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SW Receives Grant for Program

Southwest has received a \$4000 grant from the Danforth Foundation to be used for a program to better racial relationships among students and faculty at Southwest. The proposal to the Danforth Foundation, written by Mr. John Close, assistant principal, and prompted by an editorial by Senior Kathy Williams in the PIONEER, asked the question: "Can racial tensions in a large urban school be lessened BEFORE rather than required AFTER a racial confrontation develops?"

Teachers have been asked to nominate two black students, two white students, and two faculty members to serve on a planning committee to plan the program. The first of three aspects of the program will be a two-day retreat seminar, April 7-8, for approximately 50 students and faculty to determine the extent of the problem and possible actions to better racial relationships. A program involving the entire student body and a program for the faculty are also planned.

Mr. Close has high hopes for success. "We can't," he says, "solve in two days or two years the tremendous problem of race relationships — but with the commitment of students and faculty I believe we can make a good start here at Southwest. Every journey we make in life begins at home — so where better for us to start than here at Southwest?"



photo by Rich Hartmann

An early January deep freeze provided this artistic view of an overflowing drainpipe outside room 212.

Pioneer Calendar

Feb.

- 3 — PTA Banquet
- 11 — Senior Rec Night
- 21 — Holiday — Washington's Birthday
- 24 — Fine Arts Night
- 26 — Juniors' Sadie Hawkins Day Dance



photo by John Dengler

Task Force

Members of the Principal's Task Force meet to discuss a policy statement to be formulated by the group. The group includes students, teachers, administration and PTA members.

Group Works on Policy

In response to the aborted Student Bill of Rights and the recent racial unrest at Southwest, Principal Robert M. Young has formed a Principal's Task Force to solve school problems.

The purpose of the committee is to improve faculty-student relations, and to create a better working environment among students, faculty and administration.

Assistant principal Gene Gladstone leads the Task Force as administrative representative. Mrs. Earline Falke, Mrs. Margarite German, Mr. Pat Meloy, and Mr. Robert Vogel represent the teachers.

Four seniors who lead major school organizations were chosen as members. They are Frank Givens, Senior Class president; Kris Keaton, GAA president; Jim Thomas,

president of Lettermen's Club; and Dave Wymmer, Student Congress president.

Also on the committee are two PTA officers, Mrs. Marian Kinast and Mrs. Ruth Sherwin.

The Task Force has been meeting twice a week since the end of November. The members are working on a "statement of policy" for students and teachers.

When it is completed, it will be given to Mr. Young. Then it will be submitted to the faculty, returned to the committee for revision, and submitted to the students. After their revisions are considered, the statement will be finalized and published.

The general feeling of the committee is enthusiastic. "We want to involve both the students and faculty," said Mr. Gladstone.

Counselor, Scholar Quiz Sponsor

Miss Funk Ends 32-Year Career

Miss Lucy Funk, counselor, will say goodbye to Southwest this month after 32 years as a member of the faculty.

Miss Funk came to SW in the second semester of the '38-'39 school year as an English teacher. Before that, she had taught elementary school in Alhambra, Illinois and at Emerson Elementary School in St. Louis.

In 1959, she switched to the counseling department which is her present position.

She is, perhaps, best known and remembered for her work with the teams for the KMOX-TV "Scholar Quiz" program. Since she has been the team's sponsor, she has coached four teams, three of which went into the finals. Last year, the team won the grand championship.

Speaking on the changes in students since she began teaching, she reasoned, "Nowadays, there are many

photo by Rich Hartmann



Miss Funk, after working 32 years as a faculty member and counselor, plans a leisurely way of life for the future.

Senior Dances Cancelled

Lack of support or interest has caused the cancellation of all senior dances for the rest of the school year.

Senior officers and sponsors agreed at a January 10 meeting to cancel all senior dances after the results of the Trike Race were analyzed. Last year's races had brought in \$209 while this year's profits reached only \$90.

The officers had started planning the dances during summer vacation but felt at the recent meeting that support for the dances would not be strong enough.

