

The Bridge

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Voyager One: really spaced out

by Debbie Hookham and Henry Bryan

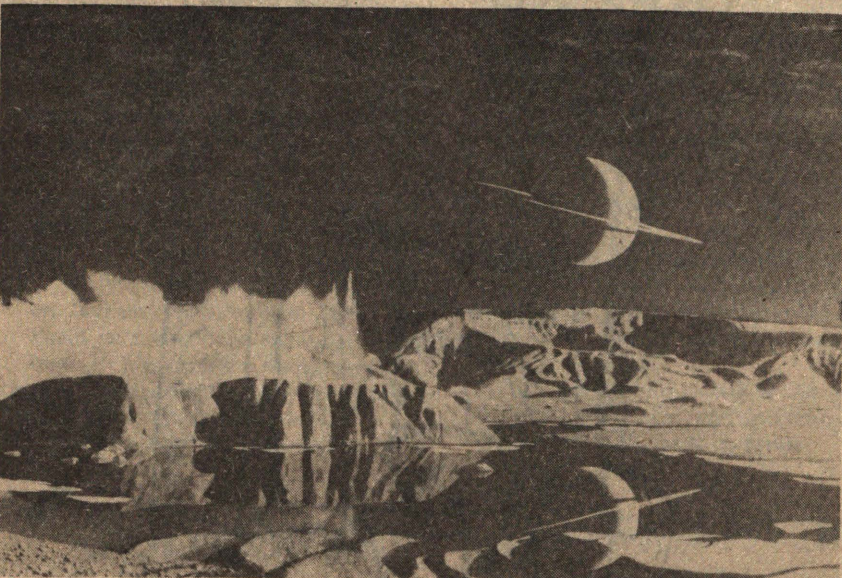
On the dimly lit outer reaches of our solar system, a small spaceship circles the second largest planet and transmits data back to Earth. The spaceship — Voyager I; the planet — Saturn.

Saturn has a diameter of approximately seventy-five thousand miles, as compared to the Earth's diameter of 7,918 miles. The length of a year is about 30 Earth years, and one full rotation takes 10 hours, 14 minutes.

Voyager I weighs less than one ton, 231

spacecraft and conducting mission operations. More than 10 years were spent in preparation alone. Eleven teams with a total of 85 scientists concentrated on different aspects of the scientific investigation. Launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida in 1977, the ship is capable of making repairs and correcting navigational errors by itself.

Voyager I has been in space for three years gathering information on Jupiter before traveling on to Saturn. When it reached Saturn, 10 of the 11 instruments



Artist, Ron Miller's conception of what the surface of Titan might look like to someone on its surface, with lakes of methane evaporating into the atmosphere. (Photo courtesy of NASA)

pounds of which are scientific instruments. The ship has the power of only four CB radios. The Voyager project is managed by the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) who were responsible for building the

on board worked, including ones that measured cosmic rays, density of gases, and the strength of magnetic fields.

The pictures sent back by Voyager I were transmitted across nearly a billion miles of

space. They were taken in three different sets: red, blue, and green, and sent back to Earth. A computer on earth put them back together.

Before Voyager I took pictures scientists estimated six rings around Saturn. After seeing the first pictures, the estimate rose to 90. Four days later, when Voyager scanned from under the rings, the total rose to 500, maybe even 1000. There are so many rings now they've been described by scientists as looking like grooves on a record. Two of the planet's newest rings are found to be "braided" or twisted together, which defies the laws of astronomy and nature. Scientists concluded that we have learned more about Saturn in the week that Voyager sent pictures back than we had in the history of man.

A total of 15 moons are now known, including Titan, which has an atmosphere similar to that of Earth three billion years ago. Titan is in a deep freeze. The atmosphere is mostly made up of nitrogen, much like that of Earth. It may hold clues as to how the atmosphere of the Earth evolved.

