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Karl Everhart Plans For SC

"What I think is really needed to make Southwest progress is an increase in student involvement." This was one of the major points of newly elected Student Congress President Karl Everhart.

Also elected on May 31 were Karen Sondag, vice president, Tina James, secretary, and Lucy Kiesel, treasurer.

"It's hard to turn back the trend this school is in. I feel that if the officers set a good example, the students will follow. I think that if you make something that is student involvement, the thing to do, everybody will do it."

Another problem Karl says he would attack is the lack of student knowledge about SC. "Most believe SC just sits around up there somewhere. Through bringing the meetings to groups, such as social studies classes, instead of asking students to come to SC, students can better understand the workings of SC."

Karl is hopeful for next year's prospects; "I think we're going to have a good year. We have a close group of officers because we all know each other, and we're all friends."

Music Groups To Record Album

Southwest's Concert Band and Choir, Stage Band and Madrigals will produce a record to highlight their concert seasons this year.

The 33-1/3 long-playing album, taped in late May and early June of this year, will feature a "Godspell" medley, "Mame," "Norwegian Wood," "Handel Festival Overture," and "Cantate Domino" among others.

The albums will be on sale in middle to late June for \$3.00 from the Music Department.

Pioneer Calendar

June

- 14 Lettermen's Dinner 6:30
- 15 Senior Exams periods 2, 4
- 18 Senior Exams periods 3, 6
- 19 Senior Exams periods 1, 5, 7
- 21 Seniors' last day
- 22 Final Exams periods 3, 6
- 25 Final Exams periods 1, 5, 7
- 26 Final Exams periods 2, 4
- 27 Graduation Rehearsal for Seniors at Kiel Auditorium - 9 a.m.
Graduation at Kiel - 8 p.m.



photo by Jonathan Young

New Leaders

Discussing future plans are the new Student Congress officers: (from left) Lucy Kiesel (treasurer), Karen Sondag (vice-president), and Karl Everhart (president). Not shown is Tina James (secretary).

Ten-Week Honor Roll Completed

Though there was not as much excitement during the past ten weeks as preceding ten weeks, many students managed to obtain a grade point average of 4.0 or better. Those students who reached this achievement are as follows:

Seniors: 5.0 - A. Barrow; 4.8 - S. Fujarski, L. Miksicek, J. Millman, B. Weinhold; 4.7 - C. Gaffron; 4.6 - A. Berra, M. Dopuch, D. Gelner, S. Kinast, J. Smith, M. Thomas; 4.5 - C. Duever, S. Henderson; 4.4 - C. Pashos, C. Todd; 4.3 - J. Alexander, E. Erk, D. Fairris, M. Frisch, O. Hatzes, M. McCoy, A. Sausselle, D. Senf, M. Ummel, P. Virtue, S. Wegman; 4.2 - S. Brown, E. Dierking, S. O'Brien, M. Phelan; 4.1 - G. Bauer, L. Stanley, R. Szabolesky; 4.0 - K. Bradshaw, B. Browning, C. Chalupny, M. Diquarto, J. Dubis, N. Duncan, B. Easterday, J. Fujarski, L. Hamilton, C. Howard, P. Kentes, G. Klobe, A. Kuebler, D. Matthews, J. Moenster, R. Morris, D. Patterson, J. Reppell, G. Weidler, J. Weinzettle.

Juniors achieving averages of 4.0 or higher: 5.0 - R. Kugler, R. Miksicek; 4.6 - S. Schroff; 4.5 - J. Bradmeyer, L. Johnson; 4.4 - D. Brandberg, J. Patti, N. Robinson; 4.3 - K. Dopuch, B. Duba, S. Green, C. Simmons; 4.2 - K. Bicker, B. Dudley, E. Ivery, R. Riggs, N. Slovinsky, M. Stolzer, G. Thompson; 4.1 - H. Barr, 4.0 -

K. Baxter, R. Greever, D. Greiner, D. Gruchalla, C. Heuvelman, N. Huett, C. Kleppinger, L. Martin, C. Phillips, S. Psaris, P. Spital, W. Weidner.

