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Science takes an adventure in energy

by Delanie Jenkins and
Gizelle Pollack

The science classes went on an **Energy Adventure** in the auditorium September 23.

Energy Adventure is a traveling program for high schools and civic clubs. This program visits a different high school every day. The program has been developed and operated by Oak Ridge Associated Universities, and production assistance by the Amoco Foundation.

Mr. Don Kilgore is the teacher-demonstrator. He uses various devices and displays to bring the program across in a way students can easily understand.

His program included past and present energy sources, methods of energy use and possible future sources for energy.

Featuring unusual electronic devices, Mr. Kilgore explained and demonstrated economic principles with a supply and demand balance.

Reggie, the gas pump robot, assisted Mr. Kilgore in his demonstrations along with several students from the audience.

Kilgore began his program with the first fuels, woods and rocks (coal). He then

progresses towards whale oil and then petroleum.

Whale oil, the first liquid gas, had a beginning price of 43 cents a barrel in 1820 and was up to \$2.50 a barrel in the 1860's. There soon became a shortage and an alternative had to be found.

After learning to distill petroleum by boiling, the use of this liquid gas grew. Petroleum eventually replaced oil and wood. The U.S. uses 18 million barrels of oil a day.

Kilgore then talked about supply and demand and how it is applied to oil production. Since the U.S. doesn't use as much oil as it imports the prices have gone up. The U.S. uses 250,000 barrels per 20 minutes and out of the 18 million barrels used, 8 million are imported.

Mr. Kilgore broke down a barrel of oil telling what percent goes towards what products. Thirty-three percent goes for fuel oil, 11 percent to products like tar, asphalts, and lubricants, 8 percent to kerosene, and 3 to 4 percent to raw materials.

Mr. Kilgore then shows how oil is drilled,

and what formations oil is found in.

He mentioned "our oil program is not a crisis, because a crisis would be resolved. Our oil problem is a continuous problem and conservation won't solve it, it will only buy time for development and research on substitute fuels like gasahol, shale oil (kerogen), alcohol, and hydrogen."

Kilgore says that operating cars with diesel engines will help conserve oil and the aerodynamic designs of the car can be an influence in oil conservation.

Kilgore feels that more money should be invested in studying and developing shale oil, fusion research, hydrogen energy and solar energy. In classroom portions of Mr. Kilgore's visit he explained nuclear reactors and how they are made. Kilgore, claiming to be a "reluctant supporter" of nuclear energy tells us that one half the energy in this area is from nuclear power and "until something else comes along we don't have much choice but to support nuclear energy."

During his presentation, Kilgore relates how the solar energy systems work and goes

on to say, that the government is encouraging people to use solar energy heating systems with a 40 percent tax break off the cost of the systems.



Don Kilgore of Energy Adventure

News Briefs

Active Council

by Joe Zollner

Student Council has reached their first goal of the season in success. Homecoming is over and all seemed to have run smoothly.

Student Council sponsored several activities during the week. They were responsible for selling apples and worms, the pie eating contest, I hate girls, I hate boys, and organization of the parade and several other activities.

How conventional

In an effort to put out a better paper, seven BRIDGE editors attended the ISHSPA (Illinois State High School Press Association) convention.

This year the convention took place at the University of Illinois on September 26. Various seminars offered ways in which to improve style, form, and in general, the student newspaper itself.

Shots in the arm

by Bobbie Walz

With the recent passing of the state law requiring 80 per cent of public school students to be immunized by October 15th, West Chicago High School is finally breaking down on improperly immunized students.

At one time last year as many as "one-third of the student population" was improperly immunized stated Assistant Principal Richard Waterhouse. The school nurse Carol Kraus added, "the reason for this large number was because there had never been a real push."

The school will never be at the 100 percent immunized level due to religious beliefs, allergies and various other reasons. Although by the end of the 1980-81 school year they plan to be well over the 90 percent mark.

Swingin' singers of We-Go High —Swing Choir and Madrigals

by Diane Baker

Swing Choir and Madrigals are two of the more well-known and well-liked musical groups in the West Chicago community. Both extra-curricular activities draw from possibly the best voices in WCCHS. Mr. Ron Benner, musical director, is in charge of selection of some of the best musical talent within the school and sees to the development of their talent throughout the year.

Swing Choir is a song and dance group. The ability to sing well is important. Dancing is only secondary, it can be taught; while the singing end of the talent is something which is required to make it into Swing Choir.

Try-outs are held at the beginning of each new school year, to determine which students have the necessary talent. This year, hopeful Swing Choir candidates had us wondering if we could, "Feel a Brand New Day" to the strains of "Everybody Rejoice." This was often accompanied by tension-filled gestures, which, during the first few days of rehearsal, resembled knock-out punches. When try outs finally rolled around, mid-September, 22 boys and girls had toned down their defiant gestures into artistic movements and had developed their voices into well-pitched sound.

These 18 members, plus four alternates practice three times a week, in the mornings, throughout the year. They spend their time learning songs under music director, Mr. Benner. Once they've got their sound down for each of the approximately 25 performed each year, they begin on their dance routines.

Dance is managed mainly by the group's chief student leaders and choreographers. This year's Swing Choir leaders are Andy Hamilton and Kim Zehr. Both of these seniors attended a week long camp at Millikin University this past summer to learn the art of choreography and different dance routines.

The idea for WCCHS's Swing Choir,

nicknamed "The T.L. Express," was developed 5 years ago by interested students who'd seen Swing Choir routines performed at the state music contest. Benner has kept up with the idea by attending summer school at the University of Indiana for the past few years.

Madrigals is a group of singers performing basically without accompaniment. Most of the material they use consists of 16 and 17 century music. Occasionally 18 century may be performed and instruments of the renaissance era such as a flute or recorder may be used as a type of light accompaniment.

All of the Madrigals arrangements are all very intricate, usually divided into 5 different voice parts. Madrigals singers, for

this reason, must be of the best singers in the school. Sixteen regular members as well as four alternates rehearse two mornings a week before school. These 20 members were chosen through vocal tryouts in the beginning weeks of the school year.

