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Class Day Honors Seniors Tomorrow

Traditional Class Day ceremonies will be held tomorrow in the auditorium with a double aud session in honor of seniors.

A farewell address will be given by Senior Class President Frank Givens and a response by Steve Acree, the newly elected president of next year's Senior Class. There will also be a speech given by next year's student congress president, Steve Daniels.

The installation of the new Senior Class officers by Frank Givens and Student Congress officers by Dave Wymer, retiring Student Congress president, will follow.

Principal Robert M. Young will then present the Distinguished and Outstanding Citizens Awards to the deserving students.

Highlights of the class will be presented by Cathy Scully, Ron

Pozzo, John Rehling, Kris Keaton, Dave Mouldon, and Nordys Watts.

The SC president for next year will then present the retiring officers with gifts. Graduating Lettermen will also receive lifetime passes for non-league games. Scholastic Pins will be awarded to the ten top ranking scholars of the graduating class. Bill Kuba, chairman of the gift committee, will present Mr. Young and the school with the senior gift.

The program will end with the performance of the class song by graduating members of Concert Choir. One last Alma Mater will then be sung by seniors.

Nearly 600 seniors will graduate June 14 at Kiel Auditorium next Wednesday. Seniors will enter for the first

time in green and gold gowns, boys in green and girls in gold.

Frank Givens will give the welcome address. The graduating members of Concert Choir will sing an inspirational song. The final portion of the program will be the distribution of the diplomas individually by Principal Robert M. Young.

The Prom committee, sponsored by Mr. Steve Nuske, and the senior class selected "Beginnings" as the theme for the prom held in the Mayan Room at Bel Air East, June 2.

Senior Diane Dendrinelis provided ticket and program designs and a large mural for decoration of the Mayan Room.

Next Monday the annual senior luncheon will be held at Grant's Cabin Restaurant where live entertainment will be provided by talented seniors.



photo by John Dengler

North Central To Evaluate SW in Fall

Southwest is scheduled to be evaluated next fall by the North Central Association, a regional accrediting agency of colleges and secondary schools, whose aim is to maintain high standards for schools.

This evaluation takes place every seven years. Its purpose is not to evaluate but to re-evaluate. The study also provides a means for keeping curriculum updated.

SW will be checked from the

photo by John Dengler



Pitching

In

Sophomores Larry Daniels, Jill Trumbrell, and Rita Bentrup of Miss Linda Moran's fifth period English class "Pitch In" cleaning the quadrangle during National Pitch In Week, May 14-21. Other classes at SW had similar projects.

Pioneer Calendar

June 8 -	Graduation rehearsal periods 2, 3, 6
9 -	Senior Class Day; aud session
12 -	Final exams, periods 1, 5, 7
13 -	Final exams, periods 2, 4
14 -	Final exams, periods 3, 6
	Graduation at Kiel, 7:30 p.m.

Metro Offers Variety

"A school without walls."

This idea inspired the Board of Education to establish Metro High.

Opening next fall, Metro will provide an alternative educational plan for selected high school students. Metro will feature small classes, the option for independent study, a broader range of course selection, and the opportunity to receive school credit for volunteer work in community service activities.

Operating on a twelve month schedule, Metro students will have four ten-week terms separated by three-week vacations. This will make available community resources

which operate only in the summer.

The traditional grading system will be replaced by one using A, B, credit, or no credit. Instead of the usual class credit system in which a one-year full credit course is worth one unit, each Metro ten-week class will be worth four points. A four-year Metro student would need 272 points to graduate.

Unique Metro courses include Oh Horrors!, a study of mystery and horror stories; Dance, Sing, and Show Your Teeth..., which will view Black entertainers from slavery to the present; The Future As History, a look at the world in the year 2000; and Wax Paper and Geo-Board Geometry.

New Team

Ready for work are next year's SC officers (from left) Vice-President Glen Bauer, Secretary Sue Holmes, President Steve Daniels, and Treasurer Mark Dopuch. Executive officers (not shown) are John, Dubis, Mary Pettigrew, Nancy Tomlinson, and Charlotte Watts.

