

Five new teachers and one counselor came to SW this semester and one teacher did not return. The faculty now totals 85, a record high.

Circus arrives here this morning

"Hi ya, kids!" comes the cry of the clowns inviting everyone to the big top that pitches its three ring circus in the aud today. Directing the activities from the center ring are Glen (Ringmaster) Percy and Jerry (Strongman) Tharp.

Circus Parade

The big parade, led by the three bears, Pat Clark, Carol Rae Clark and Betsy Dowell, marches in to the tune of *Circus Highlights* by the SW orchestra under the direction of Mr. Monachesi. Mary Jane Wilkinson, Paula Trotter, Liz Angelides, Lois Goldman, Susan Due, Bonnie Heckel and Tina Anderhub will then do a novelty act introducing the circus theme.

Pianist David Stone will play *C Sharp Prelude* by Rachmaninoff, and organist Ben Zahner will play the popular theme song, *Moon River*.

Dancers, Nancy Reed, Susan Stoehr and Susan Eschrich, will interpret *Syncoated Clock*; and Jackie Caesar and Tom Kavados, *Younger Than Springtime*. Other dancers include Pam Stumpf and Louise Sullivan. Instrumentalists are Dan Bagby and Dave Dunkin and accordionist Bruce Ballentine.

Riding in on their bicycle built for two, as they sing *Daisy*, will be Linda Boettcher and Norman Rollings. The vocal trio, Janie Hewlett, Cathy LaLumandier and Judy Sparberg, will harmonize to *Tonight*, and Janice Vierheller will pantomime *The Old Philosopher*.

Novelties

Hobos Donna Spellings and Judy Timpone will add that light touch to the program before the vocal group of Bob Hunt, Gary Abmeyer, Bob Gielow, Mike Murray and Ray Hilt sings about their *Dream Baby*. The liveliness of the circus will show through in the novelty act of Roberts, Cason, Sellers, White, Parente, Stensto, Stoehr, Felkel and Eschrich.

Soloists will include Cathy LaLumandier in *This Nearly Was Mine* and Gall McLellan singing *You Can't Get A Man*

In the Wind

Town Meeting

- This morning, first and second periods . . . Hello Day aud. Dancing in the gym during lunch periods.
- Tomorrow, 1 p.m. . . girls' basketball game at O'Fallon. See page 4.
- Monday through Friday, March 12-16 . . . seven week exams.
- Wednesday, March 14, second period . . . KXOK Junior Town Meeting.
- Thursday, March 15, 3:30 p.m. . . senior sponsored dance. Everyone invited!
- Friday, March 16 . . . next issue of *Pioneer*. Senior play cast to be announced.



HELLO DAY COMMITTEE judges try-outs. From left, standing; Gene Dunham, Eileen Vance, Jo Herring, Sue Stoehr, Mark Pultman, Rita Slaznik, Marie Evans. Seated, Lester Paff, Jan Cloak, Janie Hewlett, Mike Torrence, Jerry Tharp, Mike Ousley.

With A Gun. The program will traditionally close with the A Cappella Choir, under Miss Meyer's direction.

Festivities are not confined to the aud sessions. Hello Day tags will be on sale during advisory this morning for five cents each, and there will be dancing in the gym during the lunch periods. All Hello Day activities are under the direction of Student Council and the supervision of its sponsor, Miss Hachtman.

Bond Issues

St. Louis to vote again

Next Tuesday St. Louis citizens will vote again on the school bond issue and the nine municipal bonds, all defeated in the Jan. 23 election.

The \$28,180,000 school bond issue lost by only 66 votes—the official count, 63,585 in favor, 31,892 against, a large favorable majority but not quite the re-

quired two-thirds. The bond proposals include a new northwest high school, classroom additions, facilities for fire safety and school modernization, particularly in science laboratories.

SW would benefit greatly from passage of the school bond, since \$2,150,540 of the total is earmarked for a much-needed addition to relieve critical overcrowding.

In urging your parents and friends to vote, remember—the people who complain the loudest about school hardships are often the ones who didn't bother to vote.

In the same election, voters will decide whether to approve a five cent tax rate on gasoline. If this proposal carries, the present city gasoline tax would be abolished.

Eleven Merit Finalists break previous high record of three

Every one of the 11 SW National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists recently qualified as Finalists.

Highest number qualifying at any other public high school in St. Louis was two. SW's previous high record was set last year with three.

