



JUNIORS SCOTT GLEASON and Linda Kimberly enjoy themselves at the Junior Ring Dance presided over by King Levander Smith and Queen Velma Reynolds.

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Studies Show Problems With Student Discipline

by David Millman and Roland Smith

To the students at Southwest more emphasis seems to have been placed on the disciplinary problems this year than in past years.

Maurice Grant, Assistant Principal, stated that the two biggest problems at Southwest were tardiness and poor attendance. The administration has

been establishing new regulations in order to reduce tardiness. If a student is late to school, he must now have a note from his parents explaining his tardiness before he is allowed to enter the building. Once in the school, that student must wait for a changing of classes before he is permitted to attend his class.

most frequent reason for leaving, however, is a total lack of interest in school.

Despite the numerous dropouts, there are a surprisingly high number of these students who eventually return, to school; after their return there are very few who drop out a second time.

Grant doesn't believe in an excessive number of rules. "I like a few rules that students should understand and obey. The students should be both responsible and on their best behavior."

The problem of dropouts at Southwest is also becoming serious. The number of dropouts this year is about to surpass that of last year. There were approximately 144 dropouts last year; this year there are already 126.

There are several reasons for this staggering number of dropouts. Some students take classes that are too difficult for them. Others begin cutting classes and as a result fall too far behind in their studies to pass. Some of the dropouts are drug-related. The

In a recent Gallup Poll conducted with the Kettering Foundation and appearing in the March 30 issue of *Parade Magazine* it was discovered that American teenagers want more discipline in their schools. These teenagers indicate that the problems resulting from lack of discipline include reduced achievement levels, increased alcohol and drug use, and a rise in vandalism and violence.

In the survey, one of the questions asked of the students, "What do you think are the biggest problems facing public schools in your community?" obtained the following responses:

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| 1) lack of discipline | 29.8% |
| 2) use of discipline | 25.0% |
| 3) pupil's lack of interest | 13.6% |
| 4) crime/vandalism | 8.5% |
| 5) don't know | 6.9% |

Legal Battles Won And Lost

by Roland Smith

Southwest scored a double victory at the Civil Courts Building on Thursday, April 3. Teams composed of pupils from Living Law classes taught by Zachary Amos and Henry Tepe both scored rousing victories in the mock trial competition. Amos' team, acting as the defendant, was determined the winner over Central High by Judge George Adolph. Judge Michael Hart selected Tepe's team, acting as the plaintiff, over Beaumont High's team. Both Southwest teams argued the same case which was supplied by the National Street Law Institute.

St. Louis University law student Tony Behr, who is assisting Tepe's class in the competition, stated, "I was really happy with the team's

performance; we read the case paragraph by paragraph to become familiar with every aspect of it." He continued, "the competition is more than just a win-lose thing; it's a learning experience as well."

Sophomore Rick Elson, who is participating as a lawyer, stated, "I thought we won because we were more prepared; our courtroom manners were better."

Before facing Soldan at the Municipal Courts Building on Thursday, Tepe added his thoughts about the mock trial. "The purpose of the competition is to stimulate interest in the legal process."

Tepe continued, "We faced Soldan in the first round last time, and we expect they will be stiffer competition on Thursday."

Hopefully, with all the time spent and with the help of Marson and Tony, all preparation and practice will be beneficial in polishing and perfecting the next presentation."

The time spent in preparation proved sufficient as Tepe's legions achieved a second victory over Soldan. Amos' team was defeated by McKinley High on Friday, April 18th. "I felt the team did a good job, but unfortunately the judge saw it differently," Amos commented.

Tepe's team will compete in the finals (against McKinley), on Wednesday, April 30 at the Federal Courts Building. The American Bar Association is presently selecting a federal judge to preside over the trial.

System Flourishes

by Karen Chandler

In the fall of 1979, Southwest High School initiated a freshman program which has placed ninth-graders in their advisories for the first period of each day. The program has aided in developing study habits, encouraging participation in school activities and providing students with career information.

Freshman advisor and English teacher Connie Daniels feels that this year's freshman program is beneficial. "For ninth-graders, the new approach toward orienting students in high school is very effective. I am very confident now that this approach is better than what we've done in the past. We're having positive results," states

Daniels.

