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Study Skills Introduced SW Initiates Program

by Janelle Mason and Andrette Watson

Southwest, in the 1981-82 school year, has introduced a new Study Skills Program. At the end of the 1980-81 school year the administration and faculty members evaluated the students' academic performance and found the student body was not achieving the standards needed to prepare them for their future academic and economic experiences. Feeling something had to be done, they developed the Study Skills classes as a solution.

The Study Skills Curriculum consists of four sections: career exploration, study habits, skills to help achieve success in school and a section to help the students prepare for the responsibilities of adulthood.

The four sections are subdivided into twelve other areas. The subjects are basically the same for each grade level though some areas may be stressed differently according to the general needs of that grade.

At first there was some discussion about how much credit

the class should carry. During the summer at a teachers' seminar the planners decided that the class should carry full credit.

Students are to be graded as having mastered, partially mastered or as not having completed the course.

The coordinators of the Study Skills classes include: Roger Cayce-9th grade, John Personett-10th grade, Vivian Jones, who will coordinate the entire program and 11th grade and Bonnie Burgett-12th grade. So far they all seem optimistic. The future of the program depends on how things go this year.

Personett commented on the early stages of the program, "We are achieving more than expected." In general he feels the program has been needed for quite some time.

Burgett and Personett agree that the students should master sixty percent of the performance objectives suggested by the progress chart. They both feel that it is a good program and should be continued for more than one year.

Joyce Davis, a teacher new to Southwest, commented, "The student's aren't very serious about the program right now, but as they go along their seriousness will grow." She thinks that instead of making Study Skills a class, it should be taught in a certain area such as English or be made available to students whose grades indicate the need for it.

Senior Sandra Williams commented, "I feel that this class can benefit anyone if they take it seriously. It's never too late to start learning."

During the fourth week of the semester Southwest lost four of its teaching positions causing some modifications to be made in the Study Skills Program. Presently all freshmen will remain in the Study Skills classes. If they do not need the credit sophomores, juniors and seniors have been given the option of substituting a study hall for the classes. The majority of the students have chosen to remain in the program, therefore, individual classes will be larger than originally planned.

SW Curriculum Is Modified

compiled by Staff

During the last two years, the variety of courses at Southwest has decreased steadily. Among the courses no longer being offered are those attractive to students interested in advanced work.

The Science Department suffered the greatest losses; eight classes including Advanced Biology, Advanced Chemistry, Astronomy, Earth Science, Environmental Science, Introductory Physical Science, Mammals and Man and Meteorology were cut.

Science Department Head Robert Brown stated that the lack of science teachers resulted in so many science classes being dropped. At one time, the Science Department had a staff of eleven teachers; now there are only five.

Calculus has been dropped from the Mathematics Department. According to Math Department Head John Personett, only five students would have taken the class this year.

Communications Laboratory 5, a Communications Skills class reserved for above-average freshmen, was eliminated from the English curriculum. A lack of qualified freshmen made this cancellation necessary.

Western Civilization, a college prep course, also has been discontinued. Social Studies Department Head Marilyn Chase felt that students have no longer taken an interest in the course.

In the Foreign Language Department, French 5 and 6 are no longer offered. Foreign Language Department Head Anne Marie Medley commented that staffing problems made this cut unavoidable.

Courses dropped from the Business Department include Office Co-op, Office Practice, Secretarial

Practice and Shorthand. The two-period class length required for Office Practice and Secretarial Practice presented programming problems, and therefore had to be cut. Suffering from a shortage of qualified students, Office Co-op and Shorthand could no longer be offered.

Although obstacles prevented the continuation of these courses, including a lack of student interest, a lack of qualified students and a lack of teachers, many students still resent the cuts. Junior Priscilla Patton commented, "I think the dropping of advanced classes is a big mistake because when you become a senior and you are too advanced for the classes offered, you lose out. You also lose your sense of study, basically, because your classes don't require studying. This makes it hard for you to adapt to college

studying."

Senior Lisa Collins echoed the feeling of most students, "The quality of education at Southwest has diminished rapidly. I, for one, do not agree with the person who thinks we should not have any advanced classes. I had French 5 dropped; I will not be prepared when I enter college unless I learn on my own, but isn't learning the reason I'm here?"