The 11 reaching the status this year are Bill DeWitt, Louis Sledoda and Ron Taylor, Jan. '62 graduates; Sharon Carneal, Philip Keim, Tom Lynch, Dennis O'Dell, Glen Percy, Becky Rousin and Joe Sanders, prospective June '62 graduates; and Dan Brooks (transferred).

Even though these finalists may not receive a Merit Scholarship,

they are considered good scholarship prospects by many colleges.

Merit Scholarship Qualifying Tests will be given to approximately 175 juniors next Tuesday.

2 to get prizes today

"Come one, come all."

See the boy and the girl who came closest to guessing the number of hairs in the *Pioneer* lion's mane called to the stage in today's Hello Day aud to accept appropriate prizes.

All who got on the good old circus bandwagon and bought their subscriptions at the low, low price of one dollar were entitled to use their wits and wager a guess.

The case display, featuring the lion, the big top and each advisory's balloon, was designed by Jack Terrill, with the assistance of Dave Grana, Mike Ferretti, and Ed Shimamoto. All groups are encouraged to watch the balloons rise in the sky above the big top as sales approach the 1400 subscription goal and individual groups approach 100 per cent sales.

First balloon to soar above the big top was sent up by Nancy

Mr. David Underwood, a television teacher in Advanced Composition and Literature, is here to co-ordinate activities within the English department. After earning a B.S. in English at Missouri U, he studied at St. Louis and Washington Universities. Last semester he taught at McKinley.

Mr. Charles Wieland has come to SW from Augsburg, Germany, where he taught social studies at the Augsburg American high school. Having a college background in the guidance field, he will be the counselor for semester three and four students. He has a B.S. from Southern Illinois U and M.S. from the University of Southern California.

Mr. E. M. Schueneman, new chairman of the mathematics department, comes from Cleveland High. He attended Central Wesleyan and Washington Universities to earn his A.B. and M.A. degrees.

Mr. Raymond Suess has a B.S. from Southern Illinois U and will receive his M.A. from there in June. He has transferred to SW from Roosevelt. Here he will have a full schedule of English.

Mrs. Velma Appelbaum transferred to SW from Roosevelt. As the new department head of social studies, she will be teaching sociology and world history. She has an M.A. from the University of Michigan.

Mr. Free of the mathematics department retired at the end of last semester.

Quill and Scroll accepts 18 from 'Pioneer' staff

Eighteen of last semester's *Pioneer* staff have been accepted for membership in Quill and Scroll (international honor society of high school journalists).

Candidates must rank in the upper third of their class and be recommended by the paper's sponsor. In addition, *Pioneer* staff members must have 50 inches printed during the semester they apply for membership.

Last semester's co-editors, Gene Hargrove and Bill DeWitt, received editor-in-chief pins. Present Co-editor Janie Hewlett, Mary Schramek, Kay Owens, Becky Roussin, Nancy Reed, Valerie Herweck and Frank Buchmeier qualified for page editor pins. Present Co-editor Judy Sparberg has hers from a previous semester.

Carol Beth Clark, Betty Matthews, Susan David and Kathy Williams received reporter pins; Judy Moeller, Kathy Jud, Diaue St. Jean and Linda Rodgers, reporter charms.

Each member also gets a Quill and Scroll membership card and a year's subscription to *Quill* and *Scroll* magazine.

SW's chapter of Quill and Scroll was started in May, 1960, and named after Mr. Parker Wheatley, director of public affairs at KMOX-TV.

Enrollment rises; highest since '40

SW enrollment of 1,965, is the highest since Sept., 1940, when 2,028 students were registered. Of the present 1,965—1,018 are girls and 947 boys.

In three classes, however, boys outnumber girls. The ones have 159 boys to 102 girls, the fives have 104 boys to 93 girls, and the eights have 146 boys to 141 girls.

Most numerous are the twos with 348 and the 6s sevens make up the smallest class. By years, freshmen lead with 609, followed by the sophomores with 567. Juniors have 437, seniors 352.

Neal Westermeyer makes the enrollment 1,966 in the morning, when he comes for post-graduate work. One semester five girl, Ghislaine Von Giananth, comes to SW from Belgium.



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'A child shall lead them'

With a burst of speed and an ear-splitting Indian whoop, Billy Brown came running into the house. "Mother, Mother, guess what? I've made a new friend at school. His name is Johnny, and he hit a baseball over the fence at school, and he likes me, and we're going to be friends."

From that day on the only thing Billy ever talked about was Johnny. "Johnny got a 100 on his arithmetic test today." "Johnny sang a solo in our music class today." "Johnny made three home runs during recess." To Billy there was no one in the world like Johnny. "I wish Johnny were my brother."

