

The Bridge

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Seniors dominate events

by Cyndy Heier

After many hard weeks of planning, working, class competition, and fun, West Chicago Community High School celebrated another week of Homecoming. With disco, in the movies, and commercials, in the running, Walt Disney ended up as our Homecoming theme for 1978.

It was a winning year for the senior class as they won five out of six Homecoming events.

Seven dwarfs, jungle book, Cinderella's castle, Donald duck, and victory were on the minds of the student painters. The seniors took first place, with the juniors close behind, and freshman placing third, and sophomores fourth.

T-shirt day was Tuesday, second hour classes counted up how many students wore a shirt with their class year on it. Juniors had the most, freshman came in second, sophomores third, and seniors finished last.

Tuesday after school the classes started to show their artistic abilities again by decorating assigned halls. Seniors won this event with juniors finishing second, sophomores third, and freshman fourth.

Apples and Worms, another in-school activity, were handed out Thursday, October 12. Sue Sauer and Lori Walter each had 21 apples and Denise Flatter had 19 worms,

and Cyndy Heier had 18.

Thursday after school spectators lined up and down the track to watch the tricycle race, started by Mr. Kosek. The winning senior tricycle members were Judy Progo, Cyndy Heier, Terry Armstrong and Tom Frick.

Another senior victory.

Homecoming Events

was the spirit stick which was won during Fridays assembly. The pep-assembly really put everyone in a "rowdie" mood. The crowd started yelling "Zabelin" and the next thing you know Mr. Zabelin was playing his harmonica and leading the group in a Homecoming cheer. The pom-pom girls dressed up in colorful genie outfits and used scarves to help keep the beat to "Open Sesame."

Small groups in the bleachers started to yell various cheers expressing their opinions on whose class was better. The cheerleaders led many crowd raising cheers that really filled the gym with noise. Once again the varsity football players led the crowd in singing "Rock My Soul" and closed their performance by singing the end of the "Mickey Mouse" song.

The half-time show stepped off right at the sound of the gun. The band marched on in the formation of "Hi" and played "A Spoonful of Sugar." The pom-pom girls then per-



Homecoming King and Queen, Victor Mercado and Kathy Miessler. Story on page 4. (photo by Vanderpool)

formed a routine to "Hey Look Me Over." The band moved to a house where Mr. Pat Wilson, a student director from Western Illinois University directed the band in playing "Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?" "Someday My Prince Will Come," was played in the formation of a crown and "When You Wish Upon A Star" was performed in the formation of a star. Mr. Wilson ended his directing by having the band move to a concert formation and play "Heigh Ho Heigh Ho" and "Whistle While You Work." Mr. William Sargent then took over the band and closed the Homecoming

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Homecoming lacks tug of war

Homecoming this year was, as usual, a highlight of the school year and a great success from the student's viewpoint. But this year it just seemed to lack something.

This year there was no tug of war. There almost was no bonfire. The building of the bonfire didn't start until the day before it took place, which is why it was so small. If it would not have been for some groups of hard-working people with trucks working all day, the bonfire wouldn't have even been as big as it was.

It seems that certain people in the athletic department did not want these activities on their football practice field for fear of

damages. There was no concern as to the condition of the baseball field, only the football field. Cars are parked by the dozens on the baseball diamond during home football games, but that doesn't seem to matter either. It seems a decision like canceling a homecoming event, which affects everyone, shouldn't be just left up to the disgression of a few football conscious people. But presented to the students to the faculty too.

West Chicago Community High School is in the process of getting one of the finest athletic facilities in the state of Illinois. If a small portion of a virtually barron field can't be sacrificed for

a week for a special event, then something is obviously wrong with the athletic department's priorities.

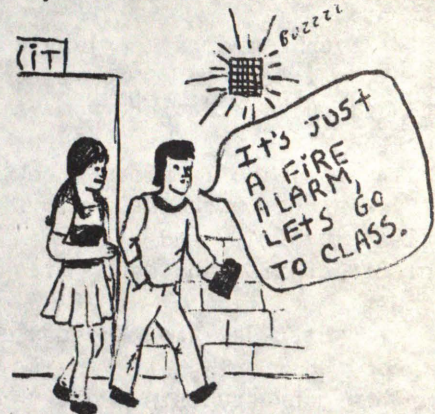
Cry wolf!

