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Regal Splendor

Newly crowned Patsy Carter represents Southwest as All Sports Queen with escort, Greg Cobb, president of the Lettermen's Club.

Carter Chosen

Miss SW Crowned

The reign of the 1969-1970 Miss Southwest, Miss Linda Collins, came to an end when Miss Patsy Carter took her place at the Miss Southwest Dance October 31. The new queen was presented to her court and the attending students and guests in the traditional Southwest style.

Patsy was chosen from the ten girls, previously nominated by the Lettermen's Club, in an election held by Student Council in advisories on October 30. In the election, all students were allowed a vote, which reverts

back to the custom of the years before the 1969 election in which only the students attending the Miss Southwest Dance were allowed to vote.

Patsy received a gold engraved necklace as a souvenir of the big night. The nine other candidates all received similar silver necklaces and the escorts from the Lettermen's Club received silver key chains.

Patsy, a senior, has been a Varsity Cheerleader for two years, Co-captain of the Cheerleaders, a member of GAA, Gymnastics, Modern Dance and is presently on Student Council.

Pioneer Calendar

- Nov. 14—Varsity football—SW vs Cleveland at SW
- 19—Report cards; club pictures taken for Roundup
- 20—Roundup pictures continued
- 24—GAA Coke & Cake Sale; PTA Meeting & Open House, 7:00 p.m.
- 26 & 27—Thanksgiving Holiday
- 28—Scholarquiz—McCluer vs SW
- Dec. 1—PTA Executive Committee Meeting
- 3 & 4—Operetta, *The Music Man*
- 5—SAT & ACH tests for seniors at SW

Junior Class Forms First Advisory Board

This is the first year in the history of Southwest that the Junior Class is organized under officers. The Board's purpose is to organize the class so it will be able to make money for a junior prom or ring dance. The officers will provide a unit able to head the juniors money-making projects and the resulting dance.

Board members Sue Baylard, Penneye Grisbeck, Pam McCrary, Dave Mouldon, and Debbie Wheelahan were elected Monday, November 9. A chairman, determined by the members will head the group.

The election came about after a few juniors asked about a ring dance at a Student Council meeting. Ed Schumer, SC President, told them that in order to have a dance they needed to get organized, make money, and set a tentative date.

SC agreed to support the election of a Junior Advisory Board. When Ed went to Principal Robert Young with the request, Mr. Young was very receptive to the idea but said the class must have sponsors willing to volunteer time to the juniors.

Mr. "Skip" George and Mrs. Connie Perkinson agreed to be the first Junior Class sponsors. Mrs. Perkinson supports juniors. She said, "I hope it will work out. If the juniors want to be organized, I'm willing to help them." She feels her job as a sponsor will be "to advise the juniors, but the ideas and work should be their own."

Mr. George accepted his position saying, "I think it's very good that the Junior Class is organized and this year's work will prepare them to be able to do a better job as a Senior Class because of experience in

working together. The whole concept of the class wanting to be organized shows that these students really care about what they're doing and are willing to put forth effort and sacrifice their time to make their class a better class."

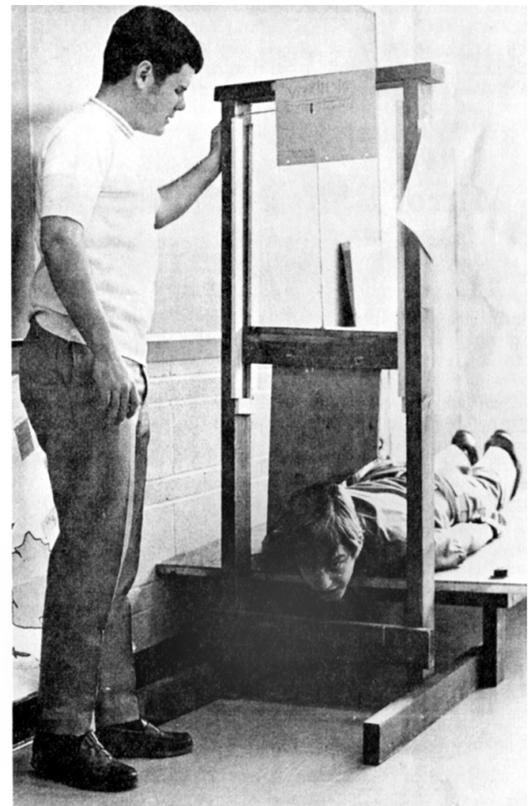
Ed and Mr. Young explained the election in a junior aud session, October 22. The next day, letters of intent were available for those wishing to run. Candidates collected signatures of 25 supporters and turned in their letters to be put on a ballot. The five officers were chosen out of 26 candidates all having at least a 2.5 grade average and good citizenship records. No special title will be given to juniors chosen for the board, but the officers will elect one chairman among themselves.

