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New Faculty Members Appear At Southwest

by Mike McConnell

Southwest has added seven members to this year's staff. They bring a variety of backgrounds, interests and experiences to their new school.

Mr. Dave Cook, a SW alumnus, has transferred from the staff of Beaumont High School. Cook teaches classes in typing, accounting, and distributive education. In addition, he is this year's B-team football coach. In response to how he likes SW so far, Cook said, "It's great."

Students who want a change from the routine schedule may select the classes taught by Ms. Nelly Rosson, formerly a member of the faculty at Northwest High School. Rosson is an instructor in

Family Relations and Basic Foods. Rosson says that Family Relations teaches self-awareness. She likes it "because it touches everybody." Thus far, Rosson is "very pleased" with SW.

SW has an addition to the Mathematics Department. Mr. Fahrettin Arslan is sincerely interested in the subject that he teaches. "Mathematics is my music," he stated in a recent interview. Arslan is from Turkey and has been in the United States for five years. He received his Masters Degree from Washington University and St. Louis U.; presently he is working on his Ph.D. at Washington University.

Arslan teaches basic algebra,

advanced algebra, and intermediate algebra; he finds that some of his students are very cooperative and he says that he likes the faculty at SW. Although Arslan is single, he told the Pioneer that he is "married with Book."

The Physical Education Department has added a new face, also: Mr. Sid Tucker. (He's the man in the shorts). Tucker taught at SW twelve years ago, so he may be familiar to some of the faculty, but to the present student body, he is a new face.

Tucker likes working with young people and helping them develop physically. He feels that most kids find physical education classes rewarding and enjoyable.

Freshmen who are presently enrolled in Principles of Science may not realize that their teacher is also a new member of the faculty. Mr. Victor Press began teaching at SW in September.

Press is originally from New York, but he moved to Atlanta, Georgia, where he taught for several years; he has been in St. Louis since January.

Press graduated from the University of Georgia with a Masters in Science, Education, and Horticulture.

SW has gained two secretaries, also. Mrs. Sylvia Thomas has replaced Mrs. Hall who was promoted to the Board of Education's Central Office.

Mrs. Thomas told the Pioneer that these first few weeks at SW have been a "very interesting experience".

If any students have had to go to Room 300, they may have noticed the new secretary outside Mr. Grant's office. Mrs. Dorothy Frederick reports that she has, "Never worked in such a large school," but she says "I like it very well."



VOCALIST ROCHELLE ELLIS winner of the Hello Day competition demonstrates her domestic skills.

photo courtesy of Roundup

Tradition Upheld

On September 28, the Southwest students and faculty celebrated Hello Day, which is a school tradition. Contests were held to help members of the freshman class make friends. The first highlight of the day was the Hello Day Aud. which featured songs and skits in a rousing display of energy and talent. The theme of the Aud was the \$1.99 Beauty Show, with

senior Pat Pinkston filling in for Rip Taylor.

Buttons drawn by Senior Bill Loderhose to depict the spirit of Hello Day were sold throughout the day. Tickets for the dance to be held later that evening were also on sale. Musical entertainment at the dance was provided by Crosswinds.

Off-Campus Lunch Thing of the Past

by Frank Clements and David Millman

The Southwest Class of 1980 has been deprived of one of its most important privileges, that of eating lunch off the school premises.

In 1975-76, an experiment was put into effect allowing all students to have off-campus lunch privileges. The following year, the off-campus privilege was limited only to seniors.

Now that the Class of '80 has reached its senior year, all off-campus privileges have been lost. Why did this occur?

"Off-campus lunches have been used only in overcrowded situations when the cafeteria could not handle the volume," stated Principal Marvin O. Koenig.

At the beginning of 1978-79 school year, Southwest had an enrollment of approximately 1800 students and

all lunch privileges had been cancelled. However, due to an influx of 300 new students, Koenig reinstated the lunch privilege to the seniors.

