

PARKING LOT RIP-OFF!!

By the Bridge Staff

"Mark Hook, you'd better get outside and move your car. The police are towing it away!"

How many times have you been asked to move your car? Where can you park? You can't park unless you're one of the first 76 of the more than 200 students who drive to school. That's right. Only 76 parking spaces, excluding the ten spaces in the mud behind the gravel by the garage.

The faculty lot has exactly 85 spaces. We haven't heard any complaints from the faculty about the parking



parking lot squeeze hamper-

Sure, they aren't supposed to, but they do it anyways. There are plenty of places in the faculty lot, but some teachers are worried about having a stroke from walking the tremendous distance across the lot. Or maybe they just don't care. In any case, this is breaking the rules. But instead of the faculty being punished, students get burned.

Of course, the administration knows about the problem. They solved it by handing out stickers to the students. Remember in August when you signed up if you were going to drive to school? Did you get your sticker yet?

We spoke with two assistant principals about the parking situation at their schools. Glenbard West has a mixed parking lot where both students and faculty park. There are no problems there. Glenbard North has the same set-up. Both schools do have a reserved section for faculty.

We think that if several schools in the area have tried this mixed parking, and it works, why can't we try it? Administrators in other schools confess there is some vandalism to some cars, but it's to the student cars, not faculty.

To further alleviate the problem of parking, we suggest that the area behind the tennis courts be paved. What do you think, Dr. Karm?

MUSIC NOTES BACK TO NORMAL

BY
DIANE TAYLOR

In November West Chicago went to Normal and brought home a state football championship. Once again West Chicago goes to Normal, not in competition, but to learn.

For two months the Concert Choir, under the direction of Mr. Ronald Benner, has been working diligently on a program for the annual choral clinic at Illinois State University. The clinic will be held on February 22.

The choir will be evaluated by Dr. Lloyd Sunderman, head of the Music Department at the University of Toledo in Toledo, Ohio. Among other choirs in the clinic are

Maine Township West High School and Elgin Larkin High School. Each choir will perform for approximately 30 minutes and then go to the clinic where Dr. Sunderman will work with them.

The West Chicago choir will do a variety of songs ranging from the classical "Evensong," by Franz Joseph Haydn to the more contemporary "American Tune," by Paul Simon. Other numbers the choir will do include "Let Earth Rejoice," "The Turtle Dove," "O Rejoice Ye Christians Loudly," and "Three Madrigals."

TO ALL STUDENTS:

Two recent conversations with rather diverse individuals have given me reason to be pleased and proud of you as a student body, and I wish to take this opportunity to relate the nature of these conversations to you.

You may remember that in mid-January we were visited by twenty-five evaluators from the Office of the Superintendent of Instruction of the State of Illinois. At the conclusion of

their visit, Mr. Nicholas Baziotes, General Chairman of the Evaluation Team, stopped in my office to say goodbye and to relate to me the team's general impressions of our school. Mr. Baziotes told me that one of the most frequent comments he had heard from the evaluators was that they were particularly impressed by your friendliness, courtesy, and consideration both in the hallways and in the classrooms. He also stated that they were equally

impressed with the cleanliness of the building, particularly the small amount of litter in the hallways, restrooms, and classrooms.

The second conversation occurred a week or so later. On this occasion a member of our custodial staff made it a point to tell me that in the last couple of weeks the student cafeteria has been cleaner at the end of the fifth lunch period than at any time since he has been at West Chicago High School.

I was particularly pleased to hear these comments and I believe they are justified. I hope that you are also pleased. What pleases me most is that these demonstrations of social responsibility on your part make for a more pleasant environment for all of us. They reinforce my faith in your generation.

Richard M. Kamm
Principal

U. S. Army scientists have developed a process that converts trash into a simple, useful sugar.

◀ VOICE ▶

US

Dear Editor:

With all the hullabaloo about student-teacher relations, the most important factor is being completely ignored!

How can two groups get along if they are completely separated concerning living habits?

I mean separate washrooms for faculty and students, separate eating places for faculty and students, and separate lounges for the faculty and "Commons" for the students, not to mention separate parking lots and privileges.

It would be interesting to see what would happen if teachers came out of hiding in the Faculty Dining Room to eat with students, students could huff and puff with the faculty in the (cough, cough) lounges, or both had to wait their turns in line for the next available john.

I think one group or the other is afraid to try desegregation or it would have happened already.

Desegregation Advocate

Dear Editor:

The only thing that I really dislike about this school is that at lunch time you can't leave the school grounds to have a cigarette. I think there should be a certain place to have a cigarette. Or why can't we smoke with the other people in the faculty lounge?

L.S.

Dear Editor:

I would like to comment on the Dance Production and Gymnastics Show. I thought it was very well done and you could tell a lot of hard work had gone into it.

Other students have agreed that it was the best Dance and Gymnastics Show we've seen yet.

Anon.

STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF:

We welcome your comments on this paper. Turn them in as "Letters to the Editor" to an editor, adviser, or put in BRIDGE box outside Room 300.

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EDITORIAL

Lately as in the past few months, gossip seems to be the prime occupation of many students in this school. Many of the people who do gossip are doing so blindly, because they don't know what they're talking about. This is the cause of rumors.

Of course, not all gossip is bad, constructive gossip goes on all the time. "gossip" also is not harmful when it is between a few people who are concerned about something. In this instance, people are only discussing what was once gossip.

Sometimes a person will

misunderstand what's being said, and relay it wrongly to someone else. This is where gossip turns the wrong way.

I'm not saying which gossip is good or which gossip is bad. Everyone gossips. It's up to the individual if he wants to open his mouth and say what he's heard. But is he telling the facts, or what he thinks is true? Also, even if the individual knows what he knows is true, does that mean he should tell someone? It's up to him. Each person has the power to control gossip, he can repeat it --- or he can keep it to himself.

brae berndt edit.

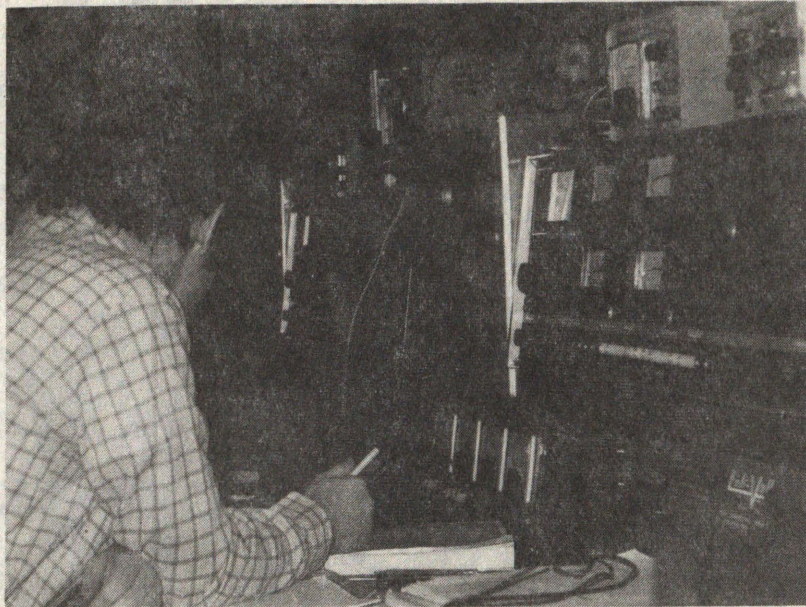
shocking circuits

By Brae Berndt

Many students are interested in learning electrical principles of motor driven appliances, others are interested in these principles as applied to the entire technological world.

