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Seniors Approach Final Activities

By Valorie Jenkerson

As seniors approach their final school activities, the scene around Southwest seems to be from one extreme to the other. While some students are putting in their last efforts or are trying to rack up that needed credit, others appear to be nonchalant.

Beginning with finals today (periods 3, 4, and 6) and ending tomorrow (1, 2, 5, and 7), seniors will start their last week which ends in graduation, June 8. All seniors are expected to attend school whether or not scheduled for a final but are dismissed from that period if excused from the final.

This Thursday, graduation rehearsal will take place in the school aud from 9 to 10:30 p.m. Caps and gowns will be distributed after practice. SW will still wear the traditional colors, girls in yellow and boys in green, unlike Lindbergh High School, where all graduating students will wear the same color to avoid discrimination.

This Friday, the Senior Prom will be held in the Mayan Room at the Bel Air Hilton Hotel, located at 333 Washington at Fourth Street. The theme will be "Dreams Are Precious and Few," and music will be played by the band, Progress. Dress will be formal. The dinner-dance will begin at 7 p.m. and end at midnight. The menu will be as follows:

Trader Vic's special soup
salad with choice of dressing
sirloin strip steak
twice-baked potato
broccoli with butter sauce
rum ice cream with praline sauce
coffee, tea, or milk

Unlimited soft drinks will be served at no cost as they are included in the ticket price. Senior Class sponsors, Miss Marilyn Chase and Mr. Al Ecker, stated, "We want everyone to have a good time, but a good time does not include drinking alcoholic beverages at a school function."

Color photographs will be taken in the room adjacent to the Mayan Room. Cost of the pictures range from \$3.95 to \$9.95.

Each couple will have the opportunity to vote for king and queen when tickets are presented at the door. The coronation will begin at 11 p.m. The following seniors are candidates:

King

Kelvin Bostic
Joe Finocchio
Tim O'Mara
Chris Simonds
Nick Vitale

Queen

Sandy Abdallah
Mindy Berry
Vanessa Jones
Sue Josephs
Debbie Quante

Retiring class officers and the new officers will decorate the Prom.

On June 6, the Senior Luncheon will take place at the Top of the Sevens Restaurant at 1 p.m. and will last until approximately 3 p.m. The ticket price is \$8 per person which includes a buffet lunch and entertainment written by seniors Bob Woodward and Paul Weise, with assistance from Mr. Ralph Sneed, a Student Council sponsor.

The morning of June 8, graduation practice will be held at Kiel from 9 a.m. to noon, entrance on 15th Street. Miss Chase firmly stated, "It is imperative that every senior who intends to graduate on stage attend this rehearsal."

The evening of June 8, at 8 p.m. at Kiel—the ultimate goal—graduation. Approximately 460 seniors will graduate. Mr. Frederick Busse, a Board of Education member, will be the guest speaker. Senior Scott Messel, valedictorian, will also bring greetings.

Each graduate should have received eight tickets to the ceremony. Only persons with tickets will be admitted in Kiel on graduation night.

"Today, well-lived, makes every tomorrow a vision of hope."

—senior motto

Don't Hand Out Easy Credits

By Karen Pope

Recently, members of the Pom Pon and Cheerleading Squads have proposed that they should receive a credit for the time spent practicing and performing.

They have to join the club and attend practice regularly to learn cheers or pom pon routines. In the spring, the most talented girls are chosen for next year's squad.

If a credit is offered for joining these particular groups, there will be a rush to join and some of the talent would be lost.

It would also boost grade-point averages, which would be unfair to students who are carrying a heavy academic load. After all, cheerleading and pom pon are extra-curricular activities, and one should join out of interest in the school and enjoyment.

Soon, all clubs would be clamoring for credits. There is no reason to offer a credit for Science, AV, Math, or Spanish Clubs. Students join these out of interest and as a way to have fun.

Granted, the work is time consuming, but there is no reason a credit should be offered for the Cheerleading and Pom Pon Squads. A volunteer organization is just that, voluntary. When one joins, it should make one responsible enough to go to practice and show up at performances.

If cheerleaders or pom pon girls feel they should receive a credit, they should quit because participation should be based on interest.



Allocated Money Doesn't Arrive

By Mary Elliott

"It was embarrassing for me," commented Assistant Principal Steve Warmack, who was in charge of the committee to decide how to use the money allocated to Southwest last fall by the Board of Education.

The board has said \$5 per student was to be allotted for all public schools in the city, which for SW should have been approximately \$12,000. Only about \$5,000 was received over normal expenditures. The list of items chosen by the committee had to be cut drastically. The original list may be found in the October issue of PIONEER. The updated list is below.

A 35mm camera, a video-tape unit including TV set, tape recorder, movie

camera and 20 cassette tapes, six portable record players, two sound cassette film-strip protectors, portable cassette players, and 10 blank cassette tapes have either been ordered or received.

The committee tried to decide on those articles which would benefit the entire school, not just one department. Counselor Charles West, who was on the committee, commented, "One unstated stipulation seemed to be choosing items which usually could not be purchased through the board." The articles had to be for instructional purposes.

Even with the cuts, SW is still getting quite a bit of equipment. Mr. Warmack noted, "I'm surprised we're getting as much as we are."

Ounce of Prevention Pays off in End

By Mary Cox

Theft is a threat which faces everyone. Students at Southwest are no exception and it's time something was done to try to prevent these rip-offs.

Mr. Al Ecker, administrative assistant, advises students: "Don't share lockers, never give anyone a key or combination to your lock, and don't leave a large sum of money or valuables in the locker."

Clubs and organizations at SW are also victims of crime. The Pom Pon squad had six jackets stolen earlier this year in their second break-in. The first attempt was not successful. Junior Board, robbed three times this year, suffered a loss of about \$125 in cash and merchandise.