Daniels Plans for SC

"I really feel it is a great honor to be elected the first black president of Student Congress," stated junior Steve Daniels after learning of his victory in the elections held last month.

With reference to the other seven candidates for SC offices, Steve stated that "no matter how the elections resulted, we will all work together. The new officers have already shown their desire to work at the first meeting."

He liked the change in the offices of SC. "I feel it will work better with the Student Aid Committee and the Task Force proposals. The extra officers will really be needed."

"I hope students will back us up and have faith in SC," he added. One proposal for increasing student faith he explained further. "I plan to keep a monthly check on SC representatives to make sure they are reporting to the students. Since there are eight officers, two could go personally to each advisor and advisory for better representation."

When asked about this year's change in impeachment, Steve

said, "I hope to amend the impeachment procedures so that a rep could lose his office by SC recommendation."

Steve spoke with optimism for increasing school pride. He feels that "band concerts, film festivals and bonfires are just the thing to boost SW spirit. With student support," he went on to say, "I would like to have more aud sessions, revise the hall pass restrictions and place tables for pleasure and study in the quadrangle. I think I will be able to do this," he added, "because of the Task Force and an enthusiastic SC."

"The majority of students feel that once they write to the Student Aid Committee nothing happens." Steve went on to admit, "it really wasn't effective this year."

He feels he knows many of the problems of SC and has solutions for some. "I would like to set up SAC stations where students could readily get forms. If there were any problems, the students and teachers involved would have to come to the SAC, which would be made up two executive officers and five reps."

Two Teachers To Counsel Next Year

Two Southwest teachers, Mrs. Sharon Alexander, English teacher, and Miss Cathy Brennecke, math teacher, will be changing roles this summer and next fall to become full time students at Washington University in a program working toward their Master's degrees in counseling.

The program begins with two summer sessions. Then, next fall, they will start an internship, a program similar to student

teaching, at SW. Mrs. Alexander will be at SW in the morning, Miss Brennecke in the afternoon. They will be taking the place of counselor Jacqueline Hudson, who will be the coordinator of the North-Central Evaluation Committee.

When asked her feelings on leaving teaching, Miss Brennecke commented, "I've really enjoyed teaching, but I think I'll like counseling, too. This program is a good way to find out."

'72 - A Year in Retrospect

By Sue Henderson and Debbie Regan

PIONEER Editorial Writers

While dusting off some old traditions, Southwest students this year created some new traditions of their own.

A record number of over 2,770 students and the largest Freshman Class ever greeted SW this year.

Student Congress again sponsored an outdoor pep session for fall sports. This fall aud, originated by SC President Auggie Favazza four years ago, has become a tradition.

The style and customs of the 50's was the theme of this year's Spirit Week. Held in December, this five-year old event seems to have achieved tradition status.

Highlighting the week's activities were the Lettermen-Faculty basketball game, the continued appearance of boy cheerleaders, and the ever popular Slave Sale.

Several auds were capped by the naming of Teen-Angel Fabian Suckles and a 50's dress-up day saw a majority of the school decked out in the classic zoot suits, saddle oxfords, and bobbie socks.

Added to SC's list of successes was the fourth annual Mayfair. This year's carnival atmosphere was heightened by the addition of a band in the quadrangle, the selling of sandwiches, and a longer time period.

SC brightened up the smoking lounge by furnishing the room with fireproofed curtains and unique tables made from empty cable spools.

The Congress also originated a Student Aid Committee which handled complaints dealing with the lunch room, library, discipline, smoking lounge,

faculty unfairness to a class as a whole, audio visual, and sanitary custodial conditions.

This was the first organized attempt by SC to handle complaints of students. It was designed to be not only a sounding board for students but a defender of student rights.

In response to the aborted student bill of rights, Principal Robert M. Young formed a Principal's Task Force.

Four seniors who lead major school organizations, senior Dave Wymer, SC President, two PTA officers, and four teachers representing the faculty were chosen as members while Assistant Principal Gene Gladstone acted as administrative representative.

They formulated a policy statement of eight provisions and plans for three special committees. It was submitted to the faculty and students on March 10 and passed with little opposition.

Thirty SW students and fifteen faculty members attended a retreat to Fordyce House made possible by a \$4000 grant from the Danforth Foundation. The purpose of the retreat was to improve inter-racial understanding.

