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The Pioneer Reflects On The Past Four Years

Welcome Freshmen

Most seniors can recall entering Southwest for the first time. On that important day several hundred kids had just become high-school freshmen.

During the first week of school, the new freshmen tried to find their lockers and their classes—without crossing any yellow lines clearly labeled "OUT OF BOUNDS".

All freshmen were issued brand new, shiny I.D. tags. At first, the freshmen considered them status symbols and they donned them with pride. However, many began following the example set by the upperclassmen: mutilating the I.D.'s and wearing them as little as possible.

In a short time the freshmen could make it to class without backtracking or asking for directions; within the first few days, many freshmen could find the smoking lounge, the cafeteria and one or two restrooms.

Then came the year's first ex-

tracurricular activity: the Hello Day Dance. The freshmen arrived about fifteen minutes early—a bit apprehensive—but excited and eager to make new friends.

The year began to roll along. Students were starting to follow a fixed and rather boring routine. Some freshmen learned quickly that if they tried to deviate from the routine, they just might receive the dreaded Cut Slip.

The winter months came and students looked forward to the Christmas Vacation and snow days. When spring arrived, Southwest students looked forward to Easter Break; then waited anxiously for the SUMMER VACATION.

The Class of '80 freshmen were optimistic about the next three years at Southwest. Each time they stood in the cafeteria lunch line, the freshmen thought about the day that they could hop into their cars and leave Southwest for lunch.

3 Years To Go

With most of their insecurities as freshman gone, the sophomores of '77-'78 could welcome the new freshmen with confidence. Three aud sessions promoted school spirit and gave incoming students a "taste" of what things were going to be like at Southwest. The Hello Day Aud, hosted by Henry Harris featured Steve Finch as The Unknown Comic, The Brick House Dancers, and Paula Ingram with Vernon Keys singing "You Don't Have to Be a Star to Be in My Show." The Homecoming scheduled for Saturday, October 22, had a full agenda. First was the early-morning parade, in which the Southwest Girls' Tennis Team was awarded a trophy for the best decorated car. Next, both the Varsity and B Football Teams defeated the Cleveland Dutchmen, the Varsity by a score of 56-6. Finally, it was on to the dance where retiring Queen, Lesa Morris, crowned Kim Hoffman, the new Queen.

The operetta that year was *Anything Goes*. The faculty defeated the lettermen 60-34. Southwest Soccer and Girls' Tennis Teams won their respective PHL titles. Boys' Varsity Basketball finished its best season in 13 years, including a thrilling 67-66 double-overtime victory over the powerhouse Central Redwings

(who finished second in the state tournament). The B-Basketball Team, composed largely of '80 members won the PHL 'B' title, finishing with a league record of 7 wins and 2 losses.

Despite the rejection of ERA in Illinois in June of 1978, it was a good year for women at Southwest. Besides the Tennis Championship, the SW Letterwomen's Club was established. The Wranglerettes placed first in the Badgerette Pom Pon Routine Competition, won the Mid-America Drill Team Association Star Award and several other awards. Lynn Gavin and Janice Herrman designed a float honoring W.C. Handy which won first prize in the 1977 Veiled Prophet Parade.

Southwest students were entertained by *Rocky I*, *You Light Up My Life*, and *The Spy Who Loved Me*. They were thrilled by the base burglar, Lou Brock, who stole his way into baseball history. Still, they were saddened by the deaths of Groucho Marx, Bing Crosby and Elvis Presley. In California, enthusiasm mounted for Proposition 13; in Pennsylvania, dissent increased in the coal miners' strike; and in the St. Louis area, citizens were terrorized by the "South Side Bomber." So ended a year filled with ups and downs, accomplishments and setbacks.

by Ben Holden
and
Mike McConnell



Half Way There

The Class of '80 was now over the hump, past the half-way mark with only two years to go. Hello Day in 1979 was one of the best in many years. Stealing the show were faculty members dressed as mummies in "King Tut." Homecoming was a disappointment on the football field as the Goldbugs of McKinley defeated both Southwest teams. Later, Valerie Jones was crowned Miss Southwest by Donna Hubacek who acted as retiring Queen in place of Kim Hoffman.

The *Music Man* was the operetta that year. Parents, teachers and students showed their school spirit by coming out in icy weather to support the performers. In the world of sports, Southwest scored a major upset soccer victory over previously undefeated, untied, State Champion Vianney. SW Girls' Tennis repeated as PHL Champs as did the SW Boys' Varsity Baseball Team. The Girls' Basketball Team was halted en route to a PHL title (they were tied for first at the time) by the infamous Teachers Strike.

In Washington, 65,000 demonstrators marched to protest against nuclear power a few weeks

after the accident at Three Mile Island. Also in the news at the time were the Meramec Dam proposal, the Right to Work Amendment, and the return of the Ayatollah Khomeini to Iran after 14 years of exile in Paris.

The year seemed filled with death. Locally, 3 people were killed when the Six Flags Sky Lift malfunctioned, dropping one car, and its four passengers to the ground below. Golda Meir at the age of 80, died, as did Pope Paul VI. Still in mourning for him, his successor, John Paul I, after only 34 days as Pope, also passed away. California Congressman Leo Ryan journeyed to The People's Temple and was shot and killed. Hours later, almost 900 lay dead, unburied in the Guyana Jungle.

The top movies were *Star Wars*, *Superman*, *Star Trek—The Motion Picture*, and *Saturday Night Fever* (which started the Disco craze).

In looking back, the darker side of '78-'79 will not be the marker that brings this school year to mind. Instead, the junior year of the Class of '80 will be known as the year Ali won the title for the third time and the year the Yankees beat the Dodgers in the World Series.

