

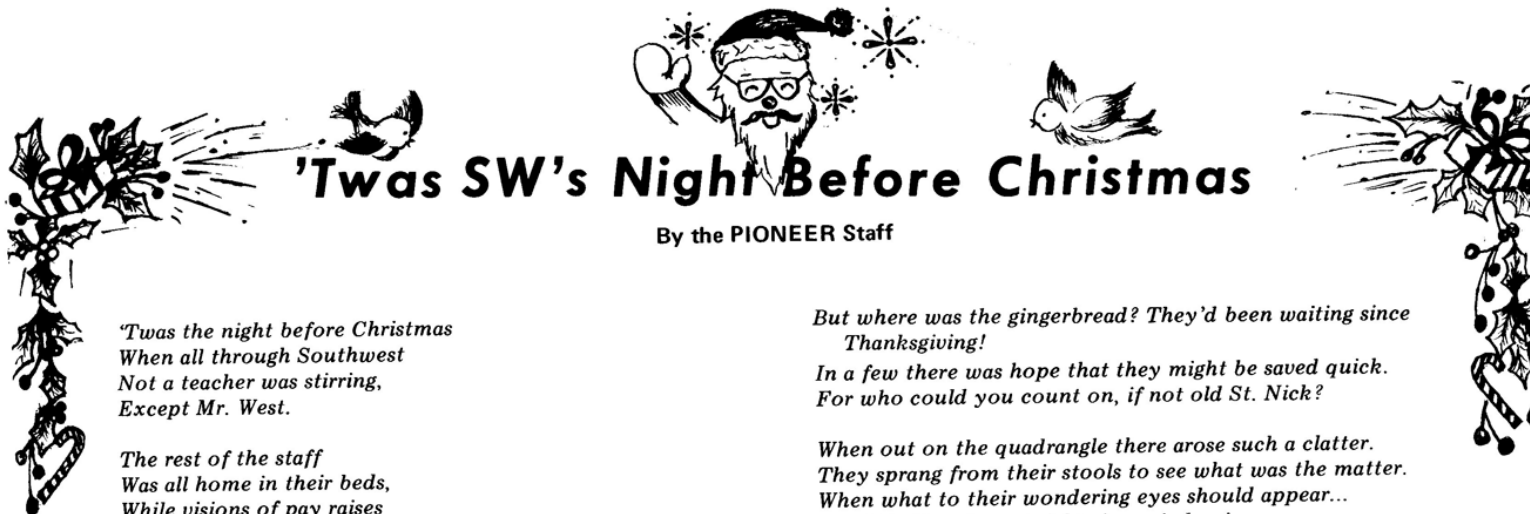


Merry Christmas 1976

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'Twas SW's Night Before Christmas

By the PIONEER Staff

*'Twas the night before Christmas
When all through Southwest
Not a teacher was stirring,
Except Mr. West.*

*The rest of the staff
Was all home in their beds,
While visions of pay raises
Danced in their heads.*

*Some students, however, were on the first floor.
Still others were sulking in 324.
These students had come that morning to school
Without their I.D.'s— thus breaking a rule.*

*For this they received extra hours of work,
While outside grey snow clouds were beginning to lurk.*

*Mr. West watched as they wrote with a groan,
"I will never forget my I.D. card at home."*

*It snowed and snowed for more than three hours.
Down the street it covered the two water towers.*

*Inside the school there was much dismay
That they'd miss Santa on Christmas Day.
They'd miss the presents, the fun in the snow,
But worst of all — the mistletoe!*

*The students were beginning to get hunger pains.
Scraping butter from the ceiling, they did not refrain.
They gobbled up nikes, ate wilted salad with misgiving.*

*But where was the gingerbread? They'd been waiting since
Thanksgiving!*

*In a few there was hope that they might be saved quick.
For who could you count on, if not old St. Nick?*

*When out on the quadrangle there arose such a clatter.
They sprang from their stools to see what was the matter.
When what to their wondering eyes should appear...
But Kris Koenig and eight tiny reindeer!*

*Each of these reindeer had received fame.
And each had a very familiar name:
"On Anton, on Meyer, on Gower, and Bennett!
On Falker, on Nordman, on Siegel, and Sinnett!"*

*Kris Koenig stood, and jumped from his sled,
At which the students almost fled.
But he cried, "Wait! I've got presents for you!
Stale brownies, cold pizza, and sour milk, too!"*

*At this their stomachs began to waver.
Did he think by this he was doing them a favor?
"But we're tired of this!" cried the kids in despair.
"With this food everyday, it just isn't fair!"*

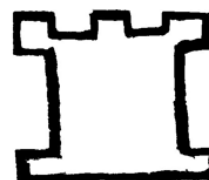
*"Well, it's all we brought," ol' Kris defended.
And with that, the story is ended.*

*Now let this be a lesson to you all.
The week before Christmas, be on the ball!
Don't forget your I.D.'s. Remember the rule!
Or you'll be spending this Christmas here at school.*



BAND DIRECTOR Robert Nordman eyes the profits as Senior Band Officer **Ted Mouras** prepares pizza at Shakeys. The band made pizzas at Shakeys, November 17, to raise money.

