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WITH THE HELP of teachers Julie Frank, Ray Fieck, and Linda Techner, King Tut lives again on Hello Day.

Photograph by Dave Schaefer

Southwest Faces Problem Of Growing Enrollment

On September 5, Southwest welcomed three new faculty members, Phyllis Hampton, Rosetta Harris and Hazel Mallory as well as Administrative Assistant Wilhelmina Ashmore and nurse Dorothy Thompson. After several weeks, ten new teachers were added to the faculty as the result of an increased enrollment which had not been

predicted in the spring. Southwest's student population went from a decline predicted by the central administration to an unexpected increase. This error created many problems for the Southwest administration, faculty, and student body.

In early May, the Southwest Faculty Advisory Council had protested what they felt might be an unwise and unnecessary reduction of nine teachers based on the enrollment prediction. Their letter objecting to the action was sent to members of the St. Louis Board of Education and to political and civic leaders.

On September 7, the school's first day of scheduled classes, Principal Koenig and his staff found themselves with over 300 more students than were expected.

"Southwest had been expecting around 1700 students," said Koenig. "Instead, there were around 2033."

Most of the new students came to Southwest on permissive transfers. These types of transfers allow students who wish to attend schools outside of their assigned districts to attend other schools if in the process they contribute to racial balance. Transfers are processed through district offices. Information concerning these students arrived quite late and made programming difficult.

Along with the increased enrollment came overcrowding. Advisories and classes whose maximum had been 35 students reached the 40's and 50's. An overcrowded cafeteria caused lunch room problems.

For the principal, handling the enrollment problem meant he and his sixteen-member staff worked eleven-hour days to complete

"If we had known how many students we were going to have, there is a possibility that we would not have had to lose those nine teachers."

Inservice Meetings to Be Held

By Valerie Jones

On October 8th and 9th the St. Louis Public Schools will hold inservice meetings at the Cervantes Convention Center. These inservice sessions are sponsored by a \$17,000 grant from Anheuser-Busch Inc., Brown Group Inc., Emerson Electric Co., First National Bank in St. Louis, General Dynamics, INTERCO, Monsanto, Schnuck Markets Inc.,

and Ralston Purina.

The purpose of the sessions, as explained in a brochure, is to improve communications within and among schools and between schools and the community. Holding sessions at the Center provides an opportunity to display the many programs and services available in the school system, as well as to inform the public of accomplishments and goals of the

St. Louis Public Schools.

Schools will be participating by district in the display of exhibits. These exhibits will be open for public viewing Sunday, October 8th from 12:00 to 5:00.

On Monday, October 9th, St. Louis Public Schools will not be in session in order to provide opportunities for staff members to attend various workshops during the day.



MOTHER GOOSE was good to senior Renee Willike, when she was awarded a first place prize for her entry in the Veiled Prophet Parade, held on September 23.

Rene received a plaque and \$25 savings bond as awards for her first place entry.

Photograph by Dave Schaefer

Student Goes Abroad for Summer

By Barb Birkicht

How many of you have dreamed of witnessing the grandeur of Rome, strolling through the Louvre, or riding a double-decker bus in London? Junior, Roland Smith, accomplished all this and more over the summer when he and his family toured Europe.

The Vatican, the Sistine Chapel (the Pope's private chapel), St. Peter's Basilica (where over 75 popes lie buried), as well as the Colosseum were among the historic sites Roland saw in Rome. He saw the Fountain of Trevia, the location of the filming of the motion picture *Three Coins in a Fountain*.

"If you throw three coins in the fountain you will some day return," says Roland.

Roland, who would love to return, found the people of Rome



JUNIOR ROLAND SMITH discusses his trip to Europe over the summer. Of the three countries quite warm and friendly. They were eager to give directions, and even to read menus in restaurants he said.

"In one restaurant featuring an all-you-can-eat meal, my family

that he visited, he says Rome was his favorite. He enjoyed Europe, but he is glad to be back.

and I tried to ask the waitress to quit bringing food. She didn't understand English, and the food kept on coming. When we finally got our idea across, she was insulted."

For Roland, the incident in the restaurant was rare. Although he doesn't speak Italian, he understood the language better than he thought he would.

In contrast with Rome, he was disillusioned with Paris. He felt the people were distant and unfriendly.

"When I tried to speak French to them on the subway, they hardly looked at me. Really, I seldom saw them speaking to each other," he said.

