IT'S DR. JENSEN'S LAST YEAR AT SOUTH HIGH

Principal Promoted To Post \s Assistant Superintendent

By Nancy Green and Herbert Jung

Beginning July 1, 1968, the Southern General, Dr. Grant W. Jensen, will ride off into the sunset of the South High scene to assume his new responsibilities as assistant superintendent of instruction in the district office. Dr. Jensen's promotion to this important position is the culmination of 27 years of dedicated service to the Kern County Union High School District.

Dr. Jensen came to Bakersfield in 1940 and joined the social studies department at East High after receiving his bachelor's degree in history from the University of California at Berkeley. Later he earned with highest honors his master's and doctorate of education degrees from Stanford.

The principalship of McFarland High was filled in 1948 when Dr. Jensen was appointed to that post. Three years later, he took over duties as principal of Shafter High, and then, in 1957, became principal of the newly established South High. It was under Dr. Jensen's able leadership for the next 11 years that South High has become what it is now—the best in Kern County.

Much of what the school has now can be attributed to the efforts of Dr. Jensen. He took a leading hand in establishing the school's scholarship fund, and founded the Principal's Medal, which gives special recognition to outstanding students in various fields. Dr. Jensen also pioneered the familiar advisory program which has been initiated by many other schools, and was chief instigator of team teaching and flexible scheduling (block program).

Dr. Jensen's administration has been responsible, too, for many firsts, both in curriculum and in extracurricular activities. The basic projects program, the audio-lingual method of teaching foreign languages, the reading program (which was a carryover from Dr. Jensen's work at Shafter), the drum and bugle corps, recognition banquets (for non-curricular activities), and scholarship banquets are all examples of the administrator's contributions to the school.

When Dr. Jensen leaves, he will be leaving behind him a desk that will be very difficult to .ill. Bu. a very capable former South High administrator, Lfr. Don Murfin, will be trying very hard to do this when he takes over the principal's office next summer.

Mr. Murfin came to South High in 1959 as a science teacher and as director of (Cont. on Page 3)



Dr. Grant W. Jensen

A Salute to Our Gridders

Now that football season has ended, and basketball and wrestling are beginning to receive the attentions of sports fans, it is about time for the Rebel Yell to express sincere congratulations to all four football teams, especially the B class Raiders and C class Riders, both of whom gained league championship honors.

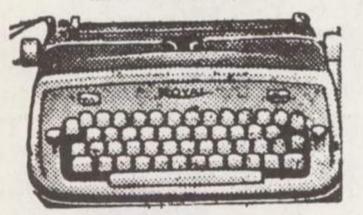
Though the Rebel record wasn't quite as impressive, the players tried their best on the field—and that's all that really counts. A special saluate to them

for whipping the Blades in the last game!

With winter sports now being played, South Highers have no reason to let their school spirit sag. Indeed, weekends should be filled with cheering and excitement, as there are two wrestling and three basktball teams.

Again, our congratulations to the football players, and the best of luck for an outstanding season to all wrestlers and hoopsters.—H.J.

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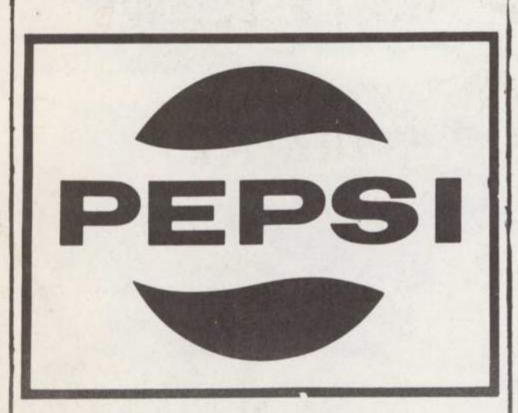


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Tomorrow tune in to both basketball and wrestling action. Varsity ball-bouncers will journey to San Marcus with game time scheduled for 2 p.m. The mighty muscle men will wrestle in Buena Park at 11 a.m. and again at Kennedy High at 6 p.m.

Monday keep up with things by attending one of the many club meetings.

Tuesday is the day chosen to honor those who took part in grid action this year, at the all city football banquet. Basketball enthusiasts travel to Porterville to view the big Rebs.

Wednesday seniors and frosh will have opportunity to attend the Christmas choral presentation.

Thursday gives us a chance to cast our votes for the Christmas formal quee. The junior and sophomore classes will view the choral concert. Thursday also brings with it the ski club fashion show in the cafeteria at 7:30.