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Brutalities on the Field

By Kenneth Smith

"Hit 'em in the head, knock 'em down, break their legs, keep 'em on the ground ... And the fans give him a big hand as he's carried off the field. ... The crowd went wild as the quarterback was sacked back at the twenty. ... First and ten, do it again!"

Once in the time of the Model T, apple pie, FDR, Broadway, and, of course, the Yankees, there was a leisurely sport called baseball. Now, in the days of climbing inflation, oil embargos, rising crime rates, Richard Nixon, and world unrest over religious and racial differences, there comes to the national scene of the "greatest nation on earth" a sport, which as baseball did, fits the times — times of violence and killings. The sport? Football.

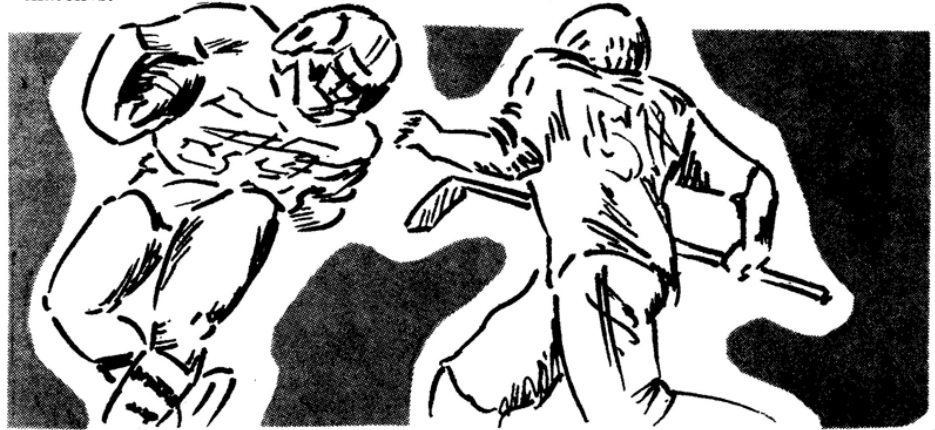
Not only football, Violence and brutality are infiltrating many sports—hockey, basketball, soccer, and even baseball. This violence on the field is expected and almost demanded by the fans. People go to hockey games to see a fight and yell for a knock out in boxing matches.

In sports today fans are also wanting more and more to be part of the action. Fans run and throw things onto the field. They even throw things at players and referees, as in a game last year in Minnesota when Chuck Foreman was hit in the head with an iceball.

It is usually not a premeditated act, but fans get over-enthusiastic and lose control of their emotions. Revenge runs high in the stands, too. Revenge for a bad call by the referee or revenge for losing a game. This is usually the reason for fights after high school games, such as after the Southwest-Sumner football game in 1974 when fans were fighting after the game and breaking car windows.

After a long day people go home to watch the news and may be disgusted by the murders and violence in the world. But people are not upset, they're sometimes even glad, to see men beat each other in a boxing ring or brutalize each other on the football field.

Isn't this like the gladiator shows in Rome?



Students Want Smoking Lounge

By Debbie Baker

When the Smoking Lounge opened in 1968 a lot of controversy erupted in the St. Louis Press. Some people even protested against students smoking in public schools. It took a long hard fight to get it, and it's going to take a long hard fight to keep it.

"The Smoking Lounge is a drawing place for outsiders, a place where people go to socialize, and it's too crowded," said Assistant Principal Steve Warmack. These are some of the reasons the Smoking Lounge may be closed. Other reasons are more serious, such as students complaining of being sick to their stomachs while in the lounge all period.

It is also dirty and a health hazzard. Students have been injured by glass being thrown around, fights breaking out, and burns. One girl's hair caught on fire.

Rumors are that the Smoking lounge would be closed for a weight lifting room. Student Council and the Smoking lounge Committee decided to take a poll and find out what the majority of the students wanted. Of the students polled, the majority don't smoke but still want a Smoking lounge. A little over 62 percent do not want a Weight Lifting room instead of the Smoking Lounge. Female students made up a large percentage. Over 68 percent want a Smoking Lounge even if it has to be moved from room 120.

Mr. Warmack and the committee came up with a solution — having the Smoking Lounge open only twenty minutes each period. Mr. Warmack said he does not have any plans to reopen it the full period. Whether or not it's going to stay open at all depends upon the conditions at the end of the semester.

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Citizenship Grades Abused

By Sherri Davis

"In my opinion, the citizenship grade is not a citizenship grade but a conduct grade," stated Mr. Bob Urberger, social studies teacher.

