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Mrs. Fern Palmer Bittner, Director of Horsemanship at The Lindenwood Colleges, has recently been selected by the Board of Directors of the American Horse Shows Association in New York to be one of the two judges for the American/Royal Horse Show in Kansas City, Missouri, on October 26, 1974.

Mrs. Bittner is a Senior Recognized Judge and Steward of the American Horse Shows Association, past president and secretary of the Missouri Horse Shows Association, and presently an Honorary Director. She is a nationally-known exhibitor of three and five-gaited horses.

The other judge at the "Royal" this year will be Tom Moore, a nationally known trainer from Harrodsburg, Kentucky. The saddle seat class will be judged at this show with participants under 17 years of age from all over the country. Entrants in this show have been winners in their own regions and have worked their way up to this competition. The winner will not be able to participate again in this event--they have reached the top. When they pass age 18 they are eligible to enter open competition against adults.

Participating from the St. Charles area will be Sherrie Phelps of O'Fallon. Rhonda Palmer, currently a student at Lindenwood in the horsemanship program, won the equitation saddle seat championship at the Royal three years ago. Interest and enrollment in the Horsemanship Program at Lindenwood has doubled this year. Lindenwood is the only school in the St. Louis area to offer such a program. For further information contact Mrs. Bittner at 723-7152 or (toll free) 946-6912, ext. 246.

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