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**Dinna Ye Know...** ... that senior Marty Renner will appear as Fiona in *Brigadoon*, with junior Greg Shiner as Tommy, December 2 and 3.

## Cast, Crew Ready for 'Brigadoon' Opening Night

The curtain will rise on *Brigadoon*, Southwest's thirty-second annual operetta at 8 p.m., December 2 and 3 in the aud. Tickets are \$1.25 for the Thursday performance and \$1.50 for Friday's. They are available from any music student.

This year, the SW Concert Band and the orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Robert Nordman, will combine. Miss Leontone Meyer, Mr. Barnette Sinnett, vocal instructors, and Mr. Dennis Skerik, student teacher, are working with the vocal music groups.

Cast members are perfecting their speech and acting under the instruction of Mr. Robert Lewis, drama teacher and the show's director.

*Brigadoon* opens as two Americans, Tommy (junior Greg Shiner) and Jeff (senior Chris Todd), who are hunting in Scotland, come across a

strange village called Brigadoon. The milkman (senior Homer Robinson) informs them that Jean MacLaren (senior Bev Pfeifer) is to wed Charlie Dalrymple (junior Stuart North) that day.

It soon becomes clear, however, that Harry Beaton (senior Chuck Byington) is also in love with Jean and, despite the arguments of his father (senior Bob Kilzer), he is very jealous about her. Meanwhile, Meg (sophomore Debbie Timpone), the rather aggressive milkmaid, manages to trap the unwilling Jeff in the glen. Tommy finds himself falling in love with Jean's charming sister Fiona (senior Marty Renner). At his insistence, she takes the Americans to the schoolmaster, Mr. Lundie (junior Glen Bauer), who tells them of the amazing miracle of Brigadoon.

Also featured in the cast are senior Brad Slavic as MacLaren, and senior Dottie Needham as Tommy's New York fiancée.

A special chorus performing the opening number and helping the music classes include seniors Christy Anderson, Brenda Brooks, Ron Busher, Chris Fotsh, Frank Givens, Barry MacKinnon, Dottie Needham, Kevin Sterett, Calvin Talley and Dierde Vincent; juniors Marilyn Baucum, Connie Duever, Sue Henderson, Roseann Pavis, Debbie Reagan; and David Wellman, sophomores Kay Baxter, and Harry Gaab; and freshman Molly Watson.

## Pioneer Calendar

- Nov.  
25, 26— Thanksgiving holidays no classes  
27 — Scholar Quiz — Granite City P.T.A. card party at Chezk Hall
- Dec.  
2, 3 — Operetta  
14 — P.T.A. Christmas Party

## Three New Courses Proposed

Three new courses are being proposed by Mr. John F. Close, principal in charge of instruction, as additions to the Southwest curriculum. These proposed courses are experimental and would be instituted on a trial basis.

The first course proposed is an experimental work - study program on child development. This course would be available to seniors who have the credit requirements and are interested in providing a community service as well as having a rewarding learning experience.

The seniors' role in this program would be that of teachers' aides in one of fifteen SW district elementary schools. They would assist the teachers by tutoring individual pupils, helping to organize class activities, patrolling at recess, and a variety of other activities.

The course would include a bi-weekly session at SW, with the course's sponsor and other personnel in the St. Louis Public School system discussing problems and giving suggestions to the participating seniors.

Credit for this course would be one-half unit in practical arts for one semester. The grade would be decided by students and supervising teachers.

The second proposed course is a series of social studies seminars for seniors.

This course would be open to all seniors as a social studies elective and four 10 week seminars would earn one unit of credit.

The seminars offered would be suggested and taught by qualified and interested teachers.

The students would have the choice of any four of the proposed courses. The courses would change annually if the teachers and students expressed the need for such a change.

The last of these proposed courses would be an introductory course in foreign language. It would be offered mainly to freshmen. This, also, would give a unit of credit for completion of four 10 week sections.

French, Spanish, German, and Russian would be included in this program. Each language would be divided into four 10 week sections. The first is an introduction to the language and culture of the people.

A second section would be ten weeks of tourist talk. This would teach the basics of the

language one would need as a tourist in that country.

A third section would be the customs and culture of the areas speaking any of the four languages, specifically France and Quebec, Spain and Latin America, Germany, and Russian.