Daniels thinks that the program has kept some students at Southwest who might have left under the old system. "I think that the many planned activities have helped them to adjust and to relax. Close involvement with their teachers, their counselor, and their advisor has helped their adjustment," comments Daniels.

Counselor Dorothy Owens feels that the guidance counselors have an important role in the freshman program. Each counselor, except Dr. Rosemary Kline, works with two advisories; Kline has three advisories. Owens also believes that the freshman have a great opportunity to mature in the Southwest community. "They have a far better insight as far as their goals are concerned with this program. They have an opportunity for exploring their goals, for tutoring, for orientation, and for personal and social growth," states Owens.

Charles West, another Southwest counselor, thinks that the program has been a success, but he feels some of its achievements are not evident at present. "It's given most of them a home feeling. I suppose probably that there are some things happening I don't think you can measure. We can have a body count on attendance for instance, but I feel that this year's freshman have a better feeling toward school. Mr. Cayce's group is a great example. They feel Southwest is their school," comments West.

"I feel good about the program. I think it's worth repeating. We want to make it a helpful program that's not drudgery," adds West.



KIM GUNN AND Joe Pieber prepare for their roles in "The Three Piggys", a production written by students of the SW Tour Company.

Tour Company Opens Season

by Lisa Gentilini

What do Craig Armbruster, Johnny Danrich, Mark Espy, Janet Evers, Margaret Fuller, Kim Gunn, Jackie Hill, Joe Pieber, Laura Wallace and Candace Williams all have in common? They are members of the Southwest High School Tour Company for 1980.

The Tour Company is a group of ten students who are chosen from the Advanced Show Biz class, taught by Georgia Schoeffel. Although the class is held during both the fifth and sixth periods, the students can only receive one class credit. For the first fourteen weeks of the second semester, the students write the script, make the costumes, set up a tour schedule, design the set, make the props, etc., as well as rehearse their parts. During the last six weeks, the company takes the show to area grade schools. Their last

performance is usually at Southwest. The shows, themselves, are loosely based on old fairy tales and are updated. This year the show is based on *The Three Little Pigs* and is entitled, *The Three Piggys*.

The story opens with Kermit the Frog being thrown out of Mama Piggy's house. An argument ensues between Mama Piggy and her three daughters: Patty, Penelope and Miss Piggy. The girls decide to leave home and find a place of their own. Patty buys some straw from a straw merchant to build her home and Penelope buys some sticks from a stick merchant to build her home. Miss Piggy feels that bricks would be more practical for a home and purchases some from a brick merchant. While the pigs are getting settled in their new homes, Foxy Lady and her not-so-able-bodied accomplice, Wolfyboy, decide that this would be the best time to capture them and

"bring home the bacon." Kermit, however, overhears their plan and seeks the aid of the three merchants to stop Foxy before it's too late.

Many Tour Company members (both past and present) feel that participating in a class like this where their creativity is challenged is very beneficial and all have enjoyed the experience.

Schoeffel stated that she started this class to build up the Southwest Drama Department and to give students a chance to display their theatrical talents. "Each year new talents surface to take the place of the graduating seniors."

The Tour Company began five years ago with its production of *Cinderella*. Since then, it has produced *Alice in Wonderland*, *Aladdin* and *The Magic Lamp* and *The Princess and the Peasant*, respectively.

What's Happening

April

- 25 Senior Prom Marriott Pavilion 7:00 - 12:00 p.m.
- 28 11th Grade TASK through May 2.

May

- 1 Child Observation Day Mrs. Rosson
- 2 Junior Rec. Night 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
- 7 APT Board Meeting 12:30 p.m.
- 7-10 SW Band Tour
- 14 SW Drama Production Tour Company 3:00 p.m.
- 15 Spring Festival 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
- 21 APT Luncheon DeMenil Place 12:00 noon.
- 23 Seniors' Last Day at SW



"Youth On Wheels": New Craze At SW

by Mike Walker

A new craze has swept Southwest. In a darkened room with flashing multicolored lights, students, in the form of a roving throng, ecstatically and pointlessly go around and around in a large circle where they glide to a "funky" beat. These students have been reported to travel at speeds faster than a good track runner with relative ease. When a person falls, it's a disaster for the victim and the crowd. But the element that enables these youths to perform such antics are the wheels that they wear on a pair of shoes.

