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ECHO presses politics

by Tedd Termunde
and Wendy Lewis

Up on a pedestal, before a crowded auditorium, at Glenbard East High School; newspaper editors, writers, and photographers from area high schools and colleges, took part in a political press conference.



photo by Wendy Lewis

Ron Totton, chairperson of the Republican Headquarters in DuPage county.

There were representatives from each of the three leading parties to find out a bit more about the prospective presidents and their views.

From Ronald Reagan's Republican headquarters, Donald Totton spoke. Totton delivered his opening remarks proposing change, new blood in the White House, lower taxes and increased military.

Totton casually brushed off derogatory comments concerning Governor Reagan's age, simply stating that he was "more experienced."

Often the question swung to the issue of Reagan's earlier statement that "trees give off a noxious gas". Totton replied to that, in short, "I really wish he had never said that." Totton seemed confident that the American people could "not afford to have Carter in the White House for four more years."

In closing, Totton was asked his views on the October Surprise. He retorted with a grin, "I think it will be a November Surprise when Reagan beats Carter out of office."

Next on the role was Alfred Kahn, an economics professor from Cornell University. Kahn is currently on the tail end of a six year leave of absence, to aid the president.

Opening remarks were brief, he simply said that Carter is working out a new way to balance out the economic situation. The questions were very direct toward Mr. Kahn.

The press wanted the answers to Iran, the sharp increase in inflation, high government spending, and many other issues. Kahn's replies were lengthy and rarely

seemed antidotal to the problems. Kahn was supportive of Carter, "betting" the crowd that Carter had a "better record" on controlling inflation than the "last two presidents." This according to the interrogating reporter, was "not saying much."

Kahn closed with a question, blaming Carter for the high rise in gas prices. Kahn stated that the oil price was basically "in the hands of OPEC" and that the Carter administration was making efforts in their foreign policy.

After Kahn left the stage, a lengthy break was instated for the reporters to brush up on a few quotes and write up their critiques.

Upon return to our posts, John Clay from the "Anderson for President" campaign office greeted the masses with a grin on his face and a red "Anderson" button on the lapel of his sport jacket.

Clay's opening remarks asked for the support of the young people and laid out the Anderson platform, as an Independent.

The first question was why Anderson was even bothering to run. Clay seemed distraught at first, but then he just said what he believed, and that was that "Anderson does have a chance." There seemed to be a lot of support for Anderson on the stage, beyond that point. Anderson was not convinced Reagan could cut down on government spending, and "Carter just isn't working out," ended Clay.

Illinois Senator Charles Percy was up to bat next. He opened with a lecture for the young people in Illinois who have the right to vote, but "don't care enough."

Club Corner

by Carolyn Krumin

The Math Club has started up. The advisor, Mr. Kanold, said "I want us to do better this year than any other year." This is the reason why the club is starting early.

The club is starting to prepare for the Regional Conference and the State Math Conference. Both competitions will be held

"I want us to do better this year..."

in the spring. There are ten areas the club will compete in.

Mr. Kanold will be teaching the club more math that is not normally taught in the math classes.

Anyone can join the club who wants to compete and learn more in math.

The Thespians are busy working on the fall play "Harvey." After "Harvey" is over the Thespians are planning to put on a radio play that will be filmed.

The seven editors of THE BRIDGE are going to Detroit between Nov. 6-9. They will be attending the JEA Journalism Education Association. The editors will be competing in different categories. They will be competing against schools from throughout the county.

All the Language clubs are working on Language night that is planned for December 4.

We-go bikers rule the road

by Silvia Belicke

We-Go now has a bicycling class that is offered as a new elective P.E. class to all juniors and seniors.

The course is taught second and fourth hours by Helen Zmrhal. Students have to bring in their own bicycles. Before anyone can start riding they have to study the Illinois Bicycle Rules of the Road and a guest speaker comes to lecture about bicycle maintenance.

Every day their bicycles are checked and then they ride off campus doing about four to six miles an hour. An all day field trip was

planned for the 37 students enrolled on October 30. Starting out in the morning, they'd ride out to St. Charles to catch the Great Western Trail to Sycamore. If the weather was nice a picnic lunch was packed.

The idea for this class came about because of prior student expressed interest and also the lack of any outside field facilities. When asked if the class would be available later on, Mrs. Zmrhal replied, "Oh, I hope it continues even after the fields are available again. It's fun!"

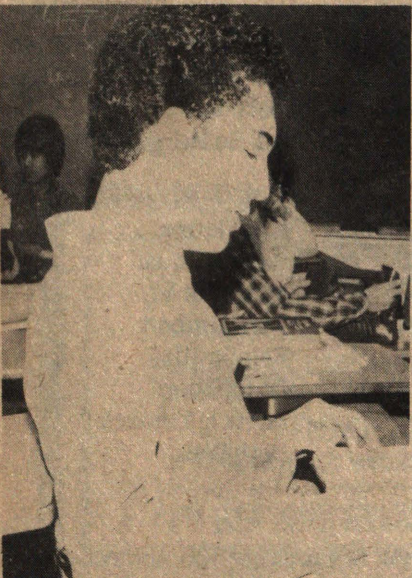
P.S.A.T.: a testy situation

by Teresa Evans
and Patty Stejskal

Sweaty palms and butterflies in the stomach often accompany the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test. Not many students look forward to the tests but for

Their scores ranked in the top 5 percent of the nations seniors on the P.S.A.T.

The tests were taken last year and



Carm Aiello, studying is a fact of life.

seniors Carm Aiello, Gordon Fellows, and Allison Satterfield it paid off.

"They are talented in every area and care a lot more than they need to."

covered the subjects of math and english. They are designed to give the college bound senior a look at his score compared to the others in the nation.

Their preliminary S.A.T. scores qualified them as National Merit Scholars Semifinalists. If the results of their upcoming S.A.T. tests are equal to their previous test scores, they then qualify as finalists. The scores are reviewed by colleges and may entitle them to a scholarship.

When asked about these students, Mr. Delap, a guidance counselor responded "They're talented in every area and care a lot more than they need to." He added a final comment "There's nothing they can't do."

Board erases Gatehouse

by Lauren Vogt

Richard A. Gatehouse has resigned his position as secretary of the school board. He stated in a letter that personal business commitments would not allow him to continue on the Board. He wished to make clear

Board Notes

and exact that his resignation was not connected in any way to the teacher's strike last September. Mr. Gatehouse had planned not to run for reelection in April, but agreed to stay on until a replacement could be found. He planned on resigning in July but then it seemed clear that there would be problems negotiating differences with the faculty.

Mr. Gatehouse, combined with the leaving of Robert Westron would have left two seats vacant on the school board, but Norma P. Wienecke of 231 E. Brown Street has been found as a replacement for the unoccupied

position created by Mr. Gatehouse.

The board of education has accepted the energy conservation grant of \$7,200 from the Department of Energy. The grant is necessary to help the air conditioning, heating, and ventilating systems conserve energy.

The board has authorized the administration to advertise for bids on replacing the movable bleachers in the small gym and the south side of Bishop gym. The bleachers had been installed 25 years ago and parts are becoming hard to find. The board is concerned about keeping up the maintenance and wish to replace the bleachers soon.

Bids have also been authorized on fixing the field house windows which have been broken by vandals. They hope to use lexon, an unbreakable substitute for glass.

Another repair job that will be brought up for bids is to replace 973 hall lockers in the 1965 addition of the high school. The board figures it will be cheaper and easier to replace the lockers rather than fix them all.

Private Benjamin



That golden girl, Goldie Hawn of Private Benjamin on her wedding day.

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Is the public bored of education meetings?