The fourth section would introduce the literature of the foreign country.

All three of the proposed experimental courses hope to achieve the goal of sparking more student interest and allowing more participation in the selection of their courses.

## Juniors Select 72 Class Council

The Junior Class of Southwest has again organized, this year under the sponsorship of Mrs. Sharon Alexander, English teacher, and Mrs. Regina McKinney, math teacher. It is headed by a class council of five students elected from the 64 who signed letters of intent. These council members are juniors Sue Holmes, Carol Russo, Nancy Tomlinson, Kathy Williams, and Kevin Wirthlin.

## Two Every Second

## Computers Speed Grades to Students

By John Dengler  
PIONEER News Writer

Your report card costs \$120,000.

Yours and those of all other high school students in the city, that is. The St. Louis Board of Education prints the report cards at 911 Locust St. on an IBM 360 computer, printing some half million grades a year.

Here is basically what happens. Teachers mark the grades down on a class sheet. These sheets are digested by the computer and the computer figures grade averages and attendance; it then prints them with grades at a speed of two cards per second.

The computer prints a total of three report cards — one for the student, one for the office, and one for the counselor. An HS22, a list of grades for teachers to check, is also printed.

Besides the report cards, the computer can determine student schedules. Last year it took only 57 minutes to process this entire school. It also marks test such as the DAT, prints payroll checks, takes inventory and does just about anything else that can be programmed.

photo by John Dengler



**Fast Work** A Board of Education computer specialist feeds report card information into an IBM 360 computer.

"We spent \$12,000 last year just keeping track of all the bananas and other food students eat," remarked M. Charles Fitzgerald, system analyst, concerning application of the computer to cafeteria management.

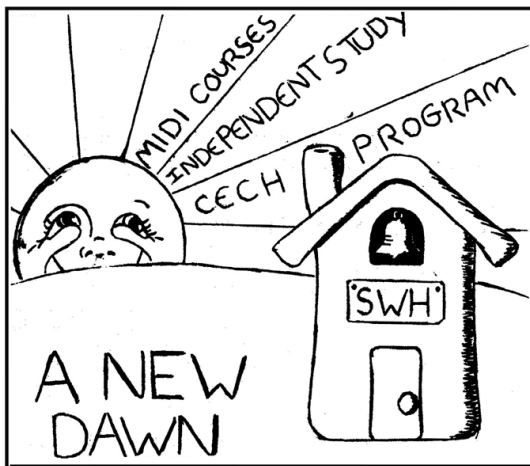
The IBM 360 computer, taking up no more room than an average classroom, is leased by the Board of Education at \$25,000 a month.

The computer operation, which started in 1964, works 24 hours a day keeping track of students' past and present grades.

"Of course it does have its faults," emphasized Mr. Fitzgerald, "one of them being that if someone feeds the machine wrong information, it really makes some big mistakes." This year, because of human error, the computer placed all 800 freshmen in room 303. Fortunately the mistake was corrected before a mob descended on that room. Another fault is that like all machines, it is subject to mechanical difficulties.

"I was never impressed with the computer until I saw everything it could do," stated Miss Bonnie Burgett, administrative assistant in charge of data processing.

If you are still unimpressed, consider that by the time you finish reading this, the machine that brings good or bad news could have printed some 146 report cards.



## Moving on Sooner

Due to recently passed legislation by the State Board of Education in Jefferson City, September 24, the ruling concerning requirements for graduation from high school may eventually be amended for St. Louis.

The old ruling stated that a student was required to attend secondary school for three and one half years and two summer school sessions. According to this new measure, a pupil in Missouri may graduate after he completes the minimum units required by the State plus any additional credits proposed by the local board of education.

This method of early graduation is pending until approved by the St. Louis Board of Education. One stipulation is that a student must have plans for his future such as college, a job, or vocational school.

Should a pupil participate in this program, he would receive his diploma upon the graduation of his regular class. Those students in accelerated grade school programs would have the prerogative of early admission into college.

