

Changes Greet SW; Koenig Will Watch

"This year I'm just going to sit back and watch it work. The big question this year is to discover how Southwest works."

These are the feelings of Mr. Marvin O. Koenig, SW's new principal.

"The first purpose of high school is for instruction. It is a preparation for jobs or, perhaps, further education."

Because of one fewer administrator, Mr. Koenig and Assistant Principal Woody Hatfield will share responsibilities of overseeing instruction. Mr. Koenig feels this will help him to learn what is going on.

Concerning the new policy of early dismissals, Principal Koenig explained, "School is important. Most doctors' or dental appointments can be made after school. Therefore, early dismissals are given only in emergencies. The staff must be here; why not the students?"

In an effort to keep the cafeteria clean, the snack bar is not open until after advisory.

One of the factors for his appointment at SW, Principal Koenig feels, is his diverse experience in the educational field.

After graduating from SW in 1958, Mr. Koenig attended Washington University and Harris Teachers' College. He has a master's degree for both elementary and secondary education. Previously, he was assistant principal at Cleveland High School, principal at Mallinkrodt Elementary School, teacher at Sherman Elementary School, instructor for the downtown Board of Education, writer for the Curriculum Department, and director of a federal program for public schools.

In addition to the new administration changes, the Board of Education has had to make additional changes because of budget cuts.

SW will be open every day until 6 p.m. and will be open until 10:30 p.m. only one night a week. Therefore, some night activities have had to be cancelled or combined with others. Clubs and organizations will have to reserve certain nights many months in advance.

Sports will suffer greatly at all high school. No B-teams will be organized this year. Boys' and girls' intramural sports may be cut to some extent.

Senior Activities under Way

The senior trip, a faculty softball game, senior skate and prom plans are under consideration by this year's Senior Class officers. President Walter Allen said that all plans were still tentative at this time.

The senior trip is planned for April, around Easter, with proposed locations being Miami, Nassau or Mexico. The ceiling price would be held at \$325. The faculty softball game has been tentatively set for Oct. 7. A survey, however, has circulated among teachers to determine who would play and if a better date could be set up.

A senior skate might be held some time around homecoming, depending on getting ice time at Immerfrost Rink.

Just underway are Senior Prom plans. Various locations are being checked for the prom and depending on the location the date will be set.

Independent Study on Trial

"I see no reason why independent study cannot continue if the students will adhere to the regulations," Principal Marvin Koenig stated about the possibility of free study privileges being taken away.

Mr. Koenig went on to say, "Students who have independent study should make the decision on where they want to be before the bell rings and go there."

Free or independent study is now on a ten-week trial basis to determine whether the cafeteria can remain clean throughout the day. Two of the main things that must be done during free study are to take all trash and dishes to the conveyor belt after use, and go directly to the cafeteria or library before the bell rings and not be roaming around the halls, according to Mr. Koenig.

Student Congress President Bob Willner said, "I agree that something must be done in the cafeteria, but I am not in favor of ending free study."

photo by Jon Young



PRINCIPAL MARVIN KOENIG: "The first purpose of high school is for instruction. It is a preparation for jobs or perhaps, further education."

Operetta Faces Problems

A 32-year old tradition of Southwest may be broken this year with the possible cancellation of plans for our annual operetta.

Music Department Chairman Lee Meyer explained that problems in selecting and casting a show are always great.

First priorities go toward finding a suitable show that provides for a large cast and allows various music classes to perform.

Worthwhile music scored for a band is also of great importance, as most shows require a string section, which SW has lacked since 1971.

Yet, this year the directors are faced with even greater troubles than before. The question of a possible teachers' strike causes hesitation, for once

a show is decided upon and a contract signed, SW is financially committed for paying the royalties of the show.

More conflict has arisen from failure of the August 6 school tax levy. There is a possibility that SW may stay open only one night a week and close early on the four remaining afternoons.

This could interfere with rehearsals and scenery construction, as well as presenting the show on two consecutive nights.

