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SENIOR MELENCIA LIGHT was crowned Miss Southwest at the 1981 Football Homecoming Dance.

Queen Is Crowned

by Julie Moeckel

A spirited atmosphere permeated Southwest as Homecoming arrived the weekend of October 31.

Homecoming activities began on Monday, October 26 with the Miss Southwest Aud Session. Nominated by the Lettermen's Club, the ten senior girls running for Miss SW were introduced during the aud. A list of each girl's accomplishments and activities at Southwest accompanied the candidates' introductions. Students voted for the candidate of their choice and ballots were tallied during the week.

Homecoming festivities continued Saturday morning with a long and colorful Homecoming Parade. Various organizations began decorating cars as early as 10:00 a.m., hoping to win the prize awarded to the best-decorated car. A cleverly designed shark car, created by the swim team, captured first place in the parade. Second place went to the senior car

and third, to the pompon car.

To the Southwest fans' dismay, the O'Fallon Hornets defeated the Football Longhorns by a score of 14-13. During halftime, the Southwest Pompon Squad performed a routine to "Super Freak".

Homecoming climaxed with the Miss SW Dance, held in the Boys' New Gym on Saturday evening. Many couples danced to the music spun by KSLQ's Brad Hildebrand. As the magic hour of 9:00 p.m. approached, the candidates and their escorts prepared for the ceremony. Melencia Light was crowned the new Miss SW at approximately 9:25 p.m. Nancy Lehr, substituting for Maria Carnes (last year's Queen), placed the crown on this year's winner. Melencia, presently secretary of the Pompon Squad and a participant in the operetta, commented, "I was very excited and surprised when they announced my name. I didn't know what to say!"

Program Develops Leaders

by Glenys Tracy

The 1981-1982 school year brings a new program into the St. Louis City High Schools. This program, entitled, Honors Leadership, has been modeled after the Honors Art/Honors Music in an additional effort to ease the city desegregation problem by involving students from many different high schools into one class.

The class is designed for the student who shows potential for becoming a leader. Teacher of the class, Jim Vogelsang commented, "We are looking for quality people who are willing to give of themselves. They must enjoy the outdoors and be interested in learning more about themselves. We just

want people interested in becoming better human beings."

Besides the four Southwest students, Ken Hutchinson, Renee McCoy, Betty Davidse and Glenys Tracy involved in the class this semester, there are sixteen others from Beaumont, Metro and Vashon High Schools. The coordinators are trying to get at least three more city high schools and two county schools to participate in the program.

The class is part of the student's daily schedule, however, it extends one hour beyond the regular school day. The student receives 2 credits per semester (1 full unit) as an elective course, rather than the regular 1 credit (½ unit) given to the other daily classes.

Because the coordinators want many students to be given the opportunity to participate, the class is only offered as a one-

semester course. Recruits are now being sought for next semester.

The organization of the class is designed on that of an open-classroom concept. Instead of meeting in the same place daily, a variety of sites are used to develop the themes of Outdoor Challenge (Adventure), Why Humans Create (Culture), Living With the Earth (Ecology), and The Other America (Community). Through a wide range of activities, students are taught skills by the teachers and then are expected to be able to teach those same skills to others, mainly grade school children. The group has given children a historic tour of Tower Grove Park, a compass and mapping session in Forest Park, a teepee set-up at Principia School, and a nature experience through Shaw's Garden. Southwest student Davidse

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Conferences A Success

The fall Parent-Teacher Conferences were held in the Boys' New Gym on November 12 from 12:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Marvin Koenig, principal at Southwest, felt the conferences beneficial this year with three-hundred and thirty-three students being represented by their parents.

Koenig, responding to questions on how to encourage more parents into participating in the Parent-Teacher Conferences, stated, "We should have the conferences in the

evenings with different schools holding them on different days." He also felt that picking up report cards by parents should be made mandatory for his or her child's registration for the second quarter. When Karen Fulks, a junior at Southwest, was asked how she felt about parents picking up the report cards she replied, "I think that parents should be present at the conferences. This way they can become better acquainted with their child's teachers and they can also follow their child's progress."

