



Merit

Seniors (from left) David Jung, Stewart Smiley, David Diuguid, and David Bruenger were named semi-finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Testing Program. The four are among 15,000 students competing for about 3,000 Merit Scholarships to be awarded in 1971.

Changes Made

Free Study Resumed

Freshmen, new students to Southwest and pupils who had two or more failing marks on last semester's report card are being denied free study privileges for one semester. According to Mr. Gene Gladstone, assistant principal, administration feels that these students will be able to utilize their time better in supervised study halls.

The free study program began its third year at Southwest last Friday; however, this is the first year that freshmen and new students are being restricted.

In January all restricted pupils will be given free study privileges if their report cards meet the grade standards. This means that any student having two or more F's will continue to be restricted. At the same time, the administration will meet to decide if present grade standards for free study should be raised or lowered.

Other than these provisions, the general rules of free study remain the same as last year. Pupils may go to the library, guidance office, student lounge,

or cafeteria during their free periods.

The snack bar, however, will close at two p.m. daily to allow the staff time to clean-up — a job that takes an hour to complete.

There is a chance this year that the snack bar and/or student lounge may be closed temporarily if the litter problem gets as bad as it has been in the past. The administration emphasized the need for cooperation of students to curb this problem.

Student Council Drive Ends Specific Dress Code Rules

Abolition of a specific dress code at Southwest was announced Tuesday, September 22, by Principal Robert M. Young and Student Council President Ed Schumer. Adoption of a general statement concerning student dress brought an end to a SC drive for abolition of the former code. Over eighty-nine per cent of both students and teachers had voted to abolish the dress code.

Policy on dress now reads: "With respect to dress and personal appearance, students shall conform to accepted standards of health and safety. They shall be clean, and avoid dress which attracts undue attention to themselves, and distorts the image of Southwest." No further attempt is made to specify what is or is not acceptable.

Ed Schmuier feels the new policy "proves that students and faculty can work together to accomplish positive gains." Students voted in advisory, September 16, and teachers voted at a faculty meeting September 21. Each group overwhelmingly chose abolition over retaining or revising the previous code. Mr. Young told PIONEER, "I have gladly gone

along with the sentiment of the students and teachers and I hope this will put an end to all the bickering."

The change of codes has not affected most SW students. So far, most have not changed their school attire since the switch. The most frequent change in student dress has been the wearing of pants outfits by girls.

Ed spoke to the faculty at their meeting before they cast ballots on the issue. Stressing student-teacher relations, he asked for abolition rather than revision of the previous code.

SC had started the move for abolishing the dress code. The group approved at their first meeting the ballot distributed, giving students and teachers the choice between retaining the dress code and abolishing it. At the suggestion of Mr. Young, in order to give a complete choice, space was given for those wanting to change the code to indicate this.

Southwest was one of the last schools in the area to have an item-by-item code, Mr. Young noted. He feels the change places more of the responsibility with parents, where he believes it belongs. Finding the new policy in line with the trend among high schools, he sees it as an opportunity to remove from dissatisfied students several topics of complaint. Various students have spoken against the school because of the specific dress code and the inadequacy of SC as a governing body.

Rules restricting student dress have received much attention in recent years at SW. The policy had remained the same for several years, until the code was revised in 1964. A committee was formed in November, 1968, to study and update the

guidelines. Revision continued periodically, but no appreciable changes were made.

Last year, activity increased in regard to the dress policy. A petition was distributed among students at the beginning of the year with hopes of instituting several changes, but the document fell short of the anticipated signatures and was never presented to officials. Student Council polled students, faculty, and parents attending a PTA meeting later in the year to discover opinion on the issue. At that time the faculty vote was 84 to keep the code as it was, 5 to change it, and 14 to abolish it. A new code was written and approved in January, 1970.

The new code liberalized policy on hair length, sideburns, "T" shirts, and skirt length, after further voting by the three groups on specific changes.