Our school doesn't have a smoking lounge, an open campus, or other things students complain about not having; The BRIDGE feels a major reason is because of the irresponsibility of the students.

So far this year we've had five or six fire drills, only two of them planned by the school. Already this year more fire alarms have been pulled than in past years.

Not only is pulling fire alarms irresponsible, but it is against the law. In the state of Illinois it's a felony to set off a false fire

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alarm. Anyone caught participating in the setting off of a false alarm will be prosecuted by the law. The school will also take disciplinary action against the offenders.

As Mr. DuFour said, "It's unfortunate that one person can interfere in the lives of so many people. It makes the whole student body look bad".

Responsibility is a big part of growing up and some students haven't been living up to that responsibility. Maybe if we students started acting a little more mature, we'd get more responsibility and more freedom.

Letter to Editor

New LRC to open soon

by Steve Binder

Dear Editor,

One thing I am getting tired of is all the talk about spirit for the football team.

Coach Larry Parker made quite a speech about spirit but none of it was directed toward any other team besides football.

Are there any pep assemblies for soccer, cross country, or how about girls tennis? When was the last time you read about or heard about the girls tennis team? For that matter when was the first time you heard about girls tennis?

How about lockers? Only the football players lockers are decorated.

You talk about spirit but what about cheerleaders? I thought the wrestling cheerleaders were also cross country cheerleaders. What about that?

And you talk about spirit.

Name withheld

So you think it's cold outside in gym class now...

by Judy Progo

Let's hope it does not snow before November 10 because P.E. classes are scheduled to be held outside.

The P.E. teachers were told they would have use of half the small gym, auditorium and the big gym, but as of this date it has not come about. Late construction is the reason. However, every one is hopeful that the fieldhouse will be done before the snow flies.

When Mr. Johnson was asked his opinion of the outside

A date in late October or early November of this year might very well be a date to remember in the life of West Chicago Community High School. That's the day Miss. Cheryl Meyer, the new L.R.C. director, and her entire staff hope to open the new Learning Resource Center.

Miss. Meyer was promoted after Mr. Wicks resigned his position after six years at We-Go. He is now director of the Resource Center of Glenbrook North High School in Northbrook.

The designing of the new L.R.C. is the work of Mr. Wicks, Miss. Meyer, and the administration along with the architects. It is almost twice as large and will accommodate over 300 students compared to the previous 180.

It will be equipped with an electronic alarm system built in the entrance and exits of the book racks and in the study area in the North Section. It can detect

physical education classes he replied, "Beats being inside and crowded. Everyone should dress warm." Mr. Owens opinion was, "The construction is keeping us out. There is nothing the P.E. teachers can do."

An opinion poll was taken among the students. They were asked the same question. Cheri Musnicki answered "as long as it doesn't get to cold I don't mind." Pete McGuire d Kathy Peterson stated "I think they're nuts." Construction strikes again!

materials not checked out. Hopefully this will eliminate the disappearance of over 400 books a year.

The new Learning Center will also contain a television media room which will be available to all interested students and teachers. Television production and audio equipment will make up most of the area, along with a sound-proof room used for recording. Next door to the A.V. office will be the new student oriented media



New LRC director Miss Meyer.

lab which will mainly be used for all forms of media projects such as constructing slide programs, 8mm movies and slide reproduction. This room will eventually contain a large format typewriter used for graphics.

The west section will be an area designed for class use, L.R.C. offices, front counter and magazine and book racks. Also there are two drinking fountains and a single washroom. Since the new L.R.C. connects directly with the Student Office, Counslers, Nurse, Cafeteria and Commons, passes in L.R.C. will be rarely used.

There will be separate section large enough to hold a class, video tape machine

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Royalty reigns over festivities

by Angela Hodges

This year's Homecoming King and Queen are Victor Mercado and Kathy Miessler. Vic and Kathy were crowned Thursday, October 12, after school at the assembly.