Faculty, SC Explore Link

Student Council is attempting to increase the communications link between the students and faculty of Southwest. Ed Schumer, Student Council president, explained at a recent informal faculty meeting the purpose of the Open Line meetings and discussed some of SC's goals.

Ed explained that if Open Line is successful, SC will be able to present the students' opinions and comments to the faculty and to present the faculty's to the students, by way of SC and its representatives.

Ed plans to attend the informal faculty meetings as the student body representative once a month this year.



Class Cut

Sophomore Steve Crusius (right) bravely demonstrates the almost life-size classroom project built by Freshman Pete Dingwall (not shown) for Mrs. Ruth Morrissey's English class. Sophomore Bill Stiffner (left) appears to dislike the deadly decapitator.

Operetta To Open Dec. 3

The Music Man, Southwest's 31st operetta production, will be presented December 3 and 4 in the SW auditorium. Tickets for the 8 p.m. performances will be sold by students from all music classes. Seats are \$1.50 in advance and \$1.75 at the door for both shows.

The production combines the efforts of vocal and instrumental music classes.

The Music Man opens as Professor Harold Hill (Ken Kerch), a con-man, arrives in River City, Iowa, to sell the town on music lessons and band uniforms. He plans, of course, to take the money and run.

Hill leads the townspeople to the virtues of a boys' band by contrasting it with the evils of a pool hall. A former accomplice (Rich Beisher) who lives in River City aids the spell-binding

"professor." Only the mayor (Brad Slavek) and Marian (Linda Range), the town librarian, are skeptical. Although Hill plays for Marian's affections, she tries to expose him as a fraud. Hill, however, seems to be a blessing to the town as he teaches the members of the school board (Calvin Talley, Homer Robinson, Ron Fehr, and Greg Shiner) to live in harmony and tames a kid gang by befriending its leader (Charles Milburn).

Real trouble starts when an anvil salesman (Chris Todd) who is wise to Hill's bogus band promises arrives in River City. This presents a challenge to the fast-talking "professor."

The music in *The Music Man* has provided audiences with memorable tunes, such as "76 Trombones," "Goodnight My Someone," "Till There Was You," "Trouble."

Locker Problems Explored



Animal Farm? NAT

Board Plan Praised

For the first time at Southwest a Junior Advisory Board was selected by all Juniors on Monday, November 9. Two students, working through Student Council, were able to obtain the necessary student and sponsor support in initiating and completing this project.

Not only was the idea of having class officers good, but the establishment of an advisory board, where each member has an equal voice in planning, is a sound one. It allows for fresh ideas and the presentation of several viewpoints, rather than ideas always coming from one person. The five members will share in all the decisions and responsibilities.

The Juniors will be able to build their activities on class solidarity led by these new class officers and can establish good business and social relationships. The challenge is there, offering the chance for the Junior Class not only to become effectively organized but to be one of the best Senior Classes as well in terms of the success of class activities and general class enthusiasm.

Mirror Reflects Conditions

Why do Southwest students destroy property that is made available for their use only? I am the mirror in the girls' rest room on the first floor of the old building. I see and hear what goes on in a place where teachers and authorities believe that high school students should be mature enough to handle themselves properly. I have evidence to the contrary.

