

Curriculum Requirements Still Pending

The final decision for the new graduation requirements will be presented no later than the April 9 Board of Education meeting. Before the final decision can be made, the committee must meet to discuss the issues which were presented at the open meeting held on February 27.

The board did not decide prior to this date so they could give the Superintendent's Committee a chance to study what was said at the open meeting. This also gives time for people who could not attend the meeting a chance to express themselves.

Mrs. Ruth Scheetz, chairman of the Board's Instruction Committee, remarked that she had numerous letters concerning the issues. Almost all were in favor of three or more years of English.

Other courses such as history, science, and math were discussed at the meeting, but the primary emphasis was on English. At the meeting there were 26 speakers. All but one spoke in favor of more than two years of English.

Anyone wishing to voice an opinion can write to:
Superintendent Clyde Miller
911 Locust Street
St. Louis, Mo. 63101

Band/Choir To Exhibit Variety, Visual Effects on April 24

A variety of sights and sounds will highlight this year's annual Band/Choir Concert, to be held in Southwest's auditorium on April 24 at 8 p.m. Tickets may be bought from any band or choir member.

Directing the choir will be Miss Leontone Meyer. Mr. Robert Nordman, instrumental music teacher, will conduct the band.

The band program is a very broad one, with pieces ranging from the "Overture for Winds" to the contemporary piece, "Festivo."

As an added effect, while the band performs excerpts from Moussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition," slides of Russian art and architecture will be projected into the background. The visual display will be supplied by Mr. Nordman, Mr.



KAREN SONDA, Student Congress Vice-President, and junior Gail Lincoln teach a pom-pom routine for the song "Hawaii Five-O" to participants in the aud session to be presented period 2 today.

Midi-Course Program Expanded

The music and social studies curriculum will be offering several expanded courses next year.

A wide variety of midi-courses are to be initiated under the instruction of Mr. Robert Nordman and Miss Leontone Meyer, music teachers. The courses will be worth a full unit of credit for one year and will switch each ten-week interval.

Among the choices given were rock music, reading and writing music, Broadway show tunes, folk music, Black heritage, jazz, and classical and modern music.

Aside from the midi-courses, there will be three other alternatives. A class in beginning keyboard piano is planned for period 7. Class size will be limited.

A class in music structure is geared to the student who plans to major or minor in music. The ability to read music will be a pre-requisite. Music appreciation will still be available for those not enrolled in the midi-courses. It spans classical, Broadway, jazz and rock with an emphasis on classical.

In social studies, the major change will involve the new electives offered to upperclassmen.

A full course in 19th and 20th Century history, called Social Studies Seminar, with Mr. Kent Forrest, a class in anthropology by Miss Marilyn Chase, and one in Asian history by Mrs. Martha Kuhn, are three new features.

Kent Forrest, social studies teacher, and the City Art Museum.

Included in the program is an original tune, "Nickelodeon" composed by Mr. Larry Gross, English teacher. It is an old-fashioned, ragtime piece, arranged for the band by Mr. Nordman.

Concert Choir also has a variety of songs with much appeal for students. The program includes the Gospel song, "Sunshine in My Soul" and a spiritual piece, "Little Innocent Lamb." Other selections are "Agnus Dei," "Yesterday," and "Michelle."

SC Begins New Election Process

Student Congress has distributed letters of intent to juniors wishing to seek a position as an Executive Officer for next year.

All prospective candidates will compete in next Friday's preliminary elections. The eight top winners will go into the general election.

The eight candidates will begin campaigning May 6. The entire student body will vote and the four officers will be announced May 14, after elections.

The elections for other Congress members will be April 16 for freshmen, April 17 for sophomores, and April 18 for juniors.

Aud Reviews Past Acts

Student Congress is reviving the great acts of past auds today in a double aud session, second period.

Sophomore Gary Weinhold will emcee the event, doing his imitation of Groucho Marx. Junior Sam Passafiume and sophomore Morgan Meed will act as his brothers, Harpo and Chico.

This aud replaces the Spirit Week aud which was canceled because of the heavy snows before Christmas.

"These are the acts we think were popular when they were first done. They are acts that people will recognize and enjoy again," SC President Karl Everhart stated.

Anyone who remembers back to Spirit Week '71 will enjoy the rock and roll beat of the "Fifties" as teachers Larry

Gross, Steve Techner, and Larry Davis give their rendition of "Rockin' Robin."