This year's enrollment is 1700, and Koenig expects the enrollment to drop into the 1600's during the year.

"Southwest was the only school that had senior off-campus lunch last year, and to my knowledge, no other schools have it this year," commented Koenig.

However, through its research, Pioneer learned there are other public high schools who have an off-campus lunch. Northwest has a senior off-campus lunch program, while Roosevelt and Central have such programs with parental permission.

Koenig showed some surprise at receiving this information. Although he did concur with Central's having this privilege due to their overcrowded conditions, that the other schools also have this privilege left him at a loss for words.

Koenig's opinion of an off-campus lunch was stated as, "I think an off-campus lunch program is a great idea, but I don't think, from past experience, that these people can handle it."



FRESHMEN CONGREGATE ON Southwest campus during lunch hour.

photo by Kendrick Kendall

Experiment Initiated

by Paul L. Sleet and Stephanie Tubbs

The '79-'80 school year brought the usual group of new freshmen to Southwest in addition to an unusual policy change. The first period has been eliminated for most freshmen, with the exception of those few freshmen who have schedules with advanced courses such as geometry, or for those who take six classes. The first period is being replaced by a combination advisory-study period. This change provides the freshmen with time to study or get acquainted so they will not be tempted to socialize during class time. Another facet of the first period is to discuss career objectives and preparation to fulfill these objectives. All of this is completed while freshmen are still with their advisors.

Principal Marvin O. Koenig stated, "I feel that having six classes a day is a little bit too much for many freshmen to handle." He felt that this advisory-study period

would add to their growth into good students.

The advisors have enthusiastically implemented this policy. They feel that it is a good idea because freshmen, more than sophomores, juniors, and seniors, need time to get adjusted to a new school environment.

For the most part, the freshmen, who are the subjects of this experiment, like having the period free for study much more than regular advisory and first hour class. While there are some dissatisfied students, freshman Cedric Kelly set the overall tone when he said, "Freshmen need more time to study and do homework".

"As in most experiments, this one must pass the time test," commented various freshmen advisors.

Triple "A" In Sight

by Mike Walker

As a result of hiring more teachers, an increased budget, and a reduction of enrollment, the St. Louis Public School System may regain its AAA status at the end of this school year.

A lack of regular classroom teachers and a lack of other school-related staff still prevents the St. Louis System from attaining its AAA status, Principal Marvin O. Koenig commented. Guidance personnel, physical education teachers, music teachers, art teachers and librarians are the areas lacking sufficient staff.

When Koenig was asked if Southwest High School were a problem, he replied that it wasn't. Koenig added that the elementary schools were the most affected.

School and Home, a Board of Education publication, indicated possible solutions to eliminate the deficiencies. With the 4.53% increase over last year's budget, the School Board is now able to hire

more teachers because it has available funds for salaries. The School Board can now maintain a staff in areas such as social workers, nurses, security personnel, librarians and other personnel service employees. The School Board can also supplement the Staff Development Unit to aid teachers in improving their skills.

A decrease in enrollment is also helping the System in attaining AAA status. In September of 1978, the St. Louis Public School System had enrolled 73,222 students; whereas, this year, approximately 65,000 to 70,000 students are expected to enroll. Thus smaller classes result in less need to hire a great number of teachers; therefore, more money can be spent in other areas besides teaching.

School and Home, states that the objective of the School Board is to improve instruction—"resulting in improving academic status."

What's Happening

OCTOBER

- 12 Homecoming Aud
- 13 Homecoming Dance 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.
- 16 9th Grade Blood Pressure Screening
- 24 A.P.T. Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 26 Junior Rec. Night
- 29-31 Mid-Term Exams
- 31 Horror Flicks - Noon Aud

'Proud Flesh' Is Nicholson's Joy

by Barb Birkicht

What would you say to a prize-winning playwright, whose works have been published all over the country; to a man listed in *The National Playwrights' Directory* and the *Dictionary of International Biography*? Probably, "Hello, Mr. Nicholson, where's our regular teacher?"