Another drawback to France was the expense involved, he said. "The prices were shocking," said Roland, who paid six dollars for the soup and salad he ordered in a cafeteria.

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student programs. Later large classes made up of mostly freshmen and sophomores had to be split and distributed.

The only students who might not be complaining too much about the inconveniences of overcrowding are the seniors' who have been allowed an off-campus lunch program. The senior privilege was restored in order to alleviate lunch room problems.

In an interview with a *Pioneer* reporter, commenting on the entire situation, Mr. Koenig stated, "If we had known how many students we were going to have, there is a possibility that we would not have had to lose those nine teachers."

Why were the transfers processed so late causing many of the problems?

"That's a good question," the principal responded.

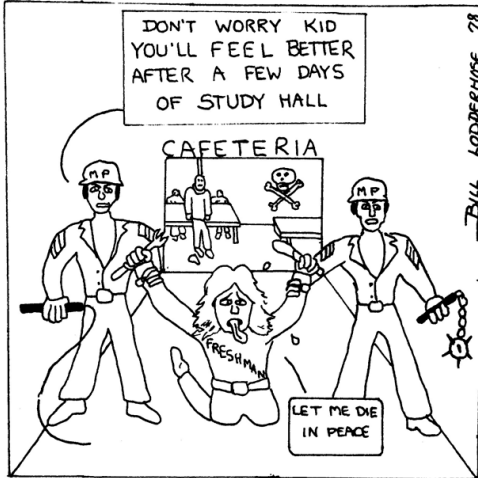
What's Happening

- October
- 8 Inservice—Convention Center
- 9 Inservice—Convention Center. No classes.
- 9 Chamber Winds Concert at Mansion House Center, 5:45 p.m.
- 18 Freshmen Blood Pressure Screening Aud
- 24 Juniors PSAT
- 27 Junior Rec Night, 7:00 p.m.
- 31 Mid-term Exams

Letters to the Editor *Brief looks at the Numerous Clubs Sponsered at Southwest*

The staff of the Pioneer welcomes the views of its readers. Limited space makes the publication of all letters impossible. The choice of letters for publication will be determined to a large extent by their relevance to the entire Southwest community.

Letters may be submitted to members of the staff or placed in the sponsor's mailbox.



Mr. Koenig Ends the Chaos in the Cafeteria

A population explosion at Southwest has created unexpected problems for the Southwest administration and its student body.

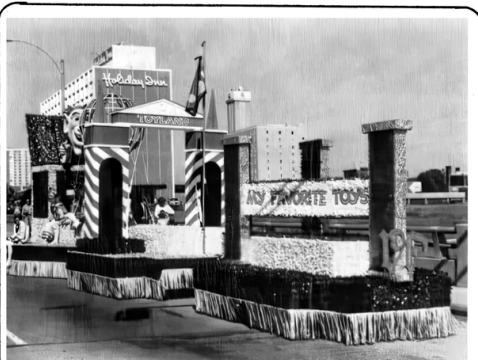
Last spring a reduction in enrollment had been projected by the central administration which led to numerous teacher relocations. Unfortunately the projection proved to be incorrect and some class sizes have been extremely large.

Among the effects of the projected enrollment decline had been a revocation of a senior privilege: off-campus lunch. With a return of seniors and the in-

creased enrollment, there was an added attraction in the cafeteria — lines that stretched perpetually into the halls and became very annoying if one really wanted to eat.

After a week of horrid starvation and fighting for table space in the cafeteria, the students were given some relief. Mr. Koenig, with the seniors, negotiated for a return to the off-campus lunch privilege.

The Pioneer appreciates Mr. Koenig's efforts to eliminate the many problems arising from situations beyond the school's control.



HONORS ART STUDENT Dan Fermenti's "Favorite Toys" was awarded at the Veiled Prophet Parade, held on September 23.

Photograph by Dave Schaefer

Student Wins Award For Entry

Southwest was represented in the Veiled Prophet Parade September 23 by two floats designed by seniors Renee Willike and Dan Fermenti.

The theme of Renee's float was *Mother Goose Stories*. She received an award of \$25 for first

place and a plaque was presented to the school.

Dan Fermenti's float, entered through the Honors Art Program featured *Children's Favorite Toys*. Dan also received an award for first place and his plaque was presented to the Honors Art Program.

No school is complete without extra-curricular activities. Southwest has a multitude of choices. Besides the many sports, there are numerous organizations with diverse offerings.