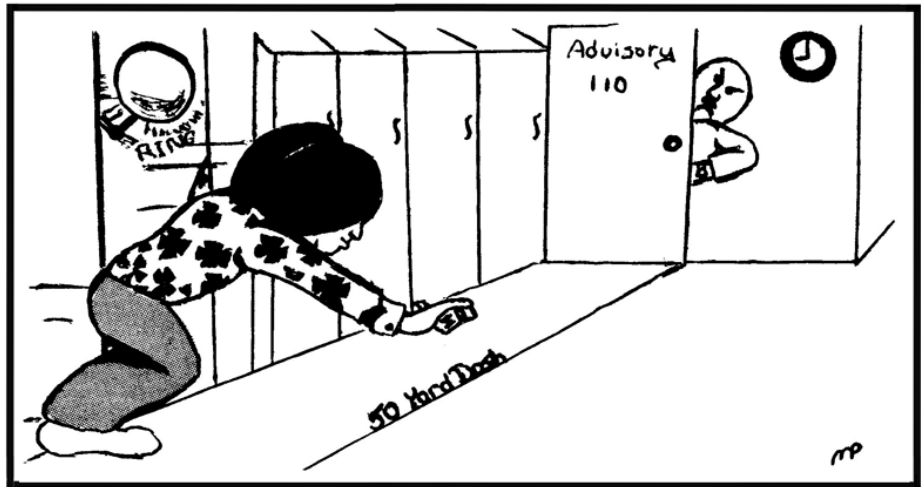
The St. Louis Board of Education gave each student a handbook for the 1976-77 school year concerning the rights and responsibilities of that student. The citizenship grade is based on a pass-fail method, unsatisfactory or satisfactory. If a student follows these rights and privileges the grade is a passing mark.

The grading system of numbers would be more accurate. This was the system used until several years ago. In this system the numeral one was above average, two was average and three was below average.

According to the First Amendment, every American citizen has the right to freedom of speech. Often when this right is acted out respectively, it is merely an opinion if the right has been abused or complemented.

Each person has a unique personality. Often the teacher stereotypes the student's citizenship grade. In turn, the student must shape his or her behavior in liking to the teacher's grading system for citizenship.

The citizenship grade is important because it protects the rights of students and maintains a respect given to the teacher. The chances of a student being hired for a job depends sometimes on their citizenship grades. Senior Richard Lane feels they are necessary but should not be based on the pass-fail method currently being used. This would give the student a better chance.



Are Grades All that Important?

By Richard Maskell

Too much emphasis is put on an individual's grades and not enough on what he learns. Then, upon entering the world, he soon realizes that he lacks many basic fundamental skills.

Think back to when schedules were planned. Did you list a wide variety of subjects or take courses which were all for immediate pleasure? When receiving the schedule, was it disappointing to find that you were stuck with the teachers that "really made you work"? Most of the time the answer is yes.

A person with a brother or sister with a high record may be forced into competition against them as a result of stressing good grades. This often can't be done, causing frustration. The frustration can be avoided by knowing your own limitations and by basing your goals upon them.

One goal for learning, rather than grades, would be to get a scholarship by receiving a high score on a college entrance exam. Specifically these are the ACT, SAT, or PSAT tests. A high grade received on one of these exams has nothing to do with grades received in the past, but, instead, measures the learning you have retained.

In life, choice of occupations may change, but what is learned in high school will be essential in any field. Grades won't help when you're being interviewed for a job and can't use proper English.

Now is the time to grasp all the knowledge that you can. After high school any further education must be paid for. Not fully understanding previously learned material could cause one to fail college courses.

Grades are simply an evaluation of work done by an individual, not an accurate presentation of one's learning.

No Caps and Gowns for January Graduates

By Mary Elliott

There will be no fanfare, no ceremony, no caps and gowns, no crowd, and no tears for the approximately twenty students who will graduate in January. Why, if they miss all this, do they still choose to graduate at mid-year? Are there any advantages?

One common reason seems to be the desire to get away from the same old routine of school. Many of us would like to do that, but you also need twenty units of credit chalked up by taking six subjects five out of seven semesters and an idea of what you're going to do after you graduate.

Those graduating early have various plans. Senior Tina Reinhardt commented, "I'm getting a job for a couple of months and starting school in March."

Senior Matt Wider hopes to get a full-time plumbing job, while senior Linda Fischer said, "Hopefully, I will be going to nursing school."

According to Counselor Charles West, getting a job to pay for school is the most common plan. This is an obvious advantage as it is easier to find a job in January and the money is certainly helpful.

A few students each year enter technical school or college early which could also be considered an advantage. Counselor Dorothy Owens stated, "the earlier you get started the earlier you can get out."

The other reason for graduating in January is failing to complete the required twenty units in four years. One

senior commented, "The reason I'm still here is the administration." Effective guidance is an important factor in determining who is up on stage in June.

If there are obvious advantages to early graduation, why do some students with twenty units decide to stay? The answer, of course, is that there are also disadvantages. Counselor Evelyn Schultz noted that some colleges prefer that students enter in the fall so they don't miss the orientation programs geared to show newcomers how to use the complex library and introduce them to campus life.

Some students simply have nothing better to do next spring than stay. Others don't want to miss the fanfare, ceremony, caps and gowns, etc.



The BRIGADOON cast take their bows at curtain calls. (from left) Junior Tony Parise, senior Ellen Ecker, senior Ken Smith, junior Tom Enders, sophomores Paula Ingram, Jim Carpenter, and junior Libby Carter sang danced and acted their way into the hearts of the audience on December 2 and 3.

Stereo System Stolen from Room 400

Four Radonics speakers and a Masterwork tuner with AM/FM radio were stolen from room 400 over the Thanksgiving holidays.

Thieves entered the building and pried open the door to the vocal music room. This is the third time in a year a theft of this kind has occurred.