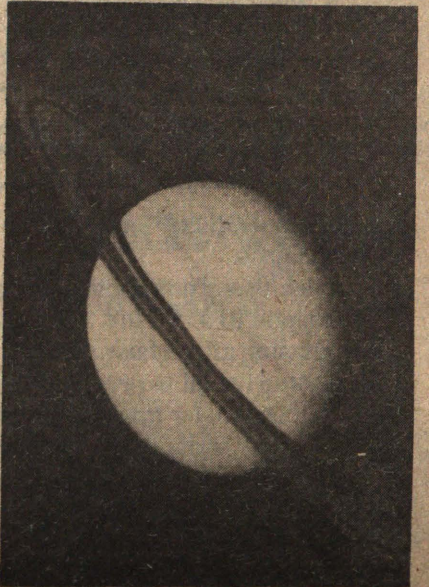
"The hope is to understand other worlds better, and from that we can understand ourselves," informed Pat LaMaster, math teacher, who worked for the Space-Physics division of the Physics Department at the University of Wisconsin. They were then under contract with NASA.

Now that Voyager is finished with Saturn, it will move on to establish the exact outer boundaries of our solar system. The ship is expected to arrive at Uranus in January of 1986 and possibly Neptune in 1990. All together, it will cover 2.8 billion miles. The spacecraft will then go into deep space and drift forever without power.

Attached to Voyager's side is a record called "Sounds of Earth." This includes greetings from President Carter, sounds of a

kiss, animal noises and different types of music. This is in case an unknown civilization stumbles across the spaceship.

No further projects are planned immediately, but a second ship, already launched, will reach Saturn next year. President Carter called the JPL congratulating them and giving support. The it takes 30-50 billion dollars to send one person that far. He said, "Ask yourself, is it worth it?", when robots who would learn just as much could be sent for much less. "We could do it ... I would guess, in 100 years or more."



Saturn as Voyager I saw it on September 17, 1980. (Photo courtesy of NASA)

JPL will appeal to Ronald Reagan for more financial help.

When asked about the potential for man to go to Saturn, Mr. LaMaster revealed that

Polar bear class put into deep freeze

by Diane Baker

The Polar Bear class has gone into hibernation for the rest of the winter, but there's a chance it may be back next year.

Polar Bear class, as its name implies, is a P.E. elective open to juniors and seniors in the winter months. It combines winter sports like snow football and sledding with three weeks of cross-country ski instruction.

"A recreational activity," the class' only prerequisite is that students "be prepared to go outside every day," Girls' Athletic Director Lorri Jordan assured.

A rental company provides the necessary equipment: A set of skis, boots, and poles per person" as Ms. Jordan described it.

What if, like last year, for instance, there is no snow? A "no-snow" contract is included in the deal with the rental company. In the event of a snowless winter session, the company furnishes films and dry-land technique demonstrations for a portion of the four and a half week session. In other words, the school doesn't have to pay for services not rendered, according to Ms. Jordan.

Student reaction to the class was favorable: "I thought it was great ... I was really enthusiastic," commented Tammie Bestler, a junior, Dan Lambert continued, "I was looking forward to it because I like winter sports. Winter is my favorite time of year, I like it out there. It would've been a change of pace." "It'd break the monotony of the boring class," added Peggy Shepard. Sarah Brown concluded, "It'd be more interesting than playing basketball."

The class, however, has been cancelled, due to lack of interest.

"Students weren't aware of it," to begin with, Ms. Jordan mentioned as one possible reason for the lack of interest. "Students are not aware that a lot of other schools do this," commented Ms. Jordan. People always

"want what they don't have, because others have it. If they'd been more aware that other schools have the program they would've wanted it."

Other possible reasons might've been that kids "don't want to have to drag coats and boots down to P.E." or because they don't like cold weather," Ms. Jordan surmised. "Money might have had little to do with it," she added. "I couldn't afford it," responded Sylvia Belicke when asked if money had been an object.

The class would've cost approximately \$80 less if a large number of kids signed up.

A minimum of 20 kids per class were needed for all seven classes, according to Ms. Jordan. She estimated that the largest class sign up only had 16 students, with the other classes averaging around ten.

Surprise and indignation registered as the general student reactions.

"It was cancelled?" came from Brown after being informed that the class wouldn't be offered. Bestler was also surprised. "I didn't know it was even cancelled until now."

Bestler continued, "It's aggravating, I think I only got the slip Monday or Tuesday and they only gave until Friday. They didn't make it that much of a deal." "They only allowed three days to hand in the slips," agreed Debbie Dastyeh. "I know a lot of people wanted to join and they didn't have the chance. They should've started it earlier and promoted it more," she complained.

"I don't see how they didn't get enough people. I thought there'd be a lot," was Shepard's comment.

