



RENO SWEENEY' PLAYED by junior Lisa Pisciotta, talks Sir Eveland Oakliegh, played by senior Steve Finch, into "misbehaving" in Southwest's production of Anything Goes.

Photography by Ann Voges

SW Remembers 40 Years Of Existence

by Marcia Davis and Sherri Davis

September 7, 1937, Southwest opened its doors to students and faculty for the first time. Forty years have come and gone since that first day of school, along with a number of traditions, clubs, and other school activities.

Constructed in the time of the Depression years, Southwest did not have access to the same facilities that other public high schools had. The school was built to accommodate only 1300 students, with a teaching staff of 48 members.

No official name was given to the school when it first opened. Because of its location, the idea of calling the school 'Southwest' developed among the student body. When the Board of Education later decided to name the school "Riddick" after a St. Louisan who had contributed a lot to the St. Louis Public School system, the students objected. As a protest, the students staged a walk out, and eventually, the school was officially named "Southwest High School."

When Southwest opened, there was no graduating class. The first class to graduate was in 1939, with 116 seniors.

Although the first graduating class only had eight lettermen, Southwest wasted no time in forming its athletic teams. The first football team was formed in 1939, competing in six games. Basketball, soccer, and track and field teams were also formed. Southwest did not dominate public

high school athletics the first couple of years because of their inexperience. But as a whole, Southwest was rated as a first class high school on May 1, 1939.

When the teams were formed, there was a need to choose the school colors and emblem. The school emblem was designed by a student, Bob Walker, and the colors green and gold, were chosen over the combination of green and white.

Clubs were also organized when Southwest opened. For example, SW offered Ice Skating, Bowling, and Archery clubs. In 1939, a band was also established. Although the school had a small student body, each club had at least 30 members.

Roundup and Pioneer were established and published in 1938. Roundup was six and one half by nine and one half inches, which was rather small compared to its present size, which is eleven and one fourth by eight and one half inches.

Annually, the senior class presented plays, until 1940, when the first Operetta was introduced.

When the doors of Southwest opened on September 7, 1937, it was not just a symbolization of the opening of a new high school, but it also symbolized the beginning of an institution, that in the future would show a large amount of flexibility, and a great ability to adapt to change and new ideas.

Some of these new ideas and changes shall be published in a continuation of this article in the next issue of Pioneer.

Today Is The Last Day

to wish your friends

Merry Christmas in print

(orders taken outside of aud., 5th period
& in the cafeteria

Age Gap Generates Conflict

by Valerie Jones

What ever happened to the generation gap? Does it still exist? What exactly is a generation gap? A common definition of a generation gap is the lack of communication and understanding between different age groups. Also there is a difference in opinion and an unwillingness to compromise. Yes, this situation still exists today between the age groups, especially among students and their parents.

In the teen years when various changes in life occur, and problems and difficult situations arise, who can a teen-ager turn to? Parents would be the logical people, but many students find their parents difficult to relate to. Many students have a fear of talking to their parents because they might not feel the same way. Others don't even bother to discuss their problems and feelings with their parents, believing that they won't understand.

Not only are students unwilling to talk, but some parents won't listen. "I wish my mother would control her temper and just listen to what I have to say and then comment on what has been said," stated junior Dana Bulter.

Some parents may be too busy or too bogged down in their own problems to have the time and patience to listen. "We have nine kids in our family and that causes some lack of communication," remarked junior Laurie Psaris.

Another possible reason for the lack of communication is the changing ways of the world. "My mother says not to talk to her and ask her questions because our generation does things so differently and she really doesn't understand," stated senior Toni Knoll.

"Generally parents were stricter when my parents were growing up. My parents are always giving me

that 'When I was growing up' or 'In my days' line," commented junior Larry Dougherty.

"I think the basic principles and the reasons for doing things in life stay the same throughout time," stated junior Cheryl Jolly.

Many students of divorced parents also experience lack of communication and understanding. "I can't get really close to my father because I have spent so many years without him," stated Toni.