The participants presented their views and shared their experiences with the rest of the students and faculty during an all-day seminar at school on April 11.

It was the hope of many that the effects of the retreat and talks will carry the spirit of unity through the remainder of this year and into the future.

This year the Senior Class sponsored a wide range of activities including a Senior Variety Show, a Senior Class play, and the third annual Senior Races. However, due to the lack of support or interest in school-sponsored activities, future senior dances were cancelled in January. Each year attendance at SW dances has dropped. It seems the student body wants more than just a dance. This could lead to the end of an old tradition of SW.

Two new clubs were added to SW's roster this year — SOBI, a Black Identity organization, and Pep Club, revived in September with an initial membership of over 300. Pep Club successfully organized a card section for football games. SOBI meetings included guest speakers and discussion of related topics.



'Dropping the Class'

Dress Code Rehashed

The age-old problem of dress codes has risen once again. With styles changing, some students are finding that statements which they felt acceptable last year are now repressive with regard to their personal freedoms.

The controversy centers on an administration statement concerning student dress after a specific dress code was abolished. We feel that some sort of regulatory force is needed, however, any written general statement is meaningless because any statement which is general enough to cover all areas of dress will be vague and, therefore, open to an unlimited number of interpretations.

To help alleviate this situation, the code should be limited to one line concerning health and safety. To replace the rest of the code, the Principal's Task Force's Rules and Regulations Committee should be responsible for ruling and setting precedents on any specific problem which arises.

Seniors Comment on High School Years

The end of the school year is almost at hand, and for the Class of '72 it represents the completion of high school and four long years of their lives.

PIONEER asked a number of seniors what they felt they had gained from their years in high school, and many of the answers were sarcastic, reflecting a certain frustration with school. Also, many students honestly felt that the only thing they had gained from school was the experience of meeting and communicating with different types of people. Perhaps the negative attitudes are only temporary, prompted by the anticipation of freedom after graduation, or, perhaps, they will be permanent memories of a high school education.

Below are some of the responses to the question, "After four years of high school, what can you say you have gained from them?"

Brenda Trollinger — "Well, since I took typing and shorthand, it's helped me to get a job, but it hasn't helped me to mature — I did that all on my own."

Cal Talley — "That this is a society right here. I thought the world was different than this,

but people hate each other the same everywhere."

Denise Triggs — "Indigestion."

Kathy Province — "I learned to sit in my assigned seat, raise my hand, and conform."

Jackie Restelli — "high school has given me a better reflection on life."

Sue Lester — "I was bashful when I was a freshman, but I'm an extrovert now because I know more people and get along with them better."

Marie Caras — "I've experienced growth — in learning, in "people" learning, and in being a part of active school life."

Linda Madison — "I haven't gotten anything out of high school."

Joe Mazzola — "I'm going to have to live with people, not books, so I just feel like I took a giant course in human nature."

Tom Lorusso — "I learned to go out with chicks."

Fran Gales — "When I came to SW, I was suddenly meeting more people of different races, religions, and viewpoints. This taught me how to react to different situations."

Jay Torrence — "High school has taught me that to survive,

one must compete, and to win, one must cheat."

Mike Goldman — "They didn't teach me what I wanted to learn."

Chris Bennett — "I found out how American education is. The kids don't respect the teachers, teachers don't make themselves respected, and a lot of kids don't care about the school. They destroy something that should be preserved for their well-being."

Debbie Vinceri — "I liked it here, I really did. Everything I put into it I got out of it."

Paulette Grana — "It's not the school, it's the people in it."

Nathalie Aksentijevic — "High school is a miniature scale real life, and it depresses me."

Alison Knowles — "I learned the necessity of stating obvious things."

Bill Carter — "I got a halfway decent education and an idea of what college will be like."

Sue Renner — "I think high school has helped me decide actually what I want to be."

Bob Kilzer — "I feel that I have received a good insight into various facets of life. Although I did not take full advantage of all that was offered me, I feel prepared to go on and succeed."