Sponsors of the respective groups, Mr. George Fithen and Mrs. Margaret Peterson, believe the thieves were people inside school who knew exactly where to go and what to look for. If or when the persons are found, the sponsors said they will prosecute.

As for apprehending the thief, Mr. Ecker said, "Leads come from the students and I'll follow up the leads." Thieves have been caught before and are subject to prosecution if the victim follows through with the charges. If the victim does not prosecute, the thief may see this as encouragement to repeat his actions."

Students can do their part in the prevention of theft by abiding by the out-of-bounds rule. If you see someone breaking into a locker or classroom, it's your obligation to report it. As Assistant Principal Maurice Grant stated, "The security of the building is everybody's business. You may be the next person to get ripped off."

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Grade Inflation Takes Height

According to a recent series of articles in the *Post-Dispatch*, high school grades have become inflated. In other words, teachers are giving high grades for mediocre work, causing students to discover too late that they are unprepared for college.

The blame for this second-rate achievement by students is being passed along. The colleges are blaming the high schools while the high schools are blaming the grade schools. The schools are blaming the parents while the parents are blaming the schools. Therefore, students find themselves in the middle as unwilling college drop-outs.

Miss Celeste Henshaw, Foreign Language Department head, expressed the idea that students only want to learn skills that will help them in the specific field of study they have chosen. Rarely do they choose courses that will develop them as well-rounded human beings.

This tendency to choose only classes that are career-oriented may be a cause of the downward trend in student achievement.

"Teachers have been lowering their standards in many cases," explained Miss Henshaw. "If teachers have classes of below-average students with one fairly bright student, they may sometimes give the bright student a high grade to encourage him."

Mrs. Marie Markowski, Communication Skills Department head, explained that grades should be used for

achievement alone, but in some cases they are used for rewards instead. She also expressed the opinion that there should be a system of weighing grades so that an A in a harder class is worth more than an A in an easier class.

The fact that there is grade inflation in high schools is acknowledged by many teachers. "Some extremely bright students at private schools must struggle for C's while that same type of student would feel cheated if he didn't get an H at SW," observed Mr. Robert Byrne, Social Studies Department head.

Students should discuss their course decisions with their parents, counselors, and teachers to avoid becoming further victims of grade inflation.

New Student Offices Filled

A NUMBER of new positions and officers have been filled for next year. They are:

ROUNDUP co-editors are Jeannie Hamilton and Leslie Williams, PIONEER co-editors are Cynthia Browne and Karen Pope. Senior Class officers are Bob Dicandia, Leslie Williams, Lana Johnson, Jim Niemann, Rich Juedemann, Kim Depper, Carolyn Kelly, and Donald Craig. Newly elected Student Council officers are Cindy Davis, Cathy Morris, Julie James, and Nancy Simonds.

Photo by Henry Voges



SENIOR NEVELS SCOTT is televised on the screen of the recently purchased videotape system. The outfit will be used as a teaching device in a number of classes at Southwest. Teachers are now learning how to use the system.

New Changes For Next Fall

A number of changes will greet Southwest students when they return in the fall. There is the possibility of change in the grading system. St. Louis area teachers are being asked whether or not they like the present grading scale and if the H grade should be dropped.

Principal Marvin O. Koenig is not in favor of the H letter grade and stated, "I don't see any point to it." Assistant Principal Maurice Grant did speak in favor of the grade, saying that when grades are averaged, an H grade, for instance, can pull a C-average up to a B-average.

Students who were assigned a punishment study hall this semester and are caught cutting it will be assigned a permanent study hall next fall. Also, next year any junior who does not have fifteen units or more of credit will not be classified as a senior.

As for physical changes, the windows and doors of the old building will be repaired and repainted. The fence and bleachers on the football field will also be repainted.

The dress code will be the same. Students will be expected to wear shoes, keep hats off in the building, and girls will not be allowed to wear bare midriffs.

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News & Notes

SOUTHWEST'S JAZZ BAND recorded an album on May 18 at Technisonic Studio. The album will be for sale this week.

Included will be such numbers as Eli's "Coming," featuring sophomore Paul Kriege on trombone and senior John Vlasak on alto sax; "Corazon," featuring senior bass player Mark Carroll and "Muddy Boggy River Blues," featuring Band President Paul Efthim on trumpet.

The Chamber Winds performed their second concert on May 20 at Plaza Frontenac. The next day, the Jazz Band rode on a float in the Lindbergh Day parade in memory of Charles Lindbergh.

The last performance by senior Concent Choir members will be during graduation commencement on June 8.

JOHN PALMISANO, sophomore SWHS Band member who plays clarinet and tenor sax, has been selected for the 1977 Missouri State Band to perform for one week in New Orleans this July. This state band (represented by various high schools across the state) is funded by the Lions Club and performs yearly for their international convention. SW bands have been represented in this organization every year since its inception and members have traveled to Dallas, San Francisco, Miami, and Hawaii.

SENIOR SCOTT MESSEL was this year's recipient of Southwest's Scholar-Athlete honor. The award is given by the St. Louis *Post-Dispatch* to high school seniors who exhibit a combination of athletic and academic excellence. Along with other scholar-athletes, Scott was honored May 12 in the Khorassan Room of the Chase Park Plaza Hotel. He was honored further as he was one of the top six of the 135 other award winners. This was the first time SW's participant received this honor. The Master of Ceremonies was Jack Buck.

SENIORS PAUL WEISE and Bill Tolen have each received scholarships, Paul as a National Merit Scholarship Finalist, and Bill for placing in the National Achievement Competition for Black Students. Bill will attend Florida A & M and Paul will go to Mizzou.

