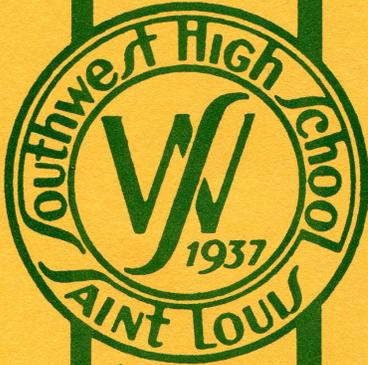


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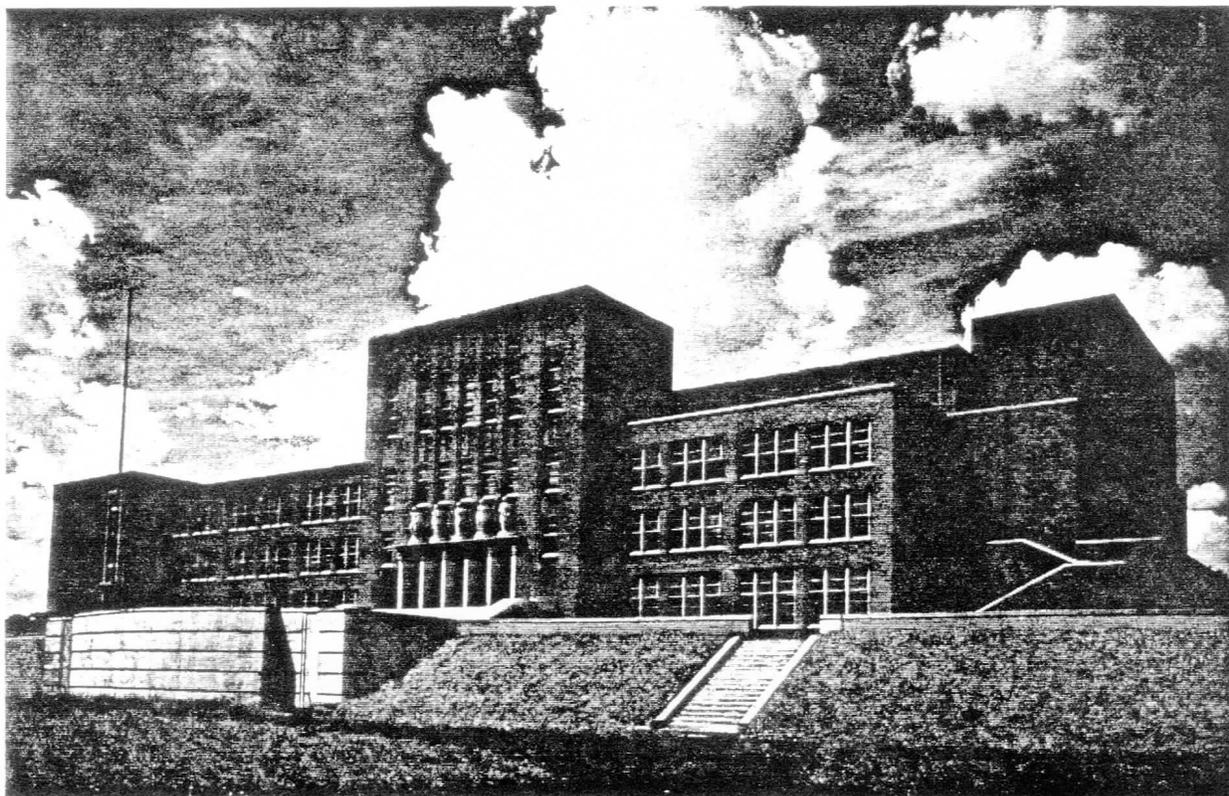
## **FOREWORD**

In putting together this "history" of Southwest High School we are trying to highlight events of the school and their relationship to the conditions in the local and worldwide community.

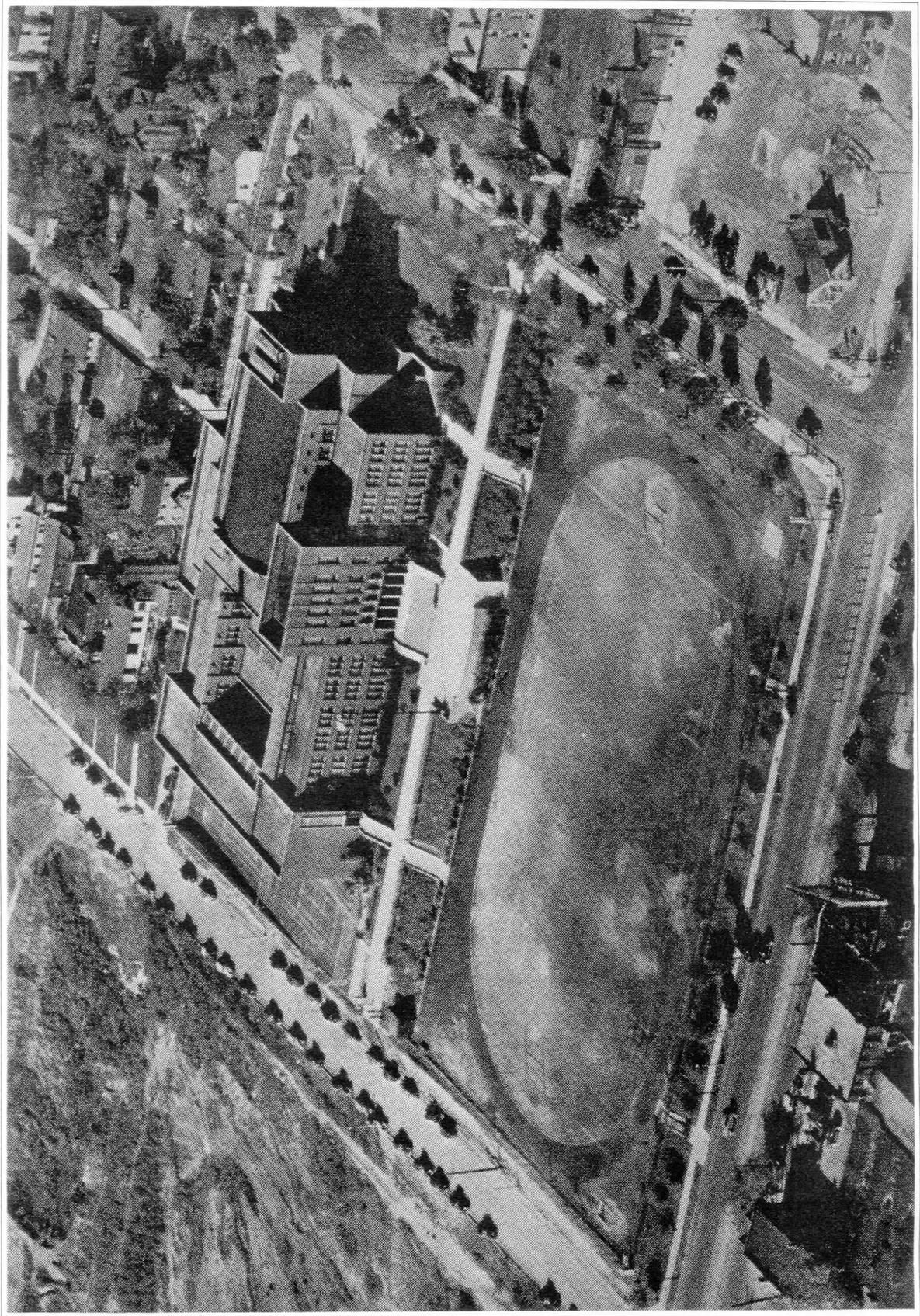
In fifty years much has changed, but we also have noted how much has remained the same.

Not every club or award or stellar performance could be mentioned, but we hope that our readers will taste the flavor and feel the spirit of the overall contributions that have made Southwest what it is.

50th ANNIVERSARY HISTORY COMMITTEE  
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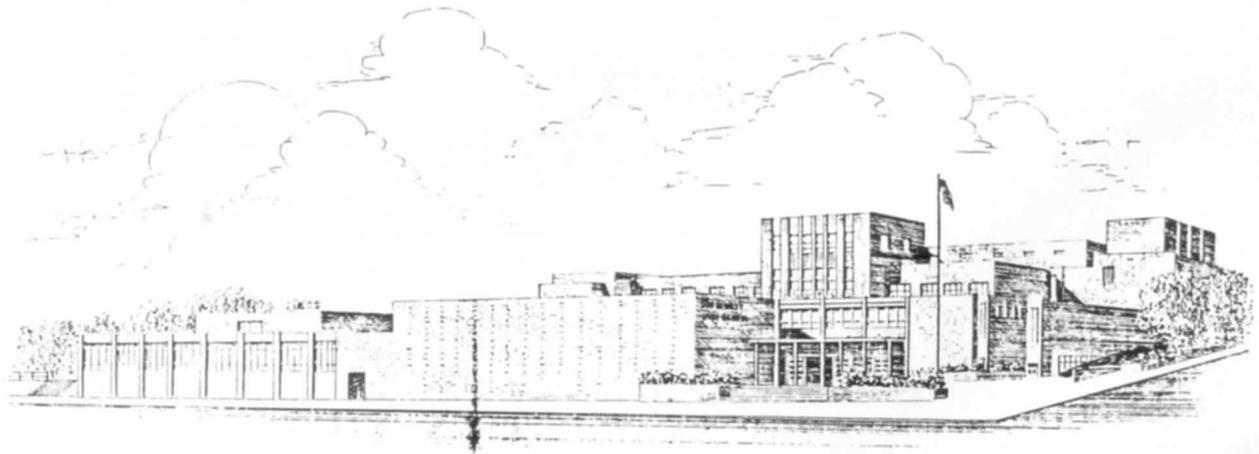
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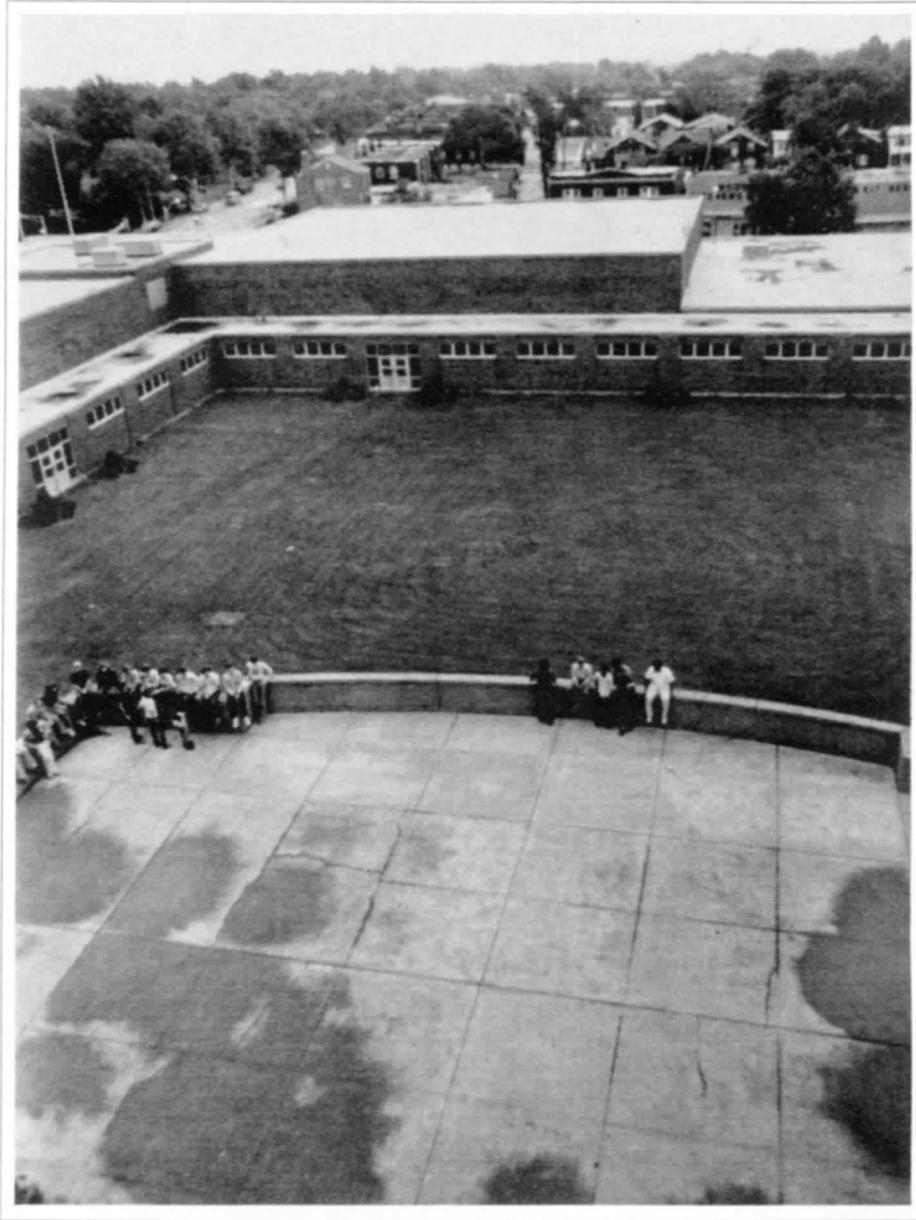
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*EXPANDED BUILDING DEDICATED IN 1964*



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AND RELOCATION OF TRACK AND ATHLETIC FIELD TO REAR.*

## **FIGHT SONG**

We're fighting for you, Southwest High,  
To triumph for you we will try.  
We're out there to win,  
And we'll never give in,  
'till the ball is across that line.  
Rah! Rah! Rah!

So, come on, Southwesterns, let's go.  
They can't stop a good team, you know.  
So come on and get that ball,  
We won't let them score at all.  
We're fighting for you, Southwest High!

*WORDS BY JOHN CYRUS*

## **ALMA MATER**

All hail to thee, our Alma Mater,  
All hail to thee, dear Southwest High.  
We pledge anew our hearts' devotion,  
On us thy spirit must rely.

Our memories ever will enshrine thee,  
The green and gold shall never die.  
All hail to thee, our Alma Mater,  
All hail to thee, dear Southwest High.

*WORDS BY SAM ROSENKRANZ*

## **SCHOOL COLORS**

Green and Gold

## **TEAM NAME**

Longhorns

# **HISTORY**

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The story of Southwest High School began in 1922 when the St. Louis Board of Education purchased a vacant tract of land at the southwest corner of Arsenal and Kingshighway.

This site was originally part of Kemper College, an Episcopalian institution which opened in 1838. The college closed in 1845 due to financial difficulties and later some of its buildings were used as the County Poor House. Still later, the property was occupied by Koerner's Summer Garden, an amusement park featuring a cycling track, but the park was devastated during the great tornado of May, 1896!

Two major streets intersect at this location - Kingshighway and Arsenal have a rich history of their own: Arsenal Street was named for the Federal armory at the foot of Arsenal and the Mississippi River, scene of a bloody Civil War riot; Kingshighway Boulevard ("Rue de Royale" or "King's Road") was blazed by exploring French and Spanish, leading southward to Cape Girardeau and all the way to New Orleans.

In 1934 it was recommended that a St. Louis high school be built on this spot. The Board thus applied for and received a Federal Public Works Administration grant. Ground was broken in December, 1935, and excavation for the pier foundations was begun. The cornerstone was finally laid on December 10, 1936, after some delay over a controversy in naming the school.

Architect George W. Sanger designed the building which was built of red sandstruck colonial brick, modern in style consisting of three stories with a fourth floor in the center. Sanger was popular with the Board of Education, having also designed Mallinckrodt, Kennard, and Cole elementary schools.

His new building was made to accommodate 1,300 students, and between the school structure and Kingshighway were the quarter-mile cinder track and the football practice field.

Five symbolic statues sculpted by Fred Morie of St. Louis were situated above the front entrance. As a whole, they represent "Youthful Leadership"; individually they are interpreted as: Exact Sciences, Social Interests, Youthful Leadership, The Liberal Arts, and Athletic Activities.

On September 7, 1937, the high school opened its doors for enrollment. There were 1,200 students, 35 teachers, and Henry H. Seidell was the principal. (Twenty-two months later, in June, 1939, the first graduating class of 119 students received their diplomas.)