Facing the same problems, Roosevelt High School has already cancelled its show and only time will tell if SW can weather the difficulties according to Miss Meyer.

In the hope that the show will go on, Miss Meyer feels, "Not only is money made for the whole school, it's the finest public relations we could ever have."

Students To Say Hello With Aud, Dance, Oct. 11

Hello Day will kick off the Student Congress calendar this fall. SC plans the traditional aud session and dance on Friday, October 11. There will be double auds during the second and third periods, based on contemporary singing groups. They will be featuring the Beatles, since it is the anniversary of their 10-year existence.

The Freshman aud, designed to greet the freshmen and make them feel welcome, was held last Friday during second period. It was a takeoff on the comedy series, "Hogan's Heroes." Club Day was sponsored by SC to introduce freshmen to various

activities in and around school. It was held September 18 during seventh period. Each club set up a table with a few representatives to talk to interested students.

Southwest's homecoming is November 9, and SC has scheduled a big weekend for Steers fans. There will be an aud third period, November 8, to introduce Miss Southwest candidates. There will be a parade to the field Saturday morning. The Miss SW Dance will be held Saturday night, November 9.

There are tentative plans for a Christmas aud on December 20.

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A BACKDROP FROM last week's Freshman Aud being painted by (from left) Seniors Shellie Phillips and Larry Havranek, Junior Diane Palmisano and Student Congress President Bob Willner.

Southwest Faculty Makes Changes

Southwest has undergone four administrative and 23 faculty changes this fall.

Mr. Gene Gladstone is now assistant principal at Lincoln High School and Mr. John Close is now at Cleveland in the same position. Miss Bonnie Burgett has switched from programming to teaching Communication Skills. Former Counselor Jackie Hudson is data processing administrator now.

Mrs. Sharon Paul, Home Economics, Miss Jackie Rolf, Business Education, Mrs. Susan Stacy, Communications Skills, and Mrs. Sharon Alexander have resigned. Mr. Gordon Alt will take over instrumental music for a year while Mr. Robert Nordman coordinates the music program city-wide.

Mr. Steve Warmack has returned to Southwest as a counselor. Miss Gunhilde Dudziak is back in Home Economics, and Mr. William Genck and Miss Cheryl Wickham have returned as well to teach Communication Skills. Mrs. Francis Ojile has returned as a nurse.

New teachers at Southwest this year are Mr. Matt Stallings, Industrial Arts, Miss Pat Mathews, Communications Skills, Mrs. Karen Von Glinow, Home Economics, and Mrs. Celestine Windom, Business Education.

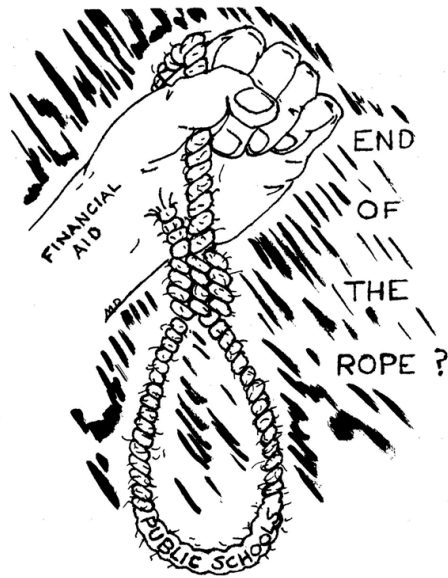
Taking a leave of absence are Miss Verna Culver, Economics, Mr. Randolph Hucker, Industrial Arts, who is teaching overseas, Mrs. Wanda Jones, Business Education, and Mrs. Jan Meyer.

Mrs. Dorothy Fisher of the Communications Skills department has retired. Mr. Dennis Butts who taught Social Studies is now at Central.

What's Happening

October

- 8- Freshmen Mothers: Luncheon, 12 noon
- 9- In-service day; no classes
- 11- Hello Day; double aud and dance
SW Parent Congress meeting at Lindenwood PTA
- 15- PTA meeting, 7 p.m.
- 16,17- ROUNDUP group pictures
- 21-25- mid-semester exams
- 23- Early Risers at Scottish Rite, 12 noon



Nixon Pardon Brews Storm

By David Lundstrom PIONEER Editorial Writer

Now to the Watergate Stew we can add a new ingredient — a presidential pardon of Richard Nixon.