They based their feelings on last year's senior dances which turned out to be financial flops. At the spring dance alone, they had gone \$160 in the red.

"Since we had that trend of failures, we did not want to try it again. We would like to have more dances, but we do not want to force them on the student body," remarked Miss Jo Roduit, Senior Class sponsor.

Both Miss Roduit and Mr. Al Ecker, also a sponsor, believe that this is a trend in all schools.

Frank Givens, president of the Senior Class, remarked, "Next year's class will probably cancel dances too. Most dances are bad because they are all the same. There is nothing new or different. Students do not care about dancing."

Mr. Ecker believes that in general everything has slacked off, and the attendance and participation in remaining school activities will determine whether or not there will be dances next year.

"We feel that while we have an obligation to provide social activities to students, there are other ways to do it besides dances," he commented.

Because of the cancellation of the dances, the seniors are pushing all their efforts to make their annual variety show a success. The Senior Class needs students from all classes to help participate in the show. This year's show will be held on March 2 and all students are urged by the officers to become involved in the activities.

Last year's Senior Variety Show was cancelled because of lack of interest. "We hope to revive it again," said Miss Roduit.

The Senior Trip may be in jeopardy because of difficulties in getting enough people to go. Mr. Ecker believes that students do not want to go because it is a school-sponsored activity.

New Courses Approved for Fall

Two new midi courses proposed by Mr. John Close, assistant principal in charge of instruction, have been approved for the fall semester and will begin in September.

Preparation is under way for these courses, which will include a foreign language midi course for freshmen and senior midi courses in social studies.

The midi course concept, now operating in some junior English classes, involves substitution of a full year course for shorter courses of ten-week duration.

A new option will be added to the senior social studies midi courses. Unlike the present English courses, in which students take four ten-week courses per year, the senior plan gives the student an option of taking either a four-course program or choosing only two midi courses with a regular one-term social studies subject.

Clarification of Position

In the last issue of PIONEER, dated December 22, 1971, there appeared an article concerning the forming of a Black Identity Organization at Southwest High School. The position of Acting Superintendent Ernest Jones with regard to a Black Student Union needs to be clarified.

His statement was, "Board of Education policy prevents the formation of school sponsored groups that exclude any student enrolled in a given school by by-laws or articles of agreement." Other quoted statements in this article, particularly the reason why SOBI is to be preferred over BSU, are statements made by Principal Robert M. Young and not by Acting Superintendent Ernest Jones.

more things in which students can be involved, which takes school from the center of their attention. In the past the school was the center of activity for the students, and their lives revolved around it."

When asked if she felt the changes in the school were for the better, she insisted, "The only thing that is permanent is change. I wouldn't want to live in a stationary society. Every day at SW offers something interesting, challenging, and exciting. That much doesn't change."

Her only regret is "That there is not enough time to talk and get acquainted with all of my students."

After her retirement, she plans to "get used" to a very leisurely way of life, although she insisted, "I will miss SW and the kids always."

Hockey Bug Bites Two Students

By Vicki Wellman and Gary Erhart
PIONEER Feature Writers

"Hit the clock," shouts senior Dave Smith to his assistant, senior Rick Schrenker. This phrase is heard often as Dave and Rick videotape the Billiken hockey games for St. Louis University.

The term used by these two Southwest students is a warning to stop the videotape machine after penalties and scores to take a picture of the time on the arena clock to show when this action happened.

Dave received this job through Reverend Don Sherman of Dave's church. Rev. Sherman is the statistical tabulator for the Hockey Billikens.

He started videotaping with Rev. Sherman four years ago for the Presbytery of Southeast Missouri. They videotaped stage plays, church services, and classroom sessions.

Dave started videotaping for the Billikens in September of 1971. Because he needed help in setting up and working the machines, he asked Rick to help him.

As his assistant, Rick starts and stops the tape between plays to be marked on paper for later references.

The equipment they use, costing \$3,000 or more, is owned by St. Louis University.

When asked if anyone ever questioned his age or responsibility to do the job, Dave replied, "We were almost

kicked out of the Arena once because one of the ushers thought we were a couple of guys playing around with somebody else's expensive equipment. People expect you to be older."

