

Harriers Face New Challenges

by Ed Burns

The cross-country team started its grueling practices on August 21. Comprised of six returning lettermen, the team is shooting for a first or second place in the district meet which would qualify them for the state competition. This means that they must defeat some of the perennial powerhouses such as Southwest, St. Mary's, Soldan, and Dubourg. But the team has been struggling to get into shape with six mile a day practices for the first meet, the Northwest Invitational at House Springs on September 19. Paced by senior returning lettermen Phil Schaefer, Pat Goeke, Ed Burns, George Dames, and sophomore Paul Lammert, the season could carry itself right into the state meet at Columbia. Adding depth are seniors Bob Goeke, Tim Lane, George Wendel, and Bob Lloyd, all members of last year's team, and newcomers Steve Brischetto and Dave Raack. These, along with a strong group of underclassmen led by Mark Meredith, Mike Leahy, and Ed Guignon, make SLUH a team

with great potential.

This year the most prevalent things on most member's minds besides the constant muscle pains is the DeSmet meet and the Bi-State title. DeSmet beat last year's team and will return their entire team. Avenging that loss would be a great boost. For the last four years SLUH has captured the Bi-State crown but with the addition of DeSmet to the league the team is going to have to go all out to win.

The team has the ability to accomplish the goals it has set. Under the direction of Mr. Burshek, S.J., a one-time sprinter for the U-High track team, the squad has been putting itself through rigorous workouts.

New state regulations restrict the season to only ten meets. This means that the team has little time to test its opponents and must rely on intrasquad competition to gradually increase their endurance and speed for the district meet.

Intramurals '71

by Jim Laws

One aspect of school which is looked forward to by many students here at SLUH is the extensive intramural program sponsored by the Student Council with much help from the Athletic Department. Realizing this, the Prep News interviewed Mr. Martel, Athletic Director, and Tim Kellett, chairman of the Sports Committee of the Student Council.

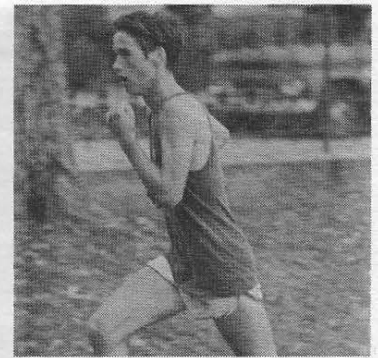
During the interview, Mr. Martel stated on the subject of football intramurals, that schedules were all ready and the only thing standing in the way of the beginning of intramurals was the poor condition of the lower field. Mr. Martel told the Prep News that because of glass and rocks on certain parts of the field, he would not even let his football team practice on it, and it was up to the Student Council whether intramurals would be held on the lower field.

Tim Kellett, Chairman of the Sports Committee, told the Prep News during a brief interview that the tentative starting date for intramurals would be September at which time the lower field would

be used.

Next we brought up to Mr. Martel the question of basketball. We asked him if there would be any change in policy because of the costly refinishing which was done to the gym floor. Mr. Martel said that for several weeks the gym would be kept closed in order to let the finish on the floor cure. But after the finish is dry, Mr. Martel's stand will be the same as in previous years: The gym can be used under faculty supervision. Time has shown that when there is no supervision, breakage can and does occur. Last year, several rims and even one backboard was broken during unsupervised use of the gym. But despite this, none of the faculty, Mr. Martel said, wanted to be the one to say, "No, you can't use the gym." So the gym may be open again without supervision.

Asked how this policy would effect AIT and SIBL, Mr. Martel said they must be supervised and the participants must be willing to pay supervisors. If conditions can be met this will be a great intramural year.



Lammert and Goeke show top form.

Out to Repeat

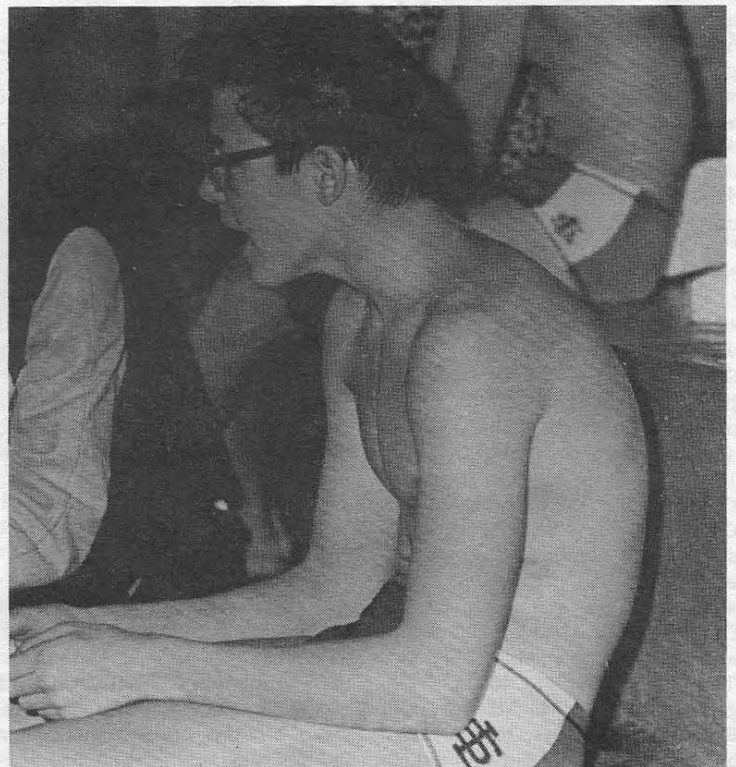
by Tim Lane

Although it might seem complacent to hope only to match last year's record, the U. High water polo team would be completely satisfied to do just exactly that. After a season in which the Jr. Bills swept to victory in the District Tournament, they simultaneously gaining the State title, as the St. Louis district is the sole district active in water polo competition. However, this year's team will be hard pressed to repeat, for they lost the entire starting team of the past year.

With Fr. Valiquette returning for his sophomore season, there will be three members returning from last year's team: seniors Dan Finney and junior Larry Molina. New-

comers expected to bolster the squad are Brian McCarty, a transfer student from Kentucky, Mike Martin, Tom Barry, Bill Bettger, and Rick Voytas. It will be necessary for these newcomers to give strong performances behind Finney and Molina to repeat a successful season.

The team will face its fiercest competition from Lindbergh, U. City. and Webster Groves in the regular season, as they prepare for a tough District Tournament. During the season, the team will need the increased support of the student body, especially during the district meet, where large Jr. Bill crowds have been common.



Molina takes in the situation from poolside.