



THE REIGNING QUEEN, Donna Hubecek, representing Kim Hoffman, the queen for 1977, places the crown atop Valerie Jones' head, signifying her selection as Miss Southwest for 1978, at the Miss Southwest Dance, November 4.
photo by Dave Schaefer

Homecoming Builds Spirit

by Julie Moser

The first Friday and Saturday in November were the days that the Southwest student body celebrated this year's Football Homecoming. Friday, November 3, the students enjoyed an Aud session in which the cheerleaders led a few cheers to build up school spirit and the pom-pom girls created more "Green Mania." The entire Varsity Football Team was in-

duced; then the candidates for Miss Southwest were presented to the student body.

For Saturday's Homecoming Game against McKinley, the weather was sunny and warm, something different from the years before. The stands were decorated with green and gold streamers and the fans waved their pom-poms and threw confetti to cheer the team

on. During half time the pom-pom girls performed and Junior Diane Seppi dazzled the crowd by twirling her baton accompanied by the music of the Symphonic Band.

That evening the students enjoyed themselves at the Miss Southwest Dance. The music was supplied by the "Jets." The moment finally came and Valerie Jones was named Miss Southwest.

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"Walking Desk" Ashmore's Symbol

This year's Administrative Assistant at Southwest is Mrs. Willamena Ashmore who replaced Mr. Ecker in September.

Mrs. Ashmore is originally from New Jersey, but has been living in Missouri for almost thirty years. Mrs. Ashmore taught school in New Jersey, in Maryland, and overseas before settling in Missouri.

"I've taught in University City and St. Louis schools." In addition, she was in administration at Parkway.

Mrs. Ashmore says that room 300 is crowded all day and she, herself, is always busy. She points out that things could be better, but the year

got off to a bad start and improvement is expected.

Mrs. Ashmore says that she is impressed with the cleanliness of the school and the general pride Southwest students take in its appearance. In most schools where she had taught, Mrs. Ashmore says that lockers and walls were badly covered with graffiti.

Some students may recognize the Administrative Assistant by the white coat she wears about the school. "It is my 'Walking Desk,'" says Mrs. Ashmore. She wears the familiar white jacket when she is away from her office. The pockets contain pens, pencils, paper, keys, a whistle, and other items she may need when she is not at her desk.

"Music Man" is '78 Operetta

by Barb Birkicht

The operetta featured at Southwest this year is *The Music Man*, which takes place in Iowa in the year 1912. Many Broadway favorites such as "Seventy-Six Trombones," "Till There Was You," and "Goodnight, My Someone" are included.

In the small Iowa town, River City, there is indeed trouble when a pool table comes into the conservative community. Harold Hill, a traveling salesman, played by senior Dave Sylvester, uses the

opportunity this incident causes to shake things up. He even shakes up the town's librarian, played by senior Sandy Glasscock. He claims to want to establish a boy's band.

Hill turns quiet River City upside down when he changes the School Board into a barbershop quartet, turns the mayor's wife, played by junior Frederika Walker, into a dancer, and sets up a date for Zaneeta, the mayor's daughter, played by junior Lisa Gentillino.

Congressman Richard Gephardt who was recently re-elected as U.S. Representative from the 3rd Congressional District expressed his views on current issues in an October 27th interview conducted by junior Joe Pieber.

There were a few minutes of reminiscing for Congressman Gephardt as he recalled fond memories of his years at Southwest. He remembered three teachers who have remained part of the staff through thick, thin and teacher transfers: Mr. N. Edward Forti, Miss Leontone Meyer and Mr. Donald Ashley.

On teacher transfers which plagued Southwest this year, Congressman Gephardt commented, "Well, there may be some merit in being concerned with teacher ratios, but I don't think that as ambitious a program en-

by Julie Lohmeyer



visioned at the first of the year is really a good idea. I'm glad they've got that put off because I think the wholesale moving of teachers around all over the city just to make sure your numbers are perfect is not the wisest thing." He

added, "I oppose busing. I think it doesn't accomplish its goal, which is integration in the school system. I favor intergration, but I don't feel busing accomplishes it. I think busing only aggravates the problem of segregation, which causes people to flee the city and move out into the county and increases the concentration of minority people in the city, so that you really aggravate and make worse the problem, you are trying to solve."

Congressman Gephardt does favor both the Magnet School Program and Gifted Program and feels these programs should be encouraged instead of being overly concerned about such things as teacher ratios.



