

Finals To Be Made Optional For Some

Students maintaining an average of a B or higher in a course will not have to take a final exam this semester. As an educational experiment, Principal Robert Young has received permission from the school board to try out this system and evaluate it.

The system, in effect for the coming semester finals in January at Southwest, has several objectives. Exempting these B or better students from finals will alleviate some of the work for the teacher. He will,

therefore, be able to concentrate on those students who need his help. Mr. Young feels that the program will be "an incentive for some student to shoot a little higher." It will also be a kind of reward for those students who are able to achieve at least a B average.

Although the system appears to be new to the Southwest students, it is actually an old idea revived. Students with good grades were not required to take their finals until the administration decided that the

taking of and the studying for finals was good experience for the student who would have to take them in college. It also served as a general review.

Qualified students who feel their grades might be improved by taking finals, or feel the experience will be helpful in preparing them for college, however, have the option to do so.

If the program continues for the finals in June, students not taking tests in a particular class will not be required to attend at

the time the final is scheduled. In January, however, all students will have to attend final exams whether they take them or not.

The opinion of the student body toward this new system is expected to be favorable. Rick Rajnoha, a senior, comments, "I think it's good because if you've proven that you can get good grades, you shouldn't have to take finals."

"I think it's good because then you can concentrate on the classes you need work in," agrees senior Terry Maxwell.

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Leading the Band

Seniors (from left) Linda Range, Ken Kerch, Diane Juedemann, Freshman Karl Everhart, and Junior Marie Caras lead the "76 Trombones" in the finale of *The Music Man*. The December 3 and 4 performances were sellouts. (See page three for story.)

Snack Bar May Close

Due to a recent federal ruling, Southwest's snack bar service may soon have to be reduced or eliminated.

The US Department of Agriculture has told the Board of Education that snack bars in high schools must be closed by Christmas, or city schools will lose all federal food subsidies. The move was prompted by a federal law passed last summer forbidding competitive sale of non-nutritional food with subsidized lunches.

According to Principal Robert M. Young, St. Louis city schools receive much aid from government subsidized programs. Surplus products, such as butter and potatoes, have been received for many years. A program offering a balanced meal to students for forty cents was started here last year. The federally-funded project makes these lunches available to students from needy families at no cost.

Mr. Young noted although relatively few SW students receive free lunches, other city high schools have hundreds of pupils who qualify.

Stating his feelings that students should be given a choice about their meals, Mr. Young indicated most students exercise common sense in

deciding upon foods. He pointed out that probably very few students eat only foods which could be classified as non-nutritional.

The Department of Agriculture order leaves some doubts about how much snack bars will be affected. The law, Mr. Young indicates, prohibits selling foods which have little nutritional value in competition with federally subsidized food. Whether this pertains only to the serving of food during the lunch periods when meals are sold has not been clarified.

Acting Superintendent of Schools Clyde C. Miller is expected to appeal the order before the Christmas deadline. Board members support the snack bars, hoping that by making lunchrooms more attractive, the possibility of disturbances can be reduced. Mr. Young explained much trouble in high schools across the country begins in cafeterias.

At the suggestion of Mr. Young, students in English classes were given an opportunity to write letters to Missouri Senator Thomas Eagleton in regard to the ruling. Hundreds of letters were received by the SW general office from the classes Friday, December 5.

Black Student Union Rejected

Informal meetings are now being held between black students, white students, and

school administrators in order to help understanding on school matters.

A request by some Southwest black students for a black student union has been denied by Principal Robert M. Young. At a meeting with the principal a group of fifteen blacks, representing some 130 at SW, discussed the forming of a union for blacks here.

Mr. Young, in answering, stated, "Any kind of segregated student union is wrong because it is segregated. I would oppose equally any white student union, Catholic student union, or Italian student union. This is a step back into the dark ages before integration."

Many blacks feel the proposed group would not have the bad effect connoted by the principal. The reasons listed include promoting better black participation in SW activities, helping make the black studies more effective, easing racial tension, and helping make school activities appeal to more black and white students.

The idea of the black student union was first called for at a Student Council meeting. The objectives of the group were formulated at a resulting Open Line meeting sponsored by SC.

Pioneer Calendar

- Dec. 15—PTA Meeting
- 17—Choir caroling
- 18—Choir caroling & Senior Fall Dance
- 21—Faculty Meeting
- SW Parent Congress Meeting
- 23—6th Period caroling in the halls
- Dismissed for holidays at 3:15
- Jan. 4—Return to school
- 4-8—Spirit Week
- 5—PTA Exec. Committee Meeting
- 8—Faculty lettermen Basketball Game

Players Choose Randy for MVP

Senior Randy Faulkner was named Most Valuable Player last night at the annual Fall Athletic Award Dinner.

Randy was chosen by his football teammates for the honor and was presented the MVP trophy by Varsity Coach Leon Anton.

Coach Anton felt that Randy was chosen because "his teammates realized he contributed a great deal to our squad in a variety of ways. His versatility made him very valuable."

Besides playing wingback, Randy excelled as a wide receiver, right end, defensive end and defensive halfback. He also took the safety position on the

kick off team during the past season.

Randy is also a versatile sportsman generally. He has lettered as a sprinter in track and is presently a member of the wrestling team.