Recently, President Gerald Ford granted a full pardon for any crimes that were or could have been committed during the period from January 20, 1969 to August 9, 1974. The reaction has been strongly negative, but I feel, in one sense, the move was the right path to take.

It seems that the "Pro Justice" people are demanding a trial that would be unjust and unconstitutional. When nearly everyone in all levels of life has declared him guilty, how can Richard Nixon be given a fair

trial? Are the "Pro Justice" people suggesting that the courts forget that the Sixth Amendment guarantees that "the accused shall have the right to a speedy public trial, by an impartial jury"? On this basis, I have to agree with the pardon.

Like all Americans, I would like to know the complete Watergate story. I hope that Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski continues his investigation into the depths of Watergate and makes public the final findings so we as a people and nation can put Watergate to its final rest and turn to the other major problems that face us.

Should Draft Evaders Go Free?

Editors' note: At press time, President Gerald Ford had not yet announced his policy concerning amnesty for draft evaders. PIONEER feels that whatever his decision, the controversy warrants the following discussion:

By Janet Smith
PIONEER Editorial Writer

To many people, amnesty is probably one of the dirtiest words in the English language. Specifically, amnesty is giving pardon for a past offense, that is, draft evasion.

When President Ford went into office, many people were hopeful. It seemed to give the nation a second chance. Unfortunately, this didn't seem to apply to those who fled to Canada.

Some people undoubtedly have a mental image of a dirty, disheveled person, too "lazy" to fight. Perhaps some are, but does anyone ever think of a conscientious objector, someone willing to leave his home for another country, because he cannot wantonly take a human life?

Patriotism isn't really the main issue. If the United States had been in danger of invasion, it is doubtful that these same young men would have left. When one's family is imminently threatened, there is a reason to fight. The Vietnamese War was a highly debatable topic from the beginning, especially for Americans.

There seemed to be no rational way for a conscientious objector to voice his opinion. When the subject was broached it usually ended in bitter accusations of being unpatriotic, or having no regard for human life.

It finally stopped with an exodus to Canada or Sweden, breaking the law.

Amnesty is a legal and moral issue for it must be decided if the law can order a man or a woman to kill a human being. America supposedly has freedom of choice and justice for all. Why can't one be free to object to murder?

It is ironic that President Ford can give Richard Nixon a pardon but can't do this for draft evaders. Trying to look at the acts in perspective, one can see that draft evaders were not hurting the country. Yet, our own President did things that could do long-range harm, and no one knows yet just how severe.

The land where all men are equal?



Amnesty Issue

This writer disagrees. The men who did go over were subject to conditions sometimes beyond human tolerance. Some of those who were unfortunate enough to live came home with one leg, one arm or no face. These men, fighting purposelessly, were subjected to the severest humiliation. The reason for fighting was entangled in something called "checking Communist advance." More realistically, this is called "U.S. financial interests."

Men like Lt. Calley were given a choice between murder under orders or a court martial. Is it fair, therefore, to commit the abomination of humiliating those men by exalting and glorifying the cowards who refused to go?

Perhaps, however, "cowards" is too strong a word. Is it cowardly to stand up for your beliefs? Wasn't evasion really the most patriotic action? In an age where real 1914-style patriotism is considered corny and phony, when police officers are greeted with an "Oink!" and the best place for the American flag is the seat of your jeans, I doubt it.

Moral opposition to the conflict is either a valid reason for draft evasion or a convenient excuse for a cowardly man.

Of course, draft evasion could be dogmatically condoned and amnesty a matter of course if men, by the hoards, had all refused to go. The realism of Thomas More's statement, "They gave a war and nobody came," would end the question. But if one heroin-addicted human vegetable returned from Nam, amnesty is a spit in his face.

