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Arsenic and lace make play

Senior play is cast early



FROM LEFT: RAY Horn, Bill Vicente, Maureen Mayse, and Art Vasterling make their bids for parts in the Senior play.

Arsenic and Old Lace, this year's senior play, will be presented in the auditorium April 25th and 26th.

Tryouts were held Tuesday and Wednesday, February 27th and 28th. Those auditioning read from the play, and pantomimed the character they hoped to create.

The cast includes Fran Wirth and Marty Hansen as the two little old ladies, Abby and Martha, who put lonely men out of their misery by slipping a little arsenic in their elderberry wine. Their nephew,

Teddy (Brad Femmer) lives with them, and thinks he is President Theodore Roosevelt. The nephew, Mortimer (Rich Willner) who is a theatre critic, is quite sane, and humors his aunts and brother. It is while he is searching the living room for some papers that he finds a body in the window-seat. Convinced that Teddy did it, he is shocked to find that his aunts know all about it, that the body is, in fact, one of "their gentlemen". They're hurt, however, because they hadn't dreamed he'd "peek". Teddy, it turns out, has been burying the bodies in the basement, thinking they were yellow fever victims from the Panama Canal.

Mortimer leaves

Giving his aunts strict instructions not to bury the body and not to let anyone in the house, Mortimer leaves.

Jonathan (George Price) Mortimer's long-lost brother, returns, meanwhile, with his friend and partner, Dr. Einstein (Bob Kelly). Dr. Einstein has the convenient ability of being able to change Jonathan's face after every "job" so that Abby and Martha don't recognize him.

Next blackmail

Discovering that the aunts have bodies to hide, Jonathan tries to use this information to blackmail Mortimer into allowing them to stay. However, Mortimer manages to have Teddy committed without anyone's finding out about the bodies. Not wishing to be separated from Teddy, the

aunts decide to join him at the sanitarium. The play ends as lonely Mr. Witherspoon (Gary Acton) who's come from the sanitarium, raises a glass of elderberry wine to his lips.

Other members of the cast include: Carolyn Phillips as Elaine, Mortimer's fiancée, and Rich Jacques as the Reverend Dr. Harper, her father. Bill Mignerone and Charlie Lovacheff play officers Brophy and Klein. Barry Lalumondier is Lt. Rooney, Art Vasterling is officer O'Hara and Ray Horn is Mr. Gibbs. Stage manager will be Kathy Kuhn.

SW's Sec'y chairs state

Mrs. Beckham, secretary of Southwest's principal, Mr. Robert M. Young, has recently been appointed as chairman of the Emblems Committee for the Missouri Association of Educational Secretaries.

The purpose of the Emblems Committee is to provide scholarships for those girls who wish to become educational secretaries.

As chairman for a full year, Mrs. Beckham will have two committees: one at a workshop at the Lake of the Ozarks in April, and one at a convention in Kansas City in November. At the workshop, there will be a speaker on the new methods in business. The committee will sell several different types of items at the convention to raise money for the scholarships.

The Missouri Association of Educational Secretaries is an organization of about seven hundred secretaries of school principals throughout Missouri. Its theme is the improvement of educational secretaries.

DECA earns \$30,000

Distributive Education is a class in which students coordinate education with work experience. Now in its second year at Southwest, Distributive Ed. boasts an outstanding record. Last semester's D.E. students earned a total of \$30,000. Students hold various positions in sales, stock, insurance and reception. Many of these jobs are kept as full or part-time employment after graduation.

Recently the club undertook a service project to aid eye research. They sold candy at the Arena Sports Show to earn the money.

On March 18-20 thirty Southwest Distributive Education students will represent their chapter in state competition.

March Ides go Irish

"The Ides of March are come."

Today is the Ides of March, and the senior class of June '68 will present their dance, the Irish Ides, in the Old Gym from 3:15-4:30.

Miss Turk, who is co-sponsoring the dance with Mrs. Medley, described the theme as "a combination of the Roman Ides of March, and the Irish St. Patrick's Day."

Intrusions play

Students will dance to the sound of the Intrusions, featuring Linda Kimmerle. The band includes Jerry Smith on bass, Jim Gore on lead guitar, Bob Watts on drums, Steve Haupt on organ, and three horns.

Publicity has included the unique announcements heard over the public address system this week during advisory.