This scene partly describes a local roller rink, but what has made more and more Southwest students flock to join this skating frenzy?

Many people join this menagerie of "youths on wheels" with different intentions, but the underlying motivation is that skating is fun. This reason, though, leaves the earlier question only partly answered. When various students were interviewed, they expressed very similar reasons for skating (but a few odd reasons are worth mentioning, too).

The majority of the students surveyed like to roller skate

because it is easy to do.

"After the third time at skating, you pretty well get the hang of it," comments skater Sheryl Johnson. The second most favorable remark is that skating is relatively inexpensive. "Lately, it gets harder to afford movies, so I come here," reports skater Steve Hyde.

The third most popular comment is that skating provides fun exercise. "When you jog, you strain your muscles, feet, and legs; yet, while you're skating, you just smile and have a good time," remarked skater Ian Grove.

But other notable reasons were disclosed. One flirtatious philanderer enjoys skating because a lot of girls are there. And one festive female likes to skate because she can stay out later than midnight. Also, one sadistic soul relishes moments when people fall down. Within the interviews, two additional facts were disclosed: 1) all of the questioned students would go skating preferably with a group, and 2) all students interviewed would go skating whenever possible.

But roller rinks, too, have fashioned themselves into inviting attractions via several techniques. The Roller Skating Operators' Association has aided roller rink

SW Announces The "Marvins"

by Lisa Gentilini and Terry Lemons

Now that the Academy Award Presentations are over, many are aware of what the members of the Academy view as the "best" movie, actors, screenplay and so on. However, the Academy Awards are limited to just a few categories. What about the movies that do not qualify in the Academy categories, but excel in other areas? Hollywood has its "Oscars," so in order to recognize these various films, the Pioneer presents the Southwest Movie Awards, or the "Marvins" for 1979.

The "Biggest Disappointment" Films of 1979 was, without a doubt, *Star Trek - The Motion Picture*. While not a bad movie, considering the huge amount of money that went into *Star Trek*, it should have been much better.

The "Best Misleading Advertisement Award" goes to the publicity department for the motion picture *Meatballs*. These clever people made this movie sound like a remake of *Animal House*. Instead, *Meatballs* was good in its own right, and was nothing like *Animal House*.

Last year's "Biggest Rip-Off" was *Battlestar Galactica*. Released last spring, *Galactica* charged four dollars to see the same garbage that had been free on television only a few short

months before. *Time After Time* is a deserving movie for "The Most Underrated Film of 1979." This romantic adventure comedy received little critical attention, and consequently did not catch on with the public. The fact is that *Time After Time* was an excellent movie, with fine acting performances and an intelligent script.

1979's "Most Misunderstood Movie" was Monty Python's *Life of Brian*. The reason for the uproar over this movie was that it was described by some to be a put-down on the life of Jesus Christ. Actually the film was a satirization on religious cults in general, and did not merit the controversy generated.

Although there were many deserving movies last year for "The Best Comedy," the best was *The Inlaws*. Peter Falk and Alan Arkin worked well together to produce a comedy of high quality, unmatched since Walter Matthau and George Burns teamed up for *The Sunshine Boys*.

Two films distinguished themselves for "The Worst Special Effects," *Meteor* and *Concorde-Airport '79*. *Meteor* featured of course a giant meteor, disguised as a painted sponge threatening Earth. The *Airport* movie had

models that looked like a four-year old put them together with Elmer's Glue.

"The Most Disputed Film" last year was *The Jerk*. The Steve Martin comedy was almost universally dumped by the critics, but still did well at the box-office. Despite the large audience, there were many disagreements over *The Jerk*; it was one of those films where people either hated it immensely or thoroughly enjoyed it.

"Worst Actor Of The Year" goes to Michael Lonsdale, who portrayed Drax in the latest James Bond epic, *Moonraker*. Someone such as Orson Welles would have done well with a potentially interesting character such as Drax; Lonsdale did nothing with the role. Since villains play an important role in Bond films, *Moonraker* was hurt by Lonsdale's lackluster performance.