SENIOR CHERYL PFIEL was chosen second runner up in the fourth annual Miss Drill Team St. Louis competition, held at Affton High School on May 7.

Cheryl was the only Pom Pon girl from Southwest to place in the top five since the competition started four years ago. She placed third out of sixteen.

THE COMMUNITY Association of Schools for the Arts have awarded a full tuition in voice to sophomore Paula Ingram and a partial tuition to Junior Tom Enders. Another partial tuition went to junior Lori McLemore, who is currently enrolled at CASA.

The students were auditioned and this is the first year that CASA has awarded scholarships to voice students.

SOPHOMORES LYNN GAVIN and Janice Herrmann were named co-winners for their design entry for the W. C. Handy float to be in next fall's Veiled Prophet Parade. It has not yet been decided if Southwest's Jazz Band will perform on the float.

JUNIOR MARK SMITH received the Harvard Book Award for "combined excellence in scholarship with achievement in other fields." It is a prestigious award given annually by the Harvard alumni of St. Louis. Presented to selected juniors, the book consists of essays about college life and life in general by Harvard professors and former Harvard students.

In Memoriam

Senior Joseph Sharamitaro died Saturday, May 7, as a result of injuries suffered in a car-train collision. He was to have graduated next Wednesday.

His funeral was held May 11 at Kreighauser Mortuary. Members of the student body and faculty attended the services. A funeral mass was held at St. James Church. He was buried at the New St. Marcus Cemetery. During advisory, a moment of silence was observed in memory of him.

"Joe was a pleasure to have in my seventh period class," commented Mr. Calvert Lecuyer, Business Education instructor. "He had a good sense of humor and had a sunny disposition. We miss him very much."

What's Happening?

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| May | 31 | Senior Tests-Period 3,4,6 |
| June | 1 | Senior Tests-Period 1, 2, 5, 7 |
| | 1 | Spring Athletic Banquet - Redeemer Church |
| | 2 | Graduation Rehearsal, Caps & Gowns Distributed, 9:15 a.m. |
| | 3 | Senior Prom, Bel-Air Hilton Downtown, 8 p.m. |
| | 6 | Senior Luncheon, 1 p.m., Top of the Sevens |
| | 8 | Graduation Rehearsal, Keil Auditorium - 9 a.m.
Graduation, 8 p.m., Keil Opera House |
| | 9 | Final Exams, Period 2, 4 and 7 |
| | 10 | Final Exams, Period 3, 5 and 6 |
| | 13 | Final Exams, Period 1 |
| | 13-15 | Summer School Registration at Southwest 8 a.m. to noon |
| | 22 | Summer school begins at McKinley & Vashon |

Danforth Project May Aid SW

In an effort to promote student involvement and identify leadership to deal with problems concerning schools, community and government, the Danforth Foundation has chosen five Southwest juniors to participate in a youth program.

The five are Mark Meyer, Lyle Levine, Annette Ruffkahr, Leslie Williams and Laura Emory. The two alternates are Cindy Armbruster and Diana Hohner.

Students attend a series of workshops concerning city government, schools and the community and will also attend a two-week summer camp in Wisconsin to

learn leadership techniques.

Each committee from the twelve participating schools is to choose and solve a problem in the community or school. Lyle explained that SW committee has decided tentatively to set up a business course in the SW curriculum to teach students "how to manage money." He explained that they can only hope to prepare the course which may not start until the year after they graduate.

The five finalists will also serve as a special committee with Student Council next year.

Seniors '77



A Fast Four Years for Seniors

1973-74

Remember that frightening day, a little less than four years ago, called Freshman Orientation? Far from being oriented, most of us were completely lost. We laughed at SC President Karl Everhart and his car made of people, mostly to distract ourselves from thoughts of "What am I doing here?"

Returning the next Tuesday we still didn't know where our classes were and were scared of being late. Worse yet, now we were faced with seniors, juniors, and sophomores yelling "New Jay, Freshman!"

Amazingly, we survived. Learning about pep auds, Hello Day and football wasn't too bad. Homecoming was a great success as The Green Machine defeated Cleveland, 33-0. Senior Lydia Aksentijevic, who few of us "little people" knew, served as Miss SW. *Fiddler on the Roof*, starring senior Mike Kerch, was the year's operetta. The next big event, Spirit Week, was cancelled by snow, not that we minded too much. It was rescheduled, with the theme of "Monsters," when we returned.

Features of the week included Carla Giles in her own aud, a traditional slave auction, and the election of class kings and queens. Ours were Kathy James and Tim O'Mara. The lettermen lost, as usual, to the faculty as the year sped by. The I.D., which we've all come to love so much was introduced that fateful spring though as yet it wasn't too strictly enforced. The year ended on a happy note with the presentation of the spring play, *The Mouse That Roared*, with senior Ned Thurman played the leading role of Tully.

By Mary Elliott

1974-75

The 1974-75 year marked the first and only year B-team sports were not played because of the failure of the tax election. However, varsity soccer, tennis, baseball, and football all received PHL titles. SW won the All-Sports Award and shared the Sportsmanship trophy, but the football team missed out on going to state because of the intricate points system.

Mr. Marvin Koenig became principal and Mr. Max Carlisle became assistant principal that year.

Changes also came to SW in the form of music in the cafeteria and having one's

1975-76 By Margie Fichtenmayer

A wise man once said, "There's a first time for everything." This was certainly true last year when SW established its first chapter of the National Honor Society, the juniors took their first trip, all students had open-lunch privileges (which didn't last long), and the homecoming parade was dropped because of the loss of our Marching Band for lack of funds.

System-wide changes also took place. We started the year with a new superintendent, Dr. Robert E. Wentz. After seven years of effort, the tax levy passed, and the Federal Court issued a consent decree for desegregation of the St. Louis public schools.