The long-brewing controversy over the school's name that began in 1934 had not been resolved by opening day, leaving the school officially nameless. Various names were proposed, but the student body championed the popular name, "Southwest," for its location rather than the name of some president or dignitary. The Board of Education, beset by walkouts and demonstrations at the school, finally acquiesced

to the students and approved the name "Southwest High" on November 8, 1938.

To the first students who enrolled fell the task of establishing other names and traditions: school colors, the yearbook, the newspaper, and mascot were chosen in that first year. The school seal was designed by a student.

In order to help the student body choose the school colors, Miss Lodwick's art class prepared posters of different combinations which were placed in display cases. An overwhelming majority of students chose "Green and Gold" which signify beauty, youth, peace, and endurance.

In February, 1938, a contest was held to select a title for the Southwest yearbook. The contest was announced in all advisory rooms and was judged by a committee of yearbook staff and faculty representatives. From dozens of entries, the winning name, **The Roundup**, was chosen.

Another contest was held for the school newspaper, **The Pioneer**. Like all of the school's names and symbols, the newspaper masthead reflects the frontier spirit.

An American flag was formally presented to Southwest in the first term by a representative of the Sons of the American Revolution. Amid martial music and cheering, the flag was accepted by Mr. Seidell on behalf of the school as the entire student body rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Another early gift to Southwest was an electric organ donated by Mr. Walter Wilcox. For many years a special memorial concert featuring the organ was presented on Mr. Wilcox's birthday.

It is interesting to note that during Southwest's first year, the new school was featured nationally in a Fox Movietone Newsreel. In this same early period the idea for "Hello Day" was launched and became an annual Southwest tradition.

Between 1937 and 1979, the school served an area roughly bounded by Lindell, Kingshighway, and Eichelberger streets on the north, east and south, and by the city limits on the west. Fifteen public elementary schools within this district sent their graduates to Southwest, and enrollment swelled to a peak of 2,726 in 1972-73.

In 1957 an addition on the north side of the building was erected - increasing the capacity of the school to 1,700 students. Seven years later a second, larger addition was constructed in front of the original building.

By 1979 the school community became broader and more varied. Children graduating from seventy elementary schools in all corners of the City came to Southwest High School under the new permissive transfer policy of the St. Louis Board of Education.

1980 was the beginning of the desegregation busing program for city schools. The magnet school program was in full swing with voluntary student transfers to the county starting in 1982. School year 1983-84 brought Southwest to its lowest enrollment level of 585.

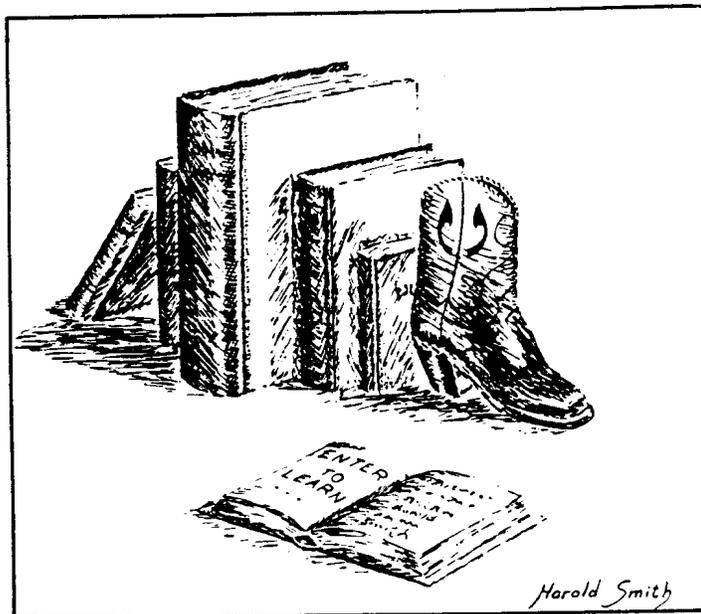
Southwest and Cleveland High Schools merged at Southwest in September, 1984, and the combined student population was 1,385.

Through the passage of time and many changes Southwest High School continues to uphold her original ideal - providing the best training and educational experiences possible for her students.

At this 50th Anniversary milestone, Southwest can look to an illustrious past - to nearly 20,000 graduates and good citizens who have taken their place in the world - to distinguished leaders in academics, the arts, social service, government, and business.

Whoever they have been - wherever they have gone - whatever they have done - the mark of Southwest High School remains with them.

For all of these and countless more to come, the high school motto endures:  
**"ENTER TO LEARN, GO FORTH TO SERVE."**



## ***SW Building - Bits of Trivia***

Southwest was conceived as a college preparatory high school, so there were no shop or home economics facilities. For many years students walked to Festus J. Wade School (on Vandeventer near Shaw) for those classes. Some students returning to SW almost got caught up in the Southwest Bank robbery.

In 1950 an addition at the rear of the school provided shop and home economics classrooms, an enlarged kitchen for the cafeteria, a scenery room for the stage, and an AV viewing room.

Students also walked when the rise in enrollment in the city schools resulted in "9th grade centers" and SW students walked to and from Kennard School.

Until the construction of the addition in 1964, the entire block west of the school (site of the present athletic field) was a block of small well-kept homes that were purchased by the Board of Education.

The old athletic field in front of the school was replaced by a U-shaped building, forming a quadrangle with the original building. It included:

**Two Gymnasiums** - one with a basketball court and bleachers. The old gym with folding doors separating boys' and girls' classes is still in use, but Room 118 gym became a student "Smoking Lounge" for a period of time.

**Shops and Mechanical Drawing Room** - the shop in the old building became a Faculty Dining Room.

**A Library** - no longer was the Librarian plagued by the singers in Room 400 (a floor above) keeping time to the music with their feet - sometimes too vigorously.

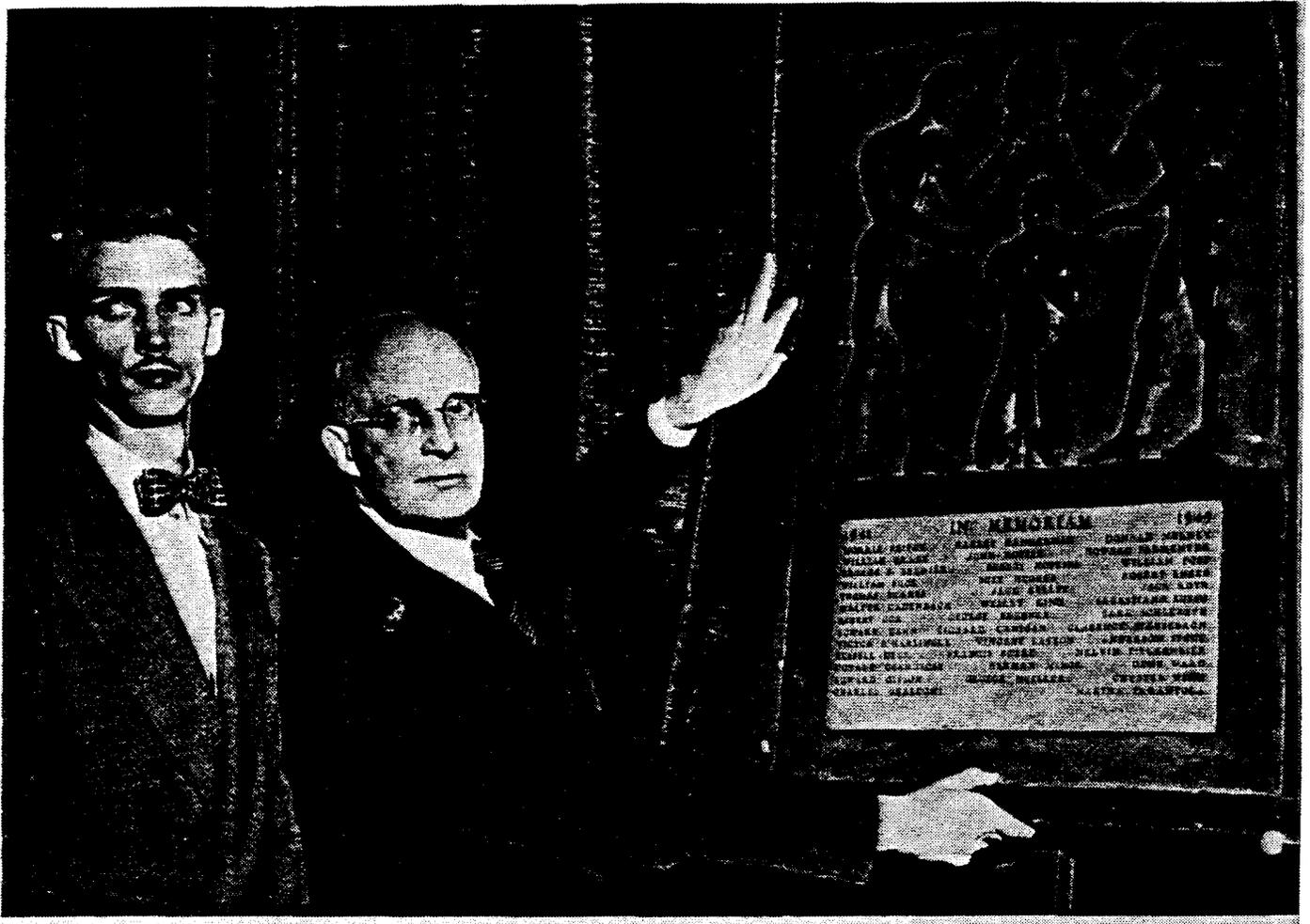
Incidentally, the music room now has carpeting and brightly colored "posture" chairs.

**Band/Orchestra Complex** - originally instrumental music groups rehearsed on the stage and then moved to a dismal, concrete block building, just outside the cafeteria delivery door. Now there is a large rehearsal room, a music library room, practice rooms, and a private office for the Director.

**A Rifle Range** - later converted into weight lifting facility.

For a period of time Room 411 was converted into a language laboratory with booths equipped with headsets and recording equipment.

The present faculty upper parking lot was originally a tennis court.



*Mr. Sackett unveils the Memorial Plaque which commemorates Southwest's war dead. The artist, Robert Walker, stands at the left. The program:*

## Memorial Plaque Dedication

SOUTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL, JANUARY 14, 1948

1. Students assemble in Auditorium  
Gertrude Jaudes at Organ
2. "Largo" from "New World Symphony"  
Southwest High School Orchestra, Mr. Monachesi conducting
3. "The Making of the Plaque"  
Robert Walker, Artist, Veteran, and Graduate of Southwest High School
4. A Eulogy  
Peggy Leonhardt
5. Dedication and Unveiling of the Memorial Plaque  
Mr. C. H. Sackett, Principal of Southwest High School
6. Reading of the Names of Former Southwest High School Students Who  
Lost Their Lives in the Second World War  
Ramon Von Drehle
7. One Minute of Silence Followed by Taps
8. "The Lord's Prayer"  
Arthur Biehl
9. Students Leave Auditorium  
Gertrude Jaudes at Organ

# **IN MEMORIAM**

"To live in hearts we leave behind  
Is not to die."  
- Thomas Campbell.

## **1941 - 1945**

Morrie Beitch	George Kuehner
William Brady	Richard Lanigan
George F. Bremser	Vincent Layton
William Buck	Francis Lueke
Thomas Burnes	Herman Minor
Walter Cadenbach	George Mueller
Robert Cox	Donald Mulkey
Edward Dehn	Howard Parmenter
Victor D'Harlingue	William Poss
Russell Dyer	Robert Rhees
Donald Gerngross	Jack Roth
Edward Gibson	Sebastino Russo
Charles Gualdoni	Earl Schlereth
Harley Hammerman	Clarence Stausebach
John Hoffer	Anderson Stock
Robert Hopkins	Martha Tarantola
Burt Hughes	Melvin Tielkmeier
Jack Keller	Gene Ward
Wesley King	Chester Winn

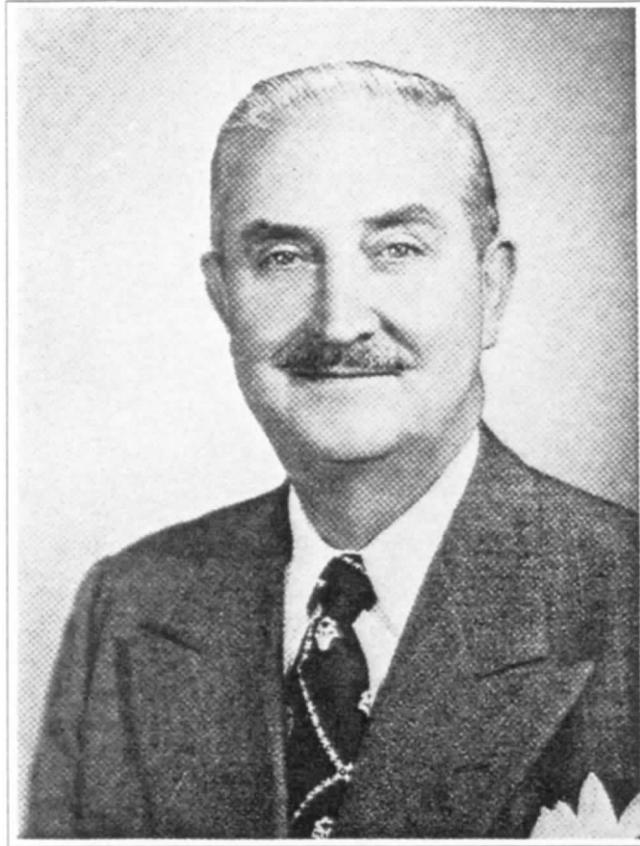
*THE ABOVE LIST WAS TAKEN FROM THE MEMORIAL PLAQUE IN THE MAIN CORRIDOR AT SOUTHWEST. IT REPRESENTS MOST BUT NOT ALL OF THE SOUTHWEST STUDENTS WHO SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES FOR THEIR COUNTRY. OTHERS SERVED IN THE KOREAN AND VIETNAM WARS AS WELL. ALL TOLD, HUNDREDS OF YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN FROM SOUTHWEST HIGH HAVE SERVED THEIR NATION WELL IN ALL BRANCHES OF THE ARMED FORCES.*



MR. HENRY H. SEIDELL  
PRINCIPAL  
1937-1938



MR. C. HAROLD SACKETT  
PRINCIPAL  
1938-1952



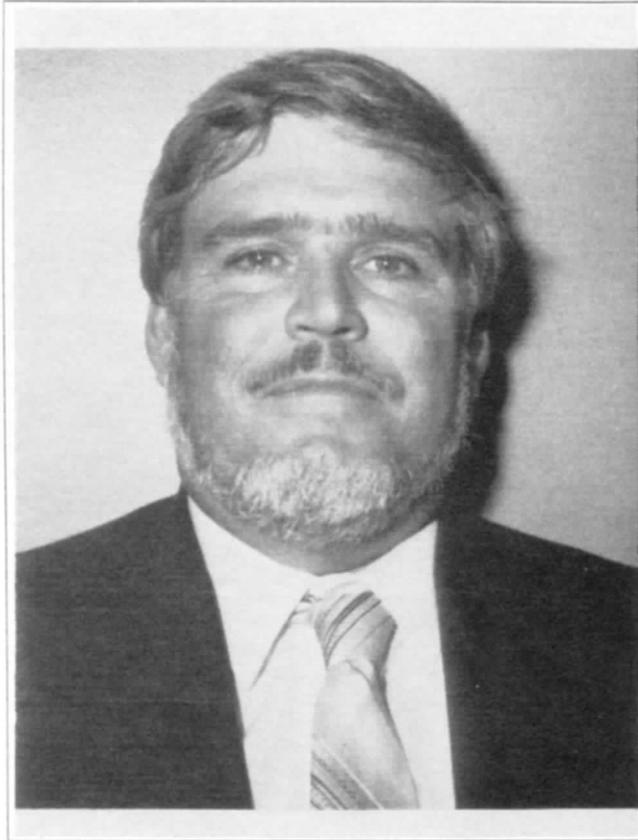
*MR. RAYMOND BRISBIN  
PRINCIPAL  
1952-1955*



