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Board Votes To Merge Soldan And SW

by Terrasita Cuffie

On March 9, 1982, the St. Louis Board of Education voted 7-5 to make changes in the St. Louis City Schools. As a result of the projected changes, Southwest High School's enrollment is expected to increase by 700-900 students.

The changes will include:

- Conversion of Soldan High School, to a magnet Visual and Performing Arts High School, including the part-time Honors Art Program now at Longfellow School and the Mass Media specialty program now at McKinley High School.

- Conversion of McKinley, to the magnet Naval Junior ROTC High School.

- Transferring Soldan's students to Southwest High School, along with the Senior Classical Academy for gifted students, now housed at Soldan.

- Transferring McKinley's students to Roosevelt High School and to Cleveland High School.

- Closing two South St. Louis elementary schools, Lindenwood and Windsor. Windsor's projected 153 students next fall would be transferred to Buder School and Lindenwood's projected 208 students would be transferred to Scruggs School.

- Locating the new magnet Visual and Performing Arts Middle School at Humbolt School, now the site of the Visual and Performing Arts High School. This would replace earlier plans to re-

open Marquette School, for the new Visual and Performing Arts Middle School.

- Relocating the magnet grade six-eight programs at the Stix School Investigative Learning Center to Kennard, which now houses Naval ROTC, rather than reopening Mason School.

- The Pruitt Alternative School will not re-open next year. Students who presently attend this school will return to general high schools next year.

Students attending Southwest High School next fall will have a better selection of classes as a result of the projected increase in the enrollment. New or reinstated courses include: Communications Laboratory-5, Heroes, Advanced Composition and Literature, Western Civilization, Psychology/Sociology, Calculus, Computer Courses, Spanish, Living Law, Practical Law, Advanced Physics, Earth Science, Advanced Biology, Advanced Chemistry, Home Economics, Home Economics Co-op., Tailoring, Gourmet Cooking, Keyboarding, Business and Marketing Occupations, Office Cop., Mechanical Drawing, Applied Electricity and Beginning Woodwinds and Brass.

The projected enrollment for the 1982-83 school is 1700-1800. 45 faculty members will be added to the present staff at Southwest. "In spite of the addition of faculty

members, the student-teacher ratio (now 32-1) is expected to rise as high as 35-1," said Marvin O. Koenig, Principal of Southwest High School.

As a result of lack of funds (federal and local money allocated for education), 1500-2000 personnel in all classifications may be laid off. There will be fewer administrators, counselors, teachers, secretaries and maintenance workers at Southwest than what there would have been as a result of combining the schools. "Athletic coaches will be chosen by the Athletic Director, Robert Urberger and myself," said Koenig. "Urberger and I will consider the experience of each coach, his record (wins and losses), and the coaching that has taken place before we assign coaching positions. I expect that coaches at Soldan will be coaches here (providing that out of the 45 teachers that will be transferring here some of them are experienced coaches) and coaches here will continue on coaching," said Koenig.

Administrators have already started preparing for school closings, increased enrollments, additional faculty members and new and reinstated courses. However, before the plan is final, Judge William Hungate has to approve it. At the time the *Pioneer* went to press, the judge had not yet made his decision public.

Unexpected Snow Stuns

by Lisa Robinson

When the students, faculty and administration of all St. Louis Public Schools departed their buildings Friday, January 29, they had no idea they would be receiving a two-week vacation. Due to the unexpected February snow storm, students enjoyed the longest vacation in the St. Louis Public School history which resulted from bad weather conditions.

Lieutenant-Governor Kenneth J. Rothman declared the St. Louis area a disaster area. St. Louis Public Schools were closed and were not considered being re-opened until February 10. However, on February 10, Superintendent Robert E. Wentz announced they would be closed until February 16. The ad-

ministration felt that roads were too hazardous, busing service would be inadequate, and it would be unsafe for those walking.

Students questioned how the days were to be made up. On March 9, the decision was announced. Spring Break (April 12-16) was cancelled; Parent/Teacher Conference Day (April 1) was cancelled, and the school year was extended until June 11. There were also other changes made in the school schedule. The California Achievement Test (C.A.T.) was re-scheduled for April 5-9, and at Southwest, midterms were re-scheduled for March 22-26.