D.E. Attracts Many

by Davena Daniels

Although jobs are hard to find, programs have been developed to help high school students in their search. Distributive Education Clubs of America is a program which began in 1963 to help seniors find jobs. Although the program is

funded by the state and the federal government, all expenses are controlled by the Distributive Education Coordinator. All students in DECA are required to take the D.E. course which offers students information about the business world. Students must work 225 hours per semester to receive the two credits given.

Calvin Lecuyer, D.E. Coordinator at Southwest, feels that, "the program makes students feel more responsible." Students in DECA work at clothing stores, service stations and fast food restaurants. In order to be prepared for the course, Lecuyer encourages new juniors to take Merchandising as a pre-requisite.

Presently the program is not having any immediate problems as a result of the current budget cuts. The program is supposed to continue indefinitely.

Lecuyer says coordinators might have to cut expenses, but there is no immediate danger of DECA being discontinued.

A record number of 41 students are involved in the D.E. program at Southwest.

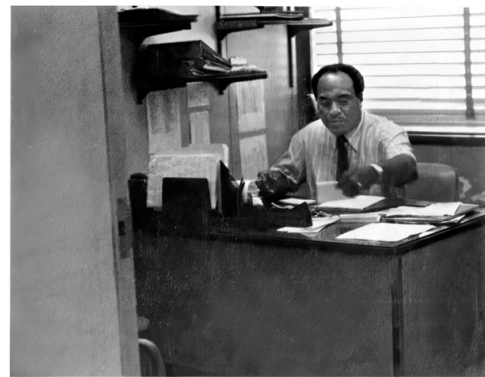


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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CLEM BILLINGSLEY enjoys his new position at Southwest.

New Staff Arrives

by Lisa Robinson and Robert Woods

As the 1981-82 school year began, several new faculty members became a part of the Southwest staff. As a result of the resignation of Stephen Warmack, Southwest also received a new administrator.

Clem Billingsley has been appointed Assistant Principal of Southwest. After graduating from Sumner, Billingsley enrolled at Washington University to earn his Ph.D. Later he returned to Sumner as Assistant Principal of Guidance and Discipline. Earlier in his career, he had been a department head in science at Vashon.

Besides his chosen profession as an educator, Billingsley has many interests including baseball, football, basketball, the outdoors and swimming. "I wish Southwest had a swimming pool," commented Billingsley while he enjoyed the cool, refreshing breeze on the esplanade.

In the opinion of the new Assistant Principal, Southwest has good qualities and the students are well-behaved. His primary goal for the coming year is to become better acquainted with the students.

Agnes Quinn, a counselor for Task Force Four is a graduate of Washington University. Before coming to Southwest, she was a counselor at Soldan for twenty-one years. While she believes that it is too early for her to form an opinion of the school, she is optimistic about the future.

Librarian Mildred Connors, who was transferred to Waring last year as a result of the court-

ordered desegregation, has returned to Southwest. Since her return she has noticed various changes in school and student body. She is very impressed with the changes and looks forward to the school year.

Barbara Cook, Southwest's speech teacher, came from the Ferguson School District. She has been with the St. Louis Public School System for one year. Her transfer from Ferguson to the St. Louis Public Schools was her own decision. She had an opportunity to return to Ferguson, but she wanted to experience new things with older students. That the students are very nice and the teachers are very helpful was her response when asked how she felt about Southwest. She is available for consultation on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and she teaches at Hempstead on the remaining days.

Joyce Davis has been teaching in the St. Louis Public Schools since 1969. At Southwest she teaches Basic Geometry and Geometry I. Davis commented that she liked the change from Gundlach Elementary School to Southwest. "It's great because the students and teachers are nice." What she appreciates very much is the clean building.

Finno Coleman, one of the new supernumeraries, is a graduate of Lincoln University. He is certified to teach in the fields of social studies, math and English.

Marion Reese, also a supernumerary, is a graduate of Northeast Missouri University. Reese finds Southwest to be a big school and jokingly commented, "I'm always getting lost!"