And finally, 1979 was a good year for bad films, and thus there were a lot of contenders for the title of the "Worst Movie Of The Year." *The Black Hole* established itself for the honor of "Worst Movie" by having a dull script, worse acting, scientific inaccuracies (people breathing in space without a spacesuit on!) as well as dialogue so bad it made one wish for silent films again.

owners to clean up the rinks. Such reasons are carpeting, paneling, stereo-sound systems, and central air-conditioning. In addition, strict supervision is provided to prevent people from getting out-of-hand. Harold Long of Rock Roll-O-Rena Roller Rink adds that disco creations have increased roller rinks popularity. For example, disco music creates an easy tempo to skate to and provides enjoyable music. A discotheque set up with disco lighting creates a nightclub atmosphere where most people over 21 can only go to.

But, for the most part, most people do not think about why roller skating is fun because that is what fun is—forgetting about one's worries.

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

Have you ever felt you were doing something that no one cared about? If you haven't, then let me tell you someone who has. For the past two seasons the members of the Southwest Club Hockey Team have been experiencing just that. During that period their record has been a discouraging 1 win and 41 losses.

And now you ask "why". Maybe it's because their hearts are not in the game because of little fan support. Over the past seasons the team has watched its attendance drop from a fairly good crowd to a dismal 2 or 3 supporters.

Maybe the situation is due to cash flow, which has troubled the club enormously. Hockey is not like other sports where all you have to do is go out on a field, provided by the board of education, and play. No, hockey takes much more than that, mainly due to the

cost of ice time, which goes for as high as \$70 an hour. Money is not as plentiful as it used to be when Southwest had supporters; maybe that's why Southwest fielded some of the better teams in the league.

Ice time and practice is the name of the game in hockey, not born ability. Because ice time was scarce to the team due to, you guessed it, "lack of money", the team did not get as many practice sessions as it needed.

Southwest has the only St. Louis Public Team and you would think that the students and teachers along with administrators would take an interest in team so that they may keep the program here.

Hockey is a fast-moving and exciting sport and has something in the bank. The excitement never ceases. Whether hockey can survive at Southwest is a question only the future can answer.

Charles Mirelli

Teachers Training Teachers

Southwest is supplying practical experience to four apprentice teachers who intend to pursue careers as high school instructors. Terry Stevens, Gary Michael, John Gacioc and Joseph Mahoney spend a part of each school day at SW to learn about the art of teaching.

Stevens is a history major at UMSL who teaches World Culture and American History classes at Southwest. Stevens tries to maintain a relaxed atmosphere when he teaches. He states, "You have to like history to teach it." Stevens said that he likes to use the "discussion method" of teaching, but he also expects a great deal of reading and writing from students.

Gary Michael, on the other hand, is not certain that he will pursue a teaching career, but he recognizes

that teaching is important, especially in the field of vertebrate biology—Michael's chosen area of research and study. Michael works, of course, within the science department under the direction of Ray Feick. He teaches classes in Advanced Biology and Environmental Science.

Another apprentice in the social studies department is Joseph Mahoney. For the last two years Mahoney has been a full-time student at UMSL, transferring from Thomas Jefferson Community College. In the Urban Studies and American History Classes that he teaches, Mahoney devotes some time to discussion about current events.

The music department supplies Gacioc with experience in directing a jazz band. He also teaches Understanding Music and

works under close supervision of Robert Nordman. Gacioc is a graduate of N.E. Missouri State University.

Correction

The April Issue of *Pioneer* erroneously credited Alfred Hitchcock for the film *Murder by Death*. We apologize for the error.

Yearbooks Inspire Creative Writing

by Frank Clements

In a few weeks, when they are distributed, comes the task of signing yearbooks; then all the clichés "hang out." But there are many interesting points about this tradition. For instance:

1. The incredibly foxy and popular girl of the class signs the yearbook with a pencil and the next guy who signs that page smears her writing.

2. When signing the incredibly foxy and popular girl's yearbook, you have to sign it on the page with the credits because all the good pages are reserved for her friends.

3. When a girl puts her phone number in your yearbook, it's always a wrong number.

4. The clear plastic cover for the yearbook fits everyone's book except your own.

5. When you are signing a yearbook and are in a hurry, your pen always quits.

6. When somebody writes in a yearbook, "you have a great personality," it only means he can't think of anything else to

write.

7. Girls who sign a yearbook, "Luv ya," don't really mean it.

8. Everybody remembers, "all the great times we've had," but you can't.

9. The person you want most to sign your yearbook is the hardest

to find.