*MR. ROBERT M. YOUNG  
PRINCIPAL  
1955-1974*



MR. MARVIN KOENIG  
PRINCIPAL  
1974-1985



*MR. THOMAS P. DALY  
PRINCIPAL  
1985-PRESENT*

## FIRST FACULTY PHOTO

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## FACULTY

Mr. Sackett	Miss Lenzen	Miss Price
Mr. Dee	Miss Lodwick	Miss Quinn
Miss Buehner	Miss Long	Miss Reilly
Mr. Brew	Miss McIntire	Mr. Rieman
Mr. Chervenka	Miss McKinney	Mr. Rosenkranz
Miss deLinieri	Miss Meenach	Miss Rothman
Miss Ernst	Miss Mehl	Mr. Smith
Mr. Gerber	Miss Mesloh	Miss Smith
Miss Hachtman	Mr. Monachesi	Miss Steffen
Mr. Howlett	Miss Murphy	Miss Story
Miss Judge	Miss Murray	Miss Sullivan
Mr. Kelbaugh	Miss Nagel	Miss Toomey
Mr. Kent	Miss O'Brien	Mr. Whitehouse
Miss Kimber	Miss Oestereich	Miss Williams
Mr. Kittlaus	Miss Pierce	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Kottkamp	Miss Press	Mr. Young

*PHOTO AND LIST ABOVE OF THE CHARTER FACULTY IS FROM THE 1937 ROUNDUP, THE FIRST YEARBOOK PUBLISHED AT SOUTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL. THESE WERE THE TEACHERS WHO BEGAN THE FIFTY-YEAR LEGACY WE NOW CELEBRATE.*

# RETIRES

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## Retired - Charter Faculty

William Gerber  
Louis Kittlaus  
Ralph Kottkamp

Mary McKinney  
Katherine Murray  
Lillian Nagel

Fern Oestereich  
Sam Rosenkranz  
Mack Wilson

## Retired Faculty and Staff

Edith Arensman  
Donald Ashley  
Wilhelmina Ashmore  
Elsie Backers  
Joe Bagatti  
Lucille Bennett  
Vera Bersch  
Marjorie Boedeker  
Louise Boerjesson  
Wilma Bremer  
Kay Bullock  
Robert Byrne  
Carmen Cameron  
Irene Cordell  
Otis Eaton  
Alice Eisenfeldt  
Dorothy Fisher

Lucy Anne Funk  
Helen Gallant  
Dan Grieshaber  
Woodrow Hatfield  
John Hogenmiller  
Mary Kelly  
Kathryn Kroenlein  
Martha Kuhn  
Geri Lake  
Blanche Lee  
Charlotte Lewis  
Marie Markowski  
Marion McNamara  
Edwina Medlock  
Frank Merchant  
Leontone Meyer  
Art Miller  
Gertrude Milliken

Ruth Morrissey  
Sophie Mueller  
Helen Newell  
Frances O'jile  
Gladys Pfaff  
Agnes Pyburn  
Josephine Roduit  
Martha Ryan  
E. M. Schuenemann  
Helen Skinner  
Florence Slattery  
Agatha Toenges  
Vera Ulbricht  
Nancy Verdin  
Bud Wallach  
Wallace Wilde  
Vivian Zauf

*THE ABOVE LIST WAS TAKEN FROM THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION OF  
THE PIONEER, MARCH 20, 1988.*

# **HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS BY DECADES** \_\_\_\_\_

*FROM AMERICAN FACTS & DATES.*

## **1930's**

- Baseball Hall of Fame established in Cooperstown, NY - 1937
- Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco is dedicated - 1937
- Broadcast of coronation of King George VI is first worldwide radio broadcast heard in U.S. - 1938
- Patents for nylon, miracle fabric, issued - first nylon product was toothbrushes
- Hitler emerges as a powerful leader of the Third Reich in Nazi Germany
- "Gone With The Wind" wins Academy Award - 1939

## **1940's**

- President Franklin Roosevelt wins unprecedented third term - 1940
- Pearl Harbor attacked December 7, 1941. War declared against Japan, Germany, Italy
- Rent ceilings, wage and price freezes, sugar and gasoline rationed
- Spike Jones - "Cocktails for Two" gets laughter
- All St. Louis World Series 1944 Cardinals win over Browns
- Top box office attractions are Betty Grable, Bob Hope, Bing Crosby, Gary Cooper, Abbott and Costello
- First large scale production of Penicillin
- Atomic bombs dropped over Hiroshima and Nagasaki, August 6 and 9, 1945
- World War II ends - Germany surrenders May 7, 1945; Japan, August 15, 1945

## **1950's**

- President Truman orders production of hydrogen bomb
- Military conflict in Korea
- First transcontinental TV broadcast
- Dwight Eisenhower elected president - 1952
- Great prosperity - end of wage & price controls and rent ceilings
- Salk vaccine for polio put on market
- First atomic submarine dedicated - 1954
- First trans-Atlantic telephone cable
- First domestic jet air passenger service
- Alaska and Hawaii enter statehood as 49th and 50th States - 1959
- Soviet Premier Khrushchev makes unprecedented transcontinental tour of U.S.

## **1960's**

- First weather satellite - April 1, 1960
- Civil rights movement escalates, and other social issues lead to sit-ins, protests, riots
- President Kennedy elected 1960
- Berlin Wall erected
- Cuban missile crisis
- Lyndon Johnson succeeds assassinated President Kennedy - 1963
- More U.S. military units sent to Vietnam in "police action" - many violent protests staged over the years
- The Space Age - Russia and U.S. vie for first place
- Cardinals win World Series 1964 and 1967
- Martin Luther King, Jr., civil rights leader, assassinated - 1965
- Bobby Kennedy, Presidential candidate, assassinated - 1968

## **1960's, cont.**

- First successful heart transplant
- First man on the moon - Neil Armstrong's "One small step for man; one giant leap for mankind" - July 20, 1969

## **1970's**

- Voting age lowered to 18
- Four student anti-war demonstrators killed by National Guard at Kent State University in Ohio
- Two hundred school districts in the south reopen with desegregated classes
- U.S. active military troops in Vietnam withdrawn March, 1973
- Watergate scandal leads to resignation of President Richard M. Nixon in the midst of impeachment proceedings - August 9, 1974; Gerald Ford becomes President
- President Carter and Premier Brezhnev sign SALT 11 agreement
- Quotas approved to help women and minorities get jobs
- Trouble with Iran - militant Iranians take 52 American hostages from Embassy in Teheran and hold them more than 13 months

## **1980's**

- Mount St. Helens erupts
- Women graduate from U. S. Military Academies for first time
- President Ronald Reagan wounded in assassination attempt
- Pope John Paul is shot and wounded
- St. Louis Cardinals win 1982 World Series
- Epcot Center opens in Florida
- U.S. troops in combat in Grenada
- Spaceship Challenger explodes on lift off
- Stock market plunges on Black Monday, October, 1987
- Southwest High School celebrates 50th anniversary

# **SIGNS OF THE TIMES**

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FROM THE PIONEER STARTING WITH  
VOL. I, NO. 1, OCTOBER 7, 1938

- Oct., 1938** Enrollment is 1,712 - 55 teachers - 269 classes
- Five statues above front door are:
- Exact Sciences
  - Social Interests
  - Youthful Leadership
  - Liberal Arts
  - Athletic Activities
- First football squad is organized (40 boys) There are now more than 24 clubs at Southwest.
- Nov., 1938** There are now 800 books in the library
- Mr. Dee announces over PA system that the School Board voted to retain the name "Southwest High School"
- Subscriptions to Pioneer are 25¢ for 8 issues
- Tag Day Show "Southwest School of the Air" will use proceeds to purchase instruments for the band
- SW football heroes down McKinley B Team 18-7 SW plays Beaumont in first basketball game
- SW checkers club meets each Friday
- SW aviation club is formed
- April, 1939** First SW team wins in KSD Spelling Bee against McBride
- School seal is designed by Bob Walker
- May, 1939** First graduating class includes 8 lettermen: Don Pepple, Ken Meyer, Bill Lancaster, Bob Hoehle, Jim Hencken, Sam Wool, Jim Wortman, Roger Bischman
- April, 1940** SW band judged Best in Clean Up Parade - wins bronze plaque
- Nov., 1940** Five SW students leave for service in the Army and Navy
- Initiation of memorial library to which future graduating classes can contribute

- Nov., 1940 cont.** Seven music students receive medals for honor placings in National Music Festival in Kansas City
- 30 uniforms bought with proceeds from band tag show and operetta
- Early Pioneers have an Etiquette column:  
 "At all times the boy walks nearest the curb."  
 "Boy tips his hat when he greets a girl while walking on the sidewalk."  
 "Boy removes his hat upon stopping to talk with her."
- March, 1941** Senior Girl Scout Troop is sewing baby garments for the Red Cross each Monday afternoon
- SW girls collect for Greek War Relief
- April, 1941** Mr. Libero Monachesi sings on KMOX in a program designed to call attention to the St. Louis Grand Opera Association
- SW Band plays at Cardinals first game of the season at Sportsman's Park
- "SNAFU" - Steer mascot is born
- June, 1941** First class to spend four years at SW is graduated, having entered as freshmen on opening day - September, 1937
- Nov., 1942** Mr. Samuel Rosenkranz inducted into U.S. Army at Jefferson Barracks
- Glenn Miller fans - note: Glenn Miller's "Juke Box Saturday Night" captures lead in SW High Hit Parade
- The next four rankings:
1. White Christmas - Bing Crosby
  2. Serenade in Blue - Glenn Miller
  3. There Are Such Things - Tommy Dorsey
  4. Daybreak - Harry James
- Dec., 1942** St. Louis has first "blackout" with air raid warning signals
- May, 1943** Would you believe?  
 "Behind drawn curtains in Room 413, Miss Meenach's seventh period dramatics class modestly changes from skirts to blue jeans"

- Sept., 1943** SW High students launch a War Bond and Stamp drive to attain goal of \$75,000 to pay for the "Spirit of Southwest" pursuit plane for the Army Air Corps. Date of goal is set for June, 1944.
- By October 15, 1943, the \$75,000 is almost tripled. \$218,838.25 is subscribed in 11 days.
- In November 1943 the students and faculty vote to name SW High's pursuit plane the "FLYING STEER."
- In September 1944 the War Bond campaign raises \$104,750 toward a second plane, SW High's Flying Fortress.
- By April, 1945 - 95% of the cost for the \$350,000 heavy bomber (Flying Fortress) is raised through sale of stamps and bonds to individual buyers.
- Nov., 1943** Miss Leontone Meyer joins the Military Service and is stationed at Marine Camp Lejeune in New River, NC. She is presented her commission as a Second Lieutenant by Secretary of the Navy Knox on November 15, 1943.
- Oct., 1944** "The Corral," SW High's Junior Night Club, is broadcast over KMOX as one of a series of 14 programs on teenage activities. 150 students blend local talent with records of popular bands in the show.
- Pan American Club promotes study of language, culture, and heritage of other nations
- Creative dance group is in full swing
- Nov., 1944** Since SW is the only high school in St. Louis without a motto, a contest is held to choose one.
- March, 1945** Election is held to select a school motto from the ten entries that are submitted. The winner - "ENTER TO LEARN, GO FORTH TO SERVE"
- Jan., 1947** Enrollment is 1,786
- Sept., 1947** Pioneer aims for 1,400 subscriptions - cost per semester 65¢
- 1948** Memorial plaque commemorating SW war dead is unveiled
- St. Louis Science Fair, largest of the nation's regional fairs, is started by Norman Jones, science teacher

- 1950-51** Faculty numbers 60
- Steer Handbook 25¢
- Bus pass price goes from 50¢ to 75¢
- "Have you gone shopping at Famous-Barr Southtown store on Monday or Friday nights or on Saturday? If you have, then you've seen the SW Susies who are employed as salesgirls."
- Champs give \$1,727 to March of Dimes, SW's share of proceeds from Polio Bowl game between SW and Sikeston
- 1953-54** 1,619 students
- Dance after school in Auditorium. Admission 10¢
- Pilgrims Prance in the gym - 50¢ in advance, 60¢ at the door
- Nov., 1953** 17 students of Mr. Pinkus' science class go to Chicago for science weekend
- Tommy Clements wins \$100 dancing to "Tea for Two" at Harvest Moon Festival
- Dec., 1953** For Christmas lunch NO TURKEY because "there is no government surplus for high schools this year." "But we will have a special dessert," says Miss Nicholson.
- 1953-54** Favorite dishes - hamburgers, chili burgers, chili, spaghetti, sliced tomatoes, red jellied fruit
- Desserts - devilsfood cake, cottage pudding, jello, chocolate pudding, pie
- Milk outsells lemonade and orangeade
- Rolls sell quickly - 120 dozen baked daily
- Kathy Nolan (Jocelyn Schrum, June '51 grad), TV star, visits drama class
- 1954-55** Students take part in Industry Day at American Can Co.
- Twenty SW TV stars appear on Gil Newsome's Salute to Southwest on Channel 4
- 90 of 127 January grads will go to college
- April, 1955** Savings stamp and bond sales are tops among St. Louis high schools according to Mr. Forti

- May, 1955** "Teen O'Clock Time" at the Chase for KMOX party and recording with SW performers. Dancing and free cokes follow the show
- 1955-56** Junior/Senior Aud "This Atomic World"
- Oct., 1955** Mr. Raymond Brisbin, principal, dies suddenly. Mr. Robert Young takes over as new principal
- Oct., 1956** 159 Junior Red Cross gift boxes sent from advisories to needy children overseas
- Nov., 1956** SW and U.S. elect Eisenhower president
- 1957-58** January 11, 1957 Senior Prom in Ivory Room of Jefferson Hotel, \$3.25 a ticket
- "How do you spend money? How do you earn it?" asked of 25 SW students by LIFE magazine reporters who spend eight days taking pictures of students earning and spending money.
- Nov., 1957** Enrollment of 1,717 is highest since 1947
- Twelve students taking physics course over TV for half credit
- Spring Dance sponsored by Senior classes, Student Council, and GAA "Enchanted Evening," a sideways dance. Jack Carney of WIL emcees talent show
- 1957-58** A first for graduates - Senior Prom is held in gym
- 1958-59** SW is invited to participate in a 15 week High School Quiz Tournament sponsored by St. Louis University. Southwest wins the Championship.
- SW band marches downtown in US Savings Bond Parade
- 1960** In makeup - The Vamp look is back!
- 1,809 students this year
- In mock election Richard Nixon wins over John Kennedy 837-769
- College level Biology 3 offered to students with a background of introductory biology and chemistry

University of Missouri opens branch in St. Louis

Pioneer journalists win highest number of contest points of all schools participating in the newspaper division of the state Interscholastic Press Association convention at Mizzou

Longhorns close football season in second place

SW Amateur Radio Club organized under sponsorship of Mr. Ellermann

"Hello Day" continues to welcome new students

**1961**

Gaslight Square popular with SW teens

SW has three finalists in National Merit Scholarship tests

SW students continue to volunteer to help students at Missouri School for the Blind

Three one-act plays performed in May - "The Ugly Duckling," "The Robbery," and "Spreading the News"

For the tenth time, Pioneer staff wins national award in the Tuberculosis and Health Society's annual school press project

Tennis team shuts out all others for fifth straight year

**1962**

Enrollment is 1,965 - highest since 1940

Eleven Merit Scholarship finalists set all time record

New girls' swim team places high in St. Louis Public High aquatic sports day

Senior class gives library nine books, following a tradition started in 1940

**1963**

New report card on yearly basis is begun. Honor grade H is added for Tracks 1 and IA.

"Overhead projector may one day make blackboards obsolete."

"Oceanography promises jobs."