Pamela Hendricks, a teacher at Southwest, regrets the cancelling of spring break. "I would love to have my spring break, at least two days of it."

Senior Karen Collier said that she did not care how the days were made up, but the cancellation of

spring break would affect her. She planned to go on the senior trip which was to take place during the time spring break had been scheduled. Her major concern has disappeared. After the interview the senior trip was cancelled.

When sophomore Brenda White was asked how she felt about missing spring break, her response was, "It's just something we have to do, but it will be hard without a break."

Besides affecting schools, the snow storm also affected the entire city. The Missouri Office of Disaster Planning and Operation filed applications asking the President Reagan for \$2 million in federal funds. These funds would have been used to aid small business and businesses that sustained damages from the snow storm. The President refused to give them the funds on the basis that lives were not threatened.

Students Question Clay

by Gina Zelenovich

On Friday, March 12, 1982, seven members of the Southwest's *Pioneer* staff attended a Press Conference for Congressman William L. Clay. They, among other journalism students from area high schools, and were invited to listen to Clay and given the opportunity to question him regarding his opinions. Born in St. Louis and a graduate of St. Louis University, Clay represents the First Congressional District of Missouri.

Introduced by MAJIC-108 newscaster Mildred Gaddis, Congressman Clay summarized his views on New Federalism. His opposition to Reagan's proposals was clearly stated. Disregard of social problems of the elderly, sick and poor, Clay felt, is the main flaw of the proposal. He confirmed that a separate agency for each state, as Reagan has suggested, promotes no uniformity for our nation. Clay believes that money "wasted" on defense costs could be

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photo by T. Cuffie

Lions Select Band

by Andrette Watson

Trumpet player, senior David Snodgrass and saxophonist, junior Danny Harizopolos, both of the Southwest Symphonic and Jazz Bands, were selected as members of the Missouri All-State Lions Band. With this honor they have continued Southwest's outstanding trend of producing band members who are good enough to be chosen to participate in a state-wide orchestral group.

Band director Robert Nordman submitted David's and Danny's names to a state committee and the local Lions Club for acceptance and approval. Nordman also sent written recommendations and an application for each of them.

The Missouri All-State Band originated in 1972. It is composed of 100 high school students from all over the state of Missouri. During

the band's ten years of existence, Southwest has had at least one band member participating every year. Nine times out of the ten Southwest has been the only St. Louis City Public High School to be represented.

The members will rehearse the last week in June at Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, Missouri. The performance will take place the first week of July in Atlanta, Georgia. The Lions Club will pay the cost of \$600 per person. This includes transportation costs, hotel accommodations and other expenses.

When asked how he felt about being chosen, Danny replied, "I was extremely honored by the invitation to become a future Missouri Lions Band participant."

Southwest's Auer Visits Washington

by Julie Moeckel

Don Auer, Southwest Student Council President, experienced a bird's-eye view of the government and its functions during the week of February 13-20. Along with 425 other high school students, Auer participated in a program entitled "A Presidential Classroom for Young Americans", conducted in Washington, D.C.

Community and school participation and academic performance determined the selection of student representatives. A fee of \$625, funded by each student through scholarships, sponsorships or self-payments, was required to participate in the program.

Throughout the week in Washington, the students maintained a very busy schedule. Seminars, conducted by persons such as Illinois Representative John Anderson, Assistant Justice of the Supreme Court Sandra Day O'Connor, and General Maxwell Taylor, occupied much of the students' time. Topics ranged from "Power In Washington" and "The House of Representatives" to "Foreign Policy" and "National Strategic Priorities". After the seminars, the participants conversed personally with the

speakers.

In addition to attending seminars, the students also met congressmen from different states and heard addresses by President Reagan and Vice-President Bush. Auer said that Reagan stressed his New Federalism Program and how badly he wanted it to be passed.

Included in the participants' schedules were tours of the White House, Smithsonian Institute, FBI Headquarters, Harlequin Theater and many other tourist attractions.

"A Presidential Classroom for Young Americans" is a nationwide program including participants from fifty states and foreign countries such as the Honduras, Virgin Islands and Haiti. Founded in 1968, 30,000 students have already graduated from the program. Auer commented, "The people were the best thing about the program."