As far as girls are concerned I am an indispensable necessity, but they obviously won't believe this until I am broken or so marked up that they can't see which way their hair is flying. In order to be sneaky and get their kicks by putting something over on the administration, they scamper noisily into my home to light up for a last puff before fourth period class. They open purses harboring litter and while doing so accidentally drop their compacts which shatter into a million particles of broken glass and smuggy goo which merges with the gray ashes from the cigarette butts. The lull in gossip is ended only by the artwork scribbled in bright pastel pink on myself and the wall. Billy + Mary Jane advertise the latest romance or vulgarities which are, inked, painted, or carved into once varnished wood. Towels mat the streaked damp floors, that would you believe were once white?

After school I converse with my contemporaries who are also in the same predicament, the same nasty atmosphere. Joe John of the second floor rest room complains of water slung all over the floor which has been flooded at least once already this year. I have heard many students say they will never visit me again because of some of my visitors. I remember one day I was forced to be closed.

Wouldn't Southwest really be in a fix if all rest rooms were closed?

Widespread complaints by students about delays in the repairing and changing of lockers have been present at Southwest this year. In response to the student concern, Student Council called a conference with Audio Visual Technician Walt Turner.

The conference was activated by the protests of seniors sharing lockers with underclassmen, and students whose lockers were damaged. To defend his position, Mr. Turner fed the locker records into an IBM 360 computer.

The data showed that during the first six weeks of school Mr. Turner and his crew were swamped with 1,121 locker jobs consisting of 429 combination changes, 308 combination file corrections, and 384 repairs. Freshmen added an additional 395 locker jobs due to their inability to dial their combinations correctly.

Students who closed the locker doors on various objects, causing them to jam, added another 540 more headaches to the audio visual crew. Mr. Turner noted his responsibility in a quote from the St. Louis Public Schools Audio Visual Handbook. "Keep lockers and locks in working condition throughout the year; and process fines for locker damages."

All figures were computed by the Forest Park Community College Computer System within 2.7% degree of error. The daily average of 1.95 lock replacements during the previous school year totaled 400 locks. This means 15% of the locks on Southwest's 2,576 lockers needed replacing every month. Statistics show 16.6% of all locker repair work was due to the normal wear of the locks and mechanical failure. However, 35.2% of the work stemmed from cases related to the student, such as overcrowded

lockers, football duffle bags jamming locker doors, and bubble gum stuck in locks.

The following figures are based upon statistics of vandalized lockers reported to the offices of Mr. Turner, Assistant Principal Gene Gladstone, and Administrative Assistant Al Ecker. During the 1969-1970 school year 608 lockers were illegally entered, averaging three daily. The average of illegal entry and/or vandalism is 44.3% of the total lockers. Mr. Gladstone elaborated on the subject, stating, "The majority of illegal entry cases are due to students circulating their combinations to friends and carelessly dialing combinations in an open manner." Mr. Turner emphasized the seriousness of vandalism by quoting the Regulations of the Department of Instruction: "Any student who loses, destroys, or injures any property of the public schools shall be required to pay for the damaged caused thereby, and, on failure to do so, such student may be suspended from school."

The school may abandon the system of supplying locks and leave the method of securing belongings to the individual students, according to Mr. Gladstone. He said the idea of placing hasps for padlocks on all lockers in the old building is being studied, and, if approved, the school might recall and remove all locks. The responsibility would then rest on each student to find a means of keeping his own property. A student could supply a padlock for his own locker, or, if he wished, leave it open or not use it at all. This system would not only free the school of much of the responsibility for the lockers, but would also allow

Mr. Turner to devote more of his time to Audio Visual matters, instead of being a full-time locker man. Mr. Gladstone pointed out. The main problem, of course, would be the expense of converting the lockers in the old building.



Mr. Walt Turner, audio-visual technician, examines one of many lockers he services.