For students who enjoy the Big Band Sound, a chorus line will dance to Glenn Miller's "In the Mood."

The Bilitze Brothers, an acrobatic team, were first viewed at Southwest on the Ted Mack Amateur Hour, Hello Day '73. Senior Class officers will be among the many students who display their gymnastic abilities for a second time.

The Human Car, making a third appearance on the Southwest stage, will chug along to the music of "Love's Theme."

SC Vice President, Karen Sondag, expressed the hope that students will exhibit proper conduct and help make our last aud of the year a good one.

Gladstone Opens Door

By Kim Porges
PIONEER News Writer

Mr. Gene Gladstone, assistant principal in charge of instruction, still follows the "Open Door" Policy, not the one that former President Franklin D. Roosevelt talked about. It simply means that the door to his office is always left open, even when no one is in the room.

When asked if he leaves his door open because he believes in the basic honesty of students, Mr. Gladstone replied, "Well, actually there's nothing in here anyone would want to take. There's just a dictionary, some gum, and a blackboard."

When asked if anything had been stolen, he humorously replied, "No, but there probably will be after this story comes out."

Well, then, why doesn't he lock everything up?

"Well, I never have locked anything even the drawers, because if someone wants to take something, they'll find a way, somehow."



"WELL, ACTUALLY THERE'S nothing in here that anyone would want to take," stated Mr. Gene Gladstone in a recent interview.

April 26 Date Set For Jr. Ring Dance

Hawaiian leis and the music of White Star will greet Southwest juniors at the annual Junior Ring Dance to be held on April 26 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. in the new boys' gym. Tickets will cost \$2.50 for one person and \$4 per couple.

In keeping with this year's Hawaiian theme, the gym will be decorated in a typical Hawaiian fashion and dress will be semi-formal. Coats will be required for boys and a dress or pants suit for girls. Leis will be sold to replace the traditional corsage. The price has not yet been determined.

Junior Board sponsor, Mrs. Margaret Peterson, said, "This board has really worked for this dance. We're trying to have the biggest turnout of any Junior Class."

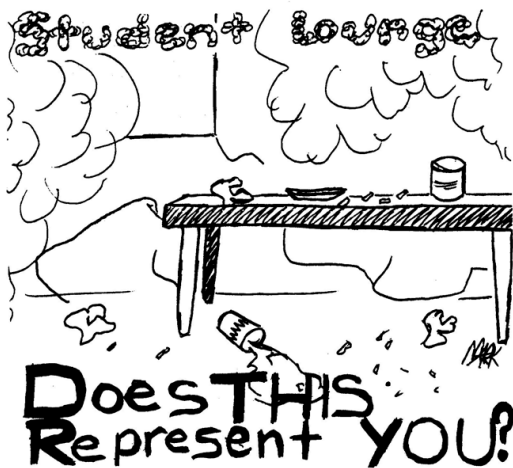
She also said senior rings will be available at the dance and the remaining rings will be given out through advisories the following week.



TOURISTS VISITING THE country of Grand Fenwick are told of its advantages by Tully Bascom, Forest Ranger. This scene is from "The Mouse That Roared", which was presented at SW on March 21, and 22. From Left: junior Patty Tanaka, senior Celeste Keith, sophomore Mary Beth Kaslick and senior Ned Thurman.

What's Happening

- March
- 29 Student Congress double aud session
- April
- 5 Report cards issued
- 8-12 Spring vacation, no classes
- 17 Parent Congress Meeting, Wilkinson School
- 19 Cheerleaders' rock concert
- 23 PTA Meeting, 1p.m.
- 24 Band/Choir Concert, 8 p.m.
- 26 Junior Ring Dance p.m.



Rock Review

Turned Roundabout at 'Yes'

By Disa Brandberg

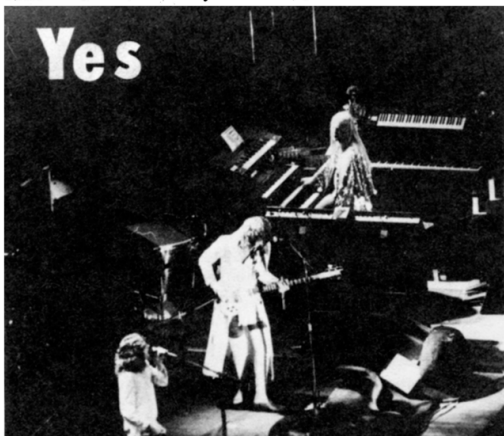
Let your mind flow Relax Listen. All traces of light vanish, and you are about to embark upon the most mind-expanding journey you have ever undertaken. And then you realize: YES has filtered into the very core of your being.