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'Pirates of Penzance' Sailing Along Smoothly

by Gina Zelenovich

The 1981 production, *Pirates of Penzance*, is the first genuine operetta to be presented at Southwest in several years. Previous productions have been Broadway musical comedies, loosely referred to as operettas. Productions like *The Music Man* and *Annie Get Your Gun* contain more dialogue than most operettas, where the singing is usually much more important. The vocal and dialogue score of *Pirates of Penzance* is over 200 pages, but only 4 or 5 of those consist of dialogue.

Pirates of Penzance, written in 1879, by the world-renowned team of William Gilbert and Sir Arthur Sullivan, is under the direction of Leontyne Meyer, Vivian Jones, and Robert Nordman with Mary Kelly handling finances.

Gilbert and Sullivan collaborated on some of the world's best known comedies and operettas in the late 1800's, including *Trial By Jury* and *H.M.S. Pinafore*.

This year is the first year Southwest will present an operetta that is still being performed on Broadway. It stars Linda Ronstadt, Rex Smith and Kevin Kline. *Pirates of Penzance* is also being performed in Los Angeles featuring Pam Dawber (of *Mork and Mindy*) and Andy Gibb.

Several of Southwest's cast

members also starred in last year's performance, *Annie Get Your Gun*. Anita Jackson, who portrays Mabel, played the lead in the last operetta. Jackson commented, "The cast of the operetta is slowly coming along. At first we weren't hitting it off so hot as far as the relationship is concerned, but now, due to time, we are slowly coming together."

Other cast members of the previous production include seniors John Riccotti, portraying the Pirate King, and Donna Allen, portraying Edith.

Other members of the cast includes juniors Nolan Sanders and Vince White, senior Leon Mitchell, all portraying Samuel, and Dante Snyder playing Sergeant. Jackie McGill plays Kate while Ruth is portrayed by junior Karen Fulks.

Sophomore Trent Kendall, a first-year Concert Choir member, has the male lead, as Major General Stanley. Frederick, another male role, is being portrayed by Ralph Hart.

The male members of Concert Choir portrays the cast of pirates; the male members of Mixed Chorus, the police, and the girls of both choruses are portraying Major-General Stanley's daughters. (Concert Choir perform during Act I, Mixed Chorus and Junior Choir during Act II).

This year, the entire Southwest Symphonic Band, under the direction of Nordman, will play for the operetta. Concert Choir and Symphonic Band meet the same period (first) this year, which has been an advantage since the groups are able to rehearse together.

Nordman and Senior Matt Pisciotto, with assistance from others, have been working to get the sets painted. The entire show consists of two scenes, Act I and Act II, both using a false background or cyclorama.

Pirates of Penzance will be presented Thursday and Friday, December 3 and 4 at 8:00 P.M. Tickets will cost \$2.00 for Thursday night, \$3.00 for Friday night, and will go on sale later in November.



THE MAJOR-GENERAL (Trent Kendall) rehearses for the "Pirates of Penzance".

photo by T. Cuffie

SW Lends A Hand

by Andrette Watson and Sandra Weaver

During the months of November and December, Southwest students have the opportunity to contribute to charities and other organizations. As in the past, the Junior and Senior Boards and Student Council are again sponsoring these drives.

The UNICEF Drive, directed by Junior Board sponsor, Margaret Peterson, proved to be a success. UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund, is an organization dedicated to raising money to improve conditions of children in areas of nutrition, health care and education. Money collected for UNICEF was forwarded to the United States Committee for UNICEF in New York.

During the week of November 18-25, students and faculty donated canned goods to the Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive, sponsored by Student Council. All canned goods collected will be given to a charitable organization.

The Toys-For-Tots Campaign began in the second week of November. Money is still being collected to help buy toys for children at Cardinal Glennon Hospital. Sponsored by Senior Board, the Toys-For-Tots Campaign is under the direction of Senior Board sponsor, Georgia Schoeffel.

A graph displayed in the senior case shows progress made by contributing study skills classes and study halls. The group which raises the most money will be awarded an off-campus lunch period. A non-perishable canned food drive is also a part of the Toys-For-Tots Campaign.