Presently a topic of discussion in SC is the authority of school officials to examine a student's locker, if there are any suspicions as to its contents. This authority was cited as an argument against using private locks. The student's lock would need to be broken if he could not be reached when an administrator wished to inspect a locker.

Although the locker problem has not been effectively solved, the Audio Visual Department and SC are trying to find an effective solution satisfying to student

Letters To The Editor

PIONEER:

I am a senior and I feel I have a legitimate complaint to make about the locker systems.

Last year I made a report of a broken locker and was given a new locker. After using this locker last year and the beginning of this year, I was called up to Mr. Ecker (after the combination had been changed and my books removed) to be told that it was not my locker and it had been given to someone else without my knowledge.

I then went to the AV room to get my combination. I was told they would have to check the files and would send the combination to me. After a long wait, I saw Mr. Turner in the hall and asked about my locker. After another wait, I wrote him a letter and asked about my locker and combination.

I was sent back a letter with a locker slip and was told to go through the normal channels.

Charles C. Box

P.S. I still haven't gotten the combination to my locker.

Ed. Note: PIONEER checked with Mr. Walt Turner and found

no record of a complaint of a broken locker in AV files. Mr. Turner has on record a temporary locker change, which ended last May with the repair of the locker. We are informed the locker is now usable.

To the Editor:

As a Student Council Rep I would like to propose a question to the student body. Acting on

complaints and comments from various students, SC asked two speakers to its meetings in order to get a better insight. Both speakers informed us that there were very few problems, and one went so far as to say that it was just a "student" problem. If this is true, why are we getting so many complaints?

Rich Beisher

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Turkeys Turn Chicken

By Debbie Gottschalk
Pioneer Feature Writer

Thanksgiving is a joyful holiday when families gather together in loving harmony to give thanks for their blessings. But somehow at this special time of the year there are those who in particular never seem to get their full credit. They go all out for the festivities and usually end up losing their heads. They are the first ones invited to dinner and always end up stuffed. They always come spicily dressed.

This select group known as the Gravy Gobblers were first invited for Thanksgiving dinner by the Pilgrims. It didn't take long before they became the main attraction at the dinner table and ever since that first fateful dinner they have been called upon to make reappearances year after year.

of being selected for dinner some turkeys even go to the effort of pulling off turkey tantrums. They start these tantrums a few weeks in advance so that even a far-sighted farmer can discover them. They begin by running around the yard cross-legged, spitting tobacco, and barking. Turkeys figure this will confuse the farmer so much that he won't know if he has a mixed up chicken, over grown grasshopper, or a bird dog. It might be said that this trick only works when the farmer is an extreme bird brain.

When Ben Franklin suggested that the turkey be made the national bird of the United States, turkeys figured their security was bound to improve. After all, who would relish the idea of eating the national bird for a Thanksgiving dinner?

Although Ben had many feathered followers that gave him whole-hearted support, his suggestion was voted down. The Bald Eagle was elected for the job and once again the turkey resumed his position as one of the ten best dressed birds of the season.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving again remember the turkey and appreciate the trouble he went through to make your holiday a happy one. Some suggestions, such as turning your back yard into a turkey resort, have been given to those who wish to help the turkey.

If you are exceptionally concerned about his problem, give a turkey a break and eat a ham.



It is commonly known that at about this time of year turkeys get a certain uneasy feeling. They are bashful creatures and seldom like crowds of people gathered about them. To get out

News Shorts

Police Delegates Volunteer

The Community Relations Division of the St. Louis Police Department is sponsoring again its Youth Council. The group, which meets the third Wednesday of every month, is aimed at maintaining a meaningful communication link between police and high school students.

Southwest's members include volunteers representing each class: freshman Tom White, sophomore Toni Michiel, junior Brenda Trollingier, and senior Paulette Thompson. PIONEER Editor Larry Sherwin is also a member.