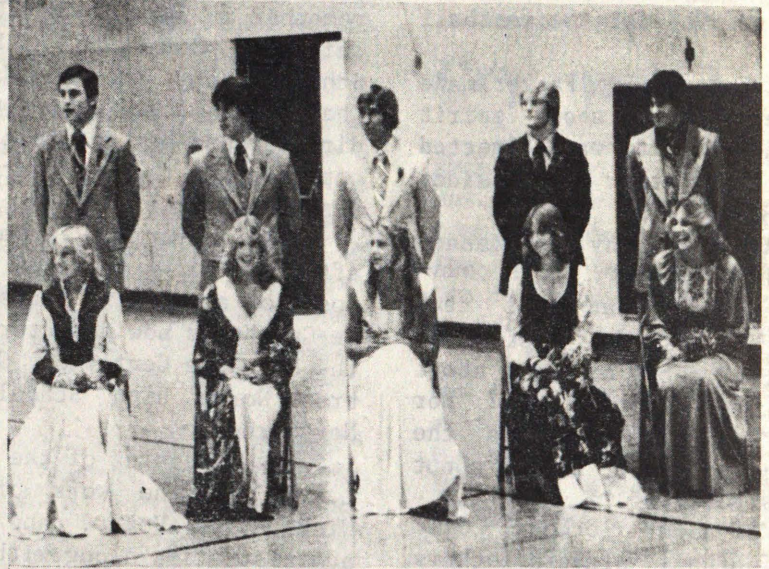
Homecoming all started Monday, October 2 when the seniors voted on the 15 finalists. It was narrowed down to 5 finalists on Tuesday, October 10, by the voting of all the student body. The 5 finalists for the girls were Kathy Miessler, Pam Kerner, Kelly Krafft, Liz Loerzel, and Lori Walter. The 5 finalists for the boys were Tim Blum, Vic Mercado, Mike Wheeland, Frank Schnur, and Don Stockton.

When Kathy Miessler was asked what her first reaction was when she was crowned queen, Kathy said she was

"very shocked."

She is currently on Pom-pom and is actively involved in pep club. Vic is split-end

on the varsity football team. He also plays on the varsity basketball team.



The members of this year's homecoming court are, (left to right) Lori Walters, Don Stockton, Kathy Miessler, Mike Wheeland, Liz Loerzel, Frank Schnur, Kelly Krafft, Tim Blum, Pam Kerner, and Victor Mercado. (photo by Vanderpool)

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halftime show with our favorite Walt Disney song "The Mickey Mouse March," where the pom-pom girls performed once again. The Homecoming queen and court were introduced with their fathers by Mr. Gene Haney, while band played in the background that popular song "Evergreen." And after all the work of Homecoming, the band couldn't help but play "Feels So Good." Our school song was then played while the band stood spelling "Cats." Young and old rose to their feet and joined in singing the fight song for the Wildcats. Then the band ended the show by playing Naperville North's fight song and marching off the field in a block "N." Another Homecoming halftime show was history.

The last competition against the classes was the

float. Each class was given the same amount of time to work on their floats. The two weeks went by fast, and once again the seniors won with a slogan of "Slip 'em a Mickey."

German Club won the fence deck by saying "Mickey Likes the Cats."

The parade this year consisted of three bands, the king and queen and her court, cheerleaders, class floats, club fence decks and entries, Mayor Rennals, the Booster club, the fire dept. and police dept. and many other entries. The We-Go Wildcats Marching Band, under the direction of Mr. Sargent, lead off the parade with marching hits titled "Hey Look Me Over" and that ever famous "Mickey Mouse March." Also appearing was the Jr. High Marching Band, directed by Mr. Miklos Geinko. A special appearance was made by the Naperville North Band and

Cheerleaders.

On Saturday night October 14, the Homecoming dance went into full swing to the music of the Great Expectations.

The dance took place in the cafeteria and decorations included a mirrored ball with red and white spotlights, a champagne glass from the senior '79 float, a Mickey Mouse autograph book for guests to sign, and countless streamers.

During the course of the dance, the Homecoming King and Queen and court were introduced and Mr. Zabelin did another harmonica solo upon request from the audience.