The banquet was held at Mount Tabor United Church of Christ to present awards earned by athletes during the past football and cross country seasons. The guest speaker was Mr. John Kadlec, assistant football coach at the University of Missouri at Columbia.

Also speaking was Mr. Dan Kelley, senior fullback at Missouri during the past season. Mr. Kelley is a Southwest graduate.



Senior Randy Faulkner, named this year's MVP.



Use New Voting Rights

In a few weeks the law lowering the voting age to eighteen will take effect. Tests of the law in the Supreme Court will decide upon the constitutionality of the measure, but presently young people from ages eighteen to twenty-one will be able to vote next year.

To prepare for the change, election officials are holding preliminary registrations in many areas. In St. Louis, only 2,447 young people, of an estimated 25,000 qualified, took advantage of the 112 registration centers the Board of Election Commissioners made available on a recent Saturday.

Thus, a mere tenth of the citizens to whom the law applies took the trouble to visit a neighborhood location to register. This disappointing lack of interest on the part of local young people must not become a pattern. New voters may register now at the Election Board Office, 208 South Twelfth Street. Having a law enabling eighteen-year-olds to vote is a start, but the action is useless without the support of young people.

Christmas Message

As we hurry through another holiday season, thoughts turn to the joy and happiness the time will bring for us. Often, in the rush, we forget some of the most important aspects of the season. One idea which seems to have been lost in our changing world is that of brotherhood. Brotherhood can be defined as an association of men united in a common interest.

What might this common interest be? A Greeting becoming familiar in some groups today is the hand sign representing "peace." Bringing an end to war among nations is presently beyond our control as individuals, but by helping others we may further peace on a smaller scale. If we can join in a brotherhood to help those less fortunate, we will be a step closer to "Peace on Earth."

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Aud Cancellation Explained

By Jan Reim
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Tradition, once a word of deep meaning for Southwest, has been changed to meet an attitude of SW students. The tradition is the annual Christmas auditorium session. The attitude is one of a lack of interest expressed by many students. In the past, the Christmas season at SW was always brought to a high point by an inspiring Christmas aud session on the last day of school before the Christmas holidays. But this year, there will be no aud session.

After discussing the problems of other years, the administration has decided to discontinue the aud session.

Although students may feel that they had no part in the decision, they actually decided the matter by their response to the aud sessions in previous years.

Last year, according to Assistant Principal Gene Gladstone, there were numerous incidents relating to alcohol found in students' possession. Also, a few students were sent home for this reason.

Adding to the problem, the returning graduates came to see old friends and teachers. With so many people walking around the halls, the atmosphere enabled students to cut classes almost with impunity.

Some members of the audiences at these aud sessions were also increasingly rude in the past. When music groups performed sacred Christmas songs, people shouted, whistled, and showed almost no concern for the program.

Even if some students did not believe in the purpose of the aud session, they could have taken the option of going to the library instead of hindering others from enjoying the aud session.

Another deciding factor in the matter were the feelings of the music department. Every year, Miss Leontone Meyer, Mr. Robert Nordman, and Mr. Libero Monachesi, all instructors in the music department, saw to it that the program was of excellent caliber. However, student response had been getting gradually worse. They could see that their efforts were not really being appreciated.

Several alternatives were discussed. A suggestion was made to schedule an aud session for the seventh period, similar to the pep sessions. A student could stay or go home if he didn't want to listen to the program. Students in the music groups would have had to stay to perform. It was felt that the audience for the performance would probably have been less than those performing.

Another possibility was to have the program on the Sunday afternoon before Christmas. But again, it was felt that the turnout would have been poor as many would have their own church functions or other activities to attend.

Thus, the decision to discontinue the aud session came about. Principal Robert M. Young, along with the rest of the administration, feels that this is a sad situation. But the students have demonstrated that the aud sessions have lessened in importance to them; otherwise, they would have more thoroughly appreciated them. It is only fair to the people who devote their time to the program to relieve them of the frustrations of an inattentive audience.

Many students will miss the aud session, especially those who had no part in the poor behavior. But it may show all SW students how to appreciate the privileges they do have and to keep activities in the future from being spoiled by an increasing minority who seem totally lacking in good school spirit.

Santa Goes Trick-Or-Treating

By Debbie Gottschalk
Pioneer Feature Writer

Christmas arrives, the theme is played out.

The Christmas tree is another old custom of the season that is also slowly losing its aroma. If you don't believe it, just try smelling one of those plastic, pre-assembled trees that are commonly found in the stores. They might save time, but those pink and blue aluminum trees will never outdo the natural beauty of the pine tree.

The Christmas season got off to an early start this year with stores pushing pre-fabricated trees and decorations around the time of Halloween. This is an early start compared to the previous years when official Christmas shopping used to begin after Thanksgiving. It is getting to the point where instead of going by the calendar people change seasons when the stores change merchandise.

Not that early shopping doesn't have its advantages. There are those people who are natural procrastinators. These people who can never make those shattering decisions whether Aunt Martha will like turquoise slippers or a dozen assorted handkerchiefs will probably put this extra time to good use. It might mean for them that instead of waiting until the day before Christmas they will actually buy their presents a week in advance.