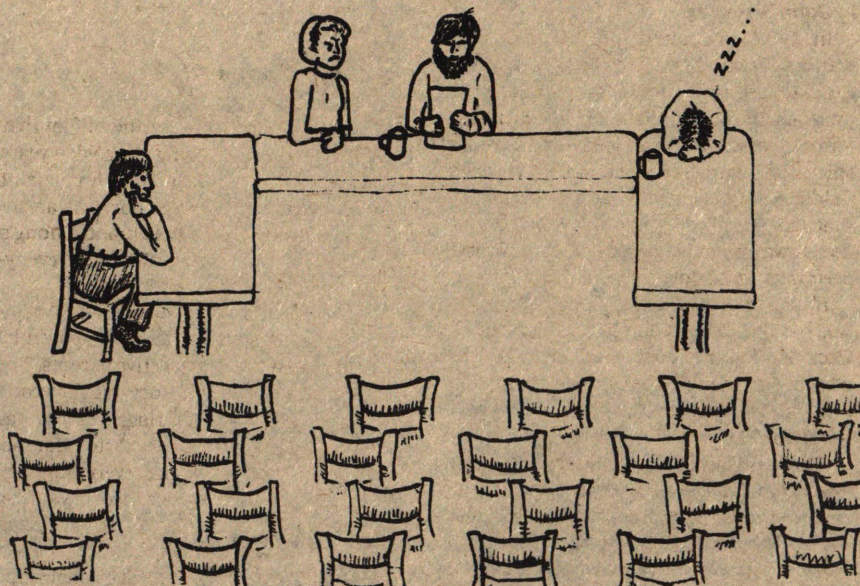
Ever sat around on a Tuesday night with nothing to do? If it happens to be the third Tuesday of the month, you can enjoy an evening of free entertainment right here at our very own school. Yes folks, you too can join in the fun at the regular meeting of the District 94 Board of Education.

Sounds like a real thrill, huh? Well the meetings are not an exciting way to spend an evening, but they are an important part of the educational system. The board is the decision making body for the district as well as the financial manager. They are elected by the public, and that is where the public's interest seems to end. As anyone who has ever

attended a meeting will tell you, the audience hardly ever outnumbers the chairs set out for them.

It seems a shame that it takes something as major as a teachers strike to get the public involved. Hopefully, this sudden burst of interest will not dwindle as the year goes on.

Editorial



We feel that this situation should not exist, and that the public should be a little more concerned about what the board does, because the board was elected by the public to do a job. But how will the public know if their elected officials are doing their job if they don't even bother to spend a little time once a month attending a board meeting.

Letters to the Editor

Students air their views on ...

Pep band

It has been drawn to my attention that during all the pep assemblies I have attended, I have yet to hear any recognition given to the pep band.

I think this is ridiculous and that something should be done to show our gratitude to them. There are a lot of members and it might take too long to introduce every member as they do with the various athletic



teams. That decision will have to be made by the pep club. The very least they should do is say, "Let's hear it for the pep band directed by Mr. Sargent!" As I say again, that is the very least.

Though I'm not trying to downgrade our cheerleaders, it has been proven, by the contest that was held last year, that it does not take a lot to give a cheer. On the other hand, most of the pep band members have put in too much time and effort to be considered a permanent fixture like the lights or the bleachers.

This is my opinion and I would like to hear your opinion on it.

An upset reader of yours,
Dan Lambert

P.S. This is the only complaint I have about the pep club.

Detentions

This is regarding the new detention schedule. I admit having detentions during lunch is a good idea, because a lot of people don't do anything in lunch anyway. But I feel we should also be able to serve detentions during our unscheduled time. If that were possible, more people would serve their detentions sooner. Say I got three detentions, I could pick out one day, serve one detention during lunch and the other two during unscheduled. (Because that's a full hour). Then all three would be taken care of. No hassles on either side. I wouldn't have to skip lunch for three days and you wouldn't have to wait for the sheet to come back. I would be all over and done with. A lot of us take the bus, and our parents work so we can't get here before or get home after school. What would be the big hassle about putting a few extra people in quiet study hall with the freshman? You could just have the teacher in study hall sign the paper like the paraprofessionals and have them put whether you stayed half an hour or an hour. Is that too difficult or what?

Jeane Murray

P.S. What's with having to show our ID's when we serve detentions? What's the point? So you can give us more if we don't have it!

Past editorials

Dear Editor,

We write this in response to your editorial on the flags flying over Burger King and Pride gasoline station. We feel that both Burger King and Pride do not wave their flags unpatriotically.

If your editor had researched the subject thoroughly, he would have been informed on these following facts: Burger King's flag was a gift from the American Legion in West Chicago. Secondly, both of these flags are properly displayed with a light each night which allows them to keep waving continuously.

We feel you are totally unjustified for a boycott of these two places. Why boycott Pride for such a misstated statement? Why boycott Burger King who has been a loyal supporter of our Booster Club and Athletic Program? When asked, McDonalds refused to support us.

We feel an apology is necessary and well deserved. So Burger King and Pride, Keep Waving Your Flags!

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Reply: The Bridge apologizes for not researching the subject completely. The intent of the editorial was to be satirical, and not to be taken as a serious statement.

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Private Benjamin — a gem of a movie

Movie review

by John Watanabe

In 1967, NBC aired a new, wonderfully wacky satirical show called *Laugh-In*, which quickly became the most popular T.V. program in America. One of the major factors of that show's enormous success was a splendid, attractive new talent named Goldie Hawn. However, few people realized that that so-called "giggle, dumb blonde" on the airwaves would become a very notable performer in motion pictures.

Hawn won an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress for her film debut in *Cactus Flower*. From then on, she has starred in a number of fine movies, including *Butterflies Are Free*, *Shampoo*, and *Four Play*.

The new Warner Brothers release, *Private Benjamin*, marks a milestone in Goldie's career since she not only stars in it, but also makes her debut as a filmmaker-serving as executive producer. On top of all this *Private Benjamin* turns out to be a valuable gem of a movie.



Private Benjamin is the kind of film that could've been made during the golden years of Hollywood. It is not an extremely poignant film like *Ordinary People*, nor is it an insane mish-mash like *Cheech and Chong's Next Movie*. It's an entertaining, cleverly-written comedy with a gentle message.

Goldie stars as Judy Benjamin, a pampered 28-year-old who has been spoiled by her affluent and overprotective parents. The film's opening scenes feature Judy's second marriage, her first marriage, which was with a tennis instructor, lasted for six weeks. But now, Judy has everything she could ask for—she has married a wealthy, successful lawyer named Yale Goodman (played by comic Albert Brooks) and her new house has been redecorated by mom and dad.

However, this second marriage doesn't last long, either. It lasts for six hours, and once again, Judy is left to be dominated by her parents. In one night, her big dream has vanished.

Feeling depressed, Judy turns to a radio talk show for help, where her story is heard by a not-too-honest Army recruiter, who convinces her that the Army is the right place for her. The recruiter smiles and says, "Every soldier gets his or her own room, and I promise we'll get you in the best shape of your life, too."

Judy visions that the Army is like three years at La Costa. But once inside the Army, Judy discovers that she's wrong, and that is where the film's funniest moments occur. Hawn displays her great ability at physical comedy as she hilariously goes through the



A sophisticated comedy

exhausting activities in basic training.

Even though *Private Benjamin* is a comedy (and a downright funny one, too), this flick also contains an intelligent social message. Judy decides to break away from her sheltered life and independently go her own way in the world. At first, Pvt. Judy Benjamin looks like a most unlikely recruit. But later on, she becomes a polished soldier, and is eventually transferred to Paris, where she has a relationship with a wealthy French doctor (Armand Assante). In this love affair, Judy discovers even more insights about herself and her life.

Goldie marvelously shows off her comic and sensitive tones, and she is accompanied by a good supporting cast, including Eileen Brennan as Capt. Lewis, Judy's stern commanding officer; and singer-actress Mary Kay Place (who won an Emmy for her portrayal of Loretta on *Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman*) as Pvt. Mary Lou Glass. New York-raised actor Armand Assante is fluent and fantastic in his role as the wealthy Frenchman.