Bell Displays Innovations

Members of General Science and Advanced General Science classes saw themselves on television in their classes Friday, October 30, as Southwestern Bell Science Demonstrator David R. Hargis presented his new program, "Innovation in Three Acts." The program featured many communications innovations from scientists and engineers at Bell Telephone Laboratories and Southwestern Bell. It was pointed out that telephone services such as abbreviated dialing, call transfer and three-way conference calling are experimental now, but will be available to most telephone users in the future.

Grad Goes to Capitol

Janet Kuhl, a 1969 graduate of Southwest, is one of two representatives from Missouri appointed to the White House Conference on Youth. She has attended several meetings in Washington, D.C. and San Clemente, California, and will be at the White House again in February to discuss youth employment and the economy.



"Gee, I can see the trophy now!"



Homecoming cars display color and vigor.

Homecoming Highlights



O'Rourke and Lindhorst go Spanish for the parade.

Relatives Cause Disaster

By Nancy Cusanelli
Pioneer Feature Writer

I've just heard the most drastic news! My mother just informed me that my groovy Uncle Hubert and swingin' Aunt Helen are coming for another visit filled with fun and games.

I can remember that last time we were blessed with their presence for three whole days. It was anything but fun and games.

Aunt Helen has an incurable disease known as knitting. She knitted an entire outfit for every object in the house. Booties for our cat, door knob covers, gloves for the bird and knee-warmers for my goldfish. But she really out-did herself on the spiffy purple and orange pullover,

turtle-neck sweater she knitted for me. It was a pull-over all right. Pull-over the head and shoulders, clear down to my knees. I looked like a walking sleeping bag. So at every visit I had to live in that sweater.

Uncle Hubert is the only person I know who can crack walnuts between his toes and flip them up into the air while doing a triple somersault and catch them right on the tip of his tongue. But that's only one of his rare talents. He can also juggle Aunt Helen in mid-air while doing impersonations of Jimmy Durante.

Dinner at our house during their visit was always a curiosity. Because neither of them had any teeth, we lived on cottage cheese and applesauce for three days. That combination of food gave me nightmares.

Always at the end of their stay, we receive our gifts, we are told, for being such good little kiddies! Last year I received a silver bell for my bike and was informed this would be helpful in heavy traffic when riding it to school. The year before that I received the matching basket to carry my books. So this year I'm keeping my fingers crossed and hoping for the bike!

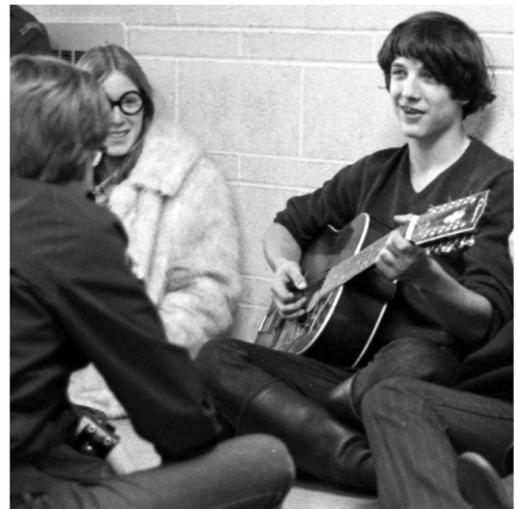
Kevin Creates through Music

*I'm going away — far down
They're putting me
under the ground
Tears are rolling from my eye
Tell me why I had to die*

These few melancholy lines from a song called *Taking*, were composed and sung by Kevin Kelley, a junior, in several English classes here at Southwest.

At the age of 12, Kevin was influenced by his brother, who plays country-western music, to start his interest in the field of music. He took lessons in reading music for one month at the St. Louis Institute of Music. With this knowledge he was able to write eight songs describing his feelings about the Viet Nam War and other topics of interest to him. When asked how he goes about writing a song, he stated that watching the news sometimes gives him an idea for a song and his feeling towards an idea helps him in creating the music. Once he's got the music, he tapes it and then writes the words to the song.