The band played a lot of disco music combined with a little soul and some slow songs. The dance floor was almost always crowded with the 240 students in attendance.

This marked another Homecoming in the minds of the Wildcats.

Dear Gabby

Dear Gabby,

I love a girl and want to know how I can make her love me too. Please help!

Signed,

Hopelessly devoted to her

Dear Hopeless,

Don't give up there is still hope. What you need to do is make her notice you. Give her flowers, candy or other little gifts. I cannot guarantee that she will fall madly in love with you, but she might begin to realize that you're alive(hopefully).

Luv, Gabby

Dear Gabby,

I never wrote anyone for advice before, but I figure you're the closest to Dear Abbey I'll get. My problem is I have B.O. I tried all the deodorants on the market, but nothing seems to work. I feel like a social reject. No one stands any closer than three feet next to me. My clothes are ruined. What should I do? You might think this problem isn't very big, but to me it is ruining my sex life. Please answer soon.

Yours always, Stinky

Dear Stinky,

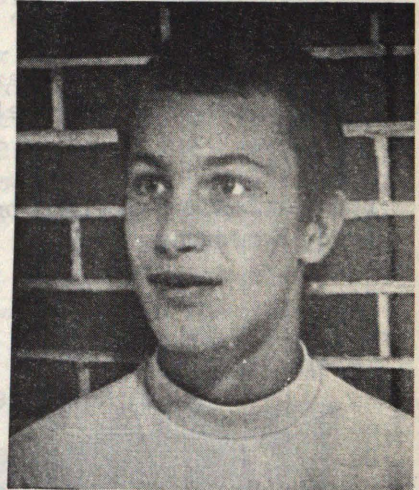
I know many people with your problem. The solution is simple. The way I view this situation you're going about it all wrong. All you have to do to improve your sex life is to try a shower. All the deodorant in the world won't help if the smell is already there. If this solution does not work there is always a second alternative. Find a mate with a bad cold.

Luv, Gabby

Photopinion : How do you feel about having PE now that you're a senior?

by Michelle LoDestro

Jeff Smothers '79, "Pretty good. I like the mixing of the sexes."



Kathy Miessler '79, "Seniors shouldn't be forced to take it."



Roxanne Tepler '79, "It's unfair because others didn't have to and because super-jocks like I stand out."

New LRC

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and 16mm film projector. The new A.V. office and a repair room.

An informal lounge and a special study area make up the east section, This will mainly be used for quite study. However, calculators, tape players and other devices may be used.

After Miss Meyer was promoted Debra Bostowick was added to the L.R.C. Staff. She comes from Louisiana with two years of experience in Junior High and High School Learning Centers.

Greg,
Are we still going to be
married?

You know who!

* * *

Bubbles,
Jerry's a jerk and oughta
get transferred to Siberia.

On leave

* * *

Jeff B.,
Your're about the craziest
person I know, next to me!

-DW-

* * *

Congratulations SENIORS on a
great Homecoming year!

* * *

Sis,
Have you gotten the RCO
lately from Bab?

Your Sister

* * *

Dear Mr. Macho,
When are you going to come
down to earth?

The gang

* * *

Phil,
I think you're nice!
I like your smile too!

5th lunch

* * *

Dear Mooners,
We know who you are?
The Baskin Robins girls.

* * *

Greg Eaton,
Why don't you lessen your
shorts before you hurt some-
thing!

4th hour

Co-ed PE. class

* * *

Mr. Wilson,
I like your ears.

DW

* * *

Herman,
I missed you at the Home-
coming game.

Rob

* * *

Ron,
Remember

Sue!

* * *

R.A.
Loose weight!

* * *

Dough-Boy,
Sybil loves your body.
D. Nail

Robyn,
Do dogs really have
tails?

Guess Who

* * *

Bones and Boo-Boo,
How's your tennis coming
along?

Buns

* * *

Liby,
You've got know class.

R.K.

* * *

Dear Oscar,
I wuv you!

Biggy

* * *

PERSONALS

Janice,
You're going to get a "F"
on your paper.

Guess Who

* * *

Ricky Belle,
Please speak to me.

J.P.

To Whom it may concern,
Thanks for the apples and
worms.