PENPOINT

By Bev Pfeifer & Mark Packer
PIONEER Co-Editors

At the beginning of each school year, students receive their programs. Satisfaction is not always guaranteed as most of us know from experience. It is indeed a monumental problem, requiring the use of a computer, to schedule classes for our large student body. But students are entitled to more consideration for making changes than found in the six reasons established by the school as necessary criteria:

1. the computer made a mistake,

2. your counselor made a mistake,
3. classes conflict,
4. student didn't have prerequisite for course,
5. class was taken previously,
6. other course needed for graduation.

All students do not fall within this 6-rule mold.

On occasion, the counselor will schedule a class for a student without his consent. In the fall, he finds himself in a class which fits neither his needs or interests.

Another example is the need for change from a seventh period class because of a student's job.

Consider the student who does not live near a bus line, or where the busses run infrequently. For him, getting to school on time for the first period is almost an impossibility.

Traditionally, Senior Class officers have been assigned one free period to conduct class business. This year, only 3 of the 8 officers have been assigned the same free period. Rules should be flexible enough to allow for rearrangement of the other five.

Over the summer, student may find it advantageous to take a different course from the one previously requested. Surely changes that benefit students should be given every consideration.

With so many apparent exceptions, it seems that the six reasons were made too hastily and without sufficient consideration of individual problems.

We strongly feel that students shouldn't be held to the counselor's arbitrary selection. A possible solution could be reached by injecting a tentative course in the gap created by a conflict, noting on the record that it was not the student's selection. When the student receives his program he should be given every opportunity to change the course to fit his needs.

Easier Early Dismissals Needed

Since Southwest has an almost totally new administration, many changes have been made in school policies. One of the upsetting innovations is the fact that very few early dismissals will be given this year.

Principal Marvin Koenig has initiated this practice due to the abuse of early dismissals in the past. There is no way to deny the fact that early dismissals have been abused, but PIONEER feels that perhaps this practice could be modified.

It was stated that no early dismissals would be given except in cases of extreme emergency, such as becoming sick at school. We would like to suggest that doctor's appointments be included. Many doctors and dentists refuse, or are unable to reschedule student appointments. These cases are valid reasons to leave the premises before the normal time.

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Because the editorial page of a newspaper should reflect the ideas and the opinions of its readers, the editorial staff of the PIONEER welcomes letters sent to the editor by the student body and faculty.

Letters may be accepted as long as they are signed, but the staff reserves the right to edit letters, while not changing the meaning. Malicious, libelous, or irresponsible letters are not in keeping with the policy of this newspaper and will be rejected.

If you believe your opinion might get some action started on a problem, or if you feel like you just want to comment on a timely school topic, feel free to get in touch with us. All student readers, teachers, and members of the administration are invited to write their comments.

Letters may be submitted to the newspaper via Mr. Larry Gross's mailbox or directly to PIONEER members.

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UPTOWN, A PROGRAM in summer employment for students, swings out the charleston in their version of "Ain't She Sweet."

photo by Jon Young

BTO Ranks First at SW

Although the teenagers of today enjoy all types of music from rock to classical, and from country and western to soul, there is always one particular group or artist that seems to outshine the rest.

A PIONEER survey was taken among about 250 Southwest students. They were asked to name their favorite singer or group, either past or present. Of the ballots received, Bachman Turner Overdrive was the overwhelming leader with over 75 votes, more than 25 ahead of Cat Stevens.

BTO has produced three fine albums, the latest of which is "Not Fragile." Their other two albums, titled "Bachman

Turner" and "Bachman Turner II" were popular recordings over the summer.

Cat Stevens, who beat out the two immortal groups, Chicago and the Beatles, has been a consistent producer of fine albums, the latest of which is "Foreigner Suite." Some of his numerous hits include "Peace Train," "Moonshadow," and "Morning Has Broken."

In third place, Chicago tied with the Beatles who have produced scores of albums in their career. Three of Chicago's best hits have been "Colour My World," "Beginnings," and "Saturday In The Park." Three of the Beatles top singles have been "Hey Jude," "Let It Be,"

and "Something."