TOMMY! THAT'S MY HAIR! A few of the Operetta leads (l to r), Lisa Gentillino (Zanetta), Mike Dial (Tommy Djjilas), Sandy Glasscock (Marian The Librarian), Dave Sylvester (Harold Hill), Phil Nickens (The Mayor), Frederkia Walker (The Mayor's wife), and Leslie Tyson (Gracie Shinn) clown around on stage after rehearsal.
photo by Kathy Foster

Tony Phillips Makes the Missouri All State Choir

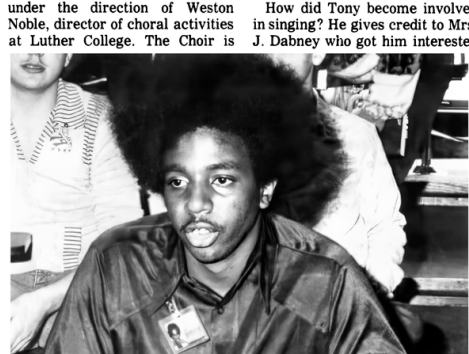
by Dave Millman

Once again it is time for Missouri's All State Choir to make its annual performance and again Southwest High School is represented. This year's representative is junior Tony Phillips who was both surprised and elated at this turn of events. "I am very honored and thankful," Tony said, "and looking forward to Tan-Tar-A." The Choir will perform there this year, making the move from Jefferson City.

This year marks the 5th anniversary of the Choir's existence. Members are picked for tone quality, intonation, diction, technical facility (rhythmic precision, etc.), musical effect and pitch memory.

Tony is one of only five to be selected from the St. Louis Area. These five are to practice with each other until January 18, when all the Districts finally meet at Tan-Tar-A. Then the rigorous practice begins and lasts for two days. On Saturday, January 20th,

at the closing session of the 1979 Missouri Music Educators Convention, the Choir will perform under the direction of Weston Noble, director of choral activities at Luther College. The Choir is



JUNIOR TONY PHILLIPS sings in Concert Choir, refining the voice that won him a place in Missouri's All State Choir.
photo by Dave Schaefer

sponsored by the Missouri Division of the American Choral Directors Association.

How did Tony become involved in singing? He gives credit to Mrs. J. Dabney who got him interested

in his church choir at the age of 11. That was five years ago and now Tony has expanded his interests to the Gospel Choir and occasionally sings in the famous barbershop quartet, The Early Risers, which is frequently seen in the various auds. Tony is also enrolled in Concert Choir and takes Voice as one of his subjects.

Mrs. Ellis, Tony's instructor in Voice and sponsor of the Gospel Choir, feels that Tony is very conscientious. "He learns his part and then goes and learns everyone else's part too. He is a fast learner and has a very good ear for music." When asked if Tony could make a career of singing Mrs. Ellis stated bluntly, "He has as good a chance as anyone."

Another backer of Tony is Miss Meyer who is the sponsor of the Concert Choir. "He's been an outstanding member of the Southwest Choir and will be a fine representative in the All State Choir."

What's Happening

- November
28 Juniors Re-order Day for Rings, 10:00-1:30 p.m.
December
6 Operetta Dress Rehearsal, Periods 1-4.
7 Operetta, in Auditorium, 8:00 p.m.
14 Symphonic Band at St. Clair Square, 10:30 a.m.
15 Chamberwinds at Second Presbyterian Church, 8:00 p.m.
18 Red Cross Bloodmobile, New Girls' Gym, 9:00-2:00 p.m.
19 Sacred Concert Period 6
20 Chamberwinds at Plaza Frontenac, 2:00 p.m.
21 Concert Choir at Missouri-Pacific Mens' Club, at Carpenters' Hall, 7:00 p.m.
22 Student Council Christmas Aud, Period 1
Caroling in Halls by Foreign Language Students, Period 4
Caroling by Concert Choir, Period 6.

Student From Liberia Notes Differences At SW

by Barb Birkicht

The cosmopolitan influence is once again felt in Southwest High School. Musu Taylor, who has come from Liberia, began her studies in Southwest this year.

Sixteen-year-old Musu lives with her sister, who is a naturalized citizen of the United States.

In many ways, Musu's move has not brought earth-shaking changes to her. Musu says that the people, the monetary system, and the fashions are much the same here as in Liberia. The football team of her old school, as at Southwest, was important, and very much spirit was generated.