Pete

* * *

Dear Oscar,
Do you remember Friday
night? I do. Let's do it a-
gain soon.

Biggy

* * *

Pete,
You're a pest!!!!

Us.

* * *

Jodie,
Let's tell Jane who she
really is.

Casey

* * *

Dear Smouse,
Keep up the good work!

Sunshine

* * *

R.O., M.B. and A.S.,
Remember the car and the
eggs?

S.B.

Boobee,
I'll get you for that worm.
Keep your little elf warm.
Godfather

* * *

Mouth,
Remember the Porker Bros.
Quickie

* * *

S.A.
My heart is full of
passion for you.

Jeff Lynne

* * *

Grant:
Julie and I want the
Hardest greenies!

* * *

J. Stillinger,
Remember Ziggy pants? If
you do, it still goes.

Shorty

* * *

Hey! V-ball,
Ya gotta wanna.

No. 11

* * *

Buzz,
Neil Young was a waste!!,
if ya know what I mean?

Toke

8 * *

Karen R.,
Do you like him or don't
you?

concerned

* * *

Mouth,
You start one more rumor
about me and you ARE gonna
die!

A former regretful friend

* * *

Thank you to my 9 fans
who voted for me for Homecom-
ing. Suckers!

EIC

* * *

Kurtis,
Melany loves you!!!

Signed, JZ125

* * *

Pen,
Done any surfing lately?
from: Gildimeyer
P.S. Have you seen foghorn
yet?

New Teachers: Five faculty members exude optimism

by Steve Teske

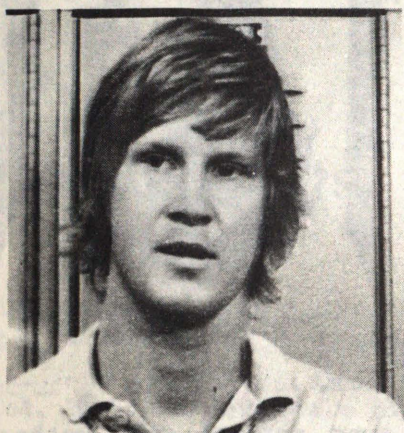
Despite the problems caused by construction and various other difficulties that have appeared this year, a feeling of optimism is prevalent among the students and faculty of WCCHS. This mood of optimism is especially strong with the five new teachers here in West Chicago.

With the addition of a swimming pool to the school facilities, we now have our first swimming coach. His name is Dan Johnson. Mr. Johnson graduated from the University of Northern Iowa where he was the captain of the swimming team for two years. In addition to teaching and coaching swimming for

on sports and team games. He says the emphasis in PE during the last two years has been on what the student can



Another addition to our PE staff is Ms. Amy Yount.
(photo by Murnane)



We-Go's first swimming coach and new PE teacher is Mr. Dan Johnson. (photo by Murnane)

both boys and girls, Mr. Johnson is a regular teacher in the PE department.

Mr. Johnson is married, and has a son named Corey who just turned two. The Johnsons live in Wheaton, but are building a house in West Chicago. Mr. Johnson's hobbies include playing the guitar and snow skiing.

Commenting on physical education in general. Mr. Johnson mentions an emphasis

do after graduation. He feels that most schools have done a good job in this department.

While discussing our own school, Mr. Johnson feels that when the construction is completed, we will have some of the best PE facilities in the state and possibly in the Midwest.

Amy Yount was also hired because of our increased PE facilities. Ms. Yount will be the swimming assistant when the pool is completed. She also teaches PE.

Ms. Yount is a graduate of the University of Illinois where she was a member of the swimming team. She lives in Naperville and is not married. Her hobbies include cooking and playing tennis.

Ms. Yount feels that a good background of basics is important to any high school graduate. She includes math, science and English among her priorities. She says she likes our school and thinks

it will be nice when the construction is completed.

Another recent addition at WCCHS is the requirement for all freshmen to have one quarter of health class. Tom Kaczcowski will teach that class. Mr. Kaczcowski is a graduate of the University of Illinois. He student taught in Urbana and he also was an assistant track coach at the U of I for one year.