"Maybe next year they can consider trying it again," suggested Dastyeh. Ms. Jordan sounded optimistic. "I would say we will make the attempt if we have student interest," for next year.

Songs of the season

by Cathy MacKay

We-go's Christmas season will be enhanced by five choirs and other musical groups this year.

The orchestra, Freshman Choir and Madrigals perform on December 14 at 3 p.m.

The Freshman Choir, consisting of 22 freshmen, "will do a good job," commented Ron Benner, director.

"Lying In a Manger" and "Rejoice This Night" are two of the four selections they'll be singing. And for the first time ever, the freshman and Madrigals will combine for their final number.

"The Girl's Choir is doing very well," ad-



Madrigals tuning up to sing another holiday melody. (Photo by Mike Sitarz)

ded Benner. "They will be singing five numbers." The Girls' Choir, along with Concert



Madrigals know how to show style and posture as they sing. (photo by Mike Sitarz)

Choir, Madrigals, and Swing Choir will give

their traditional afternoon Vesper's concert at 3 o'clock the 21.

The Concert Choir will perform eight musical selections along with traditional carols. When asked her favorite piece, Amy-



Swing Choir rehearses for their Christmas presentations. (photo by Mike Sitarz)

Jo Woomer exclaimed, "My favorite? Oh, I like them all!"

The musical numbers cover a diversified range of styles. They vary from the baroque style, such as "Glory to God," to contemporary style in the form of "White Christmas."

"We are very pressured for time and every minute of practice counts. It will be a nice concert because of the variety of music and the addition of Swing Choir," were Mr. Benner's comments on the Vesper's Concert.

The Madrigals will be performing a wide variety of music. "Good King Kong Looked Out," from 'P.D.Q. Bach', is an "unusual" number, as one member described. Dave Vanderburg, member of Madrigals, named "Coventry Carol" as his favorite.

Swing Choir has two Christmas selections to present. One is the famous "Sleigh Ride," Members of the "Turner Junction Express" say they're excited about doing Christmas songs this year.

Along with the Vesper's Concert Choir, Madrigals and Swing Choir were invited to perform at Fermi-Lab and the North-Western Train Station in Chicago December 23.

Editorials

Out of sight ...

Out of mind?

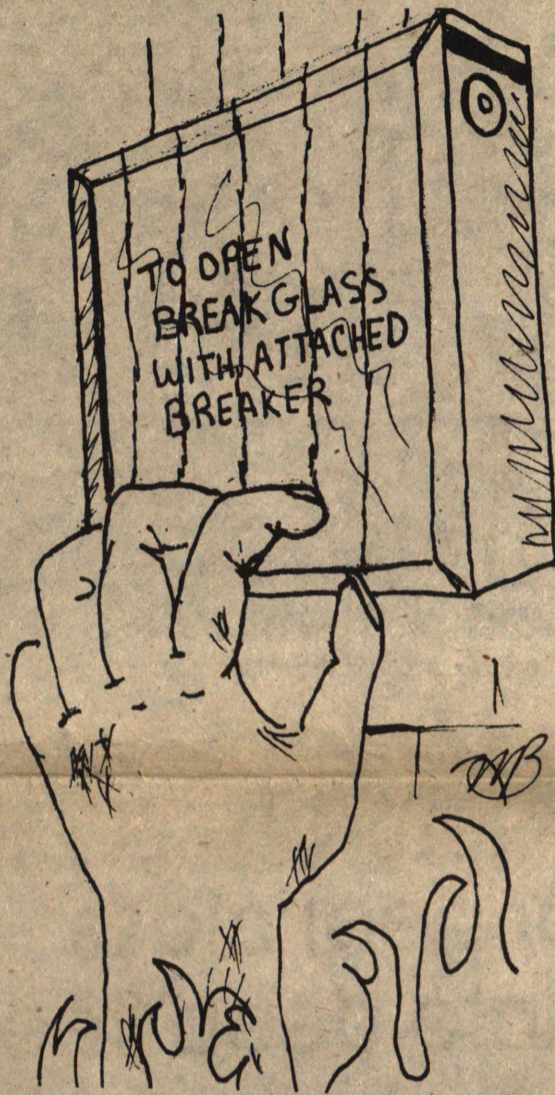
As the temperature begins its slow decent towards the nether regions of the thermometer, one of the most distressing sounds a person may encounter is the fire alarm.

