

Fate of Smoking Lounge in Doubt

What would students do if the police department raided the Southwest smoking lounge? Theoretically, it could happen, as according to a recent interpretation of a Missouri statute, it is illegal for youths older than ten and younger than eighteen to smoke in a public place.

In 1969 Southwest initiated an indoor smoking room for students who smoke as one facet of the free study program. Previously the outside area

between the new and old buildings was used. This exposed area was not only an eyesore, due to the accumulation of cigarette butts and burnt matches, but was also a health hazard to the students exposed to harsh weather.

Students frequenting the lounge are required to have a signed parent consent card before being permitted use of the room. There is a teacher on duty in the lounge each period it is open.

Until the recent interpretation of the law by state Attorney General John Danforth, the lounge at SW was considered to be perfectly legal. According to Assistant Principal Gene Gladstone, when Kirkwood high school students requested a lounge similar to the one here, school officials expressed doubts on the legality of such an area. Danforth was asked to give an official opinion on the matter and declared that because a school is owned by the public, it

can certainly be described as a "public place."

The law could be enforced, and the offense, considered a misdemeanor, is punishable by fine.

SW Principal Robert M. Young said a decision has not yet been reached about the room here. The lounge remains open as usual, while Mr. Young awaits word from the Board of Education. The board attorney is presently investigating, the principal noted.

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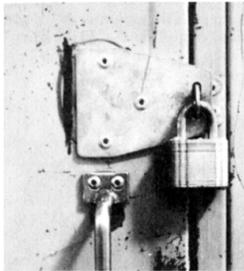
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Senior Show Postponed

"Channel '71," this year's senior variety show, has been re-scheduled for Wednesday, March 17, because of poor response at auditions last week. Comedy or variety acts for the presentation are still being sought by senior class officers.

The show had originally been set for March 3, but the officers decided, after try-outs held February 8 and 9, that more time would be necessary to prepare a top-notch production. A second series of auditions was to be scheduled for this week.



The type of plate shown above will be installed on lockers in the old building this semester to convert them to use with padlocks.

SW To Change Old Lockers

Lockers in the old building here will soon be converted for use with padlocks, it was announced recently. According to Assistant Principal Gene Gladstone, combination locks will be removed from all lockers and will be replaced with metal plates designed for use with padlocks. Under the new plan, students will supply their own locks.

Work will begin later this semester, after bidding on the job by various companies is completed, Gladstone stated.

Although the Board of Education has agreed to pay for the labor required for the job, the school itself will have to purchase the special metal plates to be installed.

Audio-Visual Technician Walt Turner explained a plan the administration hopes to use to lower the cost of the switch. Student workers from audio-visual would remove the present

combination locks before board workmen install the new plates. Turner said plans were to begin on about 200 lockers near the cafeteria.

Mr. Gladstone stated the conversion of lockers was in response to numerous complaints this year of locker thefts. He also indicated that by having students supply the locks, the audio-visual crew would have more time to devote to audio-visual affairs. Much time is spent by Mr. Turner and his student helpers on locker problems.

One prototype plate was installed on a first floor locker by workmen testing the system before the decision to convert all the lockers was made.

Mr. Turner said students whose lockers are to be changed will be notified as to when to empty them. He added that there are lockers available now in the new sections of the school for students who wish to have a padlock locker immediately.

Honor Roll Totaled

Students whose semester grades of 4.0 or better were reported to PIONEER are:

Seniors: 5.0—David Bruenger, Charles Standridge; 4.8—Linda Wilcoxon; 4.7—Sally Merkle; 4.6—Alexander Karagiannis, Terry Shapiro; 4.5—Kathleen Shanahan; 4.4—David Diuguid, Stewart Smiley, Karen Wichman; 4.3—Judi Clarke, Debbie Gottschalk, Kathy Rainer, Maria Yeager; 4.2—Linda Allen, Barbara Bratton, Sharon Hammon, David Jung, William Lindhorst, Ron Speck, Carmeline Ternullo; 4.1—Dianne Juedemann, Vanessa Komar, Ed Schumer; 4.0—Jeffery Boyher, Darrell Hogshead, Valerie Kentes, Mike Quinn, Cynthia Sippfield, Cece Sullivan, Paulette Thompson.