One day at a PTA meeting Mrs. Brown was stopped by a well-meaning lady. "Did you know that your son, Billy, has been playing with a foreigner?"

That night at a supper Mrs. Brown asked Billy to tell her more about Johnny. "But Mom, I told you before! He's really great, the most terrific friend a fella ever had."

"But, Billy, isn't Johnny a foreigner? Doesn't he have to speak a broken English? Why can't you find an American for a pal?"

"Gee, Mom, I never really noticed! He talks all right."

Perhaps you have heard this story before and already considered its meaning. If not, stop now and think about it. The strength of our nation lies in such youngsters as this. Are we going to teach them fear, prejudice and discrimination against men?

Passport to success

Freshman, do you know that your name has been inscribed on a very important document in the office files known as your permanent record card?

This document, properly filled out, will serve as your passport to the college of your choice or to the job you dream about, and you are the person who determines all that will be inscribed on it.

You must make sure that the grades recorded on it are the best you can achieve and that your subjects not only fill the spaces but also meet requirements.

Your pass will also reveal your ability to accept the greater responsibilities which come with the greater liberties that high school gives you. The numbers 1, 2 or 3, recorded on your card, will measure your maturity and your citizenship.

At graduation those who have taken advantage of their tremendous opportunities to fill in their passports with good grades and character records will proceed through the gates of success.

Senior Circus

293 surge into the Big Top

JH! Get out there and tell Barker Tom to stop yelling, "Come one; come all!" There are already 293 Senior Circus fans surging into the Big Top every morning at 8:40. I guess I'd better, JS, because I seated the last folks in the lions' cage.

No wonder they didn't eat their lunch.

But what if Tom is worried about losing the customers' money?

That's no problem. Treasurers LaLumandier and Hilgendorf are selling the left-over eight's buttons in the stands for souvenirs.

JS, did you get the sham-rocks for the NUAHCERPEL PAEL* circus benefit dance?

It will be the 15th, and that doesn't give you much time.

I was growing some beaunts in the garden, but the elephants took a new route to the water trough today. The luck of the Irish is still with us though, 'cause I can get them when I go to Ireland to get the "baloney stone."

Be cautious, JS, Kathy White's lion is on the loose again.

I'm not worried; he likes me. I can tell by the way he drools whenever he sees me. But he hasn't really disappeared. That crazy Pioneer staff borrowed him to use in their subscription contest.

As the Big Top slowly collapses on JH (obviously not

This 'n' that

Nan, Ken snooping for Prom

By Kathy White

Gathering news galore for Prom Magazine this term are Nancy Sturgis and Ken Maruyama both of Senior A. Snooping rights were passed down by January grads, Barb Heckel and Ron Taylor.

Three smart SW Sams on the Jan. '62 class, David Shimamoto, Frank Buchmeier and Dale Munn, have received advanced placement in mathematics at Rolla School of Mines.

The merry makers of melodious music, choir, of course, have elected a staff of new officers. Janie Hewlett, president, will be aided by vice-president, Cathy LaLumandier; secretaries Clive Greenwald and Norman Rollings; treasurers,

Judy Sparberg and Cliff Rawley; and librarians, Merry Lindauer, Genie Spudich and Janet Cloak.

The Spanish and German have united. No, not the countries, but Mr. Alexis Rangel, SW Spanish teacher and his new bride a German teacher at Riverview Gardens High School, who were married Feb. 2.

Good luck to another new president around SW, Mr. Monaschesi, that is lately elected president of the newly organized St. Louis District Music Association.

Keeps on writing and writing and writing . . . Gene Hargrove, that is, SW Jan. '62 graduate, former Pioneer co-editor and vice-president of the Missouri Interscholastic Press Association, whose article on Pioneer sales campaigns got a full page spread in the last MIPA news.

The porpoise is a very remarkable animal. Underneath his fish-like exterior are tiny hind legs and jointed fingers. The brain of a porpoise is almost like man's and his I.Q. is said to be equal or better.

It won't be too many years before the porpoise, which is actually an air breathing mammal, decides to leave the water forever. With its intellect the porpoise may become a very successful and prominent member of society, a leader in industry and perhaps even politics.

Porpoises of the world UNITE!

The world's going to the porpoises

by Kathy Jud

Every week the Sunday supplements say the porpoise is getting smarter and smarter. They can mimic certain sounds and scientists believe that by teaching them some simple sounds they can eventually be taught to say actual words.

"Ahh," says the scientist.
"Ahh," says the porpoise.
"Ahh ha," ventures the scientist.

