prominent leaders in business, government, education and the professions.

'81 To Swing At Ring

Tonight the Junior Class is sponsoring its annual Junior Ring Prom in the boys' new gym from 7 until 10 p.m.

The theme of the dance is Tropical Nights, and decorations have transformed the gym into a tropical island.

Tickets are sold in advance only and can be purchased from Mrs. Peterson in room 007 or from any Junior Board member. The prices are \$8.00 per couple and \$4.50 for a single.

Entertainment will be provided by "Z" Bros., a highly acclaimed variety group. Dress will be semi-formal, and pictures can be purchased at the dance.

Junior rings will be available for those who have purchased them from school. Those who do not attend the dance will not receive rings until next week.

SW Adds Teacher

A new teacher has been added to the Southwest faculty - Vivian Jones. Jones has teaching degrees in both special education and music and is currently teaching the Mixed Chorus classes.

She comes to SW from O'Fallon and has taught previously at King High School and for the Balti-

more City School District.

She likes St. Louis and is looking forward to teaching at Southwest.

Southwest Adds Up

On Saturday March 8th Southwest was represented by a math team at a math contest held at S.I.U. Edwardsville. The team's sponsor, Warren Gower, has led many math teams in the past.

The contest consisted of a test of 75 math problems ranging anywhere from algebra to calculus. Winners were determined by the most number of correct questions a person answered minus one-fourth of the incorrect questions or guesses.

Although no one on Southwest's team won any awards, the team felt that the experience was worthwhile.

Students Right On 2

Student Council President, Sheryl Gatewood, has announced the progress of Southwest's goal to win the Multiple Sclerosis Contest. The collection of money from Valentine's Day cards and telegrams was \$43.00. The amount obtained through Leap Year Activities was \$71.00. The Spirit Week Movie brought \$250.00. The Spirit Week Auction contributed approximately \$50.00. The collection from the Leg Contest was \$30.00, and the collection for the hostages' release from Iran was \$71.00. The amount collected from the Spirit Week Dance and doughnut sale are presently unknown. The signing of the "MS" phrase at 10c each on paper began during

Clash Of The Titans

by Roland Smith

On Wednesday, March 12, the Southwest Faculty continued its domination of the Southwest Lettermen with a 42 to 36 victory. The game was an exciting, hard-fought, fast-paced contest played before a capacity crowd.

The faculty built an early lead and maintained it throughout the first half. The lettermen left the court at halftime trailing 18 to 13. Lettermen coach Jasper Trevisano reassured his team with a rousing pep talk.

The recharged and inspired lettermen at first were unable to penetrate the faculty's stubborn defense, but near the end of the third quarter the "youth brigade" came alive. Led by George Soest (12 points) and forward David Millman (8 points), the lettermen matched the faculty at 30-30 on a

tip-in by Millman.

But the "older and more experienced" faculty started a drive to victory spearheaded by the acrobatic efforts of social-studies teacher Roger Cayce (23 points) and mathematics teacher Warren Gower's clutch jumpshots (10 points).

Emotions ran high as both teams punctuated the pressure-filled fourth quarter with aggressive play and maximum effort. Letterman John Clements commented, "It was a lot more aggressive than it could have been, but it was fun just the same."

After being rejected by David Millman, Gower retaliated with three high-arching jumpers to seal the victory. At the final buzzer, the score stood 42 to 36.



SAMUEL LATCHISON GIVES Tony Phillips an award during Fine Arts Night festivities.
photo by Greg Finch

the week of March 16. In total thus far, Southwest has contributed \$515.50.

Southwest Fine Arts

Each year the Music Department of Southwest sponsors a night of fine arts (classical music, baller, mime, art, etc.) On March 6, the Southwest auditorium came alive with sounds ranging from art songs to a harp and flute duet and the Drama Department presented several mime routines.

On Fine Arts Night, deserving students receive music letters and keys. To receive a letter, a student must be in the same music group for two years and have participated in two operettas and two Spring Festivals. In order to receive a key, a student must be in the same music group for four years and have participated in four operettas and four Spring Festivals.