'Bye Class Of '80

The Class of 1980 finally became seniors. They walked into advisory on the first day of school with their heads held high and then Mr. Koenig announced, "I'm sorry, but the off-campus lunch program has been discontinued."

By then most seniors had built up an immunity to the cafeteria food's harmful effects, so one more year wouldn't matter.

Yet, seniors encountered more disappointments. The college-bound seniors found that the college-bound courses reserved for them were not up to their expectations. Few seniors felt that the "advanced" classes were superior to classes offered to underclassmen.

The Class of '80 had also seen Southwest school spirit on the wane during their four years: attendance at school sporting events dropped noticeably and membership in the school clubs decreased. (NHS did little more than organize a group picture).

It was a bad year for movies too. Everyone old enough to understand the *Star Trek* plot

snoozed right through the motion picture and everyone who didn't understand *Apocalypse Now* wasted \$4.00.

Wait! Senior Board sponsored some fine events. There was the senior trip to Florida, for example. Although less than 30 seniors had enough money to participate, those who did were nice enough to bring back dark suntans for everyone to see.

Then the Senior Board sponsored the \$35 Senior Prom, which was attended by seniors wearing either \$40 tuxedos or \$60 dresses.

Still, seniors can look forward to the \$7 Senior Luncheon and the \$12 graduation, when they can wear their \$7.50 caps and gowns. (It's a conspiracy!)

Seniors eventually were allowed a limited off-campus lunch program; maybe it wasn't such a bad year... unless one considers that Iran has been holding the U.S. Embassy and its 50 occupants for over six months; that 11 *Who* fans were massacred at a Cincinnati concert last month, or that the inflation rate exceeds 18%...

Looking Ahead! Southwest Students Seem Optimistic

Scholarship Recipients Future Intentions Revealed In Survey

by Lisa Gentilini and Stephanie Tubbs

With college expenses rising to keep up with inflation, many Southwest seniors are trying to receive financial aid from the government and the schools they plan to attend. Scholarships are perhaps the hardest aid to receive.

However, many Southwest students did receive scholarships. The following is a list of students who have accepted scholarships which they were offered. The list is as complete as could be obtained at press time. Those not mentioned are students who have been offered scholarships but did not accept them or have not made a decision about acceptance.

Michael Adams	Washington U.	academic	Bill Lodderhose	Washington U.	academic
Brady Baum	SE Mo. State	academic	LeVance Madden	Colby Kansas	athletic
Nona Billingsley	Lincoln U.	academic	Mike McConnell	U. of Iowa	athletic
Barb Burkicht	Washington U.	academic	Cathy McCormick	Millikin U.	talent
Susan Cernell	School of choice	academic	John Mikuseth	Central Mo. St. U.	academic
Karen Chandler	Connecticut Coll.	academic	David Millman	U. of Mo.-Rolla	athletic
Andre Collier	Natl. Achievement	academic	Phillip Morgan	Purdue U.	athletic
Steven Craig	Dartmouth U.	athletic	Doe Natterville	St. Louis U.	athletic
Yvonne Drier	Forest Park C. C.	athletic	Coast Guard U.	U.S. Naval Ac.	athletic
Jeff Fields	Central Mo. State	academic	Arthur Porter III	U.S. Naval Ac.	athletic
Kevin Fornes	Fontbonne Coll.	academic	Martha Proffitt	Columbia Coll.	athletic
Lisa Gentilini	U.S. Air Force Ac.	athletic	Kris Quisenberry	St. Louis U.	athletic
Fernanders Gillespie	SE Mo. State	athletic	Jamel Richardson	Northwestern U.	athletic
Karen Halbert	National Achievement	academic	Ron Richman	U. of Mo.-Rolla	athletic
Bryan Johnson	Solliman U.	academic	Martha Sanders	U. of Mo.-Rolla	athletic
.. ..	U. of Mo.	athletic	Tim Schoenacker	Washington U.	athletic
Melany Jones	SE Mo. State	academic	Paul Sleet	Arkansas State U.	athletic
Kendrick Kendall			Roland Smith	U. of S. Calif.	athletic
Judy Lehr			George Soast		
			Terrance Trudo		

A majority of Southwest seniors polled plan to continue their education after high school. Of the 136 seniors who responded to a Pioneer survey, 59% plan on attending college. 36% of the seniors plan on working immediately and about 5% are entering the armed forces. Because only about 40% of the seniors responded to the survey, it can only provide a rough estimate of the SW Class of 1980's future intentions.

Southwest seniors plan to attend colleges across the country next year, ranging from the University of Southern California to South Connecticut State University. However, most graduates will stay close to home. From the responses given, the University of Missouri-St. Louis and Meramec Community College are two of the most popular colleges. The other popular colleges selected are St. Louis University, Forest Park Community College, Washington

University, Missouri-Rolla and Missouri-Columbia.

Prospective choices for college majors also cover a wide range. Business administration and

health-related fields (nursing, medicine, psychology) are very popular. Other careers named are engineering, computer science, journalism and communications.



North Central Presents A Favorable Evaluation

by Karen Chandler

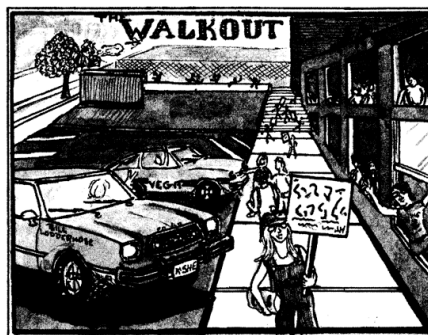
Thirty-eight educators from St. Louis metropolitan schools, colleges and universities visited Southwest as part of the North Central Evaluation on March 25, 26 and 27. The results of the visiting committee's examination of Southwest arrived May 9. The evaluation included individual reports on the twenty-two general and subject areas that Southwest local groups had also examined such as school and community and social studies. The visiting committee returned the Southwest local committee reports with suggestions and alterations. The evaluation materials also contained summary remarks by Dr. Al Burr, Principal of Parkway West High School and chairman of the visiting committee.

