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UM . . . NICE SHOE' Mr. Ray Seick pets Slick, the wolf who was the animal representative during the Wild Life Aud on October 11. (story pg. 3) Photograph by Dave Schaefer

New Staff Members Are Welcomed To Southwest

by Barb Birkicht and Roland Smith

The many new faces seen in the halls of Southwest and behind classroom desks belong to the new members of the faculty. They come from diverse backgrounds and have varying opinions of life at their new school.

"The students are fine, and the faculty has been very helpful," says Mr. Thomas Wimbush, a math teacher who had previously taught at Soldan. He is pleased with the lack of discipline problems with students.

Mrs. Joyce Jackson, also a math teacher, says "The students have been very cooperative." Mrs. Jackson, who graduated from Southeast Missouri State, received Southwest as her first teaching assignment. She spent last year at Trinity College at Dublin on a Rotary International Scholarship and says she looks forward to enjoying the extracurricular activities at Southwest.

Mrs. Phyllis Hampton is a math teacher from Tulsa, Oklahoma, who has lived in St. Louis for less than a year. She has also found the members of the Southwest community to be most cooperative. Mrs. Hampton lends an active hand to extra-curricular activities by sponsoring both the Cheerleaders and the Pep Club. Another teacher who agrees with Mrs. Hampton is Mrs. Rosie Hayes, a new member of the Home Economics Department. Mrs. Hayes likes life at Southwest but admits she is still getting acquainted.

Miss Rosetta Harris and Miss Marian Hilfrink have joined the Science Department. Miss Harris is a graduate of Lincoln University and Harris-Stowe Teacher's College. She has taught in Minneapolis and Chicago as well as Central High here in St. Louis. Miss Hilfrink, formerly of the Alternative High School in Clayton, is the new sponsor of the Pom-Pon

Club.

Mrs. RaShele Alexander is originally from Chicago and a graduate of Central Northwest State. She notes that Southwest is much larger than her previous school, (McKinley), and she enjoys her Communications Skills classes. Joining Mrs. Alexander in this department are Mrs. Mary Isbell and Miss Maxine Smith. Mrs. Isbell, who had taught at McKinley, also appreciates the cooperative attitudes of students and faculty. Miss Smith states that Southwest is the fourth school she's taught at this year. She adds, "Although I'm still feeling my way, I'm getting along very well with the student body."

Mr. Terry Gooch, a Communications Skills teacher from

McKinley, states he is busy getting the students to remember that "School is an institution for getting the basics of learning."

The Special Education Department at Southwest has been strengthened by the addition of two teachers. They are Miss Betty Owens and Miss Hazel Mallory. Miss Owens states that her experiences at Southwest have convinced her that she prefers high school to grade school.

In addition to teachers added to the faculty, Southwest has gained a new nurse, Mrs. Dorothy Thompson. In what could be a summary of how many new teachers who have come to SW feel, Mrs. Thompson stated that although she has been very busy since school began, she thinks SW is great.

Coach Enters Race

by Tom Regan

Dave Cook, Southwest B Team Football coach and Cooperative Education teacher at Beaumont High School, is the Republican candidate for State Representative of the 97th district, an area bounded by Fyler, Kingshighway, Eichelberger, Jamieson, the city limits, Bancroft, and Watson. Mr. Cook was defeated in his first attempt for this office two years ago.

Mr. Cook resides on Land-downe, is married and is legal guardian to a student at Southwest. Mr. Cook, who is a graduate of the Southwest Class of '65, says he likes it here.

If he is elected, Mr. Cook would like to have the allocation per student raised for the public schools. Dave Cook describes himself as strongly anti-crime, and he is running on a variety of legislation he feels would lower the crime rate.

When asked how the campaign was progressing, he responded, "Pretty good. I have the Police Associations endorsement, and I've canvassed much of the area and had a good reception from the people." Mr. Cook said he is "pretty confident" of winning and



Coach Dave Cook, a candidate for State Representative, states that he feels "pretty confident" about the upcoming election.

he added the Central Committee of the GOP in Missouri picked him to have the best chance of winning his race out of all Republicans running for office in the state this election.