The date was March 8, 1974. This was the night that the English group, Yes, rocked Kiel Convention Hall with a sold-out performance. The members of the group are lead singer Jon Anderson, unsurpassed at keyboards, Rick Wakeman, drummer Alan White, Chris Squire on bass, and lead guitarist Steve Howe.

One of the most unfortunate experiences to befall many popular groups appearing in concert is their inability to

produce sounds equal to their albums: the studio sound. Yes encountered none of these problems. Their live performances are just as impeccable as their albums, and, in some ways, even better because the audience can actually see them performing. Their harmonic blending was unbelievably clear, and special effects added much to the scene.

During the concert a wide variety of songs was played, including "Siberian Khatru," "And You and I," and the classic "Close to the Edge." There were songs featured from their latest album *Tales from Topographic Oceans*. After an overwhelming standing ovation, Yes finished with "Roundabout" and "Starship Trooper."



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Vocation or Liberal?

By Disa Brandberg & Janet Smith
PIONEER Editorial Writers

How do you picture yourself: pursuing learning for learning's sake or furthering your career education to increase your chances of a well-paying job?

This subject of having a liberal arts education or being trained in a particular vocation is a battlefield of conflicting opinions. Many people feel that an education isn't really complete without both components. Others feel that more importance should be stressed on vocational training, with not much thought for liberal arts. Which really seems better?

Controversy Over Issue

Counselor Marguerite German states, "College is not for everybody. Some people do better in a particular vocation. We should work with the talents that each student has. However, we should not force a vocation upon someone who is not skilled. The main purpose of education is to expose you to as many alternatives as possible and to prepare you for life. Could this be done with just a vocational education?"

Senior Cindy Diaz feels that a vocational education suffices in itself. "If you're just interested in working in a practical situation, then it's a waste of time taking a lot of courses in English and other liberal arts.

Movie Review

St. Francis of New York

By Frank Gurskis
PIONEER Movie Reviewer

"Serpico" is a cop movie, but it is different from the typical cop film. The so-called pro-police movies depict cops as men who see the world through a gun sight. They are men characterized by the "cool" way they destroy human flesh (I'm sure Clint Eastwood will win an Oscar for "dramatically reloading a .44 Magnum"). While "Serpico" concerns a man who exposes massive police corruption, it gives an insight into policemen far beyond Jack Webb's "Tale of the Good Patrolman."

Al Pacino gives the title role the dynamic power and individuality necessary. With great intensity and involvement, Pacino gives us a fully fleshed-out character. In his moments of humor, anger, and compassion, we see a full human. We see a man who becomes obsessed with trying to find some way to clean up corruption and the danger and hatred that grows with the crooked cops as they realize that Serpico is against them.

Frank Serpico gives a saint-like image in paradoxical way. Not only does he find himself afraid, isolated as he turns against the police, but he also knows the martyr's secret fear that his commitment may be more to attracting attention to himself than to his "noble cause."

Despite his violence and love affairs and the movie's one or more grotesque scenes, this is a movie with saintly force. Unfortunately, this movie is based on the truth.

Students should study in the field they plan to use in the future, without a lot of unnecessary work and wasted time to stand in their way."

One opinion expressing the vital need for a liberal arts education was stated by another counselor, Dr. Rosemary Kline. "Students need a more rounded education before getting a job. I don't think you are able to cope with your job if you're vocationally trained at too early of an age. You are lacking something in your personality."

"Going to a vocational school half a day cuts out extra schooling after high school." This expresses the feelings of Leona Martin, senior, O'Fallon Co-op. Leona goes on to say that most students who go into a vocation have to go through a couple of years of extra vocational training after high school. An

interesting point is brought up here.

Is the Government Meddling?