Some like to relate electrical principles to electronic circuits like those found in TV and radio, stereo systems and computers.

If you, like these students, are interested in electricity, you're probably already enrolled in one of the electronics courses. If not, you may be interested in signing up for it when you register this spring. Future enrollees, and those taking it now, will be able to use the new electronics equipment that has arrived recently.



Left, the new electronic equipment in Room 116.

The courses which are offered are Applied Electrical Maintenance, which has no prerequisite; Basic Electricity, in which you need Pre-Algebra or Math I as a prerequisite; and Basic Electronics, prerequisite Basic Electricity.

A student does not have to take Applied Electrical Maintenance first. He may start with Basic Electricity then progress to electronics.

The average winter temperature at the Army's Fort Richardson, Alaska, is 15 degrees, warmer than Minneapolis, Minn.

Many people do not realize all the work that goes into the yearbook. It involves meeting photographers, drawing up layouts, cropping pictures, typing, and much more.

The staff gets a lot of criticism about their books. It feels that a better job could be done if more people signed up to work on the yearbook. Signing up will take place later this year. Listen to the announcements for details.

THE Y TRY HARDER

BY
DIANE TAYLOR

There is a group of people in this school who go up to a small room every day and do their best to give students a reason to remember high school.

There are only a few people on the yearbook staff, but they do a lot of work. They each give at least one hour every day, not to mention time before and after school and on weekends, to make your yearbook worthwhile.

new teachers and future new arrivals

Goats have their kids in spring, pheasants have their young during the spring, and it seems as if the home economics teachers at We-Go do the same.

There are now two teachers, Mrs. Donze and Mrs. DeWolfe, who have had to take a leave of absence from their teaching at We-Go in order to give birth, and Mrs. Pedersen will be following suit in a few weeks.

These three teachers comprise 3/5 of the faculty for the Home Economics Department, so in order to keep the Department alive, two new teachers have been brought in.

The U. S. Army is currently offering a bonus of \$1,500 to individuals who volunteer to be telephone repairmen.

These new teachers are Miss Baechle and Miss Larson who have received their degrees from the University of Illinois and Northern Illinois University, respectively.

They are planning, with the help of the remaining teachers, several different events for their various cooking classes. Some of these events include selling foreign dinners during the lunch hours and having shops which will sell items such as salads, cookies, or tacos.

The foreign dinners are being planned for the second nine weeks of the semester, but the shops are already underway. Cookies were sold on Friday, February 5, and other shops are being planned biweekly, until the end of the quarter. Miss Baechle encourages all students to watch for their favorite foods.

SAIMON SAYS

by John S. Henle

In a recent interview with Dr. Saimon, Superintendent of District 94, he expressed his opinion that a whole new attitude towards the school system is emerging.

A sense of easiness is more apparent between students and faculty in general. The building itself is going through several improvements, with some still on the way, along with less littering and vandalizing in the halls which adds to the healthier atmosphere. Dr. Saimon also credits Dr. Kamm, Mr. DuFour, and Mr. Waterhouse for a noticeable improvement in the school system.

In the end, the combination of all these factors is resulting in a much more efficient learning system. The school is maturing and the result is "a much happier place" for all involved, Dr. Saimon says.

L.C. News

by Robert Gregory

The WCCHS Learning Center has once again gone out into the community for additional help in the many library chores that need to be done.

This time Mr. Wicks has come up with an old West Chicago grad, Mrs. Carol Weigand, who has returned to her alma mater as a part-time helper in the library.

Mrs. Weigand has been pleasantly surprised by what she has seen in the short time she has been here, saying that she had expected to return to what she termed "a jungle". She likes both her new duties and the West Chicago student body, and expects to be helping out in the library for some time to come.

international talent

Mr. Norman Martinez, Bilingual Coordinator for West Chicago High School, has announced that the International Talent Show will be held on May 30 and 31 this year.

The purpose of the production is to foster better relations and deeper understanding between ethnic groups in this area. People outside the school will also be able to participate actively.

Further announcements will be forthcoming.

new ideas: barbi henry

by Janet Kuntz

WCCHS is fortunate this year in having a new P.E. teacher, Mrs. Barbi Henry. Mrs. Henry taught P.E. in Florida for seven years before she and her husband, Steven, moved to West Chicago.

Mrs. Henry liked sports in High School but was very dissatisfied with her P.E. teachers. She decided to become a P.E. teacher herself, because she felt that she could make it more interesting for others than what her teachers had made it for her.

Swimming is her favorite sport, in fact, she loves almost every sport there is in the water. A few of her hobbies are gardening, anti-queing furniture and, just being a housewife.



Mrs. Barbi Henry

When asked what she thought of the administration, she said, that it seems to be very humanistic and better than where she used to teach.

Mrs. Henry's husband is going to med school now. After he gets his own practice she plans to quit teaching and start raising a family. Teaching water therapy for the physical handicapped is one thing Mrs. Henry has always wanted to do, she hopes that after her family has gotten a good start she will be able to do this.

POETRY

Traveling down the busy
highway.
I came across a youth
sitting by the side of the road
doing his own thing.

Do your own thing! be you!
Do your own thing! Thats all!

But society demands more
of you.
All the while they say, be you!
they still say, do this! do that!
your wrong!

Can't you see?
It's easy to be like you!
It's hard to be me!

Shayne

America the ?

Oh beautiful for blackened skies
For concrete viaducts
For strip mined countryside, you see
Above the burned out forests
America, America God turns his back on thee
You foul your air with poison gas
From sea to oil slicked sea.

C.R.

* These lyrics are a bit exaggerated-but maybe
it will make people realize what is happening
to their country.

Marriage

Possibly tomorrow
Possibly today
I may never do it
Even if I do it
I know I'll only do it once
I can't
I won't
I will not do it twice.
It's hard to find the right one
Because the right one may be wrong.

I never want to see his face
I never want to hear his voice.
I never want to be with him.
I don't like him at all.
I've tried to break away and run.
But he will not let go
I think I need to hurt him bad
And maybe he will go.

Rhyme

Rhyme is rather dumb.
Looking for words that just won't come.
Trying to find a rhyming word,
Sometimes coming out quite absurd.
Keeping a regulated meter, too.
I can't.
I find it hard to rhyme,
While keeping perfect time.
I guess I'll just have to quit.
For the duration of my life I'll sit
Untimed
And still
Unrhymed.

Sheronne

I walked today through the soft green
grass,
I lifted my face to the bright blue sky
and the warming rays of the sun,
I left the grass and followed a cool,
damp earthy path
that led to a swiftly running, gurgling
stream.
Birds trilled high sweet notes in a
near by tree
in a delicate nest among the green
leaves and rough barked limbs.
I sat where I stood and remembered,
remembered how it used to be,
for you see-
I am blind.