Students not relating to parents usually turn to a close relative or friend. In most cases this is an older person. "First, I try to handle the problem by myself, but if the situation becomes too complicated, I will then turn to someone for help. I feel more comfortable talking to my sister about family and social problems. Problems concerning

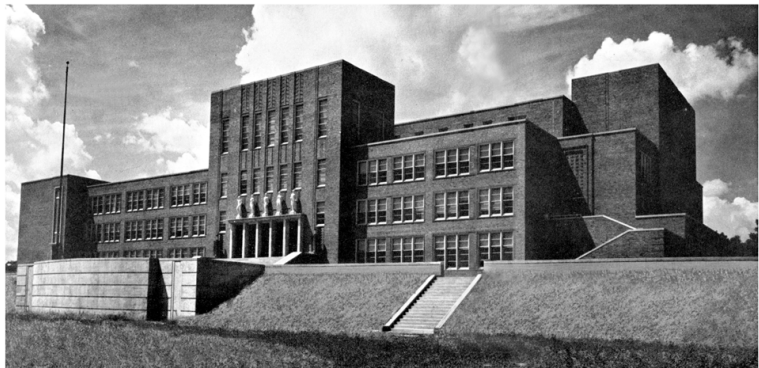
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SOUTHWEST AS IT was 40 years ago. Built during the Depression years, it was a relatively small school until the new building was added. Photo reproduced from 1937 ROUNDUP by ROUNDUP photographer Dave Schaefer.

Vandals Hurt Aud, Operetta Goes On!

by Roy Ivey

The Operetta was produced despite the burglary and malicious vandalism committed in the Auditorium Tues., Nov. 22, resulting in some \$2000.00 damage.

Junior Paul McAllister and former student Matthew Finn were arrested and booked suspected of burglary, stealing and destruction of property.

Police found two missing microphones in Matt Finn's car.

Extensive damage was done to the aud public address system. Two amplifiers, one preamp, four microphones, four phone head sets and five microphone cords were cut. The switch board was severely damaged and knobs broken off.

Matt Finn, one time president of the Audio-Visual Club was stripped of his post and transferred to Cleveland after certain irregularities were discovered. Paul McAllister was also removed from A.V. this year.

Mr. Hatfield, Assistant Principal, when asked about the damaged aud said, "It was nothing but spiteful destruction."

Mr. McKissick, director of the A.V. Club said, "The damage done

was pertinent and done only in an attempt to delay the Operetta.

Mr. Ecker, Administrative Assistant, said the vandals' entrance had been found and measures had been taken to strengthen the security in that area. The aud had no burglar alarm system because it was believed nothing of value could be stolen.

Mr. Ecker also said the school and police were looking into prior break-ins.

Mr. Koenig, Principal, said, "This incident has definitely marred the entire school."

Mr. Koenig then added, "Locks have been changed and will be changed in various parts of the building."

Mr. McKissick, the Audio Visual director, felt the incident has deeply hurt the members of A.V.

"Occasionally, a student is given authority—sometimes he can handle it and sometimes it's too much." "Jail may not be the answer; whoever did it needs help," commented Mr. McKissick.

"A.V. is down, but we're not out."

What's Happening?

- 14 Choir—caroling at Pet Milk Building at 10:45-1:30
- 15 Chamber Winds Holiday Concert—12:00 at Plaza Frontenac
- Choir—caroling at Executive Building and Hullings from 10:00-3:15
- 18 Chamber Winds Holiday Concert at Centenary Methodist Church—55 Plaza Square—at 10:45 a.m.
- 19 Bloodmobile in New Girls' Gym from 9:00-2:00
- 20 Sacred Christmas Concert Aud. during 6th Period for selected classes
- 22 Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Aud. during 5th Period
- Chamber Winds Holiday Concert at Plaza Frontenac at 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Christmas Aud. during 2nd Period—3rd Period cancelled
- Choir—caroling in halls during 6th Period
- Last day of classes before winter break

Etiquette is Excusable

In this vast world people are often faced with embarrassing moments, while eating.