Both Swing Choir and Madrigals members must be a part of the school's music program, as both are extracurricular activities.

For the 1980-81 school year, Swing Choir and Madrigals show much promise. Their ranks include many new members, as well as tried and true "old" talent from previous years. Mr. Benner expressed, "I have high expectations for both groups. The quality this year is even better than last year."

"Harvey" a wall banger

by Debbie Meyer

Of the 42 students who participated in tryouts, 12 have been chosen to act in this year's fall play.

The play *Harvey* was written by Mary Chase. It takes place in modern times and is about a man named Elwood P. Dowd, played by Joe Quinlan. Elwood's best friend is a 6 foot, 1½ inch invisible white rabbit named Harvey. The whole play revolves around his sister Veta Louise Simmons, Jennifer Eckhardt and her daughter, Myrtle Mae Simmons, Kim Marting, and their determination to have Elwood committed to a mental institution.

The other major actors and their characters are: Lisa Houle as Ruth Kelly, R.N.; Mike Bytner as Duane Wilson; and Earl Baker Jr.

as Lyman Sanders, M.D. Accompanied by many other students playing a minor role. Miss Relias, the new drama and Literature teacher is the advisor for the play and Tim Rathjen student director.

The play will be held Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights November 6-8. Friday and Saturday night performances will be held at 8 p.m. Debate is still going over when to begin Thursday night's performance. Tickets will be sold for \$1.50 a seat both in advance and at the door.

Practices are held every day after school, but are not open to the public. So if you want to find out what Happens to Elwood and crew, you will have to come and see a performance of *Harvey* with the rest of us.

"I am disillusioned ..."

Westrom leaves Board

by Wendy Lewis

School Board member Robert G. Westrom resigned from his position as a result of the teacher strike.

Westrom opened stating that he was "ashamed of the present educational com-

goals."

Westrom served on the Board since 1969. Dr. Richard Kamm stated, "I was sorry to see it. He served the community for a long time." Kamm continued to mention that Westrom's leaving was "a matter of principle."

The reason Westrom left was a difference in opinion between him and the Board. Westrom and Richard Gatehouse both voted against the new two year contract in conclusion Westrom protested, "It is intolerable that the tax payer has not been taken into consideration."

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munity therefore I can no longer serve for their benefit." He also went on to say "I am disillusioned and embarrassed that my efforts can no longer maintain educational

Watanabe's Divine Madness

Bette Midler brings down the house singing "Big noise from Winnetka"



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Fire drills — false alarms or the real thing

It can happen at any time. It comes without warning. Suddenly, the silence is shattered by ... another fire alarm. If you've gone to this school for more than a year you probably get a little bit peeved when one of those things goes off. Your first thought is that some idiot pulled it. Most of the time somebody has.

It might also bother you to have to stop whatever you're doing and go outside. As you well know, fire alarms are seldom pulled on beautiful sunny days. This means tramp out into the snow, or perhaps, the rain, only to find out that "some idiot pulled the fire alarm."

When the fire alarm went off during the sixth hour, September 23, the weather outside was pretty lousy. Now, nobody likes to go out and stand in a hailstorm, right? The truth is that only a few people had to. If you were in P.E. you didn't have to go outside. In fact, your teacher probably told you not to. If your escape route takes you into the arcade, you were not only told not to go out in the rain, you were held back under the area by teachers.

A few students who use the front entrance of the school as a fire exit complained when, while trying to stay out of the rain, they were told, and finally pushed outside by Mr. Waterhouse.

It may interest you to know, that those teachers who told you to stay out of the rain were committing a crime. Not only that, they defeated the whole purpose of a fire alarm system. If a building that contains 1600 people at any given time, catches fire, the fire department shouldn't have to worry whether or not there are people still inside.

It's really a shame that so few people take the fire alarm seriously. It's also a shame that someone will probably have to die before anyone does. We hope it doesn't ever come to that.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Regarding the rumors going around, that the school is going to remove the vending machines, and the junk food lines permanently. We feel this wouldn't be a smart move. There are only two reasons that we eat all that stuff. One because you sell it, two because the hot lunch line is too long (if there is anything halfway decent to eat!). I'm sure if you sold good food full of VITAMINS and IRON we'd eat it. I mean, you put the fruit juice and we still drink it, and you put granola bars, apples, and salads, and we eat those! Why don't you just take out some of the really bad nutritional things and replace them with better nutritional foods. We'd eat them because they're there. But you can't take all the junk foods out because that would make everyone want it even more. We suggest you cut out things like milk shakes, and Suzi Q's, and some of the candy bars, and replace them with fruits, or vegetables, or crunchola bars. Either that or get better things to eat and lower the prices, because you are really pushing it having us pay 75¢ and \$1.10 for hot lunches. Besides we could go to the store and get a candy bar for 25¢. Good luck and maybe we'll be healthier.

Jeane Murray

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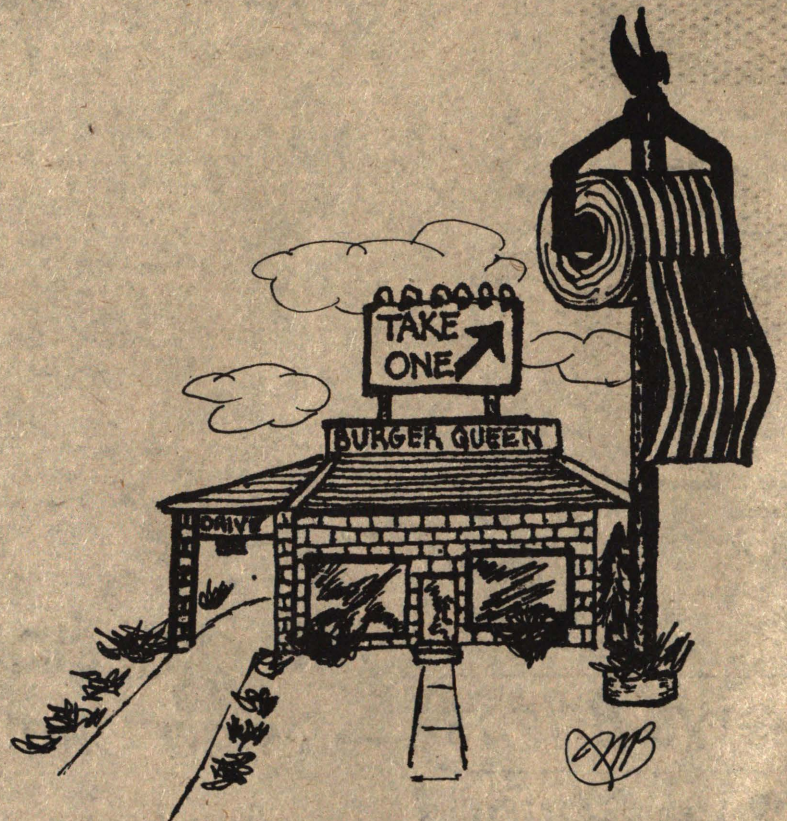
Stop waving your flag