Women's liberation has hit Liberia, and Musu says that women are engaged in all occupations such as driving trucks, welding, and the like.

One thing that impresses Musu is the weather. St. Louis is much hotter than her country. Liberia receives no snow. (Musu is not looking forward to any snow.)

The time difference has proved



MUSU TAYLOR, a freshman from Liberia, says she enjoys Southwest. photo by Dave Schaefer

to be a problem. One night Musu called her parents at around seven o'clock in the evening here, without realizing it was midnight in her home.

Very shortly in Liberia, the schools will close for their break which runs from December to February. But they get no summer vacation as we know it.

Musu points out other differences. There is no curfew—young people can stay out all hours. There is also no age limit involved in the sale of beer and alcoholic beverages. And when vacation-time is approaching, the government helps students to find jobs in their area.

Musu had just started to drive a week before she came to the United States. She says that it is harder to drive here because the streets are more crowded.

Gas costs about the same here as it does in Liberia, but in Liberia occasional gas shortages take place and gas prices rise to about 92 cents a gallon.

Liberia contains modern industry and residential areas, and combines this with older customs. Musu is a member of the Gola tribe which like all other tribes has a dialect of its own.

When asked if she likes the United States, Musu replies, "Yes, but there's no place like home!"



Editorial

Students recently received their mid-semester grades and one can be sure that with these grades came, "It's only the first ten weeks. These grades don't count because they're not recorded."

Yes, the first ten weeks of school have passed and the grades are not entered on the students' permanent records, but believing that the first ten-week's grades do not count is ridiculous. Unfortunately, students do believe that their first grades are unimportant. These attitudes result in little emphasis being placed on work and study.

Student should realize that although these early grades are not permanently recorded, they are not unimportant; all grades are significant. The first ten weeks set the pattern of how the students will perform throughout the semester.

Misery results in knowing from the beginning of the year that happiness at the end of the year is a

good report card belonging to somebody else.

"Toys for Tots"

From November 27-December 15, the Senior Class will be sponsoring a "Toys for Tots," campaign. All advisory groups will be asked to contribute money which will be used to buy toys for children at Cardinal Glennon Hospital.

Last year students and faculty contributed \$2,300. Advisories will be visited twice a week to collect money. A case showing how much each advisory contributes will be on display during the three-week campaign.

Pioneer endorses what it considers to be one of Southwest's most worthwhile endeavors and hopes to see contributions surpass previous years.

Southwest Spirit Never Dies It Just Fades Away

by Judy Lehr



The majority of students polled felt that Southwest did not have much school spirit. They attributed this to a losing team since it is always easier to support a winning team. On the other hand, many people admitted that they did not even attend the games of successful teams like field hockey, soccer and tennis.

The decline in attendance at activities is one indication of the apparent lack of school spirit. Junior Brenda Hughes stated her opinion about the reason. "Everyone is losing interest. Just like clothes, it goes out of style."

If this is the case, then what could be done to improve interest? Sophomore Ben Holden felt that interest and enthusiasm, and therefore school spirit, is aroused when there is competition with student involvement. This proved to be true last year when Southwest took first place in the Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Contest. He suggested that involving the whole school in an activity would promote the school spirit.

Spirit truly is an important part of any school. It sets the tone and builds morale of the student body.

If the school spirit dies, the question is what will happen to the school?

Rah, rah, blah! This was the general response given in a casual survey on the topic of school spirit. Many students seem to feel that school spirit expressed at Southwest has diminished to a point of almost non-existence. It appears to be dead and buried.

Most students give the definition of school spirit as the supporting of, and involvement in, one's own school. Some feel it is primarily connected with sports, while others say it has to do with school activities in general. Both groups think it is important to the school.

Pioneer Looks at Entertainment

"Midnight Express"; Intense Drama

by Bill Lodderhose

For the lovers of intense and dramatic acting, *Midnight Express* is the movie to see. It's the true-life story of Billy Hayes and of how he was caught for transporting drugs from Turkey. Brad Davis, the astonishing actor who portrays Billy Hayes, is so realistic in the role that he makes the audience feel as if it were going to prison.

The experiences that take place

in the prison are shocking to the audience in more ways than one. The shock value of the film unites the audience for two hours as they share the experiences of Billy Hayes. The cast, made up of unknowns, is superb.

For those people who pay strict attention to the lighting and setting of a movie, this is the best. There are a few crowd scenes in the

beginning in which the director seems to have captured the excitement and tension perfectly.