SW students compete in annual science fair

SW's Shirley Sheraga is guest on Science Recognition Day

Three SW students will be participants in the 21st annual Post-Dispatch Science Fair. The fair will be held at the Washington University Field House from April 18th through the 26th.

Lawrence Nuelle, a junior of Mrs. Baker's advisory, is entering an exhibit which involves life of the past (paleontology). Edgar Vance, a senior of Mr. Ecker's advisory, will deal with the polarization of light in his exhibit. Jim Wirth, a sophomore of Miss Bersch's advisory, describes the effect of atmosphere on life in his project.

Students will compete for scholarships, as well as cash awards and gold medallions. They may enter any exhibit pertaining to biology, field biology, medical science, chemistry, physics, earth and space science, and math and computer science.



SHIRLEY SHERAGA

The purpose of the fair is to motivate the students to make discoveries and then communicate to the public what they are doing. SW students will be competing with many other high school students from the St. Louis metropolitan area.

Shirley chosen

Representing SW at the Annual Science Recognition Day on March 1 was SW's own Shirley Sheraga. This program was sponsored by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. The program included various speakers and a tour of the long distance switching facilities at Bell headquarters.

Shirley was chosen because of her background in science courses, which have included biology, physics and chemistry. She also ranks number one in the senior class.

Steve competes

"The Golden Opportunities of Youth" - This is the subject on which Steve Ratajczyk, semester six of Mr. Wallach's advisory, will speak. He is the Southwest representative in the Optimist International Boys Oratorical Contest.

Eliminations for the contest were held on Monday, March 4. Steve competed against two other boys, Dan Decker and Richard Huhn, for the SW representative. The boys were graded on personal qualities, material organization, delivery and presentation, and overall effectiveness. Steve will next speak on March 26.



RICK AUBUCHON, president, and Bertha Williams, secretary, complete the candy sale.

Then, on April 6, a victory dance will be held, at which time a king and queen will be chosen. According to Mr. James Huguely, D.E. teacher, other DECA chapters may be invited to attend.

In the Wind

Sr. Dance

Today, 3:15-4:30 . . . Senior sponsored dance.

March 19, 7:30 . . . PTA meeting presenting representatives from SW publications.

March 26, 8:00 . . . Band and Choir to give a concert.

March 28-29 . . . Concert Band to play at the Kennard, Buder, Nottingham, and Mason elementary schools.

Shamrock tickets

The tickets are small green shamrock tags. They have been on sale since Monday of this week for 25 cents. Ticket distribution was in the hands of a committee made up of Sandy Thurmond, Jill Waymire, Russell Becherer, and Bill Vicente.

The refreshment committee is headed by Don Grant. Hostesses Barbara Berger, Carla Euler, and Sandy Moore will serve Pepsi, Teem, and pretzels in the cafeteria during the dance. Also assisting on the refreshment committee are Steve Davies and John Klo-basa.

Advisories assist

The senior advisories of Miss Turk and Mrs. Medley have been working in conjunction with the various committees to help plan the dance.

Proceeds from the dance will be used to further the activities of the senior class, such as the purchase of a class gift, the senior prom, and graduation.

Act favorably!

Once again, the signs of the approaching Spring season are becoming apparent at Southwest High School. And this arrival is being highlighted by the usual variety of activities, —music groups preparing for the Spring programs, boys and girls holding hands in the aud, athletes conditioning for the on-coming sports, steadies drifting arm-in-arm down the corridors . . .

To some conscientious readers, it may have occurred that this article tends to over-emphasize the romantic aspects of the season. But, in actuality, it isn't the newspaper overdoing things, it's the students.

School is neither the time nor the place for a public show of affections. It not only reflects unfavorably on the school, but also on the individuals involved. Students are free to enjoy their day and take part in agreeable social interaction, but they should not take advantage of this freedom, and in effect make a spectacle of themselves and their friends.

Thus, any student mature enough to attend a high school such as Southwest should conduct himself properly. Anyone guilty of misbehavior should just stop and consider the unfavorable impressions he is giving of himself by such displays!



Going to drop out?

About this time of the year, school starts to get boring. Watching the clock becomes the main pastime in each period of the day. Spring fever with all its symptoms sets in. The thought of a new set of wheels and some change jangling in the pockets brings the thought of quitting school and getting a job to mind. But . . . stop and think!