In his summary, Burr commended Principal Marvin Koenig for his leadership, his relationship with the staff and his ability to keep the school morale high during the current desegregation process. Burr stated that Southwest has a well-prepared and energetic staff. However, he listed some concerns that were echoed in the individual reports. Burr suggested that teachers attend inservice programs to update some of their teaching methods. He also felt that teachers should participate in professional organizations more frequently. Burr recommended that the role of the department chairman should be expanded so that he could make budget decisions and evaluate teachers within his department.

Because Southwest has had friendly relations with the community, Burr felt that the administration should encourage speakers and resource persons to visit the school. He suggested that parents could sponsor or supervise school activities. Another of his suggestions involved the appointment of an activities director to oversee Southwest's extra-curricular offerings.

The visiting committee praised the quality of the music and drama programs at Southwest. It also commended the newspaper and yearbook publications, which function without financial aid from the St. Louis Board of Education. The committee recommended that the Board provide at least partial

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SW Dislikes Plan

by Frank Clements

As he stood overlooking the sixty-four or so students who walked out protesting the Board of Education's desegregation plan, Assistant Principal, Steven Warmack could only reply, "They should be in class; I don't think they have any idea why they're out here. No one is leaving Southwest. I could understand if they were walking in sympathy with Cleveland or Soldan. I never thought I'd see the day when this would happen."

That interview was made before the St. Louis Board of Education, in a late night meeting, on May 1, 1980, revised its desegregation plan before submitting it the following day to Senior U.S. District Judge James H. Meredith. Under this plan, 2,341 students, all high school, would be bused; 1,133 blacks and 1,208 whites.

Before the new version of the plan, Southwest was not to lose any students and was to receive students from the Ford and Arlington School Districts, which have been feeder schools to Soldan High School.

Under the revision, however, Arlington will go to Beaumont High and Ford will go to Cleveland High.

But the part of the new plan that hit Southwest students, parents and teachers like a bomb-shell was the section which sent the Dewey School District, 6 blacks and 138 whites (including seniors) to Soldan and in return, Southwest was to receive 144 black students from Soldan.

According to the new plan, Southwest, which is now 35.2/64.8 black, white respectively, would become 44.0/56.0, black, white. Southwest would be one of four schools, Cleveland, Roosevelt, Soldan and Southwest that would be racially balanced. As a result of the new plan, 30 to 40 of the certified personnel would also be transferred, changing the ratio from 76% white to approximately 40% white.

Obviously, and in no way a surprise, Dewey students and parents are in an uproar, raising the question, "Why Dewey?"

"Dewey was selected by the Board because when they went over the grade schools, Dewey District had the right number of

students to correct the balance at Soldan," theorized Southwest Principal Marvin O. Koenig.

"It's just unfortunate that we have to lose those students," continued Koenig, "we will be losing from the school, (not including eighth graders who are moving up.) 101 students. Permissive transfers will be allowed only if they do not upset the racial balance."

As was to be expected, Dewey residents at Southwest are very upset and in some cases confused about the plan.

"I'm violently opposed to the busing. I'll either get my GED or transfer out to Lindbergh. If I had to go to Soldan, I wouldn't participate in any activities or graduate with the rest of the class. I don't go to Southwest for three years and then become a graduate of Soldan," stated junior Chuck Mirelli.

Another junior, Guy Bueker, said, "It stinks; I don't like it at all! I know I won't be going here or to Soldan next year."

"I think it's really dumb; they should really leave things the way they are, the way we're happy. We all grew up together and I'm not going to go. I want to graduate though, so I might move to Florissant," stated junior Gail Mattick.

Another junior, Keith Brunson, took another look at the situation, "I think the idea's okay, but they shouldn't start with kids already in high school, but with the eighth graders who are just starting high school. As for me, I'll get my electives in summer school."

Mary Untage, another junior, replied, "It's unfair that we have to move because of color, especially in our senior year."

From a freshman's point-of-view: Amber Bowers said, "I think it stinks and it's really stupid. I just can't see any reason for it."

As for any violent or physical reactions to the busing, "I hope they will just be accepted just like any other students; many of our students already come by bus," replied Warmack.

NOTE: At the time this story was written, the information was current. However, between May 16 and 23, some factors in the situation may have been changed.

The Final Verdict: SW Wins Defeats Best Teams In City

by Roland Smith

Practical Law teacher Henry Tepe's students clinched the championship of the mock trial competition (between public high schools) by defeating McKinley High at the Civil Courts Bldg. on Friday, April 30. Judge Albert Stephan presided.

Tepe commented, "We won some key legal points because of our preparation. Our witnesses were able to think quickly and answer in a manner that was not harmful to the case when confronted with unexpected questions."

Tepe also said that the final competition was especially difficult because his team, which had originally prepared arguments for the prosecution, was called upon to

act as the defendant. They were given ten days to prepare the opposite side.

Student attorney, Tanya Leonard, summed up the competition as "interesting hard work." When asked if she were nervous during the trial, Tanya replied, "Yes, but after the first question, the rest came easy." She judged McKinley as Southwest's toughest competitor and concluded by saying, "The hard work was worth it; I'd be willing to do it again."