Southwest drives conclude for 1981 with the Red Cross Blood Drive, sponsored by Mulgutha Teferi. The drive will take place December 18 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. To be a donor, a student must be 17 years or older and weigh at least 110 pounds.

What's Happening

November

26

& Thanksgiving Holidays - No School

27

December

3

& 'Pirates of Penzance' Operetta -

4 SW Aud - 8:00 p.m.

5 SAT Test (Pre-registration

required)

11 Pep Rally

12 ACT Test (Pre-registration

required)

16

- Christmas Door Decorating

18 Contest

18 Red Cross Blood Drive - Girls'

New Gym

23 Christmas Aud - 1st period

Pictures With Santa - Lunch

Christmas Caroling - 6th period

Questions Are Answered

by Davena Daniels and Lisa Robinson

Pioneer, in an effort to determine what Southwest students wanted to know about their school, gathered some of the most frequently asked questions and interviewed faculty members and administrators. The following answers reflect their comments.

Q: Why are dances so short, and why do they cost so much?

A: Three hours of dancing is a reasonable amount of time. It costs more money to keep the building open longer and the Student Council treasury is already in debt. It is in debt because there is not enough support or participation.

Q: Where does the money go that is raised from the dances?

A: The money raised from the dances goes into the treasury and then put into use for other activities.

Q: Why aren't there more school activities and student-teacher participation?

A: There is at least one activity planned per month. Furthermore, the behavior displayed by the students hasn't always been tolerable. There isn't more participation because people have other outside activities.

Q: What is the purpose of Student Council?

A: The purpose of Student Council

is to promote leadership, spirit and service for the students. It is to represent the student body in business with faculty and administrators and also to establish a treasury for the school.

Q: Why are most bathrooms locked?

A: All bathrooms are not locked. The only time that only one bathroom is opened is during lunch. This is due to the behavior of the students. They smoke in the bathrooms, are very destructive and cut classes. All of these are against rules. Also, a lack of personnel does not enable all areas to be kept under surveillance at all times.

Q: Why isn't smoking allowed on the esplanade?

A: Smoking isn't allowed on the esplanade because this area can't be patrolled adequately. Additionally, students have a tendency to think they can get away with smoking marijuana out there because of the vast size.

Q: Why aren't there more activities for seniors?

A: There aren't more activities for seniors because there isn't enough participation. There is some good news though; a Ribbon Day is being considered.

Q: Why didn't juniors and seniors get to elect class officers?

A: The opportunity to elect class officers was taken away because in the past years the voting procedure had been abused. Officers were chosen because of their popularity and not because of their ability.

Q: Why are the junior and senior proms going to be combined?

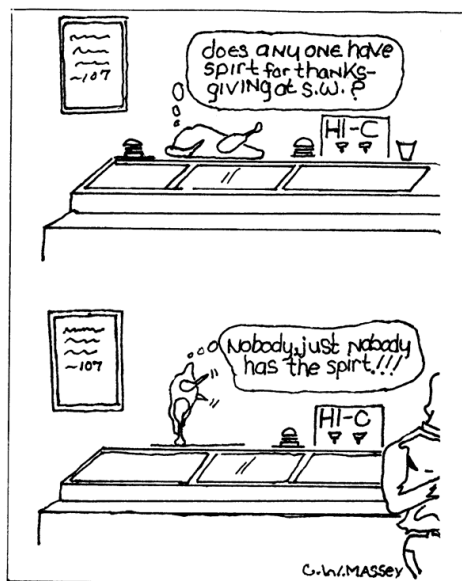
A: First of all, this is not definite. If a combined prom becomes necessary, it will be because of a decrease in students' support and money. It would strictly be formal dress.

Q: Why can't everyone have off-campus lunch?

A: Off-campus lunch is no longer a privilege because of the decrease in student body. In the past, the purpose of off-campus lunch was to decrease the crowd in the cafeteria. There are less than 1000 students enrolled in school. Therefore, all students can be served. Also, because the lunch period has been shortened this doesn't allow enough time to leave and get back to school without being tardy.