At a special meeting last June, this term's SC representatives voted unanimously to start action on abolishing the code at the earliest possible time. Although this vote could not be regarded as official, it gave the officers an idea of student opinion on the matter.

Even though faculty dress was never in fact restricted by the student policy, very few members dressed in a manner which would violate the code. Since the relaxed policy for students was instituted, faculty attire has in some cases grown more casual too.

Mr. Al Ecker, administrative assistant, told PIONEER: "I think the school has a right to regulate the dress, but the real responsibility for dress lies with the parent of the student."

Some faculty members stated that they feel that the novelty will soon wear off, and the school can get back to normal.

DAMAGED AREA

Pioneer Calendar

- Oct. 2—Hello Day, double aud
- 5—Music Aud by Ford Motor Co.
- 7, 8—DAT testing for freshmen
- 13—Freshmen Mothers' Luncheon
- 20—PTA meeting
- 21, 22—I.D. pictures taken



Hello Day

Three female footballers, (from left) Sophomores Michelle Bugel, Patti Thomas, and Nancy Tomlinson, form part of a team which will present its skit in the Hello Day double aud session, today. Sponsored by SC, the aud session consists of talent and novelty acts performed by SW students.

SC Takes Initiative

The recent abolition of the dress code by students and teachers has brought a sensible end to a problem that has troubled SW in recent years. One of the primary reasons the proposal was passed was SC's high degree of involvement in the issue. The group decided at the earliest possible time to propose abolition, and to continue leadership in the drive beyond this.

SC President Ed Schumer addressed the teachers before they voted at the faculty meeting, Sept. 21. He addressed the faculty as a group, and this measure proved to be extremely effective. In his talk, Ed explained to the teachers SC's position on the code, and called for cooperative efforts of the faculty and student body. The teachers responded with an almost unanimous approval of abolishment.

This channel of communication which Ed has used should continue to be utilized whenever the school is faced with a major problem. Not only should the SC president be allowed to speak when necessary, but any student leader who has something of importance to discuss with faculty members should be enabled to engage in dialogue with the faculty at its meetings.

Underclass Needs Officers

"The new Sophomore Class Officers are ..." Why shouldn't this be an annual announcement, like the announcement of senior officers?

Students do not become a "class" when they become seniors. The other classes should have officers, because they, too, need organization. For example, last year's Junior Class tried to hold a ring dance. It never took place, not because of lack of interest, but because there was not the necessary organization to begin planning far enough in advance.

There are definite advantages to having officers for underclassmen. All of the classes would be more active in school affairs, and this would generate more spirit throughout the whole school. Also, by the time freshmen became seniors, they would have developed leaders, and would be experienced in conducting meetings and acting as a group. For this reason, they could function more efficiently.

Elections of officers could be held near the end of each school year. By the end of a full year, freshmen should know each other fairly well. Anyone interested in holding an office would write a letter of intent for the office or offices which interested him. By the following September, they could be ready to function as a class.

Need for Freshmen Spirit

More participation of freshmen in school activities would benefit not only their class, but all of SW. If freshmen become active in clubs, Student Council, and school spirit, they will be sure to have a more enjoyable high school life.

The PIONEER staff, as juniors and seniors, urge the freshmen to join school activities. We appeal to this class of '74 to start now and become established as an involved, working and enthusiastic class.

Since Student Council represents all SW students, it needs the ideas of freshmen to make it complete and worthwhile. One characteristic of a great class is its establishment of authority and position in student leadership. Freshmen have equal voice in the Council. Why not raise your voices now?

Guidelines for Letters

Because the editorial page of a newspaper should reflect the ideas and the opinions of its readers, the editorial staff of the PIONEER welcomes letters sent to the editor by the student body. Any letter may be accepted as long as it is signed, but the staff reserves the right to edit letters so long as the meaning is not changed. Of course, letters termed malicious, libelous, or irresponsible are not in keeping with the policy of this newspaper and will be rejected.