Juniors: 5.0—Martha Renner; 4.9—Marie Caras; 4.6—John Baltzer, Dianne Dendrinellis, Celeste Kocot, Becky Vuch; 4.5—Gary Erhart, Karen O'Rourke, Steve Rakel; 4.4—Christy Anderson, Nina Nikola; 4.2—Joann James, Nathalie Aksentijevic, Richard Schrenker, Rosalynn Vanheest, Glenda Walter; 4.1—Christine Sharp, Minnette Zelenovich; 4.0—Nancy Brush, Tony Manzo,

William Pitcher, Ronald Schrenker, Lavatryce Singfield, Imogene Staples, Mark Wunsch.

Sophomores: 5.0—Jill Brandenburger; 4.8—David Farris, Susan Kinast; 4.6—Amy Barrow, Steve Crusius, John Dubis, Dennis Gelner, James Tujarski; 4.5—Connie Duever, Amy Sauselle; 4.4—Louis Miksicek, Barbara Weinhold; 4.3—Richard Daut, Christopher Todd; 4.2—Annette Berra, Pamela Braun, Kenneth Dopuch, Carolyn Howard, Susan Reagan, Jerilyn Smith, Patricia Virtue, Glenn Weidler, Kathy Williams; 4.1—Emile Dierking; 4.0—Patrick Capps, Barbara Fears, Janet Millman, Sharon O'Brien, Chris Pashos, Theresa Smith, Kim Sticke, Deborah Witt.

Freshmen: 5.0—Richard Miksicek; 4.8—Carol Smith; 4.6—Roy Kugler; 4.4—Nancy Kavanaugh, Joseph Patti, William Wendell; 4.3—Jo Ellen Brandmeyer, Pat Taylor; 4.2—James Betz, Arthur Cornell, Laurie Purvis, Patricia Speck; 4.1—Barbara Duba; 4.0—Sheila Boyd, William Carneal, Scott Dunn, Kerry Fitch, Janet Greco, Dennis Greiner, Susan Psaris, Mark Stolzer.

Three SW Faculty Changes Made

Three new teachers have joined the Southwest faculty this semester. They are Miss Catharine Brennecke, mathematics teacher, Miss Darlene Ketten, biology teacher, and Mrs. Steven Nuske, earth science teacher.

Miss Brennecke came to SW taking over the math classes of Miss Nancy Fook who is now teaching at Cleveland High School. She attended Northeast Missouri State College at Kirksville, and did her student teaching at SW before graduating from college in January. In her teaching methods, Miss Brennecke follows the belief that learning can be fun. She feels the teacher must be interesting in order to stir student interest in school subjects.

Miss Ketten has taken over Mr. Charles Murphy's biology classes. After graduating from Washington University at St. Louis, she took some graduate courses in Texas and worked in the University of Texas Medical School at Dallas. Miss Ketten prefers the technique of class discussions which she finds more useful than straight lectures or written questions in class. In this way she can see to what extent the students understand the lesson.

Mr. Nuske graduated from

Southeast Missouri State College at Cape Girardeau. He previously taught at Roosevelt High School but resigned from that position in August to take an industrial job. He has just recently returned to the public school

system by taking over Mr. Howard Harris' earth science classes. Mr. Harris left SW to take a position at Lincoln High School. Mr. Nuske is presently assistant coach for the SW track team.



Photo by John Dengler

A Free Moment

Three new Southwest Faculty members take time out to get acquainted. They are (from left) Miss Darlene Ketten, biology teacher, Mr. Steven Nuske, earth science teacher, and Miss Catharine Brennecke, mathematics teacher.