The rest of the top ten at SW include Elton John, Lynard Skynard, Allman Brothers, Grand Funk, Pink Floyd, The Who, and REO Speed Wagon. Looking at this list, one can see that all of the selections are well-known groups, liked by many teenagers and even a few older folks too.

Some surprising omissions from the top ten are Three Dog Night, Bread, Jim Croce, and Jethro Tull, all of whom are acclaimed to have exceptional talent but who ranked quite low in this poll.

Most of those polled seem to feel that the words and music relate specifically to them in some instance or another. A very important aspect of the music today is to be able to put yourself into it fully. This makes for much better understanding and much more enjoyment for the listeners.

We received the names of over 50 different groups and singers ranging from Donny Osmond and the DeFranco Family to Pink Floyd and Grand Funk. The majority of the students, though, did not go to either of these extremes — bubble gum or hard rock.

There seem to be relatively few if any complaints about the music of the 70's. With as many groups and singers as there are today, most everyone seems to be able to find some type of music which satisfies his personal interests.

Since Mr. Pat Meloy, Communications Skills, has been teaching "Rock and Rhyme" for a few years, PIONEER decided to find out his reaction to our poll.

"Basically, what BTO does has already been done, and done better, by the Rolling Stones," says Mr. Meloy, "but BTO is a good band and they are good in concert."

"In Rock music it is very difficult to be original without being copied, and sometimes the copy group becomes as popular as the original. BTO is this kind of group."

As far as listening to music or words, Mr. Meloy feels that "the sound seems to be more important to the teen-aged audience than the meaning of the words."

at the couple who got in the way.

Since the Bored of Education has a shortage of help, the referees will be the lead guitarist and the drummer.

The next week we see that the PTA meeting and the Operetta are on the same night. Of course, the usual three seats in the front row will have to be reserved for all the members of the PTA.

Organized Chaos at SW

By John Raniero

PIONEER Page Editor

Now that the Bored of Education has ruled that Southwest will only be open after hours one night a week, we're sure to have a few very minor problems.

As we look at the PIONEER Calendar, we see that the Goodbye Day Dance, featuring the Electric Mushroom Band and the homecoming basketball game are both scheduled for the same night.

Of course, some rules will have to be changed. For instance, since this is a formal dance, no one will be allowed on the floor without a tuxedo, including the basketball players. All elbow and knee pads must be dyed the same color as the tuxedo, so they won't clash.



Since this is a clean basketball game, any forward passes made on the court shall be by the basketball players only.

Any player caught dribbling in the punch bowl will not only be ejected from the game, but will also get his dance card taken away.

If any dancers obstruct the play of the game, two free shots will be awarded to each team —

Concert Calendar

Are you tired of calling the concert line and getting the constant bzz, bzz, bzz? Then use PIONEER's handy concert calendar.

- October
- 3. Jefferson Starship
Kiel Auditorium
- 5 Steely Dan
Ambassador
- 13 Herbie Hancock
Ambassador
- 15 Hawkwind
Ambassador
- 30 Elton John
Arena

This is only a tentative concert schedule for the month of October.

Teachers' Strike Possible Soon

If St. Louis teachers and the Board of Education have not negotiated several contract changes proposed by teachers, there is a chance for a strike soon.

The three main issues are a salary increase, reducing class size, and changing the grievance procedure.

Classroom size is a more urgent issue in elementary schools because some classes have over forty students, according to the Teachers' Union.

Teachers gained a pay hike after their 1973 strike. The Board also issued teachers a 5 per cent pay increase this school year. However, many feel it is insufficient to cover a 15 per cent rise in inflation.

A half-cent increase in Missouri sales taxes to go toward education has been suggested. One Southwest teacher and

Union member felt that it is probably not the best means because it is a regressive tax which eventually hurts poor people.

Students and parents are being urged by Union members to contact the Board of Education to ask them to do whatever it would take to settle the controversy. Also, citizens could write their state representatives and suggest the state assume a new approach to financing big-city school systems, so not only basics but extras can be provided.