Sophomores: 4.6 - C. Bitonti, R. Moehlmann; 4.5 - C. Brandberg; G. Van Heest; 4.4 - W. Allen, R. Green, D. Hall, K. Humes, J. Morgan, P. O'Brien, M. Thomsen, A. Westphal, 4.3 - S. Georges; 4.2 - K. Crisgone, J. Hartman, P. Kuehner; M. Parker, N. Porter; 4.0 - K. Bice, T. Creasy, G. Diquarto, R. Favazza, P. Fichtennmayer, M. Findley, T. Goebel, T. Held, K. Kittrell, M. Mangelsdorf, W. Morillo, M. O'Donnell, K. Parker, P. Psaris, J. Raniero, A. Schaefer, E. Shanks, K.

Seniors To Graduate At Kiel Aud, June 27

Southwest seniors will soon be saying their last goodbyes. Entering with the processional "Pomp and Circumstance," the seniors will begin their graduation ceremonies at Kiel Auditorium on June 27 at 8 p.m.

"Cantate Domino," sung by the Madrigals, will be the invocation and Senior Class President Steve Acree will follow with a welcoming speech.

Also, the graduation members of Concert Choir will sing "The Old Irish Blessing." Mrs. Mary Kelly, assistant principal, will give out honors to the graduates and the top ten of the class will be announced and awarded their scholarship pins.

Principal Robert M. Young will award the diplomas, followed by the recessional, "Triumphal March From Aida."

The traditional Class Day was a little different this year. The single aud session, in honor of the seniors, was followed by the Senior Luncheon on June 11.

On Class Day, with seniors on stage and in the center of the auditorium, Steve Acree, retiring Senior Class president, gave the Farewell Address. The retiring senior officers then gave the highlights of the past four years.

Awards went to the graduating lettermen, retiring Student Congress officers and Senior Class officers. The top ten seniors, usually recognized on Class Day, will receive their Scholastic Pins on graduation night. This is due to late grades.

Seniors then met at 1 p.m. at Stouffer's Riverfront Inn for the Senior Luncheon. Principal Robert M. Young gave the invocations and seniors Louis Miksicek, Carol Bentzinger, John G'Sell and Sue Brown provided some of the entertainment at the luncheon.

Chairman of the Luncheon Committee was Phil Cobb with Debbie Hume and Dan Summers as co-chairmen. Seniors Debbie Wilson and Linda Tidwell designed the program.

With "Threshold of a Dream" as the theme, the Senior Prom was held June 1 at the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel in the Gold Room.

Barb Whitworth was voted Senior Prom Queen and Mark Smith as Prom King. Entertainment was provided by the Larry Mantese's Band.

Two SW Teachers To Retire this Month

Two teachers will be leaving Southwest at the end of this semester after many years of service to the school. They are Mrs. Edwina Medlock and Mrs. Agnes Pyburn.

Mrs. Medlock, science instructor, will close fifteen years of teaching at SW. She is leaving a collection of animal and plant specimens to the school. Mrs. Medlock remarked, "It is a good start of a museum." She has mixed feelings about her retirement, saying, "I really enjoyed my teaching and loved almost every minute of it."

Before coming to SW, Mrs. Medlock taught biology, psychology, and served as a counselor at Beaumont High School and Gardenville Ninth Grade Center.

Mrs. Medlock's future plans include playing golf, gourmet cooking, and much traveling. Next fall she intends to go to the South Pacific and is particularly anxious to see the Great Barrier Reef.

"I will miss teenagers immensely. They're so unpredictable," concluded Mrs. Medlock.

Mrs. Pyburn is retiring after teaching nineteen years at SW.

Mrs. Pyburn taught English and Latin at SW. She also sponsored the Latin Club. She is leaving a collection of Latin projects to SW.

Mrs. Pyburn taught in Michigan and Iowa before coming to SW.

She plans on just relaxing and staying home after her retirement. Mrs. Pyburn stated, "I want to do the little things I haven't had time to do, like

watching television and reading. I'll have more time for my grandchildren also." Mrs. Pyburn went on, "Our time will be spent in Webster Groves and in Indian Hills." She enjoys fishing, boating, and working with flowers which she plans to do more of.