The trial final was the last activity with the assistance of St. Louis University law students Tony Behr and Marson Stromberg. "They were scheduled to leave

earlier," Tepe said, "but they volunteered to stay on and help us to the end."

Plans for next year's mock trial have not been finalized. Students and faculty at participating high schools are currently evaluating the program to decide how to do it next year. Only schools that had law students to assist them were allowed to take part in this year's competition. Tepe says there is a possibility that schools may be allowed to participate in future mock trials without the assistance of law students.

A plaque will be presented to the Southwest team in recognition of its winning effort. Each individual will receive a certificate.

Carter, Reagan Are Victorious In 'Mock' Primary Held At SW

by Terry Lemons

President Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan were each victorious in the 1980 Southwest Presidential Primary held on Tuesday, April 29. Ballots were distributed to the students, faculty and staff.

In the Democratic primary, Carter defeated Massachusetts

Senator Edward Kennedy by a sizeable margin. Carter had 370 votes, compared to Kennedy's 244.

The Republican primary found former actor Reagan a victor with 249 votes. Illinois Congressman John Anderson, generally acknowledged to be strong among students across the nation, finished second with 133 votes. George Bush, a former Ambassador to the United Nations, mustered only 65 votes and placed a distant third.

According to Henry Tepe, law teacher and organizer of this year's primary, the purpose of the election was "to get an indication of the political views of the students and staff and compare them to the rest of the country."

Tepe expressed little surprise with the primary results, since he has felt the votes of students and faculty at Southwest are a good

representative cross-section of United States voters. Carter and Reagan, the winners at SW, are well ahead of their competitors in delegate totals as well as polls across the country.

However, there was one aspect of the election that surprised Tepe. This was Anderson's poor showing. The law teacher expected Anderson to lose, but thought "he would be more competition for Reagan."

The nominees of the two major parties will compete against each other in the Southwest Presidential Election, to be held in early November. Anderson, currently running as an Independent, will be on the SW ballot if he is able to get his name placed on the ballot in various states across the country.

The New Rank

Due to the uncertainty of the members of the student body for next year. Student Council and Senior and Junior Board elections will not be held until September. The only new officials of the Class of 1981 who have been chosen are; Pioneer Co-Editors, Ben Holden and Terry Lemons. Roundup Co-Editors, Richard Marqua and Paula Snodgrass.

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The SW Bands Tour The Ozarks

by Judy Lehr

The Southwest Symphonic and Jazz Bands, after practicing and preparing all year for their performances, climaxed the season with the 1980 band trip to the Ozarks.

On Tuesday, May 6, approximately 70 students and 13 chaperons began a successful tour. The group reached its destination Tuesday evening. Among free time activities were boating, fishing, go-cart racing, swimming and souvenir shopping. Organized activities included trips to Silver Dollar City, the Robert Foster Museum, the Shepherd of the Hills

play and Dogpatch, U.S.A.

Band president Melvin Mecker reported that everything went smoothly on the tour. "All the students were on their best behavior. The chaperones we had this year were outstanding. If there had been a problem, they would have been on top of it right away."

Each band had two concerts. Performance sites were Dogpatch, School of the Ozarks and the motel. Although the bands played well, the audiences were disappointingly small. Melvin said, "I was disappointed at the turnout at the School of the Ozarks. They knew

we were coming and they should have arranged to have a good turnout."

Alan Morgan, the band vice-president, summarized the emotions of many band members. "For the four years that I have participated in the bands, the band tours have been the highlight of the school year. From Gatlinburg to Kentucky Lake and finally to the Ozarks, band trips bring a closeness in people unique to anything else. But without the help, patience and discipline of the fantastic little band leader, none of that would have been possible. I tip my hat to Bob Nordman."



JUNIOR DAVE HARPER awaits the ball in the PHL contest against Beaumont.

photo by Greg Finch

Perennial Dynasty Falters

by Brian Willeke

"This season has been a disappointment," stated Varsity Baseball Coach Edgar Graham in a recent interview. Finishing the season with a record of 12 wins and 11 losses, Coach Graham blamed the poor performance on the team's many "mental mistakes."

Coach Graham likes to play the tougher teams in the league, knowing that it builds better ball players. This year, the Longhorns were unable to rise to the occasion. It is felt that the baseball program is running downhill because of individual attitudes.

"They do not want discipline. They do not want to develop self-discipline. Consequently, that leads to very poor dedication," expressed the disgruntled coach.

Only forty players tried out for the varsity squad this season. "Too many of them would rather get a \$1.25 an hour job so they can jingle money in front of Dolly," complained Graham. If this feeling of

apathy continues, it could be hazardous to our nation's number one sport.

Graham seemed to feel that patience and tolerance were not effective with this season's team and next year; much of it will be eliminated in his coaching technique.

Besides Graham's disciplinary crackdown, the 1981 team will also have to play without the services of the nine seniors graduating this year. It is hoped that the remainder of the varsity team, six juniors and one sophomore, will return next season to do battle on the diamonds.

Senior outfielder, Steve Craig, who recently dropped from the team, stated, "I was forced into an early retirement. He told me to turn my stuff in. He was putting what I thought was unfair pressure on me." Steve added that he has the greatest admiration for Coach Graham's ability. "I think he's an

excellent coach."

When told of Mr. Graham's comments, Longhorn hurler, Mike Wilkens, stated, "He's right; a lot of it's attitude." Mike felt that many people want to come out and play ball but don't really want to work.

Last year, the Longhorns won the PHL title and narrowly missed going to the state championships. They've fallen a long way from the top of the ladder and next year's climb looks to be an arduous struggle.

Southwest Girls Stroking Tough

by Lisa Gentilini

The Southwest Girls' Swim Team finished its season with 3 wins, 1 tie and 3 losses.