Shayne

To The One Of My Love:
Love is something I'd heard of,
Love was a feeling I'd never had;
'Till I meet you!
I've been struck by an arrow,
An arrow that was painless and
Yet very, very painful,
It was painful and yet it was,
And is PURE ECTASY!
I was complete at last,
I was a whole being!
I had love and for the first,
I was receiving love!

You are my light in a world of darkness,
I'm lost, a wandering spirit without you!
You are my happiness and sorrow,
You, for me, are life!
Without you, I'd be a mere being,
Lost in the vastness of life;
I'd surely die!

J.E.S.

His hair is sweetly shining with the
golden touch of God
His eyes they twinkle brightly, like the
stars far above.
His touch so warm and gentle
His lips so soft and sweet.
He makes me feel so wonderful
Every time we meet.

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Traces

Children are beautiful with
smiling faces,
Always leaving little traces.
Some black crayon on the walls,
Or muddy footprints down the
halls.

Little smiles that turn to cries,
We always have to sympathize
Playing from the break of dawn
at night we wonder why they yawn.

Little eyes and little hearts,
Telling mommy where it smarts.
Little tears in little eyes,
Hoping for their spirit to rise.

Soon they grow and leave the home,
Then we are left all alone.
Thinking of their childhood days,
With diaper pins and sneaky ways.

Daisy

"My Future"

In the distant future lies a dream
Which is my own to carry through.
Nothing can stand in my way
For I am free to fly wherever my
heart desires

But I must learn discipline
before I try my wings
I must start from the hills
But shoot for the stars for I
know no limit.
If the stars are my goal, the
least I will reach are the
mountain peaks.

I will not let the past haunt me
nor let the future frighten me
But I will take each day
as it comes and will make
the best of it for I have a
whole life ahead of me.
And that time I will spend
making progress for in the end
I will succeed?

elizabeth

Friendship

I learned to prize a friendship
It is a precious gem
I've found that if I give advice
I lose a precious friend.

BW

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Original Writing

BUGS GONE BUGGY

In the first section, the VW's of the Homecoming race suddenly rebelled against their drivers and took off on their own. After being chased for three miles, they shifted into fourth and left the mob of pursuing bewildered students far behind.

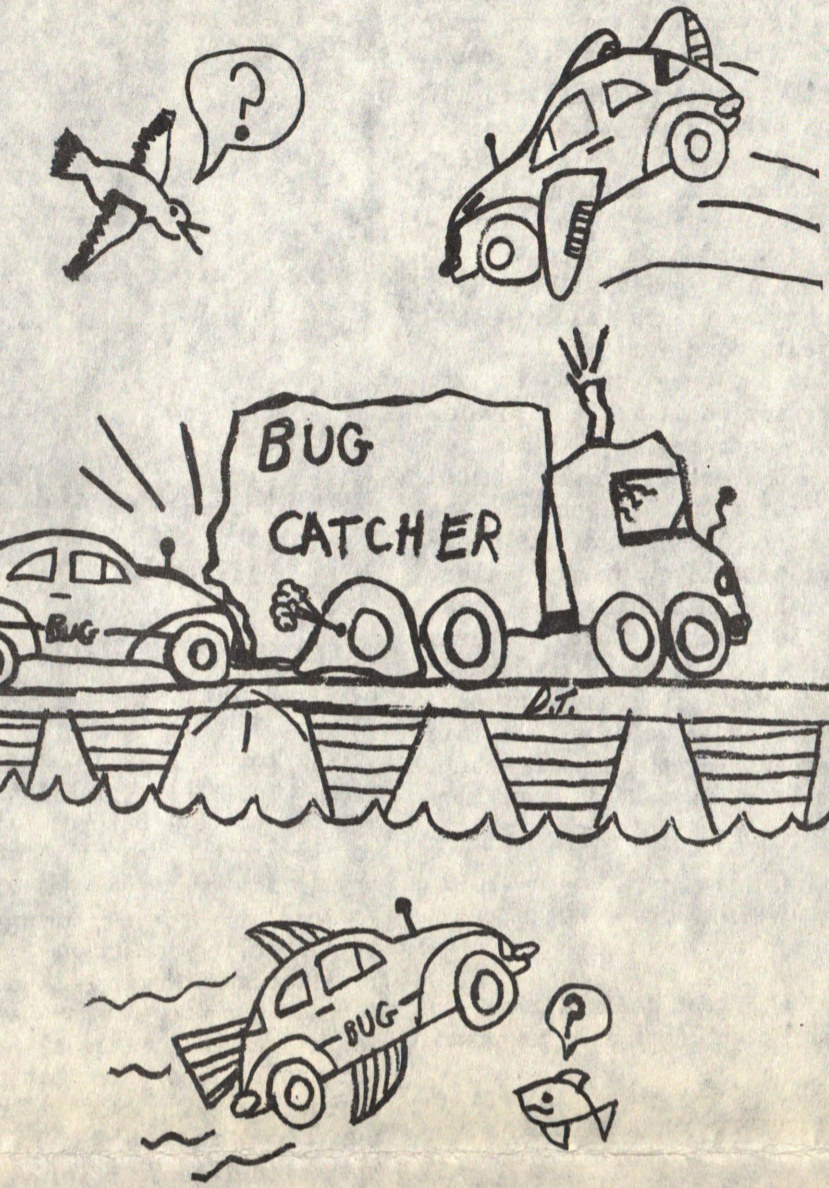
But the bugs didn't return to school...they headed due west in a nearly straight line.

And that wasn't all. One of the nightly news shows came bursting in with a bulletin about "...the mysterious disappearances of VW bugs all over the nation..." The story was incredibly similar to my own--the bugs, all at about 2:30 that afternoon, had suddenly taken off on a westerly path of their own accord. It hadn't mattered WHERE they were. Bugs on the road, bugs in the driveway, bugs in VW showrooms--they ALL got up and left. And that meant several million of them.

Is that all, you say?? THAT figure was only that of the bugs in the United States. Successive reports revealed a world-wide migration of bugs: England, South America, China, Russia....everywhere!

The most peculiar thing about the move was that the bugs were converging on Germany--where Volkswagens originated. For some reason they were uniting into one big mob in their place of "birth." No one could tell at the time what that reason was.

Germany was a mess. Every square foot of land was overrun with bugs. All of the Germans--East and West--had to emigrate, because there was no room for anyone to live. It was supposed that the Wall would stop their



During those long weeks, constant efforts were undertaken to find the bugs' motives. The methods used were variant and unsuccessful; spies disguised as Fords and Chevrolets were promptly smashed to bits if they entered the vicinity; paratroopers met the same fate; and reconnaissance aircraft were destroyed by the sonic intensity of the bugs' horns. The VW's, it seemed, wanted to be left alone.

Man had to resort to astronomical means of keeping an eye on the weird cars; unmanned satellites in a synchronous orbit over Germany took color photos of the region but they showed nothing more.

But at last, in the third week of the third month of this peculiar occurrence, the bugs began to move. The Jet Propulsion Laboratory of Pasadena, California, first received the information on a photograph beamed by radio to Earth from an orbiting satellite. Now the world would at last have something to break the tension created by the many weeks of waiting for the bugs to do something.

And the bugs DID do something...something BIG.

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progress, but nothing, it seemed, could stop the vehicles whose purpose in migrating still evaded the greatest minds in the world.