Mrs. Pyburn commented, "I have enjoyed the contact with my students and I will miss them very, very much."

photo by Guy Gilbert



Mrs. Edwina Medlock (left) and Mrs. Agnes Pyburn will retire this year after many years of teaching. Mrs. Medlock has taught science for fifteen years at SW while Mrs. Pyburn has been an English and Latin teacher here for nineteen years.

'72-'73 Provides Little Change

By Sam Mazzola and Cindy Mohrlock
PIONEER Editorial Writers

Southwest has always been considered an innovator among public high schools in the city, but this year SW firsts have been numbered in comparison to previous years.

The successful midi-course program was, for the first time, extended into foreign languages for freshmen who were introduced to Russian, German, Spanish, and French.

Student Congress broke a fifteen year tradition of Hello Day auds when they initiated the Marathon aud. It was the beginning of several auds based on specific themes. An idea, in the embryonic stage, which we hoped would have worked

better.

Two unexpected vacations broke up the routine of class this year. One was a snow day in November, the first since 1953 for St. Louis schools. Another in February lasted quite a bit longer and attracted national attention. This was the teachers' strike, the first in the history of the St. Louis public schools, which lasted four weeks.

Many students also received several class-free days by volunteering to sandbag and help flood victims in the area in April.

The North-Central Evaluation Committee visited SW as it does all schools every seven years and found it up to their standards for maintaining accreditation.

Committees were in abundance this year and some controversial issues were studied by them. The Rules and Regulations Committee attached the question of boy-girl relations in the halls and a "no necking" policy was emphasized. They also dealt with the issue of wearing halter tops. The committee discussed further off-campus privileges for underclassmen and quality of food in the cafeteria, but nothing was able to be accomplished in these areas.

The Curriculum Committee considered and passed a plan to initiate a pass-fail system for some courses at SW. The system, originally suggested by SC, was considered in three subjects but is to be introduced next year only in Type I.

In our eyes, some of the auds were the beginnings of excellent ideas but were not always successfully presented. More auds should have been scheduled. However, there were many problems, we think, that hindered SC. Faced with a lack of spirit, difficulties in getting props on time, disorganization, and poor conduct from the student body, anyone would be discouraged.

Two noteworthy SC actions were the benches placed in the quadrangle and suggestions for the pass-fail system. There was a slump in SC actions, but that can only be blamed on the lack of student involvement. No one came to the "open line" meeting which is a direct link for the students to make full use of SC. Everybody complains but few seem to care enough to use SC.

The past school year has witnessed many events; some made history while others went unnoticed. Those unnoticed events make us wonder: Were they that trivial or didn't anyone take the time or care enough to notice them?



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Letters to the Editor

Poor Drivers?

To the students of Southwest,

As a concerned pupil at this high school and member of this community, I'm quite disturbed by the driving habits of many of my fellow students. For instance, as my mother slowed down to let me out of the car one day, Billy Butt-up sped in front of our still-moving car, proving again his iron nerves. As Billy got out of the car, I noticed that his fumbling fingers couldn't get his cigarette lit because his hands were shaking so badly that he kept putting the match out.

Still another example of poor driving are the love birds. They settle contentedly behind the wheel and begin playing kissy-face at every red light. When the light turns green, you'd think the girl had used Elmer's glue instead of lipstick because it takes them so long to get pried apart. Of course, you've heard of Ned Noise who "impresses" everybody by squealing his tires and shattering your ear drums.

Students of SW, it's your life and your money, but it's also other people's. Please, show some responsibility - drive carefully - especially as school

is approaching an end.

- A Drivers' Ed Student

In Appreciation

An open letter to
Mrs. Agnes Pyburn:

It is seldom in life that one finds a good and true friend, and the chances are even smaller of having this combination for a teacher. A person who is dedicated to the task of teaching, and of being a compassionate human being, influencing those whose lives she touched and who touched hers. In the years of service, the expansion of inquisitive minds came first, not the day to day regimentation of "required lessons."