"Ahh yer mudder wears army boots," screams the exasperated porpoise as he turns tail and swims off muttering.

aware of the fact), JS sails into the sunset on the Titanic II. *Leprechaun Leap backwards



Clowning Around

Hurry, hurry, step right up!
The tags are going fast.
There's dancing in the gym today—
Hello Day's here at last.

Nujay class brings talent, honors to SW

If an excellent activity record in grade school is any criterion for further achievement in high school, the class of January, 1966, is certain to prove a boon to SW.

FUTURE HELLO AUDS can use such musically inclined folks as Christine Zotos, who was assistant director of Nottingham's orchestra; Craig Hirsh, who plays the organ; Werner Stiehling, who plays in an accordion band; and three members of a drum and bugle corps; Mark Conner, Dennis Flores and Mark Wilfong.

AN EVEN BIGGER AND BETTER "PIONEER" is in the cards now that journalists Susan Lynch, Paula Arbeiter, Jacqueline Campbell, Carol Buchrucker, Sandy Morgan, Bill Wengel, Judy Migus and Cathy Voss are here.

SOME HAVE RECORDS OF DAY-BY-DAY SERVICE to their alma mater. For instance, Paul Copeland, Bill Cook, David Dunbeck, Bill Suszko, Lawrence Eckhoff and Joan Paslowsky served on their school safety patrols; and Henry Plag received a pin from the Globe as "Patrol Boy of the Week", while Paul Hetherington, Michael Mitchell and Cheryl Miller worked in their school cafeterias.

OTHER NUJAYS, TOO, COME WITH SPECIAL HONORS and awards. Karen Godat from Kennard was runner-up for the American Legion Citizenship Award, while Sharon Stuckenschneider got the award from Shaw School for scholastic achievement. Darlene Ketten won a state prize for her essay; and art-wise Mark Conner merited a Scholastic Art Award.

Teens

The true picture

Teenage violence may make exciting copy for a newspaper, but it doesn't present a true picture of today's youth.

Recently, however, a headline in a metropolitan paper "accentuated the positive" side of the picture by applauding 11 teenagers honored by the Greater St. Louis Hills Home Owners' Association. Of these 11, nine are from SW.

Ted Anstedt, Bob Blair, Carol Beth Clark, Sue Due, Walter Hilgendorf, Tom Lynch, Patricia Mickley, Dennis Schowalter and graduate Vicki Gropp were chosen primarily on the basis of scholarship.

But extra-curricular activities are also a part of the picture. Pat and Sue serve as hospital volunteers, while Dennis serves his country in the junior naval reserves. Tom has received academic honor as a Merit Scholarship finalist; and Ted, as a Harvard Book candidate.

In the world of words, Walter placed third in the American Legion Oratorical contest, and Carol is a page editor on the Pioneer. Bob pitches for the SW baseball team, and Vicki will be remembered for her roles in operettas and a senior play.

270 students make fall semester honor roll; five have perfect 5.0 scores

Two hundred seventy, or 16.8 per cent, of the present semester two through eight students made academic averages of 3.5 or higher for the fall semester.

Of these 147 made super honor roll grades, ranging from 4.0 to 5.0. Five, Robert Sheraga, Wendell Pierce, John Kieffer, Mark Pultman and Albert Schneider (all boys . . . notice) made perfect 5.0 scores. However, 100 of the 147 on the super honor roll are girls.

Semester seven led the parade with an incredible 48 per cent of their group on the honor list. The sixes came next with 22.

The following are those who ranked between 4.0 and 5.0.

Semester eight . . . 5.0—Wendell Pierce, Mark Pultman, 4.9—Becky Roussin, Judy Sparber, 4.8—Janie Hewlett, Glen Percy, 4.7—James Coppersmith, Valerie Herweck, 4.6—Tom Lynch, Karlis Muehlenbachs, 4.5—Philip Kelm, 4.4—Eugene Boisauhin, Hilde Herkstroeter, Sandy Lee, Dennis O'Dell, Mel Scherzer.

4.3—Jackie Caesar, Richard Grunwald, Shirley Swanson, 4.2—Mary Ellen Hamilton, Walter Hilgendorf, Merry Lee Lindauer, Ron Rice, Susan Stoehr, 4.1—Gene Levy, 4.0—Vickie Allen, Janice Cho, Rose, Harness, Mike Murray, Joseph Rauscher, Janette Reuquarth, Elizabeth Roberts, Donna Spellings, Claudia Weekley.