Burger King really has a "Whopper" of a flag flying in front of their place of business.

Pride has a flag bigger than the gas station itself.

The BRIDGE thinks the only reason for the huge flags is to have the public believe that they are extremely patriotic and therefore the place to do business.

We are not against this patriotic feeling in any way, but the motives are wrong. The flag is hanging continuously and the Stars and Stripes are



being grossly mistreated. It rains, pours, night falls, and never does the flag feel the comfort of a building's interior.

Recently stealing the masses of fabric has become an easy task which gives the culprits a devilish spirit of adventure.

A boycott of these two places seems like an amusing antidote to the situation. Get your burgers at Mac's and your gas at another gas station; there are plenty in West Chicago.

In this time of low morale, and lack of country support we can live without false patriotism.

So Burger King and Pride, take some pride in those huge flags you've got. Bring it in out of the rain, and present the colors in a normal fashion.

We would like to see a flag a bit smaller than the parking lot.

Student council gives us another chance

Remember at the beginning of last year, when the Student Council announced the existence of a vandalism fund. It was \$5,000 that would be used to pay for all vandalism in the school. At the end of the year, any money left in the fund would be given back to the student body in the form of a concert or movie or something like that. Well, at the end of last year, damage due to vandalism cost the school somewhere in the neighborhood of seven thousand dollars. So much for movies or concerts.

This year, Student council has decided to give the student body another try. The school board has given the Student Council another \$5,000. The Bridge feels that this is a good idea. While the fund failed to give

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us a concert or movie, it brought to our attention how much is actually spent on school vandalism. It also made us more aware of what is considered vandalism. Such things as pulling fire alarms, kicking in lockers, and flushing things down the johns, (for example: tennis balls, whole rolls of toilet paper, and shoes).

We feel that the vandalism fund is a great idea that has a possibility of paying off at the end of the year. Lets hope that at the end of the year, there's still money left in it.

LOST: One paperback sign language manual. Please return to office lost & found section. Possible reward no questions asked. Leave name in office to collect reward.

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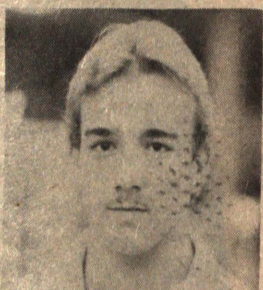
What do you think about not having any junk food sold during lunch?



Mike Kott
"It doesn't matter to me what they serve, it's all junk food!"



Cathy Enders
"It's all right but if they're not going to have junk food they ought to have a wider choice of good food!"



Chere Taylor
"I think by the time you're in high school you should be able to make the decision to eat junk food or not."

Debbie Kuykendall
"You need a snack after lunch to survive the rest of the day!"

Earl Baker
"I think the idea reeks! I think we should have a choice of what we want to eat."

Lisa Cavin
"I think it's good because then I don't eat it."

Michele LoDestro
"I eat apples not junk!"

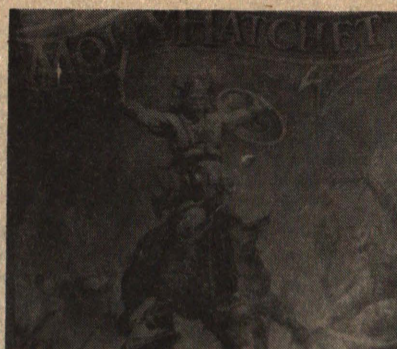
Sue Johnsen
"I think it's great, then you won't get fat."

Kelly Cavin
"I think it's a great idea, teenagers eat enough junk food already!"

Jerri Ross
"It's all right, but I think by the time we are in high school we are old enough to choose what we want to eat, not what they choose for us."

Record review

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West Chicago EMTA's save lives

by Bobbie Walz

An emergency panic, who would you call? The West Chicago Fire Department Emergency Medical Technician and Ambulance Personnel (EMTA) could be a possible answer.

EMTA's trained in basic life support maneuvers are very highly respected men. Each EMTA must go through 82 hours of classes at College of DuPage or a reserve hospital and have 50 hours of emergency room (ER) at a hospital taking blood pressures and pulses. As for on the job training the fire department requires all their men to ride as the third man on the calls.

Skip Day, the stations only Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic (EMTP) said, "There's nothing like it, in ER you always have the right amount of light, the right tools (equipment), and the right temperature conditions. Where as at 4 o'clock in the morning when it's pitch black out, and you have to work by flash light, in 40° below zero, its difficult."

The majority of the calls pertain to auto accidents in the 25 square mile area covered. Because of the size of the area and the location of the hospitals they are able to reach the nearest hospital within for to five minutes.

Prior to March 1972, for an emergency, a private ambulance service would be called. These services could take up to 30 minutes to reach the scene, where as now with

weather permitting it takes six minutes to get from the farthest corner of the area. Day commented, "The time it takes to get somewhere is very quick, although for the person or family waiting it can seem like a lifetime."

Eighty to eight-five per cent of all the calls are not referred to as true emergencies, but the other fifteen are. "When you can help someone in need it makes you feel good inside, it makes it all worth while," Day added. On the average there are three calls per day.

This service is free to the community, as it is paid for by the Fire Districts taxes. The station pays 14 men and 8 volunteers, and the department does allow the men to have a second job. They work in 4 men shifts, 24 hours on, 48 hours off.