Among entertainment for the year, we experienced a Hello Day spectacular featuring former SW students, Mama's Pride, who now have a contract with Atlantic Records. Governor Kit Bond visited SW during the "Wild West" spirit week which also offered pinball players a chance to show off their talent.

We mustn't forget our production of *Mame*, the crowning of Maureen Sutherlin as Miss SW, the selection of Janis Mastis and Scott Messel as king and queen at the Junior Ring Dance, and the Bicentennial festival on the quadrangle, where we saw a variety of performances.

Athletics for the year were pretty good for all our teams, particularly soccer which won its fourth PHL in a row, even though the season was moved to the fall. Swimmers took the PHL title from Roosevelt.

By Richard Maskell

schedule changed after the first semester. It was also that last year that there were four lunches.

Hello Dolly was the operetta for the year. One of the most memorable auds, "The Wizard of Oz" was performed. Remember Rob Woodward as the Tin Man?

Miss SW was Vickie Wood and Paul Weise became Sophomore Pilgrim.

A PIONEER poll taken during 1974 showed that Bachman Turner Overdrive was ranked as the majority's favorite group.

1976-77

You finally made it! Senior year and it's almost over. Looking back on this year, we have a lot of things we can feel proud of. Look at the improvements and changes that have been made. New tables and chairs in the cafeteria (we finally got them, even though it was only two months before graduation), and soda available in the cafeteria lines, which was accomplished by the Student Council Problems Committee. The Activities Committee worked hard to give us one of the best dances we've had all year, Hello Day, featuring the March Hare Band.

There were also a lot of well-planned activities. For example, this was the first year to have a Basketball Homecoming, where Seniors Bob Woodward and Karen Brunsman were crowned Senior King and Queen. Let's not forget the Football Homecoming where Lesa Morris reigned as Miss Southwest. Spirit Week was also a big success with "Movie Stars" as its theme. Another big hit was the Operetta, *Brigadoon*.

Will all the good things like that happening you might expect some things to change for the worse. For instance, this was the first year that the Junior and Senior Trips were cancelled. This was also the first year of the Magnet School Program.

We also have new faculty members in new positions. We had a new assistant principal, Mr. Maurice Grant, and Mr. Steve Warmack stepped up from counselor to assistant principal. Mrs. Schaeffer took over Mr. Warmack's counseling position.

The biggest senior project was the Toys for Tots campaign which exceeded all other campaigns in the past, with a total contribution of \$2,714.31.

By Debbie Baker

We've Only Just Begun

Seniors React to Four-year Stay

By Richard Maskell

As graduation day draws near, many seniors reflect on what has happened to them during their four-year stay.

PIONEER asked seniors a variety of questions pertaining to their likes and dislikes about Southwest.

Most seniors had positive attitudes about the years. Cheryl Marchand commented, "I enjoyed high school. It's been the best years of my life so far. I'm really amazed that in four years I can still buy my lunch for 25 cents." (That's for rolls and a soda.)

John Regan said, "I have no big complaints, I liked being in Senior Class and playing Santa Claus for Toys for Tots."

Many expressed a liking for the social atmosphere and lifestyle that high school presented. "I had fun meeting new people and being able to have freedom without being restricted to the point of rule after rule," stated Chris Caldwell.

Beth Brunkhorst remarked, "I liked making such a large variety of friends, I enjoyed being able to leave school daily my senior year for Honors Art. There are ups and downs in high school, but it's worth it."

"I gained the chance to meet a lot of new people and get a fairly decent education," added Harry Lohse.

"I liked going to the various sports activities, especially football," replied Veda Allen when asked what she liked best.

Barb Gleason acknowledged, "I liked the athletic programs offered at SW, although programs for the girls could have been better."

Howard Richards maintained, "All the girls were the best thing of all. The teachers were also pretty good."

Mark Moncure disclosed, "It was a big adjustment from grade school because of the numerous responsibilities."

For some, high school presented a fun time. "School was just one big party!" voiced Casey Turner.

Chris Simonds and Glen Hearold emphasized, "Our highlight was getting Mr. LeCuyer for a teacher this year."

Four years also produced certain dislikes of the school and what went on. Many students expressed a dread for wearing I.D.'s. "I hated to wear my I.D. all of the time. I don't even have it on right now," declared Ana Tsoukas.

Counseling also received a few kicks. Susie Josephs expressed, "You have to go to your counselor to get information and advice for college, but they rarely had time for individual attention."

Carol McElvenney observed, "the counseling wasn't all that great. I was disappointed in it because a lot of kids need help in planning for the future and they didn't really get it."

Schedule changes caused some grumbling too. "I disliked the fact that they cut out many of the first-hour classes and not being able to come home early because of that," expressed Karen Payne. This affected many students' after-school activities. It also made the 3:15 p.m. buses more crowded.

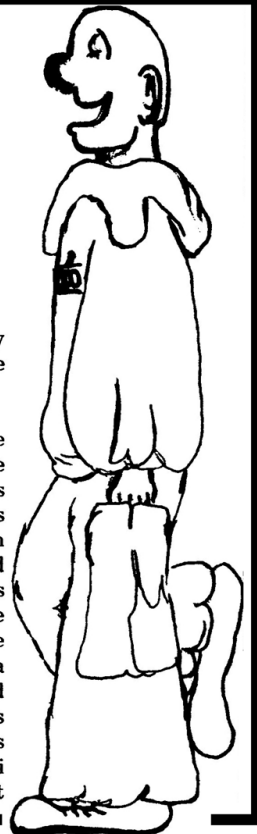
The numerous guards and security measures for students' safety against outsiders met with some disapproval. "It's like being in a prison," commented Billie Graham.