She was always willing to set aside the work for the day so our classes could discuss something that was upsetting us or that we felt strongly about, never trying to sway our opinions, just participating with us and allowing us to air our views.

Thank you Mrs. Pyburn, for inspiring us, having faith in us, and trusting us. We were lucky to have one such as you, with your staunch belief in our generation. We all wish you the best of luck and our eternal gratitude for a job well done.

Latin 1, 2 and 3 of '70-'73

pair-a-scope

By Sue Henderson and Debbie Lambing

PIONEER Co-Editors

On June 27, Southwest seniors will be walking out these doors into a world without morning announcements, bells, free study and out-of-bounds signs.

As graduation nears, we reflect on the various things that we have taken for granted in our four-years here that make SW different from other schools.

No more "Report to Mr. Ecker immediately. Failure to report will result in loss of free study" slips. No longer will your innocent slumber in English Literature be disturbed by, "There is a car on Kemper, License number" June 27 will put an end to early dismissals, tardy slips, cut slips, and gym excuses. Seniors will say good-bye to the "end of D-lunch, no more ham and cheese-malts-and-grape juice" blues.

Unfortunately, seniors will also leave pep-sessions and SW sports behind. No operetta rehearsals, shows and concerts to prepare for. June 27 puts an end to the "unscheduled aud session during the period of your Psychology test" surprise.

On a more melancholy note, after graduation, many of the friendships formed in the midst of our fearful freshman year will wither and perhaps even die.

There will be no more chances to thank the friend who rescued your twenty-page Physics term paper from the terrors of a mud puddle. Or, to thank your Trigonometry teacher for drumming "signs and co-signs" into your brain because it made the difference between winning and losing a scholarship.

As seniors walk out of SW's doors for the last time, there will be memories of the times

you got kicked out of the library for turning all the books around on the shelves, or the time you got caught playing cards in the cafeteria during free study.

All activities and clubs that seniors were a part of and leaders in will be cherished. The courses that were taken from freshman year on made every senior realize his interests and talents. They have helped in determining what kind of person each graduate will be.

Seniors have no more time left at SW to take advantage of the opportunities offered to them to make them better and more responsible people. Underclassmen have time to relate what they have done and learned, to what they will do and learn. Take advantage - before you find that you too are saying for the last time, "Good-bye."

A Lesson From China

Friendly relations with China are now opening up the Western mind to many new ideas and products that the Chinese have to offer America.

In China, for example, one's parents and grand-parents are highly respected individuals, and youth looks up to them in humble respect of their wisdom and guidance. For centuries, the tightly knit family structure and relatively low crime rate have been two notable characteristics of the most populous nation in the world.

For a great country such as ours, we certainly cannot boast these same social achievements. Classified as a "nation of loners," the American society has lost its identity to the new spirit of individualism and the age of the young. No longer are there tight family units, as communal living and new ideas of marriage and family life have loosened the bonds that society has created.

Consequently, the United States has one of the highest incidents of crime anywhere in the world today. With our new, "free" society, and individualistic attitudes, crime rates seem to go up as the social pressures of interdependence go down.

Perhaps as we exchange new agreements and ideas with the Chinese, we might learn a lesson from them as well. While for many years we have shunned China as a hot-bed of Communism, we mustn't overlook the fact that they are as human as we are. Many of their age-old social ideals about respect and dependence upon others are universally acceptable, and appear long over-do for re-introduction in America.

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DIUGUID DEEKEN Dreams

By Marilyn Baucom and David Koehr
PIONEER Feature Writers

WUNSCH upon a time there was an EDERLE MANN named BIBB G'SELL who was a DEEKEN at the EASTERDAY CRISTESON CHURCH. One KNIGHT he dreamed that a GROETEKE FINK had CARRAWAYed the CROSS. Pursuing the villain, BIBB WOEHRLED around and RUSHed down the STAIRS like a TORNETTO into the SNOWDEN WOODS.