As of now the fire department has three ambulances. Each costing about \$40,000 each, plus \$15,000 for the radio equipment.

For a standard call two men are sent. Although when it is known that there is some type of cardiac problem (chest pains, heart attack, etc.) three men are sent. If by chance, and it has happened that all three ambulances and men on duty are out and a fourth call comes in the fire department has an agreement with the private companies or another fire department to take the call.

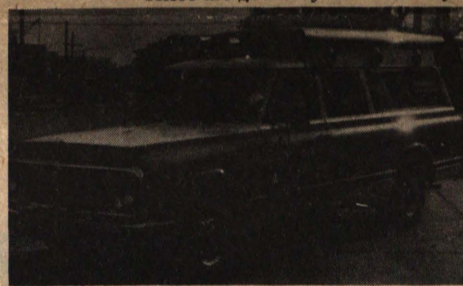
There is a Bi-lingual EMTA, and "That works out well," Day replied. In case of a major problem with non-english speaking people they can call the police department and

ask for their interpreter to assist.

tion."

There are good days and bad days where

One of the \$55,000 ambulances



Day feels the EMTA's are a great service to the community and if it were taken away, "There would be a hell of a lot of commo-

there is nothing you can do to save that life, but you can't let the bad ones get you down," Day added as a final word.

A man of many things

by Reenie Wiczorek

Our own Lee Yunker has written his first book. The book entitled **Merrill Geometry** has certainly kept him busy these past two years.

The Merrill Publishing Company asked him if he would donate his time and write a book for them. In return, the company would pay him a percentage from the sale of the book. The company knew of his interesting lectures on geometry and other mathematics and was quite impressed. Mr. Yunker's knowledge of math is highly recognized and evaluated by other schools and colleges, as noted from his many scheduled lectures.

When the company asked Mr. Yunker, he

"he was indifferent at first."

was at first, indifferent about becoming an author. Publishing a book meant a lot of time and would require much cooperation from his family. Before making the decision Mr. Yunker called a family discussion to weight the issue from all angles. He, along with his family, to guide him along, decided in favor of writing the book. Mr. Yunker commented "Those chances only come by once, so I thought I had better accept."

He never really found a geometry book that he like, so this was his chance to create an easy and understandable book. Writing a book to teach students had always been his

goal, and this was his big dream come true.

His family had to sacrifice small things in order for him to spend his time writing. He would work from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 5 days a week and 8:00 to 11:00 Saturday and a 1/2 day on Sunday. His only real "break" was at mealtime. Through the whole 21 months of writing, his family had to understand his need for quiet and sleep.

We-go people

The book consists of 564 pages of sophomore level geometry. There were 22,500 copies printed, some of which were sent to teachers all over as sample copies. As of February of 1981, there will be 100,000 more copies printed and distributed.

After writing **Merrill Geometry**, Mr. Yunker was asked to write another book on a more advanced level, called **Advanced Math Concepts**. This book took only 12 months, and it was finished this past August. Right now, the number of copies that will be printed is unknown. Mr. Yunker's class this year, is the only class piloting the book.

He was honored to be asked to write a second book and felt it was well worth his time. Through writing the two books, Mr. Yunker has learned a lot about publishing.

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Cindy Hughes "pigs-out" at the Homecoming pie eating contest, while Bill Recchia urges her on. (Photo by Monroe)

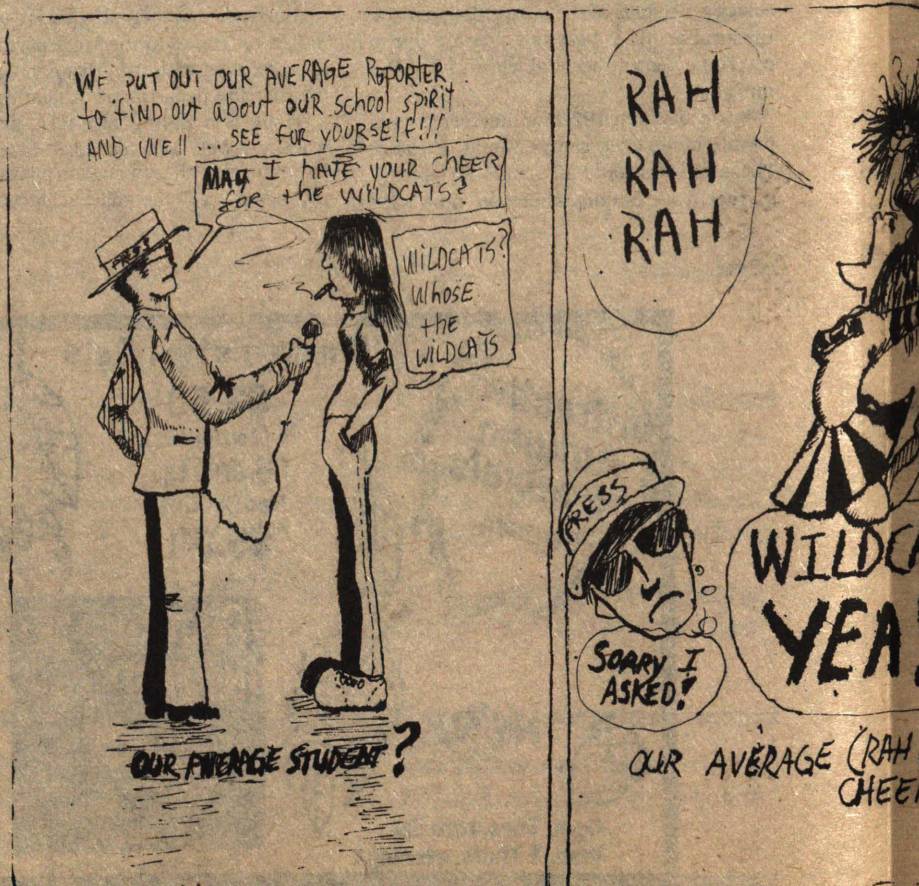
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Tammy Whitlock "claims" she Hates boys!
(Photo by Monroe)