Student Congress Sponsor Pat Meloy brought out a different side to the whole question. "The trend today is a vocational education. This is only because the economy is pressuring kids into finding a job at an early age. You see, it makes the government look good if they can say that unemployment has decreased. As a result, so much time is spent worrying about a job that subjects such as music and art become luxuries. High school should be more diverse. It should let young people experience both academic and vocational education."

Well, what do you think? Do we need both or can we do without one or the other? The decision rests with you.



By Art Cornell
PIONEER Co-Editor

The change in the Student Congress constitution allowing representatives to be elected by class instead of advisory creates a dangerous situation. Many students will have only one speech to decide on some twenty reps, many of whom they don't even know.

One three-minute speech is not enough to get a true idea of a person's capabilities or ideas. To choose the entire student government in this fashion is highly haphazard to say the least.

Because of this decision, a method must be instituted to see that the student body has a better chance to get to know the people running for office, so as to be able to make a better decision.

A possible method is to let each class have at least one day where the candidates from that class would be seated in the aud during the fifth period. The students of that class could talk to them and ask questions of them. This would give the students a better idea of who is capable of representing them in school affairs.

Another suggestion is to have the balloting be voluntary. A ballot box could be set up on the day of the election and students could vote if they want to. This way, only the people interested enough to take the time to vote, would vote.

In these two ways, the SC elections would be greatly improved. The student body would have a better chance to get to know the candidates, and only those students interested would vote.

SCAT in - Psych Out

The Ohio Psychological Test, given annually to seniors, has finally been discarded by the State Department of Education in favor of the more comprehensive School and College Aptitude Test. The SCAT will be given to juniors this spring.

Objections to the old Ohio Psych test were substantial. It held little value, since most Missouri State colleges use the SCAT for placement purposes.

This substitution of tests, encouraged in an earlier editorial, is a good idea mainly because the SCAT is more capable of pinpointing where a student's true aptitude lies than the rigid Ohio Psych.



FACULTY MEMBERS TAKE an amusing break from the daily routine to watch sophomore Daniel Todd perform an impromptu magic show. Dainel is a professional magician.

Magic at the Drop of a Hat

By Betty Collins
PIONEER Feature Writer

He pulls rabbits out of hats and cards out of the air. He has a tendency to make things vanish before your very eyes.

He's not a warlock or a witch, just sophomore Daniel Todd, Southwest's Houdini.

Daniel started his interest in magic at the age of seven. "Most kids collect baseball cards at that age. I collected magic tricks," Daniel said. It was something that interested him, so he kept it up.

When he was eight years old, Daniel was pouring water into a newspaper cone, doing the famous disappearing water trick. When he finished, the little baggie of water fell out. Since then, the act has improved.

Now it includes two white doves and a large white rabbit named "Harvey." The act has vanishing silks, where Daniel produces a long line of silks tied

together, stuffs them into his hand, and then they vanish. He shoots a dove in a paper bag, and the bag ends up empty. Daniel also chops off heads, pulls a rabbit out of a box, and does a trick called "instant art" in which he places an unpainted paint-by-number picture in a box and adds a colored silk for every color needed on the picture. Presto! A finished picture.

Magic has its ups and downs. For instance, remember Houdini who hung upside down in a straight jacket and ropes and escaped? Daniel does too. He auditioned for an aud session with the act, but Mr. Patrick Meloy, Student Congress sponsor, said it was too risky.

Daniel performs just about anywhere — churches, parties, Boy Scout groups and banquets. If it pertains to magic, Daniel does it.

News Briefs

Walter To Attend Boys' State

Sophomore Martha Crusius will represent Southwest in Jefferson City, April 9, as our Sophomore Pilgrim. This award is sponsored annually by the American Federation of Women's Clubs. It is based on outstanding scholastic progress, especially in Social Studies.

SW Recipient of PTA's Gifts

The Southwest PTA has given a cash donation gift to the Hockey Club, a pocket calculator to the Science Department and a tape recorder to the Music Department. If funds become available, PIONEER will also receive a gift from the PTA.

Jeanne Named 'Family Leader'

Junior Jeanne Hartmann has been named the 1973-74 Betty Crocker Family Leader of Tomorrow at Southwest. Jeanne competed with other seniors in a written knowledge and aptitude test given by General Mills Inc. on December 4 and is now eligible for state and national competition. All competitors will vie for college scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$5,000.