He headed NORTH where he met General PATTON with CREWS of MAJERS and GREEN and GREY TANKOS. It would soon be NOEL and he needed that CROSS! His (PATTON's) men were eating BURGERS and drinking BEERS to get BAUMed.

Suddenly, he saw Colonel HOGAN and his BAKER busily DIPPEL his BROWN DONATOS in BUTERY SAUSSELE. The cook said, "NEFF of this. You ERK me. Get out of here before we DROEGE you out!"

On this RAINEY day, BIBB started WEST to the HOLMES of the BUFALOs to meet MARSHALL DILLON. This is where G'SELL first saw the FINK who ROBBED the CROSS. But suddenly a SHEPPARD fired some SHOULTS and told the DEEKEN to THURN around. He then POPPED him with a STONE and gave him a SHINER.

That GRIMOLDI CLUTTS who took the CROSS had gone LONGO. So, chasing him, BIBB got DUNCAN in several BROOKS because there were

no BRIDGES. At last, he spotted the CROSS and didn't DAUT the FINK was nearby. This was a CRUSIUS moment — it would make him or BLAKE him.

The crook was near the edge of a cliff and had FEARS he McFALL off, and he did. He BLEDSOE much that he didn't REGAN consciousness for a while. BIBB took him to a nearby farm owned by McDONALD where it was found that the FINK's name was HENDERSON. Suddenly G'SELL SNELLED something FRISCHY. McDONALD was KEATON an ITALIANO named DeLIBERTO captive.

Before he could investigate that, he had to shave his BAIRD. It looked as if HENDERSON might need a skin GRAF by his broken BONE, but he didn't KOEHR for it.

The prisoner, meanwhile, was trying to PIERCE the lock with a PFEIL so he WOOD be SPRUNG. A hired hand with WITT noticed and put MOHRLOCKS on than there were before.

As BIBB was starting to leave, he wanted to SWALLOW DIQUARTO of water. With the CROSS and full of VIRTUE, G'SELL was STANLEY by a WHITE WALL. His TRAIINE was BLOME the whistle and our hero decided he BUEHRE go.

The luggage was being loaded with a WHEELER-BARROW and G'SELL looked over an ACREE of LANGE covered with KERN-COBBS. He thought all his troubles were over, when a beaver started to PECK at his CROSS and the TRAIINE got into a RECKER two. After the second crash, BIBB helped a woman who had a broken CORSO. She LETT him BENDER arm to remove her ring. It the very famous MAGEE diamond ring, the real McCOY.

Suddenly he woke up, noticed the CROSS was still THAYER and started PHELAN around for his Bible. It was open to MATTHEWS' second chapter. He read it, laid back down on the MASCHKE and fell asleep THEIRRY fast. He started to dream of BAUCOM and eggs, then ...

photo by Guy Gilbert

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Senior Dave Eubanks, sophomore Kim Luecke, and junior Chris Schuler play instruments of their own invention in a 20th Century Music class. Parks from an Army anti-tank gun, lumber, rubber bands, and a folding chair, among others, were combined as a class project inspired by contemporary contemporary concerts actually performed in some cities.

But Is It Music?

Beat Your Bum Summertime Blues

By Diane Swallow and Guy Gilbert
PIONEER Feature Writers

bedspread ... go to Africa to see the solar eclipse.

Learn to play hockey ... follow a Bomb-Pop truck around town ... go to a head shop and act like a redneck ... camp out for concert tickets ... hold a Monopoly party ... grow a garden ... stand on a street corner and wave at the passing cars ... embroider your tennis shoes ... make a terrarium for the kitchen ... take a long walk ... organize a football game ... climb a tree ... pick blackberries in July ... eat a peach ... poster your closet door ... wire a black light into your bedroom ... become a Fuller Brush salesman.

Ride the buses around the city ... dig a swimming hole ... look at tombstones at a nearby cemetery ... attend a dog specialty show ... play the stock market ... become a vegetarian for a week ... pick apples at nearby orchards ... let your hair grow ... make strawberry preserves ... paint your bedroom ... walk a dog ... read War and Peace ... have a Gay Nineties party ... have a water balloon fight ... read some contemporary American poetry ... teach yourself to bake exotic desserts ... or buy a snoke cone and celebrate the summer.