Sure, jobs can be found without a diploma, but how much opportunity do they offer? How much money can a person make checking groceries at the neighborhood store? Fifty dollars per week? Seventy-five? At \$50 per week a person would have an income of \$2500 in a year. The government considers \$2000 per year as poverty level for single incomes, and \$3000 per year as poverty for families. It's almost impossible to get a good job without the all-important diploma.

Now imagine a scene in an office building. Three people of about the same age are working. One man is busily reading some charts and diagrams. He is a well-educated executive. His secretary is busy typing up a letter to the branch office. She has at least a High School Diploma. The third person is sweeping up the floor. It was the best job he could get as a Dropout. Which person in this scene do YOU want to be?



Dear Editor:

In the last issue of the Pioneer a stand was taken in support of the hour-long class system to be adopted next year.

I question the validity of your arguments. Teachers of art, music and typing may find fewer and smaller classes. Is this "progress" the first step towards California's system which has eliminated electives and virtually all extra-curricular activities? The ten minutes which will be cut from lunch periods may prove more valuable than the twenty minutes extra in class which will be easily absorbed into class time. No mention was made in the article of the other reason for the change: increased ease in computer programming.

Sincerely,
Rich Kinast

Ed.—All changes have disadvantages as well as advantages. It was the opinion of the editorialist that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages in this case.

Dropout becomes a drop-in

"The first two months of being a dropout are fun," says Kevin Moore, a tall, husky, redheaded sophomore in Mr. Williams' advisory. "But when you're told to get a job or get out, it stops being fun."

Kevin left Southwest in January 1965, after numerous disagreements with the administration over his practice of class-cutting. "My parents were upset, and my brother Martin really gave it to me," said Kevin. "My mind was made up, but to smooth things over, I went to tutorial school for a year."

After leaving SW, Kevin loafed for a few months and

Music, art and English honor outstanding students March 5

Awards in music, the arts, and English were presented to outstanding SW students on March 5th at the annual Fine Arts Night.

The purpose behind this program was to honor recipients of special awards, and to

allow outstanding vocalists, instrumentalists and artists to display their skills. Several departments of the school contributed to the evening's success. The art department exhibited ceramics, pottery, and wire sculptures in the cases of the main hall. Displays of drawings in various media were arranged in the cafeteria and teachers' lounge. During the program, art awards were presented to fifteen students.

English Dept.

A dramatic reading from "The Death of the Hired Hand" was presented by Ray Horn, Barb Kerr, and Ron McMullen, as the dramatics department's contribution, while the English department had several honors to award. Rich Willner, Dan Decker, Rich Huhn, and Steve Ratajczyk were recognized for their parts in various oratorical contests. Several outstanding writers were also honored: Virginia Bicket, Sandy Driska, Kerry Buehre, Linda Krause, and Becky Schilling. Shirley Sheraga was presented with the important National Council of Teachers of English State Award for Excellence. The Betty Crocker

Homemaking Award was given to Carla Euler.

Music Dept.

The main part of the evening was devoted to music. Music letters were given in choir, mixed chorus, glee club, band, and orchestra. The Madrigal group performed, and Linda Rolufs, Marti Snider, and Lola Watson each sang classical solos. Outstanding instrumental soloists who performed were Dave Freuler and Merrilee Tanner (piano), Keith Ballentine (clarinet), Ted Mayor (saxophone), Bill Migneror (organ), Wes Ulrich (trumpet), and Wayne Williams (tuba). The Clarinet Quintet and the Senior Instrumental Ensemble gave fine presentations; in addition, a string trio played an original composition by Eugene Hughes. The Home Ec. Dept. gave a reception at the close of the program.

This 'n' That

Alum selected as 'best dressed'

Anne E. Jacques, a June 1966 graduate of Southwest, has been named "Best Dressed Coed on Campus." Anne currently attends Illinois College in Jacksonville, Illinois.

A recent visitor to the Southwest Drama Club was June 1964 graduate Tom Kampman. Tom, a student at Webster College, spoke about their Repertory Theatre.

The engagement of Bonney Black, a January 1966 graduate, to Dennis Mataya, a June 1965 graduate, has been announced. An early fall wedding is planned.

Pat Rolufs, a June 1963 graduate, and Ralph Lee have announced their engagement. They have July 20 set as the date.

Explorer Medical Post

Sherwin experiences EEG

"They were just very thin needlelike electrodes which slip under the skin — and really, they had no feeling at all."