Troy Donahue and Robert Conrad are interviewed by Prom reporters

New addition is scheduled for 1964 completion and will include new building and athletic field at an estimated cost of \$2,150,000

"Chicken Fat" is new youth fitness phonograph record

St. Louis is chosen for three episodes of popular TV show, "Route 66"

- 1964** Students help in City-wide Sabin Oral Polio Immunization program
- 12% of students hold part-time jobs at \$1.10 per hour
- A pageant written and directed by Leontone Meyer and Corine Hachtman is presented, showing the growth and history of St. Louis in song and dance. The show is presented at Southwest and later at Kiel Auditorium as part of the city's bicentennial activities.
- New school wing is dedicated
- Scholar Quiz, a new program of academic competition between St. Louis High School students, is started on Channel 4 as a weekly feature. The SW team is coached by Miss Funk.
- 1965** Future Teachers Association assist in "Books for Appalachia"
- Seniors' favorite novel is "Gone With the Wind"
- 73% of graduating class plans to go to college
- 1966-67** Lunch checks are 9¢ or 11 for \$1.00
- SW is the only public school in the City that has no special class for students whose reading ability is below grade 6. There are not enough poor readers to warrant such a class.
- 25 students sing Beethoven's ninth symphony with the St. Louis symphony orchestra
- Seniors give bronze framed display case for lobby of new building
- A new drama club is formed
- "Up With People" group, including three Japanese girls, sings at SW
- Quill and Scroll, National Honor Society for juniors and seniors excelling in journalism, enrolls 28
- 1970** FNA prepares girls for medical careers
- FTA prepares students for teaching careers
- 1971** Spanish students visit Mexico
- Scholar Quiz wins fall semester championship
- 1973** Student Volunteers help keep SW efficient

- 1974** Co-op education doing big things
- 1977** Walk For Wolves (10 miles) hopes to protect these wild animals
- 1980's** The '80s are years of great change for SW as a result of desegregation and budget cuts
- 1980-81** At the beginning of the 1980-81 school year there are student transfers, busing, and reassignment of teachers.
- Approximately 120 students from SW are transferred to Soldan, and about 92 students from Soldan are transferred to SW. Due to overcrowding at Northwest, 100 more students are transferred to SW resulting in scheduling problems.
- Many teachers are reassigned to other schools, leaving clubs and teams without sponsors.
- One of the organizations to suffer is Student Council. There is no sponsor for the group, and only nine members. Elections had not been held the year before, since students were unsure what school they would be attending. Half the school year passes before the Council is organized with a sponsor, officers, a constitution and a larger membership.
- Since many of the students have to catch school buses to and from school, they are not able to participate in after school clubs and sports. This has a great effect on school activity membership.
- Another change is the conversion of the original library to the new general office.
- On December 4 and 5 the SW Operetta is performed. This year "Annie Get Your Gun" is chosen, and as usual for SW, the performance is enjoyed by many.
- 1981-82** The 1981-82 school year is faced with overcrowded classes and book shortages. There are more teacher transfers throughout the school system, and SW loses 13 teachers as a result.
- SW is no longer able to keep most of the advanced classes such as calculus and advanced chemistry. As a result, the advanced students are left with no classes to take, and some have to go to other schools for these classes.
- Since student population is down, only one lunch period is needed. Seniors are not given the privilege of off-campus lunch. This year's operetta is "Pirates of Penzance," and is performed December 3 and 4. This is the first time SW performs an operetta while it is still playing on Broadway.

Styles change over the years, and this year students wear designer jeans such as Jordache, Izod shirts, and Nike tennis shoes. Expensive items, but many students feel the price is one they are willing to pay to be in fashion.

**1982-83**

Again in the 1982-83 school year, more classes, clubs, and sports disappear from SW. There are no soccer, field hockey, cross country, tennis, wrestling, baseball, nor B-Team sports.

Miss Meyer, the vocal music instructor at SW for many years, retires in June of 1982. It is expected that Miss Vivian Jones, who has worked with Miss Meyer, will lead the vocal music program, but she is laid off. Vocal music has been a feature of SW for many years, and now there is no one left to teach it.

The Symphonic Band starts the year with less than 30 students, far less than previous years. Many band alumni want to help out, so they join with the school band for concerts to form the Community Concert Band under the direction of Robert Nordman.

Again there is one lunch period. This year it is shortened to 20 minutes, which means long lines and less time to eat.

The most talked about item of the year is the mural which was painted on the front of the school. This is the first year that county students were involved in the voluntary school desegregation program. The mural represents this by featuring the mascots of the city and county schools involved. The mural was designed and painted by "On The Wall Productions" with the help of city and county school students. The mural is opposed by many SW students as well as the community.

Again, more faculty positions are eliminated. Eighteen are lost this year causing more overcrowding in the classrooms.

New Wave is "in" this year, as is Valley Girl Talk. Phrases such as "Grody to the max," "Gag me with a spoon," and "I'm sure" are popular.

**1983-84**

The 1983-84 year is one with another teacher's strike.

Pioneer and Roundup classes are combined to form one class called Publications; both the newspaper and the yearbook are produced under the sponsorship and instruction of Miss Dorothy Griewe.

SW has a wrestling team this year, but there is no Public High League, and many of the other schools' teams already have full wrestling schedules, so the competition is scarce for the new independent team.

Baseball is brought back to SW in 1984.

SW does not have a band of its own, but 4 students from SW perform in the All-City Band, which is made up of 99 students from 19 regular and 3 magnet schools, and directed by Robert Nordman who is new Music Supervisor of the St. Louis Public Schools. It rehearses at SW because of its convenient location and size.

**1984-85**

Vocal music is back at SW. Miss Vivian Jones returns to the school in 1984.

Sports at SW this year include varsity football, volleyball, wrestling, boy's basketball, girl's basketball, and B-team basketball.

With the closing of Cleveland High School in 1984, new students come to SW when the two schools merge. Along with new students came 2 new administrators from Cleveland: Assistant Principal, Max Carlisle, who had been at SW previously, and Administrative Assistant, Jerry Wilson.

Kemara Skinner comes to SW from Cleveland where she taught vocal music the two previous years.

SW has its own band again in 1984-85, directed by Douglas Moore from New York.

Principal Marvin O. Koenig accepts job out of the state.

**1985-86**

Thomas P. Daly assumes position as new principal.

Students are several weeks into the school year before a permanent instrumental music teacher arrives at SW. The band is now led by Steven Hill.

Under the direction of Kemara Skinner the Show Choir presents the Broadway Musical "A Taste of Success."

After three years without a team, soccer is back. The team works hard and takes second in the PHL. Girls' softball is back as well. Varsity baseball wins PHL. This is a great way for the baseball team to say farewell to Mr. Graham since this is his last year as baseball coach.

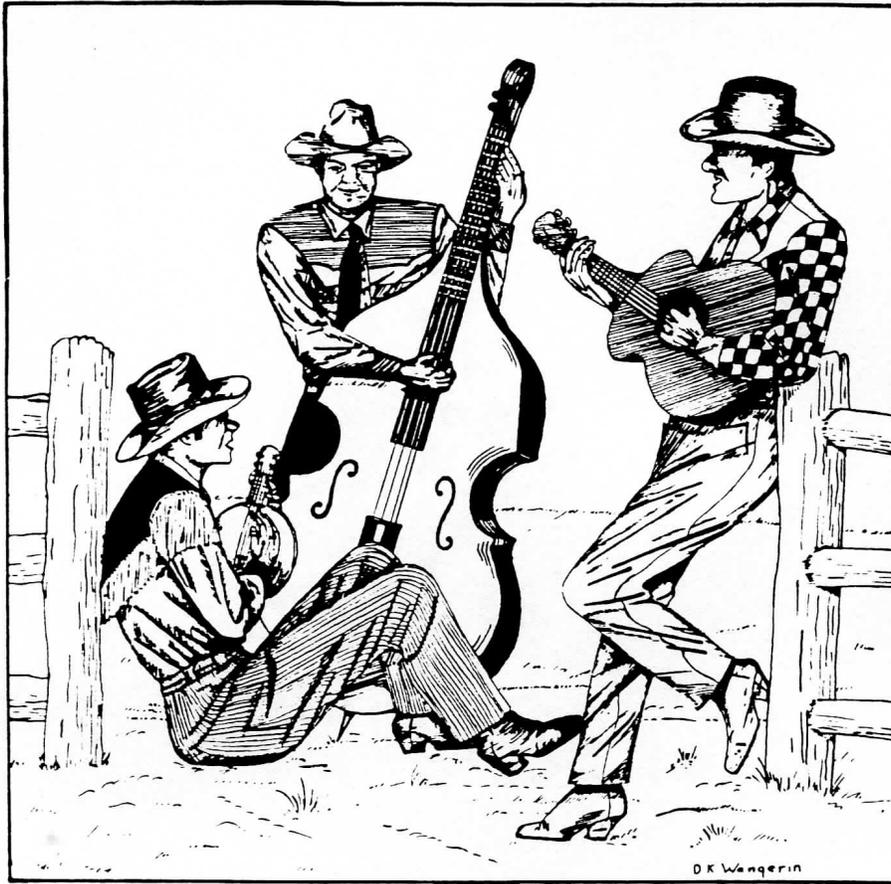
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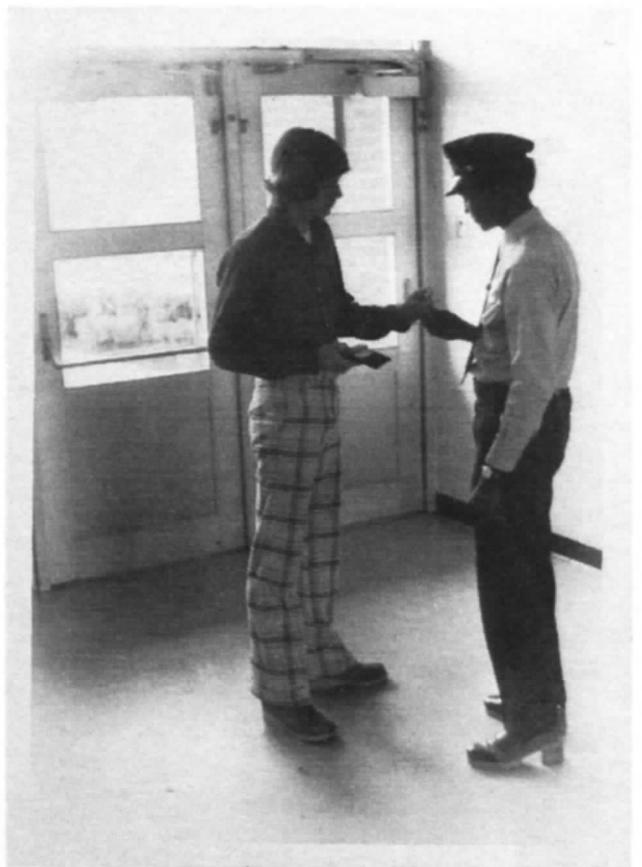
After many years of football at SW, the 1986-87 school year begins with uncertainty as to whether there will be a football team. This affects the Pompom squad, but with the determination of students, both groups survive.

On February 23, 1987, Richard Gephardt, a '58 SW graduate, announces his candidacy for President of the United States at Union Station. The SW High School Band plays at the rally.

**1987-88**

In 1987-88, we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of SW High School. Many activities for former SW students and teachers are planned throughout the year. A Christmas sing-along at SW starts off the activities. Alumnae from 1937 through 1987 attended. Other activities include an Open House at SW on March 20, a Variety Show on May 5, and a past and present teacher's luncheon in June.





# YEAR BY YEAR CLASS REVIEW

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**YEAR:** June, 1939 (FIRST GRADUATING CLASS)

**CLASS SIZE:** 119

## **STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS**

**PRESIDENT:** Jimmy C. Sisk  
**VICE PRESIDENT:** Kenneth Meyer  
**SECRETARY:** Delphine Wolfe  
**TREASURER:** Melvine Kellmeyer

## **CLASS OFFICERS**

**PRESIDENT:** Glennon Meyrose  
**VICE PRESIDENT:** Eleanor Rothenburg  
**SGT-AT-ARMS:** Jack Nangle  
**TREASURER:** Violet Emmons  
**SECRETARY:** Helen Hagemeister

**OPERETTA:** "H.M.S. Pinafore" - tickets were 25¢  
**BAND TAG DAY:** "Delaware Night Club"  
**SENIOR PLAY:** "The Mouse Trap" and  
"The Violin Maker of Cremona"

## **SPORTS**

**CHAMPIONSHIPS:** First place in Shot Put

*FROM SOUTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP - 1939 FOREWORD:  
"BECAUSE THE SANTA FE TRAIL SYMBOLIZES THE OPENING OF  
THE GREAT SOUTHWEST TO THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA, IT WAS  
CHOSEN AS THE THEME OF THE 1939 ROUNDUP. IT IS HOPED  
THAT THE MEMBERS OF THIS FIRST GRADUATING CLASS OF  
SOUTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL WILL BLAZE, IN THEIR OWN FIELDS,  
TRAILS OF EQUAL SIGNIFICANCE."*

**YEAR:** 1940

**CLASS MOTTO:**

JANUARY: "To thine own self be true"  
JUNE: "Here endeth; here beginneth"

**CLASS SIZE:**

JANUARY: 108  
JUNE: 225

**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: Charles Davis  
JUNE: Edgar Zaharia

**CLASS PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: Bob Wolfe  
JUNE: Rolla Williams

OPERETTA: "The Red Mill"  
SENIOR PLAY: "The Patsy"

**YEAR:** 1941

**CLASS MOTTO:**

JANUARY: "What you are to be you are now becoming"  
JUNE: "Be content with what you have but not with  
what you are"

**CLASS SIZE:**

JANUARY: 137  
JUNE: 254 - first class to spend 4 years at Southwest

**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: Louis Doerr  
JUNE: Jack Langsdorf

**CLASS PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: Clifford Dameron  
JUNE: John Cyrus

OPERETTA: "The Fortune Teller"  
SENIOR PLAY: "What a Life"  
SPORTS  
CHAMPIONSHIPS: Interscholastic High School Baseball

**YEAR:** 1942

**CLASS MOTTO:**

JANUARY: "We build the ladder by which we rise"  
JUNE: "Today's goal is tomorrow's beginning"

**CLASS SIZE:**

JANUARY: 155  
JUNE: 290

**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: Bob Allen

**CLASS PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: John Hunt  
JUNE: John Gray

OPERETTA: "Katinka"  
SENIOR PLAY: "Smilin' Through"

**SPORTS**

CHAMPIONSHIPS: Interscholastic High School Tennis Champs  
Junior Division Track and Field Champs

**YEAR:** 1943

**CLASS MOTTO:**

JANUARY: "Faith in oneself is the foundation of freedom"  
JUNE: "Today's accomplishments earn  
tomorrow's freedom"

**CLASS SIZE:**

JANUARY: 88  
JUNE: 250

**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: Stanley Young  
JUNE: Harlan Waller

**CLASS PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: Oliver Keller  
JUNE: Warren Miller

MUSICAL: "Review of 1943" - first of a kind  
SENIOR PLAY: "Dulcy"

**SPORTS**

CHAMPIONSHIPS: Baseball

**YEAR:** 1944

**CLASS MOTTO:**

JANUARY: "Frontiers lie ahead"

JUNE: "Lift that horizon"

**CLASS SIZE:**

JANUARY: 135

JUNE: 218

**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: Glen Schulz

JUNE: Ed Spence

**CLASS PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: James Laclede

JUNE: Alan Tarks

MUSICAL: "SW Review of 1944"

SENIOR PLAY: "Junior Miss"

**YEAR:** 1945

**CLASS MOTTO:**

JANUARY: "Strive for tomorrow"

JUNE: "Look to the future"

**CLASS SIZE:**

JANUARY: 129

JUNE: 217

**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: Ted Pepple

JUNE: Harold Hollmann

**CLASS PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: Don Spackler

JUNE: William Renick

SENIOR PLAY: "Quality Street"

**YEAR:** 1946

**CLASS MOTTO:**

JANUARY: "Cultivate the trained mind, the generous spirit, the courageous heart"

JUNE: "Knowledge comes, Wisdom lingers"

**CLASS SIZE:**

JANUARY: 151

JUNE: 238

**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: Paul Davis

JUNE: Herman Ottenad

**CLASS PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: Don Mitchell

JUNE: Frank Coghill

MISS SOUTHWEST: Jeanne Dickman

MUSICAL: "Southwest Rhythm Roundup"

SENIOR PLAY: "Over 21"

**YEAR:** 1947

**CLASS MOTTO:**

JANUARY: "Go Forth To Serve"

JUNE: "Planning is the path to freedom"

**CLASS SIZE:**

JANUARY: 108

JUNE: 311

**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: Gene Overbeck

JUNE: Art Bauer

**CLASS PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: Dave Norton

JUNE: Denny Reilly

MISS SOUTHWEST: Betty Fuch

OPERA: "The Firefly"

SENIOR PLAY: "Growing Pains"

SPORTS

CHAMPIONSHIPS: Baseball Champs

**YEAR:** 1948

**CLASS MOTTO:**

JANUARY: "Knowledge lights the torch of freedom"  
JUNE: "Knowledge is proud that he has learned  
so much; Wisdom is humble that he knows  
no more"

**CLASS SIZE:**

JANUARY: 121 + 24 veterans who qualified  
JUNE: 268 + 7 Army veterans who qualified

**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: Ray Von Drehle  
JUNE: Ray Hilgert

**CLASS PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: Robert Keller  
JUNE: Charles Herron

MISS SOUTHWEST: Joycelyn Kibby  
OPERETTA: "The Mikado"  
SENIOR PLAY: "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay"