I have been greatly disgusted by how this season's list of films have been doing. Many of those cheap blood 'n' guts films have turned in fairly large profits, while quality movies like *Divine Madness* and *Stardust Memories* (despite that it receives bad reviews from the Chicago critics) have tur-



ned out to be box office disappointments.

So ATTENTION moviegoers: I strongly command all of you to march to your local theater to see *Private Benjamin*.

Rating for *Private Benjamin*: three and a half stars.

Diversified rock "best album of the year?"

by Rick Cesario

The latest from Kansas, *Audio-Visions* sounds (and looks) very good. So good, in fact, that I think it may be one of the best albums of the year.

The musical quality of this six man band has always been good but this time it surpasses anything I've heard so far. The vocals are the best I've ever heard, from just about anybody. The guitar, violin, keyboard, and drum work are also of high quality.

The unique style of Kansas is quite amazing. They combine the orchestra-rock sound of the violin with the power of guitar. Mix that with the continuous drum rhythm and the highly complex keyboards that Kansas is famous for and you've got a great sound.

The words show that Kansas also has excellent writing ability. Kerry Livgren and Steve Walsh take care of the writing and keyboards. On lead vocals and the violins is Robby Steinhardt, while Phil Ehart and Rich Williams fill the drum parts. Playing bass guitar is Dave Hope. Williams and Livgren also do the guitar bits. Actually, all



the members of the band play a variety of instruments and each also sings.

After several albums it seems that Kansas keeps getting better as they grow older. After first gaining recognition with their *Wayward Son* song, they really got into the spotlight with the *Point of Know Return* album and the hit single *Dust in the Wind* off that album. *The Point of Know Return* is, so far Kansas' top seller. It was followed by two mediocre albums which didn't sell as

well, the live *Two for the Show* and *Monolith* albums. Neither had any real hits although the *Monolith* album did get a good deal of airplay on FM stations.

The thing that prompted me to buy this was not just the two songs I had heard — the single *Hold On* and *Relentless* — but

also the very impressive artwork on the cover as well as on the record sleeve. It goes to point out that a well designed cover can either make or break an album.

I really recommend that you get this album if you are into Kansas and like a diversified rock style.

On professional stage

by Debbie Meyer

Carm Aiello, a senior here at West Chicago has been acting all through high school. He attended St. Francis his freshman and sophomore years, then transferred here at the beginning of his junior year.

Carm first became interested in acting during his freshman year, when he signed up for an acting class given by the Wheaton Park District.

He began his classes at the Goodman Theatre Workshop five weeks ago. The Goodman Theatre in Chicago began the workshop last April. Carm is one of the second group of students to attend. Located in the north-east corner of the Art Institute, the shop is funded by CBS. A \$50,000 fund pays for all the equipment, supplies, and transportation. It costs the high school students attending the classes nothing.

The workshop, held every Saturday for 4 hours, runs for 15 weeks. The lectures, all professionals in their respective fields, teach classes covering subjects like Costume and Set Design, Playwriting, Decorating, Theatre Managing, Dance, and Stage Combat. Carm says his least favorite class was dance, and stage combat, which teaches the student how to fight with swords, knives, etc. on stage, was his favorite class.

Every other week, all the students attend a stage show, and every week they receive a lot of homework. Carm's assignment this week: Read two plays and write his own one-



Senior Carm Aiello

act play. Carm says it is very hard work, but he is really enjoying himself.

Before Carm could attend classes, he had to audition. Last spring he filled out a three-page application along with 200 other people. Eighty finalists were chosen to come back for an interview. The interview was about 20 minutes long. The people asked Carm questions on what types of shows he preferred, and he interpreted the last book he read.

Carm also auditioned for this year's fall play "Harvey." He did not make it and was disappointed at first but he says he guesses Miss Relias didn't think he fit any of the parts.

Carm intends to go to Indiana University where he hopes to major in Tele-Communications. He would like to make his career as a sports newscaster.

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Record review

Teen-age pregnancy: an epidemic

Help available for the pregnant girl

by Debbie Dastych and Debbie Rathjen

With the rising percentage rate of teen-age pregnancies, it is necessary for teen-agers to be well informed as to where they can get help.

Because of the increase, clinics and agencies have been set up especially for the girls who need help.

Bridge reporters talked to representatives from local agencies to discover the extent of services offered for the pregnant teen-agers.

The DuPage County Health Department has three offices that deal with pregnant teen-agers: Family Planning, Mental Health and Maternal and Child Health.

Family Planning works with prevention of pregnancy and birth control. They aid girls in finding the kind of birth control device that is best and safest for them.

For girls that are already pregnant, The Maternal and Child Health department offers support groups and pre-natal classes. The classes are held through the nursing division on how to take care of the baby. If for any reason a girl cannot come in, the nurses will visit her at home. The main emphasis is on helping girls decide what they want to do. The counselors will then give references to various agencies the girls can go to.

The Mental Health department deals mainly with counseling. They have special group sessions where girls are able to share their feelings. There is a psychiatrist available to counsel the girls, along with their boy friends and families.

Girls under 18 may visit five times without parental consent, however, after the fifth time, parental signature of acknowledgement is required. The fee for the service is adjusted to the person's income.

Bridge writers also talked with the Wheaton Youth Outreach Clinic, a Chris-

tian based organization, their main purpose is to counsel pregnant girls. Shelter is provided if needed, and a job may also be acquired.

They do not provide medical attention, but if it is required, they can accompany you to a doctor. No parental consent is needed and all information remains confidential. Services are free of charge.

Care and Counseling is another Christian organization. They give pregnancy tests for \$3.00, this being the only medical service provided.

Counseling is available, and the counselors try to present all aspects of how to deal with the child, excluding abortion.

If the girl needs shelter or financial assistance, it can be provided. Parental con-

sent again is not needed.

Birth-Right is very similar to Care and Counseling. They offer free pregnancy tests and informal counseling. No abortion agencies are referred to, but they will suggest an adoption agency that appeals to the girl.

If a girl has nowhere to go, Birth-Right will provide them with a home and work. It is a voluntary operation, and volunteers are always welcome.

Dealing primarily with the medical aspect of the pregnancy, the obstetrics departments of the Glen Ellyn Clinic and Wheaton Medical Center are available.

Glen Ellyn offers complete monthly physical examinations up to the time of birth. The cost is \$675.00, which includes four weekly visits prior to the birth. A check-up six weeks after is also given.

If counseling is necessary, there are social

workers on hand.

The clinic will refer their patients to any agency, according to need.

Wheaton Medical Center offers basically the same services as Glen Ellyn. Their pre-birth monthly exams cost \$600.00, and for \$26.00, a pregnancy test can be administered.

The center makes references to adoption agencies or abortion clinics, a girl does not need parental consent unless she is under 13.

Social workers are available to talk with the girls if desired.

These clinics and agencies mentioned are primary ones located near the West Chicago area. They all offer basically the same services, but with different methods and prices.

For added information, a chart has been devised including the basic facts concerning each participant.

Additional info ...