Because it serves as the student's voice in government, the Student Council has remained one of the most popular organizations. Membership is open to students of all classes. Recommendations from teachers and peers are necessary to qualify for membership. Dances and auditorium sessions are sponsored by the group, which is sponsored by Mrs. Linda Techner and Mr. Ralph Sneed.

By Karen Chandler and Julie Lohmeyer

The National Honor Society, an organization whose membership is composed of juniors and seniors, strives to develop the potential of capable students through activities promoting scholarship, leadership, character, and service. Mr. Calvin Lecuyer is the sponsor.

For those students interested in debating current international issues, the Model United Nations Club, sponsored by Ms. Marilyn Chase serves as an exciting choice.

Another possible choice for those curious about foreign countries' cultures and problems would be the Ethnic Club, which is sponsored by Miss Marcella Milcic. For those students more in-

terested in current technological developments, the Science and Mathematics Clubs provide this opportunity.

The Science Club studies and analyzes many fields of Science from Astronomy to Zoology. Last year the club sponsored by Mr. Ronald Zapf proved to be one of the more popular clubs.

The Mathematics Club researches various areas of mathematics to find answers to some interesting problems.

For those guys who like to participate in sports, the Lettermen's Club sponsored by Mr. Leon Anton is opened to those males who have earned a letter in a varsity sport.

For those who are more graceful, Mrs. Georgia Schoeffel

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Best Movies, Hooper And The Pink Panther

by Bill Lodderhose

For movie fans *Revenge of the Pink Panther* is a must. Peter Sellers is back at his old role as that crazy Chief Inspector Clouseau. As it does in the other four movies, the action begins seriously and ends in total chaos with Cato Fong, Clouseau's man servant, in a wild chase attempting to kill Clouseau. In the earlier movie *The Pink Panther Strikes Again*, Clouseau's boss Chief Inspector Drefus had been committed to the mental institution; as expected, he is released and wants his revenge on Clouseau. But despite his ridiculous actions his mispronunciations, his general inadequacy, Clouseau pulls strings and as usual becomes the hero. So for a fun-filled night and lots of laughs, there is nothing better than the *Revenge of the Pink Panther*.

If the viewer doesn't like Peter Sellers' movies, and is geared toward fast cars and fast comedy, then Burt Reynolds' *Hooper* is the movie for him. This time Burt is playing Sonny Hooper the world's greatest stuntman and as in his other two movies, Sally Fields is his girlfriend and sidekick. Jan

Michael Vincent plays a young stuntman trying to break into the business by outdoing *Hooper*. In the film some of the world's greatest stunts and stuntmen perform, as well as a bright red Firebird with rocket engine that burns up the screen at 160 m.p.h. *Hooper* is the type of movie for all ages to enjoy.



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Despite his displeasure with the prices and people, there was much of interest in Paris. Roland visited the famous museum, the Louvre, where he met a group of girls from Ladue High School. He saw the Arc de Triomphe, a monument commemorating Napoleon's victories, and visited Napoleon's tomb. He shopped on the Champs Elysees, an elegant Parisian avenue. Also on the Champs Elysees he saw the sign of the golden arches: yes, two very crowded MacDonald's restaurants!

Although he enjoyed Rome and France, Roland considered London the highlight of his trip. As a member of the Southwest tennis team, his visit to Wimbledon, where his idol, Bjorn Borg, was playing, was exciting. He went to Wimbledon with two boys from Los Angeles that he met on his tour, who also were tennis enthusiasts.

The London visit also included tours of Westminster Abbey, an ancient English church and national shrine, and St. Paul's Cathedral, the largest Protestant cathedral in the world.

"I had an unusual negative reaction to Americans in London," says Roland. "I told a cashier that I wanted a package of Starburst

candy, and she walked away from me. I told her again, and she told me to say, 'please'. She went on to say that Americans had no manners."

"I didn't know what to say to her," relates Roland.

However, he says that he found this an unusual experience, and that most Europeans had a very high opinion of America. "All over Europe, American products, like jeans and records, were selling fast," Roland says.

Roland says of Europe, "It was really enjoyable, but it was good to be back in the U.S."

Freshmen Get All Privileges

by Vicki Beichel & Patti Rose

Another school year begins and the upperclassmen no longer have special privileges — Freshmen enjoy those privileges now.

Elevator passes may be purchased by Freshmen only for a small price. Passes offer unlimited rides throughout the school year. Seniors lost their privilege when they resigned their titles as Freshmen.