Semester seven . . . 4.7—Carol Beth Clark, Richard Magrussen, 4.4—Ted Anstedt, Nancy Hendryx, Ed Shimamoto, Elise Winterer, 4.1—Bonnie Heckel, Katherine Van Wessem, 4.0—Judith Glauz.

Semester six . . . 5.0—John Kieffer, Albert Schneider, Robert Sheraga, 4.8—Beverly Kreh, Judith Moeller, 4.6—William Hauk, Karen Diehl, Richard Kostecki, 4.4—Linda Mandeville, 4.3—Jeanne Kirchman, Robert Lietz, Kathryn Trollinger, 4.2—Elizabeth Angelides, Maria Garcia, Dianne Kidding, Norman Rollings.

4.1—Marjorie Jones, Lester Paff, Kathy Wilkins, 4.0—Janet Bechdolt, Carolyn Delbert, Carol Sue Gillilan, Mary Gillilan, Cathy Linhart, Doris Pierce, William Rossman, Sally Violetta, Mary Ann Wilson, Stephen Wright.

Semester five . . . 4.8—Jean Hamilton, 4.6—Alice Campbell, Sheila Meinberg, 4.4—Mary Collins, Jean Pekar, 4.3—William Ford, 4.2—Nancee Gheek, Nancy Schoenbeck, Noel Shaw, 4.1—Bonnie Vespy.

Semester four . . . 4.8—Bill Morris, Doris Violetta, 4.6—Nancy Boken, Dennis Kraus, Karen Marquardt, Judith Moeller, 4.5—Bart McLellan, 4.4—Christine Henke, Charles Parker, Jack Simmons, 4.2—Lynn Espinola, Linda Kelly, Laura Mueller, Margaret Nelden, Jane Paolucci, Tom Schnyder, Judy Wells, 4.1—Robert Middleton, 4.0—Barbara Dunlap, Kathleen Moore, Dennis Schowalter.

The real egg To tell the truth

In Dramatics 2-7 and 8, Miss Guenther had three students give their versions of the pronunciation of the word egg.

Then Cheryl Boyce piped out in typical Bud Collier fashion, "And now will the real egg please stand up?"

Semester three . . . 4.4—Linda Guikes, Alan Lanser, Jackie Roch, Frances Suszko, 4.3—James Dixon, 4.2—Janet Boyd, Terry Kim Diehl, Julie Hendryx, Karen McMullen, Christine Rasche, Dorothy Schelhammer, Carol Thompson, John Visos, 4.0—Darlene Clapp, Martha Freer, Carolyn Grau, Janice Hensley, Joyce Meyers, Susan Thieme.

Semester two . . . 4.8—Doris Slavens, 4.7—Barbara Johnson, 4.6—Norman Herweck, Rachel Paff, Ronnie Rosenberg, James Zemenick, 4.5—Dolly Maier, Alan Meyer, 4.4—Marianne Kehres, Kathleen Kelly, Martha Kuehn, William Rice, Terry Tolliver, Bruce Wolff, 4.2—Nickie Dryton.

4.1—Jean Hamilton, 4.0—Gail Ahrens, Timothy Barnhart, Gary Brandt, Frank Bubb, Virginia Kraemer, Kathleen McCormick, Robert Naylor, Dianne Sinclair, Sharon Taylor.

Present semester one students are, of course, not on this honor roll since this is last fall's list. Last fall the present nujays were still in grade school.

17 Uruguayans see SW



URUGUAYAN TEACHERS on tour of United States high schools visit SW.

Seventeen secondary school teachers from Montevideo, Uruguay, visited SW, Feb. 2, as part of a tour to observe teaching methods in North American high schools.

All the teachers in this group came from a *lycee* (high school) in the industrial section of Montevideo; and their school, nestled in one of the mountains in the city, has 700 students.

Though small in enrollment in comparison to SW, the school is so overcrowded that the students must attend split sessions from 8 a.m. to 12 noon or 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. daily in addition to special Saturday classes, lasting until 3 p.m.

There is no choice of subjects—everyone must take the same courses. However, after school there is a wide variety of activities, such as athletics, science clubs and a student council.

similar to SW's. In fact, as the visitors told of high school life in Montevideo, it seemed almost as though they were talking about SW.

When sample *Pioneers* were given to the guests, the journalism teacher in the group remarked that they, too, have a school newspaper. Every year they hold an intensive sales campaign and give special prizes to the persons who sell the most subscriptions. "And," she added, "to insure a successful campaign, each teacher is required to buy a subscription."

Their classes too, are much like ours. Even some of our textbooks are similar. While touring the classrooms, one of the visitors picked up an English Literature book and remarked, "From this book, I learned to speak your language."