Earlier this month, Union teachers gave their leaders one month to negotiate with the School Board to arrive at a settlement. At press time no agreement had been reached. If an agreement is not reached and the Teachers' Union votes to strike, St. Louis students will find themselves on an unscheduled vacation.

Uptown '74 Sings Out

In the good old summertime, in the good old summertime... Uptown '74, a new concept for summer employment involving students in the performing arts was sponsored this year by the Mayor's Council on Youth.

Many Southwest students performed in the eight-week program which included a chorus, band, dancers and

specialty acts ranging from a magician to baton twirlers.

Senior Mary Decker said, "No matter what we did people of all ages seemed to like it. It gave me a feeling of importance to be working for the good of the group." Sites for performances ranged from an alley or Tower Grove Park to the Mansion House Apartments.

Movie Review

Duddy No Fuddy-Duddy

By Larry Havranek
PIONEER Movie Reviewer

"The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz" is a sort of rags to riches story of a Canadian-Jewish boy of nineteen who is looking to get ahead in the world by using people. The setting is a Jewish ghetto in Montreal during the 1940's.

Duddy (Richard Dreyfuss) comes up with scheme after scheme to achieve money and power for himself. Duddy with the help of a drunken, broken-down film director (Denholm Elliott) sets himself up in the movie business making Bar Mitzvah films full of gaudy montages.

He comes in contact with an epileptic youth (Randy Quaid) who grows fond of Duddy but is nearly killed through Duddy's thoughtlessness. His girlfriend (Micheline Lanctot) is concerned

about Duddy's use of people, and her concern for him leads to their breaking up.

Duddy's father, Max Kravitz (Jack Warden), is a widower trying to raise two boys, Duddy the younger, and Lenny (Henry Ramer) who is 22 and is going to be a doctor. His uncle Benny (Joseph Wiseman) is instrumental in Lenny's education and Duddy's love for money. His grandfather (Zvee Scooler) said to him, "A man without land is nothing." This sticks with Duddy and is his main drive in his getting rich.

"The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz" from Mordechai Richler's book of the same name is a well-made Canadian film. Under the direction of Ted Kotchaff, Richard Dreyfuss' portrayal of Duddy Kravitz was not much less than excellent, and the rest of the cast performed equally as well.

Janet and Ralph Go UMC

Two PIONEER Staff members, seniors Ralph Morton and Janet Smith, attended a three-week journalism workshop at Missouri University, Columbia, in July. Ralph studied the layout of a newspaper, photography, features and editorials. Janet participated in the Minority Broadcasting Program where she learned television and radio techniques. Their trip was sponsored by the Newspaper Fund and various broadcasting media throughout the state.

Three Seniors Learn Leadership

Seniors Kathy Bice, John Raniero, and Robert Riggs represented Southwest this summer at Leadership Camp Miniwanca in eastern Michigan. The program took place August 5-17 and was sponsored by the St. Louis Rotary Club.

Many students from St. Louis city schools were interviewed by the club for this opportunity.

Numerous activities and meetings highlighted the two-week camp, such as participating in swimming meets, rodeos, and volleyball.

Pom-Pon Squad Takes Third

Nine girls of the Pom-pon squad won third runner-up in a week-long competition at the University of Missouri last summer.

Seniors Connie Woodson, Debbie Church, and Gail Lincoln were chosen as instructors for the Association of Professional Pom-pon Instructors.

Summer To Dominate SW, Soldan To Challenge for Title

By John Willis
PIONEER Sports Reporter

Summer's Bulldogs seem to be everyone's pick once more to dominate league football play this year. With Mark King returning at quarterback along with running backs John Algee, Ben Cowins, and Sorrell Harvey, Sumner will field the same backfield which led it to last year's 4-A state championship. As for how the Bulldogs will fare this year, Coach Lawrence Walls would only say, "All coaches should believe that they have a chance to be number one." With the return of his backfield plus, an often overlooked defense, it looks as if Coach Walls has a little more to base his beliefs on than many coaches.

