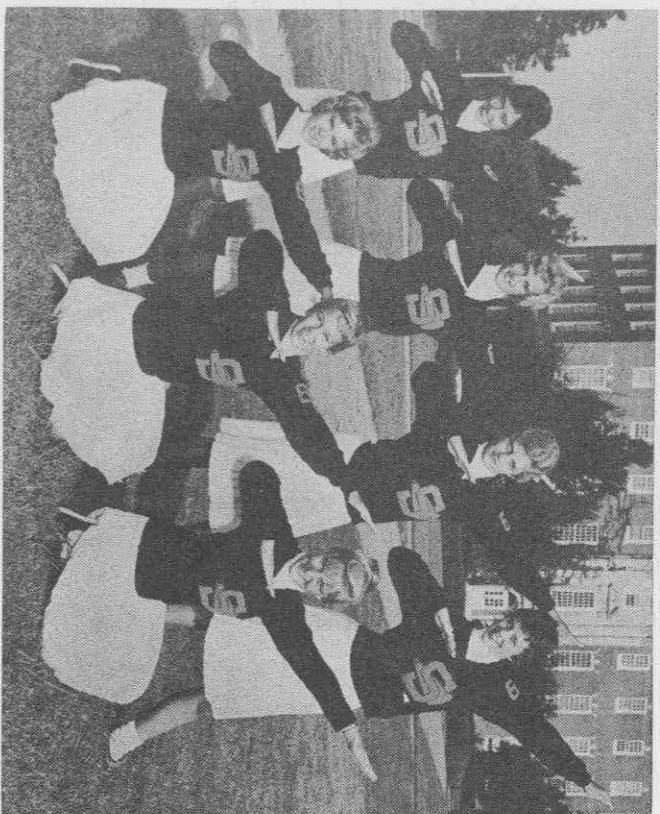


Cheerleaders Take First Place at Dallas Win for Third Consecutive Year



First place goes to cheerleading team 1. to r.; front row, Sallie Manley, Francie Field, Gail Young; Back row, Mimi Fessler, Gayle Pugh, Justine Boehm, and Suzie Rowland.

"Come on, Team; let's WIN!" Our peppy cheerleaders can be heard yelling this chant at the games to cheer our football team to victory this fall, but not too long ago this chant was meant for them as they worked hard and won first place in cheerleading competition this summer in Dallas, Texas.

The clinic was held on the SMU campus from August 19-25. The instructor was Lawrence Herkimer, secretary of the National Cheerleaders Association, who provided many pointers and ideas on leading crowds in cheers. There were daily classes in tumbling and pom-pom routines besides workshop, where new cheers were learned by all. Sore muscles were a common complaint as our cheerleaders got up at 6 a.m. to practice throughout the day until 10 at night, when

they raced for the coke machine! The schedule was rough, but the week's fun of learning to cheer in front of large crowds under competition, meeting many friendly and interesting persons, and especially the learning of new cheers and pom-pom routines certainly made up for it. When it all ended so soon, our cheerleaders came home tired but happy. Now they are enthusiastic about the coming year and are looking forward to seeing our school spirit even better this year than last!

This is the third year in a row that Southwest cheerleaders have placed first. The cheerleaders this year are Francie Field, Sallie Manley, Gayle Pugh, Suzie Rowland, Justine Boehm, Mimi Fessler, and Gail Young. Alternate.

Showboat To Anchor For Redskin Revels

Paddling its way down the Missouri, the old Showboat is scheduled to anchor sometime in November at the Southwest port of Redskin Revels. Laden with an entertaining cargo of singing and dancing southern belles, vaudeville acts, melodrama show, and its own special minstrel production, the Showboat promises to be a delight at the 1961 Redskin Revels. However, the Revels script writers, whose hard work this summer is making the show possible, declare that the venerable captain who will serve as host will capture the hearts of his passengers when he welcomes them aboard the fabulous Showboat.

P-T.A. BEGINS DRIVE

The Southwest P-T.A. will start another busy year with its membership drive the week of October 9. Founded to help promote better understanding and co-operation between parent and teacher, it is fitting that October 13, the last day of the drive, is also the night of open house, a function arranged by the P-T.A. and the faculty.

Membership cards which are 75¢ per parent or \$1.50 a family, are issued with the informative P-T.A. yearbook. The organization has four meetings a year at which times members are told of school happenings and are entertained by interesting programs with outstanding speakers.

Mrs. Shale Goodman, second vice-president of the Southwest P-T.A. is in charge of the membership drive. Mrs. George Schwegler, president, asks all parents to circle October 13 on their calendars for the annual Open House program.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sept. 29—Pep Club NE at SE, 8:00	Back-to-School Dance
Oct. 2-3—Revels tryouts	
Oct. 4—Lit. Soc.	
Oct. 6—Van Horn at E, 8:00	
Oct. 8—Lit. Soc. Tea	
Oct. 13—Song Assembly Open House	
Oct. 14—Westport at SE, 8:00	
Oct. 20—End of Grade Period (Club meeting dates are posted on the monthly calendar)	

PRINCIPAL GREET'S STUDENTS

"It was a pleasure to greet the unusually large number of 647 new students" said Mr. W. Lawrence Cannon, principal of Southwest while commenting on his speech of September 13. "I was especially pleased" he went on "to greet the six foreign students from Brazil, Germany, France, and of course Maritza our American Field service representative from Chile. Their presence is an honor to our school."

"I wish also to second the welcome given by Steve Woods to the 16 new staff members. This is the largest number of new staff members since the school was built."

"This year there are 1935 students attending Southwest in comparison to 1815 last year. This is quite a gain and required much preparation."