Mr. Kaczcowski is not



Mr. Tom Kaczcowski is the teacher for the newly required health class for freshman. (photo by Murnane)

married and lives in Carol Stream.

Mary Jo Maska teaches basic skills and English to freshmen. She studied at Loyola University and taught there for a time. She is single and lives in the town of Western Springs. Her hobbies include dancing and the fixing of cars, but she isn't pursuing them at this time.

Ms. Maska thinks our school is nice and she finds the expansion of it exciting. She also says that she feels

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Cancer Smokeout November 16

Please puff-off! That is what the American Cancer Society would like smokers to do. The date for this Great American Smokeout has been set for November 16.

The object of the smokeout is for all smokers to give up smoking for one day. The American Cancer Society feels that this one day could help smokers kick the habit for the rest of their lives.

If you smoke, give it a try. It might be the thing you need to help you quit.

FBLA footnotes

Welcome to our new column, FBLA Footnotes. FBLA Footnotes is written by various Future Business Leaders of America members. Our column will deal with many different subjects including consumer news, features on local businesses and their leaders, and a consumer action line. You can write to us if you get ripped off and we will use our considerable clout to try to unrip you. Bring your consumer complaints to room 302.

Student Council President Mike Turner, said that he would like our school to participate in this Smokeout, but he can not give a definite answer until the matter is brought up before Student Council.

DAVEA Parent-Student Open House Nov. 15

There will be a Parent Student Open House of the DAVEA CENTER on Wednesday evening, November 15, 1978 from 7:30 until 9 p.m.

Students interested in attending the DAVEA Center in the future and their parents; along with students presently enrolled at DAVEA and their parents, are invited to attend this openhouse.

The DAVEA Center is located at 301 N. Swift Road Addison, Illinois and is between North Avenue and Army Trail Road.

If you need any further information contact Darlene Stoeckicht at 620-8770 Ext; 282.

New teachers

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that most of the students are good-natured and enthusiastic here in West Chicago.



Ms. Maska (photo by Murnane)

Peggy Peach teaches typing, shorthand I and II and Consumer education. She studied at Illinois State University in Normal and West Chicago is the first school she has taught at. Mrs. Peach

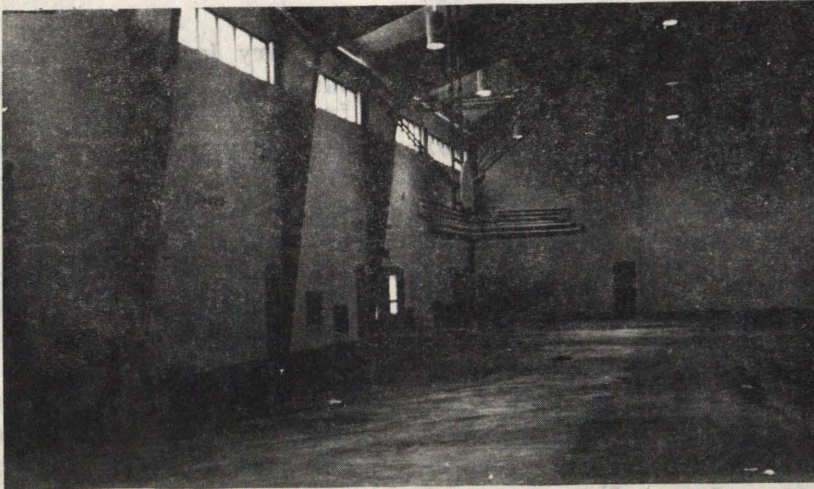


Mrs. Peach (photo by Murnane)

was married two months ago and now lives in St. Charles.

Mrs. Peach says that the basics are important for survival in the modern world and makes special mention of the three r's (reading, writing, and arithmetic). She also emphasizes the importance of Consumer Ed., and says she wishes that it was a requirement when she was in high school. She says that high school is the student's own little world, and it is important to learn how to be a good consumer before one enters the larger world after graduation.

Sneak preview : Field house



The inside of the new field house on the north side of the school. (photo by Vanderpool)

Wildcats upset Huskies 1-0

by Cindy Hoier

In spite of the season record, the soccer team is still holding up strong.