Pioneer Calendar

February

- 19 — Senior Rec Night
- 20 — Basketball-Summer at Vashon 1:30
- 25 — Fine Arts Night
- 26 — Basketball-Soldan here 4:00
- 26 — Track-Armory Indoor Meet

March

- 3 — Channel 71 Senior Show
- 5,12 — Track-Armory Indoor Meet
- 16 — In-Service (for teachers) No School
- PTA Meeting 7:30

Revise Lounge Rules

It has been evident in the past weeks that the smoking lounge at Southwest is not as effective as it could be in stopping unregulated smoking in the school. Restrooms are now the most common place illegal smoking is found and, while this may prove to be a good refuge for those students not permitted in the smoking lounge, it also creates problems for those non-smokers who want to use the restrooms. Frequently now a student who does not smoke enters a restroom and is confronted with a room filled with smoke.

While the student smoking lounge was created in order to give students a place to smoke, not all students are allowed to use it. If a student wishes to smoke he must present written permission from his parents before he is issued a permit by the school. Many students are not able to obtain the necessary parental permission and so they sneak smokes during the day and much of the time they end up using the restrooms for this purpose.

Restrooms were not intended to be smoking rooms, and certainly the rights of non-smokers are being abused. Students who want to smoke should be allowed to use the smoking lounge, and permits should not be required to enter the lounge. This would help to cut down the restroom smokers and give non-smokers a chance to use the facilities for what they were intended. By the time a student reaches high school, if he has not been disciplined previously at home, it is not going to bother him now to break a rule in order to take a smoke. He will continue to break rules as long as he is restricted from the smoking lounge. The choice of whether to use the lounge to smoke or not should be left up to the individual student.

Replace Tattered Flag

Every morning on the corner of Kingshighway and Arsenal, the American flag is raised for a reason. It symbolizes the pride that many people have for our country. There are those to whom the flag is meaningless and although they have the right to feel that way, they don't have the right to destroy the flag itself. Once the flag here at school is raised, there are too many people that play with it until it falls to half-mast or the ropes become a tangled mess.

For those of us who do have some pride in it, the flag should be taken better care of. The one we have here at school looks pretty bad. The holes in it and the torn border give it a shabby appearance. There is a simple solution to this problem: those of you to whom the flag is meaningless, hands off. For the rest, a move to request Student Council or the PTA to fund the purchase of a new flag should be made.

Teachers' Aides Needed

For the average teacher whose daily complement of students may run as high as 120, there is an accompanying mountain of paperwork, much of which is purely mechanical — grading homework papers, marking tests, taking attendance. Some teachers have allowed students to handle part of this work and responsibility, but the creation of a teachers' aide corps would alleviate more of the problem.

Why couldn't a senior proctor freshman, sophomore, or even junior classes? Students are capable of relieving part of the instructor's burden by grading objective tests; essay questions are still the teacher's province, as is, in most cases, recording grades. At finals this would leave time for the other important work that inevitably converges on the teacher.

Before and after finals, students could take attendance, tutor, or in math or science classes assist in labs as needed.

Teachers' aides could be found among upperclassmen who have above-average grades in the sections in which they desire to work. Free periods could be devoted to the corps, coordinated voluntarily in agreement between student and teacher.

Creation of a teachers' aide corps would not solve the myriad problems confronting modern education, but it will go towards allowing the teachers to work on important tasks — like teaching.

Opinion Poll

Optional Finals Favorably Received

Last semester Southwest experienced a new system for taking finals. Students having a B average or better for a course grade were given the option of not taking the semester final in that particular course. PIONEER polled eight advisories, two representing each of the four classes, for reactions and results of this new system after report cards were issued February 4.

It appears that for sophomores, this is their most difficult year. From the sample, sophomores carried the most full credit courses. A large number carried at least five, and the rest, a four course load. The average sophomore had to take three finals under the new system. In comparison, the average freshman and junior took only two finals, while the average senior in the sample had to take only one.