PIONEER feels that the enactment of this legislation would provide an excellent opportunity for many students. Those mature students who have excelled in high school would not have to wait an unnecessary year for their diplomas. Instead, they could profit by moving on to even more challenging studies.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I was saddened recently to note the passing of Miss Mary McIntire, a high school teacher whom I recall fondly. She was 82 at her death and had been retired since 1959. In spite of the loss, I feel her days were complete and she must have realized a great sense of fulfillment.

In the wonderful years I knew her, Miss McIntire was an English teacher at Southwest High. She was not the only good teacher I had. There were many. But I especially remember her classes and the mark she left on my career.

For myself and my children, I am thankful to God for the dear Miss McIntires — in all of the schools — all over the world.

R. Red Pepple  
Class of January, 1945  
Webster Groves, Mo.

Dear Editor:

A PIONEER reporter came to my office recently. She was despondent because she had the assignment to write about what is good about Southwest.

I'm sympathetic toward this reporter because she has been given a difficult assignment. An English writer in 1776 penned

words that are now quite famous when he wrote, "No News is Good News." Every reporter soon discovers that what is good is seldom news.

It is too bad that on all standard achievement tests, including College Board exams, the fact that SW students average far above national averages makes for ho-hum reading. It is disheartening that many of our fine teachers, who touch pupil's lives making them a little better, are not story material.

It is unfortunate that the statement Dr. Scully, president of Southwest Mo. State College, made, "The best students we receive come from SW," takes but a single line of type. It is 2,700 pupils in SW, over 90 percent will study history, math, science, foreign languages and many other subjects and learn much about these subjects, yet their successes will never be news.

Your reporter has reason to be despondent. She has been assigned a non-news beat because what is non-news is what is good about SW.

Sincerely,  
John F. Close  
Assistant Principal

## Opinion Poll

# Students Speak on SC

Now that Student Congress has had a few months to make its impression on the students. PIONEER elected these varied comments on the organization.

David Wymer, SC President — "In the first place, most of the people on SC aren't interested. Secondly, most of the reps don't report back to the advisories. Third, the students aren't interested."

Bob Orf, senior — "The kids that are in it are trying to make it better, but it seems that the other students aren't supporting it."

Don Torrence, freshman — "It's better than it was last year because then it only handled dances and stuff."

Joann James, SC Secretary — "I think that a high school government has a limited amount of power. There's no possible way we could have absolute power."

Stuart Maier, senior — "SC has proven ineffective so far. If it continues to do so, I think it should be disbanded and a more militant group formed."

Janet Skaggs, senior — "SC is not effective because the administration won't let it be."

Dennis Springer, senior — "I don't even know what they are trying to do most of the time."

Glen Bauer, junior — "People fail to take it seriously. For too long, SC has just been giving dances, etc., and now when they are trying to do something constructive for the students, they don't listen."

Allan Zacher, senior — "I wouldn't say anything was wrong with it. It doesn't affect me."

Sue Baylard, SC Vice President — "SC has difficulty in effecting desired changes which are not within the jurisdiction of the Congress but are subject to the St. Louis Board of Education and state laws."

Miriam Caldwell, SC Executive Office — "I feel that SC could be a lot more effective and attain more goals if the students would support its various projects. If we could prove that the students do support SC, I feel that we would be given a lot more opportunities to better the school."

Michele Wirth, senior — "SC's a good thing; it's a bunch of kids that are interested in helping the school, or trying to help the school. I think SC knows more what the students want than the faculty."

Ray Chavez junior — "SC is doing well for students. The way the Student Aid Committee is set up, it is fair to both students and teachers."

Ralph Break, senior — "It's a farce. Whenever officers are elected, the elections are built up so much that people think that SC's a big thing. In reality, it's just a puppet for the administration."

Debbie Vinceri, SC Treasurer — "SC needs something new and different to interest the students. The students need some guidelines to voice and show their opinions. We can't help them if SC is restricted by Board regulations."

Ronnie Allen, senior — "The majority of SC reporters are poor and that weakens the whole system."

Sandy Pyatt, SC Executive Officer — "We could be much more effective and work a lot better if we had the opportunity to reach some of our goals."

## Archery in Quadrangle?

Throughout history it has been reasoned that the body should be as fit as the mind. But, with increased population and economic difficulties, the physical education for the public schools has been restricted.

Southwest students are confronted with four years of gym. The narrow curriculum is repetitious. The exercises performed are merely preparations for fitness tests, the accuracy and necessity of which are debatable.