Auer, who plans to major in political science or foreign relations in college, felt the program to be beneficial. "It made me realize that the government is not untouchable. It also helped me understand it better." Auer felt that the purpose of the program was "to discover Washington firsthand and find out what the history books had overlooked."

What's Happening

- 23 Mid-Term Exams (Period 1)
- 24 Mid-Term Exams (Periods 4 and 6)
- 25 Vocal Music Festival—at Roosevelt
- 26 Mid-Term Exams (Periods 2 and 5)
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- 30 ASVAB Test
- APRIL
- 5 Symphonic and Jazz Band Dedication of Building - 12:00
- 6 CAT—California Achievement Test
- 23 Junior and Senior Prom at Bel-Air Hilton 8:00-12:00
- 28 Band/Choir Concert 7:30 p.m.—Aud.
- 29 Student Council Officers Elections—3rd Period



KTVI ANCHOR WOMAN SUSAN KIDD addresses an ABJ workshop. Photo by T. Cuffie

ABJ Workshop Held

by Cassandra Gould

The Greater St. Louis Association of Black Journalists, concluded its sixth annual journalism workshop on March 13.

The workshop was held for seven consecutive Saturdays, from January 30 to March 13. It was held at St. Louis Community College at Forest Park.

Over sixty students attended the workshop. These students were juniors and seniors from area high schools and freshmen and sophomores from area colleges.

Three Southwest students attended the workshop, senior Terrasita Cuffie, junior Sherri Speed and senior Cassandra Gould, who also participated last year.

Journalists from KTVI Channel 2, KSD TV-5, *The St. Louis Globe Democrat*, the *St. Louis Post Dispatch* and other area television, radio and publications personnel volunteered as instructors throughout this seven week period.

The workshop was divided into two sections. During the first three sessions the students were given exercises on writing news and feature articles. During the last four sections instructors divided students according to their preference, print, television broadcast or radio broadcast.

The instructors for the

specialized sessions were Gregory Freeman, staff writer for the *Post Dispatch* and Workshop Director, (print), Susan Kidd, anchorwoman for KTVI (television), and Ovoid Reed, an employee of the Jeff-Vander-Lou Communications Center, (radio).

During all seven sessions, students met and interviewed prominent citizens of the St. Louis area. Among these citizens were Mayor Vincent Schoemel Jr., Alderman Virvius Jones and meteorologist Bryan Busby.

According to last year's workshop director and ABJ President, George Curry of the *Post Dispatch* students are taught at a much faster pace than in their regular schools. He also said one of the goals of the workshop is to train students to become excellent journalists.

As a final project each specialized group completed a product reflecting the field in which it specialized. Print students published a newspaper, *The Black Scribe*. Radio students put together a radio show reflecting black history. Television students produced a video tape that would be used to encourage businesses to support the workshop in the future.

Students View Lyrics

by Sandra Weaver

Radio stations are programmed to play a variety of music for their listeners' enjoyment. While some stations focus mainly on daily news and information, others focus on the entertainment and music world. Music is grouped into categories of Rhythm and Blues, Rock, Jazz, Country and Western, etc. With this arrangement each individual has a choice to listen to what he or she prefers.

Music changes drastically and modern tunes reflect more than ever on lifestyles and personal feelings of the society. The lyrics in songs today contain much more explicit material on subjects that weren't discussed years ago. These types of songs are in popular demand from today's teenagers. A small number of the songs have been banned from the airwaves as result of complaints from religious groups and concerned parents groups. Their outcry is that songs of suggestive nature may influence young minds. This outcry, however, does not appear to hurt the sales of the records. A recording artist can gross about one-million dollars a year producing these songs.

The question concerning whether suggestive songs be allowed on the airwaves was asked of several Southwest students.

Senior George Thodorou commented, "Yes, the songs should be given airplay. As far, as objection toward the lyrics I don't have any."

Sophomore Angelina Billingsley said, "Songs containing suggestive lyrics are of no real bother towards me."