Biting into a sausage and cheese pizza only to find out that it is blistering hot, should you calmly remove it with your napkin or should you grin and bear it?

Your first night out with him, you're in the movies and he leans over to kiss you, and in your anxiousness you spill cold soda in his lap. You're so humiliated you want to disappear.

Who could leave out slippery spaghetti? Who would ever think that just by turning to your friend to talk, all the slippery spaghetti that was once on your fork would slide down the front of your shirt and onto your lap? It would soon make a believer out of you.

Taking a huge bite out of your Big Mac and all the special sauce, lettuce, cheese, pickles and onions sneak out the other side of your

by Paula Ingram
sesame seed bun. You only hope no one saw you.

You're in a deep conversation with your friend, it's getting juicy, when your gum creeps to the side of your mouth and out onto the table. You quickly put your hand over it and when the right time comes along you discretely stick it under the table; one of the few mistakes you can cover up.

Have you ever been to a formal dinner, and requested a straw with your soda? Unknowingly you drink the last of it, and end up slurping. Your friend nudges you and you look up to find all eyes are focused on you. "I wonder if they'd miss me if I slid under the table?"

With the fast pace of the younger generation, young people have become very impatient. "Anticipation keeps you waiting!" until the ketchup flows from its spout. Then suddenly, to your

surprise it lands on the person across from you instead of your french fries.

Life is full of humiliations and misfortunes, but without these common mistakes, would life be any fun?

"The Fonz" In Lights

by Carolyn Kelly

The movie *Heroes* starring Henry Winkler and Sally Fields seems like a light and comical love story as it starts. But as the end develops, the movie becomes deeply emotional and brings up the tragedy of the Vietnamese War.

Winkler and Fields did an outstanding job in acting. Henry Winkler, as Jack, portrays an insane army veteran of the Vietnam War and Sally Fields, as Carol, is a mixed-up and fickle woman engaged to be married. The pair meet on a bus going to Sedalia, Missouri. Jack is escaping from the hospital for disabled veterans to try to start a business for the veterans. Carol, who is supposed to be married in a few days, is on a pleasure trip. In a touching scene she calls off her marriage because of Jack.

The climax of the story occurs when Jack and Carol reach the house of the second associate, who had actually been killed rescuing Jack in Vietnam. His death left Jack insane; he couldn't cope with the truth. He was scarred by the bombings, gunfire, and terrible casualties. This fact hits the viewer hard and cold, and touches the innermost feelings.

The ending was a total surprise from the expected outcome. The movie is poorly plotted, yet it is touching and serious which saves it from being one of the lost movies.

Say It With Actions

by Vicki Beichel

If you see someone walking down the school halls with a finger in his ear, he just may be trying to tell you something. It's all a part of body language.

Body language is the use of actions and gestures which express emotions. We all use body language without knowing it.

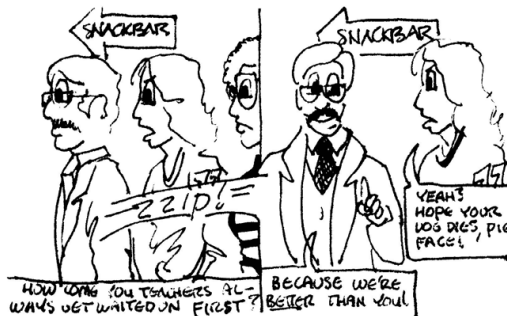
There are now special classes and books which teach us to understand our body language. It is offered as a section of some college communications classes. If everyone was taught to understand these gestures, life could be much easier.

If someone began speaking to you and you turned and faced the opposite direction he may not realize you do not wish to speak to him. If he understood your body language, it would save embarrassment and aggravation on the part of both people.

The expression "it's written all over your face" is true of body language. A lot can be told by facial expression. Feelings such as happiness, sadness, dislike, contentment and disgust can be expressed to name a few. Facial expressions are also the easiest to recognize and understand.