Some schools offer — only to Freshmen—a free egg shampoo to begin their first day of school.

Freshmen are also the only group of students directed to take the scenic routes to their classes. How long has it been since you have seen Juniors heading for class in 005 via the fourth floor? After he has arrived to class 15 minutes late, all is forgiven when the student simply admits to the teacher "I'm a Freshman."

The lunch bell finally rings and the cafeteria workers heap the plates with food for Freshmen as a reward to the only group who appreciates what the menu describes as pizza, french fries, and hamburgers.

After lunch, Freshmen are offered a leisurely swim in the pool located on the fifth floor. Of course only upperclassmen are authorized to distribute passes for a small fee.

Freshmen have the distinction of being recognized by all members of the student body for their prevention of locker break-ins. To insure total protection, every Freshman carries every book home. To show approval for their actions, upperclassmen call out an appreciative "Nujay," as the student leaves.

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*****WHAT'S NEWS AT SOUTHWEST*****



TEACHERS ROGER CAYCE and Julie Frank entertain students with their version of "King Tut" on Hello Day.

Photograph by Dave Schaefer

Teachers Get Reprieve

At the end of the 1977-78 school year, there was much confusion about which teachers would be at Southwest in September and which ones would be transferred. At that time, even the teachers who were to be affected were unaware of where they were to be employed.

Three faculty members: counselor Charles West, science teacher Ronald Zapf, and physical education teacher Julia Frank were all supposed to be transferred to other St. Louis high schools because of racial quotas and enrollment decline. But at the beginning of this school year, all three were still employed at Southwest.

Mr. West, a guidance counselor, had no idea to which high school he would be transferred. All he was told was that he would no longer be at Southwest. But when Mr. Nuske accepted a position at another school, Mr. West knew his job at

Southwest was secure. Mr. Zapf's story was different from Mr. West's. Mr. Shell was to stay on at Southwest and a new physics teacher was to be hired. But Mr. Shell resigned from the Southwest teaching staff, and a new physics teacher could not be found. So, Mr. Zapf was kept on and a new math teacher was hired to fill the vacancy.

Miss Frank was scheduled to be transferred to help meet the proposed racial quotas. It was planned that she would go to Sumner High School to increase the number of white teachers to fulfill the Board of Education's plan. She was transferred there — but only for two days, Tuesday and Wednesday, the first two days. Only on Wednesday night did she learn she would return to Southwest because neither she nor her replacement had the qualifications required for their particular positions.

Locker Space Creates Chaos

by David Sprague

Locker space, or the lack of it, has not always been a problem for Southwest students in the past, but this year is a definite exception.

When students began the 1978-79 school year, no problems, as far as locker space, were expected. Even though the student body was more than 300 over projected enrollment figures, the school is more than equipped to handle this number of students. Obviously there must be an explanation for the problems which have occurred thus far in trying to supply everyone with a locker.

According to Virgil McKissick, head of the Audio-Visual Department, there are several reasons for the hassle over lockers.

One of the more obvious reasons is that many of the returning students from last year have tried to keep the lockers which they occupied last year. Even though

returning Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors know that they are assigned a new locker each year,

they placed their locks on these lockers the first day after returning to classes. So when lockers were assigned, and the lockers already had locks on them, there was confusion for the students and frustration for Mr. McKissick.

There were two alternatives to choose from: either place a note on the "illegal" lockers stating that the lock would be cut off unless it were removed, or ask the rightful occupant to accept a different locker. The latter would have been the simplest solution for all, but most students refused to accept new lockers much farther away from their advisory, so many notes were placed on lockers but few locks were actually cut according to Mr. McKissick. Either the students accepted the lockers or they were sharing with friends.

Many of those students with locks on "illegal" locker have been "playing games" says McKissick. When a note is placed on their lockers, they merely move down one or two lockers. After a few times the illegal locks are just cut off and all is as it should be.

"The students will just have to stick it out," says McKissick. "The only way to truly solve the problem is to have Mr. Koenig tell the violators to 'get out' of these lockers," he says.

"I'm not making excuses for the problem," says McKissick. "There will definitely have to be a better system next year."

But it seems the problems are easing up for now, and all should run fairly smoothly for the time being.



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If it is not singing try the Audio Visual Club. Mr. Virgil McKissick sponsors this club which is responsible for taking I.D. pictures, lighting for auds, and distributing Audio Visual material.