Some people didn't like who they were sitting next to. Pete Heddel humorously announced, "I didn't like sitting with Ted Bouras at lunch!"

"I didn't like sitting with Pete Heddel at lunch," retorted Ted.

Many were just glad senior year was over. "It was something I had to put up with, so I just grinned and bore it," stated Nevels Scott.

Beth Tobias added, "I'm glad it's all over and I'm finally getting out."



Super Seniors Establish Titles

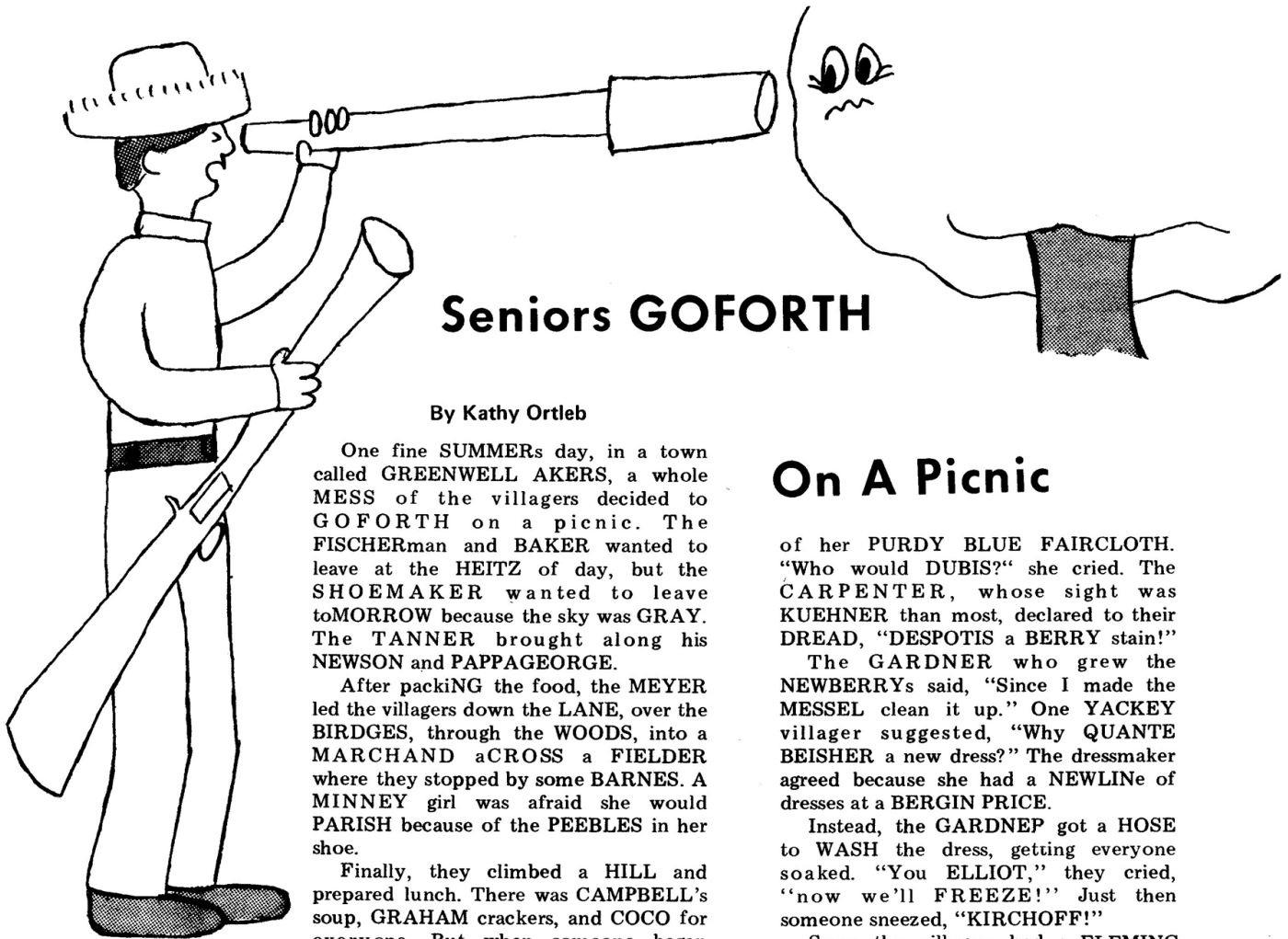
These are the results of the remaining Southwest Senior Superlatives not covered by ROUNDUP. Hopefully, these seniors will long be remembered for their titles. In case you forget, here they are forever in print:



Cutest Dimples
Biggest Flirt
Tallest
Shortest
Biggest Gossip
Most Bashful
Best Musician
Prettiest Eyes
Prettiest Hair
Best Smile
Biggest Clown
Worst Joke Teller
Messiest Locker
Cutest
Most Freckles

Lesla Morris, Mike Blase
Mindy Berry, Paul Weise
Terri Lorino, Howard Richards
Nancye Burris, Clifton Koons
Cathy Edington, John Regan
Debbie Quante, John Loveland
Sue Schoenbeck, Ted Bouras
Marian Bergin, Larry Freeze
Sandy Coughlin, Nick Vitale
Angela Torrente, Tim O'Mara
Terry Meyer, Rob Woodward
Betty MacKinnon, George Despotis
Valorie Jenkerson, Chris Simonds
Janis Mastis, Craig Gasperoni
Carol McElvenney, Dan McDermott

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Seniors GOFORTH

By Kathy Ortleb

One fine SUMMERS day, in a town called GREENWELL AKERS, a whole MESS of the villagers decided to GOFORTH on a picnic. The FISCHERman and BAKER wanted to leave at the HEITZ of day, but the SHOEMAKER wanted to leave tomorrow because the sky was GRAY. The TANNER brought along his NEWSON and PAPPAGEORGE.