Letters to the Editor

PIONEER:

I have just completed the article in PIONEER by "feature writer" David Koehr, "P. E. Freaks Forfeit Fun." I must say it makes me see red. To my complete amazement and anger, the article contained a few unfair references to girls' P.E. classes. I fully realize, being a part of girls' P.E., that we do not have it as rough as the guys, but to say that we "run one, walk six" laps is a gross exaggeration of the facts.

The final insult, the real clincher, came with the reference to punishment by forfeiture of eyeshadow. Contrary to male opinion, make-up is not the soul and center of an intelligent female's life.

If David Koehr does not think women equal to men —

fine. But I see no place for criticism of the female population in a P.E. article. To write an article such as this is to write an insult to both the girls and the women P.E. instructors. I, for one, resent this greatly.

Emilie Dierking

PIONEER:

After completing the article, "P.E. Freaks Forfeit Fun," by David Koehr, feature writer, I was not at all amused, I found the cracks about male superiority extremely disgusting. I'll grant that girls may not have it as rough as the males, but his remarks were a bit low-down and uncalled for.

As a suggestion toward verifying the facts, I think David Koehr should attend a girls' P.E. class and see for himself.

Thank you,
Kathy Hammer

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ALBEE CUMMINGS HOLMES



photo by John Dengler

Campaign Ends

Seniors Ron Allen and Jane Ash make the final pick-up from the recycling station set up at National Food Store by Mrs. Sue Lampros' CECH classes. The collection is being terminated for the summer, but, hopefully, it will be resumed next fall.

If You Were Perfect You'd Have...

Once again, the PIONEER seniors have chosen the characteristics of the Perfect Senior Boy and Girl.

If you only had the hair of Nina Nikola, the eyes of Penny Grisbeck, the nose of Elaine Daugherty, the lips of Helen Fotinos, the freckles of Mary Jane Moxley, the figure of Cathy Buehre, the smile of Sandy Pyatt, the dimples of Marie Caras, the clothes of Pam McCrary, the personality of Kathy McElveney, the line of Pam Crawford, the teeth of Sue Sherzinger, and the humor of Jackie Vaughn.

Add to this the wit of Janey Graham, the laugh of Debbie Wheelahan, the spirit of Vicki Wellman, the athletic ability of Kris Keaton, the curly eyelashes of Cris Bernette, the cute

sneeze of Mary Ann Barbaglia, the hearty appetite of Debbie Parnassos, the musical ability of Minnette Zelenovich, the small feet of Kathy Smith, the toes of Karen Courtney, and the soup of Bobbie Robinson, and you would be the Perfect Senior Girl.

In the male department, if you only had the hair of Frank Givens, the eyes of Tony Mazzola, the nose of Sam Kereley, the lips of Jay Jennings, the freckles of Jerry Bailot, the figure of Barry Brambilla, the smile of Tom Correnti, the dimples of Rick Graves, the clothes of Dave Ferrario, the personality of Leon Hite, the line of Jay Torrence, the teeth of Tom Kennedy, and the humor of Bob Solomon.

Throw in the wit of Jim Thomas, the laugh of John Schilling, the spirit of Glenn Schmitt, the athletic ability of

Rick Winkler, the curly eyelashes of Ken Loddeke, the sneeze of Dan Imhof, the hearty appetite of John Whitaker, the musical ability of Mark Vordtriede, the big feet of Ron Strebler, the toes of Steve Rakel, and the soul of Derek Cummings, you would be the Perfect Senior Boy.

Occupations for Seniors Chosen

With senior year drawing to a close, PIONEER takes a look at some projected occupations of the graduates.

Aviator — Kuba, flying high, Baker-Bandera, baking his pie.

Carpenter-Mezinis, good with his hands,

Drummer — Mouldon, leading the bands.

Exterminator — McCrary, she knocks them dead,

Fighter — Brambilla, with fists of lead.

Garbage Collector — Watts, her locker's her start,

Hobo — Edington, she never takes part.

Investigator — Courtney, she gets the scoops,

Juggler — Givens, balancing on his nose, oops!

Kicker — Abbati, he scores! Lecturer — Slavik, he knows his "Four-Scores..."

Mother — Baker, cuddles her babes,

Nurse — Daugherty, healing's her aim.