**YEAR:** 1949

**CLASS MOTTO:**

JANUARY: "Live to learn and you will learn to live"  
JUNE: "We live in deeds, not years"

**CLASS SIZE:**

JANUARY: 127 + 1 evening school and  
5 qualified veterans  
JUNE: 278

**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: James Ziervogel  
JUNE: Richard Jackson

**CLASS PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: Bert Smith  
JUNE: Don Frahm

MISS SOUTHWEST: Helen Klein  
OPERETTA: "Sweethearts"  
SENIOR PLAY: "You Can't Take It With You"  
SPORTS  
CHAMPIONSHIPS: Baseball

**YEAR:** 1950

**CLASS MOTTO:**

JANUARY: "We build the ladder by which we rise"  
JUNE: "Knowledge comes but wisdom lingers"

**CLASS SIZE:**

JANUARY: 127  
JUNE: 236

**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: Jack Bentzinger  
JUNE: Paul Rahmeier

**CLASS PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: Clarence Wolf  
JUNE: Bob Stufflebam

MISS SOUTHWEST: Dee Pizzella  
OPERETTA: "Prince of Pilsen"  
SENIOR PLAY: "January Thaw"

**YEAR:** 1951

**CLASS MOTTO:**

JANUARY: "Let us do our work well - Both the seen  
and the unseen"  
JUNE: "Progress is the activity of today and  
the assurance of tomorrow"

**CLASS SIZE:**

JANUARY: 116  
JUNE: 213

**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: Ted Duke  
JUNE: Bill Price

**CLASS PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: Dale Rodenroth  
JUNE: Tom Flack

MISS SOUTHWEST: Peggy Cummins  
OPERETTA: "Red Mill"  
SENIOR PLAY: "Uncle Fred Flits By"  
SPORTS  
CHAMPIONSHIPS: Football, Baseball, Tennis

**YEAR:** 1952

**CLASS MOTTO:**

JANUARY: "If education is for anything, it is that we learn to choose the good"

JUNE: "Learning is a treasure which follows its owner everywhere"

**CLASS SIZE:**

JANUARY: 128

JUNE: 245

**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: Dick Niebling

JUNE: Bill Moxley

**CLASS PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: Carl Bloomquist

JUNE: Joe Danklef

MISS SOUTHWEST: Linda Overmyer

OPERETTA: "The Fortune Teller"

SENIOR PLAY: "Father of the Bride"

SPORTS

CHAMPIONSHIPS: Tennis, Football

**YEAR:** 1953

**CLASS MOTTO:**

JANUARY: "Every man is the architect of his own future"

JUNE: "Not finished, just begun"

**CLASS SIZE:**

JANUARY: 103

JUNE: 234

**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: Don Schlapprizzi

JUNE: John Betz

**CLASS PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: Conrad Fries

JUNE: Nelson Reed

MISS SOUTHWEST: Margie Shepherd

OPERETTA: "Irene"

SENIOR PLAY: "Dear Ruth"

SPORTS

CHAMPIONSHIPS: Tennis

**YEAR:** 1954

**CLASS MOTTO:**

JANUARY: "The future is in our hands"  
JUNE: "By knowledge, wisdom; by wisdom, success"

**CLASS SIZE:**

JANUARY: 117  
JUNE: 208

**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: James Briggson  
JUNE: William Case

**CLASS PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: William Schall  
JUNE: Howard Ohline

MISS SOUTHWEST: Phyllis Ellebracht  
OPERETTA: "The Firefly"  
SENIOR PLAY: "I Love Lucy"  
SPORTS  
CHAMPIONSHIPS: Football

**YEAR:** 1955

**CLASS MOTTO:**

JANUARY: "We build the ladder by which we rise"  
JUNE: "What we are is God's gift to us - what we become is our gift to God"

**CLASS SIZE:**

JANUARY: 127  
JUNE: 236

**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: Richard Boehm  
JUNE: Sylvester Sterioff

**CLASS PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: Edward Goetz  
JUNE: Dale Pidcock

MISS SOUTHWEST: Jackie Roux  
OPERETTA: "Good News"  
SENIOR PLAY: "The Patsy"  
SPORTS  
CHAMPIONSHIPS: Golf

**YEAR:** 1956

**CLASS MOTTO:**

JANUARY: "Reputation is what people think of us;  
Character is what God knows of us"  
JUNE: "Knowledge comes but wisdom lingers"

**CLASS SIZE:**

JANUARY: 118  
JUNE: 259

**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: Albert Nelson  
JUNE: John Gianoulakis

**CLASS PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: Charles Rieder  
JUNE: Gene Powell

MISS SOUTHWEST: Judy Allred  
OPERETTA: "Girl Crazy"  
SPORTS  
CHAMPIONSHIPS: Golf

**YEAR:** 1957

**CLASS MOTTO:** "The end; yet the beginning"

**CLASS SIZE:**

JANUARY: 118  
JUNE: 235

**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: Ray Shepherd  
JUNE: Jerry Robbins

**CLASS PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: Thomas Clements  
JUNE: Al Ulbrich

MISS SOUTHWEST: Jackie Allred  
OPERETTA: "The Prince of Pilsen"  
SENIOR PLAY: "The Man Who Came to Dinner"  
SPORTS  
CHAMPIONSHIPS: Tennis

**YEAR:** 1958

**CLASS MOTTO:** "Do what you believe; believe in what you do"

**CLASS SIZE:**  
JANUARY: 116  
JUNE: 226

**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**  
JANUARY: Alan Antoine  
JUNE: Joseph (Jay) Baldwin

**CLASS PRESIDENT:**  
JANUARY: George Galakatos  
JUNE: Jack Palmer

MISS SOUTHWEST: Marguerite Scarato  
OPERETTA: "Sweethearts"  
SENIOR PLAY: "Arsenic and Old Lace"  
SPORTS  
CHAMPIONSHIPS: Football, Tennis

**YEAR:** 1959

**CLASS MOTTO:**  
JANUARY: "Live to learn, and you will learn to live"  
JUNE: "Do what you believe; believe in what you do"

**CLASS SIZE:**  
JANUARY: 113  
JUNE: 244

**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**  
JANUARY: Ronald Schowalter  
JUNE: Theodore Popowchak

**CLASS PRESIDENT:**  
JANUARY: Bill Frimel  
JUNE: Bruce Geiger

MISS SOUTHWEST: Lynn Wiesehan  
OPERETTA: "Brigadoon"  
SENIOR PLAY: "Dulcy"  
SPORTS  
CHAMPIONSHIPS: Tennis

**YEAR:** 1960

**CLASS MOTTO:**

JANUARY: "Forward ever, backward never"

JUNE: "It matters not how long we live, but how"

**CLASS SIZE:**

JANUARY: 115

JUNE: 173

**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: Art Ruff

JUNE: Nick Filippelo

**CLASS PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: James (Ed) Hewlett

JUNE: Edward Wizeman

MISS SOUTHWEST: Bev Smith

OPERETTA: "The Red Mill"

SENIOR PLAY: "The Matchmaker"

SPORTS

CHAMPIONSHIPS: Tennis, Baseball

**YEAR:** 1961

**CLASS MOTTO:**

"What we are is God's gift to us;  
what we become is our gift to God"

**CLASS SIZE:**

JANUARY: 121

JUNE: 286

**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: Vic Miller

JUNE: Bill Griffith

**CLASS PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: John Tanurchis

JUNE: Bill Leonard

MISS SOUTHWEST: Sharon Anstedt

OPERETTA: "Anything Goes"

SENIOR PLAY:

JANUARY: "The Ugly Duckling"

JUNE: "Spreading the News"

SPORTS

CHAMPIONSHIPS: Tennis, Baseball

**YEAR:** 1962

**CLASS MOTTO:**

JANUARY: "What we are to be, we are now beginning"  
JUNE: "To strive, to seek, to find and not to yield"

**CLASS SIZE:**

JANUARY: 118  
JUNE: 279

**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: Ron Taylor  
JUNE: Glen Percy

**CLASS PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: Dave Shimamoto  
JUNE: Tom Lynch

MISS SOUTHWEST: Barb Heckel  
OPERETTA: "The Mikado"  
SENIOR PLAY: "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay"  
SPORTS  
CHAMPIONSHIPS: Tennis, Baseball

**YEAR:** 1963

**CLASS MOTTO:**

JANUARY: "The will to do - the soul to dare"  
JUNE: "Today's dream is tomorrow's reality"

**CLASS SIZE:**

JANUARY: 87  
JUNE: 279

**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: Ted Anstedt  
JUNE: Warren Fridley

**CLASS PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: Ed Shimamoto  
JUNE: Alan Berner

MISS SOUTHWEST: Sue Due  
OPERETTA: "The Fortune Teller"  
SENIOR PLAY: "Annie Get Your Gun"  
SPORTS  
CHAMPIONSHIPS: Tennis, Football, Baseball;  
Sportsmanship Trophy

**YEAR:** 1964

**CLASS MOTTO:**

JANUARY: "The longest journey begins  
with a single step"

JUNE: "So little done, so much to do"

**CLASS SIZE:**

JANUARY: 118

JUNE: 395

**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: Jim Walling

JUNE: Ralph Sneed

**CLASS PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: James Shehon

JUNE: Ralph Sneed

MISS SOUTHWEST: Frosene Galakatos

OPERETTA: "The Firefly"

SENIOR PLAY: "Meet Me in St. Louis"

SPORTS

CHAMPIONSHIPS: Tennis, Baseball

**YEAR:** 1965

**CLASS MOTTO:**

JANUARY: "We are the future; let us mold it well"

JUNE: "Too low they build who build beneath  
the stars"

**CLASS SIZE:**

JANUARY: 90

JUNE: 403

**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: Don Vogel

JUNE: Dave Hilgendorf

**CLASS PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: John Heddell

JUNE: Larry Mayor

MISS SOUTHWEST: Cheryl Klump

OPERETTA: "Oklahoma"

SENIOR PLAY: "Mother Was a Freshman"

SPORTS

CHAMPIONSHIPS: Cross Country

**YEAR:** 1966

**CLASS MOTTO:**

JANUARY: "We have the key; the world is our door"  
JUNE: "Our tomorrows shall too soon be yesterdays"

**CLASS SIZE:**

JANUARY: 148  
JUNE: 460

**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: Jeff McLellan  
JUNE: Craig Marks

**CLASS PRESIDENT:**

JANUARY: Scott Geiger  
JUNE: Eddy Atwood

MISS SOUTHWEST: Linda Bippen  
OPERETTA: "Carousel"  
SENIOR PLAY: "The Importance of Being Ernest"  
SPORTS  
CHAMPIONSHIPS: Cross Country, Tennis; All Sports Trophy

**YEAR:** 1967

**CLASS MOTTO:** "Today we follow - tomorrow we leave"

**CLASS SIZE:** 376

**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

Jim Moorad

**CLASS PRESIDENT:** Tom Bills

MISS SOUTHWEST: Karen Woods  
OPERETTA: "Pajama Game"  
SENIOR PLAY: "You Can't Take It With You"  
SPORTS  
CHAMPIONSHIPS: Cross Country; All Sports Trophy

**YEAR:** 1968  
**CLASS MOTTO:** "From our spark may burst a mighty flame"  
**CLASS SIZE:** 619  
**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**  
Randy Mourning  
**CLASS PRESIDENT:** Fred Borchardt  
**MISS SOUTHWEST:** Darlene Johnson  
**OPERETTA:** "My Fair Lady"  
**SENIOR PLAY:** "Arsenic and Old Lace"  
**SPORTS**  
**CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Cross Country, Baseball, Tennis

**YEAR:** 1969  
**CLASS MOTTO:** "Today's dream is tomorrow's reality"  
**CLASS SIZE:** 498  
**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**  
August Favazza  
**CLASS PRESIDENT:** Ronald Bryant  
**MISS SOUTHWEST:** Marilyn Wilds  
**OPERETTA:** "South Pacific"  
**SENIOR PLAY:** "Blithe Spirit"  
**SPORTS**  
**CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Cross Country; Soccer;  
Basketball Sportsmanship Trophy

**YEAR:** 1970  
**CLASS MOTTO:** "Tomorrow is the beginning of the rest  
of your life"  
**CLASS SIZE:** 520  
**CLASS PRESIDENT:** Charles Wilson, Jr.  
**MISS SOUTHWEST:** Linda Collins  
**OPERETTA:** "Anything Goes"  
**SPORTS**  
**CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Soccer

**YEAR:** 1971  
**CLASS MOTTO:** "What we dare to dream we should dare to do"  
**CLASS SIZE:** 508  
**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**  
Ed Schumer  
**CLASS PRESIDENT:** Daniel B. McAnnar  
**MISS SOUTHWEST:** Patsy Carter  
**OPERETTA:** "Music Man" and "Brigadoon"

**YEAR:** 1972  
**CLASS MOTTO:** "The future is not in the hands of Fate,  
but our own"  
**CLASS SIZE:** 536  
**CLASS PRESIDENT:** William Givens  
**MISS SOUTHWEST:** Joann James  
**OPERETTA:** "Oklahoma" and "72 Skidoo"

**YEAR:** 1973  
**CLASS MOTTO:** "To give light to those who sit in darkness;  
to guide our feet in the way of peace"  
**CLASS SIZE:** 516  
**CLASS PRESIDENT:** Steve Acree  
**MISS SOUTHWEST:** Sue Holmes  
**OPERETTA:** "Fiddler on the Roof"  
**SPORTS**  
**CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Soccer

**YEAR:** 1974  
**CLASS MOTTO:** "Striving for tomorrow to achieve more  
than yesterday"  
**CLASS SIZE:** 549  
**STUDENT CONGRESS PRESIDENT:**  
Karl Everhart  
**CLASS PRESIDENT:** Donald W. Vogler  
**MISS SOUTHWEST:** Lydia Aksentijevic  
**OPERETTA:** "Hello, Dolly"  
**PLAY:** "The Mouse That Roared"  
**SPORTS**  
**CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Soccer

**YEAR:** 1975  
**CLASS MOTTO:** "As long as there are ideals superior to our  
present ones, we will not be satisfied  
until we accomplish them"  
**CLASS SIZE:** 583  
**STUDENT CONGRESS PRESIDENT:**  
B. Willner  
**CLASS PRESIDENT:** Walter V. Allen  
**MISS SOUTHWEST:** Vicky Woods  
**OPERETTA:** "Mame"  
**SPORTS**  
**CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Soccer

**YEAR:** 1976

**CLASS MOTTO:** "Take kindly the counsel of the years,  
gracefully surrendering the things of  
youth"

**CLASS SIZE:** 513

**STUDENT CONGRESS PRESIDENT:**  
Mathew Buha

**CLASS PRESIDENT:** Gary Josephs

**MISS SOUTHWEST:** Maureen Sutherlin

**OPERETTA:** "Brigadoon"

**SPORTS**

**CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Soccer

**YEAR:** 1977

**CLASS MOTTO:** "Today, well lived, makes every yesterday  
a dream of happiness"

**CLASS SIZE:** 500

**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**  
George Despotis

**CLASS PRESIDENT:** Scott E. Messel

**MISS SOUTHWEST:** Lesa Morris

**OPERETTA:** "Anything Goes"

**SPORTS**

**CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Soccer

**YEAR:** 1978  
**CLASS MOTTO:** "No goal is too high if we climb with care  
and confidence"  
**CLASS SIZE:** 450  
**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**  
Cynthia Davis  
**CLASS PRESIDENT:** Robert M. DiCandia  
**MISS SOUTHWEST:** Kim Hoffman  
**OPERETTA:** "The Music Man"  
**SPORTS**  
**CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Soccer

**YEAR:** 1979  
**CLASS MOTTO:** "Destiny is by choice, not chance"  
**CLASS SIZE:** 443  
**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**  
Richard Goehring  
**CLASS PRESIDENT:** Michael Dial  
**MISS SOUTHWEST:** Valerie Jones  
**OPERETTA:** "Babes in Arms"

**YEAR:** 1980  
**CLASS MOTTO:** "Enriched by the past; dedicated  
to the future"  
**CLASS SIZE:** 375  
**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**  
Sheryl Gatewood  
**CLASS PRESIDENT:** John Clements  
**MISS SOUTHWEST:** Maria Carnes  
**OPERETTA:** "Annie Get Your Gun"  
**SPORTS**  
**CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Cross County, Girls Field Hockey,  
Girls Tennis