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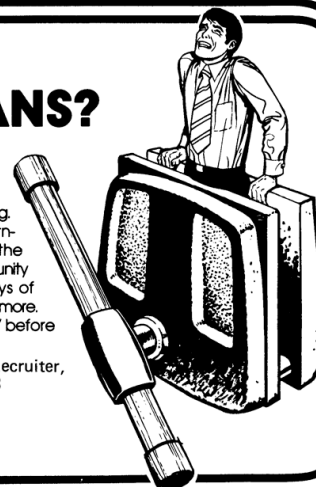
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Girls Look Impressive

One Southwest team appearing to be on the road to a state championship was the Girls' Basketball Team. The girls began their quest for state on March 5 in district 4A. Southwest entered the District Playoffs as the number one seed with a record of 16-3.

The first opponents were the Roosevelt Roughriders. During the regular season, the Roughriders were devastated by a score of 70-31; the girls repeated this performance destroying Roosevelt by a score of 80-33.

Southwest then advanced to the championship round against the

by Paul Lawrence Sleet
Hornets of O'Fallon. On March 8 Southwest defeated the Hornets by a score of 67-42, thus clinching the District 4A Championship. After the game senior forward Sheryl Gatewood exclaimed, "We're going to go all the way!"

Southwest girls entered their next round of tournament action in the Section 3A Tournament. On March 10th the girls played against the Cavaliers of Dubourg. In this low-scoring, defensive battle Southwest turned out victorious by a score of 37-32.

March 12 turned out to be the

last day of the Southwest girls' illustrious season. The team was Popular Bluff; the place was Florissant Valley Community College; the time was 6:00 P.M. The girls got off to a slow start in terms of scoring which made it very difficult to pull off a victory, too difficult in fact for the girls. As a result the girls lost by a score of 49-40.

Coach Gower commented about his season, "There's no way that I can be dissatisfied with our achievements; I feel as though we achieved near our capabilities."

Basketball Team Ends Season

The Southwest Steers of 1979-80 ended its up and down season in the O'Fallon Regional Tournament, in which the Steers barely escaped with a 55-50 victory over the Hornets, but were not as lucky in the second round in which they were beaten by the Vashon Wolverines for the second time this season, 69-63.

"I just wish we could have gone farther," stated Senior Co-Captain Terrance Trudo.

The other Senior Co-Captain, Jeff Weddington, could only muster up a head-shake when asked for comment.

"The sad thing about it is, we're all seniors, and we didn't accomplish anything," stated Senior Tim Brown.

But it wasn't all bad. Southwest finished with a 13-14 record, one

by Frank Clements
game under .500. Throughout the season, the Steers gave its fans some very exciting contests, including the SLUH cliff-hanger, McKinley, Beaumont, and St. Mary's victories.

The Steers seemed to "get up" and play better and more aggressively against the "tougher" teams in their schedule, and many times had the rug pulled out from under them by lesser teams (such as DuBourg, Roosevelt, Ritenour, etc.)

But on the whole, the '79-'80 Steers were much improved, and more exciting than the previous year.

Southwest averaged 62 points per game, and allowed 60 points a game. The one item that really hurt the Steers were the 19 turnovers they averaged per game.

Senior Leverage Madden led the squad in points per game, 15; rebounds per game, 10.4; total points; total rebounds; shooting percentage, 55%; and steals, 52; and was voted most valuable player by his teammates.

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Teams Show Optimism

by Tim Schoenecker and Paul Lawrence Sleet
The Southwest Baseball Team has a problem. It has eight returning lettermen to fill nine positions and only four of the eight lettermen are considered experienced. Coach Edgar Graham commented, "If we have attitude and effort, we'll win, but we'll be woefully thin. Based on the talent that we have, we'll have a tough season."

The team's strength will be in the middle infield with Jim and John Nicholas; they have improved both defensively and in the hitting department. The team will also have an adequate catcher.

The team's weakness lies in the pitching, outfield, first, and third base positions. The players also have questionable hitting ability.

The main problem that the team will face is its lack of depth or having enough players in reserve for each position. Barring all of the negative aspects, Coach Graham suspects that his team will fare near the middle of the PHL standings.

The first game is scheduled on March 28-29 in the Mehlville tourney.

Coach Julie Frank of the Girls' Swim Team has a very positive attitude towards the upcoming season. "We have a really good chance at PHL and several of the girls might go to state."

Led by five returners from last year's strong team, (seniors Carol Smith, Chris Macchi, and Lisa Adams, and juniors Toby Barrow and Becky Schaper) the team has a good blend of youth and experience.

The girls' first meet is March 24 when they visit the Affton Cougars.