If none of the others are of interest maybe the Pep Club and Cheerleaders might be. At the present the Pep Club and cheerleaders are working together. One of the requirements to become a cheerleader is membership in the Pep Club. The new sponsor of both is Mrs. Phyllis Hampton.

These are just brief descriptions of the various clubs and organizations, so check with the sponsor for more information.

NEWS AND NOTES

Hello Day Activities

On Friday, September 29, Southwest freshmen were introduced with the traditional Hello Day activities. The day began with a variety act. One of the many unusual acts consisted of a group of teachers doing their version of Steve Martin's King Tut.

Throughout the day, Student Council representatives sold Hello Day buttons and tags. Students met new friends by asking them to sign their Hello Day tags. The tags have often provided an excuse for the students to meet that special boy or girl. Of course, old friends were welcome to sign the tags too. The other souvenir of the day, the Hello Day button, was designed by PIONEER artist Bill Lodderhose.

That evening there was the Hello Day dance sponsored by Southwest's Student Council. The students danced to the music which was supplied by the group Candy. This concluded the 1978 Hello Day.

Club Elects Officers

The Lettermen Club will elect new officers at their next meeting. The offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be elected at this time.

The Lettermen Club has the responsibility of electing Miss Southwest. A senior member from each individual sport serves as an escort for the Miss Southwest Dance. The Lettermen Club is also involved in the Lettermen vs. Faculty basketball game. In the

history of the Lettermen vs. Faculty game, the Faculty has always come out victorious.

The sponsor of the Lettermen Club is Mr. Leon Anton, who is also the coach of the varsity Football Team.

Club's Sponsorless

The Letterwomen Club is sponsorless so far this year since Ms. Siegel, the former sponsor, found a job at another school. The members of the club have not disbanded because they hope to find a new sponsor in the near future. Senior Betty Solomon stated, "We don't know what's going on this year with the club, but if we don't get a sponsor soon the club may break up."

Since the officers were members of last years graduating class, the club is without leadership or guidance. The Letterwomen Club was established last year for female letter award recipients. It isn't known how many girls are affected by the non-sponsorship and the imminent break up of the club, but it is certain that without this club Southwest High will be missing a very important organization.

Six Flags Contest

Mike Schnieder and his sister Sheila participated in the Six Flags Dance Contest representing Southwest High School on Satur-

day, September 23. They danced to the music supplied by St. Louis radio station OJ 13.

There were eighteen couples who participated. The contestants were split up into four groups, two with five couples and two with four. Each group danced separately and one couple from the group was picked for the finals.

The couple from Francis Howell High School in St. Charles won first place.

Mike summarized it all by saying, "Most of the couples were professionals and Sheila and I are only amateurs."

Freshmen's Arrival

Freshmen Orientation was held Friday, September 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. It served as an introduction to the school for the freshmen students.

The presentation began in the auditorium with Principal Marvin O. Koenig, Mr. Ashley, and Student Council President Rick Goehring speaking to the new students. Additional information was given in the advisories.

Besides the business part of the morning, there was entertainment which included routines by the pom-pom girls, the cheerleaders, and a skit by Student Council. The morning ended with a tour of the school led by Student Council members.

Rick Goehring summarized the experience by saying, "The day went smoothly, but unfortunately it seemed slow. But, the information given was important."

Six Students Honored

The National Achievement Scholarship Semi-finalists were announced September 27 and Southwest had the largest number of recipients in the St. Louis area.

Duane Dilworth, Kevin Fowler, Stan Halbert, Valerie Jones, Bonnie Scott and Brenda Smith were the Southwest students who are now eligible to become finalists.

Becoming a finalist means that they are now in the running for single-year scholarships of \$1000 or four-year scholarships that come to a total of \$6000.

The qualification for semi-finalist standing was the score received on the PSAT/NMSQT. Finalist standing will be determined by an equivalent showing on the SAT, on high school records and counselor recommendation.

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SENIOR GLENN JOHNSON, a first time member of the Longhorn team, blocks a DuBourg pass in the September 2 preseason game where the Longhorns tied DuBourg 6-6.

Photograph by Kevin Fowler

Green Machine Slows Down; Season Doesn't Look Bright

The Green Machine seemed to be stalling as it got off to a shaky start by tying DuBorg, 6-6, on September 2 at Southwest's field. Veteran running back Steve Craig barreled in from the 2 yard line for the only Longhorn touchdown which came in the third quarter. Both divisions of the team, offense and defense appeared to have first game jitters.