Will Mr. Cook still coach football here at Southwest? "Probably," he said. "The legislature is not in session during the football season." The Missouri Legislature begins in January and ends in the summer," the coach added.



ASPIRING TOWARD STARDOM, ten year olds Clifford Ruether and Jason Ahearn prepare to leave after defeating all comers October 4th, during the tennis exhibition in the boy's gym. [see story pg. 3] Photograph by Dave Schaefer

Southwest Students Become National News

by Mike McConnell

Girl Wins Contest

Marsha Prophet, along with fifty other girls from all over the country, went to California to participate in this year's Miss National Teenage Pageant during the last week of July. The pageant was sponsored by the University of Southern California for girls 13 to 18 years old.

Contestants were judged by the University on poise, personality, and beauty, in addition each had to answer the question, "What's right with America?" Ten finalists, including Marsha, were selected and judged a second time after each had answered individual questions. Marsha, who placed fifth, received a ribbon and a scholarship to the college of her choice.

Marsha told the PIONEER that she was chosen to be in the contest after she had written a letter to the University expressing her interest in entering.



Like the other contestants, Marsha was required to find a local business to sponsor her. A St. Louis 5, 7, and 9 Shop offered Marsha the \$200 entrance fee and, in exchange, she has been modeling for the store on week-ends.

Commenting on her visit, which included a tour of the University, she states, "It was a great experience. I really enjoyed myself."

A National Leader

Patience Jones, a Southwest student, is the vice-president of a national organization, the NCAYO (National Council And Youth Organization).

The NCAYO is a non-profit organization that helps people. The NCAYO gets young people off the streets and helps them find jobs; they have opened schools for drop-outs who want their diplomas; they give assistance to needy families, and do much more.

The NCAYO's headquarters are in St. Paul, Minnesota with branches over the Continental U.S. plus Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico. Money needed to maintain the organization is acquired through grants from private companies and membership dues. The funds necessary to undertake its programs are obtained through charity drives and grants.

Patience got started in the organization as a member of the



Westend Gateway Center, the St. Louis Branch, and she worked her way up to the state level. She then was elected to represent several states of the Midwest Patience finally ran for the office of vice-president at the national level and, to her surprise, she won.

Patience told the PIONEER that she plans to attend college and will probably major in politics.

What's Happening

- Oct. 31 Mid-Term Exams Periods 1 and 3
- Nov. 1 Mid-Term Exams Periods 2 and 5
- Nov. 2 Mid-Term Exams Periods 4 and 6
- Nov. 3 Homecoming Double Aud Period 3 4th period cancelled
- Nov. 4 Miss SW Dance 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. Jazz Band at Gethsemane Lutheran Church 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 6 National Honor Society Inductions Auditorium 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 8 Seniors order caps and gowns 10:00-1:35
- Nov. 9 Seniors order caps and gowns 5th Per.
- Nov. 10 Veteran's Day No Class
- Nov. 16 Parent-Teacher Conference-No Classes
- Nov. 17 Senior Rec. Night 7:00-10:00 p.m.
- Nov. 21 Juniors order class rings 10:00-1:30



WARREN GOWER smiles as he participates in the Ninth Annual "Run to the Arch," held on October 7. Gower, who says that running helps him concentrate, has participated in the race for six years.

Photograph courtesy of Roundup

Math Teacher Warren Gower In Annual "Run To The Arch"

by Vicki Beichel and Eric Gaffron

Each October, math teacher Warren Gower looks forward to the annual "Run to the Arch" sponsored by the Young Men's Christian Association and Monsanto Corporation. This year the Ninth Annual Run was held on Saturday, October 7, and Mr. Gower participated for the sixth year.

Mr. Gower has jogged since the 1940's at his favorite running spot, Forest Park. He has run two or three nights a week for over thirty years. He runs on the current bicycle path which formerly was a path for horses.

Mr. Gower trains all year for the Run to the Arch. This year the day arrived cool and cloudy. Mr.