There is also a chance, though, that by starting the season early in October some of the Christmas spirit may be lost because it becomes dragged out. If decorations are put up too far in advance, they may lose their glittering appeal and joyful appearance that they give to so many people. By the time

Trees, decorations, and Santa Claus are customs that have always been part of the Christmas season, but in recent years it is easy to see how Christmas-time is being commercialized. Things are becoming so synthetic that some of the real meaning of Christmas is being lost.

Take for example Santa Claus, that fat, jolly man in his red velvet suit, who slides down chimneys all over the world to bring happiness to people. Santa is the one man who can brighten up anyone's face and yet even his image is being used to make a dollar. You can always tell when Santa's budget is tight because about six weeks before Christmas he starts doing television commercials.

"Improving" on the old custom of having a Santa Claus deliver the presents in his sleigh with his flying reindeer, today big store helicopters are making his reindeer obsolete.

Christmas is being rushed earlier each year so that more profit can be made. The holiday season is being regulated by advertising and manufacturers. Don't let Christmas become a commercial product; keep Christmas in December where it belongs.



The Great Pumpkin is being squeezed out of season by Santa.

News Shorts

Scholars To Play Dec. 19

On December 19 the Southwest Scholar Quiz team will play Parkway Central in the semi-final match. The winner of this match will go on to the semester championship.

On November 28 SW beat McCluer 199 to 174 in the quarter-final. In the first elimination match SW beat C.B.C. and Mehlville. The scores were SW 207, C.B.C. 80, and Mehlville 115.

Games are played at KMOX-TV studios, Number one Memorial Drive.

Miss Reinhardt Honored

Miss E. Reinhardt, a former social studies teacher at Southwest, was honored with a teacher's medal. This is an annual award given by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge for teachers who have done much in spreading the ideals of American life. Miss Reinhardt taught at SW 25 years and out of those 25, 20 years were spent in sponsoring senior trips to Washington D. C. and Williamsburg, Virginia. There were only two teachers chosen for this award in the Midwest.

Students Fill Gift Stockings

Mrs. Hunt, home economics teacher, is sponsoring the Red Cross Christmas Stocking Program this year. All St. Louis high schools are participating in this program, and Southwest has donated 150 stockings. These stockings contain soap, washcloths, combs, paper, pens, handkerchiefs, coinpurses, and candy. The stockings filled for adults are sent to MacMillan Hospital and stockings for the children are sent to St. Louis City Hospital.

Longhorn Stars Gain Honors

Three members of the 1970 Southwest football squad were selected to various all-star teams. Heading the list was junior Barry Brambrilla, who was named to the All PHL, All City, and third team All Metro all-star teams, for his work at linebacker. As a placekicker, Brambrilla made the All PHL and second team All City teams.

Also receiving honors were two of the Longhorns' tri-captains, senior End Bob Grana and senior Tackle Paul Sneed. Both players gained places on the All PHL team and on the All City second team.

Honor Roll Completed

For the first ten-week grading period 198 students had a 3.5 average or better. All terms showed an improvement over last year's first grading period, except the freshmen, who had 10 students on the honor roll as compared to 24 last year. Those with 4.0 averages or better are:

Seniors: 5.0—Carolyn Imhof; 4.7—Charles Standridge, Linda Wilcoxon, David Bruenger; 4.6—Alexander Karagiannis; 4.5—Edward Schumer; 4.3—Sally Merkle, Maria Yaeger; 4.2—Stewart Smiley, Jeffery Boyher, Perry Harpending, Valerie Kentes, David Jung, Cynthia Singfield; 4.1—David Duiguid; 4.0—Linda Allen, Barbara Bratton, Pamela Burchett, Debra Carnes, Karen Kemper, Michael Quinn, Kathryn Rainer, Kathleen Shannahan, Terry Shapiro, Carmeline Ternullo.

Juniors: 4.6—Marie Caras; 4.5—Martha Renner; 4.4—Susan Baylard, Rebecca Vuch, Celeste Kocot; 4.3—Christy Anderson,

Thomas Espinola, Steven Rakel; 4.2—Christine Sharp, Rosalynn Vanheest, Glenda Walter; 4.0—John Baltzer, Timothy Decker, Diane Dendrinelis, Denise Koehr, William Pitcher, Linda Psaris, Ronald Schrenker, Richard Shanks, Patricia Willmering, Minnette Zelenovich.

Sophomores: 4.4—Susan Kinast; 4.6—Jill Brandenburger; 4.4—Christopher Todd, Amy Barrow, Juan Escobar, David Fairris; 4.3—Constance Duever; 4.2—Michael Frisch, Dennis Gelner; 4.1—Richard Daut; 4.0—Emile Dierking, Maria Diquarto, Mark Dopuch, John Dubis, Louis Miksicek, Sharon O'Brien, Susan Reagan, Amy Saussele, Barbara Weinhold.

Freshmen: 4.4—Richard Miksicek; 4.2—Nancy Kavanaugh, Roy Kugler; 4.1—Jo Ellen Brandmeyer; 4.0—Cynthia Kleppinger, Arthur Cornell, Barbara Duba, James Scott, Carol Smith, Patricia Taylor.

Seniors Organize Activities

Seniors are once again planning a busy Christmas schedule for their last year at Southwest. The Christmas dance, titled *Holiday Hop* this year, is scheduled for Friday, December 18. The price of tickets will be 25 cents with music provided by Donny Brooks, a Radio KATZ disc-jockey from 3:30 to 5 o'clock in the old boy's gym. Senior Connie Crump is in charge of the dance committee and welcomes any and all suggestions to help make the dance a success.