The real Billy Hayes was captured in the early 70's for making a foolish attempt to smuggle 2 kilos of Hashish out of Turkey and into America.

To see the events leading up to and in prison you must see *Midnight Express*, an experience you won't forget.

BLAM Is Just Like You Like It

by Paul Sleet



The Brothers Johnson have once again soared to the top of the record charts with their new album *BLAM*. The versatility of the Brothers Johnson is shown in this album; their songs range from funk rock such as "Blam," and "Ain't We Funkin' Now" to mellow soul, "So Won't You Stay."

The Brothers Johnson are two exceptionally talented young men, Louis "Thunder Thumbs" Johnson

and George "Lightnin' Licks" Johnson. Louis's nickname depicts his unique style of playing a bass guitar, by using his thumb and plucking the guitar strings rapidly but not rampantly which produces an original sound effect. In almost all of their songs the bass is the prominent element. "Mista Cool" is an excellent example of Louis's guitar style as he is almost allowed to play solo. George

was dubbed with the nickname "Lightnin' Licks" because of his lightning speed when he plays the lead guitar. George is more renowned as being the lead singer of the group.

The Brothers Johnson now with *BLAM*, as always with albums such as, *Look Out For #1* and *Right On Time* are keeping people on their feet. If you haven't heard them yet they'll get cha'.

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JOHN BEECKMAN PROCLAIMS SW to be number one as he participates in the Homecoming Parade on Nov. 4
photo by Dave Schaefer

Costly Senior Year Ahead

by Patti Rose

All seniors who want to graduate in style, had better start saving their pennies!

The basic cost of graduation is seven dollars and seventy-five cents for cap and gown, which is paid in November. Last year's added costs for graduation were set at ten dollars; however, this year they are still undetermined. The costs will cover: rental of Kiel Auditorium, tickets and program printing, transportation of the Southwest Band to Kiel, floral arrangements, minimum security, and padded diploma covers. These expenses will be collected sometime in March.

To make the senior year and graduation more memorable, a few added extras are nice.

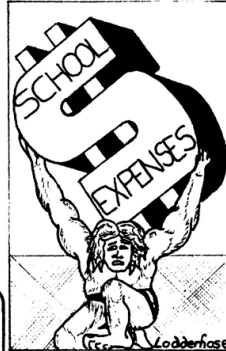
as a person wishes to spend. Many feel obligated to buy these pictures because seniors enjoy sharing them with close friends.

By purchasing and wearing the senior button, seventy-five cents or a dollar (depending on whether it is ordered ahead of time) the senior can proudly display his class status to underclassmen.

Yet another expense to deal with are senior announcements. These will be purchased in packets depending on what the individual desires.

The prom will probably be the most expensive item. Last year, the price was set at thirty-five dollars for tickets; this year the price is still undetermined. Each student must pay an additional cost for attire and flowers excluding extra money for any added expenses.

The last option would be the Senior Luncheon. Last year's price was around seven to nine dollars and this year's price is still undetermined.



Senior pictures were taken over the summer. The price for the group pictures start at around twenty-four dollars and go as high

NEWS AND NOTES

Security Discussed

On November 1, three students from University City High visited Southwest. They are members of the school newspaper and they had come here to talk about Southwest's security system. A few weeks before their visit, there was a shooting incident at their school in which three students were injured.

There are no security guards sitting at the doors and roaming the hallways; all they have are some graduates who walk the halls after the tardy bell.

When asked if they will get guards now because of the incident, they replied that they still do not feel the need for them and that they might take away their school's casual atmosphere. Both the parents and students are against hiring guards, so the administration is going to install locks on the doors so they can only be opened from the inside.

When one of the U. City students asked if the students of Southwest feel the need for the guards, the answer was, that they are there for prevention and even with the guards, Southwest still maintains a casual atmosphere.

For now, guards will not be hired to assist in protection of their school, and as far as the students are concerned, there is no need to do so.

Model UN Debates

The Model United Nations is an association of model UN clubs that work together to enact full-fledged model sessions in the spring and fall.

At McDonnell Douglas on October 26, Southwest members represented six, world nations and acted as those nations would on the issues of terrorism, human rights and nuclear power.

Senior Bill James, chairman of the club and this session's representative of the radical PLO, commented on the merits of the club.

"The club is enriching because of its demands on the reasoning processes. The club is an exciting place for debate and I urge active students to join for the spring session."