Q: Why are there so many ID checks?

A: There are so many ID checks for the safety of students and to keep people out who don't belong here.



Rodeo To Begin

by Laura Beavers

RODEO! The action packed sport that thrills the world is growing in popularity among high school students. To be eligible to join the Missouri Chapter of the High School Rodeo Association a "C" average is required. Only 9-12 graders can join.

The rodeos begin in May and consist of these events for the cowboy: bull riding, bareback riding, saddle bronc, calf roping, team roping and steer wrestling. For the cowgirl: barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying, break away roping and team roping. Team roping is the only event that both can enter.

The cowboy events are very dangerous. Bull riding is probably the most dangerous because the bulls try to hurt the cowboy. It takes nerve and skill to ride a bull. The rider and bull receive points for a score.

Bareback riding requires a rigging and good spurring rhythm to receive a high score.

Saddle bronc is similar to bareback. A saddle and balance are needed for this event.

Calf roping demands skill and practice. The roper must catch the calf around the neck and tie any three legs.

Team roping also needs practice. The roper on the left leaves the roping box first to catch the horns. The second roper, the heeler, comes out after the steer to catch the heels.

Steer wrestling is another demanding event. A hazer is

needed to keep the steer running straight. When the steer is down on its side, the timer stops.

The cowgirl events are exciting. Barrel racing is the most popular event. The pattern is a cloverleaf of three barrels (set at the three points of a triangle.) The barrel race is won and lost in hundredths of a second.

Polebending, another timed event, takes skill and practice. Six poles are set up 21 feet apart and the contestant must run down to the last pole, bend around it and go in and out until the end pole is reached. At that pole a good turn sets up a smooth run back through the pattern. At the end pole a left turn is made and the horse runs for home.

Goat tying is a fun event for everyone. The goat is tethered in the middle of the arena; participants run straight for it. About 10 feet away from the goat, there is the time to stop, and get off as quickly as possible. The goat can be thrown or flipped. Any three legs can be tied. The string must not come untied.

Breakaway roping is chasing a calf to catch it around the neck. The calf is roped and the "slack is waved" (letting the rope completely out.) The string holding the end of the rope to the saddle horn will break. The timer stops when the string breaks.

The competition in rodeo and the thrill of it all is something everyone can experience, whether in a small town or big-time rodeo.



THE SHARK SPONSORED by the Southwest Boys' Swim Team was the winning car in this year's Football Homecoming Parade. SW Student Council presented the team members with the first prize during the Homecoming Game.

photo by Julie Moeckel

Soap Rated Number One

by Jasmine Hevia

Soap operas, once the escape of the middle-aged housewife, have now attracted an unprecedented number of younger viewers. The greatest influence has been ABC's phenomenal *General Hospital*.

With "GH" on the verge of going to daytime heaven about five years ago, its newly hired producer, Gloria Monty, knew something drastic had to be done. She changed the format of the show, axed some scripts, and brought on a wave of younger characters, including Laura Webber.

But that wasn't enough. The

show lacked the ultimate ingredient. Enter the character of Luke Spencer, cocky, streetwise, yet vulnerable—a classic toughie/softie guy: toughie as an errand boy for the Mafia, softie when he fell hopelessly in love with then recently married Laura. He won her over in an unconventional way, which was the beginning of a beautiful friendship between "GH" and the Nielsen ratings.

The two lovers lit up the screen with their electricity, helped along by an out-of-the-ordinary storyline. Two summers ago, while on the

run from the mob, Luke and Laura decoded and turned over to the police the mob leader's little black book. Then they returned to their hometown, small, plain, Port Charles.

What? Luke and Laura finally led normal, everyday lives? Absolutely inconceivable! Their next escapade was anything but humdrum. They, along with dashing secret agent Robert Scorpio, became involved in a topsy-turvy chase after the "Ice Princess". Appropriately, this small statue contained in its base a formula for freezing the world ("GH" never succumbs to run-of-the-mill stuff.) In keeping with its bizarre plot, the chase led them to a secret island where they stopped a madman's plot to turn the world into a popsicle.