During the last three days before Christmas vacation, December 21, 22, and 23, the seniors are planning their annual Christmas Post Office for anyone who wishes to mail Christmas cards and packages to their friends within the school. There will be students at the east side auditorium door near the main office before advisory to take and deliver cards and packages. The postage for cards and letters will be 2 cents and 5 cents for packages.

To continue this holiday spirit all seniors are welcome to join in singing Christmas carols, December 23, from 6:30 to 8:30 beginning on the parking lot in back of Hampton Village Shopping Center. All donations will go to the St. Louis

Christmas Carols Association.

A senior skating party is being planned for the second time at SW. A date cannot be set too far ahead of time because it depends on when the lakes will freeze and how safe they will be

for skating.

Dan McAnnar, President of the Senior Class, urges all committee members to attend meetings and give their opinions and ideas on these and other activities.



Photo by John Dengler

Class Planning

Working toward senior activities are the Class of 1971's officers. (From left) Vice President Bill Paden, Sergeants-at-Arms Steve Valli and Carol Mignerone, President Dan McAnnar, Treasurers Linda Wilcoxon and Bill Eyerman, and Girl's Secretary Debbie Renick. Not shown is Boy's Secretary Greg Cobb.

Audience Lauds 'Music Man'

By Nancy Cusanelli
Pioneer Feature Writer

Much time, effort and talent were evident in *The Music Man*, Southwest's 31st presentation of the annual operetta. Enthusiasm by both SW students, faculty and others helped to make it a success with ticket sell-outs for both December 3 and 4.

Both seniors Linda Range and Ken Kerch truly lived up to their star roles. Linda has a clear voice that not only displayed her talent but added warmth to the play. She demonstrated this talent in her songs "Goodnight My Someone" and "My White Knight." "Till There Was You" greatly affected me and was a great success with the audience as well.

Ken was a convincing actor in his portrayal of the shifty character of Professor Hill. He captivated the audience with his song "Marian" and added excitement and fun with "76 Trombones."

Each and every member deserves high recognition of credit. The quartet did a great job of harmonizing and were rewarded for it by the applause of the audience. The members of this quartet were senior Ron Fehr, junior Calvin Tally, junior Homer Robinson, and sophomore Greg Shiner.

An indispensable element to the success of the operetta was the school orchestra under the direction of Mr. Robert Nordman. The music was fast and lively in one scene and soft and smooth in another, changing pace with the action.

Also adding rhythm and chorus to the play were the music classes. They came on strong adding force to the numbers performed.

Two numbers performed by the girls in Modern Dance group were well planned and fit aptly into the pattern of the play. These were "76 Trombones" and "Marian." The audience showed special recognition to these numbers. The girls were all in step and kept time with the music.

The stage crew did a splendid job of arranging scenery and seeing that everything was in its place at the right time.

Senior Tony Jacobs designed much of the scenery. Junior Val

Mayse made many of the costumes seen on stage which were quite original. Judy Zakibe, senior, was stage manager and proved competent in the position.

The scenery seen on stage created the proper effect for the mood as well as adding color and realism to the set. Audio Visual did a great job of highlighting the stage with the proper lights and magnifying the sound of the actors to be heard throughout the audience.

With these combined efforts of everyone taking part in the making and arranging of the operetta, I feel that this is one of the best performances I've seen thus far.



Photo by John Dengler

Helping Hand

Junior Mary Puleo (left) and Sophomore Debbie Restelli put stamps on letters sent to Senator Thomas F. Eagleton. A total of 1,524 letters were written by students in English classes to object to the closing of the snack bar. (see story on page one)



One highlight of the show was a rendition of the familiar "American Gothic" portrait during the song "Iowa Stubborn." From left are senior Mariano Favazza, junior Christy Anderson, senior Rick Weiser, and senior Dough Heitland.

Security Guard Functions as Aid to Administration

Southwest has been patrolled for the past two years by private security guards. Mr. Nathaniel Harris, from the A.B.C. Agency, is presently employed during school hours as a guard.

Although Mr. Harris has been here only since late September, he has held the job longer than most do. Six different guards were hired last year, and three were employed in the few weeks before the present man took over, noted Principal Robert M. Young.

The greater portion of his time is taken by "roving supervision," but a guard has several other duties. Mr. Harris is responsible for checking all outside entrances, locking all but a few after advisory. This includes setting the panic bars on doors, and closing the Arsenal gate.

His job also involves checking cars parked on school property. Mr. Harris said that he issues

warning notices on illegally parked vehicles on the two parking lots on Boardman Street

and notifies the police of repeated offenders.

School administrators find the

guard's primary job as keeping outsiders off school grounds. Mr. Young indicated the operation here is necessary, in view of rapidly changing times. Mr. Gene Gladstone, assistant principal, finds too the presence of guards helpful. He points out that the guard does tasks which would normally be done by school administrators, freeing them to attend to more administrative business.

Mr. Young added that the number of guards for each school is decided upon by the Board of Education, and that SW is among high schools with the smallest number of men. Mr. Gladstone explained that certain high schools in the city have as many as nine guards employed, and that several grade schools have their own security men. Mr. Young added that some schools have a guard for each door, and that in other cities regular

policemen are used to patrol schools.