Her English was perfect.

Lessons 'au film'

It's a class experiment

by Judy Moeller

"Bonjour." A pretty French girl waves, sees her uncle and runs toward him.

"Bonjour, mon oncle." "Bonjour, Margot."

They ask about each other's health and a mutual friend walks up. They all ask about each other's health again; Margot remembers she has a class and walks up the steps to the college.

The friend: "Elle est charmante."

Mon Oncle: "Oui, *charmante!*"

That was film one, lesson one, of a new course for beginning French students. "Je Parle Francais" ("I Speak French") is a film, tape and text course put

out by *Encyclopaedia Britannica* and now being treated as an experiment at SW.

The initial lesson took on a bit of humor when the operator put the film in reverse and Margot ran up the steps backwards!

The films were produced in France through Tadie Cinema. Margot and "Mon Oncle" ("My Uncle") are professional French actors, so the students know they're getting the real thing.

Accompanying the films is a note-book-like text that has an attractive pink, white, black and gray cover with an Eiffel Tower design. With the films come tapes that let the students practice saying what they hear in the films and read in their books.

Although the whole course is planned to cover three years, the project is so new and expensive that the Board of Education is trying it at SW only and with first year students only.

Gail McLellan competes in Junior Miss Pageant



MISS CONGENIALITY, alias Gail McLellan.

The 14 finalists in Missouri's Junior Miss Pageant on Feb. 11 chose Gail McLellan, semester eight of Miss Becker's advisory, as Miss Congeniality.

In the finals, held at the Chase Hotel, Elaine Knudsen, the Webster Groves representative, won the state title. Six finalists from the St. Louis area earlier had been chosen from 20 contestants to compete with eight from other Missouri areas.

Belgium, the Congo and now, St. Louis

Ghislaine Von Gienanth attended ten different schools in the Congo and Belgium before enrolling this semester at SW.

Sixteen-year-old Ghislaine (pronounced like Elaine with the initial G added) speaks little English but understands it without much difficulty. Born in Brussels, she speaks French.

She came to St. Louis via jet just two months ago. She lived in Leopoldville for four years and in Usumbura (the capital of Ruanda-Urundi) for four years. Leaving the Congo at the beginning of 1959, she returned to Brussels and then moved to Luxembourg, where her parents are now living.

Ghislaine likes the U.S., "It's so big and modern." She likes SWerners too, because they've really tried to make her feel at ease. Semester four of Miss Henshaw's advisory, she hasn't joined any clubs—she devotes most of her time to her studies (especially English). She likes hot dogs and loves to swim.

Why did Ghislaine choose St. Louis? Her grandparents are here and she came to live with them while finishing her schooling. She does not intend to go back to the Congo but would like to return to Belgium someday.

There are two younger Von Gienanths still in Europe. One, Denise, 14, is attending a boarding school in Belgium; while Nellie, 3, is in Luxembourg with her parents.

While in Africa, Ghislaine belonged to an organization called the Guide. Three weeks ago, she joined a similar organization here in the United States—the Girl Scouts.



GHISLAINE'S PASSPORT PICTURE

PTA to hear Schlafly

Mr. Fred Schlafly, noted authority on Communism will be the featured speaker at the PTA meeting March 20 at 7:30 p.m.

The brother of Daniel Schlafly, president of the St. Louis Board of Education, Mr. Schlafly is a lawyer in Alton, Ill. Open discussion will follow his presentation. PTA officers for next year will then be elected.

A large group of students, under the direction of Miss Hachtman and Miss Guenther, presented the program at the Founders Day meeting Feb. 20.

The theme "Give America our best in traditions" was used by these pupils, who gave short talks.

Among those participating were Glen Percy, SC President, who spoke on Student Council, and Tom Lynch, president of the June graduates, who discussed Class Leadership. Representatives from language and science classes, publications, services, career clubs, girls' and boys' athletics and music groups also participated.

Hardwood season over; SW 4-6 in league play

The 1961-'62 basketball season has ended, with the SW cagers finishing with a 5-15 overall mark and a 4-6 league record. The 4-6 record was good enough for a sixth place tie in the Public High League.

The Public High League was especially tough this year, with Cleveland, Sumner, and Hadley Tech unveiling some of the best teams seen in the league in recent years. These three teams were among the six which defeated SW in PHL competition. Though losing six games,

Rigid work-outs ready thinclads for coming meets

With a strong diet of calisthenics and running, SW track team is gathering strength for the new season.