Incredible? Yes. But the crazy storylines are done so skillfully, and the chemistry between Luke and Laura is so captivating, that the show succeeds in totally "hooking" the viewer. Actress Elizabeth Taylor is an avid fan and at her request appeared as the widow of the madman from the island.

Luke and Laura's recent wedding was perfect except for a few minor details. Liz Taylor's character unexpectedly showed up the wedding to curse the blissful couple, and Laura's ex-hubby popped in to "punch out" Luke. What's next for Luke and Laura's and "GH's" other storylines? Expect the unexpected!

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Wranglerettes Shine

Active throughout the year, the Southwest Wranglerettes are now practicing for upcoming performances at basketball games. In addition to entertaining at all home football games, the girls participated in two pompon shows held at Roosevelt and Fox High Schools. The squad performed a routine to "Bad Mama Jama" at Roosevelt, and to "This Little Girl" at Fox. Many other pompon squads from the St. Louis area also presented routines at these shows.

Green baseball jackets, with the Southwest design on back, are being sold for \$20.00 by the Wranglerettes as a fund-raising project.

Freshmen, sophomore and junior girls are invited to try out for next year's squad. Practice is to begin in March and will conclude sometime in May when the new girls are selected.

Times Getting Tough

Raising funds to bring down the high costs of the prom and other activities is one of the main functions of the Junior and Senior Boards. As a result of recent sales projects, very little profit was made. Without student support and help from both classes, for activities originally intended to be free, there may be a charge. Money will determine whether or not both proms will be combined.

Planning the class agenda for 1981-1982 school year is very time consuming. Between ordering of class buttons, T-shirts, etc., those students on the Boards find some extra time. This is used for work taken from the study skills text, a decision made by the students on the Boards.

Senior and Junior Boards are in the process of organizing rec. nights for both classes. Support from the students is needed to make them successful.

SW Choir Organizes

Southwest's Gospel Choir held two meetings in October. The first meeting involved students interested in participating in the choir. Election of officers was held during the next meeting. The election results were: Directors—Anita Jackson and Erika Neal, Secretary—Charronda Hunt, Assistant Secretary—Jackie McGill, Treasurer—Denise Pryor, and Assistant Treasurer—Judy Light. The choir designated itself The Gospel Lights in this meeting.

Actual choir rehearsals will be held after the operetta because the majority of choir members are participants in the production and wouldn't be able to attend rehearsals of both groups.

Dance Is Evaluated

For some time now Southwest students have been criticizing the quality of school dances. In order to find out exactly what the students disliked or liked about the Homecoming Dance, the Student Council distributed evaluation forms to twenty students who attended the dance. The following questions were asked:

1. The music quality and variety was:
Excellent-40% Good-50% Fair-10% Poor-0%
2. The band/DJ:
Should-100% Should Not-0% be hired again.
3. The decorations were:
Excellent-5% Good-65% Fair-30% Poor-0%
4. The refreshment selection and quality was:
Excellent-20% Good-45% Fair-30% Poor-5%
5. The refreshment prices were:
Excellent-65% Good-25% Fair-5% Poor-5%
6. The student conduct at the dance was:
Excellent-75% Good-25% Fair-0% Poor-0%
7. I personally:
Enjoyed myself-90% Didn't enjoy myself-10%
8. I intend to:
Come to another dance-90% Not come to another dance-10%



POM PON GIRLS
Ramona Stiles, Sherry Haynes and Yvette Tate take time from decorating their Homecoming Car to pose.

photo by Julie Moeckel

Ensemble Takes Form

by John Ricourt

For the past few years various schools in the St. Louis area have organized "show choirs"; Southwest has developed Vocal Ensemble. This new class is taught by Vivian Jones, music director, who spent the better half of her vacation developing the course. It consists of singing, dancing and other activities.

"I'm glad that it's finally here. This class is very beneficial and gives a chance for music majors to seek out every aspect of music that is possible."

Because the class is new and there isn't a certain text, the students have to work closely with the instructor.

"We learn together. I learn from them what I don't know and I give to them what I do know."