This is how freshman Bob Sherwin explained the wires attached to his head, which are part of a fascinating new brain machine called an electroencephalograph.

As members of a newly organized Explorer Medical Post, sponsored by the St. Louis Hospital groups, Bob Sherwin and David Pate, also a freshman at SW, are getting acquainted with many interesting facets of the medical field. This particular field trip centered around the future possibilities of the EEG. At other times, the group has heard a pharmacist, blood specialist, and an expert in radio isotopes.



BOB SHERWIN, who was wired to an electroencephalograph, is a member of the Explorer Medical Post.



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Danger lurks at Vico lecture

Students get many honors

In Mrs. Ryan's first period English Literature class, the order of appearance for reports had to be determined. "Draw straws," said Mrs. Ryan. A few minutes later, she received a number of beautifully drawn straws (the soda-sipping kind).

It has been a noted fact that Jim Ward hasn't been wearing his loud silk for about a week. How much longer can it keep on?

Barb Brunkhorst reports, "Having my locker across from the cafeteria proved quite interesting one Monday morning. Upon seeing the shiny floor, most students didn't venture forth into the room immediately, but instead made remarks such as, 'Do you think the ice is safe?'"

Twelve get art awards

Twelve SW students have won honors in the recent Scholastic Art Contest and had their works on display at the Downtown Famous-Barr store Feb. 10 through Feb. 18.

Joy Kelling received a Blue Ribbon for a picture of a catfish she did last year in Busch Elementary School. Her work will now go on for further national competition in New York. Three students, Christina Gonzalez, Kathleen Kinast and Christine Errante received Gold Key Awards in the contest. The remaining eight received Honorable Mentions. Their names are Carol Boyd, Tony Jacobs, Linda Hibbits, Penny Wilson, Kristina Christy, Mike Randazzo, Madge Stewart, and Diane Thom.

Spring is coming!

March breezes blow in sunshine fashions

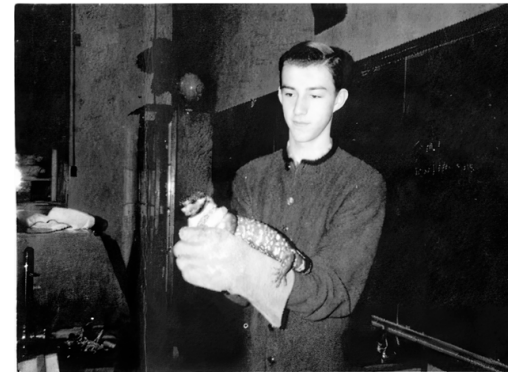
by Marilyn Mueller

And if the last hat you wore was a baby bonnet, you're in for a surprise: the beret and Garbo brim are moving into younger circles. These hats are in company with the Thirties' look, but lend excitement to just about any look.

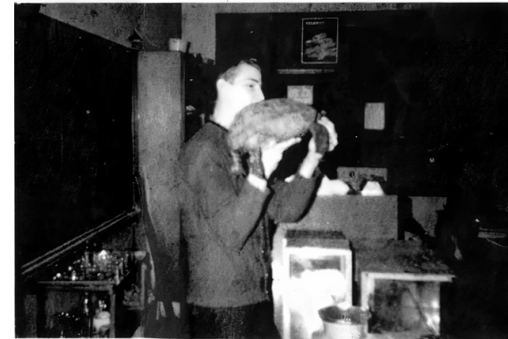
What's in sight for casual wear? Khaki, straight from Paris, is big game for fashion huntresses. The long, long jacket, pocketed and belted, over short culottes gets capped with floppy-brimmed hats. Big game hunters go tailored at school and office with "haberdashery", a swing to glen plaid, leathersgoods, and shirts and skirts.

The fashion-conscious Miss will be on her toes in some really great shoe looks. Chunky-heeled shoes, buckled or tied, and round at the toe, are making it big with sportswear. A new arrival is the modern interpretation of mother's spectator pump, the two-toned, perforated classic, perfect for the Bonnie (and Clyde) look.

Accessories equal that personal touch in many ways this spring. Scarves will still be



BOB VICO captivates biology class as he explains about a rare specimen in his collection, the Mexican beaded lizard.



DEMONSTRATING MORE OF HIS ABILITY and know-how with reptiles, Bob Vico holds up a turtle from his collection.