Conditioning is taking place every afternoon under the direction of Mr. Gladstone, track coach. As to this year's prospects, Coach Gladstone says, "The team should be stronger over all, but the Junior Division will need rebuilding."

Returning lettermen include junior polevaulter, Tom Taylor, and Dave Cook; broad jumper, Pat Cerutti; and sprinter, Tim O'Neil.

Senior Division will field shot-putters, Tom Dubis, Jerry Sharp and Bud Eaton; polevaulter, Ed Shimamoto; half millers, Bob Fulstone, Dennis O'Dell, Rich Meier and Bob Gielow; and sprinters, Dave Grana, Steve Vincent, Harry Dooley, Gary Butchart and Bob Kneile.

Highlighting this year's schedule will be two dual meets to be held here with SW thinclads playing host, first to McKinley; then, to McBride.

The cheerleaders

They deserve a cheer

by Helen Kuhl



MRS. SHUFFIELD . . . the cheerleaders' "guiding light."

They're an important part of the football, basketball, baseball and track teams. These apparent super-athletes are the cheerleaders.

Through creative and enthusiastic work they have led these teams to "do their best for old SW." Standing proudly behind this team is its pert, brown-eyed young sponsor, Mrs. Sherron Shuffield. With an accent that bespeaks her home in Little Rock, Arkansas, Mrs. Shuffield

the Steers put up some real battles. Among those close games was a nip and tuck loss to O'Fallon, and a well played game in a losing cause to the Vashon Wolverines. Longhorn victories in the circuit came over Central, McKinley, Soldan, and arch-rival Roosevelt. The Soldan game was probably the Steers' best game of the season in league play.

In the Christmas Tournament played at O'Fallon Tech, SW ran in to some tough opposition. The Steers lost a hard fought, first round game to Cleveland, then were defeated in the consolation round by consolation champs De Andreis.

Meeting some of the stiffest competition in the area, SW won only one of eight non-league, non-tournament games. The lone win was an early season, 67-48 triumph over McBride. Among those victories over the Steers were three highly regarded city teams, CBC, St. Louis U. High, and Catholic champions DuBourg. There was no relief against county teams either. SW ran up against such teams as Maplewood, Webster Groves and Affton in the county.

To get in shape for track . . . jump

Want to enter a jump-rope contest?

Then talk to Harry Dooley or Bruce Cook, now reigning "jump-rope" champions of the Weight Lifting club.

Mr. Hatfield, assistant principal, whose rope-jumping abilities have been kept a secret until now, has already accepted the challenge and won; but he was disqualified because he's not a student. So the champs still reign.

refuses to accept any of the credit for the girls' intense enthusiasms of late.

"I really don't do a thing. The ideas are all their own; they're an extraordinarily responsible group that always seems to know just what's proper and appropriate."

Bonnie Heckel, newly elected vice-president of Cheerleaders Club, has another version of the story. "Mrs. Shuffield is always there when we need her. Instead of dictating she is like a guiding light, always encouraging us to do our best and then helping us to make it even better. She's GRRREAAAT!"

Mrs. Shuffield's interest in school spirit started in Little Rock, where she was a cheerleader at Pulaski Heights Junior High.

Aside from teaching English at SW and sponsoring cheerleaders, Mrs. Shuffield enjoys reading, golfing, playing tennis and cooking for a certain Mr. Charles Shuffield, who is a Washington U medical student.

As she left Mrs. Shuffield flashed a smile contagious enough to convince anyone that "she's got that spirit!"

Baseball gets under way



NEW GAA OFFICERS. Left to right: Secretary Jan Cloak, President Nancy Sturgis, Vice-President Nancy Furgerson and Treasurer Betty Matthews.

GAA-324 strong

Sturgis elected president

Two hundred and sixty-eight of the 324 GAA members met Feb. 6, to elect their new executive officers and twelve team captains.

Girls sports are guaranteed plenty of publicity with the newly elected President Nancy Sturgis, serving as sports page editor of the fabulous *Pioneer*, as well as *Prom* reporter.

As an Officials Club member six semesters, captain of all interschool teams and captain of four first place GAA teams, she has earned her pin, letter and senior trophy. Last semester Nancy served as GAA secretary.

The new vice-president is Nancy Furgerson, who has earned her pin and letter and has been a member of the Officials Club for four semesters. She has participated in inter-school athletics and served as a team captain.

SC secretary, Jan Cloak, now GAA secretary, has played in inter-school athletics and has belonged to Officials Club for six semesters. She has earned her pin, letter and senior trophy, was a team captain four times and served last semester as GAA treasurer.