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curriculum. He served in the latter capacity until January of 1966, when he was appointed by the district to become director of the elementary and secondary education program of Kern County.

But in getting back to the subject of our departing principal, may we inject a personal note? Dr. Jensen has done much for this school of ours and because of his edication to South and his consuming intest in student affairs, we are sorry to see him leave. We would like to thank you, Dr. Jensen, for all your efforts in making South High the greatest — and the best of luck in your future position.

Ski Show Fashion Frolic Is Pre-Christmas Event

Ski sweaters, pants, jackets, boots, hats and gloves will be among the many items modeled at the upcoming ski fashion show. Fashions from Mid Valley Sports Center will be shown next Thursday in the cafeteria at 7:30 p.m.

Four girls and four boys, members of the ski club, will be modeling the outfits. The club members are planning this event as a service project and also can use any profits to help get their newly formed club started. It is hoped that the show will attract people interested in seeing the new fashions in winter clothing as well as skiers wishing to view this season's new skiing apparel.

The price, fifty cents per person, includes refreshments of cookies and punch. Tickets may be purchased from ski club resident Gayle Fintland, vice president Mark Benham, secretary Lynn Kehoe, treasurer Jeri Foley, or any other ski club member.

Carols & Concerts: Christmas Custom

By LORRAINE MARIN

Every year the South High music division presents a traditional Christmas concert for the enrichment of students and adults alike. This year four music groups will be participating in this momentous occasion: the Rebel choir, advanced girls' glee, double trio and the orchestra.

As is traditional, the orchestra members will be attired in formals and dinner jackets. Conducted by Mr. Ed Parks, the group will present three main selections for the program, including "Great Gate of Kiev," "Pat a Pan," and "The First Noel."

Joining the orchestra in one number, "Quiet Christmas," will be the choir, once again headed by Mr. George Carson, who has returned from a year of sabattical leave at Pacific University. Amidst the large selection Mr. Carson has chosen for the choir, members have expressed a great liking for the three songs of "Quiet Christmas," including "A Little Child is Born,"

Three-Way Chevrolet "Lullaby," and "Our Master Has a Garden."

They also expressed appreciation for "Ah, Bleak and Chill and Wintry Wind," and "Let All Ye Sons and Daughters Sing."

The glee club will present a spirit of internationalism with such songs as "In the Name of Heaven," a traditional Mexican carol; and "Noel Nouvelet," a carol of French origin.

One of South's most acclaimed groups is the Double Trio. They will present "Christmas Party" and "White Christmas."

An adult program will be presented next Monday night. As always, refreshments will be served. "Old Favorites" for the whole audience will be added at the conclusion of the pregram.

A program for students will be conducted next Wednesday morning during advisory.

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TOP STUDENTS RECEIVE HONORS

South High students are generally known to be the best, and from the cream of the crop, four students have been chosen to receive Optimist Club awards. The honored ones are Jeff Burns, Susan Edwards, Sam Stover, and Shelley Shell.

Jeff is the recipient of the leadership award. His name has been readily affiliated with athletics on campus during his Rebel career. Burns is a member of the executive board and the Inter-Club Council. Also known to those who will graduate in '68, Jeff is senior class president, and according to dean of student activities Mr. Ron Fontaine, has been doing an "outstanding" job while holding this office.

The Optimists have presented to Susan Edwards a scholarship award. It is interesting to note that Susan has an enviable perfect grade point average, 4.0 which she has consistently maintained. Susan is employed part time for secretarial work for the school district, and she is one of the Rebel Yell's most valuable staff members (she serves as co-managing editor in charge of photography coordination).

Sam has been selected to receive the community leadership award. Stover has participated in several SHS drama productions, is an honorary member of the South Bakersfield Rotary Club and has been employed by both Brock's and Broadway department stores. Sam is also part owner of a business entitled Stover-Walker Imports. Members of South High have



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Shelley, the recipient of the Glendon Rogers award, has a long list of credits to her name. Shelley is head drill team leader, a Rebel Yell staff member, commissioner of organizations, and was mayor on teenage city government day. Her past involvement in campus life has led her to participate in numerous clubs and offices.

Shelley, in addition to being an Optimist award winner, has been chosen by the Daughters of the American Revolution to receive the DAR award. Shelley was one of three girls nominated by senior class girls to receive the award on the basis of citizenship, scholarship and leadership.