Optimist — Caldwell, never a frown,

Plumber — Cummings, he won't let you drown.

Queen — James, she reigns supreme,

Runner — Akers, co-captain of the team.

Secretary — Dorman, on her boss' knee,

Trumpeter — Kuntz, hitting high C.

Undertaker — Imhof, sleeps like he's dead.

Villain — Mr. Ecker, keeps us in the red.

Writer — Thomas, all the news and views,

Xylophonist — Vader, never misses her cue.

Yodeler — Lang, can you hear her - you bet!

Zoo keeper — Summers, with all his pets.

By Nathalie Aksentijevic
PIONEER Co-Editor

Finally told her to pack her BLOOMNERS and GALLOWAY as far as she could.

"WATKINS I do?" she wailed and immediately thought of MATTHEWS ZELENOVICH, a SLAVIC SHOEMAKER with an AKSENTIJEVIC who KOEHRed for her. AS WIESE as SOLOMON, he convinced her of her own WIRTH, fed her HAMMEN eggs, and sent her to NORTH America — land of opportunity.

Not wishing to STAHL any LONGER, TAMME STRUCKHOFF, HAGGARD and close to the GRAVES, but her CHINNICI still proudly held high.

TAMME TIDWELL her FUIST month when she met Mrs. EDINGTON ANDERSON JASPER who had ABBATI that MISEMERized her. Her CHEEKS BURST into color when JASPER WINKLERed and STERETT at her constantly.

This KERLY-haired ROMERO was willing to GIVENS her EVERDING from FERRARIOs to JEMAS.

TAMME had set her CAPPS for him, but then ERHART realized what a BRUTON he actually was.

"DONOFRIO me anything," she was KAULING out as she EFTHIM. "You're HOLLOWAY through and through (MEENEN he was a BORUH). FARRELL for good! The invINCERible TAMME braved the SUMMERS GALES back to ENGLAND with SPARKS in her eyes and 100 WATTS REYS beaming from her face. She knew her true LOVE lay EASTERLY. Her hand RESTELLed LIMPRTY on the REHLING as she told the DORMAN that she wished to see MATTHEWS ZELENOVICH. TAMME found him DOSENBACH on the KEEBLER's bench and with a resounding CARAS she cried, "ISSA just want to say one thing to you, my SAVIO, I LOVE THEE!"

Now that you've WADED through this MADDENING MAYSE and overlooked the INDELICATO remarks, WHEELAHAN you a trophy, okay?

'Twas the Week Before Graduation

By Rosalynn Van Heest
PIONEER Feature Writer

*'Twas the week before graduation
And all through the school
Not a senior was loafing,
Each one played it cool.*

*Scholarly term papers
Were written with care
In hopes that on June 14
A diploma would be there.*

*The seniors quit goofing off
And studied instead
While visions of caps and gowns
Danced in their heads.*

*And one with a hall pass
And another with I.D.
Were departed desperately
To avoid Three-O-Three.*

*When from the front desk
There arose such a chatter,
I looked up from my PIONEER
To see what was the matter.*

*I heard the teacher
Threaten the class,
"Buckle down, shape up,
Or you might not pass!"*

*So phone calls were cut to six per night,
And each senior tried with all his might
By studying long and hard and late
To be sure that he would graduate.*

*So, here's to the seniors,
Good luck to one and all
And to the underclassmen
Who will return next fall.*



News Shorts

Book Award Announced

Junior Chris Pashos has been named winner of the Harvard Book Award for this year. He was selected from among candidates nominated by the counselors as the outstanding junior who "combines excellence in scholarship with achievement in other fields."

He also was chosen to receive the Rensselaer Medal awarded by Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute for excellence in mathematics and science.

PIONEER Photographer Awarded

PIONEER Photographer senior John Dengler, has recently won a prize in the National Scholastic Photography Contest sponsored by Eastman Kodak and Scholastic Magazines. His entry, "Pumpkins," was selected from regional winners which were sent to New York for national judging. John's photograph, along with other winners, will be displayed in New York and then go on a national, and later on, world tours.