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SW Receives Exchange Student

by Glenys Tracy

Seventeen-year old Fredrik Lundgren is not the average Southwest senior. Fredrik is an exchange student from Stockholm, Sweden, spending this school year in the United States on a scholarship-living experience.

Fredrik arrived in the United States in early August. His sponsor, the Educational Foundation for Foreign Study, chose St. Louis as his home for the year. He was originally programmed for Cleveland High School, but due to Cleveland's problem of overcrowding, he was transferred to Southwest.

Fredrik, in his comments on

Southwest, stated, "I like it, but this kinda feels like a prison. In Sweden we have more freedom and ten-minute breaks in between classes, but here you're confined to stay in one place by 'Out of Bounds.'"

According to Fredrik, life in Stockholm isn't much different than in the United States. Students there dress much like the students at Southwest, in blue jeans, tennis shoes and T-shirts. They also have different preferences for music just as Southwest students do.

"People in Sweden divide themselves into punks, heavy metal and disco." Rock bands popular here in the U.S. have just as big of a following in Europe, with the exception of *Abba*. Commented Fredrik, "*Abba* is only popular outside of Sweden. I don't know why, but people in Sweden don't like them." His favorite artists are Ozzy Osbourne, *Rush*, *Journey*,

Who, *Rolling Stones* and especially Bruce Springsteen, and he is eagerly awaiting some of the upcoming concerts in St. Louis.

Fredrik's hobbies are downhill skiing (he was a ski instructor in Austria last winter), water skiing and rock music. He plays bass guitar in a rock band in Sweden.

One of Fredrik's new interests is the video game, *Space Invaders*. Before school began this year, Fredrik was taught how to play *Space Invaders* on the Atari Television Center. He was easily hooked, but now he has moved on to bigger and better things: Pinball!

When Fredrik arrived in St. Louis, he had planned to stay for only one year to learn how people live in the United States. But after talking to a professor friend, Fredrik may decide to stay in the United States longer, perhaps attending college at Mizzou.

Students And Faculty Travel

Throughout the summer of '81, Southwest students could be found spending their vacation in many different ways. Some stayed in the Gateway City. Mary Eiland, one student who was fortunate enough to travel, commenting on her trip to California and Florida, said, "I really enjoyed myself! I went to the beach and did some sailing."

Reggie West, a senior, traveled to Atlanta, Georgia. He stated, "The most exciting part of my trip was the airplane ride."

Gerald Rice, also a senior, visited Lafayette, Indiana, for

by Davena Daniels and John Riccroft
baseball competition of summer teams. Although Gerald was only there for the weekend, he felt that, "The games were very exciting and challenging."

Students weren't the only ones who were fortunate enough to spend their vacations away from St. Louis; Southwest faculty members also travelled. Anne Medley toured the Spanish Missions, and San Francisco. Medley especially enjoyed "Heart's Castle" because of its size and beauty.

Librarian Q. Eldridge, while in New Orleans, explored the French Quarters. She noted that "The trip was bizarre, but exciting. The bodies in the cemeteries were buried above ground because of sea level."

Librarian M. Connors, spent four weeks in Canada. Connors stated, "I enjoyed the beauty of the Canadian Rockies." Connors, after traveling a total of 7,580 miles, felt that, "once you've been to other parts of the world, you can truly say that the best things in life are free."

Journey Rocks The Dome

by Glenys Tracy

Journey, a San Francisco-based rock group, played to the delight of almost 19,000 fans at the Checkerdome on Wednesday, September 23.

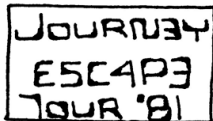
This year's tour, *ESCAP3*, billed as "a power brighter and hotter than a thousand supernovas," certainly played an evening of non-stop emotional energy.

Journey is composed of Steve Perry on lead vocals, Ross Valory on bass and vocals, Steve Smith on drums, Neal Schon on guitar and vocals, and newcomer Jonathan Cain on keyboards and vocals.

The band opened with the title cut "Escape" from its latest album. This gave lead Perry a chance to run around the stage's outside ramps, used quite often throughout the concert to gain greater audience response. The enthusiastic crowd screamed with delight when *Journey* next played "Where Were You" and other

songs from their *Departure* album including "Line of Fire" which ended with the firing of rockets and "Stay Awake."