Located outside the PIONEER office, room 004, locker 4406 will be available for contributions. Other letters may be submitted to the newspaper via Mr. Larry Gross's mailbox.

If you believe your opinion might get some action started on a problem, or if you'd just like to comment on a timely school topic, feel free to get in touch with us. By the way, this request doesn't apply to student readers only. Teachers and members of the administration are invited to write in their comments, also.

Free Study Opinions Given

Freshmen and transfer students will not be able to participate in free study until the second semester this year. To help promote better study habits for those who failed two or more subjects last semester and for new students, organized study halls will again be assigned to these particular students.

Principal Robert M. Young stated that free study is and always will be a privilege — not a right. All the administrators feel that any SW student must prove that he is entitled to the privilege *before* he gets it.

Because of these changes, PIONEER asked for opinions regarding these restrictions. Some comments were:

Donna Workes—senior: "I think freshmen should be given free study at least until the first report card. Then they will have a chance to find out what it's all about."

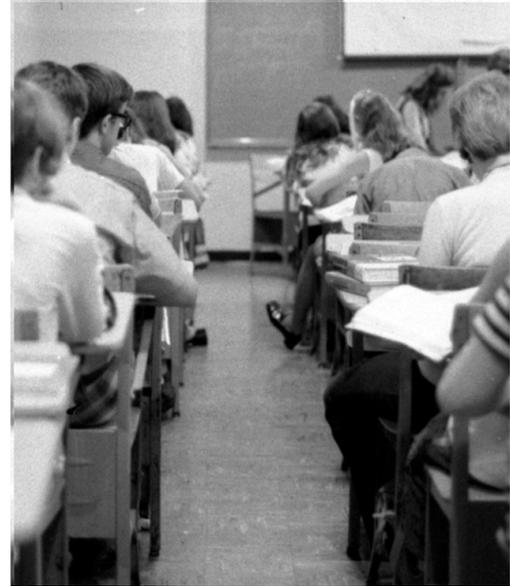
Glen Bauer—sophomore: "I really think the restrictions are justified. When the freshmen learn the pains of study hall, maybe they'll have more respect for the free study program. However, I don't feel the restrictions should be as harsh on new students in the other three classes."

Antree Smith—sophomore: "Freshmen are stereotyped. I feel they should have an equal chance like anyone else."

Ruth Dosenback—junior: "I think that since the freshmen are new to the school, they haven't really earned free study."

Frank Lane—freshman: "We're new to the school, and they should give us some freedom and a chance at responsibility."

Rosemary LaFerla—sophomore: "The administration should look at the report card from the previous school and



A change in free study this year restricts freshmen and new students to study halls for their first semester.

then decide whether or not transfer students should get free study."

Lydia Aksentijevic—freshman: "Freshmen should be given free study after 10 weeks, because by then the teachers would know whether or not the student is mature enough to deal with this privilege."

Paul Sneed—senior: "Just because they're from a different school doesn't mean new students aren't good students. Freshmen should prove themselves first. Then they should definitely get free study."

Margie Watkins—junior: "I think that upperclassmen should have more privileges than freshmen."

Debbie Witt—sophomore: "It's kind of unfair. We had free study when we were freshmen. If they were going to mess it up, I could see it, but most of them wouldn't."

Linda Psaris—junior: "Freshmen being assigned a study hall is good. In this way, they'll see free study as a privilege, knowing that if they misuse it, they'll have to go back to an assigned study hall. I think that transfer students should have free study, because just like us, they know what study halls are like."

Carol Shoptaugh—junior: "I think it's fair, because if you do get two F's on your report card, you deserve to go to a study hall ... you need to!"

Lois Macchi—senior: "I think a person on academic probation won't study any harder if put into a study hall. He'll probably cut the class, because he finds it useless and unfair."