According to the survey, slightly more than a half of all the students polled had improved grades after taking the optional finals. The sophomores polled overwhelmingly indicated grade improvement after taking the optional finals. Half the juniors showed report card improvement; three-fifths and one-fourth of the seniors and freshmen respectively improved their grades.

The majority of the students polled felt they were motivated to expend an extra effort to

raise their grades to a B or above in order to exempt themselves from finals last semester. Only five of the polled students felt unmotivated to improve their grades to be exempt from finals.

The most common comment written by polled students when asked what they thought of the new system was "Great!" Students from the eight advisories who thought the system was not beneficial gave such reasons as, "If you take the test, I don't think you could do all that poorly." "If the administration would let those who don't have to take finals leave, the system would be less boring."

Because regular classes are suspended for finals at the end of this semester, students who have the option of not taking a final will presumably not have to attend class when that final is given. Last semester finals were given during regular class periods and all students were required to attend class whether taking finals or not.

The administration has decided that finals will again be optional this semester for students with at least a B average. Hopefully, the incentive to begin summer vacation a few hours early will motivate students to achieve a B average or better in their courses.

Students who were asked felt that the advantages of the new system outweigh any disadvantages. "It is a good idea because it rewards those with good grades and is a goal for those with lower grades," said one sophomore. A freshman feels, "The best part of the new system is that it is our choice whether we want to pass on a mediocre grade or try to improve." A senior commented, "The system takes a lot of pressure off students and teachers. Students can concentrate on working on the subjects in which they need the most work." Of course, many students feel as one sophomore who stated, "I'd like it if only I could get B's in my subjects!"

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

You printed a letter of complaint from a student about his locker. He said he waited for a year and his locker still wasn't fixed. We have no record in AV of his filling out a locker repair slip. About two weeks before you printed his letter, he wrote a letter to us complaining about his locker not working. We replied saying that he should fill out a locker repair slip, which he did, and it was fixed.

Many times a student has a friend fill out a locker repair slip for him. When we get the slip we compare the name on the slip to the name on the locker card. If they don't match and he is sharing the locker without authorization, we send the slips with the locker card to Mr. Ecker for a locker violation or just throw the slips away.

Most locker problems now come from those lockers that are jammed. Other students try to kick the locker open, which doesn't work but succeeds in damaging the locker handle, opening mechanism, and/or the locks. When a student has a broken locker, we try to repair it. But if it is not repairable, students must be assigned to an available locker or share with a friend.

It is up to the student to either stop abusing his locker, or report students that are damaging them, or suffer the consequences which will be a shortage of lockers. So, take your choice.

Student in Charge
of Locker Repair
Wilburn Bone

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank the two students who helped me when I was stuck on icy Kemper the morning of February 3. I did not know the boys and I didn't have a chance to thank them, but I certainly did appreciate their assistance. I might add that such willingness to help is a characteristic which I have observed in many Southwest students.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Sue Pratt

Dear Editor:
Last year there was an Earth

Day. There was a big auditorium session that shook the students of Southwest for one week. There are other high schools with environmental groups — what's wrong with SW? We clean up around SW for one week but what about the rest of the year? Every year it's getting worse.

I wonder how many were here last summer when the air pollution was bad? How many have been to their favorite creek after a year has passed? Shouldn't Earth Day be every day?

A junior
R.L.S.

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Toy Creates Ruckus

By Rich Hartmann
Pioneer Feature Writer

I did it. I went out and spent my hard-earned cash to buy a pair of klick-klicks. Klick-klicks are balls of fun, specifically, two balls of fun. These two balls are connected by a string and are supposed to klick-klick together. Unfortunately, what happens isn't always according to the laws of physics.

I am suffering from gangrene because my klick-klicks wrapped around my wrist so tight. Not to be defeated I keep trying. I have received two broken fingers and numerous bruises from having some part of my anatomy between the smashing klick-klicks.