Last week *Journey* was the number one rock group in America with the album *ESCAP3*. From that track they played "Don't Stop Believing," "Stone In Love," "Mother, Father," and "Keep on



Running," featuring keyboardist Jonathan Cain on lead vocals. Cain is excellent on keyboards, but his voice can't compare with the unique voice of Steve Perry.

When *Journey* performed its final song "Wheel in the Sky," the audience in approval joined in for the chorus. Participation ap-

peared to be unanimous.

As the band left the stage, the *ESCAP3* Tour 1981 banner was unfurled to reveal a beetle-shaped spaceship. After well-deserved applause the banner rolled up and the stage opened to reveal the five members ready to play an encore. *Journey* played, "Lovin' Touchin', Squeezin'," and "Anyways You Want It," before leaving in a shower of blasts.

This was the type of concert St. Louis rock fans look forward to - high energy, party-hardy rock and roll.

SW Students Learn About Ecology

by Erika Neal

ECO-ACT (Ecology-Action), an environmental/leadership program sponsored by the St. Louis Public Schools and the Missouri Botanical Garden (Shaw's Garden), is designed to involve high school and elementary students in cleaning and preserving the environment. The high school students plan to be teaching third to sixth grade students attending the Buder, Bancker, Dunbar, Delmar Harvard and Captain Schools.

Participants consist of the

following five area high schools: Clayton, University City, St. Louis University, Vashon and Southwest High Schools. Marquita Brown, Kenneth Crist, Jacqueline McGill, Erika Neal, Charonda Stroud, and Carolyn Wilson represent Southwest. David Wilson, the program coordinator, collaborated with Dr. Ophaline Anderson to initiate the program at Southwest.

ECO-ACT held an orientation meeting on August 3, with the high school students visiting different areas of the city and county to get in tune with the St. Louis area.

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Ballplayers Strike

by Jasmine Hevia

There was no spitting of tobacco or bubble gum popping in the deserted dugout. No bellows of "Peanuts!" or "Cold B-e-e-r!" could be heard. The melancholy scene spread to all major league ballparks throughout the country, brought about by a baseball players' walkout which began on June 12 and lasted until July 31.

During this period of time, baseball became a very touchy subject. No one understood what more the players could possible want with their already sky-high salaries.

The question "Who do they think they are anyway?" reflected the general attitude of the public. Many people lost respect for baseball and its players and began to form an image of baseball as being a greedy business, and players as being money-hungry, self-centered and insensitive.

Who could blame the fans, when

everyday, all they heard about were the ill-effects of the strike; that it left people who worked in stadiums without their jobs and caused cities to lose much needed revenue. These bitter facts turned some fans away from baseball in some cases temporarily, in others permanently. Few people went so far as to vow never to attend another game, but many expressed their displeasure with the whole situation.

The grass wasn't necessarily greener on the players' side. They were losing money and not gaining too much sympathy from the fans. Nevertheless, the players stood firm. They believed in what they were striking for and felt that the walkout would prove to be beneficial in the end. The players agreed that unfortunately it was the fans who were being hurt the most by the strike, but they asked the public to understand and to bear with them, at the same time knowing that the fans had every right to feel angry.

Fifty long days of stalemates and accusations finally ended in an agreement between players and owners, just as hopes for the baseball season were all but gone. So baseball was back. The question was: Did anyone care?

To the surprise of some, the majority of the public did care. Of course, as expected, there were small numbers of people who decided to hold a grudge, but overall, baseball received a warm 'welcome back' reception.

The fans came back to the ballparks. They sat in the stands, drank beer, cheered for their teams, but best of all, they showed that they could forgive and forget.

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1981 JUNIOR AND SENIOR BOARDS. Seniors are standing, Juniors sitting. (Some members were not present for photo)

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Sr. And Jr. Officers Elected

by Rich Elson

With the 1981-82 school year, the Senior and Junior Boards will be combining to form one team under the co-leadership of Georgia Schoeffel and Margo Peterson.

Both groups and their sponsors will work together on the ordering of class rings and buttons, the planning of rec nights, the organization of sales projects and other activities aimed at both classes.