Mr. Cannon also said that not intending to brag, he sincerely hoped that the students of Southwest, new and old alike, would realize just how great Southwest really is. It is not unusual for ninety per-cent of a graduating class to enter college. He has found through his travels that, outside of Kansas City, our school is held in the highest esteem.

After expressing confidence that students would conduct themselves as well in future assemblies and in cafeteria, he closed with the hope that this would be the greatest year yet in the annals of this great school.

Bodinson to Safety Meet

In addition to the \$200 prize awarded to the Trail by the American Auto Insurance Company, the National Commission on Safety Education presented a plaque for outstanding work in safety to Southwest high school. This the third year that Southwest has received this honor. Ronnie Bodinson, one of the two delegates from the state of Missouri to the third annual National Student Traffic Safety Conference for 100 schools in the U. S., received the plaque at the meeting held this year at Lawrence, Kansas.

New Foreign Exchange Student Notes Differences in School Organization



Arriving in Kansas City, Maritza Amendori, left, and Sylvia Gluck, right, foreign exchange student at Westport, are greeted by Mrs. William Brown, center, head of the AFS in Kansas City.

Walking around the halls of Southwest are two dark-haired, dark-eyed seniors. One of these girls is Terry Hoyt and the other is Maritza Amendori, the American Field Service Exchange Student from Santiago, Chile. Since they are same height and have the same hair style, the girls could easily pass as sisters. And sister they will be, for Maritza's home this year will be made with the Norman Hoyt family. Maritza is fortunate to have another sister at Southwest, Sandy Hoyt, who is an eighth grader.

In Chile, Maritza attended a girls' school of four hundred. This number was made up of girls ranging from kindergarten age through high school. Maritza took fourteen subjects last year. These included philosophy, physics, biology, mathematics, chemistry, art history, Spanish, French, English (tenth year), Chilean history, world history, political economics, music, and gym. She went to classes two to three times each week, and her school had no outside activities.

Maritza mentioned these differences in Southwest and her Chilean high school. First, she stayed in the same room all day. Next, she said that they were able to know their teachers better because of the smaller classes. Finally, Maritza mentioned that the girls could know more people in the school. Maritza plans to further her education at the University of Chile. Southwest extends a hearty welcome to Maritza Amendori as she becomes a part of this year's student body.

PLANS ACTIVE YEAR

The Activities Committee, which is, in reality, the Student Council in the summer, had quite an active season. Meeting once every two weeks, the council carried on school business as the Student Council would do in the winter.

The group was divided into four committees. They are as follows: Social Committee, headed by Larry Levy; Orientation Committee, headed by Ron Grossman; Publicity, headed by Gayle Pugh; and Club Improvement headed by Bob Bond.

Some of the activities that the council planned were the summer dance, Orientation day, and the Activities social. The theme of the summer dance was "A Midsummer Night." The activities social, limited to the membership of the Committee, was held on the first Friday of school at the lakeside cabin of Ron Grossman. All the guests swam, water-skied, and played "King of the Mountain" and "Keep-Away" on the dock, boys against girls, naturally. One planned activity that the committee was unable to carry out was the reception for the Foreign Exchange Student. Because of a change in flight plans, Maritza's arrival coincided with Orientation day.

Elect Members

The members of the Activities Council signed up at the end of the year and were then voted upon by the Student Council. The membership consisted of:

- Student Council Officers, Linda Batz, Susan Bauer, Ron Bodinson, Justine Boehm, Dave Cohn, Margaret Daulty, Dick Pogue, Jan Johnson, Larry Levy, Larry Lewis, Sally Lockridge, Sandi Logan, Tom McCarty, Jan Meider, Marjorie Morgan, Caryn Nilson, Paul Pritchard, Gayle Pugh, Don Rifas, Cam Shutte, Jeanne Throckmorton, Alice Wadsworth, Harriet Wadsworth.

Many parents volunteered their services as sponsors, and each week a number of teachers were invited. Mr. Greenstreet and Mr. Cannon were often at the meetings to help with any problems that arose.

All in all, it was a good summer for the Activities Council, which forecasts that it will be an even better winter for the Student Council.



Second in the nation in an over-all campaign in safety and sixth place in the publications division in the sixth annual safety contest sponsored by the American Motorists Insurance Company, brought checks for \$200 to the Southwest Trail. This is the sixth year that the school newspaper has placed in this contest.

There were approximately 1,000 entries in the contest. James S. Kemper, board chairman of the company, announced the winners on June 19, 1961. Cash awards totalling \$2,625 were given for traffic safety work in schools between February 28 and April 7, 1961.

Mr. Bob Weed, left, announced the prizes in the first assembly of the year, and Mr. Richard Farmer, District Manager of the Kemper Insurance Co., K. C., Mo., presented the checks to Tom Turner, Trail representative, as a part of the promotion skit for Trail subscriptions.

Council Representatives Meet in Columbia, Mo.

"Jigsaw Junction" was the name of an imaginary school that a group of students created in Columbia this summer at the Missouri Association of Student Council's leadership workshop. Larri Deane Lewis was Southwest's representative.

The workshop, held from July 9 to 13, consisted of classes and discussion groups about ways to start and to improve student councils. Larri Deane explained how the workshop was conducted. "Those attending were divided into groups. Each group was to represent a school with a specific problem to solve. Since my group had so many different problems branching from one, we called ourselves 'Jigsaw Junction.' As the 'Puzzlers', we made up a song and cheer to bolster school spirit. I learned quite a bit about ways to start and improve student councils. One thing they particularly stressed was that a student council is not a school's government, but an aid in directing school social affairs and student activities."

Larri added that she had urged all to come to the convention that Southwest's Student Council is sponsoring in March of 1962.

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