10. No one really wants his parents to read what has been written in his yearbook.

11. The most popular guy or girl in the class signs the same thing in everyone's yearbook.



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"FATHER" ROGER CAYCE escorts "Bride" Robyn Bartlett down the aisle.
photo by Greg Finch

Student Matrimony: Temporary Affair

by Barb Birkicht

On March 28, a double wedding took place at Southwest High School, and the entire wedding party consisted of freshmen.

Roger Cayce's third - period Urban Studies Class was responsible for producing this event. The class organized the wedding as a unique term project. They chose the brides and grooms and assigned roles to others in the class. The brides and grooms were Robin Bartlett, Ruby Talley, Thomas Witherspoon, and Tim Brown. The Fathers-of-the-Brides were Joseph Mahoney (a student teacher) and Roger Cayce.

Gail Johnson sang a solo before the wedding. She was assisted by senior Tony Phillips. Secretary

Dorothy Fredericks accompanied on the organ and the new music teacher, Vivian Jones, helped choose and rehearse musical selections.

"The real purpose of the wedding," says Cayce, "is to reestablish in the freshmen the feeling that the family is a vital part of American society. Also, it teaches them that a wedding is not only a huge emotional decision, but it can be financially difficult and terribly time-consuming."

Cayce adds that the program has been successful. "Plus, they all enjoyed it. They showed that freshmen aren't necessarily silly and can put on a good, serious program."

Cheerleaders Pick Squad

by Marsha Prophet

The Southwest Cheerleaders will hold their annual tryouts on April 29 through May 14th in the boys' new gym. The girls will be judged on jumps, personality, grades and cheers taught by the varsity senior squad.

In order to tryout for the squads, students must maintain a 2.5 average for varsity and a 2.0 average for B-team. After tryouts those who made the squads will have their names posted in room 106. It is very important that girls trying out do not miss any practices simply because of the time it takes to relearn a cheer. The girls will be chosen for both football and basketball seasons. Uniforms for summer and winter will be provided with the exception of socks and saddle shoes.

Cheerleaders may letter and earn pins. In order to letter, no football games can be missed, and only two basketball games can be missed. Pins can be earned in a variety of ways.

The purpose of cheerleading is to cheer and show school spirit.

Co-Capt. Debbie Buechel says, "We need girls with a lot of spirit and who are willing to work hard at being good cheerleaders; also we need girls with loud voices."

"We want all the girls who gripped about the cheers and the style of the cheerleading squad to come out and show what you can do. Now is your chance," says senior Pamela Moore.

Girls trying out are to come prepared to practice. Practices will last for one hour each day, starting at 2:45.

Dave: Brains and Brawn

by Ben Holden

Do you know anyone who has served as captain of both the Southwest Track and Cross Country teams, owns five varsity letters, is Vice-President of the National Honor Society, news editor for the *Pioneer* and is presently ranked 10th in the senior class? If not, then you don't know the 1979-1980 Scholar-Athlete of the Year, Dave Millman.

Aside from having about the toughest academic schedule Southwest has to offer, Dave is involved in sports during both the fall and spring. It seems that being involved in so many activities would

be cause for him to neglect something, but not so. Dave is outstanding in cross country and track, and he manages to maintain a 3.92 G.P.A. He keeps things in perspective, he says, "by not thinking about them, just doing them." That appears to have been a good philosophy.

Aside from his accomplishments already listed, Dave Millman has been chosen to receive the Curators' Award. This is a scholarship presented to outstanding high school students paying the tuition to the college or university of the students' choice.

When weighing this honor against the Scholar-Athlete Award, Millman sees the latter as a bigger accomplishment. "It's one of the greatest things that ever happened to me," he stated.

There was a great deal of competition for the award, and Dave was quite shocked when he heard the news. "It's a great honor; frankly I didn't believe I'd get it," he related. "There were many other people who could've gotten it."

From Southwest, Dave plans to attend the University of Missouri at Rolla, where he will major in management engineering. With the drive and determination that he has already displayed in both academics and athletics, he is very likely to succeed.

Councils Exchange

by Judy Lehr

March 24 and 25 were exchange days for Ladue and Southwest Student Council members. Ladue students visited Southwest first and Southwest students returned the visit the following day.

The Student Council of Ladue requested this exchange because its members wanted to visit various schools, compare the student governments and gather ideas to change and improve their present form of government.