"The Machine Stalls"
Southwest-6
Duborg-6

(team scoring by quarters)
SW - 1-0, 2-0, 3-6, 4-0
D - 1-0, 2-6, 3-0, 4-0

Outstanding Performances: Steve Moody (based on defensive play), Steve Craig (based on offensive play)

The Green Machine was even rustier on September 9 as it played Webster Groves at Webster Groves. The Longhorns were shut out by a score of 28-0.

The total offensive effort by the Longhorns was 103 yards while Webster Groves' offense smashed its defensive effort.

The only bright spot in the game was the play of Glenn Johnson who made 11 solo tackles from his defensive back position.

"The Rusty Machine"
Southwest - 0
Webster - 28

(team scoring by quarters)
SW - 1-0, 2-0, 3-0, 4-0
WG - 1-0, 2-16, 3-6, 4-7

Outstanding Performances: Glenn Johnson (based on defensive play), Steve Craig: (based on offensive play)

After the Beaumont game a week later on September 16, the Longhorn record had dropped to 0-2-1 as the Green Machine was in obvious need of a tune up. Beaumont downed the floundering Longhorns 13-6.

The Bluejackets drew first blood when they scored in the second quarter and lead at the half 7-0.

The Longhorns sustained a drive early in the second half that was stopped by Beaumont within yards of the goal line. The Longhorns threatened again in the fourth quarter but a pass was intercepted that was run back for a Beaumont touchdown.

"Again the agony of defeat"
Southwest - 6
Beaumont - 13

(team scoring by quarters)
SW - 1-0, 2-0, 3-6, 4-0
B - 1-0, 2-7, 3-0, 4-6

Outstanding performances: Glenn Johnson (based on defensive play), Ricky Diaz (based on offensive play)

The Southwest B Football Team was rained out of their match with the Roosevelt Rough Riders Saturday, September 16. The game was stopped before the end of the first quarter with a score of 6-0

PHL Calendar

- October
- 6 Cross Country-Beaumont Invitational at O'Fallon Park, 4:00 p.m.; Soccer-CYC Invitational
- 7 Field Hockey-SW vs Sumner at Forest Park, 10:45 a.m.; Football-SW vs Northwest at Roosevelt, 1:30 p.m.; Soccer-CYC Invitational
- 8 Soccer-CYC Invitational
- 10 Cross Country-SW-Soldan-Cleveland at Forest Park, 4:00 p.m.
- 11 Soccer-SW vs University City at Tilles Park, 4:00 p.m.
- 12 Soccer-SW vs Vashon at Tilles Park, 4:00 p.m.
- 13 Cross Country-Southside Invitational at Carondelet Park, 10:00 a.m.
- 14 Cross Country-Freshmen-Sophomore Southside Invitational at Carondelet Park, 10:00 a.m.; Field Hockey-SW vs McKinley at Forest Park, 10:45 a.m.; Football-SW vs Vashon at O'Fallon, 1:30 p.m.
- 16 Soccer-SW vs Affton at Affton, 4:00 p.m.
- 17 Cross Country-SW-Vashon-Beaumont at Forest Park, 4:00 p.m.; Soccer-SW vs SLUH at Forest Park, 4:00 p.m.
- 19 Field Hockey-SW vs Roosevelt at Forest Park, 4:00 p.m.;

- Soccer-SW vs Roosevelt at Minniewood Park, 4:00 p.m.
- 20 Soccer-SW vs CBC at Tilles Park, 4:00 p.m.
- 21 Cross Country-St. Louis District at Maryville, 10:00 a.m.; Field Hockey-SW vs Central at Forest Park, 9:30 a.m.; Football-SW vs Soldan at Roosevelt, 1:30 p.m.
- 24 Cross Country-League Championship at O'Fallon Park, 4:15 p.m.; Field Hockey-SW vs Cleveland at Forest Park, 4:00 p.m.; Soccer-SW vs DeSmet at DeSmet, 4:00 p.m.
- 26 Field Hockey-SW vs Beaumont at Forest Park, 4:00 p.m.; Soccer-SW vs Northwest at Davis Park, 4:00 p.m.
- 27 Cross Country-State District at Ruth Park, University City 4:15 p.m.
- 28 Football-SW vs Cleveland at SW, 1:30 p.m.
- 30 Soccer-SW vs Mehlville at Tilles Park, 4:00 p.m.
- 31 Cross Country-Freshmen-Sophomore-Junior Championship at O'Fallon Park, 4:15

November

- 4 Cross Country-State Championship at Jefferson City, 11:30 a.m.; Football-SW vs McKinley at SW, 1:30 p.m.