Two Place in AATF Contest

Seniors Glenda Walter and Becky Vuch have recently placed in a French contest sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French. Glenda received second place nationally among over 3,000 entrants competing in Level Four and tied for first in an eight-state region. Becky was third in Level Five locally.

Tim Decker's Writing Wins

Senior Tim Decker has won a first award for his short story, "The Hunt," in the 1972 Scholastic Creative Writing Awards Contest. Honors in the contest, which is sponsored by Hallmark Cards, Inc., include cash prizes, certificates of merit, and a college scholarship grant.

Sophomores Elect New Board

Lydia Aksentijevic, Greg Arendal, Tina James, Frank Lane, Keith Malcolm, Richard Miksick, Chiquita Simmons, and Patty Thee have been elected by the Sophomore Class for the Junior Board next year.

SW's Green Monster on Top Again

photo by John Dengler



Double Play

Senior first baseman John Schilling makes an easy putout during the Roosevelt game at Sublette Park on May 18. The Steers won the game 4-1 en route to their undefeated championship season.



By Jim Thomas
PIONEER
Sports Writer

Four long years of athletic competition have concluded for the dozens of graduating Southwest athletes. For many, it marks the termination of organized athletic play. A chosen few, such as Ken Loddeke, Rick Winkler, and Barry Brambilla, will go on to play college ball.

The 1971-72 athletic season was interesting in many ways. Entering the school year, SW sports fans had high hopes for a successful year. Several teams were optimistic, mainly because they had a large number of returning performers.

The SW football and cross country squads did nothing spectacular, but both distinguished themselves in competition. Brambilla earned All-American honors for his football prowess.

The winter sports season was highlighted by the fine showing of the Longhorn wrestling team and the antics of Ken Loddeke on the basketball court.

Cindermen Tough

One of the biggest surprises in the spring sports season was the performance of the SW track team. The cindermen were clearly the best track team on the southside and made a respectable showing against the northside schools.

In baseball, Coach Ed Graham's charges captured their second successive PHL crown, finishing off the season with a 9-0 league record and a 17-2 overall slate. Pro and college scouts were present at several games, mainly to watch the performances of Tom Bostic, Dave Economon, and Butch Schilling.

All in all, the Steers finished a close but disappointing second to Sumner in the race for the All-Sports Trophy. This marked the third consecutive year that the Longhorns were bridesmaids in All-Sports Trophy competition.

Future Challenges

For next year, returning SW athletes must meet two challenges — return the All-Sports Trophy to SW, where it belongs, and overcome the "Southwest syndrome."

What is the "Southwest syndrome?" Coined by Coach Anton, the phrase refers to the fact that SW athletes somehow fail to win the big games; quit when the going gets tough. Harsh words maybe, but true.

The athlete to watch next year is Tom Bostic. There will be several other fine returning athletes, however, who should maintain the fine athletic tradition here at SW.

Memories

For underclassmen there are hopes and aspirations for the coming year. For the graduating seniors, however, there are only memories: Leon Hite remembers a painful three point loss to Vashon in basketball.

Gus Mezinis remembers a diving catch against SLUH that prevented a grand-slam homer.

Barry Brambilla will remember Coach Leon Anton.

Ken Loddeke remembers breaking the school scoring record with 39 points against Mercy.

Butch Schilling remembers beating the defending state baseball champions, Lafayette.

Derek Cummings remembers needing a victory against Cleveland to gain a share of the PHL football title, and losing.

Ron Allen remembers double-plays.

Rick Winkler remembers breaking his athletic supporter during a football game.

And finally, Jim Thomas will remember the many loyal dedicated coaches and all of the great jocks he knew at Southwest High.

Excellent pitching and timely hitting has powered the Southwest baseball team to its second consecutive PHL crown.

For Coach Ed Graham's Longhorns, the season could be best described as bittersweet. Overall, Coach Graham was pleased with his team's performance. "Anytime you're 17-2 overall and 9-0 in league you must consider it a successful season," he stated.

And well it should be. That 17-2 record stands as one of the finest in both the state of Missouri this year and in the history of SW baseball.

The Steers overwhelmed most opponents, outscoring their diamond foes 145-47 for the season, and were victorious over some of the top teams in the area.