The biggest disappointment for the team came at the PHL meet held on May 6. They placed third behind Roosevelt (1st) and Cleveland (2nd). Many team members felt that they could have taken second place had it not been for what they consider many bad breaks. For instance, two of their best swimmers, Chris Macchi and Sue Stevenson, were unable to swim in the meet. Because of that, the team could not participate in two of their best events, the medley relay and the 100 yard breaststroke.

Some team members also feel that there had been bad judging, especially in the diving competition. However, senior Lisa Adams managed to place second.

Co-captain Carol Smith took first place in the 100 yard backstroke and sophomore Leischen Montgomery did well in the individual medley.

Coach Julie Frank stated, "I was very pleased with the effort put forth by the team. They worked

well together and encouraged each other."

Smith also felt good about the team, but she said that, "there seemed to be a lot of apathy during practice; few people ever showed up."

The team participated in the Mary Institute Relays (which was not a Public High League meet) with Mary Institute, John Burroughs School, Principia and Villa Duchesne. Several outstanding SW swimmers were Smith, Macchi, Stevenson, Lisa Schultz, Sophia Barnes, Priscilla Patton, Becky Schaper and Debbie Buechel. Even though the team took fifth place at the meet, they all felt that it was a good experience.

Co-captain Macchi was worried at first because, "there were few strong swimmers from last year, but a lot of new talent surfaced which helped."

Smith felt that, "it was a good season. Frank makes you want to work. She puts a lot into it. I'm proud of the girls and I was proud to be co-captain with Chris."



SENIOR FERNANDARS GILLESPIE and sophomore Kenneth Eaton compete in the hurdles at Southwest.

photo by Greg Finch

Tennis: Tough Raquet

As the 1980 season nears an end for the Southwest Boys' Tennis Team, there is good news and bad news. First, the good news: the team has had a couple of victories and a doubles team qualified for the District Tourney. The bad news is that the Longhorns have lost several games and the Public High League Championship.

Recent games include a 4-1 victory on April 15 over McKinley, a 5-0 triumph against Northwest at O'Fallon Park, a 3-2 win against Soldan, a 7-0 loss to Mehlville, as well as a disappointing loss to Sumner by a score of 3-2. This loss all but eliminates the Steers

chances for the PHL Championship.

A doubles team from Southwest composed of Todd Abernathy and George Theodoreau played well at the Missouri Class 4A District Tourney. They were victorious in a quarterfinal match against a team from Beaumont, but lost to SLUH in the semifinals. Abernathy and Theodoreau eventually took fourth in the doubles tourney.

In years past the Southwest Tennis Team has been one of the dominating teams in the PHL. Alan Morgan feels "the loss of three players over a trivial incident caused a powerhouse team to go down the tubes."

Janis, Queen of The Gym

Senior Janis Johnson recently earned second place honors in the overall performance category of the beginning division of the annual PHL gymnastics meet. She was the only Southwest gymnast to place in the event.

Janis began her gymnastics career as a sophomore, placing fourteenth overall in the beginners division. The top ten finishers were allowed to compete in the intermediate division the following year. She had a very good chance of finishing in the top ten her junior year, but the meet was cancelled as a result of the St. Louis Teachers' Strike.

Janis was able to compete against the Academy of Math and Science, the 1980 Gymnastics Champions, in several practice meets before the actual PHL meet. She commented, "I was very fortunate to compete against the best before the PHL meet."

Gymnastics meets are comprised of four events; floor exercises, balance beam, uneven parallel bars and vaulting. A contestant must successfully perform all four events to place in



a meet.

Southwest will not have a gymnastics program next year because of lack of interest.

Janis plans to attend the University of Missouri at Rolla next year and to remain in gymnastics in the future.

Stated Janis about U.M. at Rolla, "Even though they don't have a gymnastics team, they have the courses I wish to take and I can still compete intramurally."

Season Concludes With State Track Successful In Efforts

by Paul Sleet

On April 17-18 the Southwest Boys' Track team participated in the Newhouse-Chaminade Invitational. This was not an impressive showing by the Steers; they slipped into a 4th place finish out of ten squads in the meet, as opposed to the win they had in the previous year.

Despite this setback, the Steers returned to burn up the track in the Southside Invitational at Roosevelt on April 24. The team was at full strength but fell short of beating St. Mary's 144 points because of the strength of St. Mary's distance team. (Southwest had 92 points). Individual standouts were the 2nd place 3200 meter relay team consisting of sophomore Efreem Tate, senior Jamel Richardson, senior David Millman and senior Ron Richman.

Senior Fernandars "Scoop" Gillespie took 1st place in the 110 meter high hurdles with a time of 15.3. Scoop also won the 180 meter low hurdles with a time of 20.8.

Junior Tim Keys took a pair of 2nd places in the 100 meter and 200 meter dashes.

Both the 800 meter relay and the 3200 meter took second place

finishes. The 800 meter relay consisted of: juniors Jack Douglas, Tim Keys, sophomore Kenneth Eaton and senior Scoop Gillespie. The 1600 meter relay consisted of Ron Richman, David Millman, Efreem Tate and Tim Schoenecker. Schoenecker and Tate took first and second respectively in the 400 meter dash. And finally senior Paul Sleet won the triple jump with a jump of 41'5 1/2".

The Steers took this momentum straight to PHL Field Day and placed 3rd to Sumner and Soldan in PHL competition on May 1st at O'Fallon. Outstanding individual performances were by Scoop, who took 1st in the pole vault, junior Gene Gilstrap who took 2nd in the pole vault; Sleet took 3rd in the long jump and the 400 meter relay team took 2nd, consisting of: Douglas, Eaton, Tate and Scoop.