Posture tells a lot about self-confidence and personality. A person who stands straight and holds his head up high probably has more self-confidence than someone who seems to slide down in a chair or holds his head down.

The important thing to remember about body language is that it is impossible not to be saying something at any particular time.



Teachers Butt In!

by Renee Willeke

Should teachers and administrators be allowed to butt in cafeteria lines?

This question has arisen time and again among the student body, but no definite answer has ever been reached.

"Students and teachers are allotted the same length of time in which to get and eat their lunch, and it's unfair for anyone to get in front of anyone else; including teachers!" commented junior Chris Walton.

But Mrs. Anne Marie Medley defended the teachers' "right" by saying, "Theoretically it is not fair, but I think if a poll were taken, most students would agree they (the teachers) are older and their feet are tired."

To this, junior Gail Catanzaro replied, "I've never seen a teacher run from the basement of the new building to the fourth floor, so I doubt that their feet are half as tired as ours!"

Despite the two opposing

viewpoints, Mr. Ronald Zapf has arrived at a compromise. He feels that in a way it is fair, "in that the odds are that teachers have more responsibilities and are in a greater hurry." But, he also believes that if they're not in a hurry, they should stand in line like everyone else.

Mr. Stephen Warmack affirmed, "It would probably foster better relations between teachers and students if teachers were willing to stand in line as the students do."

Another complaint that arises is the way in which teachers butt in line. According to Principal Marvin O. Koenig, the teacher should be courteous, but some just force their way in, without saying "Excuse me" or anything.

So, as far as which viewpoint is right, it really doesn't make much difference. The rule is here to stay, says Mr. Koenig, until he can afford to build a separate cafeteria for the teachers, which will be quite some time in the future.

Marley Rules Reggae

by Mark Smith

So faithful music fan, you're tired of the slick rock of Rampton and Fleetwood Mac, you never did like disco, and you still don't understand punk rock. If you're searching for some type of new sound, you might look into reggae. Specifically, check out the new Bob Marley and the Wailers album called "Exodus."

Bob Marley is probably the biggest force in Jamaican music. Reggae has been going strong in Jamaica for about thirty years but it is just catching on in the rest of the world. If you've never heard reggae try to imagine a mixture of rock, rhythm and blues, calypso, and soul. Probably the most recent example of it would be Eric Clapton's stale, unemotional version of Bob Marley's "I Shot the Sheriff."

The best part of reggae is the rhythm. Marley uses a sustained two-beat riff with the accents on the second and fourth beat. All of side two flaunts this rhythm pattern. Tracks like "Jamming," which has been getting pretty much local air play, "Turn Your Lights Down Low," and "One Love/People Get Ready" all have this hypnotic beat.

The first side is very different. After a somewhat lengthy and bizarre vocal introduction, the band does mainly instrumental pieces, which at times are very jazz dominated. There are a lot of horns which just don't seem to fit in with their sound.

The title "Exodus" comes from the Rastafarian ideas of religion. Besides a belief that alcohol is bad and that ganja (marijuana) is a very positive force in a person's life, the Rastafarians worship Haile Selassie, who they believe still exists as the living God. They also believe there will be a mass exodus of the Jamaican people (Jah people) from Jamaica (Babylon) to Ethiopia (Holy Land). Whether you believe their dogma or not, you can't help but like their music.

Don't Get So Mad

by Don Vilella

Stop! Think before punching.

Although most people don't know it, uncontrollable anger is the number one cause of murder in this country according to statistics published by the U.S. Government.

In psychological terms, anger is an emotional reaction to a certain stimulus, such as frustration. Each individual reacts differently. According to psychologists there are two ways of reacting to anger; anger-in and anger-out.

Anger-in occurs when an individual tries to suppress the frustration and anger within himself. This can be very dangerous to his personality, and he tends to become very depressed and moody.