In his four years of playing and composing music, Kevin has belonged to six different musical groups. The bands he joined played mostly music from the movie *Woodstock*, but he said



Kevin Kelley, a junior in Mrs. Perkinson's advisory, seems to enjoy himself as he informally strums and sings.

that in choosing a group his first consideration is the personalities of his fellow musicians. Jimmy Hendrix was one of his favorite musicians and song writers. Kevin listens to rock music but he writes protest ballads. He

hopes to make a career out of his talent for music.

*Taking me away
I'm dead for ever more.
Taking me away
They closed my coffin door.*



The Long Haul

Senior Gary Wood leads teammate John Groeteke and the rest of the pack in the PHL Cross Country Championship, October 23. Wood and Groeteke finished 2-3 as SW took the PHL crown.

SW Runs Away with Honors

The Longhorn Harriers have returned to the elite of area Cross-Country teams. The Southwest runners won the PHL Championship and the B-Team Championship, captured first place in their district, and qualified for the Missouri State meet. With the honors they have received, the Harriers have also accumulated thirty points toward the All-Sports Trophy, putting SW in the lead.

Coach Bud Wallach said of the team, "This has been the best squad in spirit and morale we've had for three years." He was referring to the '67 and '68 teams led by Steve Wilson and Steve Ratajczyk.

In the state meet at Columbia last Saturday, the Longhorns placed seventh among 31 of Missouri's top cross-country teams. Coach Wallach was very pleased with the results noting that only three teams from the St. Louis area, Parkway Central, Hazelwood, and Webster Groves, finished ahead of SW. Raytown South took team honors. It was only the second time that a team from the St. Louis area did not finish first.

Co-captain Gary Wood finished twelfth individually for SW with a time of 10:15. Parkway West's Don Overton took first covering the two-mile course in a record time of 9:45. His effort smashed the previous record, set by SW's own Steve Wilson in 1968, by almost thirteen seconds.

The SW runners were victorious in the city District meet at O'Fallon Park on October 29. The Harriers placed first with 51 points followed by Soldan with 95. Individually, Gary Wood took second place just missing first by a few strides. Senior John Groeteke and Sophomore Kevin Wirthlin finished ninth and tenth respectively. SLUH's Paul Lammert captured individual honors with a time of 10:22.

Capturing the PHL Championship on October 23 was a sweet victory for the Longhorn Harriers. SW placed first having 43 points to Sumner's 58 and Cleveland's 79, with the other teams far behind. Ken Grundy of Soldan took first place individually, completing the O'Fallon Park course with a time of 10:34. Co-Captains Gary Wood and John Groeteke finished second and third respectively in hot pursuit. Kevin Wirthlin placed ninth.

In the team's final league meet on October 20, SW defeated Cleveland and Vashon by the score of 22-33-80. With the victory, the Longhorns produced an unblemished league record in their triangle meets.

The SW B-Team also performed well. In their performed well. In their

championship at Forest Park-West on October 27, the younger Harriers easily defeated their competition. SW finished as a team with 33 points to Vashon's 73 and Cleveland's 87 while all other teams had over 100 points. Individually, Sophomore Kevin Wirthlin, who ran with the varsity squad as the third man this year, finished in first place. Mike Wilson and Jeff Wood placed third and sixth respectively.

Asked about the future in Cross-Country competition, Coach Wallach stated, "The freshmen and sophomores finished first in the B-Team Championship—that record shows promise for the future." He added, "Sophomores Wirthlin, Wilson, and Wood are all top prospects."

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"If I had my choice, Southwest would throw 50 per cent of the time." Perhaps the words of an ambitious Longhorn quarterback? Surprisingly enough, this statement was made by the man who makes all the decisions on the gridiron, SW football coach Leon Anton.

Several factors determine how often SW uses the forward pass from year to year and even from game to game.

The most noticeable factor is one that varies each week—the opposing defense. The amount that SW passes depends partially on the kind of defense each opponent employs.

