

# The Bridge

West Chicago Community High School

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## News Briefs

## Teachers unveil their hidden talent

by Cyndy Heier

Students aren't the only ones who get into the act. Teachers, staff and faculty members add a little musical variety into their annual dinner. At the end of the school year, these people get together for a dinner and show. Otherwise known as "The Faculty Frolics." The frolics consists of about twenty people who volunteer their time and talents to perform.

The skits and songs were written by the cast. The exact contents of these performances are being kept a secret, to surprise the audience. "But we can tell you that they relate to funny things that happened during the 1978-79 school year."

On February 1, the cast had their first practice. They met in their homes.

Mr. Stevens is the person in charge of

the frolics. His opinion of the show is that it is fantastic. "It is a big thing. The year seems to go by faster when you have something to look forward to." Mr. Stevens thinks the show will have a big turnout. There is usually a big attendance for this kind of dinner show.

Not only did the cast members write their own skits and songs, but they choreographed the dances and prepared the props.

The cast members for this year's "Frolics" are Mr. Beebe-narrator, Mrs. Bostwick, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Fairbanks, Ms. Gerino, Mrs. Hladileck, Mr. Kosek, Mr. McNamara, Ms. Meyers, Linda Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. Strohm, Mr. Vandermark, Mrs. VonHoff, Mr. Zabelin,

Mr. Walton and Mr. Stevens.

And how do the teachers involved feel about this? "It's gonna be fun. But we really couldn't have done the show without Mr. Stevens," Mr. Vandermark emphasized. Mrs. Strohm didn't know what she could say and what she couldn't without revealing the contents. "The frolics take up alot of your time but it's worth it in the end," answers a confused Mrs. Strohm.

After observing many of the rehearsals, one can conclude that teachers do have an extra hidden talent.

There's just one catch. This cast only performs once. For a special audience that consists of teachers, staff, faculty members and their spouses (or friends). The Faculty Frolics are at the end of the year and will be held at a local country club.

## Fire hits We-Go

by Steve Teske

Smoke from an overheated compressor caused confusion and resulted in the cancellation of some evening activities on April 5.

A two horsepower three phase compressor near the fieldhouse overheated between five and 5:50 p.m. as a result of uneven power supply due to heavy winds. The smoke was first spotted by maintenance foreman Pat Phillips.

Business Director James Mast referred to a "great reaction" from the West Chicago Fire Department which arrived at the school shortly after the problem was found. School officials also were notified and arrived soon.

Inspectors were expected April 6 to make sure the compressor was still safe to use. Meanwhile, the north addition was being treated by small electric heaters. Mr. Mast expected to learn that the compressor would still be usable and would be turned on shortly.

## Pool opening

by Mila Matijasevich

On Sunday, May 20, 1979, the dedication of the new additions to the West Chicago Community High School will take place.

The ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. with the unveiling of a plaque thanking all of the people who were involved in the construction of the new addition. The West Chicago Community High School Band will play at the ceremony. The Public is invited to attend the ceremony and the open house following, until 5 p.m.

## Students exhibit talent

by Angela Hodges

The Student Talent Show will be held on Tuesday, May 15, at 8 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

Mrs. Zmrhal and Mr. Van De Mark are the faculty advisors, but director, Sharon Aguilar runs the show.

There will be about fifteen acts. These acts include bands, comedy skits, dance routines, singers, a dramatic reading, and a tribute to "the King." They also hope to have the Swing Choir and the Pom-Pom Squad perform.

Since no organization is sponsoring the show, they will charge one dollar to get in. The money will go for the awards.

The judges will be teachers and volunteers who would like to remain anonymous.

"I hope it's the beginning of the return of annual talent shows", stated Mr. Van De Mark.

## New club at We-Go

by Scott DeDera

There is another new addition to WC-CHS, this being in the form of a C.W.T. Club (Cooperation Work Training).

The club was formed by the C.W.T. students in order to expand their social and career related experiences.

Gene Stolp was elected president, Wayne Kaste, treasurer and Lori Quarzenski, historian.

The two major goals of the club for this year are to raise enough money to have an employer appreciation banquet and to form a VICA chapter.

The club is sponsored by Mr. Junkroski the C.W.T. instructor.



This year's cast for the spring musical (pictured here) does not "fiddle" around. Last night was opening night. The musical will be performed tonight and Saturday at 8 p.m. \$2 main floor, \$2.50 balcony.

## Prom 1979 has great potential

Prom 1979 will be held on Friday, May 11 and "promises to be better and more memorable than any past proms," boasted Mr. Swan.

The prom will be held at the Diplomat West, 681 West North Avenue, Elmhurst and begins with arrival and sign-in between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. A complete dinner will be served starting at 7:30 p.m. and features appetizer, soup, salad, prime rib

of beef, potato, corn, and dessert. Dancing to the music of "Freshwater," begins at 9 p.m. and continues until midnight. A free soft drink bar will be provided for the evening. Coronation of the 1979 prom queen will take place about 10 p.m.

Each couple attending the prom will receive a program detailing the evening and two engraved mugs commemorating prom 1979. A photographer will be

available to accept orders for colored prints of the couple or of any group. Prices for the photographs start at \$3.75 and increase according to the size of the order.

The Junior Class has undertaken several projects this year in order to raise funds to offset the cost of the prom. The pop machines in the cafeteria and the magic show have served to raise almost \$4000 to be used toward the total cost of prom. Tickets to the prom will be on sale from April 23rd through May 4th and will cost \$15 per couple. Mr. Swan also commented that "This ticket price represents quite a bargain considering that the cost of the prom is nearly \$40, per couple." Tickets will be available from Mr. Swan in the mathematics department before, during, and after school.

The election of the prom court and of the prom queen will take place during all lunch periods on Tuesday, May 8 and Thursday, May 10, respectively.

The Junior Class officers, Deanne Sheahan, Kathy Bodony, Casey Kovac, and Cindy Marting hope that all attending will find prom 1979 to be a great event. Any questions you have concerning the prom should be directed to the class officers or to Mr. Swan or Mrs. VonHoff.

## Shaughnessy takes first in state

by Diana Nail

Mark Shaughnessy placed first in Data Processing at the F.B.L.A. state contest, March 30-31. Mark is now eligible to compete in New Orleans on July 1 through 4.