Jay Torrence—junior: "I don't like free study to be used as a threat against the whole school, when some misuse it."

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The SW Mexico trip sponsored by Spanish teachers Miss Sharon Culli and Miss Jean DeGrand visits The Pyramid of the Sun outside of Mexico City, Mex. During the three week trip in July the group of 20 students and six adults visited the cities of Monterrey, Mexico City, Guadalajara, Patscurro, Manzanillo and Guanajuato.

Olé!

News Shorts

Library Buys Films

The Southwest Library has received a shipment of microfilms and journals centered on Black Studies. The collection includes over 130 reels of film and various magazines on Negro history, social problems, and related subjects. This group was purchased by all city high schools.

Squads Choose Leaders

Officers for the Cheerleaders and Pom Pon squad have been elected by the groups. Seniors Patsy Carter and Karen Whichmann will lead the Cheerleaders as co-captains. The Pom Pon girls chose Tammy Speis as president, and Vanessa Komar and Paulette Thompson as vice presidents. The three, all seniors, will serve as tri-captains.

Honor Roll Completed

Nearly twenty per cent of the student body achieved a 3.2 grade average or above last semester. Twenty-five juniors, thirty-one sophomores, and forty-one freshmen earned honor roll status of a 4.0 average or better.

SNAFU Team Selected

Girls for SNAFU, the friendly Southwest mascot, this year have been chosen. The SNAFU team consists of Marilyn Jacobi, Lois Macchi, Liz Martin, Maggie Mason, Linda Range, Denise Schmuke, and Sue Stevener.

Southwest in Festival Parade

Participating in the fall Festival Parade Saturday, September 26, were many Southwest students. SW's 100 member marching band, led by Mr. Robert Nordman, and the Pom-pon squad, sponsored by Miss Ruth Crane, performed in the downtown spectacle.

A float designed by SW senior Tony Jacobs, entitled "Baseball Cardinals" was chosen for the parade. Tony and eight other SW'ers rode on floats.

Bum Steer

Powder Puffs Tackle Football

By Nancy Cusanelli
Pioneer Feature Writer

Now football is a simple enough game to those who find it entertaining. But there's nothing more fantastic than a good healthy game of Powder Puff Football, girls' style. To make it better, the Tigers challenged the girls to an out and out game of tackle. Who could refuse?

The girls were sure to win. What could be more terrifying than eleven ruthless female football players trailing you to the goal line. Frightening, isn't it!

With an offense like Mary Jane and Becky Lynn with inch and a half long fingernails, how could they lose? Carrie Sue is their star half-back at 210 lbs. and outweighs the guys' half-back by 15 lbs.

Paying last respects to those unfortunate enough to be caught in the under-current of the fearsome females, the two teams shake hands and retreat to opposite ends of the field.

The game is in session now and the girls get the first kick-off. Mary Jane receives but fumbles while stopping to adjust her helmet. The second down and the play is intercepted by number 13 on the opposing team. Carrie Sue charges full thrust after him flinging all 210 lbs. on his back. Poor 13 crashes flat on the field. And flat is no understatement.

The referee, following the game in close detail, swallows his Double Bubble chewing gum and

chokes until halftime. Number 13, somewhat thinner than usual and quite a bit shakier, keeps asking if anyone has the number of that truck!

Nevertheless, the ball is received by the Powder Puffs and the first touchdown of the game is scored. This somewhat disturbs the Tigers and they no longer play Mr. Nice Guys. From now on everyone is an equal.

The game is in the fourth quarter and the score is 27-20. The girls are leading by one touchdown. The ball is in play now and is flying through the air. Becky Lynn intercepts and begins to run for the goal. But wait. What's happening? Becky discovers that through her efforts of contacting the ball she completely ruins her nail. What a tragic scene. Becky Lynn drops the ball on the 30 yard line and stomps off the field in hysteria.