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Formal Odds, Ends Spark Interest In Annual Ball

"Hurry and buy your bids, they won't last long." This is the cry that Girl Leaguers are emitting. The Christma formal bids, priced at \$3.00 per couple, must be bought for the dance before any of the benefits can be reaped. For just \$1.50, each person receives favors and refreshments. The bids have been on sale since Monday and will continue till they are all sold.

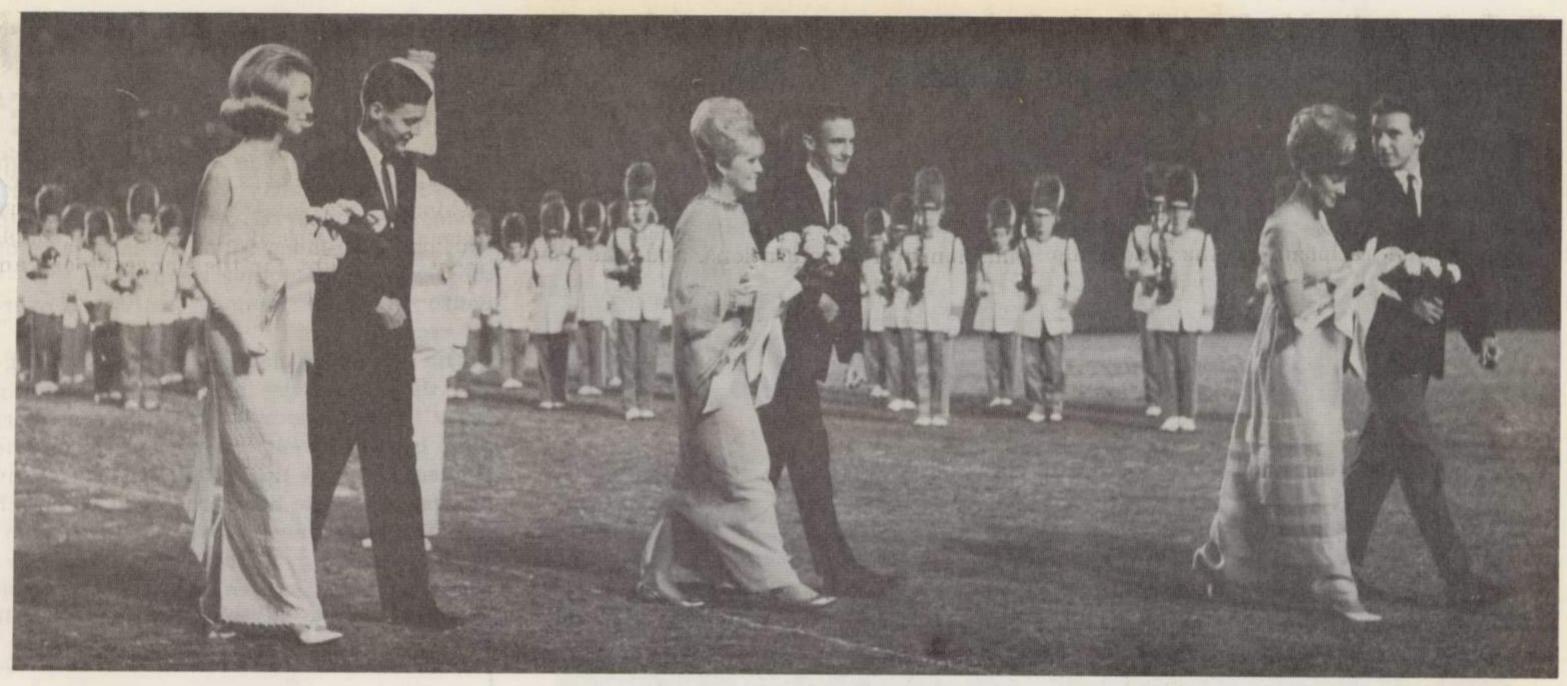
A Christmas formal can't be put on without work, though. People are needed to help decorate, work in the coat check room, and serve. A sign-up list is in C-7 for all interested students.

Have a good time at the formal, but don't forget the flowers.

TOYS FOR TOTS

Used, but still usable, toys are now being collected by members of the Spanish Club, under the direction of club president, Steve Flores, as a part of the annual Toys for Tots drive sponsored by the U. S. Marines. All acceptable contributions will be picked up in each advisory class through next Friday.





Presented to the crowds at homecoming were Queen Pam Hunt (center), escorted by Rick Short, along with runner-up Bobby Desch-

wanden (left) with Gary Chambless, and Glenda Rogers (right), escorted by John Otterness.