Mark placed second in area and turned around to beat the same student he lost to in State. "Studying on his own got him to become a state winner", commended Mr. Zabelin.

David Collins, president of the local chapter, placed second in Job Description Manual. He described jobs like sales clerk, duties, and expectations.

Vice President Mike Turner placed second in Job Interview. Out of 38 con-

testants, the top six became eligible for the actual interview.

Deanne Sheahan and Myrna Keitzman, working as a team, placed fifth in the poster event. They were given a poster board, marker, pencil, topic, and one hour to create a poster.

John Fuja placed fifth in Business Law and Cindy Bahlmann, treasurer, placed ninth in Advanced Typing.

There were 58 schools in competition and approximately nine-hundred students participating.

The students attended a banquet with guest speakers, a disco dance, and a pool party.



# Candid conversations with a canine

by Wally Verdooren

In today's United States, there are many different groups of individuals who have been victims of the American society's misunderstanding and ignorance. I have here with me a member of one such group, and his name is Mr. Charles Rankin. Welcome Charles.

Just call me Chuck.

Alright, Chuck. We may as well start out by admitting the fact that you're a dog, aren't you?

Well, we prefer to be known as members of the canine variety, because the term "dog" really tends to lead to a lot of misunderstanding.

How so Chuck?

Well, so many of you Homo Sapiens (or as we canines simply refer to as Saps) associate the word "dog" with rather negative images. You can be "sick as a dog", or "dog-tired", or when you're really ugly you can be tagged a "dog", if you'll excuse the pun. Now, just because you happen to be a member of the canine variety doesn't have to mean you're sick, tired, or necessarily ugly.

Yes, I can see where the complications set it, Chuck. Yet the fact remains that you are indeed one of those rather hairy animals that run around on all fours and go "bow-wow."

Now, just hold it one minute, turkey!

Excuse me. Have I said something wrong?

Just where did you come up with this, "bow-wow" crap? You might catch me letting off a couple of "arf-arfs" or "woof-woofs" now and then, but never a "bow-wow." To begin with, the damn thing's just about phonetically impossible for a member of my variety to pronounce!

I'm sorry Chuck. I guess I've been reading too much about Spot in my Sally, Dick, and Jane book lately. I should try to be a bit more open minded when presented with such stereotypical images of members of your variety.

You better believe it, bub!

Well now, getting on with the interview Chuck, I'd like to ask you a question I'm sure has been burning in the minds of nearly every human being in America concerning your group.

Just fire away, chum.

I know this is a rather difficult thing for you to answer, but just how are you guys actually able to eat something like Kal-Kan Chopped Horsemeat Dinner in bone-marrow gravy, without just barfing your guts out? Lord knows, just thinking about that trash makes my stomach turn!

Oh jeez, you are so right! For some strange reason you Saps are under the impression that we canines enjoy eating Ponderosa rejects. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Just how do you put up with this inconvenience Chuck?

Well, whenever I get my bowl of Gaines Burgers sloped in front of me, I just sort of jump around awhile, making those fools believe I actually enjoy the stuff. But as soon as they aren't watching, those cruddy burgers find their way to the toilet, and pronto.

Now that we've mentioned "those fools", why don't you tell us a little bit about your masters and mistresses.

My what?

You know, you're masters and mistresses.

Oh, them! Well, I don't have any masters, but I do have this poodle who lives across town and let me tell you, can that bitch (female dog) put out!

Uh . . . no Chuck, I still think you're a bit confused. What I meant by mistress and master are the human beings you live with.

Oh, I'm sorry. Well, they're a bunch of nice folks, I guess. Even though they're remarkably dense.

In what ways Chuck?

Well to begin with, they've yet to catch onto my Gaines Burger disposal technique, even though I've been doing it for years.

Excuse me a moment Chuck, but I was going to ask you this before. Since you don't eat the grub that they give you, how are you able to keep from starving to death?

What else? I steal.

You steal?

Ya, sure. Twinkies, Suzy-Q's, Ding-Dongs, left-over lasagna, anything I can get my paws on.

Don't you ever get caught?

Ha! Like I said, these fools are really dense. Whenever there seems to be something missing, the woman Sap always blames it on the little Saps. Really pretty hilarious when you think about it.

Ya, I guess so. . .

Now, if you'd really like to bust your gut laughing, come over Saturday morning when the kid has to clean the yard with a shovel. Damn, that's funny!

Boy Chuck, I must say that you've really got an intriguing sense of humor.

God, I think so.

Well, I believe it just may be time to sort of wrap this discussion up. . .

What? We can't stop now, boy! Can't you see I'm on a roll?

Yes, Chuck, but. . .

Let me tell you another really idiotic thing I've got to put up with. You know what that woman Sap gives me every single week?

No, Chuck, I don't.

A great big soup bone! What the hell am I supposed to do with a damn soup bone with zero meat on it anyway?

Uh . . . chew on it, I guess.

Chew on it? What would I want to do that for? Do you ever chew on soup bones? Do you get pleasure out of it?

No, Chuck, I can't say that I do. . .

Well, neither do I, turkey! If I've got to chew on something, give me a piece of gum for Chrisake! Have you ever tried blowing a bubble with a soup bone?

Yes, I can see where that would be rather difficult to accomplish.

Difficult? It's impossible, you pompous moron!

Excuse me Chuck, but I think I've got another question to ask of you.

What is it you low-life, ignorant, unthinking, thick-headed Sap?

You're "fixed", aren't you. . .

How did you know, you slow-witted twit?

Oh, it's just that you seemed a little frustrated and repressed, that's all. And, oh yes, one final question before we end here.

What now you gravy-sucking ignoramus?

Just how long has it been since your last rabie vaccination, Chuck?

## Proud to be "graded" by dedicated

Dear Editor,

With the coming of spring three things come out, flowers, birds, and grades.

Grading is a very hard process. Men and women spend years of their lives learning how to evaluate student performance.

It seems rather strange to me that these people choose to make an occupation of grading. I often

wondered if they feel superior to others for their great contribution to the lives of the few fortunate people in their classroom.

I just would like to say I'm proud to be graded by the kind of people who dedicate their lives to make this world a better place for you and I. It's too bad though that this school chooses to only employ a few of those kind of people.