Mr. James Nicholson, substitute teacher in the Southwest Communications Skills Department, is all of the above. Over the summer, he entered a competition by invitation of the National Repertory Theater Foundation of Hollywood, California. His play, *Proud Flesh*, won the first prize and \$1,000.00 in the NRT National Play Awards. The award was presented to him by John Houseman, of the *Paper Chase*. It is hoped that the attention generated by this competition will help the winning writers get their plays into production.

Proud Flesh is an historical play, dealing with the East St. Louis race riot of 1917. It was ten years in completion. Some of his other works reflect local color, such as *Down by the Gravois* (Under the Anheuser-Busch) and *Stardust*,

which deals with the closing of the Stardust Burlesque Show of Downtown St. Louis. In 1978, *Stardust* won a playwriting award from the Missouri Arts Council.

After the success of these plays, "There is no question that he's a thoughtful, promising playwright," says Arthur Ballet, Director of Theater Programs of the National Endowment of the Arts.



PLAYWRIGHT JAMES NICHOLSON assists senior Tina Young in his role as substitute teacher. photo by Judy Lehr

SW Teachers Remain Active During Summer

by Ben Holden and Tim Schoenecker

Summer is a time of rest and relaxation for many employees of the St. Louis Board of Education, but several Southwest teachers chose to work instead.

William Genck's summer job kept him in the educational swing of things throughout the year. He taught Show Biz and Career English during summer school at Southwest. Genck believes that summer school is "easier to teach" because the periods are two hours long. This allows him ample time to finish the lesson in one period. There is a disadvantage to this summer job, however. I.D.'s must be worn.

Martin Rogers has had an unusual summer job that has taken him away from the school scene. He is a certified harness-race horse trainer and owner. He trains his own horse, Parkway Fannie, which according to Rogers, "had a successful summer season" at various tracks in Kentucky and Tennessee. He has been a trainer for 2½ years and during a typical year, he must feed his horse at 6 a.m., give it time to rest, take it to the track for various workouts. Rogers then must bathe and brush the horse and make sure it recuperates properly from the workout.

Charles Wones and Larry Davis both spend their summers driving charter buses for M-K-O Lines.

Each has worked for the company for five years. Both of them heard about the job from Martin Schroeder, a former science teacher at Southwest. The teachers concurred that this was a slow summer with both of them staying, for the most part, near St. Louis. The routes that they had mostly covered the South and the Plains. This differed from previous summers when they drove over much of the United States and some of Canada.

Robert Vogel, the basketball coach at Southwest, put his coaching skills to work outside the school this summer. He conducted two basketball clinics for local sixth and seventh graders. Each clinic lasted two weeks and ran two hours per day. Also involved in the camp were Jasper Trevisano and Terrence Trudo, students of Southwest, who put on a shooting display. Mr. Vogel recalls Terrence and Jasper being so effective from the free throw line that he was practically ignored as the youngsters watched them make one shot after another.

Margaret Peterson has a rather unusual summer occupation. Throughout the year, she poses as a mild-mannered teacher of English at Southwest, but with summer, comes her transition into a female bartender. Otherwise known as a mixologist, Peterson uplifts the downtrodden, counsels

Mr. Nicholson actually began writing in college. He discovered his talent when he wrote skits in a class at Washington University. After graduating from Washington University, he received his Master of Fine Arts in Playwriting from Florida State University. (The extent of his high school efforts was in the area of English term papers.)

Nicholson tends to run a humorous vein through his plays. "Audiences need to laugh in the theater. When they're laughing, you know they're being entertained," he says.

He now plans to continue work on his writing. "Hopefully, somebody will produce me. But writing is a waiting proposition."

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.