State law requires four years of physical education. It does not have to be a drudge for many students though. Several gym instructors believe that there should be a curriculum of recreational activities intertwined in gym classes. Yoga, ballet, tennis, golf, judo, karate, and croquet could be a beginning.

Lack of money and facilities have made a variation in physical instruction inconceivable. If an experimental program were initiated, the problem of qualified instructors could be solved with volunteers. More college students could do their apprenticeship at SW. Student Aid programs could be enlarged using students who excel in a sport and are willing to instruct others.

Though there is little chance for expansion, SW could use the facilities it has with imagination. The quadrangle would be perfect for archery and golf fundamentals.

Physical education is a course which has been stressed as early as the ancient Greeks. It is time that we try to advance our program.

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## Eggs-Asperated

Glad that she is not in the kitchen, Mrs. Kay Gardiner, home economics instructor, gets a handful of egg, eliminating her from the egg toss contest. This was one of many events that made up the Senior Races, October 29.

## Hogenmiller Collector of Items Often Lost but Seldom Found

Who gets more love letters, birthday cards, and valentines than anyone else at Southwest?

Mr. John Hogenmiller, book clerk, gets these and everything else "from soup to nuts" in the book room, which also serves as a lost and found.

Many shoes are also found and turned in, but hardly ever in pairs. I wonder if the kids who lost these notice that they're walking around in one stocking foot.

Other lost and found items include a variety of coats. During fair weather the bookroom could be called the cloakroom.

Mr. Hogenmiller's collection of jewelry will never rival Jaccard's, but it will certainly give Woolworth's a run for their money.

Some of the more unique items turned in are pantyhose and unmentionables. Strange as it may seem, these items are never claimed.

He also receives many purses. Perhaps these are Christmas gifts to some girls from a benevolent but not very fashion-minded aunt. The poor girls probably tried to lose them without success before finally turning them in as lost.

If make-up ever becomes the style for men, Mr. Hogenmiller will have a head start over the other fellows. He has received lipstick, mascara, powder, brush, eye shadow — the whole works.

Another grand assemblage of Mr. Hogenmiller's is his collection of glasses. Perhaps the reason no one claims these is the fact that the unfortunate four-eyed kids who lose them can't find their way to the book room.

What does he do with all these unclaimed items? "Glasses go to the Lion's Club and the rest goes to the Salvation Army," explains Mr. Hogenmiller.

So if you are expecting a love letter and you haven't received it yet, check with the book room. It just might be there.

## Bicycle Fever Appeals to SW Pedallers

By Gary Erhart  
PIONEER Feature Writer

The power of the pedal has affected many across the country including some students at Southwest.

Health, low cost, convenience, ecology, and the pleasure of being self-propelled are all good reasons for the recent trend in bicycling.

Mr. Gene Gladstone, assistant principal, has ordered a bicycle rack installed here because of student need for it. The rack is now being constructed by Board of Education iron workers.

Seniors Debbie Vinceri, Denise Koehr, Mary Jane Moxley, and Donna Gerhart of SW belong to a bike club called the Youth Hostel Council.

These four girls took a 16 mile bike trip, August 16, with 1,400 others, starting at Keiner

Fountain across Forest Park, Arsenal to Broadway, and back to the fountain. The trip was unusual in that it started at 2 a.m. and ended at 4:30 a.m.

The girls ended their trip by eating breakfast at a pancake house at sunrise. This and many other trips are sponsored by the Youth Hostel Council which includes members of any age that can ride a bike.

Why do students ride bicycles to and from school?

"I hate buses because of pollution and the cost of riding one," replied senior Bob Dillman. "I have not been riding my bike because a bus ran it into a parked car. If I am not riding my bike, I usually walk or hitchhike."

"I ride a bike because bus schedules are very confusing

## Frolicking Fans Perplex Pupil

By Sue Henderson  
PIONEER Feature Writer

With the basketball season fast approaching, I grow hopeful that the fans will be at least a shade better than those attending the football functions.

As I sat faithfully every Saturday in attendance at this traditional "extra-curricular" activity, I was shocked and chagrined at the inexcusably small amount of attention the spectators paid to the sport they put up their valuable lunchcheck money to attend.