Roxanne Tepler



## Parking "Dilemma" nonexistent

It is 3:30 p.m., the end of seventh hour and another day of school. A student (we'll call him Joe) hurries to his locker to get his coat and books. Joe has been thinking of the coming weekend all day, and now he can't wait to get home. He arrives at this car to find he has received a \$10 ticket for parking illegally. Another day ruined.

A shortage of parking spaces seems to be a major gripe of students here at WCCHS, but in all actuality, there really isn't much of a problem.

## BRIDGE irrelevant?

Dear Editor,

We feel that the decline in quality of the BRIDGE is an indication that there is a difference between a student newspaper and a student-run newspaper.

Many portions of the paper do not reflect the opinions of the student body of WCCHS. We feel that certain parts of the BRIDGE are irrelevant, such as Photopinion. Also, many articles lack purpose and meaning. We realize that not everyone can be editor quality, but those that are editors should work with more responsibility to the students.

Headlines should relate to the article and articles should relate to the students. If editors wonder why copies of the BRIDGE are torn and destroyed, they should read the articles as students rather than as elitists.

Many BRIDGE reporters are ashamed to read their articles because of transformations that appear and the irrelevance of the subjects.

The editors should strive to turn a student run newspaper into a true student newspaper.

Steve Teske, Vincent Verdooren,  
Jeff Weigand, Ron Clark

## Fieldhouse reply

### Track secondary concern

Dear Editor:

We feel it is necessary to respond to some of the statements that appeared in Jeff Lisewski's article on our fieldhouse (Bridge, March 9).

First of all, the fieldhouse was designed primarily for physical education and recreational use. The indoor track was a secondary consideration, not a primary one. Given a certain amount of square footage to work with, we were given a choice of a building 217 ft. by 104 ft. or 212 ft. by 112 ft. To accommodate the variety of activities the field house would be used for, we chose the 212 ft. by 112 ft. We knew the track would not be ideal in size, but certainly an improvement over running in the halls and gyms.

Secondly, the injuries suffered by members of the indoor track team can not be attributed solely to the surface of the fieldhouse. Runners in track and cross country are especially susceptible to shin spints whether they are running on cinders, rubberized tracks or grassy fields.

Finally, the reference to the track being metric causing problems makes little sense. In planning the facility, we did extensive research on whether to mark the track metrically or not. We were told the state would go to meters in 1980. The current rule book states, "The rules committee has already gone on record as indicating the present order of running events shall be changed to the accepted metric distances in 1980. Schools building new, or refurbishing present track facilities, are encouraged to make accommodations for metric races." Therefore, we feel it was the correct decision to go metric.

We would hope that in the future, reporters would check with the people involved before making rash statements.

Mr. Hansen  
Mr. Kaczowski

There are three areas which are available for students to park in: the south lot (by the bus loading zone) contains 83 spaces, the lot by the tennis courts has 72 spaces, and a newly created area by the pool adds an additional 17 spaces. "I've never seen that lot by the tennis courts full," says Superintendent Richard Kamm, "we must show the people that these are available for parking."

Granted, the past winter and the construction work haven't helped the situation any, but now with the snow gone and the construction work nearing completion, there really isn't much of a problem. Possible solutions include driving only when necessary, car pooling, and using the buses. A future solution could be to issue stickers for certain lots. The only "sure" cure would be for the board to buy more houses to obtain more land. This is unrealistic because the cost would be astronomical and the board just doesn't have the money. "We have pursued every possible solution," argues Dr. Kamm, "but part of the solution lies with the students."

The BRIDGE agrees. There is no parking problem here. If the students are faced with the facts and are forced to accept some of the responsibility, this alleged "dilemma" could be resolved.

## We're good, but don't take our word for it

We think we've got a good community college in College of DuPage, and our enrollment of 20,000 would seem to back that up. If you're not one of the 20,000 or even if you are, we'd like to formally invite you to our Sunday, April 29 Open House to show you what you're missing.

From 1 to 5 p.m. on our Glen Ellyn campus, 22nd Street and Lambert Road, members of the staff will be on hand to explain some of our more than 80 areas of study, show you our facilities, and even serve some light refreshments.

Come out and meet our new president, Dr. Harold McAninch, and find out why College of DuPage is considered one of the best community colleges in Illinois. If you do, maybe you'll go home as number 20,001.

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# Features

## Teen pregnancy

# How to cope with conception

by Dee Rouse

Pregnancy is second only to acne as a top teen problem.

It isn't ignorance of the subject. It's just that most girls don't think of the consequences.

Consequences for the mother to be, father, grandparents and of course the child depend on decisions made in the first three months of pregnancy.

The parents to be, not just the girl, have alternatives. They can decide on getting married, have the baby and keep it, put it up for adoption, or abortion. None of the alternatives give a fairy tale ending.

Getting married may sound like the only reasonable choice. But let's consider the disadvantages. Marriage is something meant to be permanent. If a 15 year old girl marries now her taste is changing constantly. Chances are she'll lose interest in married life and want out. Statistically the marriage doesn't stand a chance. Then the girl is left with a baby to raise.

Another choice the girl has is keeping

the baby. This means being tied down, no dates, unwanted expenses, and no education if she wants to raise the baby herself. Schools don't really provide appropriate care for a mother or child.

Then there's always adoption. The only problem encountered is the feeling that may not turn up until she settles down. The feeling of "I wonder if my baby is alright." Even possibly the feeling of "wanting the baby back" because her husband and she cannot conceive.

The last and most dangerous alternative is abortion. An abortion is expensive and most likely unsafe for the mother. A girl may achieve an abortion by traveling into Chicago. An abortion will run approximately \$250 paid in full on delivery. The child is gone but the dangers remain present for the mother. If a poor abortion is performed, infections or even internal bleeding may occur.

If a girl thinks she is pregnant and needs to confront someone, she can contact Family Planning at 682-7525 or Birthright

at 968-6668.

At Family Planning a girl can receive an examination, pregnancy test, and some counseling for absolutely nothing or a small amount depending on income. Everything is confidential.

If a girl discovers that she is not pregnant she can obtain any type of birth control method without parental consent. Again, it would depend on the income for the fee.