Math Contest Held

A group of Southwest students participated in the High School Mathematics Contest Nov. 11, at John F. Kennedy High School. The members of various schools in the competition took a mathematics test and their scores determined the outcome.

In the sophomore division Michelle Meier placed 7th for the girls' individual award and David Ide placed 3rd for the boys'.

Junior Ronald Richman took 4th in the junior division.

Cindy Fears placed 8th in the senior girl's section.

Mr. Warren Gower, math contest sponsor, stated that these and the other members of the SW mathematics team were chosen based on past achievements and teacher recommendations.

Mr. Gower also stated that the math contest was a success. "We feel we have a lot of students that enjoy mathematics and this allows them to compete with other students who share their avid interest."

Strike Creates Stir

On Nov. 14, a wildcat strike by mechanics put a halt to the Bi-State bus system making transportation to school difficult for many staff members and students. To compensate for the difficulty, advisory was extended until 8:25. Approximately 500 students were absent as opposed to the usual 135-150 students. Those able to come to school received rides from parents or friends.

Convention Is Held

Several students from the Southwest Round Up and Pioneer staffs participated in the Journalism Education Association's fall convention held in St. Louis November 9-11 at Stouffer's Riverfront Towers.

St. Louis high school students were joined by other high school newspaper and yearbook staffs from all over the country, to participate in the convention, which is designed to allow students the chance to meet one another and find out what the latest trends are for high school publications. A highlight of this year's convention was Bob Rogers, producer of NBC's, "Weekend," who opened the convention as the keynote speaker.

Another convention highlight were the annual write-off contests, in which students were allowed to compete for first, second and third place trophies. The competition included several

phases of journalism such as news, sports and feature writing, along with photography, and newspaper and yearbook page design.

The three-day gathering also included sessions concerning almost every phase of high school journalism. Professional journalists as well as sponsors of highly-rated school publications spoke with students and their publication sponsors on how they might improve their own newspapers and yearbooks.

For the students' entertainment, the convention organizer provided a disco dance and theatre tickets sold for a \$1.00. Tours of St. Louis as well as the University of Missouri in Columbia were also provided.

Program Introduced

Mrs. Mildred Connors and Mrs. Emily Mogelnecki, Southwest librarians, are in the process of organizing a new program. The purpose of the program is to teach students how to operate the audio-visual equipment in the school library.

At present the equipment, including slide projectors, cassettes, filmstrip viewers, and record players, is available to students only when used for a teacher's assignment. At these times one of the librarians must supervise the use of the materials.

The new plan proposes that students who are interested and volunteer for the program, will be trained to use the audio-visual materials. Licenses will be distributed by a licensed instructor after the training period. These licenses will enable the student to use the equipment without supervision.

Mrs. Connors has visited several freshman English classes to acquaint freshmen with the program but all interested students are welcome to participate. Applications are available in the library.

Society Has Inductions

by David Sprague

Southwest High School's annual induction ceremony for its chapter of the National Honor Society was held on Monday, November 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the school's auditorium.

This year, thirty-one students from Southwest were inducted.

In order to be eligible for membership, potential members must meet high standards in scholarship, leadership, service and character.

Participation in community and school activities, including election to a high school office, constituted a student's leadership qualifications. This is one of the most important facets of being a National Honor Society candidate.

In order to meet the service requirement, the student must have been active in service projects in his school and surrounding community.

The student's character is measured in terms of behavior, integrity, and cooperation with teachers as well as with his peers.

Character, too, is extremely important in selecting candidates for the NHS.

All potential members are evaluated by faculty members who have worked and had contact with them during their years at Southwest, and are then screened by a faculty executive council consisting of teachers from the eight different curriculum departments at Southwest. This way, a complete picture of each candidate is given in his evaluation.

The National Honor Society ranks as one of the oldest and most prestigious nationwide organization for outstanding high school students. Since the Society's founding in 1921, more than six million students have been selected for membership.

More than two million dollars in scholarships have been awarded to its senior members since 1945 by the sponsoring organization, the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Correction

PIONEER would like to correct an error that appeared in the Peer Counseling story last issue. The Peer Counselors do not make tapes of themselves and the person they are counseling. They do make tapes of themselves and a volunteer who is aware that the conversation is being taped.

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SENIOR THERESA BRENTS and sophomore Marion Westhouse watch junior Missy Mayhall battle a Cleveland opponent for the ball.