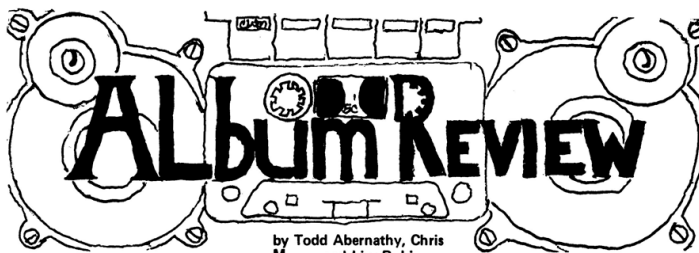
Senior Terry Richardson commented, "Yes, the songs should be allowed on the radio. If you don't like the material in the song, change the station."

Junior Ruby Talley, stated, "I feel it's alright for a radio station to play those types of lyrics. They're no bother."

Freshman Tanya Sanders said, "There's nothing wrong with a radio station giving those songs airplay. Some of them sound pretty good."

Sophomore Jacqueline Barnes commented, "I haven't yet heard a song that I've disagreed with. It's really no problem if a radio station chooses to give the songs airplay."

Senior Greg Ingram, in response to the question said, "Suggestive lyrics, to me is mood music. The material in the songs do have an influence on a individual. But I feel the influence will do no harm towards anyone."



by Todd Abernathy, Chris Massey and Lisa Robinson

Album buyers with music tastes ranging from rhythm and blues to rock to country should be pleased with several new albums currently on the market.

Quarterflash's hit single "Harden-My-Heart" from the best-selling album *Quarterflash* is an up-tempo song with a great dance beat. The group is a newcomer to stardom with its first successful album. Packed with rock music of a high quality under the guidance of the Geffen Record Label, this album is strictly for the fan who enjoys rock music. Recording the sounds made by the eager group, in a creative and new way, gives the songs another added touch-of-class.

The *Sequence-Sugar Hill* album is not as new as the previously mentioned album, but does contain a new hit, "Simon Says", which is a rap about party life.

This is the third hit rap for the three women (Shirley Pearl, Angie "B" and Blondie) who sing "Simon Says", "We don't wanna sit down, uh, we wanna throw down!" With lots of rhythm and a good dancing beat, "Simon Says" is just as popular as the group's first two raps.

"When We're Alone" has not yet made the charts, but is good music. A different type of music than what *Sequence* is known for singing; "When We're Alone" is slow,

touching and the words have a meaning for a change.

By far, the best of the selections reviewed is Stevie Wonder's new album, *That Girl*.

Wonder is a genius is the art of composing, producing and singing music that ranges from the sound of rapping, "Master Blaster" to the soft and mellow sounds of "Lately" and "All I Do" to the hard sound of "I Ain't Gonna Stand for It". All of these are hit songs from his *Hotter Than July* album.

Wonder's new album is just as exciting, with the current hit "That

Girl", a rhythm and blues tune that tells of a man's love for his girl. The new album has yet to reach the St. Louis market, but if it's anything like the *Hotter Than July* album or the new hit single, "That Girl", Stevie has yet another hit and another feather in his cap.

Other albums on the chart worth the eight, nine or ten dollars charged are Kool and the Gang's *Stepping Out*, the J. Geiles Band's *Freeze-Frame*, Sister Sledge's *My Guy*, the Oak Ridge Boys' *Bobbie Sue* and Diana Ross's *Why Do Fools Fall In Love*.

Bands Hold Dinner

by Glenys Tracy

The Southwest Symphonic/Jazz Band Annual Spaghetti Supper was held on Saturday, March 20, at Hope United Church of Christ Eichelberger at Tamm.

Adults and children enjoyed an "All You Can Eat" dinner of spaghetti, tossed salad, Italian bread and cake. Profits from the dinner and a "bushel basket full of groceries" raffle exceeded the expected goal. Entertainment was provided by the Southwest Jazz Band during and after the dinner.

This supper, sponsored every March by the Southwest Band Parents, Band Alumni and band

members is the most important fund-raising activity which is used to help lower the cost of the yearly spring concert tour.

The 1982 tour will be highlighted by a performance at the World's Fair in Knoxville, Tennessee, on May 5. The bands will also perform and sight-see in the Gatlinburg, Tennessee - Asheville, North Carolina area.

On March 17 the band held a recording session at Southwest High School which will be broadcasted on KSLH, the public school's radio station, at a later date.