**YEAR:** 1981

**CLASS MOTTO:** "Striving for excellence as we pursue  
our goals"

**CLASS SIZE:** 286

**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**  
Don Auer

**CLASS PRESIDENT:** Toby Barrow

**MISS SOUTHWEST:** Melencia Light  
**OPERA:** "Annie Get Your Gun"

**YEAR:** 1982

**CLASS MOTTO:** "Today's dreams, tomorrow's  
accomplishments"

**CLASS SIZE:** 262

**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**  
Don Auer

**CLASS PRESIDENT:** George Theodorou

**MISS SOUTHWEST:** Mary Ann Schaffer  
**OPERA:** "Pirates of Penzance"

**YEAR:** 1983

**CLASS MOTTO:** "More than just memories"

**CLASS SIZE:** 206

**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**  
Gina Zelenovich

**CLASS PRESIDENT:** Ann L. Arcelona

**MISS SOUTHWEST:** Yvette Yate

**YEAR:** 1984

**CLASS MOTTO:** "Yesterday is behind you; reach for tomorrow"

**STUDENT COUNCIL**

**CO-PRESIDENTS:** Kathy Ellison & Cheryl Eveland

**CLASS PRESIDENT:** Trent Kendall

**MISS SOUTHWEST:** Jamie Cook

**YEAR:** 1985

**CLASS MOTTO:** "Striving for excellence as we pursue  
our goals"

**CLASS SIZE:** 190

**STUDENT COUNCIL**

**CO-PRESIDENTS:** Adrienne Cook & Kevin Ellison

**MISS SOUTHWEST:** Rosalind Westbrooks

**YEAR:** 1986

**CLASS MOTTO:** "To accomplish great things we must not only  
act but also dream; not only plan but also  
believe"

**CLASS SIZE:** 163

**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

Nathan Ballard

**CLASS PRESIDENT:** Rhonda Harris

**MISS SOUTHWEST:** Alonna Gale

**SPORTS**

**CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Baseball - first time in 6 years

**YEAR:** 1987

**CLASS MOTTO:** "Destiny is not to be wanted, it is  
to be achieved"

**CLASS SIZE:** 115

**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**  
Eric Mitchell

**CLASS PRESIDENT:** Alex Howard

**HOMECOMING KING:** Joseph Ward

**YEAR:** 1988

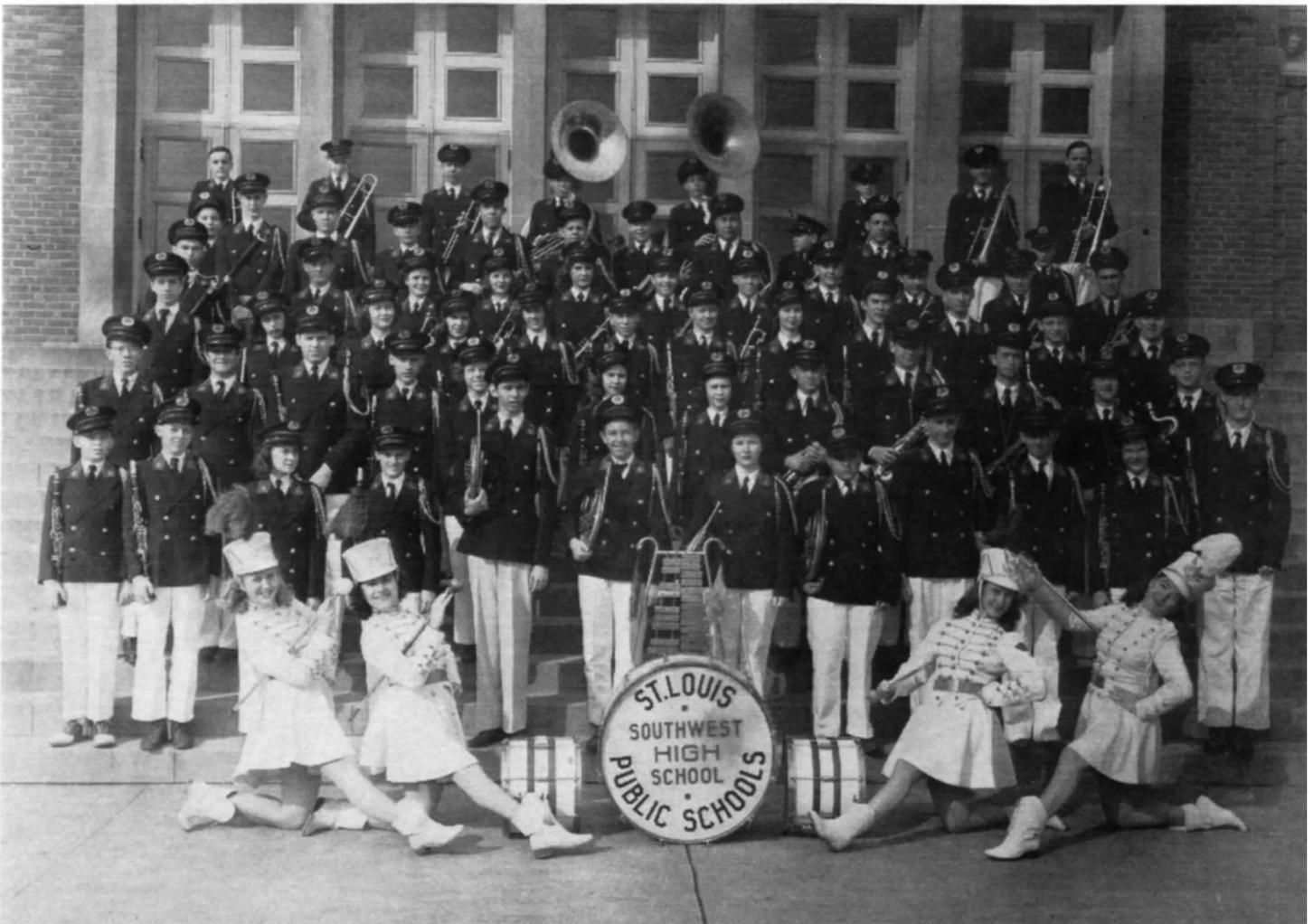
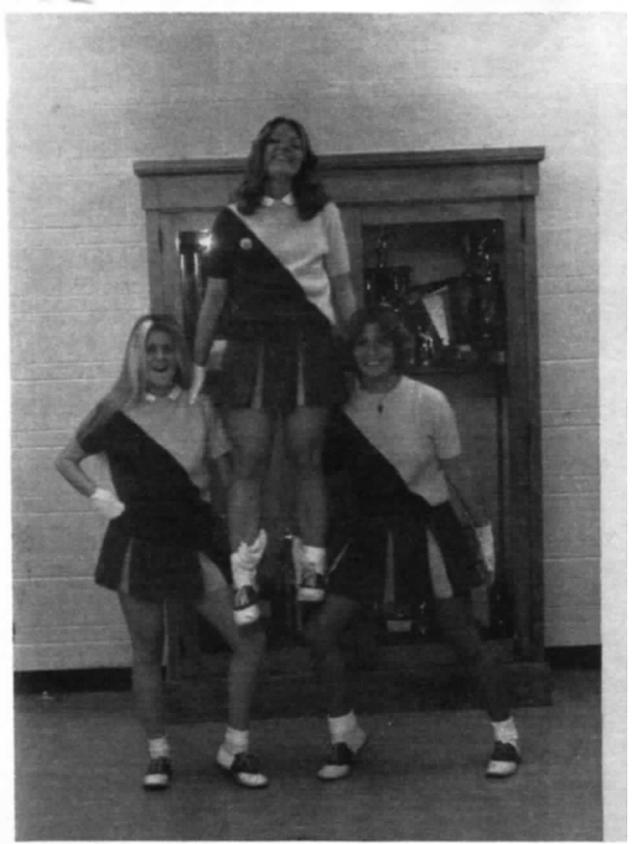
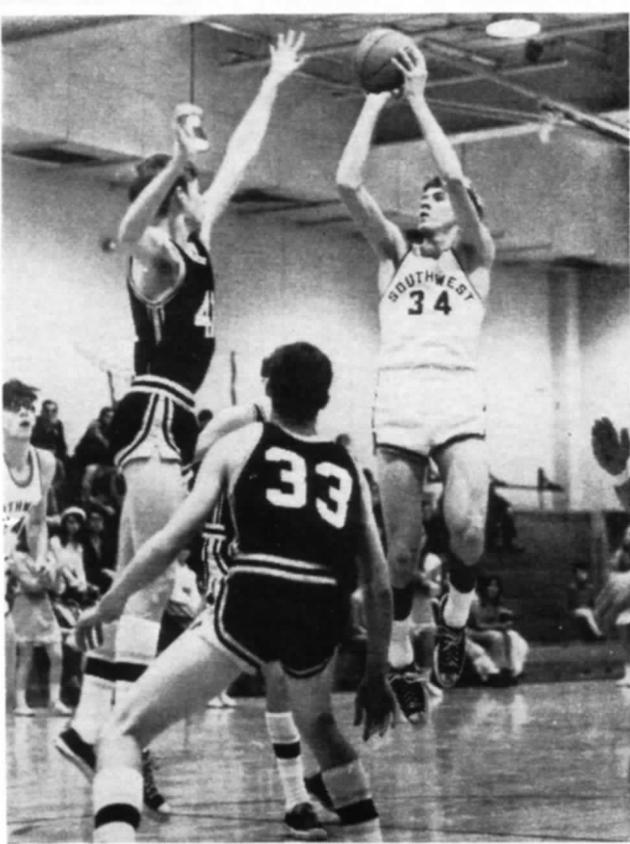
**CLASS SIZE:** 107

**STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**  
Susan Coffey

**CLASS PRESIDENT:** Natasha Hevia

**HOMECOMING KING:**  
Ahmad Nazari

**HOMECOMING QUEEN:**  
Karen Tefft



## **Southwest Champions**

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Since its opening, Southwest has competed successfully in all interscholastic sports. In 1938 the school became the eighth member of the St. Louis Public High League. The other were: Beaumont, Blewett, Central, Cleveland, McKinley, Roosevelt, and Soldan.

In a half century of games, the green and gold Longhorns have savored many exciting victories, but have excelled notably in three sports. They are baseball, tennis and soccer.

Changing enrollments and budgets have altered the high school sports structure in recent years. Some programs have been dropped or postponed. At the same time, new sports have been adopted, including several for girls.

The original coaches at Southwest High School were Louis Kittlaus, Jr., and Bill Gerber. These forerunners were joined and followed by Walter Williams, Ray Polster, Don Ashley, Irl Lake, Jim Kenny, Robert Young, Norman Jones, John McArtor, and others. All told, more than sixty men and women have served in coaching capacities at Southwest High.

In 1941, just four years after the school's founding, Southwest became city-wide baseball champions - and the next year, 1942, captured its first tennis title.

These honors were only the beginning. And we are proud today of the many, many crowns our high school alma mater has worn.

**Yea, Longhorns!**



## CHAMPIONSHIP YEARS

Baseball Champions	'41, '43, '47, '49, '51, '60, '61, '62, '63, '64, '68, '69, '71, '72, '73, '75, '76, '77, '79, '85
Tennis Champions	'42, '51, '52, '53, '57, '58, '59, '60, '61, '62, '63, '64, '66, '68, '74, '75, '78
Soccer Champions	'68, '69, '70, '73, '74, '75, '76, '77, '78
Cross Country Champions	'65, '66, '67, '68, '69
Football Champions	'51, '53, '57, '62, '63
Golf Champions	'55, '56
Swimming Champions	'76

# **Outstanding Southwest High Sports Briefs 1938 thru 1945**

## *FOOTBALL - COACH LOUIS KITTLAUS*

- 1939 - First season (a practice season) 4 victories and 2 defeats!
- 1940 - First season for interscholastic league. Team named Longhorns.
- 1941 - George Kehm named on all-star first team of the Post-Dispatch; Assistant Coaches are Charles Wetmore, Norman Jones, and Donald Ingerson.
- 1942 - Second place title in St. Louis Public High School Football League.
- 1943 - Second place tie with Roosevelt Rough Riders. Walter Williams, Coach. Louis Kittlaus transferred to Harris Junior College.
- 1945 - Donald Ashley becomes coach.

## *BASEBALL - COACH ROBERT YOUNG*

- 1939 - First season in public high school baseball league; third place, tied Cleveland and Roosevelt High.
- 1941 - Interscholastic High School baseball champions of St. Louis!
- 1943 - Interscholastic High School baseball champions of St. Louis! Walter Williams, Coach

## *BASKETBALL - COACH WILLIAM GERBER*

- 1938-39 - first season
- 1942-43 - tied for third place with McKinley High. Raymond Polster, Coach
- 1943-44 - tied for third place with Soldan High

## *TENNIS - COACH WILLIAM GERBER*

- 1942 - Interscholastic High School Tennis Champions of St. Louis

TRACK AND FLELD - COACH LOUIS KITTLAUS

- 1938 - first place in 440 yd. relay. Winkler won the midget high jump - first Southwest High man to win an event
- 1939 - Gordon Bischman - first place in the shot put
- 1941 - Championship, Senior division  
- First place, 880 yd relay; Lyle Downing - first place in 100 yd. dash and 200 yd. dash
- 1942 - Championship, Junior division; De La Roche first in 100 yd. dash; G. Schultz first in 440 yd. dash; Novak first in 50 yd. dash; Warne first in pole vault; Guth first in high jump; Fairchild first in high hurdles  
- Novak set new broad jump record - over 21 ft.
- 1943 - Coach James Kenny  
- Second place - All High School Field Day; Senior Division, Earl De la Roche first in 100 yd. dash and 220 yd. low hurdles; Ron Middleton first in shot put; Kenny Weber tied for first place in high jump. Junior Division, Glen Schultz first in shot put; Leonard Behrendt, first in pole vault. Novice Division, Ted Pepple first in high jump
- 1944 - Coach William Gerber  
-All High School Field Day Senior Division: Ken Nova k first in broad jump - new record of 22' 9 1/2" set! Also, first in 100 yd. dash. Junior Division: Don Spackler tied first in pole vault

VOLLEYBALL, SOCCER, SWIMMING, GOLF, GYM CLUB were among the extracurricular athletics coached by Southwest High coaching staff.



## ATHLETIC AWARDS

IN MEMORY OF  
2ND LT. TIMOTHY M. O'NEILL, USMC  
KILLED IN ACTION, MAY 25, 1969)

### Football

'72 Gary Rutledge  
'73 Mike Holmes  
'74 Kevin Woods  
'75 Mark Sutherlin  
'76 David Campbell  
'77 Tim Torrez  
'78 George Tanaka  
'79 George Soest  
'80 Jerry Haynes  
'81 Jack Douglas  
'82 Cedric Kelly  
'83 Ken Hutchison  
'84 Mike Knopfel  
'85 Carey Manuel

### Track

'72 Bill Kuba  
'73 Darrell Hilkebaumer  
'74 Bob Kelly  
'75 Kevin Moore  
'76 Dave Ford  
'77 Ananias Hill  
'78 Ken Judd  
'79 Brian Quarles  
'80 Tim Schoenecker  
'81 Efrem Tate  
'82 Efrem Tate  
'85 Kenneth Simpson



*REMEMBER DOUBLE-DECKER  
BUSSES TO FIELD DAY, PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS STADIUM?*



## **EARLY CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES**

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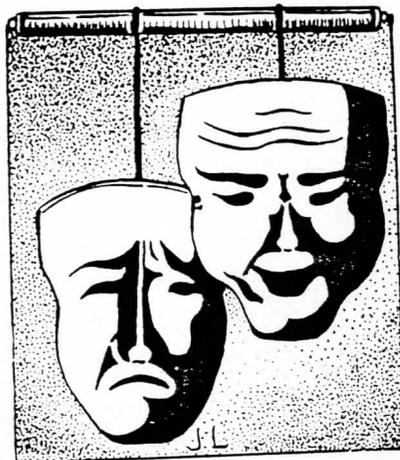
In the young years of Southwest High, clubs and activities were a vital part in the life of the Southwest High student. The nation was just emerging from the great depression and money was scarce. In many families both parents were away from home either working or looking for work. Shopping malls, student driven automobiles, and home television sets were still in the future. Transportation was by streetcar, bus, or on foot. The main social outlet for the majority of teenagers was afternoon activities at the high school.