Editors' Comments

A Student's Opinion

Principal Marvin O. Koenig has decided that seniors may no longer leave the SW premises at lunchtime. He cited a decline in school population that now permits the cafeteria workers to serve the entire student body efficiently. Needless to say, this development has not been appreciated by the senior class.

Mr. Koenig, one cannot assume that seniors would behave irresponsibly if allowed off-campus lunch simply because they have not had the chance to prove themselves. It has been said that previous seniors acted irresponsibly off-campus. If that's one of the reasons why present seniors must remain on the premises during lunch, it's a poor one. Simply put, just because last year's class abused this privilege doesn't mean this year's class would also.

The class of '80, in this writer's opinion, has established a reputation of being hard-working and honest. If its members were

allowed to eat lunch off-campus they certainly would not make any attempt to tarnish its image.

While it is true that the school population has declined considerably, this is no reason to eliminate off-campus lunch privileges. Instead of eliminating, why not revise?

For instance, since it is generally agreed that students who don't make much effort in class are largely responsible for bad off-campus behavior, permission to leave the premises during lunch could be granted as a reward for scholastic achievement. This would serve admirably as an incentive to improve one's academic performance.

This may not be the best idea, Mr. Koenig, but there are many more like it. By remaining open-minded concerning this issue, and listening to the ideas of students, perhaps a better understanding between students and administrator (and maybe even a different outcome) would result.

Are Qualifications Considered?

The title of Miss Southwest is an honor bestowed upon a senior girl at the annual Homecoming Dance. A girl who is awarded this title should represent someone who has made contributions to the school and participated in various clubs and activities. In the past, desirable qualifications have not always been present in every candidate. This results in contestants being chosen on the basis of beauty, popularity and race. The nomination process seems to be the root of the problem.

A change in this process may provide a remedy for the problem. Perhaps nominations could be controlled by senior advisories, all the clubs, or Student Council which

would represent the feelings of a larger segment of the student body. Financial responsibilities would have to be assumed by the sponsoring group.

A select, limited group of people, the members of the Lettermen Club, now reserves the privilege of nominating the ten candidates for Miss Southwest. They claim this privilege because the dance is traditionally affiliated with a sport's function and the Lettermen support the dance financially. Do these facts in themselves justify the right of nomination? The dance is for the entire school. The election is for a Miss Southwest, not a Miss Lettermen.

About Your Vacation . . .

by Frank Clements and Tom Regan

What is it that drives you up the wall when you first come back to school? All the books, your messed-up schedule, the teachers you were stuck with, the homely girl (or boy) who sits behind you in third? Nooooo! It's that ridiculous question, "What did you do over the summer?"

Now really. Are you supposed to tell them everything done over the vacation? Here are some possible responses:

"I was arrested for playing with the engine mounts on a DC 10."

"I discovered the perfect sleeping pill: Disco Music."

"I counted all the autographs in my Roundup. Both of them!"

"I spent the time setting small fires in California."

"When I got bored, I choked my chicken."

"Nothing. I ate lunch in our cafeteria last day of school and spent the summer recuperating."

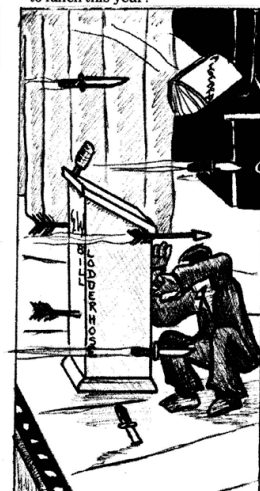
"I started an Idi Amin fan club."

"I tried to find a home for the Shah of Iran."

"I counted flyspecks on the Gateway Arch."

"I waited in line to get Jimi Hendrix concert tickets."

"I saved my money for going out to lunch this year!"