At Birthright, they can give a girl a pregnancy test but they will charge a minimal fee. If the girl turns out to be pregnant, they will give excellent counseling to the girl, boy, and even parents. Whatever the decision they claim "to be able to do anything for you," from arranging for the girl to go out of town and have her child or give it up for adoption. They try and give positive alternatives to abortion.

The most often given advice will be "don't jump into anything you'll regret later."

## Loans - Borrow an education

by Laura Macko

"You can borrow money to buy a car, a stereo, or a taperecorder, why not borrow for your education?" questioned Mr. John DeLap.

Often students cannot meet tuition and room and board costs even with the aid of governmental grants and scholarships. For these students, loans provide the final push necessary to open the door to a college education.

Two major loan programs exist which students can apply for, the National Direct Student Loan and the State Guaranteed Loan. The National Direct Student Loan program aids only those who show financial need. Students may borrow up to \$5,000 as an undergraduate. The repayment of the loan does not begin until one year after the student graduates or leaves school. A ten year period is allowed to pay back the loan.

In Illinois, the State Guaranteed Loan program will provide up to \$2,500 each academic year but will only go as high as \$7,500 to undergraduates. If a student's family has an adjusted income of under \$25,000, he or she qualifies to receive the federal interest benefit while in school. Through this loan program, students borrow from banks, credit unions, and savings and loans. The normal repayment period is five years. During those five years, seven percent interest will be charged on the unpaid balance.

"Go to the bank where your family does the banking." Stated Mr. DeLap. He also added that "the student has to go himself to the bank."

Loans fill the gaps that can still exist after the awarding of governmental grants and scholarships. They provide the student with an almost guaranteed means of attending college.

## Photopinion: What's your favorite pick-up line?

by Jeff Weigand



Jody Quirin '81, "Hi there."



Joe Quinlan '81, "Your place or mine?"



Bill Hahn '82, "Skip the preliminaries and just get married."



Tony Smith '79, "Going my way?"



Theresa Lakics '80, "Looking for a lift?"

## Valued relics or worthless junk?

by Vince Verdooren

Whoever said that one man's junk is another's jewels must have had the West Chicago Historical Museum in mind.

The museum building, located on 124 Main Street, is nearly as historical as the rusty antiques displayed within. For 93 years it had acted as a city hall, police station, fire station, and even a dance hall. When the City Hall offices moved out in 1975, the West Chicago Historical Commission decided to redesign the structure into a museum.

Cracked and rusted field plows lie scattered upon the floor near the entrance. About twenty old and dirty wood planes (tools used to smooth wood surfaces, not wooden airplanes) cover another display wall. One display, dedicated to deceased West Chicago Junior High School teacher Willis Milar, features broken farm and railroad tools. Glass cases display tarnished antique silverware. Ring-bound notebooks hold over 600 yellowing photographs and postcards of West Chicago's past. Furniture and household items, such as vacuum cleaners, cover another display wall. Overall, the museum displays can be considered rather blah.

All displayed items in the museum have either been borrowed from West Chicago residents, donated to the museum, or purchased by the museum. A few antiques in the museum have been appraised as being quite valuable. However, museum attendant Joe Clock feels that any and every item in the museum is "virtually priceless." One man's junk . . .

Museum visitor attendance varies every day. For example, on the 'Railroad Day's Housewalk' date, over seventy people came into the museum. Two days later, no more than seven people bothered to visit. Elderly folk make up the majority of visitors. Clock feels that younger people don't visit the museum because "teenagers don't seem to give a darn" about West Chicago's history.

West Chicago, with the help from the city's historical commission, owns and operates the museum. The museum has dedicated itself to showing how people have lived throughout the years in West Chicago.

Curator Jerry Musich, assisted by Joe Clock, keeps the museum open and running Thursdays through Saturdays from 12 to 4 p.m. Group tours can be obtained upon request.

## Journey climbs higher

by Cindy Heinrich

On New Year's Eve, 1973, a band named Journey made its debut performance in San Francisco, California in front of 100,000 anxious fans. Since that night, with five years and five albums behind them, Journey has developed a special quality and style all their own.

The band consists of several gifted musicians, each with an impressive background. Journey's keyboard player, Gregg Rolie, and lead guitarist, Neal Schon, played in the group Santana. Bassist Ross Valory gained recognition in the Steve Miller Band. Lead singer, Steve Perry, and drummer, Steve Smith, spent years of studying and performing several styles of music on the road. Their reputations have helped Journey earn respect when needed.

Infinity, Journey's last LP, helped move the San Francisco based group out of their

local touring circuit and into an international one by selling more than one million copies. Releases prior to Infinity served as a way of channeling out their instrumental talent. Infinity introduced a new emphasis on vocals with the addition of lead singer, Steve Perry's unique singing ability. Their latest album, Evolution, takes the band a step higher by adding a more driving rock 'n' roll sound to it.

With the release of Evolution, Journey again proves that they are something special.

Vocals come across strong with a smooth blend of harmony. Instrumental quality and rhythm are at their best. Evolution covers a wide range of moods and becomes filled with emotion from mellow to driving by Steve Perry's versatile voice. Definitely one of the most exciting Journey albums, it's well worth a listen or maybe more — catch them in concert at the Aragon on May 18 and 19.

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Prom '79

# Helpful hints to prepare for a special night

by Brian Scarnegie

When the snow melts and the sun begins to warm us, spring is returning. With the return of spring comes the biggest dance of the year, the Prom.

Should you decide to go to the Prom you'll probably find it's the most expensive date that you'll ever attend.

The purpose of this story is to familiarize the students in WCCHS with an approximate cost and possibly how to cut it down. By comparing a few of the local stores for certain items, you can cut the price considerably.

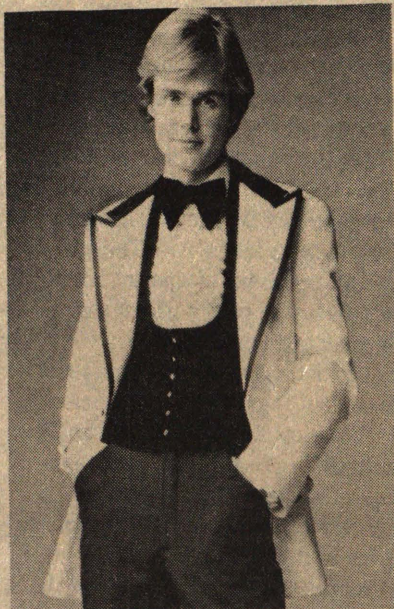
There are a lot more men's clothing stores within ten miles of WCCHS than I've looked into. So don't get the idea that if you don't rent your tux at any of the one's mentioned you're going to get ripped off. That's not true. If you can find a better deal somewhere else, get a tux there and tell your friends about it.