Elections for Senior Board officers were held on September 8; officers and assistant officers have been chosen for each position. The 1981-82 Senior Board officers are: George Theodorou-President

Tammy Hale-Assistant to President

David Snodgrass-Vice-President

Kelly Alexander-Assistant to Vice President

Detrich Holiday-Secretary

Tom Dannenberger-Assistant to Secretary

Linda Buchanan-Treasurer

Debbie Dutton-Assistant to Treasurer

The following are the Junior Class Officers for 1981-82:

Ann Arcelona-President

Nixietta Williams-Assistant to President

Ruby Talley-Vice-President

Carlos Sampson-Assistant to Vice-President

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Chris Lehr-Secretary
Kris Weingart-Assistant to Secretary
Kim Schwartz-Treasurer
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On September 21, a survey was distributed to seniors in their Study Skills classes. This survey was designed to get ideas and suggestions from the seniors on topics such as the prom and prom themes, a senior trip, a class motto and fund-raising. A senior fee will be collected to pay for last year's PSAT tests and other expenses.

SW Band Plans A New Year

by Terrasita Cuffie

On September 4, while most first period classes were concerned with distributing books, taking notes, and finishing assignments, members of the Southwest High School Symphonic Band were beginning their day with a pizza party. However, this party had an ulterior motive: to give the band members an opportunity to test the quality of the pizza and decide whether or not the pizza kits were worth selling. The decision was unanimous; the Original Perry County Pizza Kit sales were on!

Other fund-raising activities will include citrus fruit sales (grapefruits and oranges) and the annual Southwest Band Spaghetti Dinner.

As in the past, proceeds from fund-raising projects will be used for the purchase of new music and the annual Spring Tour. The Symphonic Band and Jazz Band will be touring in the Smoky Mountain area and have accepted

an invitation to perform at the World's Fair in Knoxville, Tennessee.

The Band will also perform at two major shopping centers and will participate in the band-choir concerts in the winter and spring.

On Tuesday, September 7, the 1981-82 Band Officers were selected. Senior David Shockley was elected to the office of President, senior Laura Triska, Vice-President, junior Danny Harzopolous, Secretary, senior Glenn Feldhaus, Treasurer, and senior Craig Kinnmann, Accountant.

The duties of the officers will consist of managing fund-raising activities, and helping Band Director Robert Nordman plan Spring Tour activities.

The Symphonic Band of 1981-82 has only one major problem. During the first couple of weeks of school there was some question about whether there would be any trombone players participating in

the Symphonic Band. However, as of September 13, two trombone players were recruited. Not having a sufficient amount of people to cover parts is not only a problem at Southwest but in other area high schools as well.

One of the reasons for the current deterioration of instrumental music program involves last year's court-ordered desegregation program.

Before the court-ordered desegregation program, certain elementary schools served as feeder systems to high schools in their surrounding areas. These elementary schools produced students who had sufficient backgrounds in instrumental music to enable them to enter the ranks of high-school bands.

Now, as a result of the desegregation program, either the schools have closed, the band programs have been cut or instrumental music instructors have been assigned to other schools.

News And Notes

College Tests Begin

Seniors who are considering going to college will probably find it necessary to take either the SAT or ACT Assessment Tests. Scores from these tests are required on almost all college admission forms.

The SAT or ACT should be taken as soon as possible so that the information can aid in career planning.

Students must register a few weeks in advance to be eligible to take the tests. Registration forms are available in the counselors' office.

Test dates for the 1981-82 SATs are: November 7 (October 2), December 5 (October 30), January 23 (December 18), March 27 (February 19), May 1 (March 26), and June 5 (April 30). Dates in parenthesis indicate the respective registration deadlines for each test.

The 1981-82 ACTs will be given on: December 12 (November 13), February 20 (January 22), April 3 (March 5), and June 12 (May 14).

Further information and registration forms are available in 300.

Hello Day Planned

The annual Hello Day has been organized by the Student Council for October 9. An aud session will be held during the third period. Auditions have taken place for skits by various groups and organizations, including presentations from the Pompon Squad. The aud is given annually to welcome students to Southwest and to familiarize them with the clubs and organizations offered here. Buttons will be sold featuring the theme, "Making Friends".