PHL Crown Is Eyed By Steers

The first Cross Country meet of the season was the Wash. U. Invitational on Saturday the 16 of September. Some of the top teams from the bi-state area were to run at this meet. However, the weather didn't cooperate. Saturday morning the rain poured and lightning flashed. This meet had been postponed at least four times and canceled once. It finally got underway two hours later than originally scheduled. Despite the weather Southwest was relatively successful. The team finished a strong fifth with a total score of 137. This was quite a difference from last year's fifteenth place finish and score of well over 300. In this sport, the lower the score the better. Stan Smith, who led the team with his 12 place finish over all, appears to be Southwest's answer to Chuck Moran of Cleveland. Other finishers were Mark Kelly 28, David Millmon 29, Irv Millman 32, Tim Schoenecker 36, and John Crusius 45.

Mr. Brown, coach of the team, seems quite confident of the team's success continuing. "We are definitely going to be number one this year," he said. His optimistic view is based on the fact that there are six returning lettermen from

last year's second place team. They are seniors Irv Millman, Stan Smith, Mark Kelly and juniors Deno Pashos, Paul Sleet, and David Millman. Senior John Crusius and junior Tim Schoenecker add the depth needed for a championship team.

Girls Volley To Victory

Southwest Varsity Volleyball downed Beaumont 2-0 2-0, in a best of three game match Tuesday, September 12, at Southwest. The win raises their record to 3-1, joining other victories over McKinley, a forfeit, and Vashon 2-0, 2-0 with their only loss to Cleveland, 2-0,2-0.

"I was disappointed we lost to Cleveland", stated coach Burgett. The fact we didn't get to play our first game while Cleveland had already played one helped them considerably."

Coach Burgett also said that this is the first year there is a league schedule for PHL volleyball. Formerly teams would play a few practice games and then meet once a year for the PHL Tournament.

Girls Hope To Win

Mr. Rogers, the new coach of the girls' tennis team, has an optimistic attitude. "We have as much a chance of winning the championship as any other team." At the rate the girls are winning, they may be well on their way to a second consecutive PHL title. They defeated the M.L. King High team 5 to 0 on September 12, crushed O'Fallon High 5 to 0 on September 14 and demolished Northwest High by the same score on September 19. At press time they are undefeated and in

first place. Laurie Pсарis, Betty Solomon, Cathy Pogorzelski, and Yvonne Drier are the team's returning letterwomen. They are also strengthened by the addition of promising newcomers Angela Wooten, and Cindy and Debbie Esenberg.

Even though the team is currently playing very skillfully, Coach Rogers expects they will become even better. He anticipates "they all will improve with more experience."

Girls See A Good Year

The Girls' Field Hockey Team started practice September 12 at Tower Grove Park, each day after school until 4:30.

"The team is looking good this year, with ten returning players. They should do well in PHL competition. For the past two years, we've been second and we can only move up," stated Coach Julie Frank.

Three seniors return on the forward line: Teresa Brents, Sandy Sondag, and Linda Meyers. The team has a new goalie, freshman Monica Bryant. Several two year players should also help the team: juniors Missy Mayhall, Cathy Dielt, and sophomore Marion Westhouse.

Longhorns Open Season

The Southwest Soccer Team kicked off the 1978 PHL season under a new coach, Mr. Brannan. Mr. Brannan takes over this year for former coach Gary Shell, who accepted a coaching position at Oakville High.

Southwest's opening game of the season was against St. Louis University High. SLUH came away on the winning end of a 2-0 score, despite a good defensive showing by the Steers.

In the second game of the season, against DeSmet, the Steers defense, led by goalie Jamie Swanner, and Scott Adams

and Dave Harper in the backfield, held the Spartans into double-overtime before DeSmet scored defeating the Steers, 1-0.

Southwest pulled it together in the third game to down the St. Johns Lions, 6-1. Ron Jones scored the games first goal early in the first half to put Southwest on top, 1-0. Dan Greishaber also scored late in the game. Jim, "Flip", Phillips scored one goal in the first half and three in the second half to help defeat St. Johns for Southwest's first victory of the season.

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