Gower arrived at Wells and Skinker Avenues dressed in sweat pants, one of his favorite shirts, and tennis shoes ready for the seven mile course. He decided to run with the eleven minute milers, the slowest of three groups of runners. After suffering from a cold all week, he didn't feel up to the run.

The weather was perfect for Mr. Gower's running style. He paced himself in the middle of the eleven minute runners and did a little sprinting during the run.

"This is a fun job, and there are no prizes if you finish first," commented Mr. Gower, who does not wish to pay later with sore feet and muscles.

"This run was on concrete,

which is okay," stated Mr. Gower. "but if you run on it all the time, your ankles will feel it at my age."

Upon reaching the halfway point at Compton Street, Mr. Gower later commented that the arch had never looked so majestic.

An hour after he began his run, Mr. Gower arrived at the finishing point, the Gateway Arch. He felt no soreness and looked forward to run the course again for at least the next five years.

"We are in an age where people abuse their bodies," states Mr. Gower. Mr. Gower, who does not smoke or drink, other than having a dinner wine, has never tried drugs. As a result he generally enjoys excellent health and a good life.

Change Advocated In Nominating Process

Once again it's time for the Miss Southwest Dance and undoubtedly once again it is time for controversy. In the past complaints have been raised about the lack of qualifications of some of the nominees. This year, students are worried about an election that may not reflect their real choices and unfortunately their fears may be realized.

The process of nominating candidates is largely responsible for this situation. Every member of the Lettermen Club can make one nomination; from these nominees the Lettermen Club

elects candidates. After a brief campaign, the candidates are presented to the student body for the final selection.

Pioneer advocates a change in the process of the nomination of candidates. Guidelines for the qualifications of candidates could be established by the Student Council and a broader based group than the Lettermen Club could be responsible for selecting the nominees. Whatever changes might be made, they ought to contribute to promoting school spirit and a feeling of pride on the part of the student body.

Time Has Been Wasted

Since September, students have been subject to having their classes interrupted by receiving new teachers in the middle of a quarter semester.

Switching teachers from one class to another creates obvious problems for both teachers and students. Because each staff member has his or her own method of teaching as well as ideas of how class should be conducted, changing instructors causes teachers and students to have to go through a readjustment period. Teachers have to let their new students know what is expected from them and how they plan to teach the course before any learning can take place. And to the student it appears that all the time spent with a previous class or a different teacher had been wasted.

Along with this problem, Southwest's newest students, freshmen and sophomores who are already dealing with adjusting to high school life, do not need to have to

adjust to a new teacher every two or three weeks. Yet they are the ones who are having their teachers changed and are most affected by the problem.

One might argue that the changes could not be avoided. This fact is undoubtedly true. Because of an unexpected enrollment increase, new teachers had to be brought to Southwest and overcrowded classes divided. It is certainly not the fault of the school's administration or staff that the enrollment increased. But principal Marvin O. Koenig has stated that one of the reasons for the unexpected increase was late processing of student transfers by the district offices.

No matter where the fault lies, the damage has already been done. Too much time has been wasted.

Hopefully measures have been taken to prevent the kinds of problems that occurred this year from ever happening again.

The Great Pumpkin Secretly Arrives At SW On The Day 'Fore Halloween

by Patti Rose

'Twas the day before Halloween and all through the hall There were sounds of excitement from students and all. The stairwells were draped with the orange and the black. In hopes the Great Pumpkin would soon hurry back.

The students excited and planning their night Bothered teachers too busy and tired to fight. All at once there arose from the old intercom.

The crackling of Kreopy turning on the big sound. "Now students and teachers tonight be wary, Of ghosts and goblins and anything scary.

All the goodies you get in that trick or treat bag Can't be eaten in school" . . . oh, what a drag!

Just then a loud crash rang through the hall That with it was carried a faint, eerie call.

Mr. Kreopy was summoned to the basement at once And he was frightened . . . Kreopy's no dunce!

He went alone shaking all the way Stumbling upon the Great Pumpkin that day.