After packing the food, the MEYER led the villagers down the LANE, over the BIRDGES, through the WOODS, into a MARCHAND aCROSS a FIELDER where they stopped by some BARNES. A MINNEY girl was afraid she would PARISH because of the PEEBLES in her shoe.

Finally, they climbed a HILL and prepared lunch. There was CAMPBELL's soup, GRAHAM crackers, and COCO for everyone. But when someone began VINING, "I NEEDHAM," they realized they were SHORT. CLARK BARRs and candy CAINEs were supplied for dessert.

"I'm FULLER than anyone," remarked ROBINSON, although everyone knew he wanted MOORE.

When they were almost DUNN, KELLY discovered a stain on the HEMM

On A Picnic

of her PURDY BLUE FAIRCLOTH. "Who would DUBIS?" she cried. The CARPENTER, whose sight was KUEHNER than most, declared to their DREAD, "DESPOTIS a BERRY stain!"

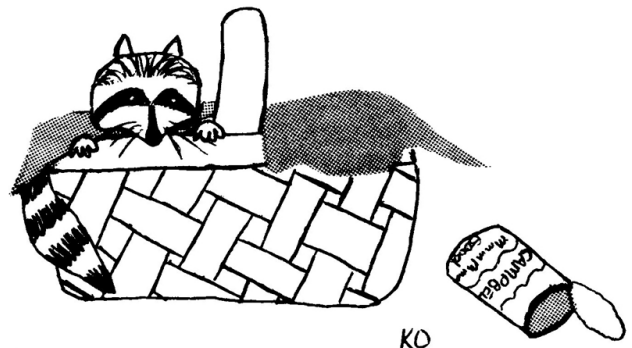
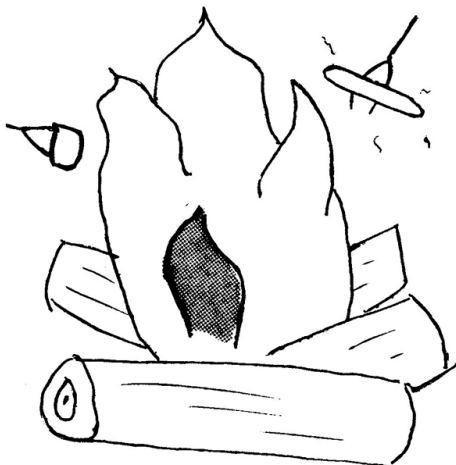
The GARDNER who grew the NEWBERRYs said, "Since I made the MESSEL clean it up." One YACKEY villager suggested, "Why QUANTE BEISHER a new dress?" The dressmaker agreed because she had a NEWLINE of dresses at a BERGIN PRICE.

Instead, the GARDNEP got a HOSE to WASH the dress, getting everyone soaked. "You ELLIOT," they cried, "now we'll FREEZE!" Just then someone sneezed, "KIRCHOFF!"

Soon the villagers had a FLEMING BLASE going to warm them up.

Suddenly they realized that someone had sTOLEN the remaining food. DECLUE of the CASE was some KERLEY WHITE fur caught in a CRAIG. Perhaps the thief was a WOLFF, AMOS, or a FOX. Just then, two rascal raKOONS, with MASKELLS around their eyes, scampered away.

Since the mystery was solved, the MEYER said, "Let's get GOEHRING," and they KEHM home.



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35 Grams May Cost 5 Years

Have you ever had that feeling in your life that someone was watching you? He doesn't have any reason, but still he's there watching. Someone is waiting just outside your door to take you away.

That feeling is known as being paranoid. St. Louis citizens who partake in the use of controlled substances (pot, hash, alcohol, etc.) have every reason to be paranoid.

According to the St. Louis Police Department, there were 2,177 people taken into custody for narcotic violations in 1975. Last year's figures are not available yet, but they are said to be increasing.

With the marijuana laws constantly changing, many people are led astray by false facts and figures.

According to Missouri Statutes, persons arrested for the first time for possession of 35 grams or less of marijuana or 5 or less grams of hash are subject to not more than 1 year in a county jail, or not more than \$1,000 fine, or any combination of both.

Persons arrested the second time for possession of 35 or less grams of marijuana or 5 or less grams of hash are subject to not more than 5 years in state prison, or

By Don Villella

not more than 1 year in a county jail, or not more than \$1,000 fine, or any combination of the three.

Persons arrested for possession of 35 or more grams of marijuana or 5 or more grams of hash are subject to not more than 5 years in state prison, or not more than 1 year in a county jail, or not more than \$1,000 fine, or any combination of the three.

If this is not confusing enough, the right of search and seizure of a vehicle is more complicated. As one St. Louis Police office put it, "It is a very confusing situation. Many officers may not be the most authoritative source of

information. Your best bet would be to confer with a lawyer."

The state of Missouri gives the right of search and seizure if a traffic violation has been committed, or if the officer has reason to believe that the vehicle contains contraband or a controlled substance.

After stopping the vehicle, the officer can search for contraband. If the driver refuses the right of search, then he is taken into custody and the vehicle is searched at the Police Department's convenience.

The situation is a never-ending circus, where the users continually sneak and hide from the police who continually search (sometimes innocent people) and hassle people (especially young people). It all seems like a game.

Habit-Forming Cure for Boredom

By Cindy Browne

A whole new world is opened up for students with the beginning of summer vacation. For some, it's sports or travel, while for others it's daytime television.

When you enter the world of the soap operas, nothing is simple. To walk across the street, our poor hero has to deal with lonely widows by the scores, outwit blackmailers by the dozens, shun persistent reporters looking for a scandal and avoid nosy neighbors.