A perfect example of cooperation is the work of Joyce Johnson and Karen Fuls, Joyce and Karen both designed routines for two songs that Vocal Ensemble per-

formed November 20 at The Top of the Sevens Club in Clayton.

There are a few problems with the finances in the class: lack of funding for costumes and because of proposed federal budget cuts, Jones has to decide what music she wants by December!

Joyce Johnson, a senior, stated, "I took this class because I like dancing and because Ms. Jones is fun to learn from."

Ralph Hart, a senior, said, "I took this class because of the experience that it will give me."

Byron Irby, a senior, stated, "This class gives me the opportunity to be involved and know the basics needed to be a music major."

Using sign language while singing for the deaf and combining with Jazz Band to put on shows are among the new ideas Jones is developing for the class.

Jones said, "I'm glad that in this world of Rock 'n Roll that Southwest is keeping up with the times."

HOW TO pick a major

Karin Kadlec, Cornell College senior, talks about narrowing choices, finding a major and deciding what to do with her life.

On sampling a little first:
"It forces you to keep an open mind. To think about other alternatives. One of the worst things you can do is narrow your choices before you know what's out there to sample."

On making up your mind and then changing it: "I'm a great example. When I entered college, I'd made up my mind. I was going to be a doctor. Period. Well, here I am about to graduate with a degree in economics and business. How's that for a 180°?"

On knowing when the major you've picked is the one that's right for you: "...it's when studying doesn't seem like studying. It's when you're so into what you're doing that studying doesn't seem like it's an effort. You naturally find yourself looking for more information... trying to learn all you can."

On putting what you've learned into practice: "I lucked out. I managed a summer internship through IBM for 6 weeks a year ago. I

came away knowing that business was the right place for Karin Kadlec. Some kids aren't so lucky. They spend years studying and training and then they get on the job and they hate it, but they're stuck. You need to know what you're getting into."

On Cornell: "The atmosphere here is so conducive to promoting yourself... to growing and extending... to stretching out. Cornell's One-Course-At-A-Time program is a good example. Every 3½ weeks I get to focus on one subject totally... to learn all I can about it. There are no other subjects to get in the way so I've got time to really explore it. When it's over, I come away knowing more about that subject than I ever dreamed. Another thing... people care here. They take time. The administration and faculty make you feel like anything's possible. I never thought college would be like that. I really didn't."

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Fall Sports Review

by Todd Abernathy, Janelle Mason and Gina Zelenovich

The Southwest Boys' Football Team ended its season with an overall record of 5-4, finishing fourth in PHL with a record of 5-3.

The Longhorns suffered perhaps its most painful defeat against arch-rival O'Fallon Tech on Homecoming Day, losing 13-14. Co-Captain Jack Douglas commented, "It was a heart-breaking experience. It was very hard for all of the team members to accept. We played hard and I felt we should have won. We were ready for the game physically—but not mentally." He, along with other team members, also thought, "During the second half we made just too many mistakes."

The season was ended on a sour note as the Longhorns fell to number one ranked Sumner Bulldogs, 32-12. The team played hard but couldn't manage to hold down the strong offense of the Bulldogs.

B-Team finished its season with a disappointing record of 2 wins and 8 losses, winning only against SLUH and McKinley. Co-Captain Morris Curtis commented on the season, "We were very unorganized and just couldn't get together. We lacked in both experience and players."

The Girls' Varsity Volleyball Team finished its season with a record of 7-3. On October 27, the Steers played and defeated the Cleveland Dutchwomen. Southwest won the first game 15-7, but lost the second game 16-14. Southwest quickly fell behind in the third game, but made a strong comeback, winning this final game, 15-9.

In the District Tournament held on Tuesday, November 3 at O'Fallon High School, Southwest was again matched against the powerful Roosevelt Roughriders. The Steers were defeated 15-6 and 15-5. The high spots of the district meet were the playing skills of Janelle Mason and Gina Zelenovich. Second-year coach, Erma Nevels commented, "The biggest thrill for the team was watching Janelle Mason and Gina Zelenovich play their hearts out at the district meet." She also stated that the worst moments were at district also as Co-captain Beverly Sanders was unable to play due to a back injury, and seeing next year's Captain Cora Strong injured during the game.