Coach Kimery stated, "It is very disappointing that we haven't won any of our games, but we are still playing very well and we are not being 'blown out' of our games." By this Coach Kimery means that a victory won't come easy for another team.

The Wildcats are a competitive team. They still have good spirit. Even when one guy feels down, the other players are around to bring him back to his feet.

One problem for We-Go is the mid-playing field. Kimery remarked, "In this area we are not aggressive enough." The team has been improving,



Dennis Montana (15) watches Jim Romero as he brings the ball under control against Wheaton Central. (photo by Murnane)

but so have all the others according to Kimery.

Kimery also remarked that

the younger players on the team will get better as they get older.

Homecoming a total loss

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three. No scores until the second quarter, after drive up field, went in from the one making it 6-6. Mercado kick good. 7-6. The Huskies went 65 yards. Paul Palleson went in from the one. Score 12 - 7. White run good. The score at the half 17-7 NW. In third quarter action the Huskies again moved upfield 64 yards, this time Ron Milburn went in from the three. Run failed, score 20-7. We-Go score in fourth quarter, pass from Stockton to Mercado in end zone. Mercado kick good 20-14.

That's what it might look like in the record book, but the last minute seemed like an hour for the North fans and a mere wink of the eye for the overflowing homecoming crowd. From their own 34 the Cats engineered a drive on the strength of Stockton's "superarm." Four

plays later the Cats found themselves on the Huskie 15 with no time to go on the clock. A previous penalty gave the Cats one last play, but the force wasn't with them. A magnum size rush hurried Stockton into a quick pass situation. A desperate lunge! No fans it wasn't caught by Serpa, Mercado, or Voelz or any of the boys of autumn. It sputtered helplessly in the cold, dark end zone grass.

The Wildcats took care of Glenbard South, 13-7. Mike Wheeland plunged in from the four in the second quarter and Don Stockton connected with Vic Mercado for a 57 yard scoring pass.

The week before the We-Go Wildcats took care of the Wheaton Central Tigers 26-20. Tim Blum won the game for the Wildcats in overtime with a 103 yard interception run-back.

Upcoming sports' events

FOOTBALL

Oct. 27 Naperville C. Away
Nov. 3 Glenbard N. Home

SOCCER

Oct. 26-31 Sub-Sectionals TBA
Nov. 2-7 Sectionals TBA
Nov. 10,11 State Finals TBA

CROSS COUNTRY

Oct. 28 Districts
Nov. 4 Sectionals
Nov. 11 State Finals

VOLLEYBALL

Nov. 2 Naperville C. Away
Nov. 7 Glenbard S. Home
Nov. 9 Wheaton N. Away
Nov. 14 Naperville N. Home
Nov. 16 Wheaton Warr. Away
Nov. 18 St. Francis Tourn. Away

Nov. 21 York Away
Nov. 27-Dec. 2 Districts
Dec. 4-9 Sectionals
Dec. 12 Super-Sectionals
Dec. 14, 15 State

Volleyballers can be the best

by Holly Gatehouse

"We have the ability and desire to be the best," says Coach Gail George, "And if team togetherness prevails, they can be."