Yes, it can be rather upsetting to have even your least favorite class disrupted by one of these not-so-rare alarms.

In an attempt to remedy this situation, the school's fire alarms have been outfitted with a sort of locked, limited access box, as some of the more observant students out there might have noticed.

At first glance, these boxes seem the perfect solution to the problem. Obviously, one can not just walk up to one of these imprisoned alarm stations and set them off.

Now, take a second look. On the small panes of glass, there is a message that tells you to break that glass with the attached striker. But where is the attached striker, you may ask? The answer is simple,



strikers were never attached to the boxes in the first place.

The enclosures were installed at the recommendation of the West Chicago Fire Department, and when contacted, they explained that placing the strikers on the boxes would be rather useless, since they would probably be ripped off.

That seems to make a pretty strong statement about our school's reputation. First off, it's a little embarrassing to think that the fire alarms have to be locked up just because a small fraction of the student body can't control themselves. And secondly, that a small piece of metal whose only purpose is to help save lives, would be stolen.

The Bridge feels that this is a disgraceful situation. It's pretty sad to think, that, for lack of self control or a small piece of metal, serious injury or death could result.

Let's hope it doesn't ever come to that.

"Mad love" hits WCCHS

Behind locker door, around the corner, it's everywhere. Teen-age mad love has consumed the high school.

In the five minute passing period, it is hard to believe how much mush we are subject to.

We realize the administration can't control this by carting love-starved children off to the office. What could be done there? A detention might only make them take a closer look around — next time.

Some people think, "It's okay if they kiss at school," and others think, "it's disgusting."

The Bridge sides with the opinion that it is disgusting and rude. It can be embarrassing to view the kissing and fondling of two daredevils at play, but if you close your eyes, you're likely to walk into a wall or some unsuspecting underclassmen.

The only logical way of stopping the public scene will be through self-discipline on the part of the make-out masters themselves. So come on, kids, save it for later. You'll see each other again in 50 minutes. It'll go faster than you think.

Fire drills ... it's not worth the hassle

Dear Editor,

On Friday, October 31, a false fire alarm was set off. Two people were responsible for this and I was one of them. The Monday after the alarm was set off, I was called down to the office to see Mr. DuFour. We talked and I admitted to being in on this. My Mom was called and I was suspended for 10 days and told that we would be getting a call from the police station telling us when we should come down to talk to Mr. Steele.

My call came Saturday night and I was told to come in the next morning at 10:00 a.m. The worst way to spend a Sunday morning, I think. At the police station I was asked to appear in court for pulling the alarm.

Through all of this I found out a number of things I didn't know or didn't stop to think about. For example:

- pulling a false alarm is a felony in Illinois. A felony is a serious crime. Things like armed robbery and murder are felonies.
- If you are charged with pulling a false alarm police can put you directly in jail without even allowing you to post bond.
- when firemen rush to the scene of an alarm they endanger them-

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selves and others. Last year four firemen were killed responding to false alarms.

- when firemen are responding to a false alarm they are unavailable to respond to a real fire. Someone could die in a real fire while firemen are chasing after a false alarm.

The thing I want to get through here is, if you are thinking about pulling a fire alarm, for any reason except a fire, think twice about it. You don't know what you're getting yourself into.

If you're charged with a felony it could screw up your life for years. It stays on your record and it's going to be hard to get a good paying job. Why ruin your life for just a few minutes out of school, and a couple of seconds of excitement. It's not worth it! Don't be dumb! Think! It's not worth the hassle with the police, the school, or your parents.

I have a long way to go in this, I wasn't lucky enough to know what was going to happen or what I was getting into. But, you do. So think before you pull. Take it from someone who knows. It's not worth the trouble of trying to break through that piece of glass. Your parents wonder about you, the school board wonders if you're worthy enough to go back to school at all, but most of all, you don't know what's going to happen to you until the day comes for the Board of Education meeting or your court date. You have no idea whatsoever. IT'S NOT WORTH THE HASSLE!

Hope "Springs" eternal

To the Editor,

This letter concerns the Spring Musical. There has been talk of cancelling it. We feel that this would be wrong as many students want it.

One reason given for cancellation of the musicals that many of the students who would try out for the musical or who would be in pit orchestra would also be competing in the State Music contest.

Even though these two events are close together, we can still have both just as we've had them before.