The Pumpkin had no distinction except for his face, All round and plump, he looked out of place!

He was deep in thought of how to change the old grouch Who discouraged the plans he kept in a pouch.

Not a minute to waste the Pumpkin spoke right away On the good of "trick or treating" and the spirit of Halloween Day.

He reminded Kreopy of his childhood days, The tricks and food and no homework . . . O.K.!

"Maybe I was harsh on the students this morning, It's not too late to change my warning!"

So he ran up the stairs through the halls like a flash

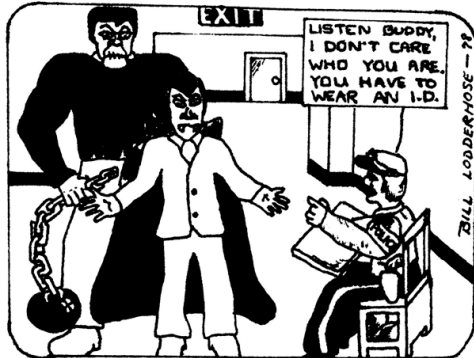
Keenly aware of what it's like to be late for a class.

As he ran he commanded, "Quick, turn on the intercom, I've changed my mind . . . flip on the big sound!

I'm sorry to interrupt your classes again, I've been persuaded to tell you young women and men.

Have fun and be merry, good luck on your treats But watch the time, so you're soon off the streets."

Once again merry sounds arose through the hall And a faint, eerie echo repeated this call . . . HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



ALBUM of the Month: Pieces of Eight

by Bill Lodderhose



Pieces of eight, a new rock release by Styx, is a great experience for the lovers of sophisticated rock. "Great White Hope," the opening song on the eight track, gives the listener the feeling and excitement of a boxing match, through the lyrics and music of Dennis De Young. "Blue Collar Man" is undoubtedly the hit single of the album due to the exposure it has received by the major radio stations. The tempo never stops on the highlight of the album, "I'm O.K.," as the synthe-

sizer builds to a mighty crescendo and there's complete silence for three counts, with the instruments slowly blending with the words of the music.

The rock group, Styx, is not unknown to St. Louis; they recently appeared at the annual Superjam along with a number of other major rock groups.

Originating in Chicago nine years ago, Styx played high school and college gigs. Most of their early audiences cared only for easily recognizable music of

already successful groups. But Styx managed to defeat the problem of playing their original material and having it accepted. Having their music accepted was not easy but this came with the release of the hit single "Lady." From their early beginning as a college band to their long successful climb to the world's greatest rock band, Styx has never failed to entertain their audience.

When Styx released Equinox, their fourth album, they had two singles "Prelude 12," and "Suite Madame Blue," these two very much resemble their song, "Lord of the Rings." The style and music is the same and just as good. "Renegade," a song with a strong and well-paced melody, is about a gunfighter whose crimes have finally caught up with him and he must hang for them.

Styx is one of America's greatest rock bands, and its first releases are as successful as the past, they have a bright future.

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Peggy Taylor shows students how to conserve energy during an Energy Conservation Aud on October 4th.

Peer Counselors Begin Year

by Julie Moser

Last year Southwest started the Peer Counseling program sponsored by Mr. West. This semester, ten students are participating in the program. There are only two boys in the group.

Last spring the group went through training in which Mr. West tried to expose them to as many different theories as possible so they could form their own ideas on counseling.

Mr. West suggested books for them to read which are from his graduate school's reading list. Some peer counselors found the books difficult to read. Cindy

Esenberg stated, "Last year I tried to read a book by Carl R. Rogers. I finally got through the first three chapters and gave up; it was just too hard!"

This year, besides reading books, they have to make a voice tape of themselves and the person they are counseling. This will enable Mr. West to hear how well they handle themselves in different situations. If the equipment is available, they will also make a video tape.

This year peer counseling was supposed to be a class but some of the counselors already had a full

schedule; the rest of them had independent study. Therefore they substituted the study time for peer counseling.

The counselors main problem is that the students might not want to talk with them. "Many students might not feel at ease talking with a stranger," says Debbie Esenberg.