For three months, the bugs collected in Germany. At the end of that time there were so many that they spilled over the border and spread northward into Denmark, eastward into Poland and Czeko-

slovakia, westward to France, and south to the boot of Italy. There the expansion ceased. For six weeks afterward the bugs just SAT there, seemingly doing nothing, although the constant honking of their horns, which could be heard for hundreds of miles, suggested that they were using some form of intercommunication.

YOUTHS STILL FEEL DRAFT

"You mean I still have to register for the draft?" The answer is--YES! Even though there are presently no inductions, there is still a requirement by law for young men to register with the Selective Service. Guys can register at the local board of the Selective Service System, 1035 E. State Street, Geneva, or in the Guidance Office with one of our two newly appointed registrars, Mr. Peterson and Mr. DeLap.

Young men must register during a 60-day period beginning 30 days prior to their eighteenth birthday.

MUSIC CONTEST

This year the Solo and Ensemble Contest will be at Wheaton North High School on March 8, 1975. Our school is sending 125 students from Band, Orchestra, and Choir. The band is sending 13 Ensembles, 3 choirs, and 9 solos to contest. The soloists are volunteers and ensembles are chosen. This year the solos don't have to be memorized so hopefully more students will take them. In recent years West Chicago has received the highest total points of all schools in the past seven years.

Some of the 22 schools participating in contest this year are: Wheaton Central, Wheaton North, Wheaton Warrenville, Geneva, Batavia, St. Charles and other neighboring schools.

Mr. Sargent's outlook for this year is very optimistic. He stated, "With the contest some two months away the music students are settling down to some serious practicing. Most of the participants are volunteers and they spend many hours in preparation for this event. It takes a great deal of courage to enter the solo events and some students deserve a big thanks for accompanying the soloists."

Anyone who wishes may come and listen to the solos, duets and ensembles by students from this school and others.

C.H.
by M.F.

music review

By
Dennis Luka

Joe Cocker - I Can Stand A Little Rain on A&M Records.

This has got to be the finest album to emerge from Joe Cocker. It proves Cocker is at his best. Cocker's new album moves the emotions with some electrifying blues with some soul and funk, Cocker's new album contains quite a few piano dominating tunes. They're all there; "I can Stand A Little Rain" packs and swings songs by Harry Wilson, Randy Newman, Jimmy Webb, and Jim Price. The album is a strong listening experience and an extraordinary accomplishment.

He: (at football game) See that man playing end? I think he'll be our best man next year.
She: Oh, this is so sudden!

"You say she made a millionaire out of her husband?"
"Yeah, he was a multimillionaire when she married him."

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

The BRIDGE staff will try to interview a guy and a girl from the same class in successive issues. February's students are seniors, Charlie Zimmerman and Cathe Sims. The articles are by different reporters.



Cathe Sims

When did you start in cheerleading? What interests you about it?

I was first a cheerleader in 8th grade. Cheerleading appealed to me because I found it hard to sit down during games and cheerleading gave me a chance to stand up and jump around.

Where are you going to college? What do you want to study?

I would really like to go to Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio, but my parents don't want me to so I will probably go to Hamlin University in St. Paul, Minnesota. I want to study nutritional science.

Do you plan to get married? How many kids do you want?

I think marriage is just another one of society's little games that everyone plays but I'm sure I want to. I don't feel that getting married has any real purpose in life and I don't think that I need to get married to show I love someone. Besides, love doesn't always last forever and when it doesn't, being married just makes it harder and more painful for the two people to separate. I will never give birth to more than two children because I believe in zero population growth but I would like to adopt children.

What one thing at school would you like to see changed?

There are so many things that need to be changed in the school, it's hard to know

where to start. A major change for the better would be if teachers and students could learn to look at each other as people instead of just as roles that people play. It would be easier for students to consider teachers as people if the teachers would have respect for our likes and dislikes and not try to cram their subjects down our throats. It doesn't help any and it just causes resentment towards the teachers.

Conversely, we should realize that teachers are people who we can like, love or hate like anybody else. We have a tendency to dislike teachers just 'cause they're teachers. We should at least give them a chance. As long as we're all in this school together, we should all try to make it more livable than it is now.

Does having an ulcer slow you down or hamper your activities?

My ulcer doesn't give me any trouble or slow me down.

Who are your favorite singers or musicians?

Elton John, Cat Stevens, Simon and Garfunkel, Bob Dylan.

What is your best talent or quality?

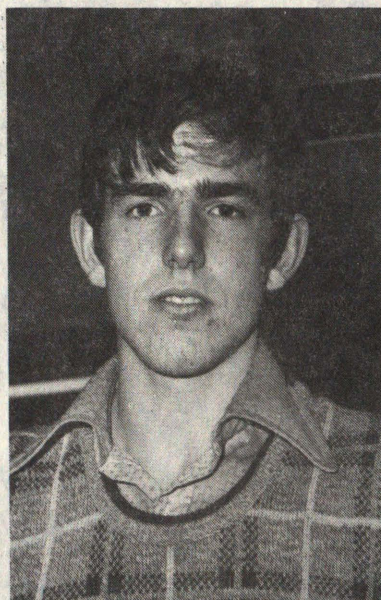
I don't have any.

How does it feel to cheer for an unsuccessful basketball team?

Winning isn't everything.

Is there anything else you would like to mention?

One of my teachers invited me to eat with her in the faculty dining room and the next day I did. I enjoyed it 'cause it was nice being treated as a person by a teacher and it was nice being on the same level. I hope to eat in there again, invitation or not.



Charlie Zimmerman

by Kerry DuCharme

"A lot of guys think you aren't an athlete if you're a rodeo cowboy, but you have to be both mentally and physically prepared when you go out to do your thing," says Charlie Zimmerman.

Although Charlie has been roping for more than ten years, he feels that it was not until last year that he started getting good at being a rodeo cowboy. Last year alone, he participated in 22 rodeos and won several different titles. In a district rodeo at Effingham he received the title of "All-Round Cowboy" for the Illinois High School Association.

One of Charlie's biggest gripes is that if you compete professionally as a rodeo cowboy, you can't go out for any of the school sports. This is because when you compete in a rodeo, you receive money for placing in the different events, and one of the IHSA rules says that anyone who receives money for his work in a sport cannot compete in any high school athletics.

Charlie has set for himself a goal in life: the goal that he will make it to the national finals by the time he's 21. In order to do this, he has to be one of the top 15 people in the nation, in any one event. This rank is determined by the number of points received in a year's time, which is based on the amount of money won while competing.

After graduating from high school this spring, Charlie plans to go on to college and study to be a vet, during which time he will compete in the inter-collegiate rodeo.