	DuPage County Health Department		Wheaton Youth Outreach	Care and Counseling	Birth Right	Glen Ellyn Clinic	Wheaton Medical Center
	Maternal and Child Health	Mental Health					
Medical Services Available	Pre-natal Classes through Nursing Division	None	None, but will accompany the girl to a medical Center	Pregnancy Tests Available	Pregnancy Test and Doctor Available	Obstetrics and Gynecology Department	Obstetrics Department
Psychological Services Available	Support Groups	Out-Patient Counseling	Counseling Available	Counseling, Moral Support	Group Talks, Informal Counseling	Social Workers Available	Psychiatrist and Social Workers Available
Extent of Medical Attention	None	Psychiatrist may give medication for depression	None	Pregnancy Test	Pregnancy Test	Complete Monthly Examinations	Monthly Examinations and Pregnancy Test
Cost	Free	Adjusted to person's income	None	Pregnancy Test \$3.00	Free Pregnancy Test; Doctor Fee Adjusted	\$675.00	Examinations \$600.00
Type of other Agencies Girls are referred to	Various Agencies in the County	the Psychiatrists in the Department	Adoption No Abortion	Adoption No Abortion	Adoption, No Abortion	Various Agencies According to need	Various Agencies According to need
Parental Consent Required?	None Required	Consent required after 5th visit	None Required	None	None unless under 13.	None Required	None
Phone Number	682-7582	682-7560	682-1910	960-1060 24 hr. hotline	968-6668	858-3200	665-6668
Hours	Mon.-Fri. 8:00-4:30	Mon., Wed., Fri. 8:00-4:30 Tue., Thur. 8:00-9:00	Mon.-Fri. 9:30-5:00	Mon.-Fri. 9:30-3:00	Hours Vary	Mon.-Fri. 9:00-5:00	Mon.-Fri. 9:00-5:00

Is it worth it?

by Bobbie Walz

The teen-age pregnancy under 16 years of age is the highest risk pregnancy along with the over 40 category," acknowledged Dr. Robert Bowles, MD., who specializes in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

The Women in these age groups usually tend to take on water weight (toxemia), have higher blood pressures, and in general have more complications throughout.

Dr. Bowles has not seen an increase in the teen-age pregnancies in recent years, although three or four years ago there was a large increase.

In the group of doctors that Dr. Bowles works with they send or recommend their patients to Sunny Ridge. Sunny Ridge is a

A doctor's view

private organization that helps girls that are pregnant and plan on keeping the baby or putting it up for adoption. The agency will house and give moral support to the girls. "They do a fantastic job," replied Dr. Bowles.

Most girls will have an abortion rather than go through nine months. The abortion must be sought after before 12 weeks into the pregnancy under Illinois law.

In a survey of the area, the average cost for prenatal care from the physician ranges from \$600.00 to \$750.00. If the girl chooses to give the baby up for adoption, the adoption agency will cover this cost.

When asking Dr. Bowles about free clinics he felt, that they should "stay away from the free clinics," and added, "That they give okay medical aid, but are just general doctors, not specialists, more or less they are just moonlighters."

All students should be forewarned through Health

by Lisa Yunker

Conception and pregnancy are a part of what is taught in our Health classes here at the High School.

In this part of the course the students are told about the growth and development of the fetus, and the physiological changes in

the mother during pregnancy. Appetite, nutritional values, and nausea are among the changes.

Contraception plays another part in this unit. Students discuss the nature of love and why it is important. Marriage and the history of sexual behavior are also present

and talked about.

Some methods of contraception are vasectomy, douche, and tubal ligation. More familiar contraceptives are the pill, IUD, or a diaphragm.

In the case that these methods would fail the girls have three choices.

mic at We-go?

A child raising a child

In all the interviews with the pregnant teen-age girls, this writer chose to assign fictitious names to those people interviewed, so as not to embarrass any of the students or former students. Although the

girls did not specifically ask their names not to be printed, they preferred them not to be printed for obvious reasons such as student harrassment and future advancement opportunities in life.

by Bobbie Walz

Sixteen, a time in life that is supposed to be carefree and wonderful, one's salad days, but instead for Donna it is a time of maturity, motherhood, and concern. Hardly grown herself, she's a child raising a child.

A year ago last August when Donna first found out that she was pregnant she was scared and confused. When telling the father he was mad and wouldn't speak to her, as one might expect. Later, after calming down a bit, he was ready to accept the responsibility of a teen-age pregnancy.

Together they both ruled out the possibilities of abortion, "I just couldn't do that," and adoption, "I would always wonder," Donna added, "you have to know what you are getting into when you 'mess around' and be ready for what happens." They decided that keeping the child would work out best for them. After eight months they both feel looking back that if it were to happen again, they would make the same choice, although once in a while Donna does wonder privately to herself.

The medical bills, both hospitalization and private physician pre-natal care totalled over \$1700.00. As of right now Jim, the twenty year old father is still paying back the loans and has a long way to go yet, but is proud that he is doing it on his own.

Donna's mother was the only grandparent that would comment on the

situation, Donna can remember "she felt very disappointed in me, very let down, she wanted me to have an abortion. Now she can't help but love the baby as any grandparent would."

The mother and baby live in Donna's home, with her parents and Jim visits daily. They hope to continue this arrangement until some time after June, when they are to be married. The date was set as such so that Donna would be able to graduate after dropping out of school for a half year. The teenage mother felt her main reason for dropping out was that the other kids would whisper and stare at her. Now since returning to school she feels she "appreciates it more."

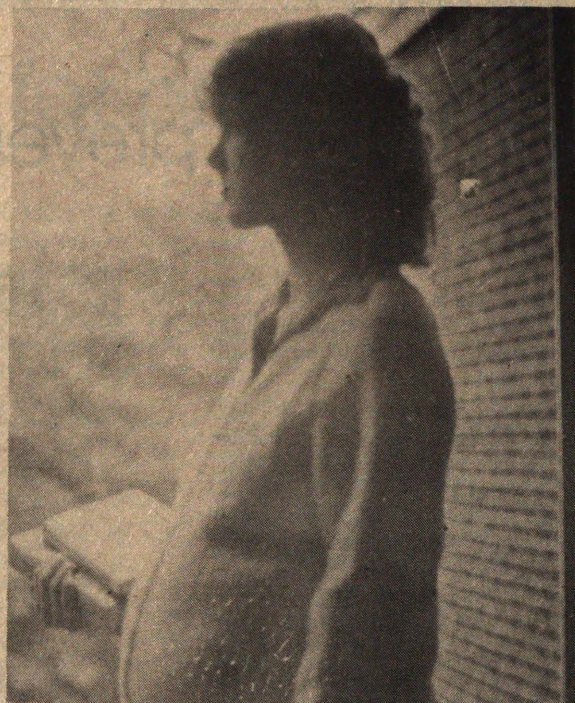
Unlike most of the kids at school her close friends were happy for her. Donna felt she could turn to them and even informed a few close friends of her pregnancy before

her mother.

Does Donna blame herself for becoming pregnant? "Yes." A month or so before she talked with her mother and was going to go to the doctor and get on the "pill," but later changed her mind because she was "embarrassed and scared."

Her advice to anyone thinking of premarital sex or getting intimately involved now, "get on the pill or some other type of birth control, don't make mistakes, and don't overlook anything."

Life has definitely changed for Donna since becoming a teen-age mother, but "I like it, it's a new and exciting experience. I feel I'm a good parent, even better than some, and my baby has the most important thing in life and that's love."



Sorry ...

The Bridge is sorry that in the last edition Tedd Termunde did not receive proper credit for the Ronald Reagan story.

Adoption — difficult decision

by Bobbie Walz

"Giving up my baby for adoption made four people happy: the baby, myself, and the husband and wife that couldn't have children," replied Kim, the formerly pregnant teen-ager.

Now with adoption of a child more common, agencies try hard to make everyone happy. Kim was able to see the baby while she was in the hospital and was asked if she wished to feed the baby, although she declined.

Kim was provided by the adoption agency with a file of the baby and pictures. If the child at age 21 wishes to look up his mother, the adoption people will allow him to do so.

"I know my baby has good parents," Kim practically picked them out herself. "I had to fill out papers and they asked all kinds of questions as to what I'd like the parents to be." One of the questions was, "What occupation would you like the father to have and mother?"

One of the pluses in adoption from a teen-age pregnancy for the teen-age mother is that the future parents pay all hospital bills, which in this case came out to \$2500.