The day will be topped off with a "Friendship Dance", also to be given by Student Council, and to be held in the Boys' New Gym from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Music, provided by a D.J. from KSLQ-FM radio, will be the source of entertainment. Tickets will go on sale Monday, October 5, and may be purchased in advance or at the door. Refreshments will also be

sold at the dance.

Senior Sharmel Moore, Vice-President of Student Council and Chairperson of Activities Committee feels, "Hello Day should be a big success because the quality of acts we have recruited and the hard work put in of planning and preparation."

Enrollment Statistics

A sharp decline in enrollment is evident at Southwest this school year. The present enrollment of approximately 1088 students is smaller than last year's beginning enrollment of 1250 students. There are 243 new freshmen, 274 sophomores, 261 juniors and 281 seniors enrolled at press time. The current black/white ratio is 52.8%/47.1%.



Partnerships Expand

by Julie Moeckel

Approximately seventeen teachers are involved in the expanding Partnership Program, now in its second year at Southwest. The purpose of the program is to enrich ordinary classroom with the aid of business professionals. Volunteers from St. Louis area businesses are invited to visit classes and share their working experiences and talents with the students. In some instances, the students visit the businesses and receive "hands-on" training.

Southwest's largest partnership has been with the Monsanto Company, which has volunteered eighty workers to participate in the program. The teachers and their areas of interest in this partnership include: Roger CayCe, geography; Wallace Droste, chemistry; Mary Kelly, accounting; Anita Madsen, math; Celestine Windom, office machines; Ronald Zapf, physics; and Mulugheta Teferi, biology.

Study Skills Coordinators Bonnie Burgett, Roger CayCe, Vivian Jones, and John Personett are also involved in the program. Business representatives will counsel Study Skills classes on topics such as time management, business controls and career planning.

In addition to Monsanto, Southwest has partnerships with several other businesses. On September 24, students interested in journalism attended an all-day journalism workshop held at the Partnership

Program's main office. Working alongside newpeople such as Tommy Robertson and George Curry of the *Post-Dispatch*, these students received direct training in news reporting, feature writing, sports writing and layout.

Georgia Schoeffel's Show Biz classes participate in a partnership with the Metro Circus Theatre, although no meetings have been planned yet.

Another growing partnership has developed with the Sister Cities Organization. The aim of this program is to acquaint students with the cultures and lifestyles of those sister cities.

Originating this year is a partnership between Robert Nordman's music classes and the American Federation of Musicians. Individualized class instruction, clinics, workshops and musical performances will all be a part of this newly-formed partnership.

Last year, Ernestine McKellar's American Literature classes collaborated with Gregory Franzwa, an author from St. Louis. McKellar commented that she hoped this partnership would be continued since she felt it was very beneficial to her students.

Aiming to benefit more students and teachers as it expands and grows, the Partnership Program will receive continuing support from Southwest High School.



photo by T. Cuffie

JUNIOR ANGELA TRUDO performs with SW Wranglerettes at Busch Stadium.

Squad Entertains At Stadium

On September 20, 1981, the Southwest Wranglerettes, along with sixteen other squads, provided halftime entertainment at the Cardinals vs. Redskins Football Game. This event, sponsored annually by the Metropolitan Area Pompon Association, involved approximately four-hundred girls from the St. Louis area.

Beginning in July, the officers from each squad met to choreograph three routines to be performed at Busch Stadium. After completing the routines, the officers taught them to their squads. Meeting at Kirkwood High School, the sixteen squads practiced together only four times

before performing at the game.

The girls performed three routines based on the theme "Broadway": "Old Broadway," entrance and exit, "Fame," pompon routine, and "One", a high-kick routine. Patterned after the finale of "A Chorus Line," the routine performed to "One" ended with approximately twenty-eight high kicks.

The eighteen girls representing Southwest really enjoyed performing at Busch Stadium. Joye Wilkerson, a senior squad member, commented, "It was alot of hard work, but it was really fun! I'd do it again if I could. I especially enjoyed performing for so many people at one time."