We think that a musical script would be much easier as it involves less work than anything else would.

The Spring Musical is a tradition at this school. A tradition we don't want to see stopped.

Signed, Very Concerned

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Christmas exchange girls Drama reaches a verdict

by Patti Stejskal

When most people think of Christmas, they think of family get togethers, but for Merian de Jonge and Irene Dietschi this Holiday Season will be spent with a new family and celebrated in a new way. Merian is an exchange student from Fer-



Irene Dietschi (above left) and Merion de Jonge (above right) are two of the foreign exchange students visiting our

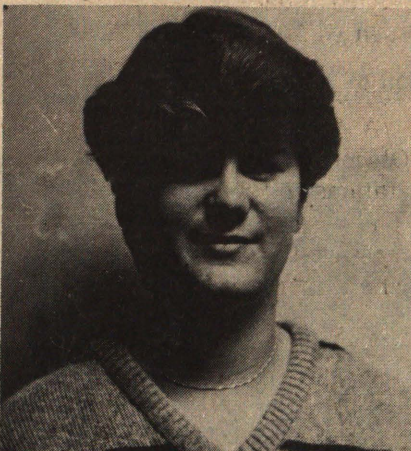
Apel, Netherlands and Irene is from Waugenb Ollen Switzerland. They are both 17 and celebrate Christmas differently from us.

"We have a tree and we get our presents on December 5, our Santa comes from Spain on a steamboat and rides a white horse. He has a couple of black helper's with him to deliver presents. He puts the gifts by the fireplace," Merian elaborated.

"We have two days of Christmas, the 25

and 26, we celebrate both days but the big day is the 25. Our Christmas tree is a real one with electric candles and silver balls."

Irene's Christmas is also celebrated on the 25, but more on the 24. She explains, "The 24 is called the 'Holy evening', this is assumed to be Christ's birth. We light can-



de Jonge (above right) are two of the school this year. (photos by Frank Kerr)

dles and exchange gifts. On the 25 we go to church and have dinner with friends."

"Every family has a real Christmas tree with candles and decorations. When the children are little they write their wishes on a wish list and put it in the front window so the Christ child will read it and place the gifts under the tree."

Both girls said that it will be nice to experience Christmas in another country, but they will miss their family and home.

by Silvia Belicke

A busy 1980-81 winter is in store for drama buffs.

We-go's version of Perry Mason, in the form of the, "Twelve Angry Men" video play is in the process of being filmed.

This drama directed by Connie Relias and Norm Pokorny (who's also filming it) stars Irene Dietschi, Frieda Howard, Colleen Kennedy, Tim Rathjen, Ken Smith, and Joe Zollner.

Ms. Relias explains, "12 jury members have to listen to the trial of a 19-year old boy who has supposedly murdered his father. At the beginning all except one believe he's guilty. They discuss the case and eventually, arrive at a new verdict."

They hope to have the first and second scene taped by Christmas. When finished the tape will be given to the LRC for student and teacher use.

Ready for Christmas premiere will be, "The Littlest Angel" being directed by Donna McDonald and Dave Vandenberg.

It will be performed December 22 for students at Lincoln, Pioneer, Gary, and Winfield Middle Schools. Saturday, December 20. A sneak preview performance will be shown at a West Chicago Woman's Club meeting at the Congregational Church on Route 59.

"The Littlest Angel" stars Mike Bytner

and Shannon Mingarelli.

The plot of this fantasy revolves around a little boy who goes to heaven but doesn't feel he fits in. He swings on the gates, wears a



(Left to right) Colleen Kennedy, Ann Weissing, Cindy Rose, and Carole Higgins in drama's latest production.

tarnished halo, can't fly, and sings off-key. How he resolves his problems and once again becomes happy make a delightful ending of the story.

"Undercover Dancers"

by Ann Ricely

On Thursday, January 15, and Saturday, January 17, Dance Production will present their annual show, entitled "Undercover Dancers." Both performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. and admission will be 75¢ for students and \$1.50 for adults.

For the first time, Dance Production consists of female and male dancers. The three male dancers have added a touch of masculinity to the show.

Don't mock it

by Lynne Scarnegie

Once again Mrs. Smith's Contemporary Life classes held their annual mock weddings in the auditorium. This year, four couples were joined in the sacrament of holy matrimony.