LUNCH

Menu

Monday, Feb. 17

Submarine Sandwich
Vegetable Soup with crackers
Ice cream
Milk

Tuesday, Feb. 18

Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
Corn
Custard
Bread, Butter
Milk

Wednesday, Feb. 19

Cream Chicken on Biscuit
Tossed salad
Peaches
Bread, Butter
Milk

Thursday, Feb. 20

Chili-mac
Crackers
Mixed Vegetables
Chocolate pudding
Bread, Butter
Milk

Friday, Feb. 21

Macaroni and Cheese
Green beans
Cake
Bread, Butter
Milk

Monday, Feb. 24

Ravioli
Carrots
Peas
Bread, Butter
Milk

Tuesday, Feb. 25

Salisbury Steak
Mashed potatoes
Wax beans
Jello
Bread, Butter
Milk

Wednesday, Feb. 26

Chicken Hawaiian with Rice
Tossed Salad
Applesauce
Bread, Butter
Milk

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planned to use this missile against the Jewish state of Isreal during the Arab-Isreal conflict. The Isrealites learned about it and began undercover work to infiltrate the Odessa and eventually break it up before the missile could be completed. So far their attempts had failed. this is how a reporter comes in.

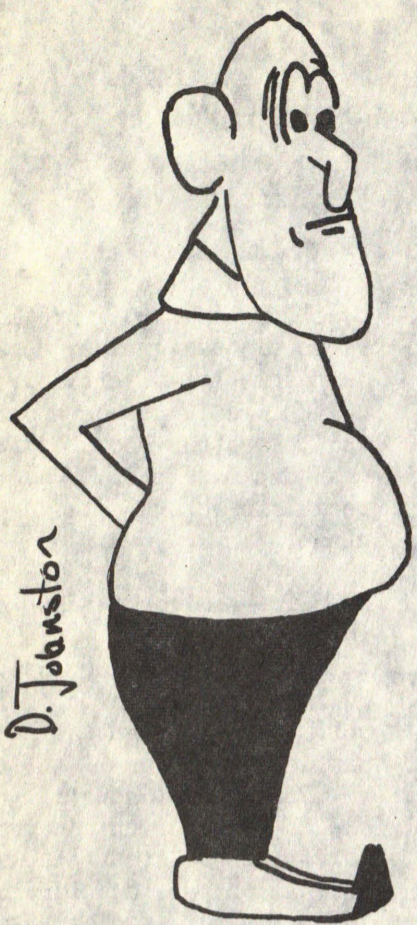
This reporter is the main character of the whole story. He tries to uncover this secret organization and goes through many exciting experiences. He is suspected by this organization (Odessa) and some of it's members are told to kill him. He is caught, but manages to grt away.

Many people are involved in this movie and the whole movie is based on fact. It was really an interesting film and kept your eye at all times. I would sugest it to anyone who likes to watch movies that tell you some of the things that have been kept from this world, because of how unfair these people were treated.

movie review (sic)

By D.L. L.H.

The Odessa Files, What are they? The Odessa was a secret organization of S. S. men or secret police, which was established after the fall of Nazi germany. Many of it's members were sought after war criminales of WWII, noted for their herendous war crimes. The Odessa was supported by millions of dollars worth of stolen treasure (taken just before the fall of germany and held in Swiss bank accounts) were able to take the Odessa's members and give them a new identity and enter them into the cause of converting germany back to the "One Germany, one people, united" as during the war year. It was this organization which, by the 60's had well infiltrated all aspects of the German Life, that secretly undertook the task of developing a guidance system for a missile carrying deadly germs. It was



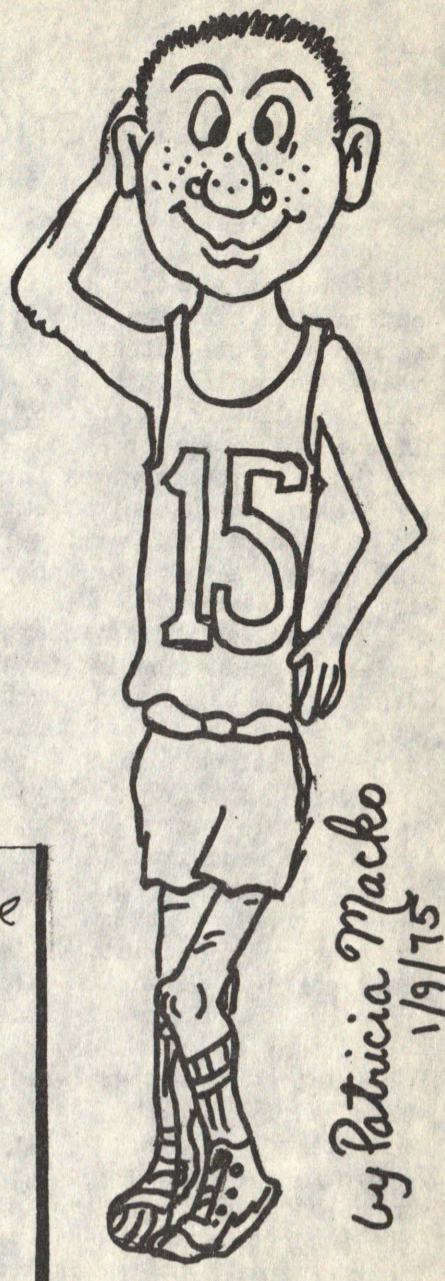
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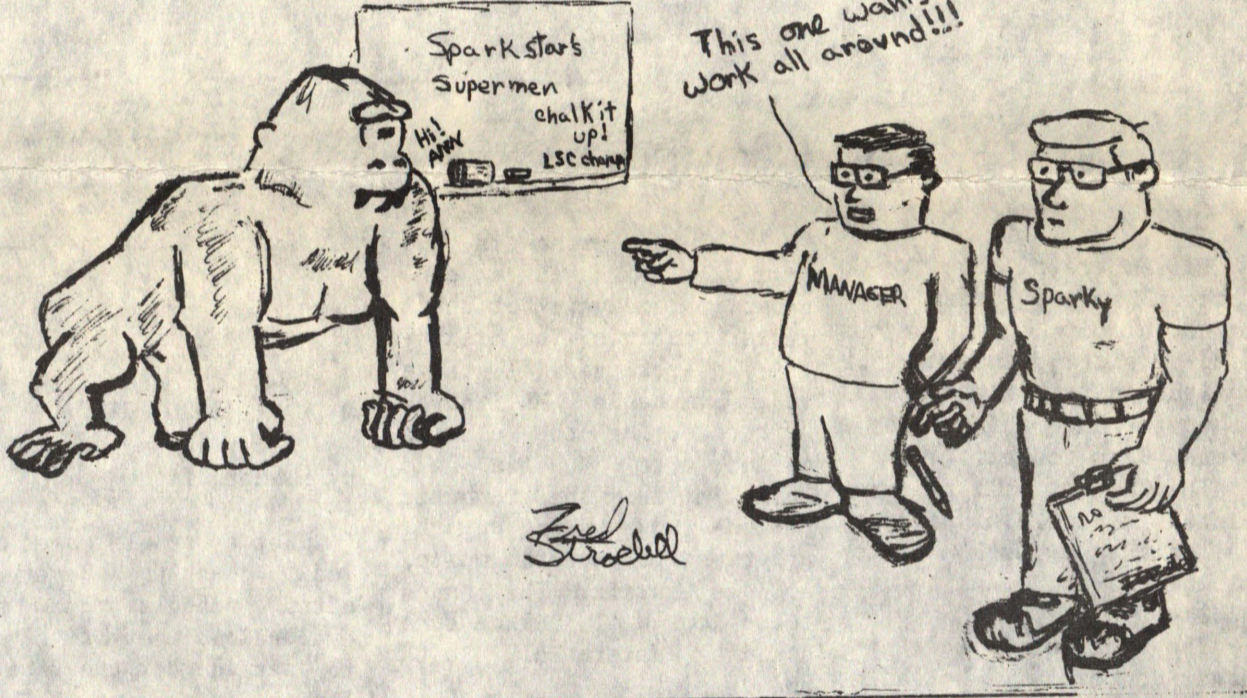
ADS



by Patricia Macko 1/9/75

Uncle Sam's Army wants YOU. His uncensored number is in the phone book. (This had to be deleted also.)