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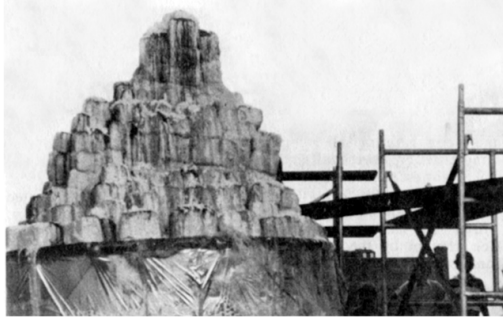
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PEOPLE LOOK ON in wonder at the world's largest sundae created with the help of SW's Mike McConnell.

The World's Largest Ice Cream Sundae

by Mike McConnell

On Sunday, September 2nd, the St. Louis Ice Cream Festival was held on the St. Louis Riverfront. One attraction was the World's Largest Ice Cream Sundae.

About fifty students from the Mark Twain Summer Institute built the five-ton sundae, under the direction of Mark Lazarus, a teacher at Washington University.

The bowl which measured six feet by eight feet, was filled to the brim with ice cream still in the cartons. Then the remaining cartons were opened and the ice

cream was formed to give the effect of a giant sundae, which finally reached a record-breaking fourteen feet tall.

Strawberry and chocolate syrup, nuts, bananas and whipped cream decorated the grand sundae before it was served to the spectators. The unopened cartons were donated to various hospitals and orphanages throughout the City.

The Guinness Book of World Records will list the event in its 1980 edition, coming out this October.

Seniors' Scores Reach New Low

by Karen Chandler and Terry Lemons

Disappointing news greeted this year's senior class on its return to school. The bearer of the news, Southwest Principal Marvin O. Koenig, toured the senior advisories on September 6 and 7. Koenig, announced that the average percentile score for last year's juniors on the Test of Academic Skills (TASK) which was administered in April, 1979, was the lowest in the history of Southwest High School.

The TASK is an aptitude test, required by the St. Louis Board of Education for high school juniors. The results of the test are used to assess the student's achievement compared with other high school pupils in the United States. The test consists of multiple choice questions on basic materials including, reading, mathematics and English.

The scores on the TASK were received by the school a few months after the test was given. Each student who took the test received a blue sheet which contained his scores in the subsections of the test. The Southwest administration also received three percentile scores which indicated how well Southwest fared in comparison with other high schools in a national sample.

The percentile scores in the three sections of the test, English, reading and mathematics were 44%, 48%, and 50%, respectively.

"This means that right now half of the country is scoring higher than Southwest," explained Koenig.

Partly because of these lower TASK scores, there is a new policy concerning independent, supervised study, also known as free study. Only seniors will be allowed free study; freshmen, sophomores and juniors will report to study halls.

According to Koenig, the move was made so that students will have time for in-school studying and homework completion. Evidently, many people in free study were not studying.

Koenig hopes that the move will benefit the student body by bringing improvement about, both on the report card, and on the national tests, such as TASK.

Overall, the TASK test results do not indicate a very favorable trend, both nationally and at Southwest. Whether or not these grades will improve is uncertain. Techniques such as supervised study halls may help scores at Southwest, but the solution to this problem ultimately becomes the responsibility of the individual.



Spooks To Benefit MS

by Barb Birkicht

Some very significant visitors from Transylvania will be arriving in St. Louis on October 11, and staying until October 31. They have heard that 5800 Arsenal would be a good place to occupy during this time.

This address will be the site of a haunted house for the benefit of the Multiple Sclerosis Society. This will be the biggest haunted house ever opened in St. Louis. In order to be even scarier than any others, friends from Transylvania will be accompanied by lasers put into effect by two laserists of McDonnell Planetarium.

As the public walks through the house, they will go through a maze, the Wolfman's room, see Dracula and experience many eerie sounds and strange lighting effects.

The donation to visit the folks at the haunted house is \$2.00 or \$1.50 with a Pepsi Generation card; discount coupons will also be available at Arby's Roast Beef Restaurants.

Money collected will go to help find a cure for Multiple Sclerosis, a disease of the nervous system usually found in young people.