Faculty Hoopsters Outscore Students on Donkeys; Female Teachers Are Proven 'Totally Inept'

By Kristi Bower

The faculty once again trodded over the students in the annual donkey basketball game. The male faculty, playing against the sale students, ran away with the game during the first half. No one officially kept track of which basket was made by whom, but it was reliably reported that both Mr. John Henderson (faculty) and Eugene Walker (student) made at least four.

When the female students and faculty took over, the students began closing the gap. But, alas and a lack, the time was too short. The game ended with the score 26-24, faculty's favor.

It was also reported that the female teachers were totally inept. They played so badly, in fact, that Mrs. Shirley Van Dreal was forced to make excuses. She insisted she had ridden a donkey before, was just that she has never played when one recalls that Mrs. Van Dreal took a shot at the basket from seven feet and missed it by five.





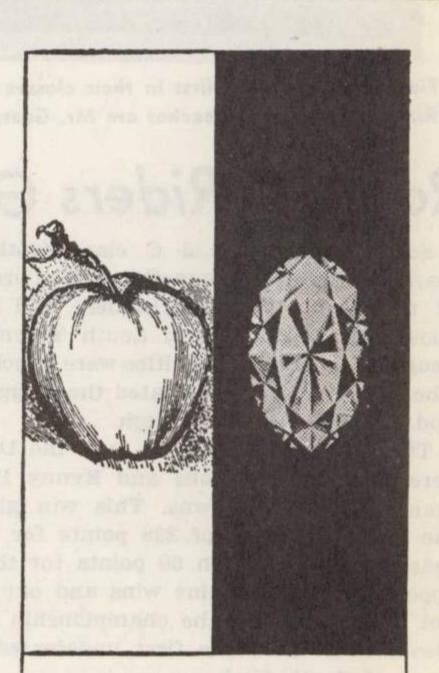
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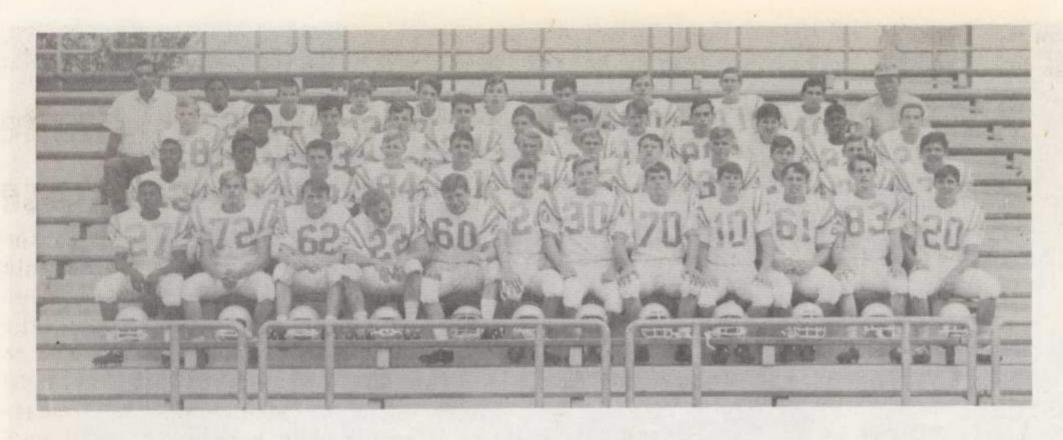
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Finishing the season first in their classes are the B class Raiders (top) and the C class Riders. The happy coaches are Mr. George Van Pelt, "B," and Mr. Clete Harper, "C."

Raiders, Riders Garner SYL Crowns

South High's B and C class football teams are definitely something to be proud of this year. Both the Raiders and the Riders claim the title of South Yosemite League champions. The titles were clinched when the two teams defeated the Daggers and the Dirks of East High.

The Raiders scored 21-6 over the Daggers with Ron Sessions and Kenny Hall making the touchdowns. This win gives the Raiders a total of 228 points for the season compared with 50 points for their opponents. The B's nine wins and one tie not only give them the championship but also makes them the first undefeated B team of South High.

Raider coach Mr. George Van Pelt commented, "This is certainly an outstanding team. Their attitude and high spirit leaves little to be desired."

Rob Foster ran 66 yards on the first

play to make the only touchdown in the Riders' game against the Dirks of East High. Jim Patrick kicked for the extra point, making the score 7-0 in favor of the Riders. "It was certainly a defensive game," said Rider Coach Mr. Clete Harper. "They only crossed our 50-yard line once."