There is only one person that I know of who can actually make klick-klicks bounce back and forth without being maimed. However, this guy wears a football helmet, a catcher's mask, and chest protector, a pair of hockey gloves, and a full complement of football pads. Unfortunately, bouncing klick-klicks is all he can do.

Many accidents, however, do not happen to the person with the klick-klicks. While swinging my klick-klicks not too long ago, they took to flight before making a choking, two point landing around my little sister's neck. After she had turned four different colors, I was finally able to cut the string with my dad's coping saw.

My neighbor broke two lamps, a vase, and mirror before his mother grabbed the klick-klicks from him. She set the klick-klicks on the stove and went back to cooking supper. After supper he asked why the meatballs were so hard, and was told that he wasn't served any yet. He's the only one who has perfected the internal klick-klick.

Klick-klicks have even caused an auto accident. While his mother was driving him to school, one devoted klickster was playing with his klick-klicks when they flew out of his hands and bounced off his mother's head. The car left the road and crashed into the showroom of a new car lot. When the policeman arrived, he asked how a little toy like klick-klicks could cause an accident. The little boy's mother gave the policeman the klick-klicks and said, "Try it!" The policeman did try it, and promptly had them slip from his fingers and go through the other window of the showroom. Then the owner began arguing with the policeman, and while the two argued, the little boy and his mother quickly slipped away.

There are my reasons for hating klick-klicks. I say, "Caution: klick-klicks may be hazardous to your health."

News Shorts

Seniors To Rec Tonight

Senior Recreation Night will be held tonight for seniors from 7 to 10 p.m. in the new boys' and girls' gyms. There is no admission charge. Mr. Warren Gower, mathematics teacher, will sponsor the evening. He stated that he is planning to set up chess tables, ping-pong tables, the usual volleyball and basketball games, and, hopefully, a music room.

Four Named Merit Finalists

Four Southwest seniors have been named finalists in the National Merit Scholarship competition. David Bruenger, David Diuguid, David Jung and Steward Smiley remain candidates for about 3,000 scholarships to be awarded in late April.

Fine Arts Next Thursday

The annual Southwest Fine Arts Night will be held Thursday, February 25, at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium. In addition to the scheduled classical presentation of music and drama, students will be awarded for their achievements in the area of fine arts.

Art Students Receive Awards

Recognition was gained by four Southwest art students in the annual Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition, held February 8-13. Gold Key awards were received by sophomore David Patton and senior David Pate. Honorable mention was given to senior Beth Florsek and junior Marilyn Brown.

Pom Pon's Visit Glennon

The Pom Pon Girls of Southwest visited and performed for the hospitalized children at Cardinal Glennon Hospital, February 7. The girls did this in an effort to perform a charity project and are hoping to plan another similar project soon.

Part Time Jobs Pay Off

By Nathalie Aksentijevic and Minnette Zelenovich
Feature Writers

Parked at a southside drive-in restaurant waiting for our change, we notice that the young carhop walks with a detectable limp. Feeling deep pity for the boy, we inquire about the affliction and are told that he has a wooden leg. Moved by emotion, we thrust a substantial tip into his clenched fist and drive away feeling confident that we have put some joy into his life.

Later we notice that this same carhop, a Southwest junior, walks the halls on a pair of perfectly normal legs but carries a little extra cash from sympathy tips. He is one of many students holding part time jobs, each having his own experiences to tell.

Not all part time workers have regularly scheduled jobs. Trader Vic's Restaurant, which serves Polynesian and Oriental food, has senior Lisa Leong as a hostess complete with a blue and black, gold embroidered Chinese costume. She usually works a different day each week starting at 5 p.m.

Junior Marie Caras was minding the Kerlich Sewing Machine Shop alone one afternoon when two unsavory characters sauntered in and began fingering the merchandise. She called out in alarm. Finally, she telephoned a neighboring proprietor, explaining her problem in Greek. The police were notified and a hold-up was thwarted.