Ladue's present form resembles a congress. Because the system concentrates on solving school problems, no social functions such as dances or spirit weeks are planned. Fund raising is not sponsored by the group but by other organizations in the school. The congress hopes to make some changes in its system, including a law allowing money to be raised.

Southwest Student Council member, senior Mike Kotis, organized the visitation day. Each Ladue visitor was assigned to a Southwest Student Council representative. The visitors attended the classes with their

guides and were taken on a tour of the school during lunch. Mike commented, with surprise "Believe it or not, they said our food tastes good."

The visitors observed, asked questions, and compared the schools for several hours. When the day ended, Mike had the impression that "... they learned a lot from us."

Mike and about eighteen other representatives went to Ladue the next day. Some noticeable differences included "more freedom", "no out of bounds" and "freedom to roam halls". A disadvantage was the rule that seniors were seldomly allowed off-campus lunch.

There were also differences in the student councils. One open meeting a month has been held in the auditorium for anyone who wishes to attend. Mike noticed a difference in the members' attitudes. He stated, "Their representatives are devoted to council. They don't go out for it just to get fifth period free. They do it because they want to."

B-Lunch Couples Play Ping Pong

by Brian Willeke

P.E. instructor Sid Tucker recently resurrected intramural sports at Southwest High. He has just completed the second of these activities, ping-pong.

The matches were held during B lunch in the girls' new gym. Twenty-four teams competed in a league divided into two flights of twelve teams each.

The top two teams from each flight met on March 27 in the preliminary play-offs.

From the 1:00 flight, the tough team of Mark Svatek and Scott Gleason (10-1) played Dan Psaris and Mike Auer (9-2) from the 1:15 flight and emerged victorious.

In the 1:15 flight, the undefeated team of Vince Reynolds and Tom Venturilla (11-0) met David Millman and Roland Smith (9-2) of the 1:00 flight. Reynolds and Venturilla downed Millman and Smith and advanced to the finals.

The final match between Svatek/Gleason and Reynolds/Venturilla promised to be quite exciting.

In reality, the 3 out of 5 match was surprisingly short. In just three games, Svatek and Gleason "poured it on" to dump Reynolds and Venturilla, 21-13, 21-19, 21-19, and be declared the ping pong champions of Southwest High.

The next sport planned is pickle ball, a game very few people have heard of and even fewer know how to play. It is a combination of ping pong, badminton and tennis.

A two-day clinic was held in the boys' new gym during B lunch to teach anyone who wanted to learn the art of playing pickle ball. The pickle ball tournament is presently under way during B lunch and spectators are welcomed.



JUNIOR SCOTT GLEASON serves to junior Tom Venturilla while senior Mark Svatek awaits the volley.
photo by Brian Willeke

NEWS and NOTES

Sr. Prom Tonight

"A Time For Us" is the theme of the 1980 Senior Prom. It will be held tonight from 7:00 to 12:00 at the downtown Marriott Pavillion. The evening will include music by the *Streetcorner Symphony*, dinner, dancing and the coronation ceremony.

Leadership Learned

In February, Principle Marvin O. Koenig placed the responsibility of selecting qualified students to participate in the American Youth Foundation's High School leadership program on math teacher Joyce Jackson. After selecting the students, they along with Jackson, undertook a course in becoming leaders.

The course entails devoting Friday and Saturday once every month from February to April, and Thursday through Saturday in May to obtain experience in leadership roles. The activities are very unusual, ranging from interviewing total strangers to an outdoor "ropes course" to cooking out on the Mississippi. Participants find the program both fun and challenging, because of the enjoyable activities applied to the various aspects of leadership. In short, the program is comprised of "decision-making games" that parallel real-life situations.

Candidates Picked

Junior Ben Holden has been honored by being chosen to participate in the American Legion

Boy's State program* to be held June 14-22. Eight other juniors from Southwest have been selected for the program but, as of yet, they haven't been sponsored. They are David Long, Charles Parish, David Ide, Samson Latchison, Michael Crist, Mark Jeffries, Louis Matutic and Perry Bernard.

Boy's State can be described as a miniature life system being run by students. Participants can select the profession of their choice, such as law, politics, law enforcement, etc. After a short training program, the students learn about their chosen profession through experience. There is also an athletics program that ranges from swimming to touch football. After the session ends, two outstanding members are selected for the Boy's Nation program.