NEWS and NOTES

Council Plans Year

Student Council is off to a great year with a host of talented officers and sponsors. The sponsors for this year are Ralph Sneed and Julie Frank. Student Council has a myriad of activities they will be sponsoring. Some are the freshmen pep rally, the Hello-Day Aud. and Dance, the Homecoming Aud. and Dance, and the biggest of all, the Multiple Sclerosis Society Ghost Manor (Haunted House).

The Student Council has volunteered, hopefully with the help of the student body, to participate in the Multiple Sclerosis Society Haunted House. Student Council will have volunteer registration forms in room 101 requesting anyone to help out with jobs that will include painting, lighting, costumes, acting, ticket selling and many more. The Haunted House will be in the old Chronic Hospital one block east of Hampton Avenue on Arsenal.

It will be open October 11 to 31. Afterwards everyone who has helped out with the Haunted House will be treated to a huge party for all of the helpers of the whole month. For more information, students should contact Student Council in Room 101.

Pom Pons Perform

The Pom Pon Squad has been quite active over the past few months. Recently the members attended a summer camp in Fulton, Missouri, on July 15-19, sponsored by the American Scholastic Drill Team Association. The association sponsors camps every year to give squads all over the state a chance to improve on drill and routine techniques. This year there were 14 squads present. Senior Valerie Darden, pom pon member, found it quite enjoyable but that the "last day was very competitive." Southwest Wrang-

lerettes took first place with a trophy to show for their efforts. "Hot Stuff" was the winning routine.

The Wranglerettes plan to make some improvements to the squad. Senior, Phillis Morgan commented, "We need a squad with better quality instead of quantity."

On September 16, half of the squad performed at Busch Stadium. 365 girls attended this event. They will also be performing at most of the Southwest home games.

Freshmen Welcomed

On September 28, Hello Day, the upperclassmen welcomed the freshman. Several contests, an aud session and a dance all helped to make Hello Day a festive occasion. The dance held later in the evening featured the band Crosswinds.

Stage Crew Needed

Auditions for Southwest's annual operetta were held on September 20 and 21. Participants tried out by singing Broadway show tunes.

People are needed to work back stage to move props and scenery. Those interested may contact drama teacher, Georgia Schoeffel, in room 413.

Artists and carpenters are also needed to construct a set and to help with publicity; they should contact music teacher, Lee Meyer, in room 327.

The date for the performances are December 6 and 7. No show has been selected yet.

Plans for Seniors

"An eager, energetic, and enthused group of young people," are some adjectives used to describe this year's Senior Class Officers, according to Ray Feick, class sponsor. He and Joyce Jackson are new at sponsoring a group that has so much influence on the activities for seniors.

John Clements, President of Senior Class says, "This is a promising and hard-working bunch".

Future plans include a car wash, a senior rollerskating night, dances and rec. nights. With these and other activities the class plans to reduce the cost of the prom and also put money on a possible senior trip.

John hopes that these activities will unify the class as a whole, and that the seniors will find the meaning of team work.

Club's Future: Dim

Southwest's Letterwomen's Club could become a thing of the past if no sponsor is found. Mrs. Hampton, the former sponsor, who moved to San Francisco for graduate work, created the void. This resulted in a postponement, and possible cancellation, of all club activities for this year.

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SOUTHWEST STRIKER TIM TALEOUS battles with two Sumner defenders at the goal mouth

photo by Kendrick Kendall

Soccer Struggles

One would tend to think that losing most of his championship team to graduation would drive Coach Tom Brannan insane, and send a perennial champion plummeting to the bottom.

But not so with the 1979-1980 Southwest Soccer Steers. The team has a self-replenishing supply of talent, and with a little experience under their belts, expects to be tough and competitive this year.

The squad's two major assets are a strong, experienced backfield, led by Scott Adams, Dave Harper and Jeff Crawford, and a small but quick offense, featuring Joe Sondag, Tim Taleous and Matt

Jacobs.