Mr. Harris relates his biggest problems are controlling outsiders and student smoking. He says police have been called in several times this year to expel non-students. Smokers present a more frequent problem for the guard.

Although he is licensed to carry a gun, he does not, under direction of the superintendent of schools. Mr. Harris sees no need for carrying such a weapon, though he does carry a nightstick. The guard says he has never found the work to be hazardous, and has not come across a situation that could be described as an "incident."

Mr. Harris describes the student body here as generally "nice kids," and philosophizes that "in 2,700, there are bound to be a few bad apples."



Photo by Tim Walters

Security Guard Nathaniel Harris describes most students as "nice kids."

Bum Steer

First Cut Slip Leads to Trouble

By Cathy Buehre
Pioneer Feature Writer

What shall I do? Who can I turn to? Those were my thoughts when I received my very first cut-slip. Oh, what will become of me? I've heard the rumors of what goes on up there in that disciplinary-torture room!

First, the door is supposedly opened by a huge man wearing a black hood with an axe and chain in hand. You are then escorted into this forbidden room and seated under a bright spotlight, forced into admitting your guilt. If you fail to comply with their wishes, your hands are thrust into a huge pot of chewed bubblegum and leftover cafeteria food!

Most students have been said to turn themselves in at this point, but, a few of the unfortunate brave souls have carried on and lived to tell their versions of the next torture. The hands and feet of the brave one are then tied up with dirty shoe

strings and stale licorice whips, and the questioning proceeds.

The female students' shoes and socks are removed, and they are then given the tickle test. A large, pink and purple dotted feather is produced and stroked gently over the victim's toes. A hysterical fit follows with a confession by the poor girl!

In cases with male students, it's been said that a gorgeous, curvy female prosecutor engages in the interrogation. She begins by whispering sweet nothings into the subject's ear. The victim is then so overcome with confusion and a befuddled mind, he confesses to this classroom cut with no further ado!

So, you can see why I was so perplexed over this cut-slip! I reluctantly made my way to the dreaded third floor. It's not easy considering my knocking knees and chattering teeth! All the

way there I was hoping to be lucky and break my leg or even have the staircase hijacked to Cuba.

Barely making it there, I was completely surprised upon entering this popular, but much dreaded room, for it was way different than I had expected!

After all my fears about that cut-slip, it was immediately cleared, for they found I had been absent on that day. I'm not sorry to say I was glad to be out of there. The next morning in advisory I received back my cleared cut-slip. But, what's this? Another cut-slip? Yesterday, when I had gone up to see about my first cut-slip, I must have missed another class! Suddenly, many terrifying thoughts began to cross my mind - pots of chewed bubblegum, leftover cafeteria food, stale licorice whips, pink and purple dotted feathers...



Photo courtesy of Mrs. Geneva Beckham

Santa and Helper?

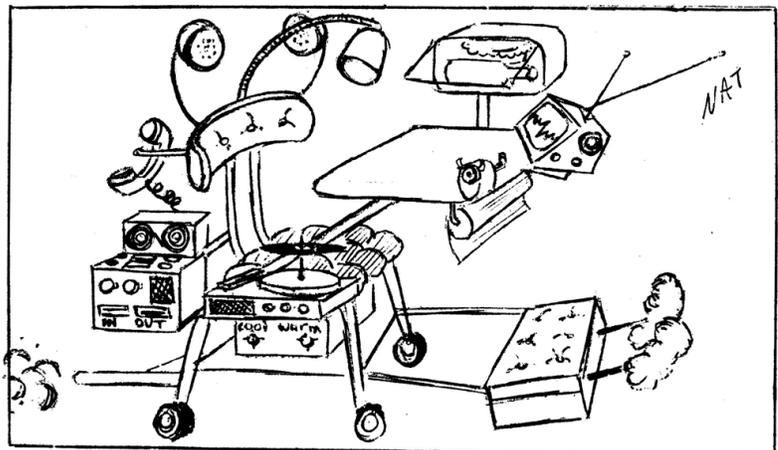
Mrs. Geneva Beckham, SW secretary, brightens the halls each year with her Christmas spirit. Principal Robert M. Young displays his best-dressed elf of the office.

Holiday Song Updated

By
Minnette Zelenovich and
Becky Vuch, Feature Writers

Although everybody always sings "The Twelve Days of Christmas" this time of year, they don't really benefit from the items called for. Who ever heard of somebody really wanting partridges, turtle doves, French hens flying around, some "lords a leapin'" or "maids a milkin'" anyway? PIONEER feels that to make this song more relevant, a new set of gifts must replace the old ones to fit the world in which we live.

On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love gave to me:
 Twelve months of friendship
 Eleven cleaner rivers
 Ten ten-cent dimes
 Nine carefree children
 Eight bags for litter
 Seven full-time jobs
 Six tanks of fresh air
 Five doves of peace
 Four united races
 Three CARE packs
 Two cans of Mace
 And a bald eagle in an olive tree.



Whoever heard of teachers giving their students Christmas presents? Why, nine months out of the year they give us the wonderful gift of knowledge and homework, don't they? That should be enough to satisfy us, but this customized, V-8 powered beauty would surely be a welcomed addition under any student's Christmas tree.