Martha Receives Pilgrim Award

Junior Walter Allen will represent Southwest at Boys' State for a week in June at Central Missouri State University, near Warrensburg. The honor is presented to the junior boy who best combines leadership and scholastic abilities with an emphasis on Social Studies. Boys' State is a summer seminar in government.

Five Students in NCTE Finals

Five Southwest juniors will be represented in the National Council of Teachers of English's Achievement Awards in Writing contest, April 26. Juniors Bart Freer, Dean Hendrick, Marylynn Moutray, Janet Smith and Art Westphal were chosen by a panel of four students from the Advanced Composition and Literature Class and three teachers. Award winners will be announced next October.

Lose Weight without a Diet? Fat Chance

By Monica Taubel
PIONEER Feature Writer

Friends, are you overweight? Are you sick and tired of having to pay extra weight rates when travelling? If you are, then my new Starverama is the diet for you.

But before I tell you what to do, I'll tell you what not to do. Don't go on fad diets. They can have strange effects on a person. For example, take the banana diet, where you eat 8 bananas a day for two weeks to lose 15 lbs. After two weeks you can be found swinging from streetlights.

Then, there's the lettuce diet—one head of lettuce a day for a week to lose 10 lbs. Unfortunately, your nose will start twitching and you'll be asking people, "What's up, Doc?" Another diet I don't recommend is the low calorie reducing diet. This one has you eating two lobster antennae or pickled hummingbird tongue for breakfast. For lunch you can have one guppy fin or broiled butterfly livers, and for supper, one pigeon thigh or bee's knees and mosquito knuckles salted in vinegar.

Now for the Starerama. As in every diet the most important thing is what you eat. The Starverama list is very specific and you must follow it carefully:

—The meat you eat must be from cows that were fed on corn grown in Arizona.

—Eat only those vegetables organically grown on a mountaintop in Kansas.

—The bread you eat must be made from flour hand ground by Elmer Q. Sludgebottom.

—Eat plenty of fruit, but make sure all of it was grown with irrigation water from River Des Peres.

—Cheese is allowed, but make sure it comes from goats fed on hydroponically-grown grass.

The Starverama also has a set

of special exercises and activities guaranteed to take off fat fast.

—Run around the block backwards twice a day, but never on Sunday.

—Irritate the neighbor's Doberman and then let him out of the yard.

—Get a job at the local limburger cheese factory, guaranteed to ruin sense of smell, taste, and appetite.

—Join Muscle Mike's Exercise

Club. (He's the one who's sadistically inclined.)

Follow this diet and the exercises carefully, and they should work wonders for you.

Of course, there are times when you need drastic results. I have a foolproof plan. But this plan should only be used in dire situations. Eat only in the cafeteria and only on Mondays, Wednesdays, and every other Friday.

Apply Early

Select Your College Wisely

By Lillian Millman
PIONEER Feature Writer

That time of year is here again, when your counselors start asking you, "Do you plan to attend college?" and "What courses would you like to take?"

A big problem for juniors and seniors may be which college to attend. According to Miss Jacqueline Hudson, counselor, "some help as to what college to attend." PIONEER answers some questions that many students may have, concerned with finding and applying to a college.

What do I need to know? Before looking, know about yourself, your abilities and limitations, your interests, finances available, and the career that best suits your interests.

What college should I attend? Miss Hudson suggested that students should "evaluate what they want, investigate different colleges and, finally, decide which one offers the most for their wants" as a guide to determining the college to attend.

How much will it cost? The cost will vary for each person. When figuring your expenses, you should list: tuition, room, board, books, deposits, transportation, insurance, incidental fees, and personal expenses.

What financial aid is available? There are many types of aid available to students. For instance: on-campus jobs, loans, scholarships, grants, work co-op programs, and maybe the ROTC. Don't forget that the Parents Confidential Statement of the College Scholarship Service, the Family Financial Statement, the Missouri Student Grant, and the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant may help you receive more financial aid. Always apply. You may not receive anything, but then again, you'll never know.

Whom do I talk to? When applying to a college, the best person to talk to is the Director of Admissions for any information concerning your application. For information about finances, contact the Director of Financial Aid. Concerning the school itself, it's best to talk to a student who has been there, commented Miss Hudson.

When do I apply? The best time to look for a college is during your junior year. This way, you will be able to apply to the college early in the fall of your senior year. Each college has a different deadline for applications, so be sure you have the right date and get your application in early to be on the safe side.