Be sure to patronize Solly's Trolley although their ad must be scissored out by School Board order.

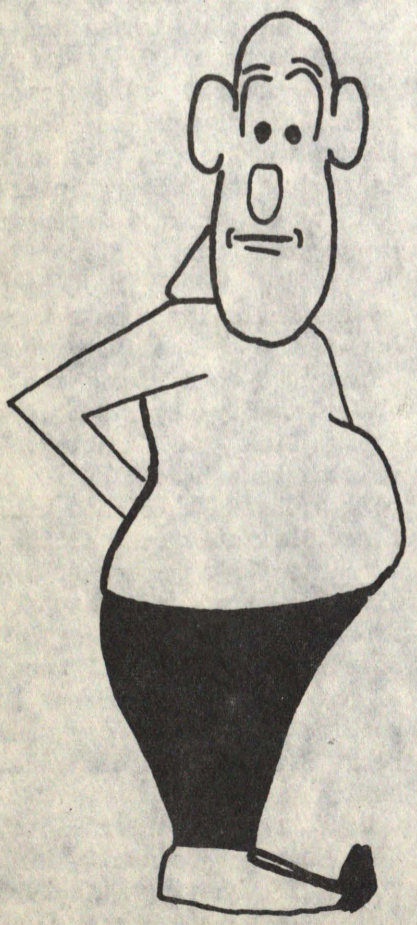


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Look Out, World, Here We Come!! **inglés** español

by Penny Tuinstra

January graduation is an option that has been open to students for about five years, according to Mr. John DeLap, guidance counselor. Dissatisfaction with school is the main reason given for graduating early, but a jump on the job market, marriage, and getting away from home are also factors.

The biggest disadvantage in early graduation is that January is the slowest month for job seekers. Good full-time positions which are open are usually given to older, more mature people with more education. Work-study programs fill many more jobs.

Another disadvantage is that college financial aid programs favor June graduates.

Thirty-five seniors graduated early, which is ten more than last year. Five seniors have changed their minds and will stay for the whole school year. Most of the seniors who graduated last month were girls. Some graduates will go to COD night classes, but most do not plan to attend college in the fall, according to Mr. DeLap.

Eight juniors will be graduating, not a semester, but a year early. Members of the Class of '76 who will graduate in June are Karen Anderson, Brae Berndt, Suzanne Hamlin, Sue Lamparter, Debbie Sandstrom, Angela Scott, Maria Villela, and Joe Wisniewski.

The seniors who left last month, according to the Guidance Department, are Lynette Armbrust, Mark Balthis, Raimonds Baumanis, Marc Bonem, Jay Brown, Donna Brummel, Deborah Burkhardt, Donna Chaudoin, Mary Dean, Eva Eynik, Brenda Falls, Patricia Gaede, Linda Gambino, Elizabeth Garza, Karen Griffin, Joan Horzich, Stephen Kindermann, Pamela Lellios, Laura Lewis, Dennis Luka, Lee Mason, Caron McClelland, Nicolette McIntosh, James Owen, Ellen Pikarski, Kathleen Quinn, Debra Saviano, Susan Simunich, Carol Smetana, Sharon Strock, Susan Thatcher, Robin Thomas, Deborah Tinnes, Petrea Westlund, and Carole Kiebasa.

The U. S. Army's Fort Mc Nair, in Washington, D.C., is the oldest active military post in the nation, dating back to 1790.

by Merle Margolis

Hi! In the last Bridge, I told you that Spanish isn't just grammar, and that, if we want, Spanish can be fun. Whoa, there! Let's stop. We don't need a lecture. We can get that every day in class.

Friends, wouldn't you like to know how Spanish affects your life? Do you have a hobby? Would you like a change in your class?

Well, then! Why not have a contest? This contest can be during Spanish class. Take your hobby and find out what it's like in Hispanic countries. Bilingual and former students of Spanish are welcome, too.

But, first we have to talk to our Spanish teachers and pick judges and a prize. No matter what your hobby is, a Latin American or Spanish teenager probably has it too. Look it up in magazines, newspapers, anywhere. Guys, find out about Spanish auto races. Girls, what about Spanish costume and modern dress? And what rock stars do Mexican teens dance to? Hurry! Make your voice heard!

The U. S. Army will celebrate its 200th birthday in June of 1975.

school check--up

by M. Margolis

Just as people need medical check-ups every so often, schools must have evaluations every five years to see whether they are fit for their students. Therefore the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction visited the high school on January 14 and 15 to look at the various departments.

Twenty-four faculty members from nearby schools and one O.S.P.I. representative asked questions, took notes, and observed classes during these two days. They checked on curriculum, facilities, and materials available to students at We-Go.

An official report was given to the district and the school on what they found. Students, with prior permission, were allowed to read this.

In particular, the math inspector liked the Data Processing computer and the idea of having a service. Many of the inspectors were impressed with the facilities at We-Go and most of the teachers were satisfied with the report submitted to them.

por Merle Margolis

¡Hola! En el último Bridge, les dije que el español no es solo gramática, y que si quisieramos, español podría ser divertido...

¡Cuidado! ¡Vamos a parar eso! Nosotros no necesitamos una lectura. Podemos recibirla cada día en la clase.

ANUNCIO---Amigos, ¿No les gustaría aprender como el español afecta su vida? ¿Tienen Uds. una afición favorita? ¿Les gustaría un cambio en su clase?

¡Pues, entonces! ¿Por qué no tengamos un concurso? Este concurso puede ser durante la clase de español. Tomen Uds. su afición favorita y descubran como es en los países hispanicos. Estudiantes bilinguales y anteriores de español están bienvenidos también.

Pero, primero tenemos que hablarles a nuestros maestros de español, y escoger jueces, reglas, y premios. No importa que sea su afición favorita, un joven hispanico probablemente lo tiene también. Busquenlo en revistas, periodicos, donde quiera. Muchachos, se familiarizan con carreras de coches españoles. Chicas, ¿que les parecen trajes típicos españoles y vestidos modernos? ¿Y que músicos de "rock" bailan los jóvenes mejicanos?

¡Tengan prisa! ¡Dejen oír su voces!

speech team

The We-Go Speech Team traveled to DeKalb Saturday for the DeKalb Invitational Speech Contest. The team of Peggy Peterson, Craig Romoser, Becky Brauer and Peggy Bloxam took second place in Improvisation. Peggy Peterson took third place in Prose and fourth place in Verse.

The following points were earned to place the West Chicago Speech Team tenth out of twenty-seven schools: Kelly Dunk, Declamation, 7 points; Lisa Black, Radio, 4 points; Chris Velbel and Lisa Black, Dramatic Duet Acting, 2 points; Craig Romoser, Oration, 9 points; Mitchell Brown, Original Comedy, 7 points; Peggy Peterson, Prose, 12 points and Verse, 10 points; Craig Romoser and Becky Brauer, Humorous Duet Acting, 1 point.