Soldan, last year's PHL co-champion and Southwest, are given the best shot at stopping Summer. Tiger Coach Ron Villars plans to show a balanced attack led by returning quarterback Calvin McCoy. Linebackers Keith Brown and Vernon Phillips will anchor the defense.

Northwest Bigger and Better

Northwest will have many returning players this year to help solidify the team. The Blue Devils could run into trouble, however, if they are plagued by injuries. Six or seven players will be playing both ways. They lack depth and injuries could be costly. NW will be one of the physically bigger teams in the league.

Perennial doormat of the PHL, Central, last year changed its losing ways by downing Vashon. Many of the players have been together for four years. Coach Bob Haller is hopeful of having more surprises, and he feels the Red Wings should win more games than any football team Central has had in recent years.

Cleveland Loses Starters

"We've always run and we plan on running again this year," was Beaumont Coach Moses Jones' outline for his offense for this year. That offense will be led by senior quarterback Herbert Johnson, the Blue Jackets' only returning letterman. Beaumont is rebuilding and has few players with varsity experience.

Having lost 29 seniors, rookie Coach Jerry Maulin leads his Cleveland Dutchmen into the 1974 season with no returning starters from last year's squad. The Dutchmen were the only team to defeat Sumner last year.

Perhaps Coach Maulin summed up the agony of many of the league coaches when he stated, "We're short on returning players and in this league, you don't get a breather."

McKinley Struggles

McKinley is struggling to find enough bodies to fill its uniforms. Coach Jules Blanke expects to finish the season with about 25 to 30 players. The Goldbugs will boast a solid running game with the entire backfield returning.

Vashon also was hit hard by the loss of seniors. First-year coach James Ford stated, "We've had a good nucleus to build on even though we lost 22 seniors." The Wolverines will field a more open offense this year, with a little more motion and wide receivers.

Coach George Anastasoff feels his Roosevelt team will have another rough ride this year. Last year's dungeon dwellers, 0-8, like many other teams, are short on returning players. Coach Anastasoff feels that the lack of experience, coupled with the smallness of his team physically, will make it tougher for his team to win than for others.

Kathy Weber Runs AAU Cross Country

By Jim Robinson
PIONEER Sports Reporter

One of the top members of last year's girls' track squad will now run cross country for the Amateur Athletic Union.

Junior Kathy Weber, who last year ran the 440-yard dash in 61 seconds, had planned to become one of the first girls to run PHL Cross Country. She changed her mind after being persuaded by AAU Coach Gene Schmidt that AAU would be a better place for her to gain recognition.

The AAU is an organization dedicated to the development of Amateur athletics. It helps the members prepare for AAU-sponsored meets and Olympics competition.

"I feel that this competition will help Kathy to become an even more influential athlete here at Southwest," commented Miss Mary Ann Griot, GAA sponsor. "I believe other girls will come to her for advice and tips on training mainly because of her AAU experience."

About her decision, Weber stated, "I really like to run and think I have a chance, but I

don't know for sure since I've never run in competition like this before."

Mary Henneberger, president of GAA, stated, "Without a doubt she is one of the top girl athletes in the area." Other GAA members were quick to back up this opinion.



SEVERAL CROSS COUNTRY members work out during the summer. (From left) Sal Easterley, Paul Weise, Paul Keebler, Bernie Kembitzky, Art Howard and Bob Rosencranz are led up the hill by co-captain Dave Ford.



SENIORS MARK WINKLER, Rich Sanders, and junior Lou Rolen take down the Griffen ballcarrier in the Longhorns first game, September 14. Southwest defeated Vianey, 27-13, on our field.

Southwest To Lock Horns with Vashon

The Southwest Longhorns will continue their 1974 schedule against Vashon tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. at O'Fallon.

The Green Machine will be facing a less experienced Wolverine lineup. Vashon has lost 22 seniors and has acquired a new coach, Mr. James Ford.

Coach Ford expects his team to play an open game on offense. A strong Southwest defense could make this very hazardous.