I asked Kim at the end if she had any advice for teen-age kids, she replied, "Having a baby is great, it teaches you a lot. Oh, and the pain in labor, I don't think a man could go through it. It hurts, but it's great pain!"

Prospective fathers

by Tedd Termunde

Most indepth articles concerning teen-age pregnancy deal primarily with the girl. Yet what role does the prospective father play? When asked to comment on the situation, if it were to arise, most guys responded in a similar satirical manner — "Kill Myself." Realistically, this proved that one can only make an intelligent comment on such a controversial subject only if he is directly involved in such a situation.

The prospective father also faces a crisis in his life. Confrontations he faces include acceptance and responsibility, and parent pressure. The would be father must accept the fact that the pregnancy does exist. "Acknowledging responsibility" is the first step in the decision process according to the Department of Family Services. Most students interviewed also claimed that their parents play a major role in the decision making process. It's very difficult for some parents to comprehend "how" it could happen to their son or daughter, yet after the discovery of the pregnancy these ideas become rather irrelevant. The pregnancy obviously does exist. A spokeswoman for the Family Services was quoted as saying that "Parents of the teens often feel that morally the right thing to do is to get married" she added that "in all cases marriage isn't the right decision, most sixteen and seventeen year olds are not mentally capable to adjust to the marriage alternative." Recently released statistic reports claimed that one out of five teen marriages end in divorce within the first two years. This is not to say

marriage isn't right for some, but it does mean that the situation needs careful examination before the decision is made. Parents can help in the process by relieving some of the pressure, which only makes things worse. Two other alternatives, abortion and adoption, also confront both

A guy's view

prospective parents. Both issues can be controversial and therefore the choice should not be made hastily or without consultation.

With all these alternatives facing the parents, the way in which the decision is reached is vital. Often outside objective help can shed new clearer light onto the subject. Such help is offered at any of the Catholic Charities or the Department of Family Services. Both prospective parents must reach an unpressured and mutual decision that will deter any future resentment or possible guilt bestowed upon the mother and father or the unborn child.

The controversial answer

by Bobbie Walz

The not always popular, and much controversial answer to teen-age pregnancy, is the abortion.

Although unable to speak with anyone who had an abortion THE BRIDGE did speak with someone who had planned on receiving one.

Sue, the 17-year old girl we spoke with drove all the way to Rockford's Womens Hospital. Once getting there she was told after a "sonitram test" (test to see how many weeks ago the baby was conceived) that too much time had elapsed to have the abortion there.

Sue described the experience as frightening with a lot of girls sitting in the waiting

room crying. "The crying did it, it made me change my mind, wonder why I was there, all I could think of was get up and get out."

She sought out the abortion because she didn't want her parents to find out, didn't want to go through the nine months, and was all alone after telling the father. Her parents later found out. Sue recalls her mom "stuck with me, was scared for me." Her dad on the other hand "couldn't handle it."

If the situation ever arose again Sue felt she could not go through with an abortion, but instead would give the baby up for adoption. Otherwise with the father she might try and keep the baby.

Aim to please

by Gizelle Pollak

Giving up a baby is a difficult decision. Many pregnant teen-aged girls face this problem every day.

One of the main problems a girl faces during pregnancy is "lack of parental support" according to secretary, Ms. Marge Pearl of Children Services in Bensenville. Ms. Janice Roach of Catholic Charities in Chicago added that "peer pressure" is another major factor.

Adoption agencies assist in many ways. Most services offer free counseling. They can also help girls obtain public aid. Other common services provided (at a small cost) by agencies are medical, housing, and schooling. Generally, the girl's family insurance will cover the medical cost.

Housing, such as a foster home, offers a temporary home for girls who wish to live away from home during their pregnancy.

Arrangements can be made for a girl to continue her education at her present school or for a tutor to come to her home.

To help prevent some difficult problems in setting up adoptions, pregnant girls should find a legal, private agency and get a good counselor.

The adoption process itself is easy. There are many organizations willing to offer their services.

LDS Social Services, Cradle Society, and Jewish Children's Bureau are a few of the nearby agencies.

solutions

The second and third choices are to have the child and put it up for adoption, or to keep the child and try to provide the best home possible. Different people may choose any of the three choices for different reasons.

Pregnancy is one of the many issues taught in Health class.

Abortion is the first choice. This choice is surrounded by a lot to do with moral standards. Some girls could not, in their mind, discontinue the life process once it has begun. Others, however, would think of abortion as an easy way out of an unwanted pregnancy.

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Birth control prevents the problem

by Delanie Jenkins

Birth control is the term that refers to all methods used to regulate or prevent the birth of a child.

When birth control is discussed, it is usually discussed in terms of artificial methods.

Families practice birth control for numerous reasons. They may want to limit or space their children apart by age so they may have a higher standard of living.

With teen-age pregnancy on the uprise, it is essential that the teen-agers are aware and informed on the various methods of birth control.

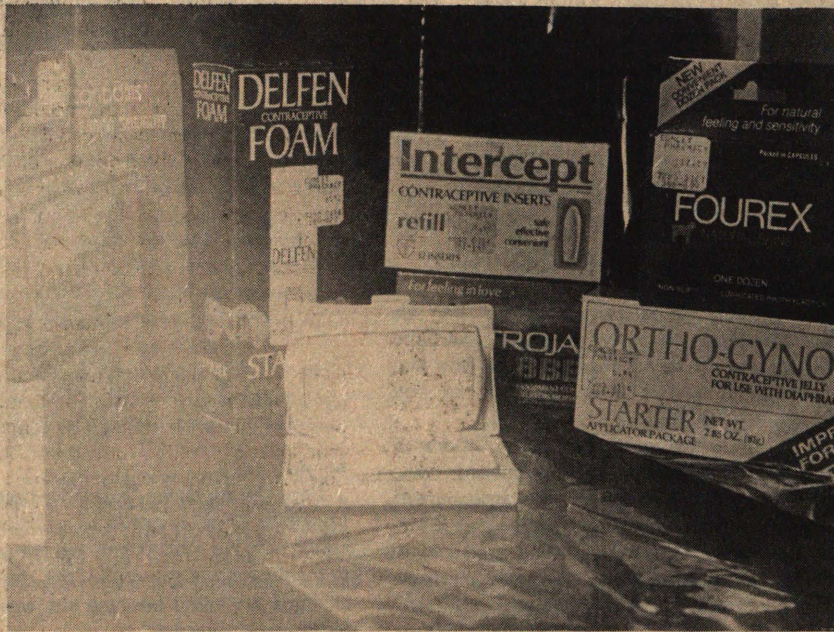
Since it is the responsibility of both the male and female, it is necessary to know of the methods for each.

For the male, the only contraceptive is the condom. Condoms are a sheath covering usually made of strong latex rubber. Used as directed, a good condom is 97 percent effective, but in actual use the effectiveness is around 80 to 85 percent, depending on how carefully it is used. Combining condoms with other devices increases the effectiveness to 100 percent.

For the female, there are various devices to choose from.

The most widely used birth control method for the female, is the birth control pill.

The effectiveness of the pill is approximately 99.5 percent, but it is up to the female to ensure this. Although the effectiveness of the pill are very high, it is up to



the female to take the pill regularly.

The birth control pill works by inhibiting the development of the egg in the ovary.

Certain physical conditions would make taking the pill very dangerous, therefore it is essential that the female visit her doctor for a thorough examination before obtaining the pill.

Certain side effects can come from taking the pill, since it is a medication and enters your blood stream to travel through organs

and tissues.

Women who take the pill have a high risk of incurring blood clots which can lead to pain, hospitalization and sometimes death. Women who take the birth control pill also have a high risk of heart attacks, and may have a higher rise in blood pressure.

The pill may cause other hindrances, such as headaches, nausea, and a change in intensity of sexual desire or response.