"They all have invested a lot of their time and now they are ready. All they have to do is just get their feet wet," stated Mr. West.

So, if any student has a problem and wants to talk to someone about it, go to the guidance office and ask to see a peer counselor.

NEWS AND NOTES

A National Leader

The National Honor Society's Chapter at Southwest is planning its induction ceremony on November 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

The nominees will be selected by the faculty committee on the basis of grade point average, community involvement, and accomplishments in and out of S.W.

This year the co-sponsors of the N.H.S. are Mr. Lecuyer and Mrs. Ryan. "The induction ceremonies are a really big job," Mrs. Ryan commented.

The students who are already in N.H.S. plan most of the ceremony. They make the opening speeches and Mr. Koenig introduces the nominees.

Under the direction of Miss Leontone Meyer, the Concert Choir will perform a new selection from their repertoire.

There will be a reception in the faculty dining room after the ceremony. The refreshments and decorations will be provided by N.H.S. members.

Walk Raises Money

The seventh annual Walk for Wildlife, sponsored by The Wild Canid Survival and Research Center was held in Forest Park on Sunday, October 15.

The proceeds of the walk help support projects such as: a sanctuary for rare subspecies of wolves; educational programs; a preservation of wildlife information center; and political and legal action to save the remaining wildlife in North America, especially wolves.

The walkers registered to walk between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. and then proceeded to walk the 10 mile marked route through Forest Park.

Science teacher, Mr. Raymond Feick, is involved in helping save the wildlife. Every year through his urging and their own feelings, many Southwest students have participated in the walk. This year was no exception with many students volunteering.

Juniors Plan Year

The Junior Board is composed of a group of thirteen juniors who are elected to represent their class. The sponsor of the board is Ms. Margaret Peterson. She and the members work together to plan the year's activities for juniors.

Their first endeavor was to choose a button. A junior button contest began in early October. The winning design was drawn by Bill Lodderhose. Juniors were able to order the button for 75 cents.

The first activity planned took place on Friday, October 27, at 7:00 p.m. This was the Junior Rec. Night. Everyone enjoyed himself by playing volleyball, basketball or listening to records.

Plans for the highlight of the year, the Junior Ring Dance, are underway. The Junior Board members will be participating in several sales campaigns to help raise money for this event.

Officers Are Elected

On October 2 the Lettermen Club elected their officers George Tanaka was elected President; Carl Hahn elected Vice-President, Irv Millman Secretary-Treasurer and Darryl Taylor was elected Sergeant at Arms.

The Lettermen Club in cooperation with the Student Council is organizing the Miss Southwest Dance which will feature a live band. Tickets will be sold for \$7.00 per couple. On October 23 the Lettermen Club chose the escorts and the nominees for Miss Southwest.

Exhibition Observed

A tennis exhibition was held in the larger of the new gyms on Wednesday, October 4, during the third and fourth periods. Students from the Archery, Badminton, and Tennis classes were invited.

The exhibition was given by Jim Kallenberger, a friend of Miss Julie Frank. Two fellow tennis players, Jack Averill and John Turrence, also took part in the program. A special part of the event was performed by Jason Ahearn and Clifford Reuter.

Although Jason and Clifford are only ten years old, they play tennis well and are considered the top players of their age group in the city. Jason has been playing the game for six years, and Clifford for two years. Both of them said that they have the dream of becoming professional players.

Two teams of Southwest students challenged and were defeated by Clifford and Jason. Kevin McDonald and Angela Wooten were one team, and the other was made up of Ron Fink and Greg Schuman. When asked about the tough competition, Greg said, "They're great players for their age. We played our best and they overpowered us."

Supply Is Adequate

Near empty lunch counters in the cafeteria this year were not the result of lack of food, according to Victoria Mathews, Southwest cafeteria manager.

The food was there, said Miss Mathews; the problem was it simply had not been getting on the counter. The cafeteria began the year short of help. Three hundred more students than expected and seniors not being allowed the off-campus lunch privileges all contributed to problems earlier in the year.