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Mr. Leitner tries hard to figure out who sent him his apple. (Photo by Michelle Monroe)

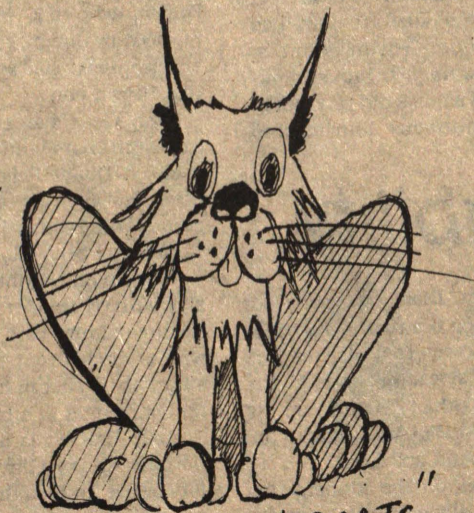


Welcome to the senior saloon where the water is always invitin'. (Photo by Monroe)

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"WE-GO WIEDCATS"

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Danny Elizondo



Urban Cowgirls, Georgia Besser and Laura Sauer went all out in their western style dress to fit the Homecoming theme this year of "Western." (Photo by Monroe)

Divine Madness — Broadway smash

by John Watanabe

She's a popular recording artist, a Grammy award winner, a smash on Broadway, a critically acclaimed movie actress, and the author (and singer, in some big cities) of the currently popular book, *A View from a Broad*.

Of course, she's Bette Midler, and what more can I say, except that she is one of the



The Divine Miss M, starring Bette Midler

most talented and sensational performers of our time.

The Divine Miss M has received rave reviews, a Golden Globe award, and an Oscar nomination for her brilliant film debut in *The Rose*. Now she is here with her second film, *Divine Madness*. And once again, Midler absolutely stands out as a most exuberant and notable performer.

Divine Madness was filmed last year at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium. The flick commences with a funny prelude to the concert, featuring the building manager giving orders to the ushers. From then on, all of the action takes place onstage, with the Divine Miss M showing off all of her great talents.

Accompanied by her three singers, The Harlettes, Midler sings all types of fine tunes, from rock'n'roll to mellow ballads;

from 40's swing to funky rhythm and blues. The film's highlights include sparkling, well staged production numbers of "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," "Chapel of Love," and "Leader of the Pack."

Midler also proves that she is capable of being an excellent comedy performer. Bette delivers several raunchy, but often hilarious monologs, and in one scene, she even acts out a diverting Chaplinesque pantomime routine.

It's really an outstanding achievement when only one performer on a stage can hold our attention for almost two hours. In the past, comediennes Lily Tomlin and Gilda Radner have successfully accomplished this



A lusty sourbrette dueling with a chicken

with their own superb one-woman Broadway shows. Now we may add Bette Midler to the list, with her one-woman per-

formance in *Divine Madness* (which was originally a smash on Broadway).



A wide-eyed bride (and groom)

It is apparent that while Midler performs,

she continuously displays a cheerful smile, which means she's having a good time mak-



ing us have a good time.

Rating for *Divine Madness*: Three stars.

New girl on the twirl

by Lisa Yunker

"Baton twirling used to be so popular that they would have to have tryouts for the girls! It used to be like Brownies and Boy Scouts," remarked Bill Sargent, the band director.

The last baton twirlers were, Lyda Horvath, and Lisa Black, who performed three years ago. They used to twirl with fire on the ends of their batons, march in parades, and perform in the half time shows during the football season.

"I've performed a couple of times in public before, and it's scary!" exclaimed, Cathy Beeskow, the new baton twirler. Cathy, a sophomore, started taking baton at age 11, quit at age 13, and picked it up again at 14. She is now taking lessons from a former West Chicago High School baton twirler, Debbie Wienecke, who also works for the park district.

"I think it's neat that we have a new baton twirler!" laughed Patti Stejskal when

asked about her reaction to the idea.

"The way I got involved in accompanying the band was when a couple of friends talked me into it," stated Cathy. She does a lot of practicing before each presentation. "It's taken me about two months to get ready for the homecoming events."

"It isn't too bad performing if you know your routine. But when it's cold it's hard to twirl because your fingers get numb," replied Cathy, when asked what it feels like to be up in front of a large crowd.

Cathy performed to the song, *Have a Coke and a Smile* played by the band during halftime at the homecoming game against Glenbard North. She also marched in the parade.

"I think having a baton twirler is okay as long as she continues not to screw up," commented Denny Van Wankum, a clarinetist for the band.

Cathy will perform again October 24 in the game against Wheaton Central.

Molly Hatchet Splitting the charts

by Rick Cesario

The summer of 1979 brought out a new band, a band from gator country, a band that had already earned a reputation in the south for rowdiness both on stage and off.

The band was Molly Hatchet, from Jacksonville, Florida, with six members who created a new style of rock'n'roll boogie with a touch of country.

It was their first album in '79, titled simply "Molly Hatchett," that started heads rolling. Then before you knew it, they had released another album, "Flirtin' with Disaster," which backed up their rapidly growing popularity. Both albums did very well in sales as their continuous touring and recording proved.

Another blink of the eye brings is "Beatin' the Odds," Molly's latest. This one mellowed down a bit compared to the two previous albums. It has more of a Marshall Tucker flavor in the words and music. The country-rock sound is still there, but the country is stronger here than before. The lyrics have more of a story-telling now and this gives them more meaning.

There has been a minor change in Hatchet's lineup that brings a slight change in the vocal quality. Vocalist Danny Joe Brown, who left the group, has been replaced by Jimmy Farrar. Farrar's voice is on the quieter side and he lacks the energy that Brown had.

Molly's four man guitar army, with three lead guitarists and a bassist, has not changed. Duane Roland, Dave Hlubek, and Steve Holland are still wallin' away on guitars with Banner Thomas on bass. Bruce Crump still belts out the drum rhythm.

This album continues in Molly Hatchet's style with yet another excellent album cover. All three albums have a warrior scene with a warrior decked out in battle gear and a sword or hatchet in hand. They are real attention getters in a record store.