The first time, the speakers and components disappeared without a clue. New speakers and components were installed in February. The speakers were stolen over the summer. The last set was purchased less than three weeks before the theft.

"They're hurting themselves and a lot of other people too," stated Assistant Principal Steve Warmack. "Apparently, they had plenty of time because they had an eraser fight. It is doubtful whether

anyone was in the building on "Thanksgiving Day."

It's a shame any student would do this because they are stealing from themselves and are really hurting the music classes," commented Mrs. June Dabney, vocal music instructor.

"It's disturbing and it's disappointing. I think it's bad for Southwest, which has such a reputation, for such a thing to happen. It's really essential to have a stereo to teach music, and because of the room size, we have to have more speakers," stated Miss Lee Meyer, Music Department Head. "How many times can the Board afford to replace it?"

"Someone had plenty of time to do it. The speakers were screwed into the wall, and the grills surrounding the speakers were also screwed into the wall and were at least ten feet from the floor," she said.

Principal Marvin O. Koenig stated, "As far as I'm concerned, not one dime of school monies will be spent to replace this equipment. If students wish to collect money to replace it, that's fine."

Thievery is not new to SW. However, student locker thefts are up considerably this year, according to Mr. Warmack and Mr. A. Ecker, administrative assistant. There was a rash of burglaries at the beginning of the year.

"I think there has been more theft of student belongings this year,"

Christmas Auds Today, Thursday

Two Christmas auds will take place this week. The first of these will be a Sacred Christmas Music Concert today during period 6.

This concert will include numbers from both the band and the Concert Choir. It will only be open to selected classes, however.

Last year, a similar aud was performed and was successful. The idea for the aud goes back several years to when classes were held a half day on Christmas Eve. The sacred concert, which was held on this day, was discontinued due to misbehavior of students. Last year, the audience behaved well.

The other Christmas aud will take place this Thursday during period 2.

Senior Lesa Morris and junior Cindy Davis, who wrote the script for the successful Hello Day aud, will also organize this Christmas aud. The theme will be an evil person stealing Christmas from the students at SW.

The acts will be determined by auditioning as last time. At press time, senior Robert Woodward was chosen as commentator and junior Joe Zakibe as Santa Claus.

New special effects will be used to add interest.

What's Happening

December

- 20 Sacred Concert for selected classes, period 6
- 23 Christmas Aud, period 2
Caroling in hall, period 6
- 24-31 Christmas Holidays, no classes

January

- 4 PTA Board meeting, 1:30 p.m.
- 14 Martin Luther King Day holiday, no classes
- 18 PTA meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Finals, periods 2, 4, 6,
- 20 Finals, periods 3, 5, 7,
- 21 Final, per. 1; end of first semester
- 27 Parent-Teacher conferences, 2-8 p.m., classes
- 28 Report cards issued

News & Notes

Junior Board Seeks Band

JUNIOR BOARD is still seeking bands to play at the Junior Ring Dance to be held in April. The emphasis this year is on total involvement of the Junior Class in its activities. Students with suggestions or ideas should get in touch with Mrs. Margaret Peterson, Junior Board sponsor. Junior Rec Nite, sponsored by Junior Board, recorded a record number of between 225-280 students who attended. Students played volleyball, basketball, and danced to records in the lobby. Refreshments were served.

SW Sends Two to Wash.

MR. KENT FORREST, Social Studies teacher, and junior Davy Fall will participate in the Close-Up Program this year. Close-Up is an opportunity for

Sports Awards Given To Top Athletes

The annual Fall Awards Banquet was held on December 8. Senior Kelvin Bostic received the football Most Valuable Player award and senior David Campbell received the Tim O'Neill award.

The MVP is chosen by the football team annually. Kelvin, second team all-district defensive back, came away with the well-deserved award. "I was very excited, I didn't think I would get it because there were a lot of good people."

The Tim O' Neill award was presented to David Campbell. This is for athletes who have shown excellence in football or track. When Tim O'Neill attended Southwest, he earned eight varsity letters, four in football and four in track.

The competition for the awards was great since five Southwest players made all-district. Seniors Finocchio, Howard Richards, Chris Simonds, Kelvin Bostic, and junior Ken Judd received all-district honors.

"I probably wouldn't have made it if I hadn't been on a good team," stated co-captain Joe Finocchio, first team offensive.

This was also an awards night for Coach Leon Anton and assistant, Mr. Dave Cook. Coach Anton and Coach Cook received plaques from their football squad members. Coach Anton was also presented with an autographed game ball signifying his hundredth win.

Senior Scott Messel was a soccer standout, starting 79 out of 79 games during his four years at SW. He received the MVP trophy for soccer and was recently named the number-one player in Missouri.

students, teachers and government officials alike to share perspectives on "living government" as an alternative to our present "textbook" approach to government.

Using Washington D.C. as a classroom for one week, beginning January 9, the two will be involved in discussions with government officials who contribute to the complexity of our government.

FHA Chapter Active

MEMBERS OF Miss VonGlinow's Future Homemakers of America Chapter were able to fill 200 stockings, thanks to student contributions totaling \$329.03. Of the 48 advisories that participated, Mr. Ron Zapf's was the most generous with \$21.27 donated.