Next year's team should be as good as this year's, with five returning players and some new additions from Junior Varsity. Though experienced they will never have the heart, soul or skill to match seniors Sanders and Mason or juniors Zelenovich and Strong.

The Southwest Soccer Steers wrapped up its season with a total record of 10-11-1, the final PHL record being 5-2. The entire team was disappointed with the results of its season, but they played an exceptional year. Everyone expected a more successful record, but the injuries of Joe Cox and goalie Stan Dippel, and the loss of Bob Psaris, a transfer student, affected the losses. The 2 SW PHL losses were against Soldan (2-0) and Cleveland (2-0).

The team was coached by Tom Brannon, who managed to keep the

team together. The majority of the 1981 team were seniors, and only 6 will be returning next season, therefore they are hoping for a large number of players trying out next year.

The team's highest scorer was senior Dino Polymeropoulos, scoring 13 goals and making 10 assists. Polymeropoulos commented, "It was a good year, but we encountered many setbacks. Lack of substitutes and team injuries caused many problems. We deserved more victories than we got, but the losses weren't due to our playing ability. We needed more talent from the underclassmen to gain an experienced team."

The '81 Field Hockey season ended on a sour note as the Longhorns lost its last game 8-0 to the Soldan Tigers. The season record was 2-5-1. The major reason for the team's dismal record was the lack of players at the beginning of the season. But through the determination of Captain Margaret Ellison, a team was eventually formed. Coach Sarah Powers, a teacher at Northwest High School said she will return next year.

In previous years the SW Longhorns Cross Country team was strong contender for the PHL crown; however, there comes a time when tradition must change its course. The 1981-82 Cross Country Team, unlike its predecessors was unable to compile a successful record because the team needed more runners and the present team has a lack of running experience.



photo by T. Cuffie

SOUTHWEST RUNNING BACK KEVIN HOLMAN runs for one of two touchdowns scored against the O'Fallon Hornets

Outstanding Players

by Todd Abernathy, Cassandra Gould and Chris Massey

Outstanding Players! What describes an outstanding player? His skill at his sport, his sportsmanship or just the amount of time he plays. All of these play a part in determining an outstanding player.

In the opinion of second year coach Erma Nevels, this season's outstanding players on the Southwest Girls' Volleyball Team were seniors and also Co-captains, Janelle Mason and Beverly Sanders, juniors Gina Zelenovich, Stacy Atkins, and next year's Captain, Cora Strong.

In the district meet, Mason played like a woman possessed. In fact she was possessed with the will to win, but her efforts fell short as the girls lost 15-6, and 15-4 to the Roosevelt Roughriders.

During the district meet, as in the regular season, Mason, Strong and Zelenovich's efforts were dramatic as they dug for every ball. They slid across the floor time and time again only to recover and they had to dig and slide again.

Atkins, Sanders and Charonda Stroud played consistently well during the regular season.

The S.W. Football Longhorns had several outstanding players this season, according to Head Coach Leon Anton.

Senior Jack Douglas, wingback and defensive back, was an outstanding and improved player in the areas of ability to get free deep, execution of better trap plays and speed and leadership.

Senior Adam Greenlee, as an offensive and defensive guard,

excelled in the area of one-on-one blocking. Co-captain Greenlee's high motivation seemed to motivate the entire team towards its victories this season.

Senior Charles Shelton, defensive back and safety, has been a consistent blocker and also played what is known as the traffic cop position in the Longhorns' secondary.

Senior Cornelius Cole, offensive tackle, has been outstanding in his ability to read the opponents' defenses. Cole also has excellent blocking techniques.

Senior Steve Marks, offensive end, possesses excellent blocking ability techniques and also showed a lot of aggression on the field.

Junior Kevin Holman, a running back, has been an outstanding player in the sense that he has the ability to read the moves of opponents' defensive blockers and take advantage of the information.

The outstanding player in field hockey was Margaret Ellison, who lead the team in scoring.