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Cleveland Dims Girls' Chances

by Lisa Gentilini
The Southwest Girls' Swim Team is off to a good start this season. Although losing dramatically to Affton in the first meet, the team was able to come back and wipe out Beaumont and O'Fallon in the next two meets. The April 3 meet against Roosevelt is considered to be one of the best showings tying Roosevelt's larger team, 37-37.

However, in its meet against Cleveland on April 15, the team lost by eight points. Many team members feel that Cleveland is their biggest competition. Junior Toby Barrow stated, "We should have no problems taking second place, but we will have to fight Cleveland for first."

Coach Julie Frank feels confident that the team can make it to first place and even take the PHL title as long as the girls keep swimming as well as they have been. Frank also said that the team's performances have been aided by the excellent leadership and enthusiasm of its Co-Captains, Seniors Carol Smith and Chris Macchi.

Seniors on the team are Macchi, Smith, Debbie Buechel and Lisa Adams. Macchi's specialties are the 100 breaststroke medley and 100 yd. breaststroke. Smith's talents are in the medley and 100 yd. backstroke. Buechel and Adams double as swimmers and divers.

The juniors are Barrow, Becky Schaper and Sue Stevenson. Stevenson swims the breaststroke. Barrow and Schaper are very versatile and can swim any stroke well.

Sophomores include Monica Bryant and Leischen Montgomery. Montgomery can also swim every stroke.

There are also very enthusiastic and talented freshmen: Sophia Barnes and Priscilla Patton.

Frank commented, "The seniors will be greatly missed next year, but I'm looking forward to the return of everyone else."

For now, the team is concentrating on the PHL meet held on May 6. The team's record after five meets is 2 wins, 2 losses and 1 tie.

Mixed Results In Early Boys Tennis Matches

by Terry Lemons
The Southwest Boys' Tennis Team began this season on a sour note, with a loss to the Cleveland Dutchmen by a score of 4-1. The lone victory for the Longhorns came from the doubles team of Todd Abernathy and Stanley Dippel.

This early season loss to Cleveland seems to have doused the tennis team's chances for the Public High League Championship. The only way for Southwest to win the PHL would be an unexpected Cleveland loss to another PHL team, accompanied by near perfection from the Longhorns. SW may have a chance for revenge against Cleveland at the District Tournament which will begin May 3.

In the second game of the season, Southwest demolished Roosevelt, 5-0. The team recorded its second victory on Tuesday, April 1 when the Vashon Wolverines forfeited.

For the fourth game a surprisingly strong King High School Team was the opponent for the Steers. Despite gusty winds at Sublette Park, Southwest was successful in defeating King, 4-1. Singles' winners for the Longhorns were Jeff Fields, Andre McMurray and Alan Morgan. The doubles' team of Dave Snodgrass and George Theodoreau were also able to defeat their King adversaries.

Although this year's team has been hampered by the decisions of several of last year's members not to return to the tennis team, Coach Jackie Hanna is optimistic. Hanna,

a fifth-grade teacher at Benton Elementary School, is impressed with the play of the group, and is particularly enthusiastic about the undergraduates this year. Despite Southwest's slim chance at the PHL title, she is hopeful about the success of this year's team.

Weather To Blame For Steers' Mediocre Start

by Frank Clements
At the season's opening the Southwest Baseball Longhorns, a perennial power in the Public High League, was ranked third in the *South Side Journals'* coaches poll. But bad weather and lack of practice have been a definite thorn in Coach Ed Graham's side.

"We have a lot of talent on this team, but not enough that we can play on just talent without practice," stated Graham. "We need to drill, work on better execution, both defensively and offensively, and this has to be done outdoors. We don't have the indoor facilities a lot of schools have. I'd guess we've only had about six good days for outdoor practice."

At time of publication the Longhorns are 3 and 3. The team lost to CBC, 5-3, beat Northwest, 8-3, lost to Lindbergh, 2-0, lost to Lafayette, 14-4 (in which Southwest gave up 11 unearned runs), defeated Webster, 3-0, and beat Chaminade, 12-11.