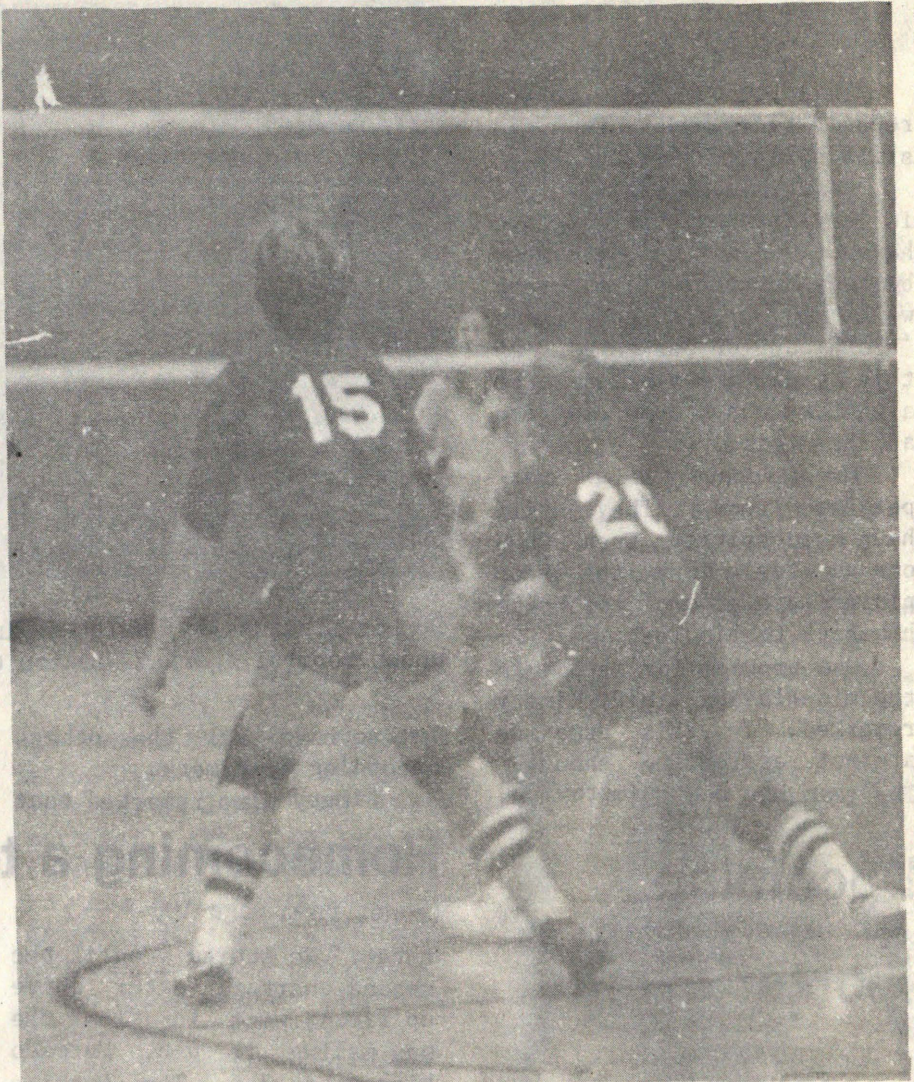
Coach George feels that the Volleyball team lacks experience but that it will develop as they play more.

George also believes that judging by the talent the team has, they should end up with a very good conference record.

The junior varsity team is led by captains sophomore spiker Ceda Malay and senior setter Lynn Schmugetrow.

JV coach Pam Zimmerman says that, "So far they have shown a good grasp of fundamentals and alot of spirit and determination. The girls hope to strengthen their game as the season progresses."

Both coaches express the hope that more people will come and cheer the teams on at the remaining matches.



Two We-Go Volleyballers prepare themselves for a line shot. (photo by Murnane)

Homecoming a total loss

by Tom Nelson

Homecoming was a total loss.

No not the festivities but the game.

In a 20-14 loss, the Cats fell to the Naperville North Huskies.

It was a night for running, and run Naperville North did. They ran a total of 289 yards in their upset over a startled Wildcat team.

The scoring went like this. 50 yard run by Huskie Scott Meckley, TD by Brian White who ran in from the (cont. on page 9)

Runners stride despite losses

by Scott Kennedy

The West Chicago Cross Country team traveled to Glen Ellyn to compete in the DuPage County Invitational on September 30.

Pacing the Varsity team was 24 place finisher Karl Huff with a time of 15:32. Jeff Gary was 62 with a time of 16:10. Mueller, Wiborg and Burgeson round out the We-Go top five.

On the JV level Mark Beedle and Chris Rowland completed and finished 52 and 72 in the division.

In the Girls division

Collette Stazak completed and grabbed 48 place, running the hilly two mile course in 13:20.

On October 3, We-Go hastled Glenbard North.

We-Go however, lost by a heart breaking three points, 26-29. Huff was the winner on the varsity level running a 16:37.

We-Go traveled to Crete-Monee to compete in the tenth annual Pow-Wow. Out of approximately 70 teams, We-Go finished 48.

The conference meet is October 30, at Naperville North.