Three Teachers Join SW Faculty

Southwest's teaching faculty has recently gained three additions, Mr. Charles H. Murphy, biology and general science instructor, Mr. P. Conrad, industrial arts instructor, and Mr. Howard Harris, earth science instructor.

Before coming to SW, Mr. Murphy taught at Central High School in St. Louis. He was substituting here for Mr. Dwight Dappert, who is recovering from a recent illness. Mr. Murphy has now, however, taken over the classes of Mr. "Skip" George, who left SW last week to take a new position.

Mr. Murphy is a 1961 graduate of Soldan High School and played on Soldan's league winning varsity football squad his senior year. Mr. Leon Anton, social studies instructor and football coach here at SW, was assistant varsity coach at Soldan at that time. Mr. Murphy credits coach Anton with "having helped to instill within me a pride in doing a job well." Murphy went on to play two years of varsity football at the University of Missouri at Columbia.

Mr. Murphy said he tries to give his students responsibility. He feels that pupils should have a decision as to which way the course should go. "Education is more than just preparing a person for a job." He feels it should teach a person to think objectively, and create a desire for truth. Mr. Murphy believes if students assume responsibility, an understanding between the administration and student body will be formed.

"High school activities are the greatest experience a person can have. Friendships and habits formed in the high school years are lasting." Mr. Murphy knows that bad habits are hard to break, and tries to stress to his students the importance of developing good study habits now.

Mr. Murphy feels that kids today are asking "why?" He tries to be open minded, and likes to sit down and talk with students to help solve the problems which are disturbing them.

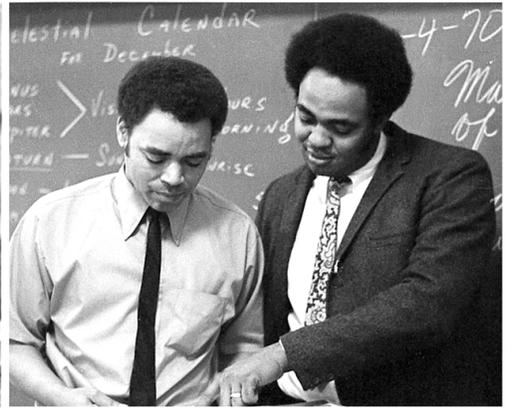


Photo by John Dengler

Southwest's new faculty members are (from left) Mr. P. Conrad, Mr. Howard Harris, and Mr. Charles Murphy.

As for SW students, Mr. Murphy believes that they have the ability to go far. "There is an atmosphere here which is conducive to instilling the SW tradition of excellence in its students regardless of their political, social, or religious views."

Mr. Conrad came to SW in October, taking Mr. Ed Radford's place as industrial arts instructor. Before coming to SW, he taught special education for the St. Louis public high schools. Mr. Conrad has done graduate work at Colorado State

College and at Kansas State College.

He likes teaching at SW and enjoys what he does. "Teaching in shop is a new experience every day because of the new ideas being developed."

Mr. Conrad has only one girl in all his classes, but, speaking from experience, he finds girls do just as well in shop as boys. He believes girls must have some basic shop skills if they wish to be successful home owners or enter manufacturing.

Mr. Conrad's students first learn the basic skills of shop and

then, according to their ability, go on to projects with varying degrees of difficulty.

The student-teacher relationship at SW, Mr. Conrad feels, is "exceptionally good. The students have a fine attitude."

Mr. Howard Harris came to SW last week taking over Mr. Dappert's earth science classes. He is a graduate of Lincoln University. This is Mr. Harris' first teaching position, but before coming to SW he held jobs as a chemist, city health inspector, mailman, and an insurance salesman.

Experience Will Be Key to Cagers' Success

By Steve Rakel
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The Southwest Cagers will open their league schedule today at 4 p.m. against the Northwest Blue Devils in the opposition's gym. The Longhorns will have revenge in their eyes remembering the defeat that they suffered to the eventual winner of the SLUH Tournament two weeks ago.

Despite losses in the young campaign, Mr. Warren Gower, in his sixth year as coach, has high hopes for the basketball team. He stated that SW's chances this year are as good or better than those of any previous year. "The team will be able to score more," said Coach Gower as he compared the squad with that of last year.

Another strength of the basketball team along with experience is the fact that there are two outstanding players on the squad instead of the usual one. Coach Gower referred to the deadly duo, senior Steve Valli and junior Ken Loddeke, as "complete ball players." The coach's words of praise covered all facets of basketball — shooting, defense, and ball-handling. "They complement each other so well, both inside and outside." He added that both worked hard over the summer for improvement that now shows. Early in the season the pair were averaging just under 40 points per game together.

The only weaknesses Coach Gower can see are early season injuries which crippled the squad last year. Seniors Tom Lansing, Stan Nickens, and Bryn Tracy

have had ankle problems. Nickens' injury will probably keep him out of action until early January. Senior Dave Cole has had back trouble. Senior

Bob Grana and junior Jim Thomas have had knee and thigh injuries from football. Practices



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Stretch!

Senior Co-Captain Steve Valli (51) wins the initial tip-off in the Longhorns' season opener against Northwest. Valli went on to score 19 points in a losing effort, as SW dropped a 61-52 decision to the Blue Devils.

were slowed considerably because of the many injuries.