"So far," replied Graham to the



FIVE SOUTHWEST STUDENTS participated in the Missouri Indoor State Track Championships. Bottom Row: Candace Williams, Tim Keys. Top Row: David Millman, Fernandars Gillespie, Tim Schoenecker.
photo by Brian Willeke

SW Track Team Triumphed In Quantity At Quality Meets

The Southwest boys closed out their indoor track season on March 22 with a flourish by placing fifth in the sprint medley relay at the State Indoor Championships. For their accomplishments, seniors Tim Schoenecker, Fernandars Gillespie and David Millman and junior Tim Keys each received medals. For the girls, Candace Williams also took a medal by placing fourth in the 400 meters dash.

The following week the boys moved outdoors, entering the Southside Relays at Roosevelt. In

this meet, each relay had to consist of two varsity runners and two junior varsity runners. The team was moderately successful coming in second behind the deep St. Mary squad. Medalists for the Longhorns were the 480 yd. high-low shuttle hurdle relay (Keys, Gillespie and sophomores Ken Eaton and Chris LaGarce), 440 yd. relay (senior Ron Richman, sophomore Jack Douglas, freshmen Kevin Holman and Keys), sprint medley relay (Millman, Keys, Douglas and sophomore Efreem Tate) and the mile relay (Tate, Millman, Holman and Schoenecker). Ron Richman said, "Considering the team's inexperience, we proved ourselves fairly well."

Their next meet was the much tougher Public High League Relays in which each relay event also had to have two junior varsity runners and two varsity runners. Overall the Longhorns took a

strong third place (out of twelve teams), losing only to Sumner and Soldan. Only two of Southwest's relay teams took first. They were the pole vault relay of sophomore Jeff Newcomb, LaGarce, Gillespie and junior Gene Gilstrap and the Distance Medley Relay of Tate, Millman, senior Paul Sleet and sophomore Bob Schumann.

Tri-Captain Paul Sleet stated that the team looks very good, but he's skeptical at the team's overconfidence. "Our early success has produced several egotistical runners which may prove to be detrimental to the morale of the team in the long run."

"I am pleasantly pleased with the performance of the team. The captains' leadership has been what we have needed around here for years," expressed Coach Norville Wallach.

The three captains are Millman, Sleet and Gillespie.

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PHL Calendar

April

- 29 B Baseball. SW vs. Roosevelt at Roosevelt. 4:00 p.m.
- Track. PHL Preliminaries at O'Fallon. 4:00 p.m.
- V Baseball. SW vs. Sumner at Tandy. 4:00 p.m.

May

- 1 V Baseball. SW vs. Cleveland at Minnewood. 4:00 p.m.
- B Baseball. SW vs. Cleveland at Sublette. 4:00 p.m.
- 2 V Baseball. SW vs. Central at Fairgrounds, #5. 4:00 p.m.
- B Baseball. SW vs. Central at Sublette. 4:00 p.m.
- Track. PHL finals at O'Fallon. 3:30 p.m.

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- Track. SW, Cleveland, Beaumont and Academy of Math and Science at Southwest. 4:00 p.m.
- V Baseball. SW vs. King at Sherman. 4:00 p.m.
- B Baseball. SW vs. King at Sublette. 4:00 p.m.
- Tennis. SW vs. O'Fallon at Dwight Davis. 4:00 p.m.
- Girls Swim. League Championship Meet.

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- Track. SW vs. SLUH at SLUH.
- Tennis. SW vs. Central at O'Fallon Park. 4:00 p.m.

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- State Swim Meet
- V Baseball. SW vs. Beaumont at Sublette. 4:00 p.m.
- B Baseball. SW vs. Beaumont at Fairgrounds, #4. 4:00 p.m.

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- State Swim Meet

Track. District Meet.

- 13 Track. SW vs. Cleveland, Central, McKinley, Roosevelt and DuBourg at Southwest. 4:00 p.m.
- V Baseball. SW vs. McKinley at Sublette. 4:00 p.m.
- B Baseball. SW vs. McKinley at Cherokee. 4:00 p.m.
- Tennis. SW vs. Beaumont at Sublette. 4:00 p.m.
- 14 Track. (Freshman and Sophomores) SW vs. Roosevelt, Cleveland, CBC, St. Mary's and DuBourg at Roosevelt. 3:30 p.m.
- 16-17 Baseball Regionals
- 23 Track State Meet at Jefferson City.
- 24 Baseball Semifinals.
- Baseball Finals.