Molly Hatchet is a touring band. They have already been through the Chicago area four or five times in the last years. Most people probably remember the first time they were here at Comiskey Park for "A Day in the Park."

They are also a group that is fast at recording an album. With three albums in less than two years, that's great. Just as their last album starts to cool down, they have another one out.

Although I think that this is not their best, it is a good album. Maybe it will indicate a slight change in style.

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Chicagoland discovers new ability

by Natali Shifrin

Until very recently, Chicago has had the honor of presenting us with (almost exclusively) its own homegrown bands, punk powerrock or otherwise. This was almost uniformly true until six weeks ago.

That's when a new group, The "Kings" came in from Canada on the momentum of

"the tunes border on the kindergarten phase."

their two recent singles. *This Beat Goes On* and *Switchin' To Glide* and an album entitled *Are Here*.

Only together for three years, fate intervened and one time Detroit vocalist and bassist Dave Diamond ran into Aryan Zero, guitar Max Styles, drums and Sonny Heyes,

keyboards. In Toronto a chance meeting with Manager Brian Ainsworth and

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Producer Bob Ezrinlanded (Alice Cooper).

Then their current debut album and a subsequent tour of the States. Together they show us their own version of what good time rock and roll is, by combining the influences of Gary Numan, Elvis Costello, Beachboys, Falking Heads and others, with their own uncanny catchy dance party music.

Admittedly, the album is embarrassingly short on guitar riffs that stand up on their own. The percussion seems to be little more

than a backup for Diamonds petty-like vocals. There are such beauties as *Partyitis*, which are slightly over cooked (this one features 30 happy screaming girls in the background). Two other delights are *Its Okay* and *Anti Hero Man*, whose lyrics are all written by Diamond and Zero.

The tunes border on the kindergarten phase. This is partially made up for by the ever-present nicely pulled off pounding of keyboards and tamborine.

A late warning: these guys are not for those exclusively into Heavy Metal, or Hard Rock for that matter. For every one else, however, I very strongly urge you to get the album. With a sound ranging from Lizarre to commercial they have an album that's all around enjoyable. Let's hope their next album follows in these footsteps.

Election '80

Third party candidate does he stand a chance?

by Dave Barry

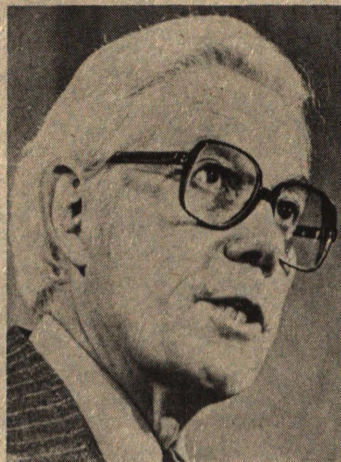
Of the three major presidential candidates, John B. Anderson must be considered the "dark horse." Although you have probably heard about Anderson's unpopular proposal for a fifty cents a gallon gasoline tax, you may not have been informed of how Anderson stands on other important issues.

Annette Lawson, a worker at Anderson Campaign Headquarters, feels that his lack of publicity is due to the fact that, "Anderson simply cannot pull in millions upon millions of dollars through donations ... unlike his opponent Ronald Reagan."

Anderson considers himself a strong supporter of the Equal Rights Amendment. He stated that, "The government should insure that a woman's choice is not hindered in any way." Anderson also voted for the extension of the E.R.A. ratification deadline.

The desegregation of schools is thought of by Anderson as "essential to our nation." He feels that blacks, whites, chicanos, etc., should not be separated. Anderson wishes to supply the individual communities with federal funds so that they can "provide their own methods of desegregation." As a last resort, however, Anderson believes that court-ordered bussing should be used.

The draft is another big issue concerning countless young Americans. When Anderson was questioned about reinstatement of the draft, he said, "The draft is not



necessary during peacetime." Anderson also opposes such proposals as the B-1 bomber and the MX missile. He feels that these plans would "increase military costs without adding to our security." Anderson does believe that the all-volunteer armed forces should be supported and improved.

Many people are interested and worried about the development of nuclear power in our country. Anderson opposes the construction of more nuclear power plants at this time. He feels that we must first have total control over the reactors and plans for the disposal of nuclear wastes.

Now that you know how John Anderson stands on some of the central issues, selecting the "right candidate" may be just a little easier.

Re-elect Carter

by Lauren Vogt

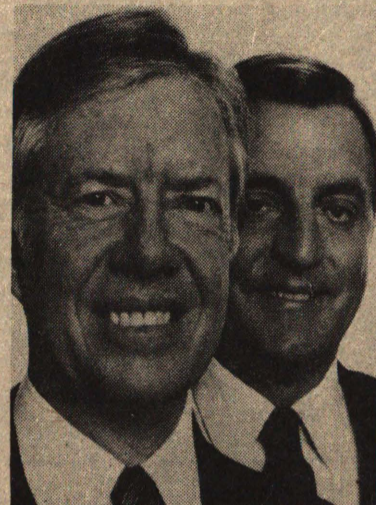
As president Carter runs for re-election this year, many controversial issues have confronted him.

At the moment, a major problem facing the President is the present war in the Middle East. Carter has declared strict neutrality for the U.S. concerning Iran and Iraq. According to the Democratic office manager in Wheaton, IL, Carter has issued a direct warning to Russia not to interfere in the war. He claims its an affair between Iran and Iraq and should be their fight. Carter worries only about the U.S. oil reserves in Saudi Arabia and will enter the fighting only if those reserves are in danger.

Another issue that has been directed at the President is the economic situation. Carter admits the position is not spectacular, but as the office manager in Wheaton claims, Carter has not created these problems, only inherited them.

He has been working hard for a solution, but has not been backed up by Congress. Congress is not willing to work on a plan because of the inconvenience it would cause many people.

The question of the draft has been raised quite recently, also. President Carter is opposed to the draft itself, but supports registration for it wholeheartedly. The Carter/Mondale headquarter's manager also in



Wheaton, says that Carter would like to make it clear to all that registration and the draft are two entirely different things. Carter feels that the draft will not be invoked unless the U.S. is headed towards out and out war. The American people are becoming increasingly uneasy about the affairs in the Middle East and Carter feels that everyone would feel better if all knew the U.S. is prepared for war. He would like to wait until the last possible moment before calling the draft into motion.