Where can I find out more? The guidance office is a great source of information on nearly any college around the country. There are many books containing information on financial aid, careers, the college itself, and more. If you're not sure where to look for certain information, ask your counselor. They are there to help you. But the best way to find out more about a particular college is to visit it, according to Mrs. Maruerite German, another SW counselor.



MARTHA CRUSIUS WILL represent Southwest as Sophomore Pilgrim.



LEWIS ARLT, PROFESSIONAL actor at the Loretto Hilton Theater and Denise Sachs, a senior at Webster College, discussed dramatics and perform a pantomime routine before Mr. Robert Lewis' drama class.

SW Track—Taking Bitter with the Sweet

"Where's Terry? Our heat's next!"

"He's in the bullpen-meditating."

Sitting quietly by himself, junior Terry Sutherland was thinking about his race-third leg, senior division mile relay team. In a slow heat, he knew that he'd have to run harder than ever before to win. A nice third place trophy would be ours if we did.

That was February 22 at the Armoury, the first indoor track meet of the season. Southwest, always a good team, comes in first in almost every heat it runs,

but rarely gets the first overall. This time, it was the same; third in the mile relay overall.

The junior division didn't do very well, but the 'seniors' did: the 880 relay team (juniors Randy Keaton and Kevin Moore; seniors Ken Perotta and Luther Fleming) placed first; with the sprint medley (juniors Rolland Garrison, Steve Davis, Moore and Charles Hessenkemper) finishing fourth. Senior Bob Kelly took a fourth in the 880-yd. run.

Trying again, SW came in the Summer Invitational on March 4 an overall seventh of 31 schools.

Coach Steve Nuske, confidant of his team, changed the order to help qualify more men for State Qualifying. As a result, the 880 relay (Garrison, senior Chris Carnes, Davis, and Moore) took a fourth; the sprint medley took third overall; and the mile relay (Keaton, Perotta, Sutherland, and Moore) barely lost second to Sumner in a close battle.

Tired of running at the Armoury, SW swept the South Side in a practice Meet on March 8. Fleming, taking the 60-yd. dash and 65 low hurdles, led the team to victory. Blowing its competition off the track, SW took third in the sprint medley and second in the mile relay. Again first in its heats, it still failed to desuade Northwest from victory.

On March 15, State Qualifying was held at the Armoury. There were two divisions, North and South. SW took the South. Fleming took the 65 low hurdles and the 60-yd. dash and anchored the winning mile relay with juniors Keaton, Moore, and Perotta.

Sutherland came in second to qualify in the 440 dash. Carnes qualified in the long and high jumps and Moore, Keaton, Perotta, and Hennenkemper burnt up the track in the sprint medley.

Tennis Team To Come On with a Racket

Southwest's tennis team will open their season this Monday against Kirkwood at Kirkwood. Their first home meet will be against CBC on April 16 at Sublette Park. All meets begin at 4 p.m.

Coach Ron Ward stated that the team should be very good with all but one letterman returning. Coach Ward went on to say, "I think it will be a hard-fought season with the determining meet for PHL against Sumner at Tandy Park, May 23. This will be the last meet.

Faculty Falls to Dutch

The Southwest faculty was dribbled by Cleveland's teachers 63-5, March 15. Then Longhorn faculty pulled within six points and appeared as if they had come alive. As the final minutes ran down, SW ran out of gas and even "Super" Shell could not pick them up. The most colorful moment for the faculty came when Mr. Randy Huck ran on the court in rainbow shorts.

New Equipment for SW Athletes Sought

The Athletic Department will be purchasing two new pieces of equipment within the next year. The baseball team is planning on buying a pitching machine, while the Lettermen's Club will purchase a weight machine.

According to Coach Ed Graham, the pitching machine will cost about \$900. He hopes that the team will be able to raise about half of the cost by selling various items. The team

will sponsor several activities to earn the rest of it.

The Lettermen will raise close to \$1900 for their machine. Mr. Leon Anton, sponsor, hopes that \$1000 can be raised from the selling of seat cushions. Special basketball games, donations, and possibly several sock-hops will earn the rest. All of the school's teams, and a possible body building mini-course, will use the machine.



SOPHOMORE PAUL KEBLER beats it out in the grueling 16-lap two mile run at the Armoury on March 8. SW placed seventh of 31 schools.