The ones checked into however, have their good points and bad points. I'll cover each store by giving you the pro's & con's of each, then you can decide for yourself.

Sandbergs a men's clothing store on Main Street in Wheaton, has 15 different styles to choose from.

Since Bob Sandberg is "such a nice guy"

and returning rules are the same. Pick up your tux a couple of days before so it may be tried on and altered again if necessary, and return it the following Monday.



necessary, and return it the following Monday.

The only really poor part of their operation is they don't want a deposit, they want you to pay the full amount when ordered. Should something happen that you can't go to the Prom you lose out on at least \$30.

Then, of course, we have the Gingiss Formal Wear Stores. There's one in the Fox Valley Shopping Center and one on Roosevelt Road. Both are reputable stores but you must remember one thing, renting tuxes' is their only business.

This can be both good and bad. The best part is they carry all the latest styles. The only bad part is that they are a franchise. None of these stores are privately owned. Should something happen that you don't get the tux or it doesn't fit properly, they really don't care. I'm not saying that privately owned stores do either, but the privately owned stores want you to come back again to buy clothes, rent tuxes, etc.

Since these two Gingiss stores are a franchise, their prices are going to be relatively close (within one or two dollars.)

discount of \$5 towards anyone going to the Prom. This brings the prices down to \$22.50 to \$37.50. All you have to do, is check to see which is cheaper. I'm sure you'll find the prices to be very close.

One more thing, about the Gingiss stores. Tuxedos should be ordered two weeks in advance and picked up the day before the Prom. After Prom, it's supposed to be returned the following day. Should it not be returned, there is a \$4 a day service charge. After 15 days, you've bought it.



poor weekend to have it, according to florists. This weekend, is of course, Mother's Day weekend. For those who don't know it, Mother's Day is the busiest day of the year for any florist. Because it is on the same weekend as our Prom, corsages will be harder to get and the prices, sky high. I have called a number of florists and none will give any discounts because of the date of the Prom. This is understand-



he's going to give We-Go last years prices, \$24 for any one of 15 styles. However, the rental of a shirt is \$5 more. Included with the shirt are the studs, cuff links, and bow tie. So, for \$29 you're all set. Unless, of course, you want to rent shoes. Shoes at Sandberg's run from \$7.50-\$8. Seven fifty will rent you a regular pair of black tux shoes. The only shoes that cost \$8.00 are the whites. If you want to buy a pair of tux shoes, 25 percent off, around \$15.

So, assuming you rent a tuxedo, shirt, and shoes it'll cost around \$36.50, or without shoes \$29 which is pretty reasonable. Another thing that's nice about Sandbergs' is they'll let you pick your suit up the Wednesday before Prom night, so it can be tried on. If it doesn't fit right, they have time to alter it before Prom night. And you don't have to return the suit until the following Monday.

Another Men's clothing store in Wheaton that's only a few blocks from Sandbergs is Gaede's Men's & Boy's and Women's. Though they're not sure of how many styles they're going to offer, or how much of a discount they are giving for the Prom (last year it was around 20 percent) they are still worth checking into since you're right in the same area. Their prices run from \$35 to \$45 for the whole works including tux, shirt, studs, cuff links and tie. Should they give a 20 percent discount to students going to the Prom their prices would drop to \$28 to \$36. But don't count on it! Shoes can be rented for \$4 to \$5 depending on style and color. Gaede's pick up



Gingiss on Roosevelt carries 29 styles that range from \$36.95 to \$42.95. The prices include the whole outfit, shirt, tie, studs, cuff links. Shoes can be rented for \$5. They're giving students going to the Prom a 10 percent discount which will drop the prices to around \$33.25 to \$39.65.

Fox Valley Gingiss carries 17 styles that range from \$27.50 to \$42.50. The price includes everything but the shoes. To rent shoes will cost \$6. They are also giving a

blems, a bridal shop would be a good place to check out.

At a bridal shop, there will usually be a sale rack where you can get a nice dress for approximately \$25.

Rentals for girls just aren't around in this area, and it seems like no one will even give a discount.

Now that you've got money left over, you'll find yourself wanting to know where to buy some flowers. This is no real problem, you just hop in your car and drive to the florists, right? Wrong! The Juniors that planned this year's Prom, picked a

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dable; they simply don't need any more business.

Another factor in the high prices is due to the truck strike and some of the airline strikes. None of the florists will be getting fresh flowers until these strikes are over with. This limits the amount of fresh flowers in stock. If the strikes do last until the first of May, most of a florists stock has been depleted making what's left very expensive.

The only thing I can say is to shop around for the best price. I can't possibly give any ideas on how much they'll cost.

When the tux is rented, the dress is bought, and the flowers exchanged, arises the big question, "How are we going to get there?" You could take your beat up small car or mom's and dad's car and be afraid of wrecking it but why not rent a limo for the night! Travel in Luxury.

Royal Coach in Wheaton estimated the price at about \$18 an hour. Both numbers can be found in the phone book.

Prom should be something you'll always remember. Hopefully with this article you won't forget anything.



# Spring and summer sports Active cures for "cabin fever"

by Vince Verdooren

As the last traces of snow disappear into the gutters, everyone comes to the realization that spring has finally arrived. Unfortunately, some people have become so accustomed to being snowbound, that they are presently experiencing difficulty in ridding themselves of the winter "blahs."

Spring is the time for people to cure themselves of "cabin fever" by getting outdoors and engaging in some sort of recreational activity. WCCHS students have a multitude of recreational activities available to them.

West Chicago has a number of sports fields open to the public. Baseball diamonds and basketball courts can be found in Reed-Keppler Park and nearly all the schools. WCCHS has six outdoor tennis courts while Reed-Keppler Park has two. Two football-soccer fields are located in Reed-Keppler Park. West Chicago most likely has the proper facilities for whatever sport turns you on.