Anger-out stems from childhood. From about the age of four months infants release their anger through

temper tantrums. Society accepts these temper tantrums from babies, but the problem occurs when the individual matures and still outwardly releases anger.

People who use the anger-out approach think they can solve whatever problem they have by outward expression or violence. Actually this solves nothing at all, but sometimes it can complicate matters.

Psychologists share the opinion that anger-in is more mature than anger-out. But anger-in is much more harmful to the individual. The person who releases his anger outwardly remains angry for a small amount of time. The person who contains anger within himself may become so depressed that his emotional state of mind is on the verge of a breakdown.

TO THE WRITER OF "STUDENT FED UP-COUNSELORS INEFFICIENT." OF COURSE WE ARE INEFFICIENT.

If I were a cartoonist, I would illustrate the fumbling, bumbling, inefficient counselor attempting to write call slips as he phones parents to verify early dismissals, reads the daily bulletin, receives a student's announcement, "I don't have my ID badge" (Why are these non-ID-badgers sent to us?), writes special notes for advisory visits and finally returns to counselees.

Where did that inefficient counselor put the college recommendation that he took so much pain to write in a non-stereotype fashion? The phone is ringing, Joe Freshman's father just received his son's report card- 3F's and 17 absences, and wants an appointment today. Never mind that the inefficient counselor may have planned a small group guidance meeting or must meet a deadline on a data computer report. How what was that program change Sue Sophomore mentioned in the cafeteria? Advanced Gymnastics for Individual Sports or Intro Meteor for Intro Spanish 2?

If a counselor had a free period (administration vetoes free periods for guidance workers) what would he do with it? Excuse me while I answer the phone.

E. Schultz

Are Swats Legal?

by Mark Smith

The recent Supreme Court decision, in a case called *Ingraham v. Wright*, has ruled that corporal punishment (swats, spankings, etc.) in the schools is not unconstitutional. The justices ruled five to four that corporal punishment didn't violate the Eighth Amendment, which prohibits cruel or unusual punishment, or the right to a public hearing before punishment.

The St. Louis Board of Education is very specific on how corporal punishment may be used in the grade schools. Among other things the provisions state, both the teacher and principal must be present and there must be written consent of the parent, when, with what, etc. However, there is nothing written dealing with corporal punishment in the high schools.

Concerning corporal punishment at Southwest, Principal Marvin O. Koenig stated, "I neither condone nor accept corporal punishment and any teacher administering corporal punishment takes all responsibility for his actions."

Apparently some teachers are willing to take this responsibility, because some teachers at Southwest do give swats. A Southwest senior, who wished to remain anonymous, said, "I've seen people get swats in gym class and, personally, I'd rather get a swat than a cut slip."

Since it seems some gym classes are the places where corporal punishment is administered, *Pioneer* interviewed three gym teachers. Miss Burgett stated, "I find no need to use corporal punishment in my gym classes."

Another gym teacher, who asked not to be identified, said, "I give rewards for being dumb. That would be such things as forgetting gym clothes, using foul language, kicking the balls, etc."

In response to the question of what types of disciplinary measures Mr. Graham uses, he stated, "If you want to find out about my type of disciplinary measures take my class. I think the question is less than academic."

A junior, who preferred to remain nameless, seemed to express the sentiments of a large segment of the school when he said, "I've seen some kids get swats in gym class. I don't think anyone likes it, but there's really nothing they can do about it."

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—News & Notes—



JEFF ROGERS STEPS in to assist as Linda Heddell rebounds and Lana Johnson and her team move in at Senior Rec. Night.

Photography by Ann Voges

Math Team Places

Southwest won the third place Boys Team Award in the annual math contest at John F. Kennedy High School November 12. Each student answered 20 written test items.

Mr. Warren Gower, math teacher, said the 16 students were chosen for the contest based on past performance and teacher recommendation.

Four individual awards were given in the freshman, sophomore,

junior and senior categories. Freshman Linda Goebel placed 7, sophomore Ronald Richmann placed 4, junior John Cruisist took 8 and senior Lyle Levine placed 7.