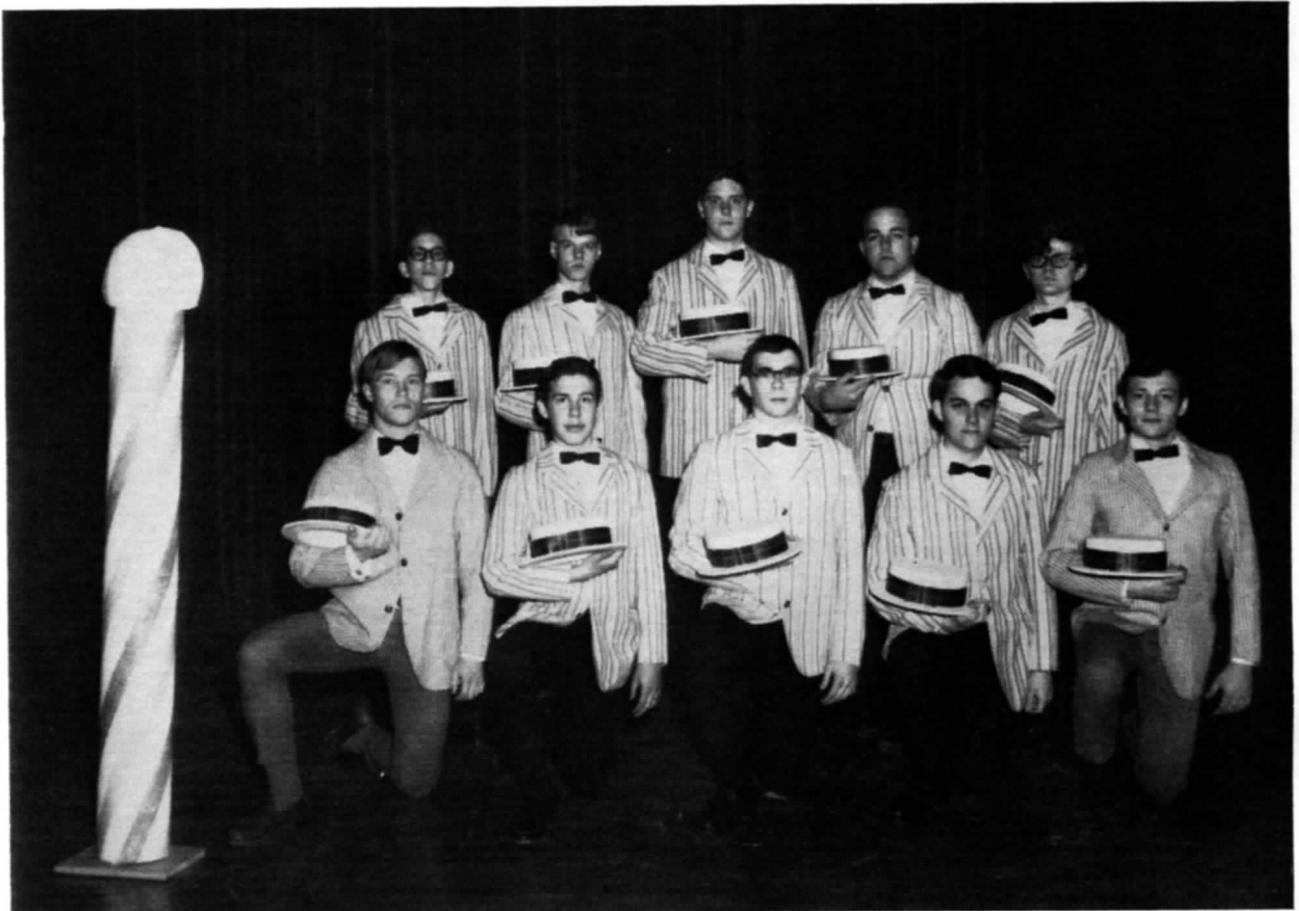
Whenever a few students decided upon a need for an organization, a teacher sponsor was found to volunteer. Many friendships were formed between these students and faculty. Learning of new skills, providing a profitable use of spare time, developing leadership qualities and a feeling of self-esteem were a few of the long-reaching enriching values of club membership. An interest was sparked for some students that led to a future profession or vocation.

During the years of World War II, students were active in Jr. Red Cross organization, First Aid Club, and assisted in the oil rationing program.

Other organizations included: Aviation Club, Biology Club (Junior Academy of Science), Bird Club, Math Club, Literary Club, Latin Club, Le Cercle Francais, Italian Club, College Club, Spelling Club, Pan American Club, Dramatic Club, Transportation Club, Bridge Club, Chess Club, Dance Club, Hiking Club, Badminton Club, Swimming Club, Bowling Club, and Golf Club.

An important outgrowth of the science club was the St. Louis Science Fair, spearheaded in 1954 by Southwest faculty member, Mr. Norman Jones. This yearly event has attained national recognition and has been imitated by other cities.





## OPERETTAS

1939	H.M.S. Pinafore	1961	The Mikado
1940	The Red Mill	1962	The Fortune Teller
1941	The Fortune Teller	1963	The Firefly
1942	Katinka	1963	Oklahoma
1943		1965	Carousel
1944		1966	Pajama Game
1945		1967	My Fair Lady
1946	The Firefly	1968	South Pacific
1947	The Mikado	1969	Anything Goes
1948	Sweethearts	1970	The Music Man
1949	The Prince of Pilsen	1971	Brigadoon
1950	The Red Mill	1972	Oklahoma
1951	The Fortune Teller	1973	Fiddler on the Roof
1952	Irene	1974	Hello, Dolly
1953	The Firefly	1975	Mame
1954	Good News	1976	Brigadoon
1955	Girl Crazy	1977	Anything Goes
1956	The Prince of Pilsen	1978	The Music Man
1957	Sweethearts	1979	Babes in Arms
1958	Brigadoon	1980	Annie Get Your Gun
1959	The Red Mill	1981	Annie Get Your Gun
1960	Anything Goes	1982	Pirates of Penzance



# **FACULTY REMEMBRANCES**

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## **Looking Back!**

*BY KATHERINE MURRAY*

It's a long way back to 1937 when Southwest High opened. How many things were taken for granted and then forgotten!

The school was small - so small everyone pretty much knew everyone else. Even though you didn't have all the students in your classes, you knew about them. I'm sure the students knew all the teachers and their special quirks, too. Few secrets were possible! There was one principal and one assistant principal, and no counselors at all. All advice for students took place during advisory. When planning for next semester or next year, advisory was usually lengthened.

One of the joys of those early years was the lack of students studying at the back of classes. Perhaps the smaller enrollment has made this possible again. The big third floor room on the east side of the building was where the students were assigned for study.

There was lots and lots of school spirit. The loyal alumni are a reflection of this!. Football, basketball, and the field meet in May were the big events, though tennis was important, too. Pep sessions were always very lively and noisy.

Many other after-school activities kept Southwesterners busy. A good many were involved with the music groups, particularly in the Fall practicing for the operettas. Of course, there were French, Spanish, and German clubs, a stamp club, and many others.

In the beginning the size of the school was smaller, too. The athletic field was out in front where the quadrangle is now. The football field and track were not as large as they should have been, but the Athletic Department got along some way and produced winning teams.

So much for yester-years. My hat is off to Southwest High in 1988.

*(MISS KATHERINE MURRAY, A MEMBER OF THE ORIGINAL SOUTHWEST FACULTY, SHARED THESE THOUGHTS WITH US JUST A FEW WEEKS BEFORE HER DEATH, AUGUST 16, 1988)*

# **FACULTY REMEMBRANCES**

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## **Scholar Quiz**

*BY LUCY A. FUNK*

Scholar Quiz was a television program sponsored by Union Electric on Channel 4 at 5 p.m. on Saturdays. It featured leading students from 48 area high schools. A team consisted of four members and two alternates. The moderator, Dean Richard Keefe of St. Louis University, gave a series of rapid-fire questions. The team member who hit the buzzer first and answered the question correctly was given a certain number of points. Questions covered academic subjects, sports, art, music, and current events. They ranged in difficulty from identifying the "young of sheep" to swift calculations and technical scientific questions. There were quarter finals, semi-finals, and semester finals. The winner of the fall semester finals met the winner of the spring semester for the Grand Championship. Southwest won two semester finals and one grand championship. The coaches at Southwest were Marjorie Becker, Lucy Funk, and Marcella Milcic.



# **FACULTY REMEMBRANCES**

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## **My Memories**

BY LEONTONE MEYER

The committee has asked me to write an article about my years at Southwest - my memories, impressions and feelings.

Believe it or not, I literally wept when orders came transferring me to SW. My year at McKinley had been so enjoyable I wanted to stay there.

But what a greeting I found when I arrived at SW - a student body full of enthusiasm and spirit. I think dozens of students had written words for school songs and the whole school was involved in setting up traditions. Even the parents shared the spirit as mothers made the band capes and white choir robes.

One of the things I enjoyed so much during the years was getting to know the parents of the students - and then, after some years, finding that the parents had been my students, too. SW was just like a big family and the 50th Anniversary celebrations point this out. One of the great joys of preparing for the various events was seeing the camaraderie of students from the earliest classes with those of the '80s graduates. There was certainly no generation gap - just the sharing of the experiences of being part of a great school.

In 1939 when Corine Hachtman, Monti, and I planned the first operetta, we had no idea that this was the beginning of 40 years of great musical experiences for SW students. How well I remember Mr. Sackett's saying "Don't worry about making money, just give a good artistic performance." We tried!

There were frequent criticisms of the size of our choruses - all members of all choral groups participated. A proposal was made to have a small "select" chorus and student response was sought. Charles Wilson, Class President in 1970, answered so well - "Don't change - it's the only thing you don't have to audition for or be elected to."

Christmas caroling demonstrated so well SW students' caring for others. Though the carolers enjoyed singing at Union Station, for Christmas parties and such, the real favorite was the Chronic Hospital. They wept at the sight of the patients as they strolled through the corridors singing their carols, but agreed that this was the best part of Christmas - making older people happy. Frequently 10 or 20 alumni would come back to join the rest of the choir in this special Christmas activity.

Whether it meant coming early or staying late, SW students were willing to give up their time for music, athletics, and other activities. The Early Risers, the barbershop group, rehearsed before choir. This group continued for well over 30 years. One year the fathers of the singers formed their own group - "The Late Risers."

The Madrigal Group did the after school rehearsing. Such enthusiasm - and ability!! I loved madrigals and so did these singers.

One of the great joys at SW was the cooperation - the principals who backed whatever we wanted to do musically, the faculty, most of whom were always helpful and, of course, the student body. We've always been proud that our instrumental and vocal groups did so

many things together , band/choir concert, Spring Festival with the huge finale of band and singers, and most of all the operettas. We enjoyed, too, the joining of other departments - art, literature, drama, and dance in the fine arts program.

There are so many memories, but two are sort of unusual and special. When I was leaving for Marine Corps Officer Training, getting ready to board the train at Union Station with the rest of the prospective marines, I suddenly heard the SW Alma Mater. There at 10 o'clock at night was the entire robed SW choir sending me off with "The Lord Bless You and Keep You." Many years later as I was leaving Lambert Field for an extended music tour, a large group from choir was there to see me off - at 5:30 a.m.!

Thoughtful, caring, enthusiastic - these were the SW students I had the joy to know. I've been truly blessed!

## **More Memories**

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(SOME FOND - SOME NOT SO FOND)

- Boys and girls eating lunch on separate sides of the cafeteria - faculty, too!!  
Lunch checks costing a nickel - 2 lunch checks bought a main dish plate - meat, vegetable & potato  
Always those wonderful rolls
- The year of the long teachers' strike when school was in session until the end of June - and 6 days a week, too! HOT - HOT - HOT
- Memorial day ceremony - students bringing flowers by advisory groups and placing them in front of the Memorial Plaque in the hall outside the Aud
- The fire in the scenery room when we lost all the scenery from early operettas, a grand piano, and our new revolving set piece
- Trips - Miss Reinhardt's UN tour, senior trips, Spanish trips to Mexico, and all the rest
- Fire strikes again: choir robes and equipment outside 400 destroyed
- Senior privilege - how hard it was to wait for that senior year so we could go "off campus" to lunch
- Making out our own programs and waiting in the cafeteria for favorite teacher's class to reopen
- Study halls in back of classes  
Study halls in the Aud!! DARK, DARK

- Gathering in the Aud for FDR's "Day of Infamy" speech, the day after Pearl Harbor. Did we realize some of our friends there would not return?
- Listening to World Series games in the Aud during our "free" periods
- Free study!
- The day of Kennedy's assassination - the rumor, then the horrible realization it was true
- Reflections - literary magazine published by the English Department
- The excitement of Jesse Jackson's appearance for an Aud session
- Field Day at the Public Schools Stadium
- Christmas caroling at Union Station, especially those days when it was bustling with travelers
- Band tours: New Orleans, Chicago, World's Fair, Kentucky Lake, etc.
- Tricycle races on the athletic field - with faculty members on the little three-wheelers
- Tribute concert to "Monti" Monachesi
- The alumni returning for Christmas and crowding on the stage with choir to sing the "Hallelujah Chorus"



*PROM QUEEN AND DATE*



# **“Reunion Revives Southwest Spirit”**

*BEV PFEIFER-HARMS (REPRINTED FROM SOUTH COUNTY JOURNAL)*

The paint is peeling, the walls have their share of graffiti, but it still feels like home.

After 50 years of service and thousands of graduates, Southwest High School is welcoming home its alumni - through a variety of golden anniversary celebrations.

Recently, I joined more than 1,000 former Longhorns and staff for an open house.

Things are different in 1988 - there are only about 700 students. That's a far cry from the 2,100 who roamed the halls more than a decade ago; my graduating class alone had 667.

With fewer students come fewer classes, especially advanced courses, social clubs and activities. Those changes have put school spirit, for the most part, on a back burner - for so many students or faculty it's just a place to put in your time.

But it was hard to tell that at the open house - I could almost feel the walls reaching out to hug each one of us.

It was heartening to see a performing choir and cheerleading squad on stage. And I still got the same old chill when the gathered group sang the school song.

Most of us didn't look at the printed words - it's something you just remember.

For many alumni, no Southwest reunion would be complete without Leontone Meyer - the commander of Room 400, the choir room.

There was a knot of former students around Miss Meyer most of the day. Forgotten were those early mornings when she pushed our voices to the limits.

I remember many lunchtime conversations about this boy or that girl, while the troublemakers shot spitballs or threw butter pats onto the cafeteria ceiling.

There were the frantic days of preparation before operetta tryouts and the daily grind of putting together the school newspaper.

There were showers in gym class when we only pretended to get wet and the mad five-minute dash between periods one year from the new girls' gym to a fifth-floor French class.

All those memories - four years that will never be again.

It's hard to imagine how different Southwest looked for the older alumni gathered at the open house.

But I doubt the memories of loyalties were any less dim.

There were yearbooks, operetta pictures, banners, senior class buttons and slides on display from alumni.

There were lots of hugs and kisses for classmates not seen recently - and cries of recognition throughout the halls.

As the Southwest song goes, “the green and gold shall never die.”

# ***When We Were Teenagers...***

*AUTHOR UNKNOWN (AGE OVER 60)*

This essay first surfaced at a 40th high school reunion a few years ago and a roomful of old-timers laughed together at the memories. Who would believe so much could happen in just four decades?

“We were before TV, penicillin, polio shots, antibiotics and frizbees. Before frozen food, nylon, dacron, Xerox, radar, fluorescent lights, credit cards and ballpoint pens...

For us, time sharing meant togetherness, not computers; a chip meant a piece of wood, hardware meant ten-penny nails, and software wasn't even a word...

In our time closets were for clothes, not for coming-out-of, and being gay meant you were happy and carefree. In those days bunnies were small rabbits, and rabbits were not Volkswagons...

We were before Pogo, Rudolph-the-Rednosed-Reindeer and Snoopy. Before vitamin pills, disposable diapers, contact lenses and the Jefferson nickel. Before Scotch tape, the Grand Coulee Dam, M & M's, the automatic shift and Lincoln Continentals...

When we were in school, pizzas, Cheerios, Fritos, instant coffee and McDonald's were unheard of. We thought fast food was what you ate during Lent...

We got our news over the back fence, not by satellite. We were before FM radios, tape recorders, electric typewriters, word processors, electronic music and disco dancing...

Almost no one flew across the country, and trans-Atlantic flight belonged to Lindbergh and Amelia Earhart. We were before Israel and the United Nations; before India, Pakistan, Indonesia and the Philippines were independent countries...