Jogging is one of the most popular kinds of athletic activities. One major reason for its popularity is the fact that jogging can be considered the simplest form of exercise. Jogging requires a minimum of equipment, no companions, and no true athletic abilities. It can be done almost any time and any place. A jogger's only significant expense lies in his shoes. All major brands (Adidas, Nike, Puma . . .) put out good training shoes. Clothing should be made of cotton (avoid nylon).

Before starting off on a daily jog, you should do warm-up exercise to avoid muscle strain. A beginning jogger should start out at a slow pace and gradually, day by

day, increase their speed and distance. Whether it's on a track or on a sidewalk, jogging can be done and enjoyed by nearly anyone.

Like jogging, biking provides an easy way to get in shape and enjoy the spring and summer weather. A biker's only necessity lies in a good bike. Make sure that the brakes work properly and also have an abundance of reflectors for safe night driving.

Swimming is perhaps the most popular spring and summer activity of all. West Chicago has two swimming pools open to the public. Reed-Keppler Park houses on public pool while WCCHS owns another one. Although neither pool has yet opened for the season, admission will probably be about \$1.50 per person. Once the hot weather moves in, these two pools will most certainly attract flocks of people.

For some people, the activities mentioned thus far just are not enough to satisfy their taste for recreation. These people feel a need to venture out into dynamically different and somewhat adventurous recreational dimensions.

Riding the rapids via canoe is a popular spring and summer activity. Canoes made of aluminum, fiberglass, or tough plastic are best for whitewater use, and can cost as little as \$150 second-hand (up to \$1,000 new).

Canoe Corner, located on 1321 Ogden in Downer's Grove, rents canoes at \$15 for the first day, \$25 for the second, and \$35 for the third day of use. Canoe Corner can help in choosing appropriate rivers according to individual interest and ability. For example, the Fox, DuPage, and DesPlaines rivers are considered adequate rivers for canoeing beginners. Other canoe rental

agencies include Silent Seas Marine Inc., in Aurora, and Fox River Canoe Rentals Ltd., in Yorkville. A free booklet on Illinois canoeing can be obtained by calling 793-2070.

Hang-gliding enables people to literally soar through the skies. Dynamic Sports, located on 7N090 Medinah Road in Medinah, offers lessons in hang-gliding. Introduction lessons cost \$45 each while an instruction course of seven lessons (four ground lessons, three flying lessons) costs \$135. Ground lessons are held on Thursdays at 7 p.m. Interested people simply pre-arrange their arrival and make payments at the ground school. The school provides all necessary equipment but requires teenagers to have a parent release form in order to participate.

Park District offices are a fine resource when searching for spring and summer activities. The Park District offers a variety of cultural and athletic programs. Although the spring programs have already started, summer activities have been planned to begin near the end of May. Park District offices can also aid in locating camping grounds, parks, and other recreational areas. Contact your local park district office for additional information on summer programs.

The activities mentioned here have only scratched the surface of the various forms of spring and summer recreation. The type of recreation each individual chooses should reflect their own personal interests and desires.

We-Go students suffered and survived the many hardships of the "Blizzard of '79" thus they deserve the multitude of recreational activities that spring and summer have to offer.

## King's court

by Ron Clark

Boys Tennis has undergone a change this year. Dan King has taken over the position of head coach in place of Wayne Kosek. Don Zabelin will fill the assistant coaches spot vacated by Coach King.

Coach King was "extremely enthusiastic" when given the opportunity to become head coach. Out of conference, Coach King feels that "we are going to do very well." He also believes the team has the potential to finish above last year's last place ranking.

Coach King said that the varsity has nine strong players, of which seven compete on a regular basis. He reflected that, should one or two of the regulars not be able to compete in a match the two other members of the team will provide strong backup replacements.

Coach Zabelin will be heading the Frosh-Soph team and serving as assistant to Coach King. He coached the tennis team for one year at Galesburg. He has been waiting for an opportunity to coach since coming to West Chicago.

Coach King commented that Zabelin is "a good assistant coach and is doing an excellent job, he knows the game well and teaches the game well."

Coach Zabelin feels that the varsity is stronger than last years team, has more experience and is working hard towards a successful season.

His goals as Frosh-Soph coach are to improve their games so that next year they will be able to compete respectably as varsity players. He would also like to teach the team enough skills and have them experience the game of tennis now, so in the future they will play the game with more enjoyment and appreciation.

## Upcoming sports' events

Boy's Baseball			
Fri.	April 20	Naperville North	Home 4:15 p.m.
Sat.	21	Lake Park	Away 10:00 a.m.
Mon.	23	Wheaton North	Away 4:15 p.m.
Boy's Track			
Sat.	April 21	Fox Valley Prep. Meet	Away 11:30 a.m.
Tues.	24	Naperville North and Wheaton North	Home 4:30 p.m.
Sat.	28	Warhawk Inv. at North Chicago	Away 11:00 a.m.
Boy's Tennis			
Fri.	April 20	Waubonsie	Away 4:00 p.m.
Sat.	21	Addison Trail Inv.	Away 9:00 a.m.
Mon.	23	Elgin Larkin	Home 4:00 p.m.
Girl's Softball			
Fri.	April 20	Wheaton North	Home 4:15 p.m.
Mon.	23	Wheaton Warrenville	Home 4:15 p.m.
Wed.	25	Glenbard North	Home 4:15 p.m.
Girl's Track			
Sat.	April 21	We-Go Invitational	Home 10:00 a.m.
Tues.	24	Wheaton North at Naperville North	Away 4:30 p.m.
Thur.	26	Sycamore at Oswego	Away 4:30 p.m.

D Double header

## Straits swing

by Diana Nail

Getting a break through a friend seems like a sneaky way of getting into the record business, but when Talking Heads, a well-known English band, toured England, Dire Straits, a group from Scotland, did their warm-up act and became very popular with their hit single "Sultans of Swing." This song basically tells about the competition in the music business, and of picking your own style of sound and appearance.