The same FHA Chapter recently had speakers from Planned Parenthood, Pro Life, and a member of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Pompon Organizes Clubs

THE SOUTHWEST Wranglerettes Pompon Squad recently formed pompon clubs at Kennard, Nottingham, Mallinckrodt, Longfellow, and Epiphany grade schools. In the future, Roe and Dewey schools will also form pompon clubs. The groups have been assembled as a result of interest expressed by the participating schools.

O Happy Day Performed

A MUSICAL celebration, *O Happy Day*, was presented at Southwest last Tuesday during period 6 by drama students sponsored by Mrs. Georgia Schoeffel, drama teacher.

This *Godspell* — like version of the Nativity, written by Susan Kosoff and Jane Staab, is a new idea in entertainment, according to Mrs. Schoeffel, and brings the Christmas story into modern focus.

Students Donate Blood

RED CROSS Blood Mobile visited Southwest last Wednesday. Mr. Ray Feick's Advanced Biology class sponsored the blood drive. Results of the drive were not available at press time.

Teachers Visit Webster

MRS. LOIS ASCHEMEYER and Mrs. Georgia Schoeffel spent December 9 on Webster College's campus with the Theatre Arts faculty. They became acquainted with the conservatory and were introduced to design curriculum. Demonstrations of acting training, which included brief exercises, concluded the session. The program ended with a tour of the campus.

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Thousands Experience Electricity of Zeppelin

By Donald Villella

Led Zeppelin has become the most recent "super group" to venture off into space by making a movie. *The Song Remains The Same* essentially contains the same flaws as its predecessors: trying to capture all the energy and raw power of a concert on film is impossible.

All too often, the photography focuses on individuals instead of the group as a whole. Still, this movie is different from, for example, *Ladies and Gentlemen The Rolling Stones*, in that certain passages segue into fantasy sequences.

These sequences are composed of the group's concepts and ideas. Guitarist Jimmy Page can be seen ascending to the

top of a mountain to confer with, of all people, Father Time. Vocalist Robert Plant is riding horseback through an enormous green countryside. Percussionist John Bonham is seen plowing his farm in Kansas and then speeding down a raceway in a dragster.

All the live footage was filmed during the 1973 Madison Square Garden Concert. From the opening track "Rock-and-Roll" through the encore "Whole Lotta Love," Zeppelin commands the devoted attention of the crowd. Led Zeppelin concerts range from 3-4 hours (without a supporting act). Considering

this fact, the group is extremely coherent in its presentation of material.

Each instrumentalist is given a solo spot. John Paul Jones displays his emotive keyboard playing on "No Quarter." John Bonham pounds his way through "Moby Dick." Jimmy Page is featured on the 27-minute version of "Dazed and Confused."

He has been called the virtuoso of the electric guitar and was also voted the best guitarist by readers of *Circus Creem*, and *Hit Parader* magazines. Whether he is or not depends on individual taste, but he undoubtedly is one of the most original.

During one of his many solos on "Dazed and Confused," Page uses a violin bow on his guitar to give the effect of 1,000 violins playing in unison.

Raw power has never been nice, but it is impossible to ignore. A Led Zeppelin concert contains all the raw power and thermonuclear energy any individual could ask for. However, not every Zeppelin fan is fortunate enough to attend their concerts. But he can experience at least part of the spectacle over and over again by viewing *The Song Remains The Same* and by listening to the soundtrack album.

LED-ZEPPELIN

Speaker Thefts

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commented Mr. Ecker. He offered the following advice for students:

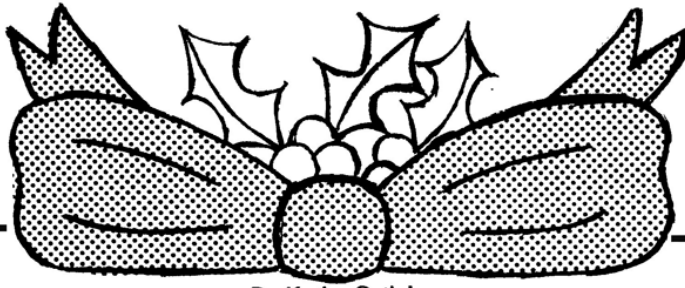
- 1) Students should not share a locker or give a key or combination to anyone.
- 2) Students should have a substantial lock and should test it to see that the door is secure.
- 3) Students should not put items of great value in their lockers.
- 4) Students should try to find a more secure place than their lockers for valuable items.

5) Students should not flaunt valuable items.

In general, he added, "Don't set anything down. You have kids who steal, and it's a part of the times."

He urged all students to obey the out-of-bounds markings. "If they do not follow them, how do we know if they are students or not?"

Last, he urged students to notify someone on the staff if they see "suspicious characters lurking around."



By Kathy Ortleb

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Pioneer's Puzzle Present

Has the "Ho! Ho! Ho!" gone out of your Christmas? Do you no longer lie awake listening for the muffled sound of tiny reindeer hooves on the roof? Does "Frosty the Snowman" no longer melt your heart?

If you find yourself in this situation, perhaps you are looking for something to do on Christmas besides watching your little sister change the diapers on her "Betsy-Wetsy" doll or watching your father exclaim at his new after-shave (even though he has six more of the same in the medicine cabinet).