Lori Focht and Harry Lally along with Kevin Knapp and Mary Berendson exchanged their vows on Wednesday, December 3. Lance Kammes exchanged vows with both Sondra Grauer and Denise Wallace during different hours on Thursday, December 4.

Cake and punch for the wedding party, parents, and classmates prepared by the cooking class followed each ceremony.

P.E. takes on a new name

by Dan Lambert

Amy Yount, P.E. teacher here at WCCHS, married Ron Gibson from Deerborn Saturday, November 29.

The wedding took place in Champaign Illinois, at Holy Cross Catholic Church. Mr. Ainsworth, also a P.E. teacher at our school, was best man.

After the wedding Mr., and the new Mrs. Gibson left for their honeymoon at French Lick Indiana.



club corner

by Carolyn Krumin

Did you know a Bilingual club has been started in your school?

With the help of Clyde Morillo and Peter Alvino the club was started about a month ago.

The club has been started to help bilingual students feel they belong not only in the school but also in the community.

The club is divided into four sub-groups. Financial, Human Relations, Big Sister-Big Brother, and Social. These four groups help the students get involved in the community and also help the students adjust to the school.

The club has been involved in the Foreign Language Night and also a Latin American band played at a social they had December 6.

Every Wednesday the club meets with approximately thirty students at each meeting.

VICA is having their annual food drive.

Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors, and Faculty will be competing to see how much food can be brought in by each group.

Food can be brought to Room 128 through December 22.

The members of VICA are also buying toys for handicapped children. They will bring the toys to the children with one member dressing up as Santa Claus.

The Bridge has done it again. For the second year in a row, they ranked first in the National Columbia Scholastic Press Association competition.

They achieved 935 points out of a possible 1000. One contest alone granted 224 points out of 225.

The judge, scoring the Bridge, complimented, "Your paper continues to improve. You saw your areas to work on and have done some good steps toward carrying them out." The judge also added, "Keep up the good work!!"

The Columbia Scholastic Press Association is the nation's largest high school and college press organization sponsored by a private university.

by Jim Oswald

December 4, the West Chicago chapter of FBLA held career day in the small gym from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Twenty-six businesses from around the area attended.

Chapter advisor Don Zabelin, commented, "this year was very successful, and we are planning to make the following years even better."

Next on the FBLA agenda, McDonald's Ed Schimdt will give a speech in the Auditorium February 13 third hour only.

Exposure to art

Community High School is involved in an on-going effort to expose its students to exemplars in the world of art. As part of that effort, the Student Council has accumulated a varied collection of original works from the Chicago Art Institute. The school also periodically displays the work of professional artists to increase art awareness among its students.

During the month of December, Community High School will be exhibiting the paintings of West Chicago artist, Stanley Dudek, in the school's student display and faculty dining areas.

Mr. Dudek, a graduate of London Borough Polytechnic in Fine Arts and Graphics, has collected more than 140 awards in art shows, art fairs and exhibitions. He is represented by galleries across the country and his works are included in the collections of Sears Roebuck, Illinois Bell, Northern Illinois Gas, Western Electric and many other public and private collections. Mr. Dudek's studio-gallery is located at 4N250 Avarad Road, Oak Meadows, West Chicago, and may be visited by appointment.

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Bottom Line

by Wendy Lewis

Why do you wear jeans with a label?

Chris Miller '82 "I like the style."

Sherri Campbell '82 "they have a nice tight fit."

Chris Mosson '81 "I like my tag."



Mike Ursini '82 "Because they match with my 'Fruit of the Looms'!"

Chris Serpa '81 "One of my best tools next to my ..."

Denise Benja '83 "help shape my figure so it looks nice."



Chris Mosson
I love you a lot
Love
Slob

Michele,
Pick up my panty hose

S.S.P.
Merry X-mas
tweed and
ple merry X

Hey what happened to the
bear joke? Merry????

Daddy-
"The Bridge" is over there.
Love,
The Kids

Dear Uncle Stevie:
Merry Christmas!
Lots of Love,
Chumley
Lou-Lou-Merry X
a good girl maybe
ya a woggy!