SOLDAN STUDENTS protesting School Board's decision. Photo by T. Cuffie

Soldan Students Protest Change

by Terrasita Cuffie

The atmosphere generates excitement. This is no ordinary pep-rally; unlike most pep-rallies, the people are not only excited but enraged—some are even sad. Suddenly the Soldan auditorium is enveloped in silence; the students, parents, and media bow their heads in prayer. "We believe that Soldan High School has represented a great deal to our lives, and our hearts are sad that Soldan will be taken away from us. Amen." It is March 3, 1982—only 6 days before the St. Louis Board of Education will decide the future of Soldan High School.

The Soldan students are proud of their school and despair at the thought of leaving it.

"I want to be able to come back in 10 years and say, 'I graduated from Soldan High School and I am proud of it!'" said a Soldan student.

"When I went to Southwest High School, I thought that it was the best, now I know that Soldan is better. We love Soldan and we

don't want to leave," said John Edmond, a former Southwest student.

The prayers of Soldan students were not answered. On Tuesday, March 9, 1982, the St. Louis Board

of Education voted 7-5 to close Soldan High School. For many students who attend Soldan, Southwest will be the third high school they have attended since their freshman year.

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NEWS AND NOTES

Opera Is A Success

On March 4 the Opera Theatre of St. Louis performed Georges Bizet's comedy operetta *Doctor Miracle* during 6th period in the Southwest auditorium. With the cooperation of school administrators, the Opera Theatre held rehearsals February 16-20 after school in the auditorium enabling students to see how professional rehearsals are held.

The plot of *Doctor Miracle* is based on the love of a young girl named Laurette for a soldier named Captain Silvio. The Mayor, who is Laurette's father, objects to her love for Silvio and will not allow Silvio to see Laurette. Disguised as a servant, Silvio is admitted into the house. He is told to make an omelette that appears to be delicious, but tastes terrible. The Mayor gets sick and exits the room, leaving Silvio and Laurette alone. Laurette realizes that Silvio is in disguise and kisses him. When the Mayor enters the room, he catches Silvio and Laurette and chases Silvio away. Silvio then sends a note to the Mayor stating that the omelette had been poisoned. Disguised as Doctor Miracle, Silvio is again admitted in the house. The Mayor agrees to let Doctor Miracle marry Laurette if he will cure the Mayor's sickness. Laurette objects to the marriage until she realizes Silvio is in disguise again.

The usual rate for each performance of the Opera Theatre is \$150, but since the school's stage was used for rehearsals, the performance was free.

The audience showed its appreciation by generous applause.

Pompons Complete

On Saturday, March 13, the Southwest Wranglerettes competed in the Sixth Annual Metropolitan Area Pompon Association Competition. Approximately thirty-eight squads participated in the event held at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Each squad performed an original routine, complete with entrance and exit, for the audience and judges. Kicks, lines and formations and other categories were evaluated and totaled as a score. The Wranglerettes placed 5th in its division, with a routine to "Cool".

Recognition Lacking

Two clubs at Southwest feel recognition for their contributions is long overdue. In their opinion they do not receive credit for the things they do. These two clubs are the cheerleaders and mat-maids.

When the Longhorns start to fall behind in points at the basketball and football games, the enthusiasm of the crowd usually subsides. The cheerleaders get the Longhorn supporters back into the winning spirit with such cheers as, "Go, Go, Go Mighty Longhorns", "You Got to Get On Up and Express Yourself" and "Give Me An S".

Wrestling is not one of the most popular spectator sports at Southwest. Not half as many of the students who attend the basketball games go to the wrestling matches. For this reason the mat-maids are

a very important form of support sitting on the sidelines cheering, "Bip, Bop, Bam".

As one cheerleader put it, speaking for the girls, they feel "left out". It seems as though second billing is almost always given to them behind other school clubs such as the pom pon squad.

Whenever the pompons perform, announcements are usually made whereas the performances of the cheerleaders and mat-maids are not announced.

These two organizations are asking for a little bit of what everyone wants: Respect and Recognition.

SC Plans Spirit Week

Southwest Spirit Week is time set aside and planned by Student Council to promote school spirit. The date, tentatively set for March 22-26, was forced to be changed because mid-terms were re-

by Phyllis Ray

scheduled for that week. The new date has been set for March 29-April 2.