And if these don't tide you over until September, you can always do the most indecent thing of all — get a job!

Because the summer will be short for Southwesterners, many will find their vacation growing dull fast. With a little imagination and interest for the avant-garde, it needn't become boring. Herewith are some remedies for the summer-vacation blahs:

Attend a court trial ... open a lemonade stand ... take a bike hike ... check out the Mississippi River Festival ... teach vacation Bible school ... ride a department store's elevators ... visit the National Museum of Transport ... fly a kite in Forest Park ... browse at a bazaar ... join a quilting circle ... play bingo in Illinois ... wash your family car ... tie-dye a

'The Charge of the Senior Charade'

By Janet Millman and Pat Virtue
PIONEER Feature Writers



Half a week, half a week,
Half a week onward,
All in the valley of Doubt
Wrote the 578.

'Forward, the Senior Charade!
Cheat for the grade!' he said:
Into the valley of Doubt
Wrote the 578.

'Forward, the Senior Charade!'
Their's not to make reply,
Their's not to reason why,
Their's but to do and cry
Into the Valley of Doubt
Wrote the 578.

Finals to right of them
Finals to left of them
Grades in front of them,
Chancing a snack, while
All the school wonder'd:
Grabbed for the cake and coke
Right thro' the line they broke;
Sophomore and freshmen
Reel'd from the senior's stroke
Shatter'd and sunder'd,
Then they wrote back,
but not the 578.

Days to right of them,
Days to left of them,
Semesters behind them
Overlooked and forgotten:
Attacked by exams and bells,
While H's and A's, they fell,
They that had faked so well
Came thro' the jaws of Doubt,
Back from the mouth of Hell,
All that was left of them
Left of 578.

When can their glory fade?
O the wild time they had!
All the school wonder'd.
Honour the memories made!
Honour the Great Brigade,
Noble 578.



Topsy-Turvy Test Psyches Students

By David Koehr
PIONEER Feature Writer

Some of you seniors may be wondering if you're going to make it, being as it is getting late in the year. So in case you're not sure, or some of you lower classmen are considering dropping out, PIONEER has obtained for you a high school equivalency test. Just pass with seventy-five per cent, and you get your diploma. START YOUR TEST NOW.

To get out of high school you must: a) pass a literacy test, b) open the door, c) crawl out the window, d) get at least 16 ft. on the hop, step, and jump test.

The War of 1812 was fought: 1) indiscriminately, b) politely, c) almost entirely in the air, d) in the year 1872.

Our language is based on: a) cuneiform, b) binary math, c) idiocy, d) lack of cooperation.

Which most nearly means "final exam"? a) Parkinson's Disease, b) Overdose, c) Instant Insanity, d) Russian Roulette.

Scholarship is nearest in meaning to: a) welfare, b) medicare, c) Dialing for Dollars, d) Irish Sweepstakes.

To study effectively you must: a) watch 30 to 40 hours of TV weekly, b) buy Monarch Notes, c) learn Swedish braille, d) get drunk.

What does 5³ mean? a) It means five times three, b)

nobody knows, c) nobody cares, d) the person can't type in a straight line.

The purpose of the cafeteria is: a) as an outlet of government surplus commodities, b) to remain closed in lieu of good health, c) to feed the bugs, d) to promote the mortuary industry.

Colleges and universities across the country are: a) minus their ROTC buildings, b) rip-off joints run by quacks, c) now requiring a two-hour snowflake study course, d) exterminating students who fail Sandbox Techniques.

Which one is longest? a) Six feet of rope, b) A six-foot board, c) One pound of sugar, d) A pound of feathers.

The drinking fountains at this school: a) are polluted, b)

give run-offs from the wash basins at Roosevelt, c) give milk every other Thursday, d) all work well and give cool, refreshing water at all times.

A term paper is: a) too much trouble, b) a long assignment done in a short time, c) generally plagiarism, d) entirely useless.

A freshman is: a) too much trouble, b) entirely useless, c) the backbone of the school, d) a nightmare figment of the sophomores' imagination.