P.V. & CJBK,
Remember Cade every nite &
someday we'll learn to ski!
Sam Slob

Boobs,
When are we going to do the
Hookiela?
N.S.
Scrumptious

Boobicky,
Have you found out yet if it
hurts. Let me know! Merry
Christmas.
Zak,
Keep your
RB JB PE

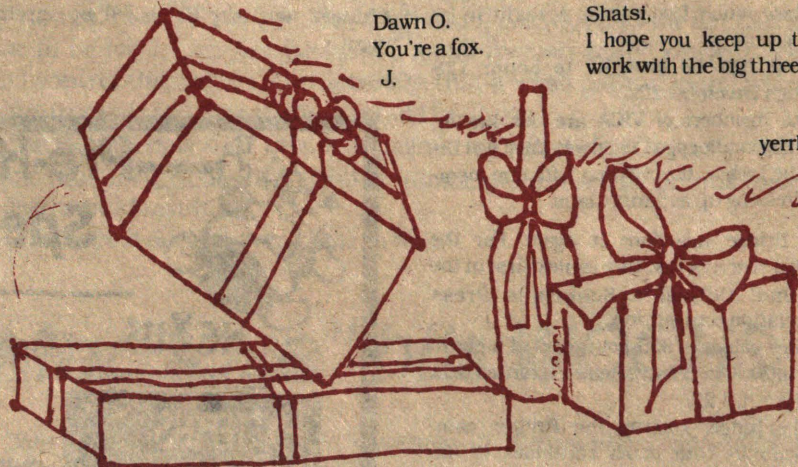
To the soph guys in 2nd hour
danling: The girls locker room
is better!!
K & S-
Marianne M. Ca
Merry Christmas
The fo

Freakie,
You bun the heck out of my
brain! You can take that 2
ways!
Frankie
Wen,
"It's a ----!"
P.S. Can I sleep with
stead of her?

What did you do on 11/29/80
C.J. B.K. and Sam Slob and
everybody else?
Ken Strayve,
Your butt ugly.
Love ya,
P.V.
RB, JB
1st hr.

Squirrels,
Watch out for the attack of the
bearded clams
The Nonspeaking Lips
Rick,
Merry Christmas I love you.

Dawn O.
You're a fox.
J.
Shatsi,
I hope you keep up the good
work with the big three
Poopsi



Samslob and P.V.
Next time cade comes we gotta
leave hands, or the brew
CJBK

Fro-
Don't forget about the camper
in 84
C.T.

Merry Christmas D.J. and the
owner of berf. Thanks for being
such good friends.
PV

To Bob Strecker,
A really nice guy, I'm looking
forward to the 19th.
Lynn

Suctit
Remember bolcum road may be
it will happen next year again
only better.
Tina

Buford,
Check under your car seat a
strange man might be hiding
there.
C.F.

To the most beautiful girl I
know, Stacey K.
Love always
M. W

Elwood
Have a very Merry X-mas. You
fox tell Harvey hi.
Love,
Betty C.

Dear Don,
Happy Birthday & Merry
Christmas.
Love ya very much!
Tina

Spedy I,
Have a great Xmass. "W
Swamp"
Love
Sp

J.G.
You're a great guy, I like y
stroke hat.
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Sybil,
Merry Xmas ! If you stay g
maybe Santa will get you a b
bie!
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Heidi/Holli,
Still got them bruised bu
Maybe Santa will get ya a M

What's in a name?

Designer clothing the latest fad

by Bobbie Walz

Bill Blass, Bass, Anne Klein, Calvin Klein, Halston, Sassoon, Vera, Gloria Vanderbilt, Jordache, Bonjour, and various others too frequent to mention.

Are you one of those people that will pay up to 50 percent more just for some name on a label?

More and more teenagers this year, as well as others, will spend their hard earned money for designer clothing.

Designer clothing "has become a status symbol", stated Psychology teacher Steve Arnold. Arnold also added, "It's one way, voluntary or involuntary, we rank ourselves."

Designers will put their names on whatever is popular at the moment, as jeans are the "big thing" now.

Companies realize that consumers will buy the clothing, forgetting or overlooking the price. Don Zablin, consumer education teacher proclaimed, "They take advantage of us, the consumers."

Each designer uses his own symbol or mark that distinguishes his clothing from

the others.