This is the perfect time to pull out your Christmas issue of PIONEER, suck on a candy cane, and try to figure out this puzzle.

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CANDY CANE	MISTLETOE	STAR
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CRIB	PRESENT	TOYS
ELF	REINDEER	TURKEY
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Life in Alaska: Our Nation's Last Wilderness

By Cindy Browne

Can you imagine a world with no television or cars? Or where you belong to the only English-speaking family in the village?

Junior Diana Hohner cannot only imagine it, she lived in it for eight years. Diana, along with her mother, father, two sisters and brother, lived in various parts of Alaska.

She recalls best the place they lived last, a village called Nightmute, on Nelson Island, located off the lower west coast of Alaska. Nightmute, population 130, was all Eskimo except for the Hohners and an occasional visiting Catholic missionary.

"Without TV, I read a lot. I was pretty lonely. Most of the kids my age spoke Eskimo and very little English. Most of the people were twenty or twenty-five before they developed any fluency at all when it came to English. I didn't relate much to the kids because of differences in language and interests," Diana expressed.

In Nightmute, the school was the center of social life. Diana's parents, working for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, taught the school, enrollment about 40. Her father taught grades 1-4 while her mother taught grades 5-8. Activities at the school included Halloween and Christmas parties, modern and Eskimo dances, and usually a movie every week.

"They like Westerns. They don't have to understand the language to know what's going on. I mean, if a guy pulls out a gun and shoots another one, what's to explain?" Diana said laughingly.

"That was their main problem when it came to school work. They had to learn the language before they could learn the lesson." Because of this fact, Diana, with the encouragement and help of her parents, took a correspondence course that enables her to be a Junior at age 15.

The Eskimos have no religion of their own, but they do have a separate culture. The older people still make grass baskets and mukluks. They still tell stories by symbolic dances and chants.

The younger people, who are more Americanized, attend various cultural programs to learn the old ways.

Diana, who attended some of these programs, commented: "They blindfold you to make sure you're doing it on your own to the music and not by somebody's coaching. The better you get, the faster they play the music. They laugh when you mess up."

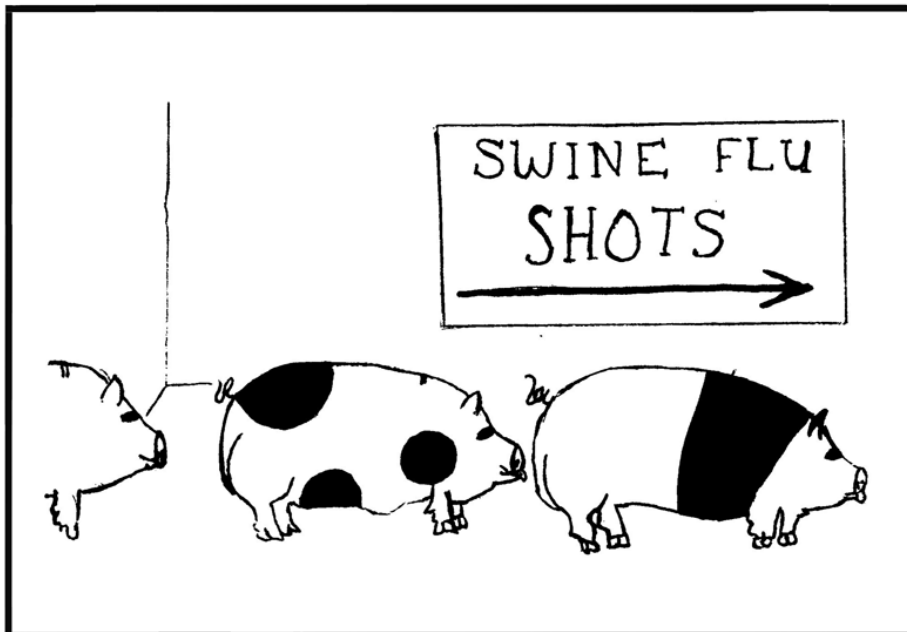
Most of the Eskimos are on welfare, according to Diana, but not all of them need it. They hunt their meat, and in the summer, they go to summer villages nearer to the coast where they fish.

Eskimos don't live in igloos. They live in crowded one-room houses with very little furniture.

"There are no locks on the doors. Everybody is related to everybody else. No one has to worry about theft. There's really not that much to steal."

With the coming of the Alaskan Pipeline, Diana fears that rapid civilization will destroy the wilderness.

"I like to be able to walk out and look at nothing but the land. You don't have to worry about the noise or the cars or the roads. It's beautiful."





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JUNIOR DIANA HOHNER displays various Alaskan artifacts collected during the eight years she lived there. Diana was able to enter Southwest as a junior by completing correspondence courses.

Christmas Time, Not Stealing Time

By Michael Parish

He goes into a store and finds the perfect antenna he needs for his C.B. radio. First, he checks to make sure nobody is around, then quickly snatches the object and deposits it—right into the guard's hand who grabbed his hand when he grabbed the antenna.

Many stores use plain-clothes detectives or people to act as shoppers to catch thieves, especially around Christmas time, but other techniques as well are needed to prevent thefts.