Coach Gower stated that there were no real favorites for the PHL crown nor city supremacy this year in basketball competition. He attributed this to the fact that all of the area's outstanding stars have departed. However, the coach noted that no one has heard of his player, Ken Loddeke, believing that there are some other unknowns like him just coming into the spotlight.

Referring to the league teams he said, "Everyone is almost equal in the PHL this year: the title is up for grabs." However, he added that Vashon, Soldan, and maybe Sumner might be the strongest because the majority of their players were returning. This equality in the league will make for an interesting and exciting season for the Longhorn Cagers.

More concentration was placed on defense last year thinking that sixty to sixty-five points would win the game. Finishing with a fifth place tie in the tough PHL with a record of 4-5 and an overall mark of 8-13 made for a disappointing season. However, Mr. Gower noted that from January to the end of the schedule, SW posted a mark of 7-5.

Coach Gower is very optimistic for that very reason. "Most of the same boys that were responsible for the improved second half of the year are all back."

The Southwest Cagers got on the victory trail with two wins and the championship trophy in the St. Charles Invitational Tournament on December 4-5.

This marked a complete reversal for the Longhorns, who finished last in the four team tourney a year ago.

The Steers gained the championship with a 55-51 conquest over Parkway West last Saturday. Despite the closeness of the final score, SW never trailed and threatened to pull away several times. Senior Steve Valli paced the SW attack with 25 points.

The night before, the Longhorns proved to be impolite guests as they defeated St. Charles, the host team, 70-57. Valli and his fellow co-captain, Junior Ken Loddeke, split 58 points between them to the lead the way.

Equally important was the board work of Senior forward Bryn Tracy and the scrappy defensive play of Senior Dave Cole and Junior John Whitaker.

The SW five opened the season dismally, losing both games in the SLUH Invitational Tournament, held over the Thanksgiving holiday. The outside shooting of Summer guard Marshall Rodgers was the deciding factor in the consolation game of the tournament. Rodgers scored 26 points as the Bulldogs downed the Longhorns by a score of 70-60. Steve Valli led all scorers with 29 points while Ken Loddeke added 12.

In the opening round, Northwest defeated the Steers 61-52, despite the fact that both Loddeke and Valli, with 19 points apiece, were the game's high scorers. A second quarter cold spell, in which SW was outscored 23-7, made the difference.



Gang tackling by juniors Barry Brambrilla (74), and Jeff Leuken (77), and the oncoming senior Paul Sneed (71), halted many opponents' offenses this season. The teamwork was typical of the stingy defense shown by the Big Green Machine.

Longhorn Kickers to Battle Northwest

The Southwest Soccer Team will confront Northwest Thursday at Davis Park. The kickers are well prepared for another victory.

The Longhorns bombarded Augustinian with shots in the last half of the game December 3 and won 3-1. The Braves scored in the first half. In the second half, Arturo Diaz scored the tying goal. The final ten minutes, Chuck Echer shot from a difficult angle to score the winning goal and Diaz put in the clincher.

After a hard fought battle Monday, DuBourg downed SW 1-0. Although the Steers dominated the first half, the Cavaliers scored on a goal in the top corner and dominated the rest of the game.

This year the kickers are coached by Mr. Gary Shell, math instructor. The Mizzou graduate, in his second year at Southwest, volunteered to coach soccer because he enjoys the sport and likes working with young athletes. He is taking the place of Mr. Ed Radford, the coach for two successful seasons.

According to Mr. Shell, the team has few weaknesses. The only noticeable one is their lack of experience. He feels their most important strength is "their good strong legs. These guys are hard shooters." Coach Shell also takes pride in the fact that he has a lot of rugged players unafraid to play aggressive soccer.

The team's ability and teamwork is headed by co-captains Kent Kloepper and Chuck Echer. Of the 27 team members, ten are sophomores, ten are juniors, and only seven are seniors.

Arturo Diaz, sophomore; Chuck Echer, senior; and Joe Vitale, junior, head the returning offensive line. Coach Shell will also rely on defensive players Kent Kloepper, senior halfback, and Tom LoRusso, junior goalie. He considers Tom the best goalie in the PHL.

Central will give SW the most trouble this season, according to Mr. Shell. The Redwings will be tough because they have many returning lettermen and a team of strong players. Coach Shell plans on "getting the guys psyched up for the Central game. They may be intimidated because of a rout with Central last year."

Cleveland may also prove to be a problem, but the kickers are favored for all other PHL games. The CAC games will provide rough competition to keep the team in top condition for PHL games.

In the first game of the season, SW displayed a strong defense against the undefeated CBC team. The scoreless tie was considered a moral victory against the powerful Cadets, who had already won six games this season.

Steers End Productive Year

Despite the disappointing loss to Cleveland, which cost Southwest a share of the PHL crown, the past football season could hardly be called a failure. The Longhorns finished in a tie for third place with Cleveland, posting an overall record of seven wins and three losses.

Led by a group of hard-hitting linemen, the Steers finished better than most area football experts predicted.

Quarterback John Whitaker headed a vastly improved passing game, completing 27 of 81 passes for 678 yards and five TD's. His favorite targets were wingbacks Randy Faulkner and Tom Bostic.