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In Pre-season, Longhorns 1-1 Wolverines Defeated, 18-6

by Todd Abernathy

The Southwest Longhorns' Football Team opened its 1981 Season on a dismal note as the team lost to the C.B.C. Cadets 35-6. The Longhorns' only touchdown came from a short yardage run by junior Todd Gooch. The extra-point conversion was missed. Each time juniors Ron Rolles and Darnell Parker, key players in the game, got their hands on the ball, the Steers seemed to move up the field by 4 or 5 yards.

The Steers next faced the Webster Groves Statesmen. Southwest won this game six to zero. Parker again had an outstanding game as he scored on a 20-yard screen from quarterback, Wayne Stallings. The defense in this game was superb as the Longhorns held

off numerous drives by the Statesmen. After this win, the Longhorns had a pre-season record of 1-1.

In the third game of the season, the Longhorns played the Vashon Wolverines, with Southwest winning this one, 18-6. Junior runningback, Kevin Holman scored all three touchdowns for Southwest, while senior end, Barron Ball, intercepted three of Vashon's passes.

Holman's first touchdown resulted from a 15-yard run up the right side. The extra point was missed, and the Steers led 6-0. The second touchdown also came from a run up the right side. After scoring the second touchdown, the Longhorns tried a two-point conversion which failed. The Steers

then led 12-0.

For the third score, Holman received a handoff from Stallings which he ran in from the 10-yard line. The Steers led 18-0, as the extra point was not converted. Just after the third quarter had begun, Holman received a punt on the 20-yard line. Running for what was thought to be a 50-yard run, Holman's run was called back because of off-setting penalties. The penalties were facemasking against the Longhorns, and clipping against Vashon. Vashon wouldn't go down without a fight as they scored a touchdown off a 15-yard pass play early in the fourth quarter.

The Longhorns were defeated 18-8 by the Northwest Blue Devils. (Deadline prevented a commentary on the game.)



photo by T. Cuffie

SOUTHWEST PLAYER CARRIES the ball for a 6- yard gain in the season opener.

Soccer Team Loses First Two

by Gina Zelenovich

The Southwest Steers Soccer Team opened its season with a 5-0 loss to Bishop DuBourg. The home game was played September 4, at Tillies Park. Despite senior goalie Stan Dippel's immense efforts to keep DuBourg from scoring, its team managed to get 5 goals.

Coached by Tom Brannon, a teacher at Mitchell School, the soccer team is composed mostly of seniors.

Senior Bob Richmann, who acts as co-captain, stated, "The team has improved since last year, but due to a lack of players our abilities weaken as we tire in the second half of our games."

The Longhorns' second game of the season took place on Thursday, September 10 at CBC with Southwest losing 9-0. This loss was followed by play in the St. Louis Public High League Tournament,

which began on Monday, September 14. The Steers' first game, planned for Tuesday, September 15, was cancelled; therefore, they played Wednesday, September 16. That game resulted in a 1-0 victory over the Academy of Math and Science High School. Southwest players displayed much teamwork and worked toward an earned victory.

However, the Longhorns after a long struggle suffered a defeat against Cleveland on Saturday, September 19, at Forest Park. The action built up as both teams' defense were revealed, but the game resulted in a 2-0 loss.

The Steers have a present total record of 1-3, but Junior Spiro Cosmos commented, "The team is strong and experienced since most of them are seniors, and we have a very good chance at winning PHL." The present PHL record stands at 1-1.

Team Lacks Members

by Gina Zelenovich

The Southwest Field Hockey Team opened its season with some major problems. Lack of players was the chief setback. Sarah Powers, a teacher at Turner Middle School, volunteered to coach the girls as they began practicing in late August. They started with an almost stable number of players, but membership dropped for various reasons. With the beginning of school came fears that the team would have to be cut, mainly due to the lack of players and no time to recruit them. But the ambition of the few players managed to keep the team alive. Presently, it consists of eleven players, Margaret Ellison acting as captain. The Longhorns are a young, devoted team with only one senior, Ellison, and there are no returning underclassmen. Ellison's

pre-season opinion was, "The team is young and inexperienced, but we have a good chance of doing well in the league."

The first game of the season, played on Saturday, September 19, was a 2-1 loss to Northwest. Ellison scoring the Longhorns' only goal. Powers was a former Field Hockey coach for the Blue Devils; therefore the game represented a great rivalry for her.