Another alternative for women is the IUD,

or intrauterine device.

Most IUD's are small white plastic devices of different shapes and sizes. They are placed inside the uterus by a trained doctor. Once inserted nothing needs to be done except checking to see that it is still in place.

The IUD is second only to the pill, and its effectiveness is 95 percent.

Because of the risk of perforation, the IUD must be inserted by a well trained per-

before it's too late

son. You should have a full medical examination before deciding whether or not to use the IUD.

The cost not including the doctors fee of insertion of the IUD is approximately \$45.

The diaphragm, another birth control device must always be used with spermicidal cream or jelly.

The diaphragm can be bought for approximately \$5.00 from your doctor. It is made of a soft rubber material in the shape of a shallow cup. It has a flexible metal spring rim, and when properly inserted and fitted will fit snugly over the cervix. The effectiveness of the diaphragm is approximately 87 percent.

In order to obtain a diaphragm you should have a medical examination and consultation with your doctor, where you will be fitted for one.

Each form of control has its own advantages and disadvantages that change from individual to individual and it is best to find which one works best for the individual.

Student and parents agree When a girl says yes ...

by Bobbie Walz

THE BRIDGE to see how some of the school population felt of teen-age pregnancy took a poll.

The random telephone sampling came out such that we spoke to twenty high school students: four freshman, three

take a sample few.

The questions asked were as follows: (the words in () were substituted in for students).

1. Assume that your daughter, son's girlfriend (yourself or your girlfriend) was

by Debbie Rathjen

Bridge reporters talked to counselor John DeLap about his feelings on the subject of teen-age pregnancy.

"A lot of young people today have the impression that sex means maturity. It doesn't. The bottom line is that there is a responsibility in getting into sexual relations and that responsibility is to yourself."

Dr. DeLap feels there are many questions a girl must ask herself before becoming sexually active. "When the girl says yes, is she prepared if she gets pregnant? How is she going to feel if she breaks up with the guy afterwards?"

When asked why he felt most girls do not use birth control methods, he replied, "If the girl takes the initiative to prepare herself, she might think it makes her look 'cheap.' It's too bad, because preparation is a sign of maturity."

When a girl goes in to talk to Mr. DeLap

he keeps everything confidential. In many cases, the girls are interested in going to a clinic.

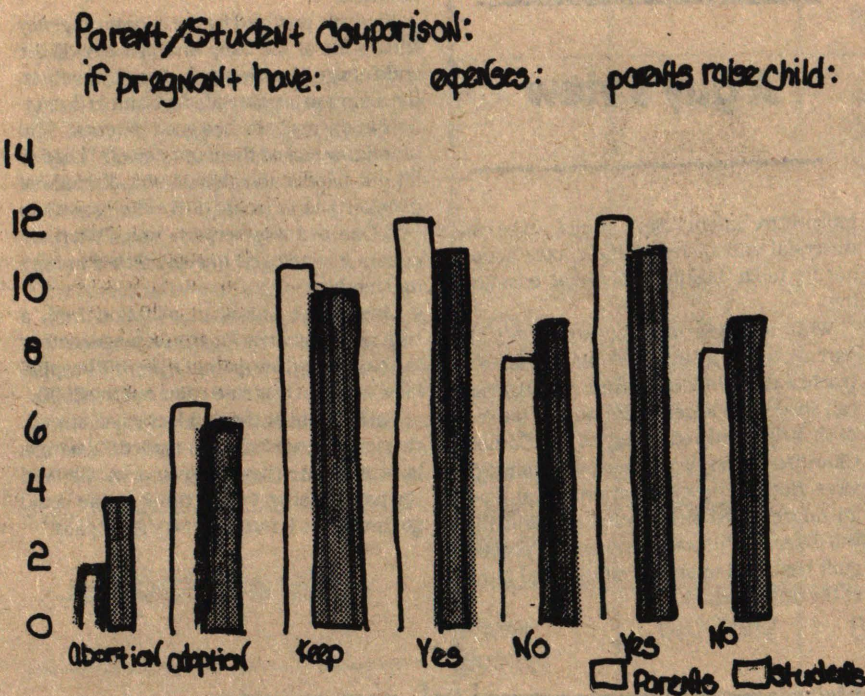
"We have a list of services that we can refer the girls to, according to their need. If they need a doctor's appointment, we can help set one up and consider the absence excused."

If the girls haven't yet told their parents about their pregnancy, Mr. DeLap tries to help them find a way to do so.

"In some cases, only with the girl's permission of course, I can tell the mother and inform her that there is some problem, and that it is necessary for her to talk with her daughter. This way, it makes it a little easier on the girl."

Mr. DeLap is always available for the girls or their boyfriends to come in and talk to him.

"I won't be judgemental, or say anything like 'I told you so.' I'll simply listen and try to help in any way I can."



sophomores, seven juniors, and six seniors. A total of eleven girls and nine boys. To allow the students opinions to be counted we had to speak with at least one parent.

Results were similar as parents opposed to students, usually with the students one or two votes less. The only exception to this was the issue on if pregnant whether or not to have an abortion. The males votes seemed to divide equally as did the females with the exception of who should take the precautions as to birth control. Most of the males felt the girl should or both. In whether or not to have premarital sex, the males and females divided equally again. Once again we must stress that this is in no way to suggest the opinions of the entire school population and their parents, but instead to

pregnant, what would you advise them to do: abortion, adoption, or keep the child?

2. Do you feel they (yourselves) should be responsible for their (your) actions as to paying the expenses involved: yes, no?

3. Would you ever consider raising the child yourself (having your parents raise the child)?

In addition to these three questions we asked students two more questions, the questions and results follow:

1. Who do you think should take the precautions? Three said the guys, four girls, and thirteen both.

2. Do you believe in premarital sex? Nine no, eight yes, and two under certain conditions.

Nurse not afraid to give aid

by Debbie Rathjen and Debbie Dastych

Teen-age pregnancy is growing everywhere. How big of an issue is it in our school?

Bridge reporters talked to nurse Carol Kraus who has been at West Chicago for four years.

When asked how many pregnant girls she has encountered, she replied, "It's a hard thing to tell, because it is not recorded. There are more girls pregnant now than three years ago."

"The majority of girls who are pregnant now are not married, living at home and keeping the baby themselves."

When she talks to a pregnant girl the first thing she tells her is "to see a doctor to confirm that she is pregnant. Then visit the doctor regularly. Teen-age girls have higher risk of complications during their pregnancies."

Why do girls get pregnant? "I think the reason is because the new morality, 'do what feels good,' doesn't account for being irresponsible for the consequences. The girls are usually not ready to admit that they will become sexually active."

"It isn't due to the lack of education, because by the time guys and girls are in

high school, they know what's happening. Most girls know about contraception, but

Nurse's view

don't take the initiative to prepare themselves."

Mrs. Kraus finds that most girls are hesitant to tell their parents. "When they do find the courage, it isn't as bad as they had anticipated. After the initial shock, the parents usually support her."

If the parents will not back her up, Mrs. Kraus advises, "to find an agency that can provide the girl with the services she needs, and one that gives complete information on both adoption and abortion."

Though it is the girls' primary responsibility to insure protection against pregnancy, "the guys most also take the initiative. Both parties must first set their moral standards, and be ready to handle the consequences."

When asked to summarize her advice, she simply replied, "Don't get pregnant."

Sophomores hold promise for bright future

by Diane Baker

The casual observer would never notice, sports on freshmen, sophomore, and JV levels are not too well-known. Despite their non-recognition many fall sports teams are doing well.

Boys football, soccer, and cross country as well as girls tennis and volleyball are all fall sports with strong lower-level teams. As a general rule, sports at these levels are in existence to give players experience before

"Not many teams have such quality."

moving up to higher levels. This experience consists of a time for learning, and a chance for court, field, or course action.