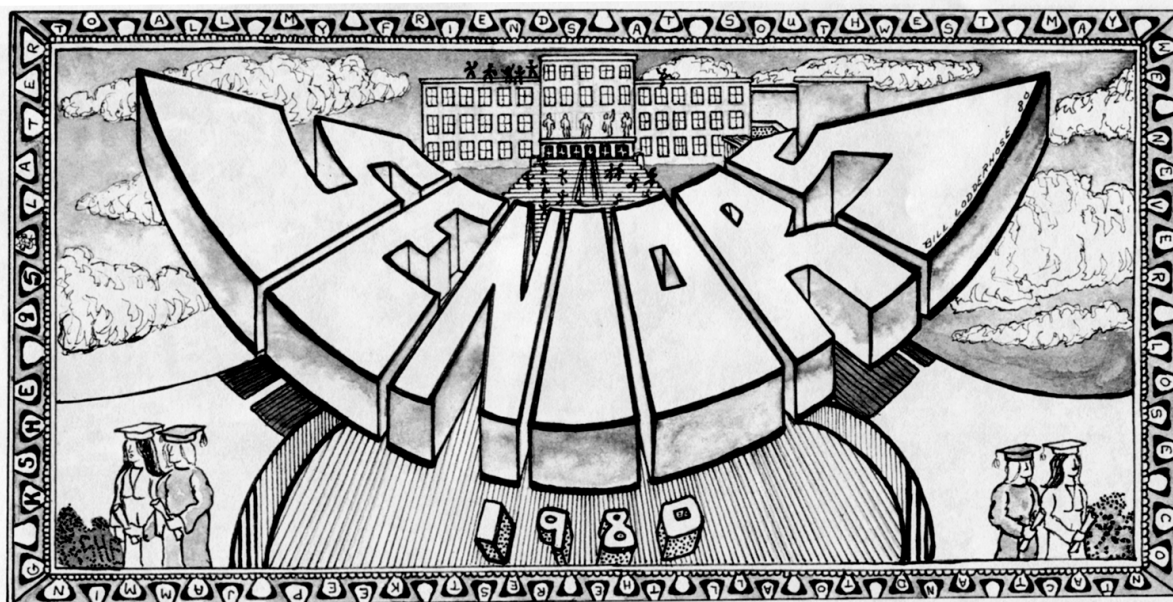
After the smoke cleared from PHL, Coach Wallach commented, "We hope to make a good showing at district."

As a result of District-State Qualifying Meet held on May 10 at Ladue, the top three finishers will advance to the state meet at Jefferson City.

Sleet took 1st in the triple jump with a distance of 44'2". Scoop took 2nd in the 110 meter high hurdles with a time of 15.13. Junior Ken Eaton placed 3rd in the 300 meter Intermediate hurdle with a time of 42.2. Schoenecker took 3rd in the 400 meter dash with a time of 51.4. And the 1000 meter relay team consisting of Millman, Schoenecker, Tate and senior Ernest Robinson took 3rd with a time of 3.26.5. Southwest will be represented by 7 participants in 5 events.

The Southwest Girls' Track team is still a very young team with a few individual standouts. In PHL competition the girls took 9th with 12 1/2 points. Senior Denise Dippel took 3rd in the 1600 meter run and the 1600 meter relay team took third.

The Girls' District Meet was held in tandem with the boys'. Sophomore Stephanie Thomas won the 75 meter low hurdles; senior Candice Williams took second place in both the 75 meter low hurdles and the triple jump; finally Fayette Brown placed second in the 100 meter dash.



"Serious" Look At Our Future

When the Senior Class of 1980 has their ten-year reunion, most of them will have changed. When students leave high school, they set certain goals, but in many cases these goals alter. Just what will everyone be doing ten years from now?

Tom Regan and David Peppmiller will own and operate their own disco.

Alex Cambell, Ernie Robinson, the Trudos, Lavance Madden, and Tim Brown will become stars in the N.H.L.

Paul Sleet will become a D.J. for KSHE.

Fernandars Gillespie will model panty-hose.

Kevin Forness, Tom Mulhberg, George Soest, Kendrick Kendall and Chuck Barnes will open a flower shop.

The Maichel Brothers will become the first white stars in the NBA.

Jim Magnus will become a D.J. for Majic 108.

Karen Chandler will be a writer for *Playboy* and *Hustler*.

Tony Phillips will become a world-champion jockey.

John Clements, after becoming a gigolo, will spend most of his time in the unemployment line.

Ken Morris and John Mikusch will become morticians.

Constantine "Deno" Pashos will become a rabbi and operate a synagogue in East St. Louis.

by Frank Clements
and David Millman

Ron Jones and Janis Johnson will open a restaurant and become short-order cooks.

Mike Walker will travel the world in search of a personality.

Ron Fink will give lessons in being humble. His first pupil will be Steve Craig.

The 1979-1980 Basketball Steers will succeed in anything but basketball.

Donna Reinhart, Nancy Vortiede, and Julie Moser will become Charlie's new angels.

Andre Collier and Kevin McDonald will be in charge of the fashion department at K-Mart.

Lance Sides will become world famous for his collection of splinters.

Mike McConnell will finally buy a new pair of shoes.

The "Turtles" and the "Sexy Saxs" will go to a drive-in movie together and actually watch the movie.

Maurice Grant, Jr. will give speech lessons.

The Esenberg Twins will become the most successful female tag team wrestlers in the world.

Lisa Gentilini will take Rula Lenska's place on the VO-5 hair-spray commercials.

Todd Prosser will become a professor at Harvard and will teach Western Civilization.