On February 14th and 15th, West Chicago Community High School is hosting the 1975 I.H.S.A. Little Seven Conference Speech Contest.

Winter Band Concerts

by Kerry DuCharme

To members of the We-Go Concert Band, a garden hose is not simply an apparatus used to water plants, but a musical instrument that will be used in this year's Winter Band Concert.

The Concert will be presented at 8:00 p.m. February 18, in the Weyrauch Auditorium, and is open to the public.

The following week another concert will be held, this time featuring the Freshman Chorus, Girls Choir and Orchestra. It will be given on February 25, and like the band concert, will be held at 8:00 p.m. in the Weyrauch Auditorium.

Both the orchestra and band will be showing a contrast in the music for their Winter Concerts. The orchestra's selections will range from Symphonie Militaire, written during the classic period, to Russlan and Ludmilla, from the romantic period, and rounding out the program with modern music, such as Charade. The band's selections will include such songs as Western Folk Suite and Pippin.

Ronald Klipp will be a featured soloist for the Winter Band Concert. He will be playing Concerto for Trombone, having the band accompany him.

The Talents of Ray Benson

by Bob Perez

The senior class in cooperation with the art department and Ray Benson were discussing the possibility of having a wood carving made as a gift for the school from the senior class.

Ray Benson's exciting professional life started when he was an Eagle Scout at thirteen. His scout leader taught him a few lessons in art. That's all he needed. The rest was up to him.

Now living in Aurora, Benson is married and the father of one child. He enjoys the mountainous country and likes to be with outdoors people. Ray and his family spend a scenic three-week vacation in the mountains every year.

Ray has competed in a variety of world, country, and state jamborees where he won many trophies and ribbons. This year Ray is planning about 30 shows all over the country. He works with stone and metal, but wood is his specialty.

Why Study a Foreign Language?

menu

by Mr. Milan Gordon

Some students have asked me about the practical use of foreign languages after completing high school. Here are some of the ways in which knowledge of a foreign language can be useful to a person:

Many firms here and abroad need bi-lingual secretaries, representatives, managers, sales-personnel, attorneys, engineers, technicians, etc., who know the

language and culture of the country.

In the United States, hospital employees, teachers, social workers, and other urban employees, newspaper, radio, and television personnel will find language skills useful.

According to Mr. Wayne Dunham, a correspondent for the Daily News, and Dr. Charles A. Harkness, placement director at Northern Illinois University, there will be a need of about

200,000 workers in the export industry within the next ten years. The job title for this is "geotrader." Salaries for these positions run from \$12,000-\$18,000 per year for qualified personnel.

Another advantage of studying foreign language in high school is that colleges give advanced standing and college credit for those who have successfully completed four years of high school foreign language.

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Thursday, Feb. 27

Ham Salad Sandwich with Lettuce
Chicken Vegetable Soup
Apricots
Milk

Friday, Feb. 28

Tuna Noodle Casserole
Cabbage Salad
Butterscotch pudding
Bread, Butter
Milk

book reviews

by John S. Henle

Kilgore Trout has written many short stories—some science fiction, some pornography, and some a combination of the two. Kilgore Trout had a parakeet named Bill. Kilgore Trout was on a collision course with Dwayne Hoover, an auto dealer who was rapidly growing insane and decides he's a machine which was triggered when he read one of Trout's stories.

Kilgore Trout was also on a collision course with his Creator. What's this all about and what's it got to do with you? Who knows? Who cares?

Actually, this is about Breakfast of Champions, which is a collection of the kind of crap this article is made of. If you like to read this junk like I do, you'll love Breakfast of Champions which is for anybody who loves to read, hates to read (many pictures included), or for whoever enjoys laughing.

Breakfast of Champions is written and illustrated by Kurt Vonnegut Jr. and is, if you haven't yet guessed, a book; one for those who hate

by Tim Mc Adams

The Onion Field is written by a former police officer Joseph Wambaugh who also wrote "The Blue Knights" and "The New Centurions".

The book is a true story about two young cops and two young thieves who meet fatally one night in a deserted Los Angeles onion field. Here begins a bizarre execution which is followed by the longest, most intricate court case in California's history.

After going through the Character's past, the story becomes exciting. It will keep your interest and always keep you wondering what will happen next. If you like police stories, mysteries, court battles, or just a good book, The Onion Field is for you.

to read.

Does Breakfast of Champions have anything to do with a General Mills Foods product or something else equally stimulating? Do you care? Does Vonnegut reveal a solution for happiness?

I think he's written one.

L.C. Parapro

By Robert Gregory

What's a nice lady like you doing in a place like this? West Chicago students have been asking that question of Mrs. Kostner, the paraprofessional in the library, since she accepted the job of dispatching raucous and rowdy students from the hallowed halls of the Learning Center two months ago.

Responding to urgent calls for help from Mr. Wicks, Mrs. Kostner was subsequently selected from a field of over fifty people who called in response to Mr. Wicks' advertisements in the West Chicago Press and Winfield Glimpses. Her credentials (she is a mother of three) convinced Mr. Wicks that she was the person for the job, and she took up her new duties from that occasion.

In the short time in which she has been here, Mrs. Kostner has formed certain impressions of the students and faculty. She feels that students at WCCHS are fairly well disciplined and she likes the teachers she knows.

Mechanic: Madam, you have a short circuit in the wiring of your car.

Lady: Go ahead and lengthen it.

mini-courses

by Paul Hayes

The new minicourse program, which begins February 17, should be a success, according to the number of students who signed up.

The classes will last nine weeks and will range from meeting every day to meeting once a week.

Courses offered will be Introduction to Photography, Rock Climbing, Chemistry of Foods, Ballroom Dancing, Introduction to Bridge, and Beginning Guitar.

Classes will be taught by staff members and community members.

If you have any questions, see Mr. DuFour, dean of students.

gymnasts proud of team

by Kerry DuCharme

"Considering we only have one-half of a chin-up bar, a horse that bucks worse than a bull, and a tramp with a two-foot hole in the middle of it, we are doing pretty well this year," said Bernie Morrissy in reference to We-Go's gymnastics team.

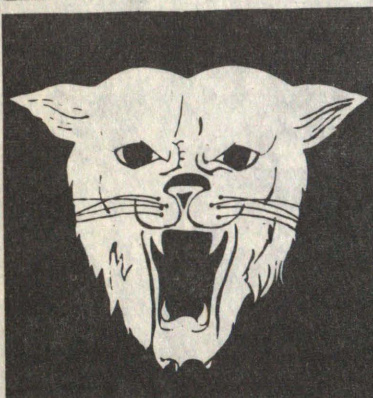
But although the gymnasts themselves feel that they have faulty equipment, and considering it is the first year that We-Go has had a gymnastics team, Coach Sparkman feels that the school has a good team. He bases this statement on the opinion that "any team that has improved over fifteen points in one year is a good team." And We-Go's gymnastics team has improved much more than that!