The frosh/soph level in volleyball allows for a "breaking-in period," said head coach Gail George, "where the girls learn the fundamental hits." Mrs. Pat Cebzynski, the JV coach, added that they make it a "policy that everybody gets to play."

Try-outs were held before the season resulting in a few team cuts, but many of the girls cut themselves. The younger girls often do not have transportation, others find the sport to pressure-filled. Those that do stick it out and have a lot of talent "have a good time if they learn how to play the game properly," admitted coach George. Coach Cebzynski later added that their strengths were "a couple of good spikers" and "good, but not always consistent, serving."

This past season the frosh/soph team was unable to defeat its opponents in conference, where their record was 0-4. Most matches, however, were close, with all their games being played.

The girls JV tennis team completed their season with their best record ever, placing either sixth or seventh in conference. Looking at that record, so low on the totem pole

in a conference of eight teams, it may not seem like much of a victory. However, "getting points off the other teams" coach Terry Lemberg emphasized, was a "big accomplishment."

The schools in We-go's conference all sport year-round tennis programs with lessons and private pros available, as well as practice and competition throughout the year. We-go, on the other hand, only has six weeks of practice before beginning their meets each year. Noting those facts makes their record more understandable.



Coach Wayne Kosek putting a smile on everyone's face. (Photo by Vickie Reeves)

Coach Lemberg was quick to say, "Competition and skills are definitely coming up." West Chicago handily won nine out of ten matches in the "We-go Tri Tourney" against Streamwood and Waubonsie Valley.

Boys' frosh/soph cross country is in much the same position as the girls JV tennis team. They compete in the DuPage Valley Conference, which includes such strong teams as Naperville North which ranks second in the entire state.

We-Go's team is one of considerable talent. The team finished second in the DVC conference meet held October 17. Their showing can be attributed to the sheer

strength and talent of individual team members. Three out of WeGo's six runners placed in the top team in conference. "Not many teams have such quality," said coach Steve Arnold. Their big problem, he was quick to admit was that they were "short on numbers." That may have accounted for their poor dual meet record of 3-5.

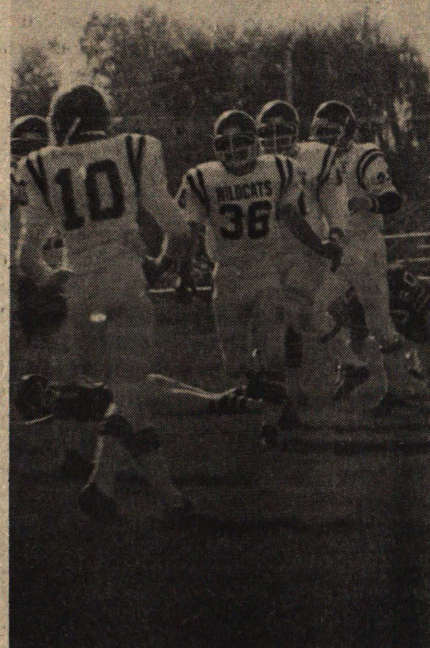
Coach Arnold pointed out the "big factor" in his team's strength was a "sense of unity." He said, "It's very important in cross country to help the individual, often slower runners were being carried along" and kept going by their teammates.

"Winning isn't most important" Coach Arnold stressed. "It's neat to have a strong team and it adds to the enjoyment of the team, but cross country is tremendously healthy, also." It makes for a "well-conditioned, healthy individual" and to Coach Arnold that is most important.

"Working hard and playing together well" are the secrets behind Wayne Kosek's, strong frosh/soph soccer team. The team did "surprisingly well," said Kosek with 7-4-3 record. Pretty good ability, working hard in practice, and working hard and well in the games, as well as giving one hundred percent of themselves, and doing as the coaches asked, all contributed go a good season.

The team members who did not play were as necessary as those that did, they'd "support kids out on the field" and going in they'd know what to do and didn't hurt us," Kosek added.

Scoring was spread out in games, with no one player making all the goals, demonstrating a real team effort. Defense was good, with a little over one goal allowed per game.



Dave DiMito and Jon Frykman in action against the Glenbard South Raiders. (Photo by Michelle Monroe)

"A strong defense" and "a consistent offense" were also the playing secrets behind the Wildcats' victorious sophomore football team, said Coach Ron Hansen. A total of 14 guys make up the team, 12 of those on both defense and offense, the other two coming in only on defense.

The behind-the-scenes secrets were more a matter "of working hard and a healing of class unity," coach Hansen added. The team members put in a lot of hard work on the field and stuck together off of it. They were undefeated up until October 17, and were 5-1, following a loss to Wheaton-Warrenville. Hansen said, that there were "four or five plays that beat us," resulting in the upset loss.

Team member Paul Escobedo was easily able to sum up the Wildcat reason for success, he said, "I think the reason is because we're pretty close; we stick together, we're all pretty good friends."

And, its only to be expected that strong frosh/soph teams will turn out future strong varsity team members.

Cross Country coach Arnold expects his varsity to be "very strong next year" with one real strong runner left from this year's varsity plus the sophomores moving up Arnold said, "There's no question in my mind that we have the potential to be a strong varsity team. The outlook is good," for next years varsity team. Coach Kosek said, "with many sophomores moving up and with eight lettermen returning." And, football as strong and united as it is now has a good chance of the "varsity to get better," said coach Hansen, "if they'll work at it."

Lower level sophomore and JV sports have had a tradition of being ignored but turning out prospective champions for our varsity teams. Let's hope they will continue to do just that.

Tee talk

by Dave Wilde

After clinching golf districts, Candy Clausen and Brad Gary advanced to the challenge of sectionals. Sectionals overcame the two: both were defeated in their matches.

Head coach Bob Lemon said, he was "very pleased" that Clausen and Gary won the districts, but was disappointed that the team did not do as well this year as they have in the past. Lemon feels that the players scores could have been more consistent.

"Gary's scores however were very good," commented Lemon. "He averages 40.2 strokes per nine holes. Gary plays good golf and other schools we've played knew that."

Unfortunate for Clausen, there is not a girls golf team. She had no alternative, except play on the boys team. As a result of this she lost more matches than she might have.

Next year Lemon expects six juniors to return to the team, three of which are very competitive. He also is hopeful to have a girls' team if more girls would participate.



Brad Gary gets in the swing of things.



Candy Clausen doesn't putt around when it comes to golf. (Photos by Michelle Monroe)

Cross country losses pace

by Dave Barry

The Wildcat varsity cross country season began and ended in absolute failure. The reason for the fiasco was obvious; throughout the entire season the varsity operated without the required minimum of five runners.

Cross country runner Mike Karp summed up the team's feelings saying, "this whole season was really just a big joke." Coach Steve Arnold admitted that he did not expect the varsity team to do well from the very beginning.

Arnold, having no complaints about those who participated in cross country, remained disappointed that only four students joined the varsity team. "Without a full team we simply had no hope and little spirit," he lamented.

"The frosh/soph team had an exceptional year," exclaimed Arnold. Runners like Tim

Lambert and Craig Carr led the way, as the team captured second place in their conference. Lambert also attained a fourth place finish in their conference meet.

Coach Arnold believes that next year's varsity team will be the best We-go has had in the past ten years. He feels, with the strength of runners like Stazak, Lambert, and Carr, a second place conference finish would definitely be within their reach.

Besides the injured standout Glen Stazak, the varsity team consisted of senior Tony Kozial and juniors Mike Karp and Steve Brugmann. "However," stated Arnold, "even those four did not run in all our meets."

Coach Arnold and his long distance runners are putting this year's frustrating season behind them, looking forward to the 1981 season with very high expectations.

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GOALS for the gold

by Steve Heyden

The Wildcats clinched the 1980 DVC soccer championship by defeating Wheaton Warrenville with a score of 1-0. This is the soccer teams first championship since they came into existence six years ago.