No milk and rolls at times had also been problems cafeteria workers couldn't help. The dairy truck assigned to deliver milk here has been late often said Miss

Mathews. The lack of rolls was a temporary problem because new ovens had to be installed, she continued.

Miss Mathews is forced to guess how much food students will eat every day. Because her guesses are based on previous days' sales, sometimes some foods will run out in C Lunch.

Dinner For Students

The St. Louis Sentinel's fifth annual "Yes I Can" dinner will be given November 8 at Stouffer's Riverfront Towers. Seniors Duane Dilworth and Kevin Fowler have been invited.

The purpose of the dinner is to expose aspiring students to young adults who are pursuing successful careers.

Eleanor Holmes Norton, who was appointed by President Carter to be the first woman to chair the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission will be the guest speaker.

Students Visit UMC

On October 6, sixty-three students from Southwest got the chance to view college life. The students, accompanied by counselors Charles West, Dorothy Owens, and Marguerite German, visited the campus of the University of Missouri at Columbia.

The trip was sponsored by the Center for Student Life, in an attempt to attract black students to the university but all interested students were welcomed. The students obtained valuable information regarding college admissions, financial aid, and preparation for making career choices.

Women Moving Up

This past summer, two students from Southwest participated in the "Careers for Women in Business Program" sponsored by St. Louis University. Terry Ivey and Bonnie Scott were two of the eighty girls participating in the program which introduced the available opportunities for women entering business fields.

The schedule, which covered six days, included tours of large corporations such as Monsanto, McDonnell-Douglas, and Merrill-Lynch. The participants met with male and female executives at these corporations to discuss new job openings for women and college preparation for various fields.

Bonnie Scott, a senior at Southwest, said, "The most important thing I learned during the program was that business has applications in all fields and that basic business skills are helpful in everything."

College Tests Soon

In the last two years of high school, students intent on college have quite a few preparations to make. It is important, and sometimes imperative, that seniors take some type or types of college tests. These tests help determine a student's qualifications and aptitudes for certain college courses and they also may play a part in determining what the student may do after college.

In the junior year, there are two important tests to take: The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) and the School and College Ability Tests (SCAT).

The PSAT/NMSQT is co-sponsored by the College Board and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. The purpose of this test is twofold: to get experience taking this type of test, and to let you see how you compare to a nationwide group of high school students planning to enter college.

The test itself was given on October 24; mathematical and verbal sections totalling 1 hour and 40 minutes.

The School and College Ability Test (SCAT) is a test consisting of a verbal and mathematical section and a special occupational interest section. The OIS is a separate section to compare your abilities and your interest and let you know your probabilities for success in these fields.

The Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) is for seniors planning to go into college following graduation. It is a multiple-choice test made up of separately timed verbal and mathematical sections. This test gives an accurate picture of your abilities for college.

The Test of Standard Written English (TSWE) is designed to evaluate the students ability to recognize standard written English. And because English is very important in everyday life, this is extremely important for the college-bound students.

Students Excel at Institute

The Mark Twain Summer Institute, an institution for exceptional students, began its 20th season last summer. This past summer it was located at Wydown Jr. High School. It is usually held at Clayton High School but due to air-conditioning problems, it was moved. There is a \$250 fee; corporations and businesses pay \$150 of this fee. For those who cannot afford the remaining \$100, scholarships are offered.

Teachers at the institute come from colleges and secondary schools located all over the country. Also there are special guests such as Senator Danforth, The Dan Wagoner Dance Troupe, scholar John Hope Franklin, and executives from large corporations. Students consist of 8th to 12th graders from the St. Louis area, who are academically able and above average. An additional part of the enrollment are exchange students; last summer they came from Mexico.

There are 20 to 30 classes available such as Physics, Russian, Creative Writing and Journalism. Classes begin in June and last for six weeks. Junior Karen Chandler attended last

summer and took a Creative Writing class. She commented, "I thought that the class I took was very interesting."