Dire Straits has an almost aggressive, but differently mellow sound, which they execute fantastically in the opening tune on their newly produced album, Dire Straits, In the Gallery tells of their success and their change in life styles. They play rock and roll from England but their music sounds as strange as southern rock and roll with a honky tonk style. The whiney guitar leads never cease to amaze me with their original sounds and a lot of classical picking leads to a rock and roll beat.

Their mellow vocals come across very impressive while singing the blues, and a well-equipped percussion section kicks out a good foot-tapping beat.

The individual isolated microphone stamps out a clear sound with no electrically produced distortion or sound effects keeping their own type of rock and roll natural and clear.

## Our picks

	National League		American League	
	East	West	East	West
Tom				
Nelson	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Detroit	Chicago*
Mr.				
Courtney	Philadelphia	San Francisco*	Milwaukee	Kansas City
Steve				
Binder	Philadelphia	Los Angeles	New York*	California

\*World Series Pick

## Rhyme Jhyme

by Vince Verdooren

Track Team

Every answer is a rhyming pair of words (like Fat Cat or Double Trouble) and they will fit in the letter spaces.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Dan's Desires
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Ron Rambles
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Tim's crummy Neighborhood
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Kaczkowski's Explosive Devices
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Karl's scaly growth on scalp
- 6) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Burgeson's internal organ
- 7) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Beckwith Menace
- 8) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Mueller Marijuana
- 9) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Foolish Dan
- 10) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Fernandes is capable

Answers

- 1) Risch's Wishes
- 2) Voelz Strolls
- 3) Blum's Slums
- 4) Tom's Bombs
- 5) Huff Dandruff
- 6) Dean's Spleen
- 7) Brett Threat
- 8) Scott Pot
- 9) Jester Fester
- 10) Dan Can

## Track suffers first defeat

by Karl Huff

The WCCHS track team opened their outdoor season on Tuesday, April 3 with a tough 65-63 loss to a larger Lake Park squad. Although We-Go's participants were few, their competitive effort made up for the lack of depth.

Leading the Wildcats were Ron Voelz and Dean Burgeson. Voelz had victories in the 100 and 220 yard dashes, anchored the 440 yard relay to a win, and took third in the triple jump. Burgeson won the 880 yard run in 2:04.4, triple jumped 39 ft. 3.5 in. for second, grabbed another second place finish in the mile, and finally a third place in the 220 yard dash. Karl Huff was another double winner as he took the two-mile and one-mile runs in 10:01.2 and 4:44.5. Tim "Bulldog" Blum captured a first in the long jump, a second in the 330

low hurdles, and contributed a leg in the winning 440 yard relay. The shot put quartet of Dan Fester, Dan Fernandes, Mike Dunlap, and Steve Lockert heaved their way in the four top spots and undoubtedly would have done well had the discus throw been contested. George Mitchell and Tom Hill contributed their speed in the 440 relay, and freshman Bob Ream also added points with a second in the long jump. The final outcome of the meet would have been changed had Dan Risch and Scott Mueller been able to compete. Risch suffered a muscle injury in his leg and Mueller was sidelined with a dose of stomach flu.

Look for the wildcats to improve as the track season sprints on. The larger the meet the better the Cats will be, due to the quality of our runners.



# We-Go sports collage





"Quality, but not quantity"

## Depth; the only thing missing

by Mike Fisher

"Sixty eight, sixty nine, seventy . . ." the coach yells out the times of the sixteenth and final 440 of the day to the exhausted member of the West Chicago outdoor track team. It has been raining heavily the entire workout and all they can think of is getting home to get a good nights sleep.

It has been said that in order to be the best, you have to work hard for it, and that is certainly what the track team has been doing in preparing themselves for the outdoor season. The preceding indoor season saw the Cats fare better than average, with a victory at a quadrangular meet (four teams) and a second place finish at the Fenton Invitational meet. The indoor season also saw junior miler Karl Huff set a new school record for the mile, a speedy 4:28.

The Cats also bounced back from a disappointing last place finish in last year's indoor conference meet, which saw them acquire a meager seven points, to a respectable fourth place finish in this year's indoor conference meet, with 30 5/6 points.

This year's meet saw the Cats take first in only two events, the 1000 meter run, won by senior Dean Burgeson, and the 12 lap relay, won by the team of Dan Risch, Scott Mueller, Dean Burgeson, and Joe Ivanecky. However, coach Tom Kaczowski thinks the team will show definite improvement for the coming outdoor season.

"The indoor season is used more or less as a pre-season, to help get the team in shape. In outdoor you really gear down and become more flexible with your workouts because of the greater variances in tracks," explains Kaczowski, who is an accomplished runner himself. Junior Scott Mueller vouches for this by saying the workouts are "extremely demanding."

Kaczowski feels he has several individuals who could possibly surprise a lot of people. They include Huff in the mile, who is just coming off a back injury, Burgeson in the half mile, who is predicted to break two minutes for his event, and senior Tim Blum and junior Risch and Mueller, all show potential in the quarter mile, which is sometimes termed as the "most competitive" event. The Cats also show promise in the area of sprinting, with senior Ron Voelz leading the pack, and junior Tom "Orbit" Hill and George Mitchell also showing noticeable improve-



Dan Risch breaks out to a fast pace in this year's DuPage Valley Conference Track Meet.

(photo by Lisewski)

ment. The team also has a "pleasant surprise" in senior Dan Fernandes, who should fare well in the 330 yard low hurdles.

Kaczowski is also anticipating strong performances in the field events. He summed up the shot put in this way, "For the past few months the shot putters have been concentrating on eating iron in coach Larry Parker's diner. They should come on strong with Dan Fester leading the pack." Also showing improvement in the shot put are senior Steve Lockert and junior Mike Dunlap. The long jump looks favorable with two 20 foot plus jumpers in Fernandes and Blum. The team's weak events are the pole vault, being supported only by sophomore Craig Wheatley, and the triple jump, with Voelz being its only contender.

team's only real problem is the lack of depth. "The junior-senior level is well represented," he says, "but freshmen-sophomore turnout is very disappointing. I've done everything to encourage them to come out for track. There seems to be a lack of school spirit." He also pointed out that the team is mentally tough, despite the shortage of players. Burgeson also ex-

pressed his feelings, "We've got quality, but not quantity." Risch, however, feels there is another problem, peer pressure among the players. "At least I'm out," he contends.