Dave fixes his own equipment and has to do a lot of memory work in setting it up. In spite of all this work and memorization, he has rarely missed taping important plays.

The tapes are shown to the hockey team on Saturday. Dave also fixes major problems pertaining to his videotape equipment on that day.

Most of these problems are discovered before the game when the two boys try a dry run of the practice session. They play this back and check out any problems that might arise.

Dave has acquired much experience with electronics and cameras in his job. "I will go into the field of electronics later on," commented Dave on his future.

Even though the boys do not get paid, they are given free standing room tickets to any of the St. Louis Blues hockey games.

Another hockey enthusiast, junior Mark Smith (not related to Dave), was not satisfied with being just a spectator. At fourteen he became a player in the Junior A league in Canada.

Originally Mark was stick boy for the St. Louis Blues. It was because of this job that he met Noel Picard, Blues defensive wing, who got him a try-out with the coach of the Quebec City Ramparts. He went to Canada, tried out, and made the team.

At the age of six Mark began his skating career. Organized hockey didn't involve him until he was nine. While at a practice with one of his friends, he used an extra pair of skates and played his first game. As Mark says, "I was hooked after the first night."

Before going to Canada Mark played on the Steinburg Team. He was chosen for the all city all-star team when he was eleven. By making this team he was able to travel throughout Missouri and neighboring states.

Mark decided to return home because he wants to go to college here. He felt he would do better to try to get an hockey scholarship and finish his education.

Will Mark return to professional hockey? "Probably later, but right now an education is my goal."



photo by Gary Erhart



photo by John Dengler

...Camera, Action!

Dave Smith (top) focuses the videotape camera toward the ice at a Billiken hockey game. Mark Smith (bottom) gets ready for hockey action.

50's Theme Scores 100%

By Debbie Regan
PIONEER Feature Writer

"One o'clock, two o'clock, three o'clock rock..."

Sloppy sweatshirts, tight-and-below-the-knee skirts, back buckles galore, white bobby socks, saddle oxfords, slicked-back hair, baggy, cuffed pants, ponytails, fluorescent red lipstick and glow-in-the-dark nail polish.

The 50's, a "sentimental" decade, a "starting point of a loud and fast era."

The 50's, summed up as "...the good times, the best of times." And maybe this is true.

The 50's, the theme of Spirit Week, sponsored by Student Congress, was quite a success. Both teachers and students were involved in the aud session dressed in the 50's fashion on the appropriate day.

To most teachers, the 50's theme brought back "memories of the good old days." To

students, the theme gave them a chance to portray how they felt the "teenagers of old" really were.

The music was a reminder to everyone of the 50's. Some students, as well as adults, feel that the 50's music was meaningful. It was alive, fast, and inspired dancing. Just listening to it "starts your foot a'tappin'."

However, are the 70's really that different from the 50's? Aren't our fashions crazy to other people? Isn't our music meaningful to us? Won't there be a time in our life when we will look back and sigh over the good old days?

"...and we believed that it would last forever." The 50's didn't last forever, and neither will the 70's. In twenty years, there may be a 70's Day and the fashions and music will once more be revived.

Leftovers Inspire Creativity

With the holiday season comes the familiar problem of what to do with the leftover turkey. This year PIONEER has come up with several suggestions for finishing off the fowl in fine fashion.

For starters, you can make turkey burgers. Omit the pickle and onions, top with cranberries and dressing instead.

If you have a blender, try a turkey malt. In place of ice cream, use cranberries. You probably won't like it the first time but after a while it should grow on you.

If you have a sore throat,

put turkey in your hot water instead of a boullion cube.

Try making a surprise upside-down cake and keep everyone guessing what you substituted for the pineapple.

If you are doing your holiday baking, you can substitute turkey for ingredients sometimes. For instance, in making toll house cookies, try using turkey bits instead of chocolate chips.

With a little ingenuity, your turkey troubles can be a thing of the past. Try it - you'll like it!