Reagan — consistent conservative



The Republican candidate for President, Governor Ronald Reagan of California, is often labeled as an extremist. Reagan, a consistent conservative, when presenting the issues by no means comes across as such.

Governor Reagan considers three issues vital in the present campaign: a strong economy, a revitalized defense and a reduction of Federal regulation and involvement at the state and local level.

Although the Governor proposes a dramatic increase in military spending, he is also opposed to the peacetime draft. As an alternative Reagan proposes that the armed forces be rejuvenated. Recently released defense reports stated "enlisted men are so underpaid compared to the ever-rising rate of inflation that many of their families are currently receiving food stamps." Reagan believes that the failure of the present administration to allocate funds for such provisions of the military budget has caused the "dissatisfaction" and "inferiority" of our military.

Election day will be the first anniversary of the taking of a half a hundred American citizens in Iran. In response Governor Reagan would have handled things differently. In an excerpt from an exclusive interview with the editors of U.S. News & World Report, Reagan responded as follows:

"We let the Shah's government fall and even helped it fall ... and then didn't take the action we should have when we were warned of a possible threat of takeover of our embassy." Reagan said the steps the President took in response to the crisis were as he termed them "weak" and "vacillating," "the trademark of our current foreign policy."

Governor Reagan has proposed a 30% tax

cut over a period of the next three years. Reagan and his advisors believe that this will be just the stimulant the economy needs to get back on the road to prosperity and productivity.

Reagan has received much static on his stands on abortion and ERA. He believes that the Federal Government should not be as involved in state and local government.

For this reason, he opposes Federally funded abortions and a Federal amendment insuring Equal Rights.

For eight years Reagan governed the most populous state of the union. Governor Reagan balanced the budget and reduced government spending.

He has stated that he hopes to achieve a productive economy, a rejuvenated defense,

a decline in Federal government involvement at state and local levels and lastly, the return of U.S. respect from other nations of the world. In an excerpt from his address to the GOP Convention this past summer, Reagan was quoted as saying "... in our hands we hold the power to begin the world over again ..."

Reagan wins by wide margin

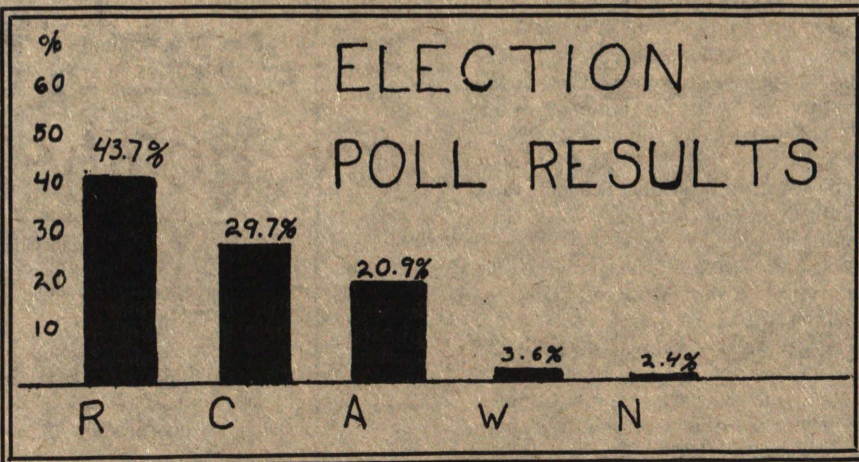
by Bobbie Walz

Nineteen-eighty as every four years in the past and in the future brings about yet another Presidential election.

This years main candidates for the Presidential election include on the Democratic ticket: Jimmy Carter-Walter Mondale, the Republican ticket: Ronald Reagan-George Bush, and the Independent ticket: John Anderson - Patrick Lucey. Each

Democratic nomination was defeated overwhelmingly by Carter. Uniquely this year a former President of the U.S. was asked to run for Vice President although he, ex-president Gerald Ford, declined the offer on the Reagan ticket.

The role of the President is one of many faces. He is Commander-in-chief of the army and navy, chief of State, Chief Legislator, Chief Executive and Chief Diplomat.



of these men running for the President are at least 35 years of age, a natural born citizen, and have lived in the United States for at least 14 years.

Much has happened since the new year began in January. Anderson has declared himself an Independent candidate after losing to Reagan in the Republican convention. Kennedy the other candidate for the

It is hard to tell which candidate could best fulfill the position of President in the United States. The Bridge took a poll of teachers and students, wishing to vote, during second hour. (DAVEA morning students were not included. The results of this poll are by no means 100 per cent accurate and they may or may not accurately predict the actual winning candidate on November 4.

Instead it is to show how the candidate would finish at West Chicago High School. With the majority of the school population and faculty voting.

Out of the 1016 teachers and students voting, Governor Reagan won with 445 votes. Coming in second was President Carter with 302. With a close third Anderson received 210 votes. Although our ballot did not contain a space for a write in, 36 people choose to write in various names. Also 23 people specifically specified that, if they could really vote this November, would not because they felt the candidates were incompetent.

It is an interesting fact that Anderson obtained as many votes as he did. Never in history has an "Independent candidate" won the election. Theodore Roosevelt was the man closest to doing so.

Not always once a President has won the election has he enjoyed the time spent in office. John Quincy Adams, our sixth President wrote "The four most miserable years in my life were my four years in the Presidency." Ulysses Grant proclaimed he had "never wanted to get out of a place as much as he did the Presidency."

"In the 1976 election 46 per cent of the people who were eligible to vote did not." With so few sting it is much less work for someone to win the majority. Without voting we, the people, the citizens of the United States have no say so in the way our government is run. We are literally at the mercy of a few people in charge."

Sports

Optimistic about conference victory

by Silvia Belicke

What are this year's Volleyball teams chances of another conference victory? Ms. Gail George, starting her 11th year as varsity coach is very optimistic about her team's chance of success.