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REBEL GRIDDERS DEFEAT BLADES IN 'LAST GAME'

A strong Rebel line held the East High Blades to but thirty yards and no scor Friday, November 17, as they proceeded to shut out the Blades 6-0 in the last game of the year, and thus give themselves a 2-2-1 South Yoscillite League and 3-5-1 overall record.

The game was clearly a defensive struggle, the only score of the game coming early in the fourth quarter after a short punt by East went out of bounds on the Blades' 25 yard line. The Rebs, then in possession of the ball, proceeded to march into the end zone in seven plays. Eugen walker carrying the ball over from three yards out. South then failed at the conversion attempt, leaving the score at 6-0.



VARSITY DEFEATED; B's, C's WIN

"Improvement" is the key word to last week's basketball scene, with the Raiders and Riders both victorious in their second season games, and with the Rebels, though they lost both games, making a fine showing at the Porterville tournament.

The B class Raiders stomped their Tulare counterparts 44-15 last Saturday. It was a running game, according to Coach Charles Rekosh, with a lot of fast breaking. Each team had opportunity to show his stuff, with outstanding offensive skill showed by Steve Lagore, who had 15 points; and Doug Palla, who was outstanding in defense.

The C class Riders also pulled through a win against their opponents, 41-21. Possibly because the team is inexperienced, with 11 freshmen and 4 sophomores, the team started the game rather slowly. But they later broke away, scoring 17 points to Tulare's one point in the third quarter and Coach Steve Strauss claims their play was a deliberate improvement over that of the previous game with Wasco. Frosh Steve Blado took scoring honors with 9. Willie Wright and Robert Coffee followed with 7 and 6 points, respectively.

Oddly enough, the Rebels' first tournament game was with the Tulare varsity hoopsters. Losing 45-42 to the Redskins, the Rebs were close to victory when, with two minutes to play remaining, the score stood 39 to 42, with South leading. At this point, however, center Doug Bowers fouled out of the game, and Tulare went ahead to take the contest. Bowers had 16 points, followed by Mike Beckerdite with 12.

Saturday the Rebs lost to the Porterville Panthers, 48-33. Once again, the hoopsters were almost victorious with four minutes of play remaining and a tied up score of 33-33; and again, in a replay of the previus game, Bowers fouled out. The Rebs scored some 16 points in the third quarter, as compared to 8 made by their opponents. The team was also handicapped by the absence of Beckerdite, Jeff Burns, and Dirk Van Pelt, who were involved in taking college entrance exams.

Bowers led with 19 points, followed by Billy McDaniels and Dave Williams, with six and five, respectively.

Distance Runners Finish 'Very Successful Season'

By THEA MOSS

Southern cross-countriers have recently completed what Coach Steve Strauss referred to as a "very successful season." The coach was pleased with the showing made by all of his runners.

In the recent league meet held at the Kern River Golf Course, South's froshsoph team emerged in second place out of six teams. Individual awards went to Kent Stotts, Joe Vega, and Raul Subia who earned third, fifth and eighth places, respectively, with 42 runners competing. Varsity runner Fred Contreras placed 10th out of 12.

Porterville was the site for the divisional meet and, as Coach Strauss said, it was the "high point of the season." Competing against 20 teams, the frosh-soph runners bagged the fourth place. In the varsity competition, Contreras came up in eighth place out of 147 runners.

Closing out their season at the valley meet in Fresno, the frosh-soph team placed seventh with 15 teams competing.

Returning runners will maintain the strength of the frosh-soph team, he reported, while Subia, Stotts, Vega, and Amador should provide a "good nucleus for the varsity team."

Raiders Win Opener; Rebs, Riders Not Quite As Fortunate: Both Lose

Santa Maria is the destination of the Rebel hoopsters tonight as they enter into their third basketball game of the season. With that game starting at 8 p.m., the team will travel further up the coast to San Marcus for another tilt tomorrow afternoon at 2. Meanwhile, the Raiders and Riders remain here for an afternoon game with Bakersfield High here at 4 p.m.

In last week's action, the Rebels lost their opening game to the Wasco Tigers. According to Coach John Henderson, the Rebs were surprised at the strength shown by their counterparts; yet they they came back to play a "pretty good" game in the second half, though the final score was 59-48. High-point man for the Rebs was junior Doug Bowers with fifteen markers, while Dave Williams and Gary Plotner followed with eleven and ten, respectively.