Various activities have been

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put to better use to heal the sick, cure diseases and feed the poor. To support his view, he gave an example of an American expense on the construction of an inefficient tank, that did not equal the combined total amounts spent on welfare and food stamps.

He stressed the high unemployment rate, 11 million people, and commented that Congress is forcing people on welfare to take jobs that are not available. This figure includes 86 percent children, and the majority of the remaining women. Clay's opposition to Reagan's policy concerning student aid cuts is a result of his belief that the Government to educate students. If the President's plan is accepted, an estimated 20 percent of the colleges will be forced to close.

With the conclusion of Clay's remarks, students were given the opportunity to question him on related topics. Among these was his opinion on the draft. He responded with opposition and

stated that military enlistment should be voluntary. Clay answered several more questions concerning New Federalism, and concluded the chances of Reagan's budget cuts being passed slim. Several students asked questions regarding the consolidation of Soldan and Southwest High Schools and McKinley with Cleveland and Roosevelt High Schools. Clay, with the attention of the whole audience, failed to give a complete opinion. He explained he hadn't included it in his recent studies, devoting most of his time to Reaganomics.

Following the Press Conference and Clay's departure, several volunteer professional journalists from area newspapers expressed their opinions on the session. During the critique, the journalism students were given suggestions on improving the style of questions delivered at a press conference. After lunch, the students wrote straight news copy on a limited deadline, with the assistance of the journalists.

arranged to take place each day of that week and students as well as faculty are invited to participate.

On Monday, New Wave Day, students are urged to dress in their favorite punk rock outfits. The opening day will also include a slave auction to be held at lunch and is designated as Faculty Appreciation Day. Tuesday's plans entails the annual Lettermen vs. Faculty Basketball Game and the traditional Green and Gold Day. Wednesday has been set aside as Super Hero Day, in honor of the television heroes. Students are requested to dress as the super-heroes of their choice. The hit *Superman II* will play during fifth and sixth periods and students can attend with the purchase of a ticket. Thursday is designated as Western Day and Hat Day with students being able to wear the hats of their choice. Friday, the final day, is filled with the most activities. Backwards Day is planned as a day of everything being backwards. At 1:30 with free admission, the first Faculty vs. Letterwomen Volleyball Game will be held. This day also includes Green and Gold Day. To conclude the week a dance will be held from 7-10 p.m. with the theme of "Toga Party".

HOW TO pick a major

Karin Kadlec, Cornell College senior, talks about narrowing choices, finding a major and deciding what to do with her life.

On sampling a little first: "It forces you to keep an open mind. To think about other alternatives. One of the worst things you can do is narrow your choices before you know what's out there to sample."

On making up your mind and then changing it: "I'm a great example. When I entered college, I'd made up my mind. I was going to be a doctor. Period. Well, here I am about to graduate with a degree in economics and business. How's that for a 180?"

On knowing when the major you've picked is the one that's right for you: "...it's when studying doesn't seem like studying. It's when you're so into what you're doing that studying doesn't seem like it's an effort. You naturally find yourself looking for more information... trying to learn all you can."

On putting what you've learned into practice: "I lucked out. I managed a summer internship through IBM for 6 weeks a year ago. I

came away knowing that business was the right place for Karin Kadlec. Some kids aren't so lucky. They spend years studying and training and then they get on the job and they hate it, but they're stuck. You need to know what you're getting into."



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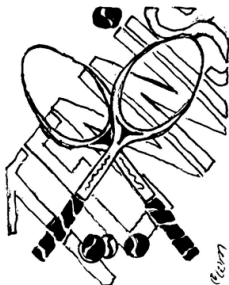
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Spring Teams Begin Practice For Upcoming Season

by Todd Abernathy and Chris Massey



May 7, 1981 the Southwest Boys' Tennis Team learned that tennis (boys' and girls') had been cut from the '82 sports schedule.

This upset the Longhorns because the team felt it was unfair for tennis to be cut.

Since tennis had been cut, the boys felt that there was no need to prepare themselves physically and mentally for the upcoming '82 season. On January 28, the boys were told by Coach Oashon Chalmers that they had the option to play in the District Tournament held at Dwight Davis Tennis Center in Forest Park.