Each student who placed received a certificate of merit.

Mr. Gower stated "I was very pleased with their performance because their competition was very keen."

SW Shares Spirit

The annual Senior Class campaign, Toys for Tots, began on November 28 and will run through December 17. Last year the students and faculty contributed a record high of \$2700. This contribution was twice the amount collected year before last. Due to the loss of 300 students, last year's amount will be hard to match or surpass.

The importance of the project is to provide Christmas joy for the children at Cardinal Glennon Hospital who would not have much of a Christmas. The Target Store in Hampton Village will again give the Senior Class a discount on the toys to be purchased. The presents will be distributed by Santa and

Santas helpers, (Senior Class Officers) Saturday before Christmas.

The Officers will visit each advisory twice a week. According to Miss Chase it is important to keep extra change handy so it will be available at the time of collection. With the Toys for Tots competition, the Senior Class hopes to promote Christmas spirit among advisories. In the close contest, last year Mr. Tepe's advisory continued its winning streak. Is it possible for an advisory to win for four consecutive years? The winning advisory will appear in the 1978 edition of **ROUNDUP**.

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school and work I usually talk over with my parents," commented junior Patience Jones.

The few students who can relate and communicate with their parents are able to express freely their feelings, opinions, and problems. Parents of these students are open-minded about the opinions and view points of their kids. When differences of opinions and view points do occur, acceptance of a compromise would successfully settle disputes.

Communicating doesn't always mean agreeing. Different people have different ways of communicating. "My mother and I wouldn't be happy and satisfied if she didn't fuss and I didn't talk back to a certain extent,"

remarked senior Philip Simms.

When questioned, all of the students interviewed responded that they felt closer to their mother than their father. Also the majority replied that better communications with their parents would improve their lives.

Various suggestions were given for better communication by the people interviewed. Students should attempt to discuss their lives with their parents and parents should attempt to be open-minded and listen to their kids. Both parent and student should accept the way each other is and be willing to compromise with the differences.

Color Signs Teach

A group of foreign language teachers have placed various signs throughout Southwest naming in three different languages, other than English, different places around the school such as the exits, or their German equivalent Ausgang.

The different languages are color coded. French signs are blue, Spanish red, German green, and English black.

"Our purpose in putting up these signs was to expose and attract more students to the foreign language classes. There has been a distinct drop in enrollment so we had to try something," said language teacher Mr. Lewis.

All-City Sing

Fourteen members of Southwest's Concert Choir were selected for the All-City Choir. Mr. Kenneth Billips, Music Supervisor for the St. Louis Public Schools, directed the choir. He was assisted by the music teachers in the other area high schools.

This talented choral group, made up of singers from all the St. Louis Public and Magnet high schools, performed on Nov 10 at the Convention Center to open the Missouri State Teachers Convention.

Southwest was represented by seniors Yvonne Bottorff, Judy Gilbert, Jeanne Hamilton, Martin

Kelly, Bill Nixon, Lynn Pearson, John Riddle, Georgette Taylor, Cathy Williams, juniors John Barrow, John Cronin, Diane Fulk, Peter Williams, and sophomore Tony Phillips.

Students Visit UMSL

Mr. Raymond Feick, biology teacher, and a group of Southwest science students attended UMSL's Biology Honor Student Night.

Students participated in workshops involving the electron microscope and animal behavior.

Mr. Feick chose the students from the Science clubs and his biology and Mammals and Man classes.

"I chose those with career ideas and those I know have a deep interest in biology," said Mr. Feick.

Talks were given on different topics involving biology.

Students also had a chance to talk to both professors and graduate students of UMSL.

Bloodmobile Comes

Once again, the bloodmobile is coming to SW. On Dec. 19th in the New Girls' gym, students of 17 yrs. or older may contribute their much-needed blood to the Red Cross. With a goal of 200 pints, it can only be done with the support of the student body, according to Mr. Ray Feick.