Highlight of the evening's three games with the Wasco teams was that between the South Raiders and their counterparts, with South the victor, 27-24. The team came from behind to win, and according to Coach Charls Rekosh, the players made a lot of early season errors; nonetheless, Coach Rekosh, claims that the victory took a lot of good team effort, and he is "real pleased with the whole team's attitude and hustle." Outstanding players for the Wasco game were Steve Lagore, who garnered eleven points and was outstanding in his rebounding efforts; and Dave Hill and Mark Hance, who each played defensively and made four markers apiece.

The Riders fared only a little better than the Rebs, losing to their opponents 32-25. Coached by Mr. Steve Strauss, high point men were Robert Coffee and Jack Burns, each with eight points.

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South's Matmen Defeat Shafter Generals, 50-5

Shafter was the first team to fall prey to the Rebel varsity (50-5) and junior varsity (56-5) matmen of Coach Joe Seay.

The Shafterites gained only one victory against each of South teams. The varsity won by five falls, two forfeits, and five decisions, while the JV'S were busy earning seven falls, four forfeits, and one decision.

The only varsity loss was in the 140-pound division where the wrestler was pinned. Ditto for the junior varsity squad, except that loss was in the 193-pound division.

According to Coach Seay, the 33 seconds it took Wallace Williams, the varsity heavyweight, to pin his opponent, was good time.

Varsity wrestlers who won their matches were Gary Finch, Dwight Rollins, Larry Copenhaver, John Cotton, Jack Fisher and Williams.

Burns, Morgantini Are Mat Tourney Winners

Jeff Burns won the 178 pound match in the second annual intra-mural wrestling tournament held last week.

Other winners and their weight divisions were Gary Finch, 98 pounds; Al Welte, 106 pounds; John Morgantini, 115 pounds; Mike Moore, 123 pounds; Ron Little, 130 pounds; Jim Herron 136 pounds; David Foreman, 141 pounds; Steve Brown, 148 pounds; Steve Watts, 157 pounds; and David Peeler, 168 pounds.

"It's How You Played the Game"

The 1967 varsity football squad members suffered from a lack of experience and size, but at no time during the season did they suffer from a lack of desire to improve.

While other losing teams in the area were wishing that the season was over, or that it had never started, our boys were always out on Monday afternoon, no matter how badly they had been beaten the Friday before, eager to get ready for the next opponent.

In my 17 years of coaching I have never seen a group of boys work so hard and improve so much. It is a tribute to their courage that they were able to turn their backs on the ridicule and abuse they received from some quarters and came through like the proud Rebels they are.

I personally want to thank each and every one of them for proving to me that "you can't keep a good man down." My sincere congratulations on a great season, regardless of the win-loss record.—Larry Lafond.

Top Athletes Honored At Football Banquet

Dirk Van Pelt, Brent McClanahan and David Frye walked off with the top honors at the annual football banquet held in the school cafeteria last week.

Van Pelt, who had accumulated more defensive stars than any other player for the Rebels this season, received recognition for having the highest scholastic average, and also the Harry Coffee Award for being the team's most valuable player.

McClanahan, the leading Rebel groundgainer, received tribute as the most outstanding player, while Frye, in his first year of football at South, walked off with the award for being the Rebs' most improved player this year.

Varsity head coach Mr. Larry Lafond, after principal Dr. Grant Jensen awarded the trophies, spoke admiringly of his whole team which just "kept improving."

Twenty-four varsity lettermen also received recognition for their services rendered on behalf of the Rebels. They were Randy Bishop, Jeff Burns, Alec Casanova,

Dan Copenhaver, Jack Fisher, Ray Hernandez, Barry Mooney, Mike McClurg, Billy McDaniels, Dan McLean, Denny McLean, Steve Narducci, Mike Newby, David Peeler, Ruben Rivera, Doug Smith, Phil Spain, Eugene Walker, Wallace Williams, David Williams, Tom Perry, Van Pelt, McClanahan and Frye.

Mr. George Van Pelt, head coach of the championship Raiders, presented Ron Sessions with the most outstanding player award. Sessions, who often stole the show for the Raiders, accumulated 20 touchdowns in the Raiders' ten-game season.

No less impressive was the recognition due to head coach Mr. Clete Harper' championship Riders, and especially to player Rob Foster who received the most outstanding player award.

Though supposedly a "football" banquet, head coach Mr. Steve Strauss' crosscountry team was well represented, Fred Contreras receiving the award for being the team's most outstanding runner.