Of course the individual quality of a team's personnel also affects what a team can do. The Longhorns have neither a powerhouse back, like Roosevelt's Bob O'Neal, nor a

chubby speedster, such as Everett Culberson of Soldan, to carry the ball. Consequently, a good passing attack helps.

Coach Anton pointed out that



Gary Eccher takes to the air.

Steers Hopeful for Title

The Southwest Longhorns will clash with the Cleveland Dutchmen at home tomorrow. For the first time in years, the Dutchmen are not in contention for the PHL crown, but they could finish the season on a happy note if they defeat the Longhorns tomorrow.

For the Longhorns, tomorrow's game is extra-special and ultra-important, not only because Cleveland is supplying the competition, but also because it is still possible for the Longhorns to take a share of the PHL title.

SW defeated Soldan 27-12 on Saturday, November 7. The victory over the Tigers kept the Longhorns tied with Beaumont for second, and set the stage for the final week of competition when Roosevelt plays Beaumont and the Steers battle the Dutchmen.

The road to victory over the Tigers was paved by the passing of Junior quarterback John Witaker, and the running of Juniors Derek Cummings and Tim Kurtz. The Longhorns

roared to a 20-6 halftime lead, and then held on to a 27-12 victory. Leading the scoring for the Steers was Derek Cummings who drove over two TD's from the one. The other scores were by Senior Randy Faulkner, who scored on a 43-yard pass from Whitaker. The clincher was scored by Whitaker who ran it in from the second. After the last three contests the Longhorns seem ready for their clash with Cleveland tomorrow.

With an assist from Beaumont the Steers could take a share of the PHL title for the first time since 1962. It is necessary for the Bluejackets to defeat the Rough Riders tomorrow. A Roosevelt defeat coupled with a Longhorn victory would result in a three-way tie for the title between Roosevelt, Beaumont, and SW.

The Longhorns ruled the roost over the Vashon Wolverines

28-to-6 at the Southwest homecoming on October 31. The entire team sparkled as the offense picked up yardage almost at will, and the defense was not scored upon. The lone TD that Vashon did score took place when they recovered a blocked punt in the end-zone for a TD in the fourth quarter. After the game, it was discovered that SW had only ten players on the field when they attempted to punt.

The NW Blue Devils became the second shut-out victims of the Big Green Machine as the Longhorns rolled over the Blue Devils 14-0. It was a rugged defensive contest marked by hard hitting and several misplays. The Longhorn offense was able to overcome these barriers and punch across two TD's in the contest, both of which were delivered by Junior Jim Thomas.



Coming Down

Running back Tim Kurtz makes a one-point landing as he hurdles over NW blockers in the game, October 24. Tim was stopped at the line for no gain, but SW won 14-0.

Several Factors Affect Passing Game

By Jim Thomas
Pioneer Sports Writer

with only four coaches on the SW staff, it is difficult to do certain things, such as perfecting the passing game. He noted that Riverview has 16 coaches and therefore can spend more time with each individual player.

Most schools have a coach-player ratio of one coach for every thirteen players. This ratio is almost doubled at SW; about one coach for every twenty-six players. Three more coaches are necessary, according to Coach Anton, in order to have an ideal football setup.

Even though the Longhorns aren't throwing as often as Coach Anton would like, their passing attack has kept opposing defenses off-balance this season.

Randy Faulkner leads all Longhorn receivers with eight catches for 179 yards and three touchdowns. Altogether, five SW

passes have gone for TD's.

In the PHL, very few teams that are successful have a good passing game. League-leading Roosevelt hardly ever throws at all, relying entirely on their ground game.

SW is an exception and should have improved passing next year, because many players will be returning. So when attending a SW football game in the future be prepared to see more than just a pass or two.

Through the first seven games of the season, SW quarterbacks have completed 31 passes for 563 yards, an average of over 18 yards per catch. The total completion percentage is 40%, not a bad mark for high school football. This figure should improve in the future as both quarterbacks and receivers gain experience.