Answer key: for 1-13 the answer is "e". Fourteen and fifteen do not have an answer thus far. If you get twelve or more right, I, by the power vested in me by Joe's Bar and Grill, declare you the equivalent of a high school graduate.

O'Fallon Co-Ops Honored

Sophomore Raymond Hearn and Senior Tom Cunningham were among five St. Louis public high school students to place in the competitive contest of the Missouri State Vocational Industrial Clubs of America Youth Development Program held in Springfield, Missouri. Representing the Southwest - O'Fallon Co-ops, Raymond won first and Tom, third, in the electronics division.

Camp Miniwanca Nominees Chosen

Juniors Sue Green and Richard Mikscek have been nominated as the Southwest candidates to attend Camp Miniwanca this summer on Rotary Club sponsored scholarships. Junior Chiquita Simmons was named alternate. Final selection will be made following interviews by the Rotary Club.



What's the Call, Ump?

Senior third baseman Tony Miles receives a throw too late to make the play on a Cleveland base-runner in the May 24 game at Sublette. The Cleveland runner was safe, but SW came through with a 3-2 victory to capture the PHL crown.

Second String

By Steve Shapiro

Well, as you may have noticed by now, the school year is almost over. As a result, all the various teams at Southwest have completed their seasons-with a number of good records, too.

In the fall, SW's football team took third place in PHL competition the result of having dropped a couple of rather disappointing games. Cross-country suffered somewhat with a comparatively small squad and very little support this year, yet managed

to earn a fourth place rating in the PHL.

Come winter, things began to look better — and worse. The basketball squad, in its first year under a new coach, was able to win only three out of sixteen games.

On the other hand, SW sports fans saw a spectacular performance from a real new-comer — the ice hockey team. In its very first year of existence, this outstanding team made it to the playoffs for the Solomon Cup, and next year promises to do better with

photo by Guy Gilbert



Chosen to be next year's cheerleaders are (first row, from left): junior Tina James, sophomore Cindy Smith, junior Lydia Aksentijevic, sophomore Rosella Spato, and junior Vanessa Reid, (second row) sophomore Shelly Phillips, junior Jeanne Patterson and sophomores Stacy Georges, Vickie Wood, and Tina Venardos.

Cindermen Take Four Firsts at Field Day

The track season ended May 25 with the annual field day events. All public high schools participated in this event, and Southwest placed third in the senior division while the junior division tied for fourth.

Highlights of the meet were: Senior Darrell Hilkerbaumer again broke the school record in the 120-yard high hurdles. He took first place at Field Day with a time of 14.5. Senior Adrian West dashed across the line in 51.2 for a first in the 440-yard dash. Junior Chris Carnes was the winner of the high jump at, 5' 10".

Junior Kevin Moore broke the string in 22.6 for first in the 220-yard dash. Although Junior Randy Keaton didn't capture a first at this meet, he tied the school record of 10.3 in the 100-yard dash and got a fifth place. The senior mile-relay team got third with an overall time of 3:27.0. Junior Division 880 relay team also took a third place in 1:38.1. Senior Tony Baron ran 10:39.0 for a fourth in the two mile run.

On May 19 PIONEER conservatively speculated about the Cindermen's possibility of

almost the entire team returning.

As an added advantage, the SW skaters will have a home rink next season - Immerfrost Rink now under construction several blocks south of SW on Kingshighway. The report is that about half of the games will be played there next year, and to make attendance more economical, season tickets will be sold.

The Rifle Club, rather neglected most of the time, had another excellent record this year. The boy's competition finished first in its league.

Another winter team got a first this year — the soccer squad copped the lead position in the PHL once again.

Wrestling, too, made a good showing for Southwest this year. Under the leadership of Coach Ron Ward, they defeated most of their opponents and took third place in PHL competition.

The swimming team, however, didn't have much of a season. Due to an interruption by the teachers' strike, only three meets were held. The team emerged victorious from all three.