Sandy Smith will become a

college drop-out, from Meramec. Laura Wallace will do commercials for Memorex. (Is it live or is it Laura?).

Alan Morgan will finally make a baseball team... somewhere.

Ron Richmann will become a hairstylist.

Sue Welker will become the national president of NORML (National Organization for Reform of Marijuana Laws).

Jamel Richardson will model for body-building ads, and will eventually become Mr. Universe.

Marsha Prophet will finally lose a beauty contest.

Frederica Walker will get a job as a singer in a night club and will double as a bouncer.

Tim Schoenecker will star in the remake of the classic film *Pinochio*.

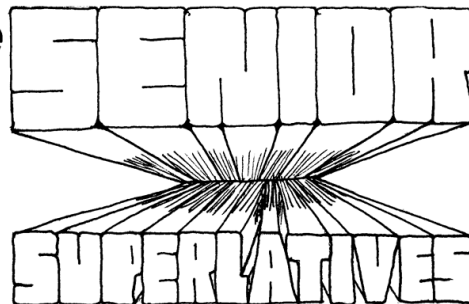
Cathy Dietl will star in the female version of *Walking Tall*.

The Nicholas Brothers will star in the Doublemint Gum commercials.

Paul Sleet will continue to try to defeat Karen Chandler in arm-wrestling.

The entire Southwest student body will continue to participate in commercials they know nothing about, and Marvin Koening will be their agent.

Frank Clements and David Millman, who composed these prophecies, will spend the rest of their lives running.



Every year the senior class votes on students who in some way stood out among the others of the class. This is what is known as the Senior Superlatives.

This year was no exception! Yes, *Pioneer* has again undertaken the task of writing up ballot sheets, passing them out to senior advisories and counting the votes.

In previous years, *Roundup* has usually included superlatives in the yearbook. However, last year *Pioneer* Staff published them in the Senior Issue of the paper and they liked it so much that they decided to do it again this year!

Wasn't that nice!

The following list is a tabulation of votes counted by the *Pioneer* staff. The ballots were distributed in advisory and when the students had filled them out, they were returned to the general office and

placed in a box. The ballots were collected over a period of several days.

These are the results:

Best Dressed—Andre Collier, Kim Hunt

Best Personality—Frank Clements, Judy Lehr

Class Sweethearts—Steven Craig, Marsha Prophet

Most Attractive—Jim Brewer, Jasper Trevisano, Liz Venegoni

Most Athletic—Steven Craig, Sheryl Gatewood

Most likely to Succeed—John Clements, Judy Lehr

Class Clown—Todd Prosser, Lisa Gentilini

Shortest—Ron Jones, Cathy Dietl

Tallest—Mark Maichel, Donna Reinhart

Most Talented—Tony Phillips, Laura Wallace

Best Looking Legs—Fernandars Gillespie, Candy Williams

Biggest Flirt—Greg Simonds, Donna Kearney

Most Talkative—Tim Brown, Sunny Zangara

Biggest Gossip—Greg Simonds, Sunny Zangara

Biggest Mouth—Ron Fiala, Donna Kearney

Prettiest Eyes—Jim Brewer, Gina Hoskins

Messiest Locker—Ken Morris, Phillis Morgan

Most Freckles—Ricky Hawkins, Sue Duncan

Most Artistic—Bill Lodderhose, Cathy Lester

Most Musical—Tony Phillips, Laura Wallace

Worst Joke Teller—John Mikusch, Lisa Gentilini

Most intelligent—David Millman, Judy Lehr

Did most for SW—John Clements, Sheryl Gatewood

Best Sense of Humor—Matt Jacobs, Lisa Gentilini

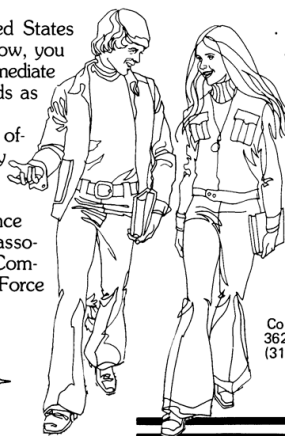
Prettiest Hair—Greg Theodore, Robin Bloomner