One particular Saturday stands out in my mind, perhaps because it was homecoming.

As I looked up from my copy of *The Canterbury Tales* that I was appraising for English class between plays, I was hit in the face with a handful of Ura Greaser's IBM punchout glitter confetti.

While trying to remain calm and shaking the menacing mess out of my hair, I was decked by a No. 72 left-jab-cross to my right elbow

from the ex-cheerleader, former roller derby queen on my left.

This unsettling blow threw my A.P. & E. term report about the prune crop in colonial America to the ground below, forcing me to further interrupt my work and jog down beneath the bleachers like a retriever after a duck.



## Participation Central to Sociology Classes

There are two important ingredients that are lacking in most sociology classes. The first is the benefit of learning by experience; the second, the student's opportunity to see concepts in action.

However, these two elements are of prime importance in Mrs. Sue Lampros' third and sixth period sociology classes.

The two classes are part of the CECH organization, which is a clearing house for experimental programs administered by private citizens.

Although the students spend the first five weeks of the course studying sociology by the conventional book approach, they are now enthusiastically involved in group projects ranging from voter registration to Dylanology (the study of Bob Dylan).

So far, the most successful project belongs to the ecology committee which is unofficially headed by senior Mike Cook.

Students from both classes are active in this group which set up a recycling center for tin cans and newspapers in the faculty's lower parking lot last weekend.

Besides making posters and displays in school, these students have worked hard to gain support for their activities in city and neighborhood newspapers, and on radio stations as well.

The Salvation Army, which supplied the recycling receptacles for school, has offered to distribute similar containers in supermarket parking lots throughout the city, but as yet, the students have not received positive responses from the stores asked.

Along with recycling, the ecology group collected litter from Clifton and Francis parks.

Another active group of students makes daily visits to State Hospital where they help in recreational and occupational

therapy. Senior Val Porter explains, "We work with the adult group, most of whom are medically untreatable. We help them sew or make ashtrays, and sometimes play basketball, volleyball, or ping pong. The main thing is talking to them."

The voter registration group is making a survey to determine how many students will be eighteen years old before next summer. They hope to set up registration facilities here at least twice before the end of the school year.

Most of the projects are aimed at community improvement. Mrs. Lampros explained the benefit of student involvement noting that "when you study traditional sociology it is so far away from what you actually find on the outside."

Some of the other projects include the study of juvenile detention centers, health and welfare reform, and school improvement.

After much thought (eenie, meenie, minie, moe...) I decided to move to a safe place halfway between the band and pep club.

I had no sooner sat down when the band began sounding off with a rendition of "Rock Around the Clock" with a featured solo on the triangle. We won that game by 2 goals, a home run and 8½ laps. But I just can't wait for basketball. I want to see who the new pitcher is, and I hear their goalie is really great. GO TEAM GO!! I mean, carry on there, fellas.



## Upbeat

Concert Band and Choir members look to Mr. Robert Nordman, band director, for their cues as the groups prepare to perform for teachers at the MSTA convention held at Kiel Auditorium, November 4.

# Coach Gower's "Midgets" Expect Scramble for PHL Cager Crown

Southwest's Varsity Basketball Team will open its season this weekend, playing in the SLUH Invitational. Northwest, last year's winner of the tourney, will defend its title next Saturday and Sunday.

When asked about any team weakness or problems, Coach Gower stated, "We aren't a big team. Our size is smaller than in the past. We've always had one or two big kids around, so this is our biggest weakness. However, we shoot better than

usual and this should compensate." Lack of size is indeed a factor.

The Steers will be led by senior superstar Ken Loddeke, who last year made several area all-star teams. Other honors hauled in by the 6'3" Loddeke last season includes SW school records for most points scored in one game (39) and highest season scoring average (18.5 ppg).

This year the SW Cagers will be depending heavily on

Loddeke, whom Coach Gower feels is "among the top five players in the state." Coach Gower will also be looking for help from a pair of 6'2" forwards, senior Leon Hite and junior Larry Edinger.

Hite has shown great improvement in pre-season practice, partially due to the fact that he played a lot of basketball over the summer. Edinger was the leading scorer on the B-team two years ago and is expected to come into his own this year.