Once more the ball is in play but this time in favor of the Tigers. Number 25 is running fiercely for the goal. He needs this touchdown to even the score. Carrie Sue decides differently. Carrying all 210 lbs. with her, she leaps through the air and lands directly on number 25. Another poor victim of Carrie Sue.

The referee, still not quite recovered from Carrie Sue's first endeavor, now swallows his whistle in the middle of calling the play. What colors he can show! He now is a shocking pink and in a complete coma.

Thirty-five seconds until the gun and the game is still 27-20. Time is called and we listen in on the Powder Puff's huddle. The play is to intercept 16, the new quarterback. Carrie Sue is to take care of him. But Mary Jane makes it perfectly clear not to hurt him too badly because he's her date for Saturday night. Carrie is to pass to Becky and Becky is to score the final touchdown.

In all the commotion of the shuffling of the ball, one player manages to scrape an elbow. Becky Lynn, being weak natured, faints at the sight of blood on the 50 yard line. Now the play is somewhat jeopardized. A replacement is needed for Becky. The coach calls in Rosemary. She's not as fast as Becky but she's got a mean right hook!

The play is in motion and everything is going as planned. Rosemary is getting some competition from a few of the Tigers, but after a few sharp jabs in the ribs they slacken off.

Only 25 yards to the post. Is she going to make it? Will the Tigers be disgraced by a bunch of female terrorists? You bet they will! Rosemary comes in for a sound seven more points in perfect timing of the gun. The crowd is roaring.

Besides a few cracked nails, runs in nylons, and a few split ends, the Powder Puffs mark up another complete victory.

Checkline Creates Hazards

By Debbie Gottschalk
Pioneer Feature Editor

You have probably seen the crowd of people outside the cafeteria during fifth period. This familiar sight is not a crowd at a bargain basement sale; it's only the daily lunch check line at SW.

The first person in this long line of people is a person called Big Spender Bill. Big Spender is the guy who when buying lunch checks pulls out a twenty dollar bill and says, "Five checks, please." He then remains in line another few minutes to count his money to make sure he hasn't been shortchanged.

As the line moves along inch by inch and the temperature in the hall rises you may hear the sound of metal hitting the floor. Don't worry, the wall hasn't fallen. It's only Dropper Dan. Dan likes to carry a lot of change in his hands, but sometimes he runs into Clumsy Clyde and his money ends up rolling down the hall to the tune of "Pennies from Heaven."

After Dan removes his money from under your feet you probably will hear a familiar voice a few feet in front of you. This will be Gabby Gertie and her group of girls. Gertie has a problem called run-of-the-mouth and no amount of yelling can outdo her.

As the line gets shorter, you are finally able to see the

cashier's face and know the wait is almost over. The wait wouldn't have been so bad if Twitcher Ted hadn't been in front of you. His nervous condition causes him to constantly clink his money together.

You could have withstood the noise if only Clumsy Clyde hadn't knocked you in the back

with his bony elbows and stepped on your aching feet a couple of dozen times.

You're next in line now and withstanding injuries; it's been worth the wait. Things happening the way they do, though, don't feel bad if when you order your lunch checks the cashier says, "sorry sold out."



Supreme Sacrifice

Senior Karen Corburn ponders the names of Korean and Vietnam War victims who were former SW graduates inscribed on a memorial plaque honoring these men. The plaque was recently installed in the hallway outside the auditorium underneath the WWII memorial. Anyone who knows of names to be added should contact Principal Robert M. Young.



Pass!

Chuck Echer (12), quarterback in the Sept. 12 Vianney game, fires a bullet to running back Derek Cummings (not shown) despite the oncoming rush. The pass fell incomplete and SW bowed 17-8.

SW To Host Meet

The Longhorn Harriers will compete with about 16 other schools in the Southwest Invitation in Forest Park-West at 10 a.m. tomorrow morning.