Most Bashful—John Nicholas, Sue Welker

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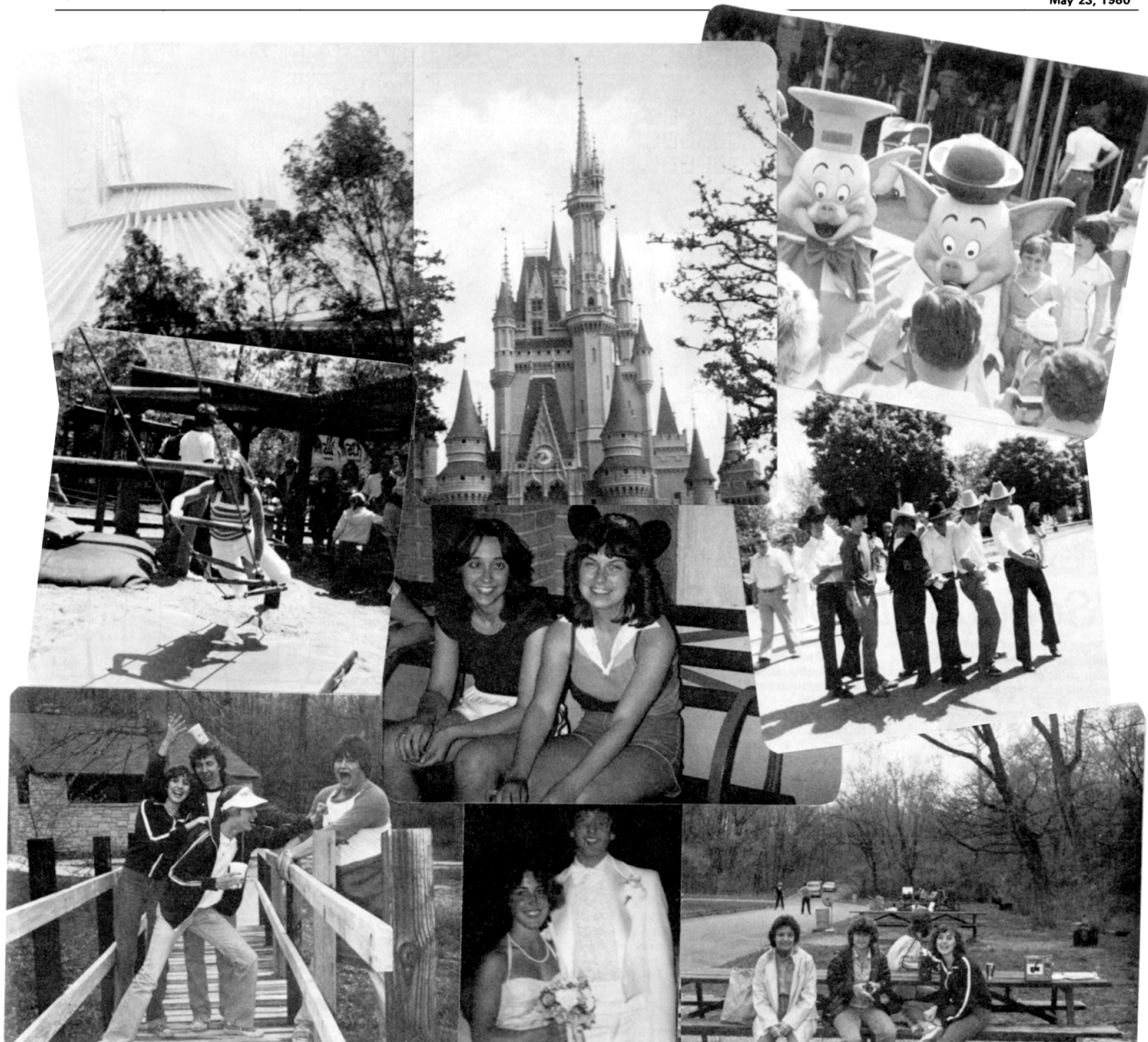


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SW Seniors Have An Eventful Year

By now, seniors are counting down these last few hours of high school life. Sit back and relax, seniors: We're gonna make it!

Even though Senior Board had problems with those expensive t-shirts that they talked us into ordering, many other expensive activities sponsored by Senior Board did materialize:

Southwest's senior trip began when the twenty-nine seniors and their two chaperons, Joyce Jackson and Ray Feick, boarded an Ozark DC-9 to Florida.

The group arrived in sunny Orlando on April 5, greeted by a temperature in the high eighties.

The following two days were spent at fabulous Walt Disney World which is the home of the renowned indoor rollercoaster, Space Mountain.

Later that week the group members travelled to Daytona Beach where they enjoyed the rest of their trip soaking up Florida sun during the day and either visiting the numerous discotheques or going to the carnival in the evening.

Despite all this activity, the seniors did manage to eat and sleep and even do a little shopping. A majority of them purchased 'Florida 1980' t-shirts which they

have been displaying ever since.

The trip was capped off Friday night as Feick and Jackson treated the students to dinner. It was a great dinner and even the moon came out early that night.

The next day was spent riding the bus back to Orlando to catch the plane back to St. Louis.

On April 25, two-hundred couples gathered at the Marriott Pavilion for the Southwest Senior Prom. Many arrived early and most arrived before dinner was served; yet a few were lucky enough to miss the entire meal.

The following day, a handful of seniors showed up at Babler Park for an informal picnic scheduled exclusively for the prom couples.

The senior luncheon at Stan Musial and Biggies will be held on Monday, June 2 at 12 noon. Teachers Ray Feick and Ralph Sneed are scheduled to roast students in the senior class, and Ken Morris and John MiKusch will have the opportunity to roast selected faculty members. Entertainment will be provided.

Probably the most important event of the year will be on June 4 at Kiel Auditorium. On that evening southwest's 370 seniors will take part in the very long commencement ceremonies.

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funding for the publications.

The visiting committee suggested that the Student Council seek ways to raise money for transportation for the music and drama groups' out-of-school performances.

The committee expressed concern about the communication system between classrooms and the main office and/or the nurse's office. At present, a student messenger relays any necessary notes, and phones are available only in certain rooms. However, the committee recommended that the school install a more effective system to connect high accident areas (i.e., science and industrial art rooms) to the central office.

The committee was critical about the lack of storage facilities in the science, art and industrial art areas. It suggested that non-skid surfaces should be added to the stairs and landing areas for student safety.

The evaluation report stated that the noise during passing time was above acceptable levels because of the lack of acoustical, sound-deadening materials. The committee recommended that art classes hang their work on the walls to baffle the sound and to improve the school's appearance.

The faculty and administration have the task of studying the results of the evaluation and deciding whether they will implement the visiting committee's

recommendations. Mary Kelly, local chairperson of the evaluation, had a positive reaction to the examination of Southwest.

"I felt as if the students and staff of Southwest High School were goodwill ambassadors. They opened the eyes of some of the county educational leaders to the good things in the public schools," commented Kelly.

"It's generally a favorable

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report. I felt that Southwest has a positive atmosphere. I feel we have very fine students and staff," concluded Kelly.

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