Both of these factors were evident in the Steers' season opener against Sumner. The defense kept Sumner pinned down on its end of the field, while the Southwest offense hammered in nine goals, including two by foreign-exchange student, Muhammad Hassan.

On September 19, the Steers played the Oakville Tigers, coached by former Southwest coach, Gary Shell. The Steers showed hustle, but could not capitalize on any kind of scoring drive, while Oakville fired three goals past the Southwest defense.

Longhorns Off To Slow Start Come Back To Beat Beaumont

by Tom Regan

The arm-chair quarterbacks abounded at Southwest after the Longhorn's loss to the Sumner Bulldogs on September 15. But the Longhorns gave them plenty of encouragement. While Southwest managed to stay within seven points at halftime (14-7), Sumner had hundreds of yards and one touchdown called back on penalties (including three for illegal equipment).

In the first few plays, Southwest played as though there were going to be a football game. Driving into Sumner's zone, Coach Leon Anton tried on fourth and three, perhaps a vote of confidence in his offense. Nevertheless, Sumner stopped the Longhorns and promptly reached the end zone on a 55 yard run for the only scoring in the first quarter.

In the second quarter Southwest stopped Sumner on its own 15 yard line, took over the ball and then fumbled it back, setting up another Sumner touchdown to make the score 14-0.

One highlight of the game came when sophomore Jack Douglas was on the receiving end of a 45 yard pass play that narrowed the score to 14-7, and ending the first half.

The Longhorns did not score again until the fourth quarter when sophomore Tim Keys ran 15 yards to the end zone. Meanwhile Sumner

had been running all over a demoralized Southwest ball club so that Southwest's second touchdown made the score only 26-14, with ten minutes left in the game.

After an unsuccessful onside kick attempt by the Longhorns, Sumner drove to the final score of

the game on a three-yard run, making it a 32-14 day for the Bulldogs.

BULLETIN: Southwest defeated Beaumont 12-6 Saturday, September 22, at Southwest.

On September 29, Southwest was defeated by Roosevelt.

Steers Are Optimistic

Certain sports are associated with the coming of fall. One that many students are not too familiar with is cross country. Cross country has been a relatively successful sport at SW, having taken second place in the PHL four out of the last five seasons. Cleveland has won it each of those seasons and is favored to repeat once again. Some members of SW, however, see it a little differently. A very optimistic senior, Tim Schoenecker, stated, "We have the most talent in the league and the PHL crown is ours to win or lose." Another optimistic senior, Jamel Richardson, related, "Most of us have been running together for

four years now. We're due to win."

A problem could arise due to the coaching change, although this team should be used to that, having had four coaches in the past four years. The adjustment should also be a mild one for the new coach, Larry Davis, who assumes this role. His previous experience as the assistant track coach should come in handy.

Mr. Davis is also optimistic, knowing that there are six returning lettermen and that only two are missing from last year's top seven. "The title is in the realm of possibility," he remarked.

The team's first meet was September 25.

Volleyball Eyes Big Year

The Southwest Volleyball team began its 1979 campaign on a bittersweet note as Roosevelt defeated it in the best of three matches: 15-2; 10-15; 17-15. Southwest entered the match an underdog because Roosevelt had played two previous matches giving them an edge. Coach Burgett commented that she was "pleasantly surprised" with the team's effort and she added, "It was the longest and one of the most exciting matches I've ever coached."

Senior Denise Dippel, a first-

year starter added, "It took us a game to settle down and get our teamwork together."

The team is looking forward to a successful remainder of the season. Burgett called Captain Donna Reinhardt her most consistent spiker and junior Becky Cherry a very good setter. Reinhardt added, "Coach Burgett works us hard and if we stick together, we should have one of our best teams in years."

In the girls' latest match, they overpowered Cleveland: 15-12; 15-11; to even their record at 1-1.