The team picked up some very impressive stats: an 11-2-4 record in over all season

SOCCER			
We-go	1	Bolingbrook	0
We-go	1	Addison Trail	6
We-go	2	Wheaton North	3
We-go	8	Glenbard South	3
We-go	2	Naperville North	2
We-go	3	Wheaton Warrenville	2
We-go	2	Glenbard North	2
We-go	2	Naperville Central	1
We-go	0	Wheaton North	0
We-go	6	Naperville North	4
We-go	3	Wheaton Central	3
We-go	3	Glenbard South	2
We-go	5	Glenbard North	0
We-go	1	Hinsdale Central	0
We-go	3	Wheaton Central	0
We-go	1	Wheaton Warrenville	0
We-go	4	Naperville Central	0

Over all record: 11-2-4
Conference record: 9-1-4



Pictured here is the first We-go soccer team to take the DVC title. (Photo by Vickie Reeves)

play. went 14 games without a loss, and shut out the last five teams they played.

Right wing Fabian Lara led the team scoring with 13 goals, followed closely by

striker Rudy Castillo with 12 goals. The team scored 47 goals while only letting 28 goals pass their net.

In their first sub-sectional game for state

the kickers defeated Elgin Academy by a score of 4-2. In their second game, they were defeated in over time by Wheaton Christian with a score of 3-2.

We-go Scoreboard

FOOTBALL			
We-go(H)	8	Naperville North	14
We-go(A)	7	Wheaton North	38
We-go(A)	14	Naperville Central	21
We-go(H)	7	Glenbard North	12
We-go(A)	9	Wheaton Warrenville	0
We-go(H)	10	Wheaton Central	7

SWIMMING			
We-go(A)	68	Waubonsie Valley	94
We-go(H)	102	Benet	70
We-go(A)	107	Westmont	58
We-go(A)	100	West Aurora	71
We-go(H)	105	Morris	56
We-go(H)	107	Ottawa	60
We-go(H)	77	Naperville Central	95
We-go(A)	29	Naperville North	54
We-go(A)	63	East Leyden	18

VOLLEYBALL			
We-go(H)		Wheaton North	
We-go(H)		Naperville Central	
We-go(A)		Naperville North	
We-go(H)		Wheaton Central	
We-go(A)		Glenbard South	
We-go(H)		Glenbard North	
We-go(H)		Wheaton Warrenville	
We-go(A)		Wheaton North	
We-go(A)		Naperville Central	

Swim team makes big waves

by Steve Heyden

The 1980 We-Go girls' swim team has already compiled some impressive stats, winning seven out of nine meets and placing third at the Naperville Central Invitational. That third place was the highest finish in the team's history.

All previous records have been broken, and standout Sondra Grauer holds seven of them. Head swim coach Dan Johnson commented, "Sondra is our top swimmer and leads the team with a total of 212 points."

Sondra's best events are the 500 meter freestyle (she broke the old school record of 6:16.6 minutes with a time of 5:40.5 minutes) and the 200 meter freestyle (her time of 2:04.4 broke the old record by 16 seconds).

Following Sondra very closely is co-captain Merion DeJonge, an exchange stu-

already broken the old school diving record with a new total of 183.50 points.

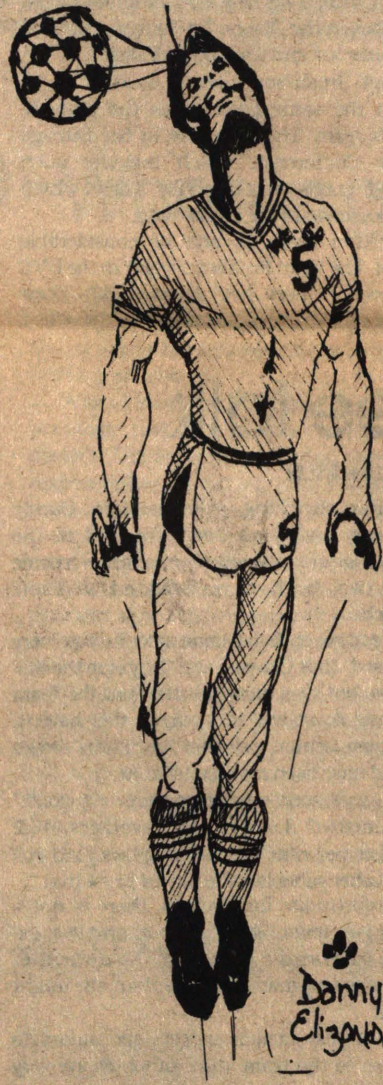
Asked about possible state qualifiers, Coach Johnson commented, "I think Sondra Grauer in the 50 and 100 meter freestyle and Merion DeJonge in the 200 meter individual medley have a real good chance of qualifying for state." He adds "the 400 meter freestyle relay team had much potential and is quite capable of qualifying for state."

Coach Yount believes that "Cathy Devereux and Sharon Sackett are both good enough to have a chance to go down state."

Johnson emphasized the teams improvement over last year. He believes that since many of the girls swam last summer, they started the year stronger and with more experience. Tina Weatherford remarked, "the practices this year are longer and harder, we do a lot more making us stronger and faster."

The team's only weakness this year is a lack of swimmers," stated Johnson. There are only 17 members, none of which are freshmen. To counteract this, coach Johnson has stepped up the all-age summer swim program and hopes to recruit experienced swimmers to the team. Next year's team will be lacking the expertise and leadership of four of its better swimmers and divers. These are seniors Sue Schaffer, co-captain Cathy Devereux, Merion DeJonge, and Margaret Murnane.

Believing "experience makes or breaks a team," Johnson hopes the summer swim program will give both old and new members the swimming experience needed to win.



Cross country struggle

by Dave Barry

Distance runner Glen Stazak has been known by his coaches and fans for his incredible speed and endurance, yet during this past season he received no awards, and set no new records. Admittedly Glen has done rather poorly this year.

This drastic turnaround, however, was expected by cross country coach Steve Arnold, and Stazak himself.

Over the past summer doctors performed major surgery on Glen, successfully removing a tumor which has been found in his chest. "He also pulled a muscle in his back," added Arnold, "which made running even harder for him."

Still there remained a significant amount of improvement in Stazak's performance as the season progressed.

"I have no doubts that Glen will be 100 percent by next season," stated Arnold. Glen also feels that the improvement will continue. He is planning on joining both indoor and outdoor track this year, and believes his running will be "a lot better by then."

Even though Glen has had some spectacular seasons in the past, this may have been his best season yet.



Girls swim team going head first in everything they do. (Photo by Mike Sitarz)

dent from the Netherlands, with 197 total points. Merions best events are the 200 meter freestyle and the 100 meter butterfly. Tina Weatherford, who swims the 50 meter freestyle and anchors the 300 meter medley relay and the 400 meter freestyle relay, follows with 114 points.

Diving coach Amy Yount feels that "this years diving team is very strong and very good." The divers have done well this year with second and third place individual winners in the Naperville Central Invitational. The diving team is lead by co-captain Cathy Devereux, Sharon Sackett, and Sue Schaffer. Cathy is the leading diver, and has

Outlook

by Kris Schmitt

After a disappointing sixth place finish last year, the varsity girl's basketball team is optimistic about this season. However, coach LaVora Singleton warns the team should not take too much for granted.

These high hopes are caused by the return of four seniors; Lora Allen, Sandy Puscas, Jodi Quirin, and Teresa Stuart. All have played under the coaching of Singleton since freshman year. Other returning varsity members are juniors Laura Finnegan and Leslie Anderson, and sophomore Alyson Dieter. Leslie received a DVC special mention as well as an all area honorable mention for her performance last year.

Although this year's schedule is somewhat easier, the team will still have to contend with Wheaton Warrenville and Naperville Central, two of the better teams in the conference.

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