Other returning lettermen are senior guards Ron Allen, John Rehling, Jim Thomas, and John Whitaker. All are expected to battle for the two starting guard spots along with junior Gary Wideman, who is up from the B-team.

Coach Gower is hoping for a reversal of last year's dismal record of 7-15, including a 2-7 slate in PHL play. "We're very optimistic about reversing the pattern of the last two years," he stated. Two big reasons for Coach Gower's hopes are the lack of injuries that hampered the team last year and the fact that team moral is great.

Several teams in the area have guards as tall as the Longhorn front line of Loddeke, Hite, and Edinger, but lack of size in high school is not as large a factor as in college or professional ball.

As usual, Coach Gower expects another dogfight for the PHL crown in 1971-72. This may be even more true in the coming season than in the past, however.

"There doesn't seem to be a distinctly superior team in the PHL this year. It seems as though the title is a tossup between five teams, and we feel we have an equal chance." He proceeded to name Sumner, Northwest, Vashon, and Central as the other four teams on his list.

"All these teams have one or two outstanding players," he added.

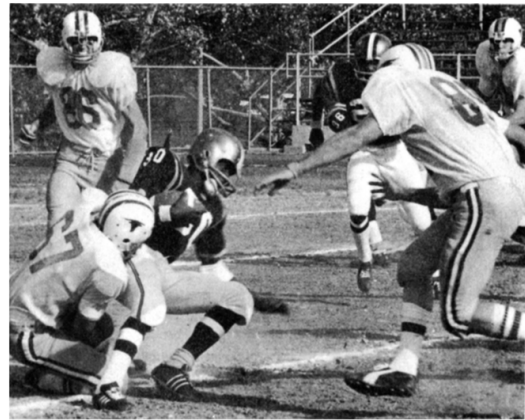


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Juniors Gary Rutledge (67) and Mike Wilhite (88) waded in to wrestle a Soldan runner to the ground. Senior Steve Tschannen (86) moves in to help as the Steers shut out the Tigers, 28-0.

## Trapped

## Steers Finish 2nd in PHL

Despite what could be called a disappointing season for the SW football team, the Big Green Machine did manage to improve upon their 1970 performance by placing second in the PHL in 1971.

Aided by the McKinley forfeit, the Steers finished with a 7-3 overall record and a 6-2 PHL mark, figures that are identical to 1970's. Add a convincing 28-0 shutout over Soldan, Coach Leon Anton's old school, and the season doesn't look too bad after all.

In the Soldan game the Longhorns scored in each quarter and completely dominated the game. The Soldan offense never got untracked, as SW chalked up their first shutout in eight weeks.

Cleats are an important part of football. Just ask Coach Anton or perhaps linemen Barry Brambilla and Gary Rutledge.

In the 12-7 loss to Vashon, November 6, the Longhorns had a 7-0 lead and were controlling the ballgame early in the second quarter. Then came a protest from the Wolverine coaching staff that

Brambilla and Rutledge were wearing illegal metal-tipped cleats on their football shoes.

The protest was quickly over and forgotten at least for a while. Vashon protested later in the second quarter and this time Brambilla and Rutledge were sent off the field until the "illegal" spikes were either removed or replaced.

A check in the rule book at halftime revealed that the cleats worn by Brambilla, Rutledge, and a few other SW players were in fact legal. The damage had already been done, however. Vashon scored quickly on a 60-yard pass to end Alonzo Love.

Both Rutledge and Brambilla, two of SW's top linemen, were forced to sit out a portion of the second quarter. Part of the halftime intermission was wasted changing cleats instead of making the normal halftime adjustments to the opponents' play.

But more importantly, the momentum of the game had switched hands from SW to Vashon and remained that way for most of the second half.