When spring came, so did baseball, tennis, and track, a trio which performed admirably this season. The baseball squad played an exciting season, and, although the players missed their chance in state competition, they fought their way to a first place tie with Beaumont in the PHL.

going to the State track meet. Not only did Darrell Hilkerbaumer and junior Luther Fleming go, but also the 880 relay and the mile-relay teams. The junior team was stifled for a while when Kevin Moore could not run. He was replaced by Adrian West.

Next year the Cindermen will hopefully again make a bid for state and again be a threat at Field Day. With returning juniors such as Kevin Moore, Randy Keaton, and Chris Carnes, there shouldn't be a problem because the talent is there.

Baseball Longhorns Tie for PHL Crown

The Southwest Baseball Longhorns ended the season in style on May 24, at Sublette. SW and Cleveland met to decide who would become PHL Co-champs along with Beaumont. The loser of the game would end up in third place.

It turned out the Longhorns were out for revenge, as Cleveland had knocked SW out of the running for the state championship some weeks earlier.

SW Wins Third Title in a Row

The Longhorns were in control for the whole state game, but a seventh inning rally by Cleveland was enough for them to win. There was no rally for Cleveland in this championship game though, and senior pitcher Doug Jeffery kept the Dutchmen in check. Senior Tony Miles delivered the crushing blow, a two run single, to keep SW above water for a 3-2 win.

The Longhorns have had the PHL title, or a share in the title, for the last three years in a row, a new record.

Coach Ed Graham commented, "We did better than I thought we would do as both teams felt the pressure of the game, and both teams performed well under the pressure."

Coming Back Strong

This record that the Longhorns set can conceivably be broken by SW again next year. Of the eighteen ball-players on the SW roster, ten will be returning next year with half of these ten already starters for the Longhorns this season.

"Our biggest problem next year will be pitching and hitting. I will adopt a wait-and-see attitude with the "B" team players coming up as none have really stood out."

Although SW will lose the likes of Doug Jeffery, Tony Miles, and Tom Bostic, the team is coming back strong with the chance of a fourth PHL title.

Netmen Place Second in PHL

With an overall season's total of 35 match victories to five defeats, the Southwest Tennis Team finished in second place last month, losing to PHL champ Sumner.

The SW netmen ended their year with a victory from McKinley, overwhelming the Goldbugs with the convincing score of 5-0. Previous to this was a defeat by Sumner, 4-1, and another win against Soldan, 5-0.

Looking ahead to next year, the SW netmen have many bright prospects. Only one team member, senior Mike McCoy, will be leaving, so experience will be a key weapon in future matches.

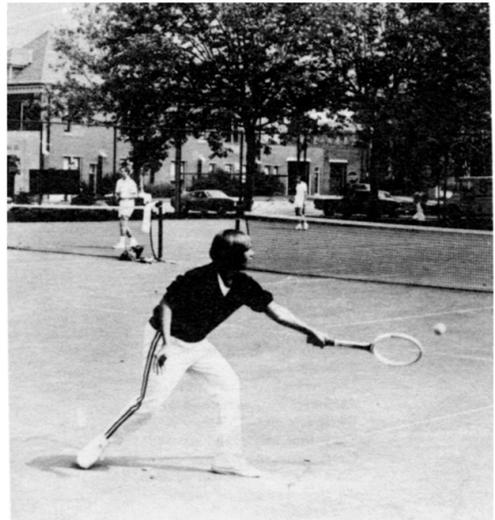
Coach Ron Ward feels that his team holds great potential.

"With an almost full returning team, it would look as though our chances for next year are good. However, Sumner is also losing only one player."

Since the team is young, composed mainly of freshmen and juniors, much will depend on the skill, rather than age, of the netmen. With outstanding players such as freshmen Gary Josephs, Paul Arenades, and junior Greg Guckes, there are high hopes of a PHL victory next season.

"In departing, overall team spirit seemed really good," Coach Ward pointed out. "Keeping that same spirit, we should be able to defeat Sumner and take the PHL next year."

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Freshman Paul Arenades makes a return against a McKinley opponent on May 22. SW's Tennis Team won, 5-0, to end the season. Paul and five other players will be back next year to form a strong returning team.