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Soccer First In PHL

The Southwest Soccer Steers continued its record-setting pace by posting a 7-0-1 record in the PHL, and winning the league championship for the seventh year in a row.

Following a 2-0 loss to soccer power SLUH, the Steers played league opponents Roosevelt and Northwest. Going into the Roosevelt game, the Steers had a league record of 6-0, while Roosevelt, having lost to Cleveland, had a record of 5-1-0.

Roosevelt took the lead 1-0, early in the first half, but Southwest came back to tie the game up 1-1, in the second half, and that's the way the score stood at the end of the game.

Going into the Northwest game the Steers by tying Roosevelt, clinched a tie for the title. The Steers then beat the Blue Devils, handily, 8-0, winning the league championship.

PHL Calendar

November

22-25 Basketball—SLUH Basketball Tourney
28 Swimming—SW vs Vashon at Forest Park, 4:00 p.m.

December

- 1 Basketball—SW vs DuBourg at DuBourg, 8:00 p.m.
2 Wrestling—St. Charles West Quad
6 Wrestling—SW vs Central at Central, 4:00 p.m.
Swimming—SW vs Affton at Affton, 4:00 p.m.
7 Girls Basketball—SW vs Beaumont at SW, 4:00 p.m.
B Basketball—SW vs Beaumont at SW, 6:00 p.m.
A Basketball—SW vs Beaumont at SW, 7:30 p.m.
Swimming—SW vs O'Fallon at O'Fallon, 4:00 p.m.
8 Wrestling—SW vs CBC at SW, 4:00 p.m.
12 B Basketball—SW vs Maplewood at SW, 6:30 p.m.
A Basketball—SW vs Maplewood at SW, 8:00 p.m.
Swimming—SW vs Beaumont at Forest Park, 4:00 p.m.
13 Wrestling—SW vs Sumner at SW, 4:00 p.m.
15 Girls Basketball—SW vs Vashon at Vashon, 4:00 p.m.
B Basketball—SW vs Vashon at Vashon, 6:00 p.m.
A Basketball—SW vs Vashon at Vashon, 7:30 p.m.
Wrestling—SW vs Beaumont at SW, 4:00 p.m.
18 Swimming—SW vs Mehlville at Mehlville, 4:00 p.m.
20 Wrestling—SW vs Cleveland at SW, 4:00 p.m.
21 Swimming—SW vs Roosevelt at Forest Park, 4:00 p.m.
22 Girls Basketball—SW vs McKinley at McKinley, 6:00 p.m.
B Basketball—SW vs McKinley at McKinley, 6:00 p.m.
A Basketball—SW vs McKinley at McKinley, 7:30 p.m.

Southwest then went to the Missouri State Invitational Soccer Tournament, where they played divisional rival, Vashon and won, 6-1.

The Steers opponent in the second round of the tournament was Southside rival, St. Mary's. The Steers had played the Dragons twice previously this year, losing 1-0 in the first game and winning in the second, 2-1. This time, how-

ever, the Steers came out on the losing end of a 2-1 score. The defeat bounced the Steers out of the tourney, and ended their season.

The Steers defense produced nine shut-outs while its offense out-scored opponents 78 to 18 in twenty-four games. This gave the Steers an average of 3.1 goals per game and they finished with a record of 14-6-4.

Longhorns Capture Title Team's Spirits Are High

The Southwest Girls' Tennis Team clinched the PHL championship when they defeated the Vashon Wolverines by a score of 4 to 1 on October 24th at Fairgrounds Park. The victory climaxed a season filled with perseverance and persistence that resulted in the achievement of a common goal. Coach Martin Rogers stated, "Team spirit was exceptionally high and all the girls were equally determined to win the championship."

Among the obstacles in the Longhorns' path to the top were intense pressure to repeat as PHL champions, lack of transportation

to match sites, and other extracurricular activities that sometimes prevented team members from attending practice. Under Coach Rogers' leadership the team overcame these obstacles to compile a 41-4 record, probably the best in the history of PHL girl's tennis competition.

Congratulations to the entire team, which consisted of seniors Laurie Pсарis and Betty Solomon, and juniors Yvonne Drier, Cindy and Debbie Esenberg, Cathy Pogorzelski and Angela Wooten, who, as Coach Rogers put it, "practiced diligently and with 100% effort and determination".

Basketball Opens With Confidence

The Southwest Basketball Longhorns will open this season on November 22, at the St. Louis University High School Invitational Tournament, pitting the Longhorns against such Southside rivals as St. Mary's and SLUH, and also tough Northside opponents.