Poor junior Denise Koehr, working at the Columbia Theater, handled one customer who gulped down the orange



Photo by John Dengler

Making Dough

Wanda Pollard, SW senior, fills jelly doughnuts at a local shop. She is one of many students holding part-time jobs.

drink he ordered and stalked off refusing to pay despite Denise's pleas. Baby-sitting 1,000 chocolate smeared, popcorn-throwing brats at the Saturday matinees is another one of her specialties. "Weekend hours are fine, but rushing to do homework on weekdays isn't," she commented.

Sophomore Emile Dierking, who works 26 hours a week at Marlen Drugs, was physically threatened once by an old lady who claimed that Emily was a thief. Emily doesn't have much free time after working and studying for school. She maintains a 4.18 grade average.

If your shopping takes you to

department stores, discount stores, specialty shops, cleaners, or beauty parlors, and you find a friendly SWesterner employed there, he may have been placed there by Mr. C. Wuerz, SW head of Distributive Education, a program providing some organization for finding jobs for students in the always hectic working world.

Many students take part-time jobs because they need the money. Others work to earn extra money. No matter what the reason, students who work and attend school at the same time can often gain valuable experiences on the job which they could not acquire in the classroom.

Blaze Destroys Robes, Music

Students acquired a three day weekend when a fire forced Southwest to cancel classes February 5, 12 days before the anniversary of last year's scenery room blaze. The fire apparently started in wooden cabinets in front of room 400. Intense heat warped metal cabinets out of shape. Although the fire was confined to the fourth floor corridor, damage was extensive.

According to Principal Robert

M. Young, Choir robes, sheet music, and phonograph records valued at over \$4,000 were destroyed. Dense smoke forced firemen to use masks when entering the building. "My greatest regret is for music that is irreplaceable," said Miss L. Meyer, vocal music teacher.

The fire was reported by Mr. Mike Carroll, English teacher, who discovered it on the fourth floor at approximately 7 a.m.

Mr. Carroll said later that he heard what he has decided was probably falling plaster and went to investigate. He stated he saw dense black smoke and immediately reported it to Mr. Young, who called the fire department.

According to Deputy Fire Chief Thomas Godfrey, the cause of the fire is under investigation. At this time arson is suspected.



Photo by Rich Hartmann

(left) Industrial Arts teacher Mr. Art Miller helps a fireman with an oxygen tank during the recent fire here. A lone fireman (right) checks the auditorium for smoke damage. Smoke and water were responsible for much of the damage incurred February 4.

Smokey Situation

Cagers Hope To Muzzle Sumner Bulldogs Tomorrow

The Southwest roundballers are presently readying themselves for tomorrow's clash with the powerful Sumner Bulldogs. Sumner and Vashon are the two top teams in the city. The Steers will try to upset the Bulldogs, but it will take an extra effort.

Beaumonts' Blue Jackets invaded Longhorn territory last Saturday, and managed to slip away with a 72-57 victory. The SW cagers fell behind in the first quarter, and were never able to overtake the Blue Jackets, despite a 25 point performance by senior David Cole. The loss dropped the Steers' league record to 2-5, and they find themselves ahead of only Roosevelt and Cleveland in standings.

The Northwest Bluedevils defeated the Longhorns for the third time this season, 61-35, February 9. Senior Dave Cole played a great game and scored

18 points, but it wasn't enough to overcome the absence of scoring lead, junior Ken Loddeke, from the Steer's lineup. The Bluedevils outran the SW five and dropped the Longhorn record to 6-11.

On February 5, the Longhorns made their whole season worthwhile when they won a bitterly fought contest against the Cleveland Dutchmen, 63-60. The Steers grasped the lead very early in the game and held on to survive a late rush by the Dutchmen. Ken Loddeke led SW with 23 points and received help from Dave Cole, who pitched in 17.

At the time of the Cleveland game, Loddeke was leading the SW scoring with 311 points and a game average of 19.4. Dave Cole was the number two scorer with 145 and a 9.1 average. Rounding out the starting five are senior Ed Schumer, 113-8.1; senior Bryn Tracy, 108-6.8; and

junior John Whitiker, 99-6.2.