Moments from the 50's aud session, sponsored by Student Congress, illustrate the enthusiasm which students and faculty showed for the successful Spirit Week theme. Will students twenty years from now recreate the look and music of the 70's?



photo by Sue Henderson

Pass It! Junior Larry Edinger (42) motions for the ball as co-captain Ken Loddeke (34) prepares to loft a pass in his direction. The Steers rallied for a 56-37 victory over Maplewood in the Homecoming Game.

Steers Hope To Lasso Griffins

The Vianney Golden Griffins, familiar faces during the football season, are making a rare appearance on the Southwest basketball schedule.

The SW Cagers will travel to Vianney tomorrow night for an 8 p.m. non-conference game. Both teams participated in the DuBourg Invitational Tournament last week.

In the homecoming game on January 13, a fourth quarter explosion enabled SW to defeat Maplewood, 56-37. The Steers struggled for three quarters, managing only a 33-31 lead. But in the fourth quarter the Blue Devils were outscored 23-6 and the Longhorns had their first victory in almost a month.

With Coach Warren Gower substituting freely, SW employed a balanced scoring attack. Co-captains Ken

Loddeke and Leon Hite and a slick ballhandling Gary Widemann, junior, all scored in double figures.

The Steers continued their ill-fortune of the new year when they lost their fifth straight game, 73-70, to Vashon.

From the opening tipoff it was evident that Coach Warren Gower's troops were ready for action. The Longhorns held the defending state champions well in check and even managed an eight point lead early in the final period.

That's when 6'7" Lamont Turner led a fourth quarter Wolverine rally that gave SW its second loss in three PHL outings. Turner took game honors with 26 points, while Ken Loddeke maintained his season scoring average with 25 points to lead the SW attack.

Right from the start, the Cagers should have known that it was going to be a strange afternoon in the 76-70 loss to Roosevelt on January 8. First of all, the Steers were wearing their road uniforms at home due to the fact that the Rough Riders do not have a home court.

No less than six SW players fouled out, leaving Coach Gower with only four players on the court for the final twelve seconds of the game. Topping everything was the fact that the game was more like a "game and a half" — it took three overtimes to decide a winner.

Actually, it was a credit to the foul-ridden Longhorns that they performed as well as they did against one of the best Roosevelt basketball squads in several years.

The night of January 4 was a cold night. Shooting was cold ... the unheated Prep South gymnasium was cold ... and as it turned out, the Steers were left out in the cold, dropping a 55-54 decision.

SW Kickers To Face Roosevelt Tomorrow

Southwest soccer Steers will take on Roosevelt tomorrow at SW. This game probably will be a freshman-sophomore game in preparation for next year, as the Steers' final place in the PHL at this writing is already pretty well determined.

The Kickers were to have played Cleveland, January 18, and Vashon, last Tuesday, in two vitally important games. The Vashon and Cleveland results are the determining factor in the Longhorns' league rank for the season. They are the big games needed to get the coveted first in PHL.

The Longhorns clinched another league game, January 13, with a 1-0 victory over McKinley, a first-year team. In the second half, junior Ray Chavez scored the single point.

With a 2-0 victory over Beaumont, January 11, the Kickers edged closer to the title. Sophomore Rick Bueltmann poked in the first goal and slammed in a corner shot for the final tally. With Beaumont hustling and intimidating, the SW defense held its own to total seven shut-outs for the team.

The Steers played Augustinian, January 7, and for the third consecutive game, tallied a scoreless tie with the Braves. This 0-0 score, however, was due to the weather as the kickers slipped and slid in the snow and mud, making passwork impossible.

The Christmas Tournament record involved more than the 1-0 win and the 1-0 loss show. December 27, SW wrapped up the DeAndreis game with a 30-foot shot by senior Dino Abbotti and mass hysteria took over as Dino was swept off the field by the mob. The game

had lasted 96 minutes, the last 46 in overtime, when Dino scored in sudden death. The next day, the Steers lost to Mercy, seeded fourth in the tourney, 1-0, playing once again in overtime.