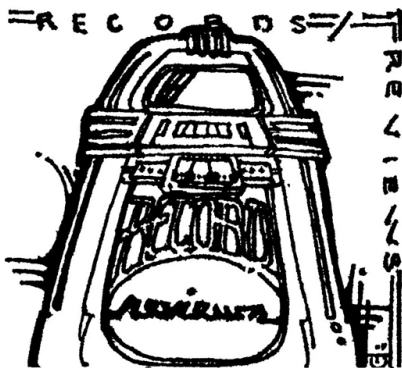
The most remarkable thing about many soap operas is that they are interchangeable. For instance, it is possible to watch an episode of one serial, switch channels and know exactly what is happening on the other one. A breath of fresh air in the hectic realm of the soap opera is "Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman." Though not a part of daytime television, she managed to work her way into the hearts of many serial-watching Americans.

Some people feel that these daytime serials are much too dramatic, but some like them for that reason.

"I watch them because they are more exciting than my life," commented junior Mary Schnelle.

Junior Alexandra Pelekanou attributes her soap opera habit to boredom. "I didn't have anything else to do during the summer so I started watching them."

Whether through boredom or interest, soap opera watchers have plenty of food for their habit. Fourteen of these daytime programs are payed during the average television viewing day.



Rufus, Eagles Cut Surprising Albums

By Bill Morris

There were two new releases that stood out in my mind recently, both of which were surprising. They are "Ask Rufus," by Rufus, and "Hotel California," by the Eagles.

Rufus' latest release shows that the band is good for more than just dance music.

Lead vocalist Chaka Khan's singing style shows through on the cuts "At Midnight," "Close the Door," and "Better Days." She proves she can be mellow also on "Magic in Your Eyes," "Earth Song," and "Everlasting Love."

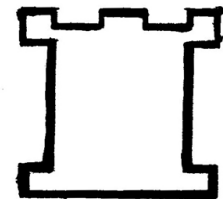
Bassist Bobby Watson and Drummer Andre Fisher deserve mention because of their performance as a unit rather than two individuals. It is because of them that

the band holds together so well on the faster cuts. (Check out "A Flat Fry" on side one.) Overall, a good album.

The new Eagles' release seems to be a theme album, and the theme is—you guessed it—California. There are two things that stand out about this album, the superb guitar work by newest member Joe Walsh and all the negative aspects of life on the west coast. "The Last Resort" strongly voices the group's dissent ("They call it paradise don't know why / you call someplace paradise / kiss it goodbye"). With hard-driving tracks like "Victim of Love" and "Life in the Fast Lane" and laid-back numbers like "Wasted Time" and "Pretty Maids all in a Row."

It's a well balanced album one of their best so far.

Picture Palace



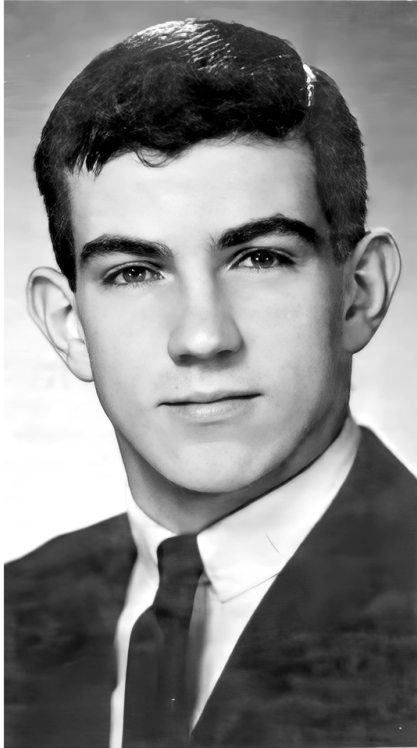
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Former Students Turn Teachers

By Debbie Baker



A FORMER SW student, now a SW teacher, smiles for his senior picture in 1965. Can you guess who he is?

Once a teacher always a teacher? Not true. Some teachers at our school were once just everyday normal students. Those teachers are: Mr. Wallace Droste, Mr. Warren Rolf, Mr. Kent Forrest, and Mr. Ralph Sneed.

Neither Mr. Droste, Mr. Rolf, or Mr. Forrest knew that they wanted to be teachers, let alone teach at the same school where they were once students.

"I didn't know that I wanted to be a teacher until I was in college," said Mr. Forrest. "I knew I wanted to be a teacher in high school," said Mr. Sneed, "but I was thinking more in the way of a physical education teacher instead of a science teacher."

"I wanted to be a doctor, or an electrician, or a teacher," said Mr. Droste.

It is sometimes hard to believe that teachers were once just like the rest of us. Mr. Forrest was in the bowling club, Mr. Rolf was in the Boy's Glee Club, Mr. Droste was in Student Council and played the trombone in band, and Mr. Sneed was a member of the football team, Student Council, A Cappella Choir, Senior Class, and the Lettermen's Club.

All four teachers agreed that there were many changes in the school between the time they were students and the time they came back as teachers.

"The library was up in the counseling office," said Mr. Forrest, "the food was a lot better and we had much more of a variety than we do now."

"The school isn't as clean as it was when I was here," said Mr. Sneed.

"There were no shop classes, no free study, and no smoking," said Mr. Rolf. "If you wanted to smoke, you had to go outside by the loading ramp."

Almost all of the teachers agreed that they like teaching at this school, but even that has changed. "When I went here the kids had more respect for their teachers and weren't as permissive as they are today," said Mr. Droste.

"We had stiffer punishments and more discipline than we do now," said Mr. Sneed. "A person could get kicked out of school for not studying," said Mr. Forrest.