The team consists of 3 singles players—co-captains Todd Abernathy, Stan Dippel and Dino Polymeropoulos, and two doubles teams of George Theodorou and Thomas Daniels, Darwin Stewart and David Snodgrass. Lionel Meredith was the team's one

alternate. All have decided to play in the tournament. They feel that if some PHL teams don't play, the Districts will not be competitive. The tournament will have teams from schools such as SLUH, DuBourg and any other PHL team that elects to play.

A few of the boys have started practicing at Sublette and Penrose Parks.

In previous years the boys have fallen victim to the number one team from SLUH. This year the team feels that it has a very good chance of beating SLUH in the District tournament if the members use what practice time they have wisely.

Co-captain Todd Abernathy feels that, "The team received the short end of the stick. With tennis being cut the Seniors have less chance of scholarships. This year we stood a very good chance of placing first in the PHL and making it to the State Championship in doubles by beating SLUH as we are capable of doing."

Abernathy also feels that the only reason Southwest and the other St. Louis Public High Schools were given the option to participate in Districts was to "beef up" the competition in tournament. He commented, "Without Southwest and other PHL teams, the only schools in the tournament would be SLUH and DuBourg which would not make an interesting tournament and the tournament would not have very many matches, good or bad."



baseball season began with only 43 members attending practice, causing the team to be weak in many areas.

The vets who are returning are few, decreasing the Longhorns' experience. The vets who are returning will cover the infield, giving coach Graham the task of developing a competitive outfield to do battle against its first opponents.

The Longhorns will also be weak behind the plate and on the pitcher's mound. There will be a need for the infield to be in fine working condition to keep the team playing together.

With practice, lasting only four

prepare, develop, and shape up the Steers. Veteran shortstop, senior Mark Taylor, had this to say when asked how the team looks, "Last year's players that have returned, and help from some of the upcoming B-Teamers are holding it together, but we still have to make some improvements and learn not to make the same mistakes we did last year. We also plan to upset a lot of our opponents we lost to in the '81 Season."

Coach Graham had this comment about his '82 Varsity Baseball Team, "If my players can use this practice time and the season in a businesslike fashion, they will accomplish plenty. How they do

serious their attitudes are and their entire development."

The Southwest '82 Longhorn B-Team has also set course for a successful season with help from its coach. However, the B-Team also suffered from the lack of members coming out for the team. But the players' plans are to stay on course and fight the elements of inexperience.

The development of the B-Team players will determine whether the team will meet with its goal.

If the short practice time the B-Team has is used constructively, it may help the team to play a competitive season.

SW Winter Sport Ends On Sour Note

by Todd Abernathy

The Southwest Boys' Varsity and "B" Basketball teams did not fare very well in the '82 season.

Varsity finished its season with a record of 3 and 14, while B-Team ended its season a 0-17.

Three of Varsity's last six games were cancelled due to the bad weather.

The Longhorns lost their final three games losing to SLUH and Sumner (83-82) and Soldan (75-70).

On Monday, March 1, the Steers were again defeated by the Tigers of Soldan (81-76).

The Longhorns ended their season with 2 players in the top 20 League Scorers, Seniors Mark Small and Pierre Stewart. Small had a total of 374 points while Stewart had a total of 314.

The Southwest Wrestling Longhorns ended its season with a record of 5-7, which placed the team seventh in the PHL.

The Grapplers as a team had very little success, but on an individual basis, there was much success.

Junior Joe Torry made it to the State Championships, losing in the final round. Seniors Alan Gray,

Jim Ivey and Jim Tellios all helped the team a great deal this season as well as last season.

Gray was the most successful of the seniors, placing 2nd in the heavyweight division of the District Tournament.

The Southwest Girls' Basketball Team had a much better season than did the boys (Varsity or "B" team.)

The five starters were all in the top 20 scorers in the league, lead by senior Diane Bernard with 209 points followed by Cheryl Campbell 175, Stepheny Smith 154, senior Janelle Mason 135 and junior Pam Brown with 109 points.

In their final four games the girls, were 2 and 2, defeating St. Johns on February 23 but losing to Sumner on February 19 and Cleveland in the District Tournament.