Central's high scorer, Percy Wells, was held to only 25 points, but the Redwings still managed to defeat the Steers 68-60, January 30. The Wings took an eight point lead in the first quarter and managed to keep it until the finish despite frantic efforts by the Horns.

Ken Loddeke had the biggest night of his career and the best in the history of SW when he hit for 39 points in leading the SW roundballers to an 84-56 victory over Mercy. The 39 points by Loddeke broke the old record of 36 by Dennis Caldwell.

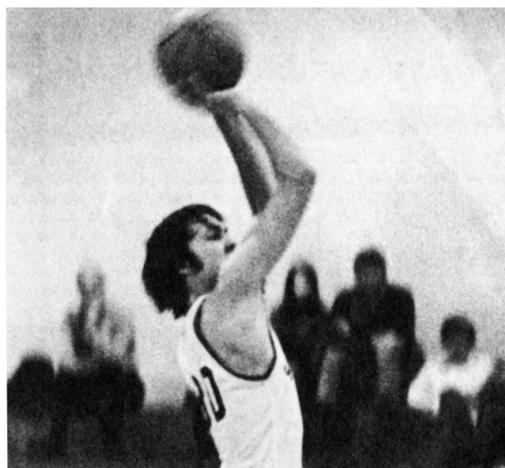


Photo by Rich Hartmann

Flying Senior Dave Cole goes up for two points against Beaumont Saturday, February 13. Dave led the Longhorns with 25 points, but SW lost 72-57.

State Tourney Ends Season

The soccer season came to an end for the Steers with their loss to Webster Groves 2-1, Monday, in the State Tournament. This game was preceded by a triumph over Lutheran South 3-0 last Friday. The kickers turned in their uniforms this year with a PHL record of 3-1-3 and 5-9-5 overall.

The game against SLUH was cancelled due to torrents of rain, February 4. Mercy didn't show for their second match with SW,

the previous Tuesday, and the Steers were awarded a 2-0 forfeit victory.

The last PHL game, January 28, against Vashon was considered the worst of the season by Coach Shell and still the Longhorns walked off with a 1-0 triumph, with forward Tom McNeil heading in the only goal. Coach Shell expressed his disappointment in the team's over-confidence.

Cleveland, a strong PHL team

ranking second in the league, held the Soccer Steers to a 1-1 tie two days earlier, in play hampered by violent winter weather. The kickers displayed fine team work, but the game was ruined by the strong wind. High scoring Arturo Diaz slammed in the SW goal five feet inside the penalty area.

This year's team depended mostly on Arturo Diaz for scoring. His six goals accounted for forty per cent of the team's total goals. McNeil and Sophomore Joe Vitale ranked second in scoring with two goals each. Rico Lange, the super sophomore goalie, wound up the season with a goals against average of a mere 1.48.

Coach Shell wrapped up the season with "I'm glad the season's over so we can start all over next October. This year's team was just as good as those in the past. Next year it will be even better and we'll be sure to win."

Swimmers in District

The SW swimmers are in the midst of their first competition in the three-day District swimming events at Affton High School. The fledgling team will finish competition against experienced, top-flight teams today and tomorrow.

The swimmers finished their PHL schedule with a 2-3 record — very respectable for a first-year team. Taking a third place in the PHL Relays behind the strong teams of Roosevelt and Cleveland was quite an accomplishment for the squad.

Victories over league rivals, Beaumont and Vashon, by the scores of 50-35 and 52-32 respectively, were the first in swimming competition for SW. The team lost a close meet to Sumner 36-50, after finishing ahead of them in the relays. Other defeats came against the experience of PHL champ Cleveland, PHL Relay champ Roosevelt, SLUH, and Berkely.

Coach Frank Merchant summarized the team's results in its initial season, "I was pleasantly surprised." He added, "We didn't shake the world but took our share of the points." Mr. Merchant's only disappointment came from the fact that there was not a larger turnout of swimmers for the team.