The Steers proved that seven is a lucky number by downing the Vianey Griffins for the first time in seven tries. SW opened the scoring with a 40-yard drive as the first quarter drew to a

close. The Griffins countered in the second period with their own seven points.

In the third, senior running back Alex Scott turned the corner and dashed 47 yards untouched to put the Green Machine in front, 13-7. Vianey came back with a drive sustained by a penalty to score the equalizer, 13-13.

The fourth quarter was all SW as they marched down field but stalled on the two. A tough Steer defense kept Vianey pinned back and forced them to punt from the five. Southwest took possession on the 35 and moved to the 26-yard line. From there senior quarterback Jeff

Vaughn ran it in on a well-executed quarterback draw. SW used a strong front line, which averages 240 pounds to contain the highly-ranked Vianey offense.

The 1973 season revealed the Longhorns' main pain to be the inability to score points. A strong defense can't win a game unless the offense can manage to put points on the board. Coach Leon Anton is working hard with the team to gain some scoring punch.

Southwest's chances this season consist of two ifs. If the defense stays tight and the offense can get loose, Southwest has a shot at the title.

B-Team Booted by Board

Southwest athletics will be deprived of B-teams this year and so will every other PHL school.

The decision to drop B-team athletics, for at least the upcoming year, is purely economic. Due to the defeat of the August tax proposal, the St. Louis Board of Education was forced to trim \$9 million from its projected 1974-75 budget. A substantial, \$40 thousand can be saved by eliminating B-teams, with most of the savings coming from the cost of insurance provided players.

Mr. Gus Hermann, Director of Physical Education and Athletics, reported the Board's intention to reinstate all programs cut when funds become available, although he was unable to shed any light on how high B-team athletics ranks on their priority list.

"We are very lucky to still have any athletics," Mr. Hermann continued, "At one point there was a possibility that they might be eliminated completely."

The fan will see little immediate effect of the cutback aside from the inclusion of freshmen and more sophomore players on varsity rosters.

Football Coach Leon Anton believes that most of these younger players are not physically mature enough to go up against bonified varsity athletes, so it is unlikely that the freshmen and sophomores will see much action or gain needed game experience. Without B-team competition, it's hard to envision how these players will be able to step into starting spots when they are juniors and seniors.

Basketball Coach Bob Vogel stated, "If they give us our B-teams back next year, it won't hurt our program very much, but if we lose them for two years the PHL will be destroyed."

The cutback will also make it difficult to schedule non-conference games with other schools. According to Coach Vogel, "Teams like CBC prefer to carry a full B-team and varsity schedule. They won't play us because it would be one less B-game for them."

Building a winning varsity without a B-team program would be comparable to building a house without a foundation. It is hoped that when funds are available the Board will recognize the importance that B-teams have in keeping PHL sports at a level of competitiveness with other conferences in the area.

Harriers Strong Contenders for PHL

Five returning lettermen and four strong juniors form the nucleus of a PHL contender in Cross Country. With this strength and depth, this year's team will challenge for the PHL title if they can stay away from injuries.

Senior Charles Hessenkemper and junior Dave Ford will lead the team as co-captains. Other returning lettermen are junior Paul Keebler and sophomores Bob Rosencranz and Steve Mitchell. Added to these are juniors Sal Easterley, Art Howard, Bernie Kembitzky, Don Schwalje, and sophomore Paul Weise. These runners should help the team. Altogether there are 28 runners — 4 seniors, 10 juniors, 9 sophomores, and 5 freshmen.

Coach Bud Wallach is optimistic about the team's ability and chances: "The potential is there and if the team puts out and works hard they should have a good chance to qualify for the State Championship in November."

At 4 p.m. this afternoon, the Harriers will compete against teams from McKinley and Roosevelt in Forest Park. There have been three meets to date: last Tuesday's meet against Soldan and Beaumont, a meet against Maplewood on September 17, and the St. Charles' Invitational on September 13. In the Invitational, Southwest finished 14 out of the 19 teams that competed.