According to St. Louis Police, in 1973 as many as 1,667 cases of theft were reported which cost a total of \$53,986. In 1975, 2,160 cases of theft were reported, costing a total of \$95,686. That's 493 more cases, averaging a little more than \$84 each.

Two-way mirrors are common in dressing rooms to see the customer without his being able to see the guard, but mirrors in corners of the walls near the ceiling are also frequently used to see in places otherwise hidden.

Expensive items like coats are kept chained while special tags may appear on clothing. These tags are removed after the item has been paid for, but if it isn't, when a person goes out the door, an alarm goes off.

Some people, knowing that people are put in jail for stealing the smallest things, still don't take stealing seriously. They may make a bet about whether or not a person can get something, and then end up in jail for stealing earrings or even batteries.

Senior Michele Ingram said, "The store I used to work for hired people just to

come shoplift and test out security. After a person got away three times stealing items from a certain area, an employee would be fired in that section."

Besides, the people who pay for shoplifting aren't the store owners but the shoppers, every time the prices are raised.

New Year's Eve Is Upon Us

By Ty Tanner

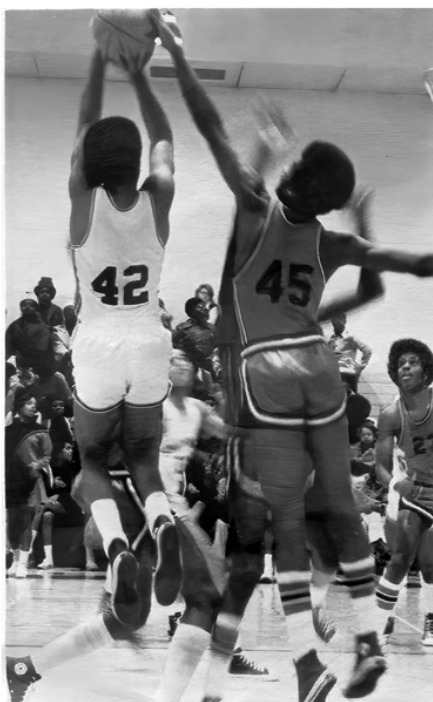
The Friday after next will be the final day of 1976. Besides the eve of a new year, it is customarily national party day. It is a time when people do some weird things.

All types of people will attend numerous parties to attain a common goal-celebration. They will wear funny costumes to certain parties which depict characters from past, present, and future. Some will wear pajamas to their party. This seems contrary due to the fact that they will undoubtedly spend the entire night awake. Some will hold fancy, decorative parties entertaining celebrities. And yet others will hold wild parties in which noise makers, fireworks, bells and voices will reach their potential at 12:01 a.m.

A common element will be prevalent at most or all of the above; party substances. The most notable is alcohol. This is introduced to a party to stimulate fun and laughter. Some results could be rather jocose.

Superman may end up making a pass at the lady from Krypton. The slumber party participants will see how many people can be stuffed into one sleeping bag. At a celebrity party, a new movie will premiere, "Jaws and Billy Jack make Burnt Offerings of Young Frankenstein as the Cheerleaders Entertain."

Does this seem a bit wild for you? Well, a nice quiet evening with friends may be preferred. Nutmeg and crackers for eats and the melody of Guy Lombardo on the tube is old-fashioned, but definitely more tranquil.



SENIOR KELVIN Bostic provides defense, but Southwest could not keep Central from winning, 74-53, in a basketball game here on December 10.

SW Gains First Victory of Season

With senior forward Kelvin Bostic pouring in 25 points, Southwest defeated the Gold Bugs of McKinley at McKinley, 61-56, on December 3. This win was the first victory of the season bringing the Longhorn record to 1-3.

Two of the Steers losses came in the SLUH Tournament as SW finished fourth out of four teams. The Longhorns lost to Northwest in the opening round, 59-55, as juniors Ralph Jacobs and Howard Hill led SW with 14 points each. Inaccuracy from the free-throw line hurt the Steers as they missed 14 free throws. In the consolation game nothing could have helped the Longhorns as Sumner whipped them, 78-44.

"We played a good game against Northwest but against Sumner the team took the attitude that it was easier to let go and give up than to fight back," stated Coach Robert Vogel on SW's play in the tournament.

With senior Howard Richards' decision to concentrate his activities on further-

ing his football career, the Longhorns will not have the rebounding strength they had at the beginning of the season.

Kelvin Bostic stated, "We just need some experience. Our B-team was 15-2 last year and all they need is a little playing time. If we get the kind of play out of these younger players as we expect we should win some games."

Madison visited SW for the season opener on November 23. The Illinois club fast-broke their way to a 73-48 victory.

Senior John Regan commented on the PHL: "The toughest team we meet this year will be Central. They've won the league the last two years and they'll be the team to beat again this year."

Central, which has compiled an 81-16 record in the past five seasons showed its superiority by defeating Roosevelt by 90 points.

The Longhorns' next opponent will be Maplewood tomorrow night at 8 p.m. at Maplewood.

Girls' Basketball Shows Strength

The Girls' Basketball team started off the season impressively. The team defeated Northwest, 41-19, for their first victory of the season and then turned around and defeated McKinley, 39-37, in a tight defensive game.