Bob had his picture taken with his gloved hand in the lizard's mouth.

"All that separates me from death is the glove," said Bob, little knowing that his words were an unconscious forecast of tragedy.

Lizard bites

Later in the day, Bob tried to feed the lizard some hard-boiled eggs. Although it resisted, its jaws were smeared

with eggs in the process. Bob tried to clean its jaws, but the lizard struggled. In the ensuing scuffle, Bob was bitten on the thumb. Immediately, emergency treatment was begun to counteract the deadly venom. Bob cut and sucked the wound, while Mr. Leftwich phoned the hospital. Bob was rushed to Deaconess, but fortunately the lizard had not had enough time to inflict serious damage.

Luckily, this experience hasn't lessened Bob's enthusiasm for his work with reptiles. He will continue to lecture to biology classes when asked, though he will undoubtedly handle the Mexican beaded lizard with infinite care.

Mr. Meier terminates job

Mr. Allan Meier left Southwest February 23, after six years of service. He had been in charge of all Audio-Visual equipment and lockers. He left Southwest to take a better job, but he admitted that he will miss Southwest and the students.

The Audio Visual Club gave Mr. Meier a going-away party on February 22. It was a picnic and skating party in Forest Park.

Mr. Meier has been replaced by Mr. Donald Brandy. Mr. Brandy went to Sumner High School and then attended Lincoln University in Jefferson City. He is now attending night school at SIU at Edwardsville, studying computer programming.

For the past seven years, Mr. Brandy has been a Railway Transportation Clerk at the

After much nervous waiting (and praying) several SW students have received the good news that they've won the scholarships and awards long hoped for.

Mike Montani will be traveling to Colorado Springs if all goes well. Mike received an appointment to the Air Force Academy, pending the outcome of entrance exams given at Scott Air Force Base.

A \$1000-a-year renewable scholarship was awarded to Mary Weidner by MacMurray College. Mary Ann Acree won a \$2400 Combined scholarship and loan to attend Drake University.

The music department was in tune with its two hits, Linda Rolufs and Keith Ballentine. Linda won a \$500 music scholarship from Fontbonne College. Linda showed-off her singing ability at a tryout and captured the prize. Keith Ballentine, Sr. Orchestra member, won a musical scholarship to Southeast Missouri State Teacher's College for his talent with the clarinet.

Merit finalists

Advancing from Semi-finalist to Finalist status in the National Merit Scholarship Program are Ray Horn and Shirley Sheraga.

To be eligible for these awards, winners must have made high scores on the Merit test, have done well on their SAT test, be endorsed by the school they attend, and participate in school activities.

A Certificate of Merit already has been presented to the Finalists. They will be notified if they have won a scholarship in the Merit Scholarship competition by April 29.

Ray and Shirley will be considered, along with 14,000 other Finalists, for the 500 one-time National Merit \$1,000 Scholarships. Other four-year National and sponsored Merit Scholarships are available to the Finalists, also.



M. MUELLER

Spring is officially six days away, but department stores and magazines have already turned on the sunshine with their new collections of spring fashions. After the long woolen winter, the fresh lightness of spring styles are of interest to every girl.

The first chilly days of spring will be coat-and-hat days. But lucky you! This season's coats are short of hem and long on good looks. Basic grey is back, with its well-bred simplicity. Fitted silhouettes and side closings a la Zhivago make these coats almost too pretty to take off!

riding high on the crest of the Thirties' look. Stickpins are coming back on "haberdashery" ties and shirts. You can count on white stockings and neo-knee socks in lighter weights this spring.

So lath on to these good-time fashions for spring. After all, March is the time to come on like a lamb!

Erin go braugh

On St. Patrick's day the SW green will be IRISH green for the many SW students who are descendants of the Emerald Isle.

Ranging from McAllister to McNeil, 37 students bear the traditional Mc in their last name.

Kelly green is not only a color, but it's a name that belongs to eight students and one member of the faculty.

Other really Irish names (to mention a few) are given to Tim and Kathleen O'Keefe, Pat O'Brien and Tom Killoren, not to mention Mr. Snulligan, Southwest's own chief engineer . . . Miss Busch . . . and how about Bob Kelly, Pioneer co-editor?



MR. A. MEIER

Post Office, distributing mail enroute between St. Louis and Detroit. Mr. Brandy preferred the Southwest job to his previous one because it had required him to work both day and night.