In SW Cross Country, the outstanding players were junior Mark Johnson and sophomores Chuck Clements and Dave Muser. Although finished 12th in PHL, according to coach Robert Brown, the team could have done better but lacked members.

In SW Soccer, many of the players felt that no single outstanding player could be chosen since many had played well. The team finished with a record of 8-6-2.

Winter Sports Introduced

The Southwest Boys' Varsity Basketball Team will open its season on November 30, 1981, in the SLUH tournament, under the leadership of second year coach, Roger CayCe.

Coach CayCe commented, "Offensively, we will have outstanding shooting from seniors Mark Small and Pierre Stewart. Both averaged over 20 points last season."

As last year, height will again be a problem for the Longhorns, their tallest player being only 6 foot 3 inches.

CayCe also said, "I think we will

fare a lot better this year than we did last year. I also feel that we will surprise a lot of teams this season."

The Boys' B-Team will be coached by Oshawn Chalmers.

The season for the Southwest Girls' Varsity Basketball Team will begin on Monday, November 23, with a tournament at Southwest including Central, Soldan and Cleveland.

There are presently 17 girls on the team, nine of whom are returning players.

First year Coach Norville Wallach commented on the future of his team, "The season will depend on the attitude and the desire of the girls to accomplish what they're after."

Senior Cheryl Campbell was asked her opinion of this year's team, "Our bench is young and more helpful than I expected but I am happy with what we got. All of them are just excited as the rest of us and that makes a team."

The Southwest Wrestling Longhorns started practice on November 2, with a total of 30 participants.

The team has very few returning wrestlers, but they have very much enthusiasm and the ambition of having a successful season.

Southwest's first wrestling meet is scheduled for Wednesday, December 2, against the Cleveland Dutchmen at Cleveland.

The team is being coached by former SW teacher, David Cook.



SOUTHWEST PLAYER DARNELL JONES sacks the O'Fallon quarterback. photo by T. Cuffie

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stated, "This class gave us a chance to learn how to overcome problems that come up. After each adventure we're given a chance to evaluate each other on how we did and then give ourselves the grade we think we deserve."

Renee McCoy expressed this opinion, "I think this class was a great experience. I recommend it to every other student. The best part I liked was meeting people from other schools."

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PHL Standings

Sumner	7-0
O'Fallon	7-1
Northwest	7-1
Southwest	5-3
Roosevelt	4-3
McKinley	4-4
Vashon	4-4
Soldan	3-4
Beaumont	1-6
Cleveland	1-6
Central	0-7

SW Sports Calendar

November	30 Boys' Varsity Basketball—St. Louis U. Tournament at St. Louis U.	15 Girls' Basketball—Rosati Kain at SW 4:00 p.m. "B" Basketball—SW vs C.B.C. at SW 6:30 p.m. Varsity Basketball—SW vs C.B.C. at SW 8:00 p.m.
December	1 Girls' Basketball—DuBourg Tournament at DuBourg	16 Wrestling—SW vs Soldan at Soldan 4:00 p.m.
	2 Wrestling—SW vs Cleveland at Cleveland 4:00 p.m.	17 Girls' Basketball—SW vs Roosevelt at SW 4:00. "B" Basketball—SW vs Roosevelt at SW 5:45 p.m. Varsity Basketball—SW vs Roosevelt at SW 7:30 p.m.
	4 Wrestling—SW vs C.B.C. at SW 4:00 p.m.	21 Girls' Basketball—SW vs O'Fallon 6:45 p.m. Varsity South Basketball—SW vs Northwest at O'Fallon 7:30 p.m.
	9 Wrestling—SW vs Northwest at Northwest 7:00 p.m.	22 Wrestling—SW vs Roosevelt at Roosevelt 4:00 p.m.
	11 Girls' Basketball—SW vs Northwest at O'Fallon 4:00 p.m. "B" Basketball—SW vs Northwest at O'Fallon 6:45 p.m. Varsity South Basketball—SW vs Northwest at O'Fallon 7:30 p.m.	
	12 Wrestling—Union Tour—at Roosevelt 4:00 p.m.	

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