Mr. Bud Wallach, in his fifth year as coach, said that he had high hopes for the team. Toughest competition in the league is expected to come from Northwest and Soldan according to Coach Wallach. He added that the top teams in the area included Kirkwood, McCluer, Hazelwood, and a fast-growing contender, Desmet.

Leading SW runners include Co-Captains Gary Wood and John Groteke, Bob Akers, Phil Rudder, Bob Solomon, Arlo Hasselbring, Kevin Wirthlin, and Matt Potts. "The possibility is there; if they put their minds to it, they can do it," stated Coach Wallach.

Yesterday the SW Cross-Country runners were to have met the usually strong Hazelwood team. In their first PHL meet on September 29, SW ran against Northwest and Beaumont. The Longhorns did not run in their first scheduled meet because the St. Charles Invitation on September 18 was cancelled.

Coach Wallach said that there is much promise for the future. Freshmen-Sophomore runners

include Rich Martin, Al Kuebler, Ken Sobacinski, Ron Traina, Carl Thiessen, Mike Wilson, and Jeff Wood.

Next week, the Cross-Country team will run in three consecutive meets, October 6, 7, and 8. The Longhorns will run against Roosevelt and Central on Tuesday and in the Southside Invitation on Wednesday. Both meets will be held in Forest Park-West at 4 p.m. On Thursday, the team will meet Desmet at their school at 4 p.m.



Co-Captains John Groteke (left) and Gary Wood practice for Southwest Invitation, October 3.

Football Tomorrow

SW To Meet Beaumont

Southwest will host a strong Beaumont football squad tomorrow afternoon in a league contest, beginning at 1:30. Beaumont, a perennial powerhouse in the PHL, boasts a stingy defense along with good overall speed.

The Steers prevailed over the stubborn Summer Bulldogs 3-0, in the league opener last Saturday. The game's only score came on a 28-yard field goal by Barry Brambrilla, with just 17 seconds remaining the play.

The Longhorn offense threatened five times previously, but could not score. Three other field goal attempts also failed.

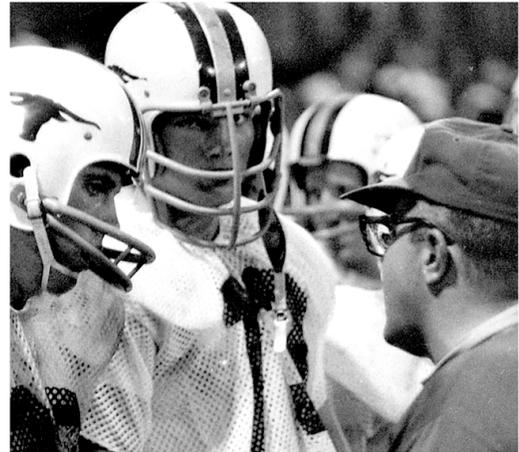
The Longhorns gained their first win of the season by overwhelming Maplewood 28-6 on Friday night, September 19. Things didn't look too bright when the Blue Devils returned the opening kickoff 77 yards for a touchdown, but even in the first quarter it was clearly evident that Southwest had the stronger team. The rugged Longhorn defense forced two fumbles deep in Maplewood territory that set up the initial

SW scores. Derek Cummings carried for both touchdowns on runs of three and five yards. The Longhorns made two-point conversions after both TD's. A 30-yard scoring pass from John Whitaker to Paul Lazare sent SW into the locker room at halftime leading 22-6.

The final Longhorn score came when Larry Calton took a screen pass from quarterback Chuck Echer for a 35-yard touchdown, on a perfectly executed play. At this point reserves took over for the remainder of the game.

It is interesting to note that Coach Anton attended Maplewood and played football on two undefeated Blue Devil teams.

