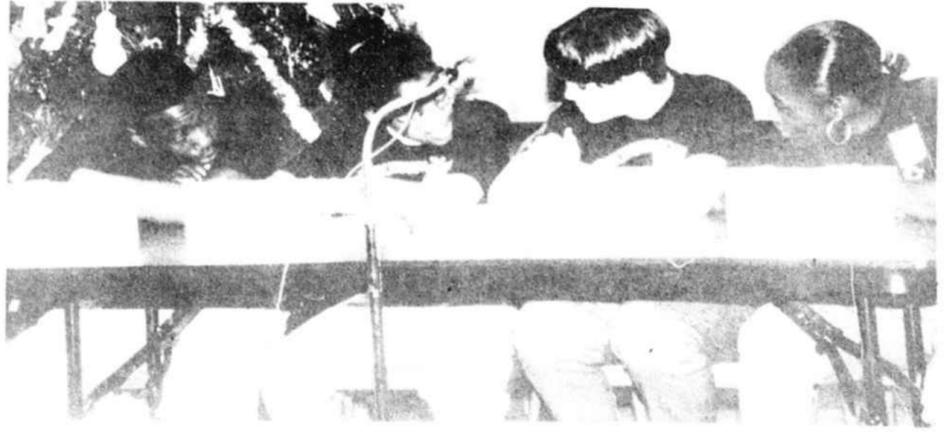




WEST BRUNSWICK PLAYERS (from left) Greg Yeager, Terry Nawara, Jacob Hugg and Bridget Hill consult on a 30-point response. Not pictured are teammates Jeremy Hewitt, John Cook, Elizabeth Robinson, Melissa Robinson and George Stathos.



A FLEDGLING TEAM from North Brunswick High puzzles over a question posed by moderator Marybeth Bianchi. From the left are Otis Mapsom, Christina Lloyd, Zachary Miller and Torrie McMillan. Alternate was Scott Monzon.

South High Takes Quiz Bowl By Storm

BY SUSAN USHER

South Brunswick High School reclaimed the Brunswick County Quiz Bowl championship literally by storm Saturday after watching West Brunswick High hold on to the title three consecutive years.

Going into the final round of the final game, West was leading 50-40.

But South gave the only correct answer in the final, 30-point round, in which players get to consult with teammates for 10 seconds before answering their question. The team correctly identified the first question of the round, giving kamikaze (wind god) as the Japanese name for a typhoon. The final score was 70-50.

Quiz Bowl, an academic competition sponsored by the Brunswick County Library in cooperation with county high schools, challenges students with trivia-type questions drawn from the arts and humanities, science and mathematics and current events.

As county champion, South Brunswick will advance to regional competition next year in Pender County. The state championship bowl will be held in Raleigh in May.

As defending champion Saturday, West received a bye in the opening round of double elimination competition at the Brunswick Community College Student Center. In double



RECLAIMING THE CHAMPIONSHIP trophy after a three-year winning streak by West are South Brunswick Coach Mabel Calloway and team members (front, from left) Santino McLaughlin, Joey Walls, John Walls and Laura DeFino and (rear) Danny Holyfield, Mike Wescott, Andrew Cowan and Rudra Ramphal.

elimination, play continues until only one team has less than two losses. South Brunswick defeated an inexperienced team from North Brunswick High 100-45. North also took a beating from West, with the score 120-20.

In the first match, South nipped by West 90-85, with both teams faltering over challenging questions that ranged from identifying Burke's Peerage to naming an area bank that

was among the first to fail in North Carolina.

The questions didn't get any easier in subsequent games.

West leaped ahead in the second game, going into the third round with the score 80-40. The Trojans picked up another 30 points in half-credits for a final score of 110-40, forcing a rematch for the championship. (Team members could earn half-credit by correctly answering a question missed by their opponent.)

In the final, West led 30-20 at the end of the opening round, in which a correct answer was worth 10 points.

West players correctly identified Asia as the continent with the greatest land mass, calculated the perimeter of a geometric figure and identified the National Rifle Association as the major lobbying force against legislation to ban sales of assault weapons.

Through the 20-point round, West held on to its 10-point lead.

But South pulled from behind, giving the only correct answer in the final, 30-point round, in which players get to consult with teammates for 10 seconds before answering their question.

West players couldn't connect, missing questions on such diverse topics as Bolshevik Revolution leader Leon Trotsky and Sen. Jesse Helms' recently diagnosed bone disorder.

The championship team gets to keep the Quiz Bowl rotating trophy at its school during until the next county Quiz Bowl.

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