Mr. Brandy is married and has a son seven-years-old. His interests lie in jazz and hi-fis, and he plays the alto saxophone. He is also interested in traveling.

Title-minded Steers prepare for DuBourg

Spring training usually brings to mind pictures of the St. Louis Cardinals basking in the Florida sunshine. But to the SW varsity baseball team, spring training denotes hard work and practice in Sublette Park. The Steers, moreover, have something many of the big-league teams lack — a winning tradition.

The squad, which is expected to be a title-contender, will set out to further their winning tradition on March 22, when they take on the DuBourg Cavaliers in a non-league contest at Sublette. Since the Steers' second-place state tournament finish in 1965, SW baseball teams have managed second and fifth place PHL slates in 1966 and 1967. Hopes are high, however, for the '68 campaign. "We'll have experience, something we didn't have last year," Coach Tucker stated. SW has 12 returning lettermen to car-

ry the squad through its 18-game schedule.

Joe Nolan, who hit at a sizzling .325 clip last season, will form the catching corps with Al Lefton. The far ends of the diamond are set, with seniors John Clark at first base, and Joe Steiner at third. Clark hit a respectable .278, while Steiner was highly effective, logging a .338 mark. Second base and shortstop are wide open, with any two of a number of candidates nailing down a keystone position. Rick Marchand, Dave Villani, and Ron Kelam, the returning outfielders, are being challenged for the three picket posts.

Most of last year's pitching is back. Tim Stouse, Gary Porterfield, Ted Brazell, Tim Cerutti, and Ken Johnson are expected to handle the bulk of the pitching load.

Among those up from B-team being given a shot at making the varsity are Don Poliette, Al Lofton, Bob Faulkner, and Stan Mann.

Steers run in State Trials

SW's track team competes in the State Qualifying Meet at the National Guard Armory today at 4:00 p.m.

The Steers, judging from past performances, hope to qualify several men for the State Meet to be held Saturday, March 23rd, in Columbia. Among the strongest hopes for the Steers are Steve Wilson, a top contender in the mile, and Dave Deem in the shot put.

The track team has competed in four Armory meets to date. On March first, they competed in the County-City-East Side Relays. The team compiled two fifth places in the 25-school meet.

In the two-mile relay, the team of Chavez, Nesler, Kidd, and Wilson finished fifth, as did Deem, McLellan, Borchartd, and Rufus in the mile relay.

In the meet on February 23rd, SW did somewhat better. Wilson won the mile in a near record time of 4:34.1. Kidd and Nesler finished second and fourth in the 880, and Deem



TONY KIDD (left) runs ahead of Jerry Hilkerbaumer through the second-floor halls, while Dave Deem (right) puts the shot on the field.



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Sports Schedule

Baseball

Mar. 22 DuBourg at Sublette

Mar. 25 Mercy at Sublette

Mar. 26 St. Mary's at Sublette

Apr. 1 DuBourg at Tilles Park

Apr. 3 Augustinian at Minnewood Park

Apr. 15 C.B.C. at Sublette

Apr. 19 McKinley at Sublette

Track

Mar. 15 Mo. Qualifying Meet at Armory

Mar. 23 State Indoor Meet at Columbia

Mar. 28 Roosevelt at SW

Apr. 2 Sumner at SW

Apr. 5 South Side Inv. at Roosevelt

Apr. 6 Alton Relays at Alton

Apr. 17 South Side Relays at O'Fallon

Apr. 19-20 P.H.L. Relays at O'Fallon

Shots top the PHL

By defeating O'Fallon February 28, 738 to 699, SW's rifle team grabbed the Public High League championship with an undefeated season.

This is the third consecutive year Southwest has brought home the roving trophy. As a result, it becomes the permanent property of the school.

The shooters in the O'Fallon match were Russ Austin, Don Hoffmann, Terry Hoffmann, Larry Nuelle, Gary Schaefer and Bob Vico.

In the Greater St. Louis Rifle League, Southwest finished behind some of the strong

military-oriented schools. The shoot-off for this championship between St. Louis U. High and Western Military Academy will be held Thursday at Southwest.

When asked about the team, Mr. Brown said, "It's the strongest team I've ever coached. I'm looking forward to next year. Only two team members are graduating."

Reflecting the team's spirit, Don Hoffmann, Rifle Club president, felt Mr. Brown, as coach, deserves much of the credit for the team's success.