We were before pantyhose and drip-dry clothes; before ice makers and dish washers, automatic dryers, freezers and electric blankets. Before Hawaii and Alaska became states; before men wore long hair and earrings, and women wore tuxedos...

We were before Leonard Bernstein, yogurt, plastics, the 40-hour week and minimum wage. Couples used to get married first and then live together. How quaint can you be?

For just a nickel you could ride the streetcar from downtown to Clayton, make a phone call or buy enough stamps to mail a letter and two postcards. You could own a Chevy coupe for \$659, but who could afford it? That's a pity because gas was 11 cents a gallon. If anyone had asked us to explain, CIA, NATO, UFO, NASA or ERA, we would have said, "Alphabet soup."

We were before organ transplants, jet planes, helicopters and interstate highways. "Made in Japan" meant junk; and the term "making out" referred to how you did on an exam...

Grass was mowed - not smoked. Coke was something you drank. And pot was something you cooked in...

Believe it or not, we were teenagers, too!"

## **“High School Revisited”**

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TED PEPPLE (JOURNAL COLUMNIST)

By the Gregorian calendar, the Siamese water clock or any measure you care to apply - my high school graduation took place 43 years ago.

I wish I could say “it doesn’t seem that long.” But the truth is I went back for an Open House the other day and couldn’t even find the auditorium.

Somebody from my class called and said a bunch of grads and teachers were cooking up a 50th anniversary celebration, to include a number of special events. All of these activities together over the next several months will commemorate Southwest High School’s first half century.

I wasn’t there when the school opened in 1937, but my brother was and, in fact, managed to struggle through with the first graduating class. I didn’t arrive until 1941 and departed as a mid-term graduate in 1945 - overcoming substantial obstacles left by my sibling predecessor.

The building and the enrollment in those days were considerably smaller, and the athletic field stood in front, along Kingshighway and Arsenal in southwest St. Louis. There were no bleachers for spectators and some of the early football games were played at a softball park across the street, where a big factory now sits cranking out aluminum beer cans.

Southwest High’s architecture would not win any prizes - but, at least, it once had “character.” Originally, it was Depression-deco and WPA-engineered, with a distinguishing row of statues over its entrance. I don’t recall what they symbolized in terms of education, but that doesn’t matter any more because those classic gods and goddesses have been obliterated from view.

Passersby today think the expanded structure is an annex of the can factory and not a high school. Its walls and corridors spread out all over the place, and I’m told there are hundreds of lost freshmen inside, wandering aimlessly in search of home rooms.

I’m glad I was there when life was simpler - when I could get to my locker in 14 seconds after the last bell - when trackmen could show off in front of the main steps and the girls could watch from the terrace - when all of my senior class could sit on stage for commencement.

Trying to lure old students for a high school reunion isn’t easy, as the anniversary committee can testify. When 20,000 graduates scatter to the four winds, you almost need a collection agency to track them down.

Even so, the Open House was well attended, with a lot of familiar faces I knew and a lot more I didn’t. But the big thrill came in meeting a few classmates I hadn’t seen since graduation night 43 years ago. We stood staring happily at one another over double chins and bifocals - elated to have made it back.

As I left, I bumped into Earle DeLaRoche, once the fastest halfback on our football team. Earle looked great. He wasn’t running and neither was I, but both of us managed to walk out proudly under our own power.

Not bad for two guys who are older than Southwest High School.

## **“A Senior’s Thoughts”**

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*JOSEPHINE STRANO, TAKEN FROM 1950 ROUNDUP*

Now don't misunderstand me! I'm a senior and proud of it. It isn't as though I regret being a senior, but like everything else, it has disadvantages.

I have always looked forward to the time when I would reach my last year at Southwest, but now that I have, every time I think of the decreasing number of days 'til graduation, I get a lump in my throat and lose my appetite for the rest of the day. I just can't imagine myself getting up in the morning and going anywhere but Southwest High School (except of course on Saturday and Sundays or holidays). I have become acquainted with the teachers and have accustomed myself to seeing new Southwesterners arriving and old ones leaving. But now I am going to be the one leaving. I don't want to leave. I want to stay on at Southwest. I have enjoyed acquiring knowledge from our teachers.

I know I should want to carry through our school motto: “Enter to learn, go forth to serve.” I have learned to the best of my ability and I do want to serve, to take my place among the citizens of our great country, but I don't want to leave Southwest.

My Alma Mater means more to me than just a place where I have spent a large part of my life. It is where I was taught to live life happily with its joys and sorrows, successes and failures, harmonies and hazards.

No, I am not afraid to face the future. I am looking forward to it with pleasure, but in my heart there is something that tells me I will never forget Southwest where many beautiful friendships have been made. I have memories to fill the deepest recesses of my mind.

Sometimes when I see a worn spot in the stone steps outside or sit in a classroom, I think of the students that have gone before me and the students that will follow me, placing their feet in the same place I have mine, sitting in the same seats. No, I will never forget Southwest, but Southwest will forget me. I will just be another record in the files.

Perhaps there are others who feel as I do, sorrowful and reluctant to leave, yet agree to start a new and eventful life where every day is a full one.

New friends, new ideas, new habits, but what of the old? Are they to be discarded, thrown out as old shoes that just don't fit any more? What shall I do with the new-found knowledge I have gained in the last four years? How shall I use it in order to gain full benefit from it? Questions, questions, and more questions: these are the perplexities that pulse through my mind as I watch the days flying by and then drawing nearer to that important day.

Some of us will go to college, others to work, and others will be married. But I, what am I going to do? Whatever I decide, I am going to put the good I have been taught into practice and gain benefits from the knowledge I have acquired. I shall truly try “to go forth and serve.”

# **FAMOUS GRADUATES**

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*(AND SOME WHO ARE NOT SO FAMOUS)*

Southwest graduates are prominent in many fields all over the United States. Those successful in business are too numerous to mention. Here are just a few who have gained recognition in the arts, science, education and politics:

**Richard Gephardt** - Class of June 1958

U.S. Congressman, Missouri's 3rd District and 1988 candidate for the Democratic nomination for President.

**Jocelyn Schrum (Kathy Nolan)** - Class of June 1951

Featured in popular TV series "The Real McCoys."  
First woman to head the Screen Actors Guild.

**Dr. Jerry Petrofsky** - Class of 1966

Inventor of an instrument to control by computer the muscles of quadriplegic patients. Featured in many magazine articles and on "60 Minutes" and other TV programs.

**Marvin Koenig** - Class of June 1958

Outstanding educator and former Principal of Southwest High School.

**Paula Ingram** - Class of 1978

Role in "Porgy and Bess" at famous Glynbourne Opera Festival in England, and in the movie and recording of the opera.

In an effort to locate others, a letter was sent to the Martha Carr column in the St. Louis Post Dispatch. The following information was received in response to that letter:

**Dr. Douglas G. Nuelle** - Class of 1966

Orthopedic surgeon who performed the world's first documented arthroscopic surgery of the temporomandibular joint (TMJ) in July, 1985.

**Marilyn Mesi Pona** - Class of January 1964

Founder and president of Paws for a Cause, support dogs for the handicapped, a national program providing specially trained dogs, at no cost.  
Featured in the July 17, 1988, PD Magazine of the Post Dispatch.

**Richard Mallon** - Class of June 1947

Atomic scientist at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, now a research professor.

**Adreanne Puls Pieber** - Class of 1956

Art teacher for senior citizens and children, including the handicapped. Much volunteer work and several awards.  
Active in Missouri Cooperative Education Center.

**Richard L. Warren**

Three years in 82nd Airborne Division, serving his country.

**Emanuele (Emil) J. Passanisi** - Class of 1939

First graduating class.

Navy pilot with duty in the Pacific, received many decorations, served in many parts of the world.

Retired in 1965 after 7,000 flight hours and 24 years of service. Worked with NASA in the Apollo space program.

Manager of data processing firm for five years.

Now Advisory Analyst with Service Management and Planning for the Southwest Marketing Division.

**Kay Owens Johnson** - Class of January 1962

Elementary school principal for 20 years.

President of Oklahoma Association for the Gifted, Creative, and Talented.

Worked with the Oklahoma legislature to establish the Gifted and Talented Act.

On the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Curriculum Improvement Commission.

In Who's Who in American Education 1987-88.

Develops and trains schools and teachers in the use of ABRAIN (Applied Brain Research Alters Instructional Needs)

**Elmer George Zacheis** - Class of June 1942

A Christian Brother, of the same order that runs CBC, for 46 years, and due to retire in 1989.

Now Brother Bernard Zacheis, F.S.C.

**JoAnn Croci Dreas** - Class of 1970

Police officer for ten years, with three letters of commendation. Now teaching sixth grade at The Bayless School.

**Raymond Douglas Galbreth** - Class of January 1965

Taught marketing and management at Southeast Missouri State University 1971-79.

Now Executive Director of Delta Chi Fraternity.

**Mark Dunkin Conner** - Class of June 1965

Rehabber, builder, developer, employer, in Lafayette Square, Soulard, Compton Heights, the Central West End, LaSalle Park, Columbus Square, and Lafayette Town.

Past president, City Division of the Home Builders Association.

Organized the rewriting of the city's outdated zoning code.

Member of ad hoc committee studying the problems and future of the city schools.

# **SCHOLARSHIPS**

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## **Marguerite Yehlen German**

Mrs. Marguerite Yehlen German, a graduate of Harris Teachers College and St. Louis University, touched the lives of many as an elementary teacher at Hodgen and Gardenville schools, a physical education teacher at Cleveland and Roosevelt high schools and a teacher of English, history, physical education, and a counselor at Southwest High School. To her there were no problem students, only students with problems. Whether helping to solve problems, teaching a class or working to obtain a scholarship for a student, her optimistic, caring, loving attitude was ever present.

The Marguerite Yehlen German Memorial Award is available to a senior at Southwest High School and to high school seniors who are children or grandchildren of Southwest High School alumni. Applicants should be active in school activities.

### **Recipients**

1982 David Shockley

1988 Russell Keaton

## **Libero Monachesi**

Mr. Libero Monachesi, familiarly known as "Monti," attended the University of Missouri and the University of Illinois where he participated in many music activities. He performed the lead role in "Pagliacci." Later he sang professionally in Chicago and on the West Coast with United Artists Studio, and continued his professional career as tenor soloist at the Second Presbyterian Church, the New Cathedral, and Shaare Emeth Temple in St. Louis. At Southwest, he taught Italian and as Director of Music, developed an outstanding band and orchestra. He directed the All-City Orchestra for the Bi-Centennial Pageant presented by the St. Louis Public Schools. He made a lasting impression upon his students, many of whom became professional musicians or music educators.

To be eligible for the Libero Monachesi Memorial Award, the applicant must be a Southwest High School senior who participated in the music program or be the child or grandchild of a Southwest alumnus who participated in the music program.

### **Recipients**

1987 Katie Westbrook

1988 Patricia Kern - Mehlville  
(daughter of James L. Klein '54-'58)

## Corine Hachtman

Miss Corine Hachtman, an English teacher, was a member of the original Southwest High School faculty in 1937. She was the Head of the English Department at the time of her death in March, 1969. During her 32 year tenure at Southwest High School, she proved to be a very conscientious, dedicated and loyal teacher. She was interested in the students' welfare and academic achievement and was a source of encouragement and inspiration to them. She saw no failure in students.

The Corine Hachtman Memorial Award is available to qualifying Southwest High School seniors who are active in school activities. Children or grandchildren of Southwest alumni who are high school seniors are also eligible if they are active in their high school activity program.

<b>Recipients</b>			
1970	Virginia Bicket David Jung Ed Schumer	1978	Thomas Enders Kathleen Fincher Diana Hohner
1972	Martha Renner Mark Vortreide		James Niemann Tony Parisi John Riddle
1973	Glenn Bauer Mark Dopuch Susanne Henderson	1979	John Cronin Linda Dubis Donald Dutton
1974	Sue Green Chris McGinn Mary Sherwin Nancy Slovensky		Richard Goehring Laura Psaris
1975	Thomas Held Lillian Millman Beverly Pfeifer Molly Watson	1980	Lisa Gentilini Nancy Jaeger Ann Khueren Anthony Phillips
1976	Terri Casteel David Ford Jeanne Robinson Kathryn Weber	1983	Karen Fulks Ann Arcelona Danny Harizopoulos Gina Zelenovich Chris Lehr
1977	David Barton Cindy Psaris Stephanie Tanaka	1988	Scott Knopfel Jackie McGill Regina Chandler Karen Knopfel Jill Vogel (Lindbergh, daughter of Eileen Kelly, '60-'64)

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# **A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL** \_\_\_\_\_

THOMAS P. DALY JUNE 30, 1988

During the past 50 years, Southwest High School served its community well. Living up to its motto, "Enter to Learn; Go Forth to Serve", Southwest gave scores of productive citizens to the world. Doctors, lawyers, teachers, scientists, politicians, journalists, and entertainers were instructed, guided, and given a sense of purpose within the shelter of this high school. Today, despite the somewhat worn appearance of her superstructure, the students receive the same instruction and guidance aimed at instilling a sense of purpose.

In 1987-88, Southwest High School housed 1,141 students from all areas of the city of St. Louis. These 1,141 students were under the tutelage of 70 staff members. Since the composition of the student body reflects the entire city, not just one neighborhood, both the curricular and extra curricular activities took a different turn to accommodate the ever changing diversity of a transient population. But, the strength of Southwest remained—that strength is a loyalty to knowledge and commitment

Within the slowly eroding framework that 50 years before smacked of freshness, the same excitement and anticipation lurks before every musical performance and every athletic event. The same search for knowledge continues. And, as always, many events and programs enrich the learning experience of Southwest Students. Among them are:

- Bicentennial U.S. Constitution celebration
- Opera Theatre of St. Louis (A concert performed by Paula Ingram, a graduate of Southwest.)
- Young Audiences program
- Southwest band, drill team, and cheer leaders performed in Columbus Day Parade and Harris-Stowe Homecoming
- College Fair
- Metropolitan Student Leadership Program
- Career Pathfinders Program
- Red Cross Blood Drive
- SL/EAP Canned Food Drive
- Toys for Tots Campaign
- Voter Registration Drive
- Mock Trial Program
- National Honor Society
- SLPS Math Fair
- Junior Achievement.

In addition, the rich traditions of Hello Day, Homecoming, Christmas Aud, and Senior Prom remain intact and keep these activities a vital part of the school year.

Southwest High School today is not the Southwest of 30 or 20 or even 10 years ago. It reflects the present, the ever-fluid movement of time. But amid the change, one thing remains constant — the spirit of Southwest! "All hail to thee our Alma Mater, all hail to thee, dear Southwest High."

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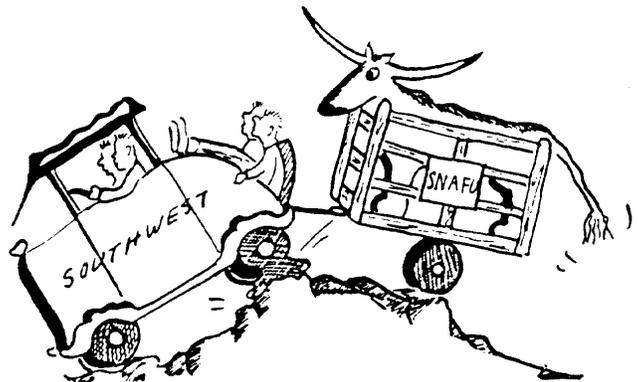
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The best part of compiling this "old school history" was getting to know some "old school friends."



(COVER DESIGN BY SOUTHWEST ARTIST GUS PALAZZOLO, CIRCA 1940)

## ***Looking forward to the next 50*** \_\_\_\_\_

*IN THE MEANTIME -*

Thanks for the memories  
Of football teams we cheered,  
Coaches that we feared,  
Of public high school championships and trophies that we shared,  
We thank you so much.

Thanks for the memories  
Of rooms so hard to find,  
Permission slips we signed,  
Elevator passes put those nujays in a bind,  
That old Southwest touch!

Many's the homecoming dances,  
And still more the high school romances;  
Oh well, they were swell while they lasted --  
We did have fun, and no harm done.

So thanks for the memories  
Of music that we made,  
Our great band on parade,  
The orchestra and concert choir and all the shows we gave.  
Our memories of all these things we've cherished and we saved;  
We love you Southwest!

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