The Mark Twain Summer Institute was established in 1958 because the educators felt the American educational system was not equal to the rest of the world in the fields of science and mathematics.

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SENIOR JAMIE SWANNER, senior goalie for the Longhorn Soccer Team, tosses the ball back into play during one of the Longhorn games.

Photograph courtesy of Roundup

Team Gets Foreign Aid From Sweden

The soccer team is getting foreign aid from Sweden, but not in the form of money. The team has Carl Nilsson as one of its players. Carl, a foreign exchange student from Sweden is a winger for the team.

After being in the U.S. for several months and playing soccer with the Longhorn team, Carl said that he finds no major differences in the style or play of soccer for the U.S. and Sweden. However, he did spot one major difference in the sport itself.

"The major difference between Swedish and U.S. soccer is that in Sweden, soccer is the sport that

kids grow up with and play all year. They don't have seasonal sports like baseball, football, and basketball, just soccer. And since they play soccer all the time, they are more skilled and much better players than American teams," he said.

Carl got a chance to come to the U.S. through the American Swedish Student Exchange, an organization that cooperated with the American Education System to send students to each country. One of 100 students chosen from 500 applicants, Carl, who is classified as a Senior, will graduate in 1979 and return home to attend college.

Steers Enjoy Successful Season: Now Await PHL

The Cross Country Team experienced no problem in defeating Northwest, Sumner, Performing Arts, and O'Fallon on Sept. 28 when they totalled only 24 points. Northwest finished a distant second with 77 points. The Steers experienced much the same success Oct. 3 as they were able to take 10 of the top 12 places, posting a total of only 22 points to Roosevelt's 65, O'Fallon's 92 and Central's 99. Southwest placed a disappointing third in the Southside Invitational on Oct. 6, a meet in which they hoped at least a second place finish. Five members received medals. They were seniors Stan Smith and Irv Millman, and juniors Paul Sleet, Dave Millman, and Ron Richmann. Monday Oct. 9

Southwest again suffered a disappointment as they finished second with 35 points to Oakville's 23. The very next day they posted their first shutout of the season. Stan Smith led the way followed by Paul Sleet, Irv Millman, Ron Richmann, and Tim Schoenecker. The third meet of the week was the Beaumont Invitational which featured such teams as defending State Champions Lindbergh and their rival Herculaneum. Southwest took tenth out of a field of 19 and Stan Smith and Paul Sleet both received medals.

PHL is nearing and coach Robert Brown believes that now is the time his team must bear down in their practices. His optimism hasn't faded.

Southwest Field Hockey Continues Season Undefeated In The League

The Southwest Field Hockey Team is continuing their season with much success. So far they are undefeated in the league with scores of 2-0 against Northwest, 1-0 against Sumner, and 6-0 against McKinley. The Sumner defeat was very important because Sumner was first in the league last year. In the McKinley game unusual points were scored by halfbacks Dana White and Missy Mayhall. Mary

Institute in a non-league game was able to defeat Southwest with a score of 1-0.

"We have a lot of talented players on the team," stated coach Frank. "Our forward line, which consists of sophomore Marion Westhouse and seniors Sandy Sondag, Theresa Brents, and Lyn Meyer, has a total of eight years experience."

Steers Show Tough Defense Pull Three Decisive Victories

The 1978 Southwest Soccer Steers have surprised many people around St. Louis: high school soccer. Always a power in the PHL, the Steers have been playing especially well against divisional rivals.

The main strength of the team this year is an aggressive defense that has allowed an average of 1.4 goals a game and has eight shutouts.

"Defense is our main strength this year," stated coach Tom Brannon, "it's what keeps us in the game."

The defense was evident in the second game of the season in which the Steers held DeSmet through double-overtime before losing, 1-0.

After disposing of St. John's, 6-1, and routing division opponents Central, 13-0, and Sumner, 5-0, the team played last year's state champions, Bishop Du Bourg to a 1-1 tie in overtime.

Southwest then lost to St. Mary's, 1-0, in overtime, and defeated Beaumont, 4-0.