The 1978-1979 team will be a drastic contrast to last year's team. Headed by six seniors, last year's squad played many exciting games right down to the wire, including an upset victory over PHL power, Central.

This year's team is made up of twelve juniors and only two seniors. The team also seems to lack the size and muscle to compete with such teams as Sumner, Soldan and Central.

Coach Robert Vogel, when asked what he sees in his young team replied, "These guys have got a great attitude about the game; they're hard-working and very determined, and our scrappiness is going to keep us in a lot of ball games."

Team Clinches Title Loses Some Stars

The Southwest Field Hockey team finished their championship season by defeating Soldan 2 to 0 on November 7 at Forest Park. Sheryl Gatewood and Sandy Sondag both scored for the Longhorns. The PHL title didn't come as a surprise, "When you work together for two years, you expect the best," commented Coach Julia Frank. She also stated that the victory was the result of a, "gradual push up-entire team because, "they worked well together."

The Longhorns, who finished with an unblemished 8-0 league record, can also attribute their success to the leadership of co-captains Theresa Brents and Sandy Sondag, who "put it all together and made it work," according to Coach Frank. Coach Frank also said the defense, led by goalie Monica Bryant, deserves credit too, for they allowed only one goal during the course of the

PHL season.

As for next season, Coach Frank is instituting a new line formation in an attempt to ease the loss of seniors Sandy Sondag, Theresa Brents, and Lyn Meyer, who are all forward line players. The new formation will call for a quicker game that requires more running. Coach Frank adds that keeping the PHL title may be harder than winning it was, but she feels the team is up to the task.

Harriers End Year

The Southwest Cross Country team has ended its season with some very impressive running. Coach Robert Brown commented, "As a whole, this was an outstanding year." Led by its co-captains senior Stan Smith and junior Paul Sleet the team won all of its tri-meets but finished second to Cleveland in the Public High League. Smith finished third in the PHL; Sleet finished eighth; junior Dave Millman took 16th place, senior Irv Millman 18th and junior Ron Richman 20th.

On Friday, October 27th, the team qualified for regionals coming in fourth in their district. They were led by Smith again, who placed seventh, followed by Dave Millman in 20th. At the regionals even though no member of the team qualified for a state, nor did the team finish in a place to qualify for it, each member ran an exceptionally hard race at a very difficult course. The Cross Country team worked hard all season and has high aspirations for next year.

Longhorns Defeated

The Southwest Football Longhorns lost their homecoming game to the McKinley Goldbugs 28-17, November 4, at Southwest. This loss ended the Longhorn season at 3-5-1.

The Longhorns played well against top-ranked Soldan October 21, finally bowing to the Tigers 19-7. Senior defensive tackle Winfred Frazier led a fired-up Southwest defense with nine tackles, and junior offensive end, Dan Adams, snared two of junior quarterback Tom Ward's passes for 40 yards.

Southwest took on the Cleveland Dutchmen October 28, in Cleveland's homecoming, topping the Dutchmen 7-0 in a hardfought contest. Sophomore Tim Keys returned a third-quarter kick of 80 yards for the sole Longhorn touchdown.

At homecoming, Southwest's offense moved the ball well, but then stalled when getting close to the end zone. Thus the Longhorns had to settle for three field goals, this later making the difference between winning and losing for Southwest.

Why did the Longhorns make such a poor showing this year? "Early season injuries, lack of experienced personnel, and a lack of individual discipline," according to Leon Anton, varsity football coach. Despite the team's record, Mr. Anton feels a number of players did well this year, including senior defensive tackle Larry Kaysinger, safety Glenn Johnson, safety Greg Schuman, and offensive guard George Tanaka.

Mr. Anton says, "Hopefully, the team will do better next year," and he is counting on the twenty-seven players who should be returning for the coming season.

Swimmers Start New Season

The Boys' Swim Team, with 9 returning lettermen, started practice Nov. 13. Each day after school, they swim at Forest Park Community College.

Coach Julie Frank commented "We have a small team but, a lot of strong, experienced swimmers are returning this year. I expect a lot from junior John Clements, because he's stronger and should dive well."

The team's first meet is at Forest Park against Vashon Nov. 28. The first non-league meet is Dec. 6 at Affton.

"Our main objective this year, is to get more swimmers to the state meet. Senior Doug Finley was our only representative last year," stated Coach Frank.

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