Senior Class Active

The Senior Class has been and will be involved in numerous activities this semester. Seniors ordered caps and gowns for June graduation and after savoring the thought of one great occasion they went on to another.

On November 19th, they attended Senior Rec Night where they played volleyball and basketball, and listened and danced to records. After three hours of continuous play the seniors enjoyed popcorn, pretzels, potato chips, and unsweetened lemonade.

The refreshments were funded by the profits from the Senior Class' sale of buttons. The design for the buttons was drawn by Senior Bill Morris.

Kathy Makes State

Concert Choir President Kathy Fincher has been selected for the All-State Choir. Twelve persons from each district in Missouri are chosen for this honor.

Those auditioning are judged on their singing, sight reading ability, tone quality, pitch memory, and expression.

Kathy was the only student from the City of St. Louis who was selected.

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Girls Open Season

The girls' Varsity Basketball Team got off to a slow start, losing to Soldan, 52 to 28, in their first league game, November 18. Saturday's game showed that Southwest has a potentially good team. According to Coach Erline Falker, the team has a weak defense and lacks aggressiveness and speed; they also need "lots of improvement in passing."

The team is made up mostly of juniors and sophomores, with only one returning senior, Co-capt. Laura Dengler. High scorer of the game was freshman center Angelina Bonner with 10 points. Co-capt. Laurie McNamara was second high scorer with 6 points.

"Soldan had us psyched up, and we went into the game expecting to

lose," said junior Laurie McNamara. Southwest's team had trouble getting into the key to shoot and the outside shots were weak.

Southwest played Northwest, December 3 and Vashon on December 8. The next game will be December 15 at 4:00 at McKinley, McKinley vs Southwest. January 5 Southwest plays their first game at Southwest, against Central at 4:00. Since most of SW's games are away from school, there will not be the advantage of home court.

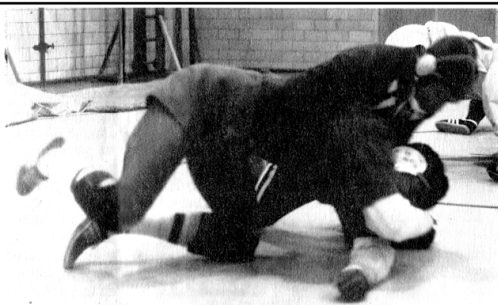
The team has great promise of improving and winning many games by the end of the season. As Coach Falker said, "When the players become more knowledgeable about the game itself, they will begin to win."

Seniors Guide Team

The Varsity Basketball Team was defeated by the Illinois Basketball Champions, Madison, 83-69, November 22, at Madison. They also participated in the double-elimination SLUH Tournament. They defeated St. Mary's 53-34 Wednesday, November 23. Friday, November 25 SW was defeated by Sumner 49-45. They played in the consolation round against Northwest. The team defeated Northwest Saturday, November 26, 54-49 to place third in the tournament.

Coach Robert Vogel said, "We're looking for a great deal of leadership from senior players since we are a senior-oriented team. Co-captains John Smelcer and Wayne Woods along with seniors Joe Jaseur, Mike Funk, and Howard Hill should provide the catalyst for our team."

The team has four returning lettermen and eight seniors. Last year they finished 3-6 in the PHL ahead of Roosevelt, Cleveland, and McKinley.



DURING A PRE-SEASON practice, senior Phil Simms tries to hold senior Maurice Dantzler down.

Photography by Ann Voges

SW Wrestling Opens

SW grapplers took to the mats December 2 as they battled against three other high school teams in the St. Charles Invitational meet.

The meet was the first of the season for the wrestlers. The other schools participating were Kirkwood, St. Charles, and Hannibal. At the time Pioneer went to press, the results from the meet were not known.

Practice for the team began November 15, with a number of enthusiastic participants, 13 of whom are returning wrestlers from last year. Of the 13 returning wrestlers, there are two senior lettermen, Joe Zakibe and Phillip Simms, and three junior lettermen, Mark Church, Scott

Leslie, and Jim Nahmenson.