Girls' Tennis Looks Good

The Southwest Girls' Tennis Team is off to a good start with an 11-4 record.

In its first match, Southwest defeated Cleveland 3-2. One Southwest standout was Cathy Pogorzelski who beat her opponent 6-1, 6-0. Cleveland forfeited 3 of its 2 matches.

Southwest also beat Roosevelt with a score of 3-2. Vashon forfeited all 5 of its matches to Southwest for not arriving at Sublette Park on time for the game.

Yvonne Drier and Debbie Pfeil

broke a 2-2 tie by winning their matches 6-1, 6-0.

This year's team at Southwest consists of seniors Cindy and Debbie Esenberg, twins who play effective doubles, Debbie Pfeil, Yvonne Drier, Angela Wooten, Cathy Pogorzelski and Barb Birkicht and sophomores Diane Bernard, Lana Nguyen and Denisa Brown.

But Southwest has scheduled matches with various parochial schools which should prove to be an interesting addition to the season.

Girls Begin PHL Title Quest

by Paul Sleet

The Southwest Field Hockey team began its 1979 season on Wednesday, September 12, against the girls of Mary Institute at their home field. The teams battled to a zero-zero stalemate at the end of regulation time, but since there is no overtime in girls' field hockey,

the game ended in a tie. This was quite an improvement over their previous clash with Mary Institute which they lost 3-0.

The girls suffered a staggering defeat to a Mary's of a different name. On Saturday, September 15, they lost 0-4 to Saint Mary's. The team hopes that this is only a temporary setback in its progress.

The girls played their first PHL competitors, Sumner, on Wednesday, September 19. The Sumner Bulldogs were quite easily handled and the girls won 4-0. Junior Dana White commented after the game, "Sumner is one of our easier games; Cleveland is about the only school in the city we have to worry about. We have great potential for PHL."

Again, for this season, as for the past seasons, Julie Frank is coaching the team. She would not make any comments for the press

PHL Calendar

October

- 6 Field Hockey—SW vs Beaumont at Forest Park at 10:45 a.m. "B" Football—SW vs Roosevelt at SW at 9:30 a.m. Football—SW vs Central at O'Fallon at 1:30 p.m.
- 8 Soccer—SW vs Mehlville at Mehlville at 4:00 p.m.
- 9 Soccer—SW vs Vashon at Fairgrounds Park #1. Tennis—SW vs O'Fallon at Dwight Davis at 4:00 p.m. Volleyball—SW vs Soldan at SW at 4:00 p.m.
- 11 Cross Country—Southside Invitational at Carondelet Park at 4:00 p.m. Field Hockey—SW vs Central at O'Fallon Park at 4:00 p.m. Volleyball—SW vs Beaumont at SW at 4:00 p.m. Soccer—SW vs O'Fallon at Forest Park at 4:00 p.m.
- 12 Soccer—SW vs SLUH at Tilles Park at 4:00 p.m.
- 13 "B" Football—SW vs Central at Soldan at 9:30 a.m. Football—SW vs Northwest at SW at 1:30 p.m.
- 15 Soccer—SW vs Afton at Tilles Park at 4:00 p.m. Girls Tennis Districts.
- 16 Soccer—SW vs St. Mary's at St. Mary's at 4:00 p.m. Volleyball—SW vs Vashon at O'Fallon at 4:00 p.m. Cross Country—SW at Carondelet Park.
- 18 Soccer—SW vs Roosevelt at Tilles Park at 4:00 p.m.
- 20 "B" Football—SW vs Vashon at SW at 9:30 a.m. Football—SW vs Vashon at SW at 1:30 p.m.
- 23 Tennis—SW vs Beaumont at Sublette at 4:00 p.m. Soccer—SW vs Northwest at Tilles Park at 4:00 p.m. Cross Country—SW at O'Fallon Park at 4:00 p.m.
- 24 Soccer—SW vs DeSmet at Tilles Park at 4:00 p.m.

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