Southwest opened the season on an unhappy note September 12, losing to Vianney 17-8. The Golden Griffins scored the first time they had the ball, driving 80 yards in fifteen plays for the TD. Vianney also scored on a 32-yard field goal by Jim Waldschmidt late in the first half and a six yard run by quarterback Skip Russell in the third quarter. A scrappy Vianney defense intercepted



Advice

Coach Leon Anton (right) talks strategy on the sidelines with junior end Paul Lazare (left) and sophomore tackle Tom Kowalczyk at the Maplewood game. The Longhorns overpowered the Blue Devils 28-6.

four SW passes and kept the Longhorns in the hole for the most of the game. SW's only points came late in the fourth quarter on a 5-yard run by Derek Cummings and a two-point conversion by Barry Brambrilla.

When asked if he thought his team was ready for league play, Coach Leon Anton replied, "Yes, but our offense is still making too many mental errors." He said that Cleveland, with a fine group of running backs, and Summer, with many returning players, should be SW's toughest competition for the PHL title.

Tri-captains for the Longhorns this year are seniors, Paul Sneed, Greg Cobb, and Bob Grana. Of the 45 squad members, 32 are underclassmen.

The probable starting line up tomorrow will have Paul Lazare (89) and Bob Grana (80) at the ends, Greg Cobb (64) and Barry Brambrilla (74) at tackle, Gary Rutledge (67) and Paul Sneed (71) at guard, and Roger Barry (59) at center. Starting in the backfield will be Jim Buehler (43) at wingback, Derek Cummings (22) and Tim Kurtz (23) at running back, and John Whitaker (10) at quarterback.

Sports Schedule

Football	
Oct. 3	Varsity Beaumont at SW B-Team Beaumont at SW
Oct. 9	C-Team C.B.C. at SW
Oct. 10	Varsity Roosevelt at SW B-Team Roosevelt at SW
Oct. 17	Varsity Central at Northwest B-Team Central at Northwest
Cross-Country	
Oct. 3	SW Invitation Forest Park-West
Oct. 6	SW, Roosevelt, Central Forest Park-West
Oct. 7	Southside Invitation Forest Park-West
Oct. 8	Desmet at Desmet
Oct. 13	SW, Summer, Soldan at O'Fallon
Oct. 16	Beaumont Invitation at O'Fallon
Oct. 20	Vashon, Cleveland, SW at O'Fallon

Swimmers Hope Water Doesn't Run Out

When Coach Frank Merchant decided again to handle SW swimming this year, he assumed the team would practice in water.

Currently, Forest Park Community College is expected to be the practice pool for SW. It has been a quarter-century dry spell for SW league swimming, and for a while it seemed the new team might have to compete without the benefit of practice water.

Inquiries were made last year at Forest Park Community

College as to the possibility of using their pool for this swimming season. No promises could be made, but SW would be considered. This year, negotiations began in earnest for the use of the pool. Mr. Gene Gladstone, assistant principle, and Mr. Merchant went to work. Mr. Gladstone placed a few calls and inquired as to the use of the pool. After a lengthy delay, SW received the application. But a few problems had to be solved. One such problem was that a possible alternative had to be

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found in case Forest Park pool was not available. Only one other pool was considered, and it was being used by another school. Therefore, when it appeared that the only time the Forest Park pool was available was from 8-9 a.m. some worries developed.

Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Merchant finally were able to get a tentative application arrived it was merely a matter of filling it

out and submitting it for approval. True, there still exists a chance of the application not being accepted, but according to Mr. Gladstone there is a 99 per cent probability of acceptance.

Should the application be rejected, all is not lost. It has recently been learned that the O'Fallon Technical High School pool might also be available due to the withdrawal of Soldan from competition this season.

The Forest Park pool is, according to Mr. Merchant, one

of the best facilities in the area. The pool is Olympic size which means more swimmers can be in the water at one time than would be possible at the other pools. Another point in favor of the Forest Park pool is that SW will receive consideration for use of the pool in future years, whereas at the O'Fallon pool, Soldan would have priority next season.

In either case, SW should have a pool when its swimming team begins practice in mid-October.