Treasurer Betty Matthews has been in Officials Club for four semesters and has earned her pin and letter. She has also participated in inter-school athletics and was a team captain twice.

Competition in the volleyball tournament began Feb. 18, with

Katt and Scherzer team up to manage varsity basketball

Teaming up to manage this year's varsity basketball team are veteran Karl Katt and varsity newcomer Mel Scherzer.

Managing a basketball team is only one of Karl Katt's many talents. "The Catman," semester eight of Miss Becker's advisory, has earned two letters for managing and another for participation in cross-country.

Some of his duties as a manager include wrapping ankles, caring for equipment and doing the scorekeeping at games.

On the outside, Karl participates in numerous sports, and flashes a 170 bowling average. He enjoys watching television, especially "The Alvin Show." Karl, known for his shy and

Miss Mueller as GAA sponsor. Captains this semester are Tina Anderhub, Connie Furgerson, Lois Goldman, Bonnie Heckel, Helen Kuhl, Stevie Lange, Ruth McLain, Pat Sellers, Noel Shaw, Susan Stoehr, Mary Jane Wilkinson and Sue Zeph.

Boy bowlers meet league leading Roosevelt next

SW Boys Bowling Club will be gunning for Roosevelt, the league leaders, next Friday, at Bowling Grand Lanes. In the first meeting, on Feb. 20, Roosevelt beat SW by 80 pins at the Arway Lanes.

The boys rolled over McKinley, Feb. 7, by the margin of 751 pins at the Saint Louis House.

Paced by Jim Hankemeyer, with 576, the Longhorns shut out the Goldbugs nine games to none. The victory retains SW's hold on second place, just behind Roosevelt, in the interscholastic league.

SW's 273 pin lead at the end of the first game was increased to 539 pins after the second game, and finally reached 751 pins at the end of the match.

Bowlers for SW were Jim Hankemeyer, Bill Hawk, Len White, Larry Marks, Rich Kostekci, Don Cook, Ralph Willis, Bill Summerfield and Paul Espy.

unassuming personality, found that his greatest satisfaction in serving as manager was "teaching Tom 'Sugarman' Lynch his jump shot."

Mel Scherzer, semester eight, also of Miss Becker's advisory, comprises the other half of the managerial team.

His interest in sports goes further than managing, for he plays on a championship DeMoly basketball team and was a "star" pitcher for a championship softball team.

Like his colleague, Doc also watches television, but prefers "Bullwinkle." The hardest part in managing, he explains, with a slight snicker, "I spend all my time covering up for Katt!"

Captains to be Norris, Devine

Spring is just around the corner and with it comes the baseball season under the direction of Coach Close.

"From all indications, the '62 squad should be one of depth," says Mr. Close. "Cleveland and Beaumont will be the teams to beat; they are always tough."

The co-captains this year are Bob Norris and Mike Devine. Returning lettermen are infielders Larry Lalumondiere, Bill Mayor, Glen Pearcey; pitchers Mike Devine, Ken Clark; outfielder Bob Norris; and catcher George Pearcey.

Coaches Close and Crouch agree there are good varsity prospects from last year's B team, such as Bart McLellan, Bill Chesus, Bill Hawk, Ron Newell and Ron Lindsay. The '61 squad, which came in third, lost nine players to graduation. Their league record was an acceptable seven wins and three losses.

The B team, after completing its first and successful season, coming in second, will be looking for promising freshmen and sophomore players. "We should finish in the first division," says Coach Crouch. "The strength of our team will rely on the new freshmen. I am looking especially for a good catcher."

The B team's league record last year was identical to the varsity's, seven wins and three losses. This year the team will lose much of its power to the varsity, creating a real opportunity for young players.



by Nancy Sturgis

The Girls' Inter-School Basketball team will play their first game tomorrow at 1 p.m. at O'Fallon. The opposing team will be the winner of the Central-Cleveland game.

Girls selected by Miss J. Mueller for the team are Nancy Sturgis, Kuhl, (their names are first because they are sports editors of the great *Pioneer*), Cloak, C. Furgerson, N. Furgerson, Matthews, Mazzola, McLain and Shaw. Good luck, girls.

"Ouch!" "Oh, my sore back!" Sound familiar? These sounds emit from the mouths of members of the Cheerleaders Club after every practice session.

Wednesday afternoons after school these future cheerleader hopefuls dutifully practice yelling, jumping and doing back bends under the direction of full-fledged cheerleaders.

Newly elected club officers are Jackie Caesar, president; Bonnie Heckel, vice-president; Sue Due, secretary; and Antigone Lampros, treasurer. Keep cheering girls.