Kaczowski also feels another advantage the team possesses is in its all-weather track. He emphasizes the fact that if it were a cinder track, it would "wash away" in a heavy rain. For this reason, the team can practice anytime.

All the members of the team are confident of a good upcoming season. "For a team that runs twice a day, we have good morale," remarked Huff, when asked about the condition of the team. Fernandes also reflected, "we've got a good chance of making the top three in conference."

But before a team can become one of the best, you have to knock off the teams that already are. "The teams to beat are Naperville North, Wheaton North, and Glenbard South," Kaczowski promises, "We're in an extremely tough conference."

So for a team that is so psyched up for the coming season, there seems to be little doubt that they will be successful.



Dean Burgeson sprints his way through two opponents in the 1000 meter run.

(photo by Lisewski)

## Baseball Bob started at an early age

by Tom Nelson

Everybody has to start out somewhere.

Willie Mays played stickball, Ernie Banks would sneak into the Y.M.C.A., and Sandy Koufax got his break when the starting pitcher was injured.

With Bob Fairbanks it was no different either. At the "old" age of nine Fairbanks was runner up in the Phillips 66 Pitch and Hit contest in Chicago, Illinois. Starting with that somewhat momentous occasion baseball has been a never ending love affair for Fairbanks.

Born in the town of Welch, West Virginia on September 8, 1976, Fairbanks and his family moved to Chicago a year after he was born to as Bob put it "a block away from Wrigley Field." He remembered as a kid he would work at Wrigley field to get free passes to the Cubs games. Finally he moved to West Chicago when he was in seventh grade.

Before I had mentioned that Fairbanks won that contest at the "old" age of nine. Well that statement meant that he didn't start to play ball as early as some other kids do. In fact he didn't play organized ball until he moved to We-go and started to play in the baseball program in town. Star-

ting with the Orioles in the majors Fairbanks worked his way up the ladder by going on to pony leagues for a three year stint with the Giants. It was with the Giants that Fairbanks started to develop some of his superior hitting talents.

In his early prep days as a Wildcat, Fairbanks stated, "I didn't start," although he rode the pines his freshman year he quickly made a change of that and fought his way into the starting lineup his sophomore year. Last year he made varsity, and with him at shortstop and Tom Noga at second, the duo started to develop a successful keystone. Besides his chores at short Fairbanks also makes an occasional relief appearance.

For this year Fairbanks stated the team should "do better than last year." Other than his stellar performances at short which Bob commented that the double play combo "is turning out real good" he said with desire "I hope I get to start (pitcher) a few games this year" and if his main pitch the curveball doesn't fail him Fairbanks could become the Wildcat hill ace. His bat usually speaks for itself in the games and Fairbanks quipped that he wanted to hit "at least .350" as a goal but he then added "I want to hit."

Over the summer Fairbanks will probably partake in the Post No. 300 American Legion team. Fairbanks is a firm believer that summer baseball is a key building block to baseball success. He feels that the high school programs are best because you are exposed to other teams in the conference that way.

In the future he hopes to continue playing ball at College of DuPage and then go to Southern Illinois and hopefully play there. His major is going to be Engineering technology. But he also hinted that if the occasion arises he will play pro ball. Maybe with the Cubs or White Sox which are Bob's favorite teams and along with me and others, Fairbanks "longs for another subway series, just like in 1906."

"Baseball has been very good to me" and "I really enjoyed playing high school baseball" summed up Fairbanks who looked back on his years of high school ball and remembers the greats like Mike "Kong" Klingberg and Chuck Dastych and Tony Malia's no hitter. But Bob also added, "I felt I've learned something from the coaches" and in a certain way the coaches have probably learned something from Bob. That something is how to be a winner even if one loses.

## We-Go Scoreboard

Boy's Baseball			
We-Go(H)	2-1	St. Francis	13-16
Girls' Softball			
We-Go(A)	14	York	11
We-Go(A)*	10	Glenbard North	21
Boy's Tennis			
We-Go(H)	4	Geneva	1
We-Go(A)	2	St. Charles	3
Boy's Track			
We-Go(A)*	47	Naperville Central	50
		Glenbard South	71
Girl's Track			
We-Go(H)*		Naperville Central	
		Glenbard South	
(H)Home games			
(A)Away games			
*Conference games			

## George looks for winning season

by Dan Rinn

"There are a lot of new people and this shall be a rebuilding year for us," Miss George commented about her girls softball team. She then added, "Even though we are rebuilding I still expect them to do very well in conference. This year's team is very coachable and I feel they'll pick things up quickly."

Last year the team had a 4-10 record in conference. Miss George feels that they weren't quite quick enough and they also didn't have a winning enough attitude. When asked about this year's team she feels that they have a lot of speed, that last year's team didn't have, and she is going to keep this year's team playing to win. She also added, "I'm tired of mediocrity, and I feel this team will do better than that. Our conference is fairly balanced, where there isn't one team winning the conference year after year, and I feel this year's team should have a very good showing in our conference."

There are five girls returning from last year's varsity team and they are seniors, Pam Flens, and Mary Hattula; junior Laurie Murphy; and sophomores Candy Clausen, and Karen Fadke. Miss George is counting on their help to teach the new girls, along with the help of the returning junior varsity members Colleen McDonald, Theresa Guerro, Maria Zukouski, and Holly Gatehouse. Two more players which shall add a lot of experience to the team are Mila Matijasevich and Jean Radevich, who are transfer students from other schools.

A major change coming for the team next year shall be the forming another team if enough girls go out for softball. This means instead of only having a varsity and a junior varsity team, they will also have a freshman team. Miss George didn't really want to have any sort of cuts at the beginning of the year for fear it would discourage some girls from coming out for the team next year. However, because of the amount of girls that did go out for the team, Miss George felt she had to hold some sort of cut because there were too many girls for only two coaches to handle.

Miss George was skeptical about whether their season would start on time because of the weather. However, they did get their first game in against York. Even through the cold and hail, the girls opened their season with a win, defeating York 14-10. But Miss George and her softball team haven't been so lucky, having two weeks of their schedule postponed. The girls have played one other game against Glenbard North in which they lost 10-20. Even with the two weeks of cancelled conference games, the games shall be made up on open days.