Swimmers Optimistic

Although Southwest Swimmers were dunked by the top place Roosevelt and Cleveland teams in the first two league meets of the season, Coach Frank Merchant remains very optimistic about the remainder.

The one-year-old team lost to Cleveland by 63-22 and to Roosevelt, 71-16. Also in a non-league meet, Mehlville washed up the SW team by a score of 78-17.

Most of the races were very close with even an unusual tie for first by freshman John Morgan in the 50 yd freestyle with a time of 25.4 seconds against Cleveland.

Asked if the lack of a pool every night has hurt the team, Coach Merchant replied, "I don't believe so. What really hurt us was the lack of turnout this season."

Freshmen John Morgan and Tom Koontz are two of the team's strongest swimmers with Morgan swimming primarily freestyle and butterfly, and Koontz swimming the 200 yard I.M. and breaststroke events.

Right now the SW swimmers are preparing for the upcoming PHL Relays in which the team took a third place last season.



photo by John Dengler

Freshman John Morgan splashes through the water during the 100-yard butterfly event in which he took second in the Roosevelt meet.

Butterfly

Matmen Host Soldan Tigers

Southwest wrestlers will battle the Soldan Tigers tomorrow in a league match at SW.

The main objective of the team is to ready themselves psychologically as well as physically for the upcoming state tournament campaign.

Two days ago, SW sponsored the Southwest Invitational, where top teams in the area were to have competed. Among these were Granite City, McCluer, Ritenour, and Riverview.

The previous week saw the wrestlers battle in the Roosevelt Invitational on January 22. Also on the schedule for the Longhorn grapplers were CBC and Beaumont.

In their first meet after the Christmas holidays, the matmen wrestled to a 31-19 triumph over the Summer Bulldogs on January 11 at Summer. The victory gave the team a 3-1 record in the league at that time.

would surely be a financial success.

Those all-stars of the future are being developed by Southwest B-Basketball Coach, Robert Vogel. It is Coach Vogel's job not only to win games, but also to develop and provide experience for those B-team players who will go on to play varsity basketball.

This year's squad has a 2-5 record at deadline. But don't let the won-lost record serve as an indicator of coaching ability.

"Naturally, my job is to provide experience, but there's no reason why we shouldn't be able to win, at the same time," says Coach Vogel. He believes that this year's team has the greatest potential of any of his three previous SW B-teams. "I think the players are just beginning to jell but don't yet realize their potential," he added.

Co-captains Chris Carnes and Charlie "Woody" Woodward, plus sophomore Charles Harris are all players that have been contributing to the cause. Personally, I think the B-team Cagers appear to be only a step or two away from putting it all together.



By Jim Thomas
PIONEER
Sports Writer

The St. Louis area has always been blessed with a surplus of high school basketball talent. Several have gone on to stardom at the college and even professional level. Jo-jo White, a former McKinley High standout, is currently doing his thing for the Boston Celtics while Vince Smith from Northwest, Dave Brent and Harry Rodgers from Sumner, and Steve Dangoes, Charlie Ries, and Bob Uthoff from Cleveland are just a few of the many former PHL performers now playing college ball.

Why not take advantage of this talent while it's still in high school with an all-star game of some sort? Sure, it would be difficult to pick two all-star teams to represent the entire St. Louis area, but why not have, say, a PHL-CAC all-star game that would be a natural rivalry?

Coaches and players always vote for the top ten players in their respective leagues at the end of the season — these ten could also represent their leagues in the CAC-PHL all-star game. Forest Park Community College would be a perfect site for the game that

Sports Calendar

Basketball

Feb.
1- Vianney there
4- Central there
12- Cleveland there
19- Beaumont Vashon
22- St. Mary's there

Wrestling

Feb.
1- Soldan here
4-5- District
8- Vianney there
11-12-Regional
17-18-State Columbia, Mo.

Soccer

Feb.
1- Roosevelt here
3- DuBourg there
4- DeAndreis here
8- Cleveland here
10- Mercy Heman Park State Tournament

Swimming

Feb.
1- Sumner there
4- Soldan Forest Park

18-19-District