She feels that, "We should start where we left off last year," which is a commendable goal after last year's impressive number one conference victory with an 11 win, 3 loss record. Coach George remarked that, "We expect to place first in conference again this year and I think we have a good chance of achieving that goal."

She went on to say, "And it will only be through hard practice and commitment to the team. It is all the team effort. We're only as strong as our weakest player. It's the entire team's responsibility to make every girl effective. And I Always expect 100% from each player."

George explained that the team has more offense this year because of the four girls that returned from last year and the five that were moved up. All of whose training to play fast, which is the pace they go by, will now come in handy.

The team is made up of three seniors, two of which are captains of the team, Brigitte

"All nine girls have the potential to be excellent Volleyball players ..."

Kynast, an All Conference winner, and Karen Fadtkke, Juniors Leslie Anderson, also an All Conference winner, and Co-captain Laura Finnegan make up the four returning team mates. The rest of the team is made up

Psyching up and eating out

by Michelle Monroe

Twelve football players were interviewed, as to what they do to psyche up before a game. For many of them this begins early in the week and carries on right up to their play on the field.

They were also interviewed on their eating habits, superstitions and what they do after a strenuous game.

Most of the players start psyching themselves up early in the week by practicing hard, thinking of the game, playing the game in their head and meditating.

The team, as a whole, psyches themselves up by "togetherness on the field." They sing, practice hard, do cheers, listen to "Another One Bites The Dust" by Queen and as Rob "Radar" Ream put it "Just go hyper!"

Their pre-game meal varies from player to player. Some players meals are well-balanced in nutritional value such as Jim Fuller's hamburger, salad and milk. Others are for a quick-energy pick-me-up like Lance Kammes' Honey, or Pat Dyes' candybar.

Tournament experience needed

by Kris Schmitt

This year's girls' tennis team was trying to reach their peak when the teachers went on strike. "The strike definitely hurt us," says Coach Singleton. While the teacher were on strike the team missed two dual meets and one quad tournament. Coach Singleton expects the team to finish one place above their seventh place finish last year.

According to Coach Singleton "The team's biggest weaknesses are the lack of tournament experience and the fact that the girls don't grow up with tennis." However their coach is optimistic because

"they all have the desire to improve"

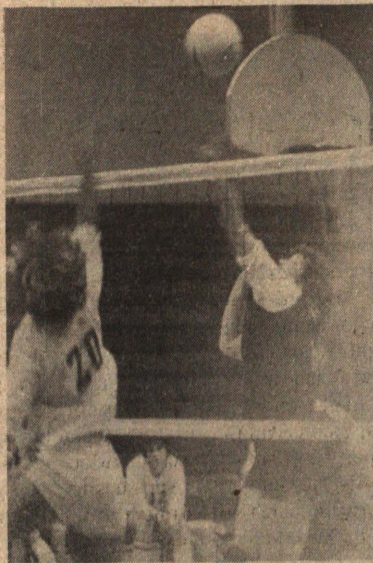
she says "they all have the desire to improve."

Their fourth meet of the season was against Wheaton Central, one of the

of remaining senior Jayce Radavich, Juniors Nanette Steel and Denise Maillous, and Sophomores Sue Beedle and Laura Saver. George said, "All nine girls have the potential of being excellent volleyball players if they have the desire and dedication to do it."

The strengths of the team are that they're stronger at the net this year with main spikers Kynast and Anderson being joined by Finnegan. The team's serving is also an area where they are sufficiently skilled at so they can place the ball exactly where they want it on a serve.

But the key to all this is that they don't



Laura Finnegan is shown here spiking the ball. (Photo by Mike Sitarz)

base their offense on spikers but rather base it on defense. Coach George stated, "They don't just hit all the time. The team makes deceptive moves and has to out think and out smart the other teams." The whole



Superman? No, it's Joyce Radavich setting-up for a Wildcat victory. (Photo by Mike Sitarz)

team rallying and having a desire to become champions furthers them. George feels, "We work harder than any other team. We have to be fast and on top of the game. If each girl does her job it makes the whole team look good and win games." The fact that the players have no fear of facing a hard hit ball or hitting the floor is also a definite plus.

Ms. George commented that as to weaknesses, "If the girls don't push them-

selves 100%, that to me is a weakness."

All of this year's conference volleyball teams will be key opponents but in Coach George's opinion, Naperville Central will be especially challenging. Last year We-Go shared conference with Naperville but later beat them at Districts.

The lack of support from spectators has been brought up a couple times. "So far we have had great support from fans that are at



Karen Fadtkke and Sue Beedle await the return of the ball. (Photo by Mike Sitarz)

the games. When the players support each other, we seem to be mentally on top, but a lot more so with spectator support," commented Kynast.

DVC standings improve

by Steve Hyden

After ending the soccer season last year with an unimpressive 4-13-1 record, rated 7th in the DuPage Valley Conference. The Wildcat Varsity soccer team is hoping to play this year to a higher position in the DVC standings.

This year is the first year in which the DVC is playing a double round robin tournament. Usually the conference plays a single round robin tournament and one playoff game. This year they will play each team twice, but will not participate in a play off game.

Only playing seven games out of the round robin tournament, the West Chicago kickers have this season with a record of 3-1-3, rated third in the DVC standings, a lot better than last years record.

When asked who would be the top contender this year Coach Steve Kimery said that, "Wheaton North and Wheaton Warren-

ville will be the top teams to beat this year," Wheaton North is rated second and Wheaton-Warrenville is rated fourth in the DVC.

Coach Kimery emphasized "This years team is a very well balanced team, with no single stars." He did tell me though, "Senior Co-Captain Arnold Kriebaum has shown tremendous improvement at fullback position." Coach Kimery also added that Junior, Rudy Castillo has improved such that he has excellent ball control on offense.

Bill Hahn remarked that some of the weaknesses of the team are that "The team needs to improve on its communication during the game." Hahn also said that the whole team suffers from a host of various minor injuries slowing the team down a little bit. Coach Kimery concluded, "The team has a very good chance in the DVC standings because the team really enjoys playing this year, and that itself is a good start."

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