Coach Sparkman was more than satisfied with the num-

ber of students who went out for gymnastics this year. He said that he was hoping for fifteen students, but that over thirty came out. Yet even though the coach's expectations were more than doubled, some of the team members feel that they could have done better with a larger turn-out.

Many We-Go gymnasts feel that one of the biggest handicaps they have to cope with is that all the schools they have to compete with have had gymnastic teams for many years, whereas We-Go has had a team for only four months.

Mike Rennels sums up the feelings of many team members by saying, "Through the support of many students, Dr. Kamm, and our coach, and despite bad equipment, we feel that we have come a long way and will go further in following years."



more poetry from page 4

You came into my life
something new.
A ray of light
That was you That was you

You were different from anyone
I ever knew or met.
Your honest soul
I never forget.

You brought with you
the sound of sweet guitar.
Music, with it's notes soft
Like the song of the wind.

But the wind, It changed
And you were blown farther away
You left my life
As fast sa you came that day.

--Una

you're somethin new
somethin to me
if I'm alone
you'll never deceive me
lonely please go
please don't stay here
cause when you're gone
I've nothin to fear
lonely, how do ya do?

---sigrid

Let me know love
Not false but real love
Help me grow in love towards them and you.
Help me love.

KIT GRAPPLERS NO. 1!

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by Larry Fry

We-Go's sophomore grapplers once again showed their total dominance over the Little Seven Conference, winning the title Saturday for the third straight year in a row.

As usual the Kits won by a sizable margin. The locals totaled an impressive 95 points with the next closest team being the host school Plainfield with 70. The introductions for the finals sort of resembled West Chicago vs. the conference All Stars. The fact was that out of the We-Go twelve, seven were in the finals and five of that seven were right in a row.

Special congrats go to Coach Bob "Bruno" Owens for instilling a deep sense of pride into the sophs, who got off to an unusually slow start this year.

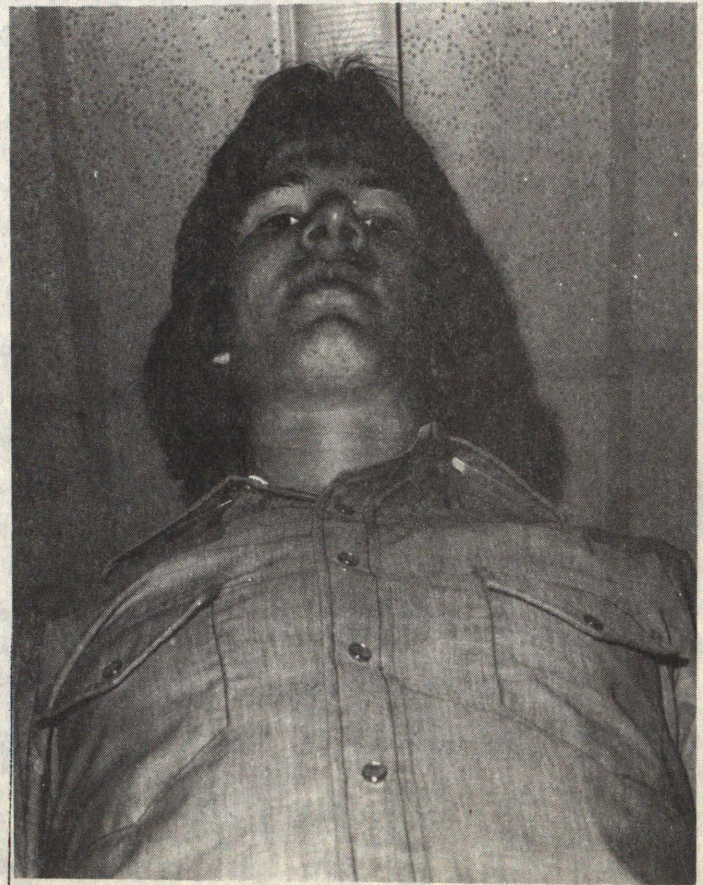
We-Go's Dan Unruh (98) started the action ending up in first with a 6-4 win in the finals. Greg Noga (105) got off to a good start winning the opener 12-1, but was slowed up in the next two and had to settle for fourth. Bob Fowler (112) was the next champ, handling his first two opponents easily and winning the tette by 6-0.

Next in line was Rick Brown who gave an impressive show all day pinning his man in the prelims and the final with a 3-0 decision in between. At 126, Dick Lundquist was hustling all day with two decisive wins in the prelims, but dropped the final match 3-2. Bob Worth (132) had smooth sailing up to the finals where he was stopped 2-0. Up next was Sam Reyes (138) who pinned his first man, had a very exciting second match, and lost the final 7-2 to take second. The Kits fourth and final champ was Miguel Cortez, who devastated his opponents throughout the tourney and won the title bout 16-4.

John Belle (167) and Pat Murphy (hwt.) both received byes the first round and were defeated in the second round. However, these two weren't done for the day as they both came back with pins in the consolations to receive thirds.

Bob Judson (145) and Art Fairbanks (185) were both defeated in first round action due to the seeding which placed them against the finalists at their weights.

SPORTS



Virgil Tuck- OUR GIANT!

by Paul Hayes

Virgil Tuck, the tallest member of the We-Go Wildcats Varsity B-Ball squad, stands a solid 6-8 and is one of the best top players in the Little Seven.

Tuck who is fifth in the league in scoring, also is fourth leading rebounder and has a 13-point game average.

Tuck is pushing for a college scholarship and has been invited out to Colorado Northwestern college to view the facilities.

When talking about this years' varsity team, Virgil was quoted, "Even though the team hasn't been winning, the team attitude is good; it is better then last years." AS his own personal attitude, Virgil said that he has improved and doesn't loose his temper as much.

The team runs a fast-break style of basketball; they get the ball, get down court quickly and set a play before the opponents can set up. About the teams fouls Virgil commented that the team must hustle more in order not to commit the fouls.

While not playing basketball, Virgil works stocking the shelves of National Food Market and listening to Elton John.

girls B-BALL undefeated

by Merri Preisel

West Chicago has one undefeated varsity B-Ball team it's our girls Interscholastic basketball team. They've got a record of 7-0, while the JV team has a record of 5-2.

This is the girls fourth year of experience and they are improving rapidly. Their offence and defense has improved and they are trying different kinds of offence. Even though the team's young their desire and hustle to get better really has to be admirered.

The Girls have four games remaining, so let's get out there and cheer these athletes on to victory and an undefeated season!

by Paul Hayes

Come one, come all to the District Wrestling Tournament this weekend at DeKalb High School and cheer your grapplers to victory.....

WE-GO VARSITY

by Paul Hayes

Our Wildcats suffered two more defeats this past weekend by being nipped 64-58 by the Kaneland Knights on Friday night, and then being ripped by Glenbard South 67-38 on Saturday night.

Against the Knights the Cats were outgunned in the first three quarters, but not even a 24-8 fourth quarter could save the we-go ballers from defeat.

Mark Soderquist, the high-scoring junior was top scorer for the Cats with 17 points.

On Saturday night the Cats were blown off the court by the Raiders of Glenbard South.

We-Go could not get it together as they were outplayed on the Raiders home court. The third quarter the Cats could not net a single point as they took 16 tries but came up empty-handed.

Barry Beckwith was high Man for the Cats with 9 points.