In the win against Northwest, sophomore Myra Heckel was the high scorer with 19 points. She plays center for the team and guides for the forward line with her strong shooting abilities.

The team played McKinley on December 1. The game turned out to be a battle that went into overtime. Southwest trailed by 11 points going into the fourth quarter but managed to tighten the defense enough to tie in regulation and outlast McKinley in overtime, 39-37.

Weight Training Offered

A weight training class, taught by Mr. Bud Wallach, will be offered next semester. It will be held in the former rifle room near the new girls' gym.

The class came about when every Public High School in St. Louis was given a Universal Weight Training machine by the Board of Education. The class is a co-educational program.

Mr. Wallach stated, "This should be one of the better classes here at Southwest. The Universal machine offers so many things to the student."

Coach Earline Falker stated, "The team has a weak defense but is working to improve passing and increase rebounds. The guards are extremely good but basically the whole team has much potential. I have high expectations when they develop team unity."

The team is rebuilding. It is basically made up of sophomores with only two seniors, one junior, and three freshmen, but Mrs. Faulker also stated, "The team is young and is developing some good players whose shooting skills are coming along strongly."

This year, height is a major factor which helps the team. The average height is 5' 8" with the tallest being starting center, Mira Heckel, at six feet. The other starters are Captain Laura Dengler, Debbie Lang, Michele Ingram, and Lorie McNamera.

In the future the team will face a tough schedule, and Mrs. Falker hopes to see the girls play a tight defense and good offense with positive results.

The next game will be held against Cleveland on January 7.

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Grapplers Meet Vashon Tomorrow

Tomorrow the Southwest matmen will challenge the Vashon Wolverines here. SW was able to stop Vashon last year, 45-24.

On Dec. 29-30 the PHL Invitational Wrestling Tournament will take place at O'Fallon High at 10 a.m. Mr. Bud Wallach, SW veteran wrestling coach, hopes for a big improvement over last year's disappointing eleventh place finish.

SW wrestling squad should receive strong support from its thirteen returning lettermen.

They are seniors Kelvin Peebles, Pete Heddel, Carl Falkner, Dale Thacker, Chris Dubis, Tony Powell, Charles Moore, Dan Sherman, and Tom Coslet, with sophomores Jim Green and Scott Leslie also helping the squad.

Senior Glen Hearold will assume the position of co-captain for the second time in two years along with senior David Campbell for the 1976-77 season.

Mr. Wallach was disappointed in saying, "They will have a good team, but they could be great."

This proved to be true on December 3 when SW entered the Kirkwood Quad with three wrestlers overweight. SW was still able to finish third. Seniors Chris Dubis and Wardell Thacker captured first place medals.

"Something we've been looking for at SW is aggressive wrestling," stated Coach Wallach enthusiastically. Against Sumner his dream came true. SW overwhelmed Sumner 64-6 on November 30.



SENIOR CARL FAULKNER, keeping on top of his Beaumont opponent, scores a pin in a December 9 wrestling meet. The Longhorns won the meet, overpowering the Bluejackets, 54-9.

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Skaters Prepare for Season Start

Who said seven was a lucky number?

At least there's one person who doesn't think so. Southwest Hockey Coach Mark Smith, whose hockey team just finished a poor preseason, will be trying to regroup his skaters for the regular season play, which began against Mehlville on December 9 at the South County Rink.

The Longhorns, after giving up the identical amount of seven goals in each of three preseason contests against C.B.C., DeSmet, last year's Mid-States Champions and rival DuBourg, need to, "work both ways offensively and defensively, although it's really too early in the season to tell how everyone plays as a team yet," commented Smith.

The Longhorns, playing a tight forechecking game against DeSmet in a November 12 game, were leading the defending Mid-States champions mid way through the second period, 4-1. With

many good scoring chances, the Longhorns could have been leading by a much larger score. Getting into third-period penalty trouble enabled DeSmet to come back on power play goals to win the contest, 7-4.

The Longhorns, who face a tough December schedule, will play Kirkwood after starting out the season against the

Mehlville team. The Longhorns will then play only interdivisional opponents for the rest of the December schedule. The first two opposing teams will be two of the better divisional opponents in Chaminade and Vianney before facing an easier schedule playing against Cleveland, Aquinas, and St. Mary's. A Christmas Tournament has not yet been scheduled.

Swimmers Heading for PHL

The Southwest Swim Team has begun its season with great expectations and a new coach, Mr. Martin Schroeder. Mr. Schroeder has replaced last year's coach, Mr. Dennis Whitworth. Mr. Schroeder commented on his new position, "I coached the swim team at Cleveland for two years before coming to Southwest, and I'm glad to be coaching again."

According to Mr. Schroeder, SW's strongest competition this year will be Roosevelt and Sumner. Outside the PHL

it will be Lindbergh. "Traditionally, Roosevelt has been our toughest competition, but we hope to overpower them this year."

Mr. Schroeder stated they have many strong swimmers, but the people most important to the team are senior Chuck Artale, swimming the butterfly, sophomore Doug Finley, backstroke, and the divers, senior Scott Hamrick and junior John Dietl.

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