GAA elects new spring officers

G.A.A. resumed its activities for the spring semester under the sponsorship of Miss Burgett and the leadership of newly-elected officers: Barb Gilcrease, president; Holly Rodcay, vice-president; Kathy Kuba, secretary; and Mary Ann Acree, treasurer.

All four newly-elected officers have been members of G.A.A. for most of their eight semesters. Barb Gilcrease, who is serving as president for the second time, has participated in inter-school volleyball, basketball, hockey, and track. She has earned both a pin and a letter.

Vice president Holly Rodcay has been a member of the inter-school volleyball team and was formerly secretary of G.A.A. She has previously served as a team captain.

Kathy Kuba, the new secretary, has been a team captain and was treasurer of G.A.A. last semester.

Treasurer Mary Ann Acree is an active member of the interschool volleyball, basket-

ball, hockey and track teams. She was vice-president of G.A.A. last semester and has been a team captain. Mary Ann has also earned both a pin and a letter.

The new team captains for the spring semester are Sue Biederman, Mary Boekesch, Linda Clifton, Linda Hilgen-dorf, Kathy Keaton, Bev Nance, Barb Pappas, Nancy

Renth, Barb Simcock, Rosie Tamminga, Marilyn Wilds, and Sue Yaeger.

Tryouts for the interschool volleyball team started February 28. About 50 girls came out for the first practice. After several weeks of eliminations, the teams, both Varsity and "B", will prepare for the upcoming Sportsdays in April.



RECENTLY-ELECTED G.A.A. officers are (from left), Kathy Kuba, Secretary; Barb Gilcrease, President; Mary Ann Acree, Treasurer; and Holly Rodcay, Vice-President.

Bowlers find contention hot

In competition comparable to last summer's American League pennant race, SW boy bowlers continue to roll. Nine of the ten active teams are in title contention.

As of March 1, Team 2, Charlie Lovacheff, Jim Marik, Ray Zinsser and Bob Kelly, led the league with a 45-24 won-lost record. Only two games behind, however, was Team 5, Rich Jacques, Jim Koehler, Don Stephens and Ed Werner. Team 4, Keith Ballentine, Mike Hagan, Gary Schaefer and Dave Toler, held down the third trophy spot with a 41-28 record.

Mike Tyler bowled an individual high game of 226 on February 27. Jim Koehler has kept the high series honors since November with a 559.

placed third in the shot. Jordan's tie for fifth added SW's other points.

In the first Armory Meet, February 16th, SW brought home two trophies, a new Armory record, and a second place finish in a third relay event.

The trophies were brought home by the distance medley of Ratajczyk, Nesler, May, and Wilson, and the pole vault relay of Jordan, Branham, and Karl.

The record was set by the distance medley, shattering the old record by 21 seconds. In a second place finish was the sprint medley of Kidd, Rufus, Blackwell, and Mundwiller.

Though hampered by serious injuries to key men, the cindermen have high hopes for a strong finish on Field Day. Among those injured are Steve

Branham with a torn cartilage in his knee, and Steve Ratajczyk and Vince Mundwiller with badly sprained ankles. Ratajczyk and Mundwiller hope to return shortly, but Branham is out for an indefinite period of time. Other serious injuries have hampered Mike Karl and Steve May. It is uncertain when these top-flight performers will return to the list of active participants.

On March 8th, Steve Wilson, after taking a heavy beating in the first turn, poured on the speed and broke John Baldwin's record by three-tenths seconds.

Nesler named Scholar-Athlete

Bob Nesler, a semester eight of Mrs. Medley's advisory, has been named the scholar-athlete of the year for Southwest High School.



B. NESLER

The award is presented to one senior from each high school by the principal and athletic director of the school. Bob was chosen for his leadership as Cross-Country co-captain and his fine performance as a long distance runner on the track team. Besides being a dedicated runner, Nesler ranks 38th in a senior class of 546 students, maintains a 3.7 average, and is Pioneer sports editor.

Having been named as the representative from SW, Bob will attend the Scholar-Athlete dinner sponsored by the Post-Dispatch at the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel's Gold Room. If chosen by an Advisory Committee of sports celebrities, Bob will journey to Dallas to compete nationally as Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

"I feel that it's a very great honor," said the runner about being selected. He also expressed thanks to all the coaches and teachers who helped him achieve the award.