"Overall, the students we have now have more originality than we did and a lot are just as good or better than we were," said Mr. Droste.

Who knows? Maybe some of us will become teachers and come back to Southwest.

Lack Of Runners Proves Fatal

Despite the strong outlook of the Southwest Cindermen in the St. Louis Indoor District meet, they placed seventh in the PHL Relays, May 10, with Sumner taking first and Soldan taking second.

"The meet should have been called off. It was raining and nobody felt like doing anything," stated Coach Bud Wallack.

Assistant Coach Larry Davis added, "Our major difficulty was the lack of senior division runners. There just weren't enough seniors to enter all the competitions."

On May 12, the State Preliminaries held at Florissant Valley began with Senior Aninias Hill pulling his muscle while running the 120 high-hurdles.

Junior Ken Judd took a first place and third place in shot put and the discus and junior Rich Newcomb took third in pole vault, both qualifying for state.

"We lost a lot of good men to jobs, grades, and injuries but, hopefully, next year we will have a big junior and senior division," Newcomb stated.

Mr. Davis said, "This was kind of a transition year because Mr. Wallach and I were new to the coaching of track."

Mr. Wallach added, "The team wasn't organized well, but that was my fault. Next year we'll know what we want to do when we want to do it."

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Tennis Ends Strong, Has Big Potential

The Southwest Tennis Team, despite its lack of experience, put on a good demonstration of ability and potential for next year.

Even though the team was made up completely of new players, it was a strong competitor for the PHL crown.

SW finished second in PHL behind Cleveland. The match against Cleveland was the deciding match of the season. SW lost, 3-2. The first doubles team of junior Jim Niemann and sophomore Greg Schumann scored an impressive victory. The second doubles team of freshman Eric and Mark Maichel overcame their inexperience to win their match also.

The weakest spots this year were the singles positions. Singles players freshman Roland Smith, junior Mfon Aqua and freshman Kevin McDonald show the ability and potential to dominate PHL next year.

Coach Carolyn Siegel has given the team a strong winning spirit. "These guys are fantastic. They're really dedicated tennis players," she stated.

The team demonstrated its ability by compiling a PHL record of 36-4.

Co-Captain Niemann commented on next year's team: "Next year, we'll be tenacious."

photo by Henry Voges



FIRST DOUBLES PLAYER Junior Jim Niemann stretches to power his serve into his opponent's court in the meet against Central on May 17. Southwest won, 5-0.

Girls Fail To Qualify For State

"I'm really pleased," Girls Track Coach Earline Falker commented, with a slightly hidden smile. Coach Falker is surprised to see the improvement in her girls' times. Freshman Candace Williams, a good sprinter, has improved her 440 time. She is now one of the best sprinters, with a best time of 64.2.

"When I highlight them it keeps them wanting to do something," stated Coach Falker. The light has shined on senior Karen Brents most of the year as she continues to be a steady performer in the 880.

On May 7, Southwest girls competed in the district meet at O'Fallon, but failed to qualify anyone for the state meet in Lebanon. Karen Brents, with a very gallant effort, missed qualifying in the 880 by a nose. Senior Terry Lorina placed fourth in the softball throw. The medley relay team placed fifth.

At the McNeil Relay, Karen Brents won first in the 880, sophomore Antoinette Bridges placed third in the 440 and freshmen Kathy Kieffer placed second in the shot put.

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Softball Ends Season

The girls' Softball Team ended their season May 17 and when they defeated St. Elizabeths, 14-4. Through the first five innings, St. Elizabeth held Southwest to a 2-0 lead. In the fifth inning, SW rallied for 10 runs. The momentum changed when junior Nancy Simmonds hit a grand slam after the first three batters walked. SW went on to score 10 runs in the fifth, 1 run in the sixth, and 3 runs in the seventh innings.

The team finished their season one game under .500 with a record of 4 wins and 5 losses. More games were scheduled but were called off on account of rain.

The players played expressed their feeling in this way, "We want to thank Mrs. Techner and Mr. Albright for coaching. If it wasn't for them, we could not of even had a team. Thanks!"

Longhorns Take PHL With Pitching

With junior Rick Garozzo striking out fourteen Wolverines, the mighty Baseball Longhorns downed Vashon, 6-1 and wrapped up a perfect 9-0 league record. This was the third straight title for Coach Ed Graham's teams. Junior Al McNeil supplied the fire-power as he contributed three hits.

Garozzo finished the season with a 6-0 record. Pitching 37 innings, the stout left-hander struck out 70 and walked only 3. His earned run average was an amazing 1.11.

But Garozzo wasn't the only outstanding pitcher. Senior Joe Finocchio, the other half of the "Italian Connection", finished the year with a strong 5-1 mark.

In his last outing Finocchio allowed just one hit to a baffled Cleveland team, as Southwest thumped the Dutchmen, 10-0. Finocchio also banged out two line drive base hits and drove in three runs in the May 17 contest.

Junior Daryl White proved SW had a well-rounded pitching staff as he extended his record to 4-0 with an 8-1 defeat of Roosevelt. This Friday the 13th became a lucky day for McNeil as he slashed out another three hits.

Garozzo again starred as he pitched his



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SENIOR CO-CAPTAIN Scott Messel hook-slides into second base with a dusty double in the Steers' 10-0, thrashing of Cleveland on May 17.

best game of the year against Central. Allowing only one bloop single, Rick struck out sixteen and the Longhorns walked away with a 4-0 triumph.

With Garozzo, White, Craig Ummel and John Smelcer returning on

the pitching staff and Rich Juedemann, McNeil and Joe Heiple returning with their big bats, the Longhorns should again be a strong contender for the PHL Crown in 1978. No team has ever won four titles in a row.

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