The coach stated that the team was strongest in the breaststroke where senior Steve Duba led the way. He named junior Steve Robertson as the best all-around swimmer. He swam the medley of four events and competed in the butterfly. Coach Merchant added that he had some pretty good divers including steady senior Russ Austin.

The future looks promising for the SW swimmers. Only three swimmers are leaving while thirteen are returning. "I'm really looking forward to next season, but I still need a bigger squad," said the coach. He added that SW has the best swimming facility around the bi-state area — Forest Park Community College.

Trackmen in Armory Meet

The SW track team has been practicing since the beginning of January to prepare for the Armory meets. There will be four weekly meets beginning February 26 at 4 p.m.

This year returning lettermen are Greg Cobb, Paul Sneed (shot-put), Dan Danes, Bill Paden (sprints), Randy Faulkner (hurdles), and Mike Quinn (pole-vault).

According to Coach Al Ecker, prospects for this year aren't as bright as he would like, however, they could be considerably elevated if more freshman and sophomore boys would come out for the team.

The team is presently in a rebuilding process begun a few years ago and therefore is not of championship caliber yet. Mr. Ecker does feel that the trackmen have a few strengths, such as the shot-put and the pole-vault. Mr. Ecker said, "It is hard to say exactly who will be outstanding until they prove themselves on the track."

Mr. Ecker has a new assistant, Mr. Steve Nuske. Mr. Nuske, earth science instructor, came to SW from Roosevelt with three years experience as assistant track coach. Both coaches are looking forward to an excellent year with the team.

Gymnasts Begin Season

Gymnastics began January 20 with returning team members senior June Buckingham, sophomore Connie Duever, junior Helen Fotinos, junior Kris Keaton, senior Lois Macchi, senior Dana Nagel, junior Cathy Scully, senior Terry Shapiro, senior Linda Smith, junior Becky Vuch, and sophomore Debbie Witt.

There are two divisions in both tumbling (intermediate and beginners) and gymnastics (novice and intermediate). The meets will be held as follows: March 25, Beginning Tumbling at Northwest; March 27, Novice Gymnastics at Southwest; April 1, Intermediate Tumbling at Northwest; and April 15, Intermediate Gymnastics at Southwest.



Photo by Rich Hartmann

Junior Vince Bonzano goes for a reversal against his opponent during his match at the SW Invitational, January 23. Vince won his first match and came in fourth in the 98 pound weight division.

Escape

Matmen Finish Fourth

Southwest's matmen finished fourth in the Public High League this year with an overall record in dual meets of five wins and eight losses.

Senior co-captains Dennis Artale and John Smith felt that the matmen did better than expected and that the team should be strong for next year.

Junior Barry Brambilla will be one of the strongest returning lettermen, as will be freshman Dennis Ventrimeglia.

Smith, Artale, Brambilla, and senior Dave Kinast qualified for the Regionals by placing at least second in the district meet, February 5 and 6.

Artale placed first, while Smith, Kinast, and Brambilla captured second places. Artale won both of his district matches, the first by decision and the second by pinning his opponent in the second period.

In their first matches, Smith and Brambilla pinned their opponents in the third period.

Kinast won his first match by a decision. He then lost his second match by a decision, as did Smith and Brambilla.

In the last dual meet of the season, February 3, the matmen were defeated 30-16. Smith and junior Dan Imhof scored 5 points by recording pins. Seniors Dan McCanner and Randy Faulkner received 3 point decisions.

Roosevelt bested SW 26-14 in a league meet January 28. Brambilla scored a lone pin for SW midway through the second period of his match. Artale, Kinast, and junior Steve Tschannen were declared victorious by decision.

Two days before the Roosevelt meet, the Longhorns defeated Vashon 26-21. Smith, Faulkner, and Brambilla pinned their opponents, while Artale, McCanner, and junior Vince Bonzano won by decision. Freshman Mike Grana received 2 points as he tied his opponent.