Soldan fell victim as they were ousted 54-36 by the Longhorns.

On March 4 the Longhorns were beaten 63-46 by the Cleveland Dutchwomen. This loss ended its season as the Steers were stopped just short of repeating its bid for state champions in Columbia March 12 and 13.



Torry Makes It To Finals

by Janelle Mason

The Southwest Grapplers ended its season with a 5-7 league record placing 6th in the District.

Coach David Cook had few experienced wrestlers this year, therefore, the team really depended on the talents of veterans Joe Torry, Alan Gray, Jim Ivey and Jim Tellios.

The season was highlighted by the placing of four grapplers in the regionals, the most Southwest has had for some time. These were junior Torry, who had placed 1st in

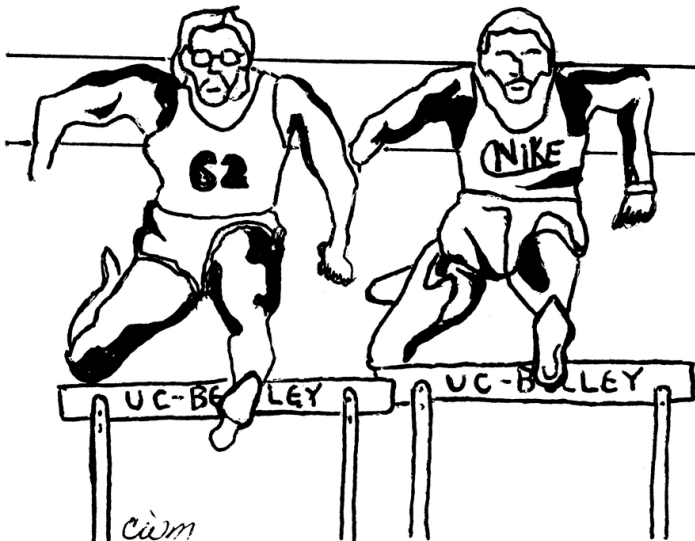
district, senior Alan Gray with 2nd, and seniors Ivey and Tellios who each had fourth place in his weight division.

Of these four, only one survived the regionals and made it to the Hearnes Multi-purpose Center in Columbia, Missouri. This was Joe Torry, who received statewide recognition for making All-PHL All-District, and All-Region. He was one of five wrestlers of 52 who made it to state.

Torry's efforts have been greatly

praised, but he failed to win the championship match by 3-2 in overtime. Of his efforts he commented, "I did all I could. There were times when I'd look over at Coach Cook and he would tell me what to do but I did everything I could, and that was a lot."

The Grapplers are looking forward to an even more successful season next year. With Torry returning, success just may be in the waiting.



SW Sports Calendar

March

23 Boys' Track - SW vs. Cleveland at Cleveland 4:00 p.m.

26 Varsity Baseball SW vs. Mehlville at Mehlville 4:00 p.m.

30 Boys' Track - Southside Relays at Roosevelt 4:00 p.m.

31 "B" Baseball - SW vs. Lindbergh at Lindbergh 4:00 p.m.

Varsity Baseball - SW vs. Lindbergh at Lindbergh 4:00 p.m.

Girls' Track - SW vs. Beaumont at Beaumont 4:00 p.m.

April

1 "B" Baseball SW vs. Lafayette at Lafayette 12:00 p.m.

Varsity Baseball - SW vs. Vianney at Vianney 4:00 p.m.

Boys' Track - SW vs. Vianney at Vianney 4:00 p.m.

2 Girls' Track - at SW 4:00 p.m.

6 Boys' Track - PHL Relays at O'Fallon and SW 3:30 p.m.

8 Boys' Track - PHL Relays at O'Fallon 3:30 p.m.

9 "B" Baseball - SW vs. O'Fallon at Sublette 3:30 p.m.

Varsity Baseball - SW vs. O'Fallon at Forest Park #5 4:00 p.m.

19 Boys' Track - SW at O'Fallon p.m.

20 "B" Baseball - SW vs. Sumner at Sublette 4:00 p.m.

Varsity Baseball - SW vs. Sumner at Tandy 4:00 p.m.

Girls' Track - Field Day at O'Fallon 3:30 p.m.