The Boys' Tennis Team has an unusual problem. Several members of last year's PHL Co-Champions have decided not to come out for the team. Senior Roland Smith gives his reason for not playing, "The lack of competition plus the lack of recognition (for SW players who do well) has convinced me that high school tennis at Southwest is not worth the effort." Of the returning players, seniors Alan Morgan, Kris Quasebarth, and sophomore Stanley Dippel hope to lead the Longhorns to another PHL title.

PHL Calendar

March

29 Varsity Baseball, Mehlville - Lindbergh Invitational Tournament.

April

1 V. Baseball, SW vs. Lafayette at Lafayette, 1:30 p.m.
B. Baseball, SW vs. Lafayette at Lafayette, 3:30 p.m.
Girls' Swim, SW vs. Sumner, 4:00 p.m.

2 V. Baseball, SW vs. CBC at Forest Park, 4:00 p.m.
B. Baseball, SW vs. CBC at Sublette, 4:00 p.m.

3 Girls' Swim, SW vs. Roosevelt, 4:00 p.m.

4 V. Baseball, SW vs. Northwest at Sublette, 4:00 p.m.
B. Baseball, SW vs. Northwest at Davis, 4:00 p.m.

7 V. Baseball, SW vs. Lindbergh at Lindbergh, 4:00 p.m.
B. Baseball, SW vs. Lindbergh at Lindbergh, 4:00 p.m.

8 Tennis, SW vs. Vashon, 4:00 p.m.
B. Baseball, SW vs. Cleveland, 4:00 p.m.

9 V. Baseball, SW vs. Webster Groves at Memorial Field.
B. Baseball, SW vs. Webster Groves at Sublette

10 Tennis, SW vs. King at Sublette, 4:00 p.m.

11 B. Baseball, SW vs. Northwest at Davis Park, 4:00 p.m.

14 V. Baseball, SW vs. St. Mary's at Willmore, 4:00 p.m.

B. Baseball, SW vs. St. Mary's at Sublette, 4:00 p.m.

15 B. Baseball, SW vs. O'Fallon at Sublette, 4:00 p.m.
Girls' Swim, SW vs. Cleveland at O'Fallon, 4:00 p.m.

Tennis, SW vs. O'Fallon at Francis Park, 4:00 p.m.

17 Girls' Swim, SW vs. Vashon at Vashon, 4:00 p.m.

Tennis, SW vs. Northwest at O'Fallon Park, 4:00 p.m.

18 V. Baseball, SW vs. Soldan at Enright Middle, 4:00 p.m.
B. Baseball, SW vs. Soldan at Sublette, 4:00 p.m.

22 V. Baseball, SW vs. Vashon at Sublette, 4:00 p.m.
B. Baseball, SW vs. Vashon at Fairgrounds, 4:00 p.m.

Tennis, SW vs. Soldan at Dwight Davis, 4:00 p.m.

23 V. Baseball, SW vs. SLUH at Forest Park, 4:00 p.m.
B. Baseball, SW vs. SLUH at Sublette, 4:00 p.m.

24 Tennis, SW vs. Sumner at Fairgrounds, 4:00 p.m.

25 V. Baseball, SW vs. Roosevelt at Sublette, 4:00 p.m.
B. Baseball, SW vs. Roosevelt at Ross, 4:00 p.m.

Track Teams Off And Running

The 1980 Boys' Track Team, after a disappointing first showing at the Armory, came back to win its next two indoor meets. Each of these meets featured sixteen teams with several PHL schools present.

The Longhorns have two good relay teams: the sprint medley which took first in both meets and the mile relay which finished first and second in those meets.

Individually Southwest had top finishers in the 400 meter dash with Sophomore Effrem Tate, the 55

meter high hurdles with Gillespie, and the 55 meter dash with Junior Tim Keys.

On March 15, the state Qualifying meet was held at the Armory. In this meet the top three finishers in each event qualified for the State meet held in Columbia a week later.

The Longhorns had high hopes and managed to qualify four runners. They are senior Tim Schoenecker, David Millman,

Fernandez Gillespie, and Keys all in the sprint medley relay. Gillespie also qualified in the 55 meter high hurdles.

The Girls' Track Team has also gotten off to a fast start. Hurdlers Stephanie Thomas and Candace Williams have been repeatedly near the top in all four indoor meets with Williams qualifying for State. In the running events, Denise Dippel in the mile and Williams again in the 400 meters have been the top performers for Southwest.

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