With all the newcomers, Varsity Wrestling coach Mr. Bud Wallach stated that although there is a lot of young talent, they lack experience. B-team coach Mr. Edgar Graham who shares Coach Wallach's feelings that the team is inexperienced stated, "Most of them have good attitudes."

The attitudes about the team vary among the wrestlers. Heavyweight wrestler Zakibe agrees with his coaches. Senior Darryl Knox stated, "The team will be good if everyone stays in weight."

Simms, who wrestles 132 lbs, commented, "The team will be pretty good if they can get as good mentally as they are physically."

Runners In Second

At the City Championship meet on October 25, Cleveland, and Southwest took first and second places respectively with Sumner disqualified due to the fact that one of their runners was considered ineligible. Southwest runners Paul Sleet, Mark Kelly, Mike Drummond, and Stand Smith all received medals. This was undoubtedly one of the most important meets for the team, according to their coach, Mr. Robert Brown.

Southwest placed fifth in the District meet held in University City on October 28. This meet consisted of teams from U-City, St. Marys, DuBourg, SLUH, and several other St. Louis public high schools. On November 1, at the Freshman-Sophomore meet at O'Fallon Park, Southwest took second place.

Mr. Brown is trying to organize a runners' club for current cross country members and hopefuls for next year.

PHL Calendar

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| 7 Swimming-Southwest vs. Vashon—4:00 p.m. | 20 Wrestling-Southwest vs. Cleveland at Cleveland—4:00 p.m. |
| Wrestling-Southwest vs. Central at Southwest—4:00 p.m. | Basketball-Southwest vs. Maplewood at Southwest—8:00 p.m. |
| 8 Basketball-Southwest vs. Vashon at Southwest—7:30 p.m. | 21 Swimming-Southwest vs. Mehlville at Mehlville—4:00 p.m. |
| 9 Swimming-Southwest vs. Lindbergh at Lindbergh—4:00 p.m. | 27 Basketball-Chaminade Christmas Tournament |
| 13 Swimming-Southwest vs. Beaumont at O'Fallon—4:00 p.m. | 28 Basketball-Chaminade Christmas Tournament |
| 14 Wrestling-Southwest vs. Beaumont at Beaumont—4:00 p.m. | Wrestling-PHL Christmas Tournament at O'Fallon |
| 15 Basketball-Southwest vs. McKinley at Southwest—7:30 p.m. | 29 Basketball-Chaminade Christmas Tournament |
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| 16 Wrestling-Southwest vs. Roosevelt at Southwest—4:00 p.m. | |

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Swim Team Opens Season

Southwest's boys' swim team began practice Nov. 14 at Forest Park Community College. The first meet, against Affton at Affton, was Dec. 2. The meet Dec. 7 was against Vashon at Vashon and today at 4 p.m. against Lindbergh at Lindbergh.

Coach Julie Frank finds it challenging and fun to work with the boys' swim team. "They're enthusiastic and willing to work, attitude is good and that makes for a successful team," commented Ms. Frank.

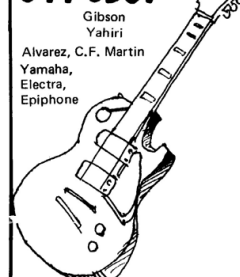
"The nucleus of the team consists of 8 good swimmers," stated Coach Frank. The returning swimmers are seniors Mike Brueggemann, Jim Johnston, Mark Lyle, juniors Doug Finley, Norbert Kembitzky, and sophomores Randy Artale, Constantine Pashos, and Steve Moody.

Ms. Frank hopes to see more of the swimmers go to state this year. She believes they have the potential if they work towards it.

Fall Sports Review

Southwest ranked high in fall sports this year. The Girls' Tennis Team took an undisputed first in PHL, while the Soccer Team tied for first. The Girls' Volleyball and Field Hockey Teams both took second place. The Cross Country Team also placed second after the disqualification of Sumner, while the Football Team dropped into 5th place.

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