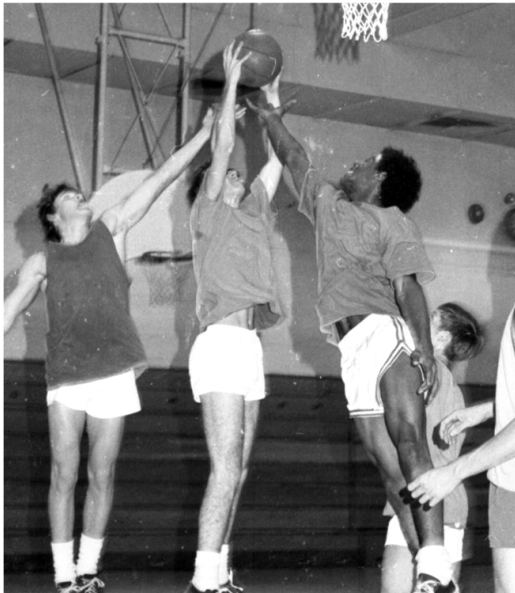


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## Working Out

No, the team didn't leave their uniforms at home. Struggling for a rebound at a practice session are (from left) junior Steve Stanley, junior Louis Miksicek, sophomore Mark Anderson, and junior Gary Wideman.

## Wrestling Squad Takes Shape

The final series of challenges to determine the 1971-72 Southwest Wrestling Team will be completed today. During the past few days preliminary challenges have been held.

Challenges are matches wrestled among perspective candidates for the team to choose the wrestlers who will make up the team.

The nucleus of the squad is expected to come from football team members. Mr. Bud Wallach, coach of the team again this year, feels that the two sports complement each

other.

He also feels that concentration is of prime importance in wrestling. A wrestler has only one chance — concentration makes it count.

The season opens December 3 and 4 with the Northwest Invitational. The first home meet will take place December 7 against Maplewood. The toughest contenders this year are, as always, Northwest, Roosevelt, and Soldan. Also, Vashon is expected to improve this year.

New to the team this year is Mr. Ron Ward. He will be coaching the B team, although both Varsity and B teams practice together.

Mr. Ward, a SW graduate, wrestled both here and in college. He went to state once and placed third. During college Coach Ward chalked a record of 80 wins and only 10 losses. He went to the nationals, placing seventh.

He hopes to have an undefeated season for the B team. "There is the potential. In the team wants to develop it, they will."

Both coaches believe that with determination and support, the team can send some of the grapplers to state.

## Harriers Finish 7th in District

The Southwest Harriers concluded their season with a seventh place position in the District meet, October 29, at O'Fallon Park. Seventeen teams competed in the race.

Normandy, Cleveland and Soldan finished first, second and third respectively. They earned the right to run in the State meet at Columbia, November 6.

In that meet, Parkway Central barely edged out Northwest House Springs by the score of 102 to 104.

## Steers Kick Off Season

The first league game will be against Northwest, December 9, at SW. Northwest tied the kickers, 0-0, last year, but this year an easy victory is anticipated.

With a total of 10 returning lettermen, this year's team has an experienced defensive unit. Coach Gary Shell, math instructor, in his second year at the helm, feels that the team's main strength lies in its defense including four top returning lettermen, seniors Dino Abbati and Dave Ferrario, and juniors Ron Traina and Dale Stone. Rico Lange, junior goalie, voted co-MVP for last year's season, should add strength to the team.

Another plus for the kickers is their coordinated teamwork between offensive and defensive sections. The Soccer Steers' strengths are offset somewhat by a weakness in their inexperienced forwards,

according to Mr. Shell.

The Longhorns' goals for this season are in addition to the PHL title, a first place in the Christmas Tournament and victories in the State Tournament. Better team morale and bigger crowds at home games are also part of the soccer team's objectives. Mr. Shell stressed that he wanted the SW kickers to gain a higher position and more respect on a level with the CAC teams.

The roughest competition this season will be from CAC teams, St. Mary's and CBC. As in the past, Catholic teams prove tougher competition, probably because of the athletic program available in their grade schools.

Strong PHL competition will probably come from Cleveland, Roosevelt, and Central, the 1970 champs. All these teams have an abundance of returning lettermen.

## Sports Calendar

Basketball	
Nov.	26,27— SLUH Invitational Tournament there
Dec.	3,4 — St. Charles Invitational Tournament there
	10 — Soldan at O'Fallon
	14 — DuBourg there
Wrestling	
Dec.	3,4 — Northwest Invitational
	7 — Maplewood here
	8 — Affton here
	10 — Roosevelt here
	14 — Northwest there
	16 — Central here
Soccer	
Dec.	7 — DuBourg here
	9 — Northwest here
	10 — Mercy here
	16 — Central here