Against Cleveland, Southwest's biggest rival, the Steers defeated the Dutchman 5-1, almost clinching a league championship. The team then followed up with a 1-0 victory over Pattonville.

In the CYC tournament, Southwest upset St. Mary's 2-0 in the first round. "Everyone picked Mary's to beat us," stated Mr. Brannon. The team then went on to upset Vianney, 1-0, Rosary de-

feated the Steers 2-1 in overtime to give them a third place finish in the tournament.

Southwest went on to defeat Vashon and O'Fallon, 9-1 and 6-0, respectively to improve their league record to 6-0, with Roosevelt and Northwest left to play in league.

Southwest's last two games played were against Afton, 0-0, in overtime, and SLUH, 2-0 loss, bringing the season record to 11-5-3.

Longhorns Defeat Vashon Wolverines

The Southwest Football Longhorns downed the Vashon Wolverines 7-6 October 14 at Southwest. This win raised their PHL record to 2-3, with their other victory over Roosevelt, 12-8 on September 23.

In the Longhorn's first win of the season over Roosevelt, senior runningback Ricky Diaz completed both of Southwest's touchdown drives and senior defensive tackle Larry Kasinger, led a tough Southwest defense with seven tackles.

Both of Southwest's next two games were losses to Central, who shut out the Longhorns 21-0 September 30 at Roosevelt and the other to Northwest, who defeated Southwest 28-6 October 7.

The Longhorns came from behind against Vashon with a fourth quarter touchdown by junior quarterback Tom Ward, and senior Greg Schuman kicking the extra point that put the Longhorns on top. Southwest passed up a few good opportunities to score in the game, once fumbling on the Vashon four yard line.

"I feel the team's major problem is lack of mental preparation," commented team captain

Ricky Diaz.

Junior runningback Steve Craig said, "I don't feel enough people are putting out their best effort to win. Larry Kaysinger (defensive tackle), Stan Lyons (senior defensive and offensive tackle), George Tanaka (senior offensive guard), and Ricky Diaz are the ones contributing the most to the team."

PHL Calendar

October

31 Cross Country Freshman-Sophomore-Junior Championship Run at O'Fallon Park, 4:15 p.m.

November

2 Soccer-State Championship Tournament through November 18

4 Cross Country-State Championship Run at Jefferson City, 11:30 a.m.

Football-SW vs McKinley at SW, 1:30 p.m.

7 Field Hockey-SW vs Soldan at Forest Park, 4:00 p.m.

9 Field Hockey-SW vs O'Fallon at Forest Park, 4:00 p.m.

22-24 Basketball - SLUH Tournament

Girls Finish In Triumph

The Volleyball Team completed their impressive season (6-3) with a decisive win over O'Fallon marking their 4th successive victory over a PHL club. Previously they had beaten Soldan, Northwest, and Sumner all by the same score of 2 games to none.

Some members of the team felt that Cleveland had a slight advantage over them, having already played a PHL club. Southwest beat McKinley by forfeit so their first real game was against Cleveland. Commenting on that forfeit, Donna Reinhart said, "We probably would have done a lot better this season and against Cleveland if we only could have played that game against McKinley. Our timing and team play probably would have improved greatly." Nonetheless, the girls had an exceptional season.

Tennis Team Swings High

The Girl's Tennis Team may have first place in their grasp according to Coach Rogers. He also adds, "Our success so far can be attributed to grueling practices and our outstanding team spirit."

Since last issue, the Longhorns have pulled off an incredible string of victories, starting with their defeat of Soldan by a 5 to 0 on Sept. 21. They went on to beat Sumner and McKinley by default on Sept. 28 and 28. The Longhorns whipped Central, a previously unbeaten team, by a score of 4-1 on Oct. 3. In a rousing display of team spirit and will to win, the team defeated a surprisingly tough Beaumont team 4 matches to 1. The match against Cleveland scheduled for Oct. 10 was postponed to be played at a later date. The Longhorns were leading Roosevelt 3 to 1 on Oct. 12 when the final match was interrupted by rain, it too will be played at a later date.

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