But casting a shadow over an otherwise spectacular season was the loss to McKinley in the opening game of the State Tournament.

The SW Nine rebounded well, however, reeling off six consecutive wins to close out the year. Four league victories in the final week of play assured SW of the title. The two most important victories of the four came against Sumner and Roosevelt.

In the 6-4 showdown victory over the Bulldogs, the Steers not only beat their closest title competitors but also clinched no less than a tie for first. The following afternoon against Roosevelt, May 18, SW bumped off the Rough Riders, 4-1, to wrap up the title.

Tennis Draws To A Close

Our Netmen have come up from fourth place to second in Public High League play by noosing out Sumner, 3-2, and easily defeating Roosevelt, 4-1.

Outside of its loss to Cleveland, which has all but clinched first place and sent some players to state competition, Southwest has won consistently.

Sumner was the toughest of the Steers' victories. Two of the three winning matches went three sets: Greg Guckes, junior, third singles and John Nelsen, senior, and John Majors junior, in second doubles.

John Baltzer, senior, second

In comparison with the three other baseball teams that Coach Graham has led in his years at SW, the 1972 edition came out on top in two out of three categories.

He rated this year's squad as superior to any in both hitting and pitching, but not in fielding. In hitting, the Longhorns truly lived up to their nickname of the "Green Monster."

SW batters made an awesome attack upon opposing pitchers, compiling an incredible .351 team batting average. Eight of the nine regulars finished with averages of .340 or better.

Center-fielder Tom Bostic was tops with a .453 mark, while outfield mate, Jim Thomas, finished a distant second at .395.

As far as pitching was concerned, the Green Monster probably had the best pitching corps in the St. Louis area. The moundmen were led by fireballing righthander, Dave Economon, who struck out 47 enemy batters in just 31 innings. The staff earned-run average was a microscopic 1.72, while SW hurlers allowed the meager total of less than five hits per game.

Individually it would be hard to give an accurate team appraisal without mentioning

practically the entire team. Bostic sparkled in the outfield and led or shared team leadership in eight offensive categories.

The comeback players of the year were Economon and senior Rick Winkler. Economon rebounded from the forgotten man of 1971 to the ace of 1972 while Winkler regained his form of two years ago.

But, perhaps, the most pleasant surprise of all was the play of junior Tony Miles, Miles, who anticipated spending another year on the bench as the number five pitcher, filled in admirably all season long at both third base and shortstop.

SW has built up a proud tradition of championship baseball over the years, winning or sharing 13 league titles since entering PHL play in 1937.

When asked about next season Coach Graham said he plans "to pray a lot." He points to the nucleus of another fine hitting ball club in '73, with ten returning players.

As far as pitching is concerned, however, Coach Graham is justifiably alarmed with exactly twelve innings of 1972 varsity pitching experience to work with.

Field Day Ends Track Season

Southwest trackmen participated in the preliminary Field Day events, May 20.

In the junior division, sophomore Chris Carnes placed first in the high jump with a jump of 5' 10", freshman Kevin

Moore took a fifth in the long jump with his jump of 18'8 1/4", and sophomore Luther Fleming qualified for Field Day finals in the 100 and 220 yard dashes.

In the senior division, senior Jose Diaz placed third in the shot put with his put of 47'10 1/4".

Before the Field Day finals Coach Nuske stated, "We hope to finish third overall and no lower than fourth." The finals were to be held May 26, at O'Fallon.

Luther Fleming placed fifth in the State Outdoor Track Meet at Columbia, May 20. He ran the 220 in 22.9 seconds in both the preliminary and final meets.

According to Coach Nuske, the strong points of this season were the senior division hurdles and shot put and sprinting in the senior and junior divisions. Next year's season looks bright with outstanding prospect, Luther Fleming, and the junior sprinters and senior distance runners.



Cheering Up

Newly elected Varsity Cheerleaders are (from left), front row: Lydia Aksentijevic, sophomore; Vanessa Reid, sophomore; Linda Benson, junior; Loretta Schroeder, sophomore; back row: Nancy Tomlinson, junior; Joni Alexander, junior; Kathy Elson, junior; Carol Russo, junior; Sue Streckfuss, junior; and Tina James, sophomore.