In the running department, junior Tim Kurtz proved that good things come in small packages, by leading the Longhorns in rushing. The junior halfback, who weighs only 137 pounds, picked up 461 yards.

Another junior, Derek Cummings, piled up 421 yards in 114 carries, despite missing three games with a knee injury which occurred in the Roosevelt game and required surgery two weeks ago. Cummings was also the Longhorns' leading scorer with 46 points.

Except for the three TD's allowed in the Cleveland game, the SW defense was outstanding. Northwest and Sumner were shut out and four other teams

scored only once.

Prospects for next year look bright, with 21 returning lettermen, including the entire starting offensive backfield. With a little help from this year's B-team, 1971 could be a banner year for SW gridiron fans.

The SW B-team ended the season with a PHL slate of three wins, four losses, and one tie. The B-team finished strong, tying Soldan, 6-6, and defeating Cleveland, 7-6.

Barry Shines as Matmen Begin

The Southwest wrestling team rolled into the season and was defeated in the first two meets of the year.

Principia came to SW, December 3, and left after giving the matmen a 39-12 loss. In the 129-pound division, Senior Dan McAnner gained a tie for 2 points, while 105-pound Sophomore Dave Wellman was awarded a forfeit. The best match of all was also the last. Big Barry Brambilla, heavyweight, was all over the mat as he gained a pin in the second period. Coach Bud Wallach said that the team showed a definite improvement because five matmen had never wrestled before the Principia meet.

Over at Maplewood, the SW matmen lost by two points, 27-25. Although the score was close, Maplewood had nine takedowns and ten reversals while SW only squeezed out two takedowns and four reversals.

John Smith, senior, Gary Rutledge, sophomore, and Randy Faulkner, senior, each had pins. John and Gary both pinned their opponents in the first period.

Two matmen gained a victory without having to wrestle. Senior Rick Kellerman and Barry Brambilla, junior, were both victorious because Maplewood forfeited the 185-pound and heavyweight divisions.

Coach Wallach was not disappointed although he said that the team was open to improvement. He stated that the

team should be strong although inexperience is a big obstacle confronting the matmen. There are seven returning lettermen, Seniors John Smith, Dennis Artale, David Jung, Randy Faulkner, Dave Kinast, and Rick Kellerman.

Besides the lettermen there are many matmen that Coach Wallach thinks have exceptional potential. They are Barry Brambilla, Don Zanti, Gary Rutledge, and John Krost, Bert Linton 155, Steve Tschannan 145, Paul Ayers, Bob Moffat 126, Mike Grance, and Tony Castell 119, John Wheeler 112, Rich Miksicak 105, and Vince Bonzano 98.

The team has a strong lineup although there could have been a few stopgaps at some weight divisions. There is only one

wrestler in the 98, 112, 185, and heavy weight divisions. If any of the four wrestlers become injured Mr. Wallach would have to bring up a B-team matman.

Coach Wallach is very hopeful for this year's squad because of the surprising number of freshmen who made the team. "It'll be great if they stay with it," said Coach Wallach.

This year Coach Wallach expects the going to be tough, especially against Soldan and Northwest. Last year in the league opener against Northwest, eventual state champs, SW was humiliated by a score of 43-5.

The SW B-team wrestlers defeated Maplewood, 47-5. Maplewood forfeited four matches for lack of wrestlers.



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Let Go!

Senior Dave Jung tries in vain to escape his Principia opponent during their wrestling match at SW on Dec. 3. SW lost 39-12.

Intermural

Girls on the Move

Girls' Intermural Basketball Team will begin its season against Vashon December 12. Three other games are scheduled in which their opponents will be Central, McKinley, and

Northwest. Mrs. Connie Perkinson, sponsor, is also trying to arrange two additional games against Cleveland and Roosevelt. The five returning players are: sophomore Amy Barrow, senior Carolyn Barrow, junior Cindy McMillon, senior Carol Migneron and sophomore Michelle Ummel. Team experience points to another undefeated season.

Girls' bowling has elected its officers: President, senior Pam Millian; Secretary, senior Roxanne Gorsuch; and Treasurers, seniors Kathy Rainer and Sue Rehling.

The girls' hockey team played four successful games against: McKinley, October 28, Central, November 4; Roosevelt, November 7; and Sumner, November 18. This was the tenth year of organized play and games were once again held on the hockey fields in Forest Park. The team was made up of 20 players, with returning members Amy and Carolyn Barrow, senior Cathy Ernest, junior Kris Keaton, Carol Migneron, senior Sally Merkle, Michelle Ummel and junior Diane Rhinehardt.

The girls' swimming team also picked captains: seniors Carolyn Barrow, Debbie Gottschalk, Linda Kreutz and Cathy Stuetzer. In an earlier meet on November 19, Southwest took seven places.

Sports Calendar

Basketball

Dec. 11—NW there
19—Roosevelt at SW
22—Augustinian at SW
Jan. 5—Prep. South at SW
9—Vashon there
14—Maplewood there

Soccer

Dec. 17—NW at Davis Park
22—Central at Fairgrounds Park
23—C.B.C. there
Jan. 5—Christmas Tournament at Tandy Comm. Center
7—McBride at SW

Wrestling

Dec. 15—Central there
17—NW at SW
22—Hancock there
23—Sumner at SW
Jan. 12—Beaumont at SW
15—Cleveland at SW