Cagers Pleased with Outcome

When the buzzer ended the regional contest between Southwest and St. Mary's, it also brought down the curtain on the Longhorn's season. The Dragons, by defeating SW, 64-60, left the Steers with a 7-13 overall record.

Pleased with the team's progress, Coach Charles Tracer felt the record would have been much better if the players had performed as well in the first half of the campaign as they did in the last. The seven victories, five of which were in non-league contests, were a marked improvement over last year's two triumphs.

Coach Tracer is confident that the yearly improvement will

continue, even though graduation will deprive the club of leading scorer Larry Daniels and fine rebounding center Chris Carnes. Three juniors who saw regular action are returning. This trio of Hal Benthup, second in scoring with 210 points; Cody Krealmeyer, right behind with 208; and Walter Allen, whom the Coach described as a "fantastic defensive player," form the nucleus for next season. The ability of "B" teamers Gerald Elam, Greg Crosen, Dave Adams, Mike Robinson, and Dave Ford to display varsity talent is also a key to success for the 1974-'75 season.



MR. CHARLES TRACER, 22 prepares to pass the basketball to Mr. Raymond Feick during the faculty game, March 15. The Longhorns dropped the game, 63-51, to Cleveland's teachers. Southwest's Lettermen defeated Cleveland the same night.

Girls' Track and Gymnastics Begin

The Girls' Gymnastics Club began the '74 season with good results. They participated in several meets and each time received recognition. In the February 20 beginners' meet, junior Andra Lett came in fourth in the tumbling competition. Junior Edie Becker came in second overall in the February 27 gym meet. Both meets were at Sumner.

In the novice meet at Roosevelt on March 1, junior Vanessa Jones took first place in tumbling, and junior Stacy Georges placed second in the floor exercises. The preceding day senior Loretta Schroeder placed first in vaulting and the uneven bars at the Intermediate Meet, also at Roosevelt.

The Girls' Track Team also has had a good start this year. On March 4, the team

participated in the Sumner Open Invitational Tournament. Of 10 girls' schools teams represented, SW placed second in the medley relay. Seniors Celeste Keith and Laura Johnson and sophomores Kathy Webber and Maureen Sutherland represented SW in this event.

There will be two SW girls' invitational meets later on this season, the first being the south side meet to be held here on April 18, and the second the south side meet here on May 2.

The two co-captains of the team are senior Celeste Keith and sophomore Kathy Weber. Kathy, along with Laura Johnson, Maureen Sutherland, and sophomore Denise Goins, are the strongest on the team, according to Mrs. Earline Falker, sponsor.



SENIOR MIKE TORN squares around to bunt the ball as Jim McNeil readies himself behind the plate. Bad weather forced the baseball team to workout in the gym.

SW Seeks Fourth Straight Title

"We'll need a lot of crying towels this year."

This was a comment by Varsity Baseball Coach Ed Graham, and it isn't an optimistic statement, but there are many unanswered questions that must be resolved before Southwest can be a contender. "Potentially, we'll have decent fielding ... hitting will be average like last year ... pitching is the biggest question mark," Coach Graham continued.

Despite the less than enthusiastic outlook, the Longhorns are the defending PHL Champions as they were also in '72 and '73. Shortstop Creighton Guthrie stated, "I feel that our team has a pretty good chance of repeating. It's something to really shoot for because no team has won the PHL baseball title four consecutive years. Our pitching won't be as strong this year, therefore, our defense and hitting are going to have to come through."

Southwest looks to first sacker Jeff Vaughn and third baseman Dave George to provide much of the offensive punch. Hoping to solve the pitching problem is senior Ron Menzel, who has made fast progress and displayed a live arm in preseason workouts. One of the

top Steer hurlers last season, Brian Humes' has early arm trouble and if he is able to regain his effectiveness, it will be a big plus for the squad.

The Steers will get some help from last year's B-team as Dale Ecomon and Tony Bruening have hit their way into the starting varsity lineup. Ecomon will play second base and Bruening will be in right field.

The Longhorns hope to put it all together for the opener against St. Mary's. The Dragons have a strong team with two fine hurlers and should provide a good test for SW.

"Despite how little or how much talent we have," commented Guthrie, "Coach Graham always seems to get the most out of us."