The opposition scored their 2 winning goals in the last five minutes of the game.

On Tuesday, September 22, the Longhorns played the McKinley Goldbugs, and although SW put up a strong fight, the game was a 3-3 tie.

The Longhorns present total record in PHL 0-1-1.

Girls Make Strong Comeback

by Janelle Mason

The Southwest Girls' Volleyball Team has started the season with both a taste of victory and defeat.

The team suffered its first loss in a practice game against Bishop DuBourg. The girls played hard but couldn't manage to sustain a lead in either game. Southwest lost both games of the match.

The Longhorns got off to a much better start in PHL play, defeating the O'Fallon Hornets two game to none with scores of 15-5, 15-9. B-team won also, 15-1, 15-3.

The 1981 varsity team consists of 12 girls, six of whom are seniors. Because of the large number of returning girls, the team has experience. Coach Erma Nevells said, "We have a very good team this year although there are areas that we still need work on. Since

we are only losing six players next year, the team will be strong again next season. The B-team players look very promising." The varsity captain and co-captain are Janelle Mason and Beverly Sanders respectively. Junior captains are Brenda White and Denise Smith.

Junior Gina Zelenovich of the varsity team stated, "We have a good team although we need to work together as a team a little more. I was surprised we lost to DuBourg, but we put up a tough fight. I think we need more support at our games by having more spectators."



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SW Sports Calendar

October

- 2 Soccer, SW vs Cleveland at Carondelet at 4:00 p.m.
- Volleyball, SW vs Northwest at Vashon at 4:00 p.m.
- Field Hockey, SW vs Central Forest Park South at 4:00 p.m.
- 6 Volleyball, SW vs Sumner at Vashon at 4:00 p.m.
- Cross Country, SW vs O'Fallon, Cleveland at O'Fallon Park at 4:00 p.m.
- B Football, SW vs CBC at Southwest at 4:00 p.m.
- 7 Field Hockey, SW vs Sumner at Forest Park South at 4:00 p.m.
- 9 Cross Country, Southside Invitational at Carondelet at 4:00 p.m.
- 10 B-Football, SW vs Soldan at Northwest at 1:30 p.m.
- Varsity Football, SW vs Soldan at Southwest at 9:30 a.m.
- Field Hockey, SW vs Beau-

- mont at Forest Park at 10:30 a.m.
- 13 Volley, SW vs Beaumont at Southwest at 4:00 p.m.
- Cross Country, SW vs Beaumont and Vashon at O'Fallon
- Park at 4:00 p.m.
- Soccer, SW vs Central at Tillies Park at 4:00 p.m.
- 14 Field Hockey, SW vs Soldan at Forest Park North at 4:00 p.m.
- 15 Volleyball, SW vs Soldan at Southwest at 4:00 p.m.
- Soccer, SW vs Math. & Sci. at Fairgrounds #1 at 4:00 p.m.
- 17 B-Football, SW vs Cleveland at Southwest at 9:30 a.m.
- Varsity Football, SW vs Cleveland at Southwest at 1:30 p.m.
- Field Hockey, SW vs Roosevelt at Forest Park South at 10:30 a.m.

- 20 Soccer, SW vs Sumner at Tillies Park at 4:00 p.m.
- Volleyball, SW vs McKinley at Southwest at 4:00 p.m.
- Cross Country, PHL Meet at O'Fallon Park at 3:00 p.m.
- 21 Soccer, SW vs St. Louis U. at St. Louis U. at 4:00 p.m.
- B-Football, SW vs St. Louis U. at Southwest at 4:00 p.m.
- 22 Volleyball, SW vs Roosevelt at O'Fallon at 4:00 p.m.
- Soccer, SW vs Soldan at Tillies Park at 4:00 p.m.
- 24 B-Football, SW vs McKinley at Roosevelt at 4:30 a.m.
- Varsity Football, SW vs McKinley at Roosevelt at 1:30 p.m.
- Cross Country, Districts
- 27 Volleyball, SW vs Cleveland at Southwest at 4:00 p.m.
- 28 Soccer, SW vs DeSmet at Tillies Park at 4:00 p.m.