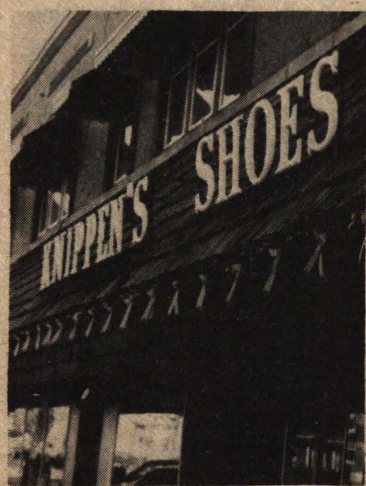
Lacosta captures the market through symbolism, with his alligator, as does Anne Klein, and Gloria Vanderbilt. Klein uses the lion head as her symbol and Vanderbilt the white swan.

Sassoon uses another variation of symbolism as his mark, "the okay symbol." The purpose of this mark is to, subconsciously get thru to the buyer by visually saying it's alright to buy and wear this garment.

Pierre Cardin obviously does not believe in the subtle approach. Instead of printing his name once in the corner, he has one style of men's shirts where the print of the material is his signature after signature.

Other designers, such as Etienne Aigner corner the market in color. Etienne uses almost exclusively burgundy and beige.

No matter what the gimmick, as long as people are willing to spend additional money, designers will continue to blaze their names, symbols, and colors across our butts, feet, chests, underwear, or whatever the American public is willing to buy; after all it's free advertising.



Instead of the traditional Christmas decorations of wreaths and garland, a Wheaton merchant decorated his store front with 52 yellow ribbons. The purpose of these ribbons, explained by Mike Sitarz, manager of Knippen's Shoes, "was to acknowledge that this is the second Christmas that the hostages have been away from home."

(photo by Mike Sitarz)

Suggestion for the perfect gift

by Debbie Rathjen and Debbie Dastych

Is it a bird, is it a plane? What is it? This Christmas don't leave your friends and family baffled with far-out last minute gifts. On the other hand, don't settle for run-of-the-mill items, like ties or dust collecting objects.

Both of these typical copouts tend to end up in the closet.

To avoid these pitfalls, here are some suggestions of gifts to stay away from.

NO-NO's:

Is your dad's medicine chest stored full of various bottles of tropical fruit after shave? Items such as ties, after shave and bedroom slippers are all boring presents that commonly appear under the Christmas tree.

Be creative and surprise him with something different.

When buying for mom try to avoid those dust collecting knick-knacks like "world's greatest" statues bought in fourth grade.

Unless she loves to cook and clean, skip the kitchen oriented gifts and those associated with housework.

Also try to stay away from presents accessible to someone other than your mom, like the baseball glove you happened to find on sale.

In most families, board games are found on the top of the gift list for the younger brothers and sisters. However, these are no-no's, because no doubt by New Years, most of the pieces will end up in the vacuum.

Stay away from gifts that don't last or that are gone after using once.

For the older college-dwelling family member, stay away from time consuming items, like long books or big crossword puzzles.

If you are considering a purchase for that special someone, an "I'm hers because she deserves the best" t-shirt is not the right choice. For the average couple in our school, those t-shirts will become worthless within a few months.

Lovey dovey gifts such as "I love you" ID bracelets may be inappropriate for new couples. Stick to the more practical gifts.

YES-YES's:

When shopping this year, aim for items with a personal touch, and those hinting relaxation.

For your father the football fan, you may want to present a warm stocking cap with his favorite team's emblem on front. The sportsman may need some new fishing lures or a new tackle box.

Dads with the more sophisticated personality, might prefer a nice belt, a pair of leather gloves, or even cuff links.

Want to give your father the subtle hint he's gaining a few pounds? A nice jogging outfit complete with matching gym shoes might just do the trick.

A hobby book with ideas to keep dad busy on those stormy days is also nice.

Mom might enjoy receiving a leather key chain or some lingerie, with the feminine

touch. Is there an empty corner in her bedroom? Try purchasing a basket and some dried flowers from an import shop, then create your own personalized arrangement.

Beauty aids are always enjoyed by mothers, like a manicure set or a lighted mirror. Jewelry, leather slippers or gloves are nice too. If your pocketbook allows, buy her a nice jewelry box or her favorite perfume.

If mom is approaching the peak of the hill, take off a few years with a pair of designer jeans. Add some sporty jogging shoes to finish it off.

If you and your brothers and sisters are all pitching in to buy one gift for your parents, a family portrait is one that will always be special. You might also want to buy a designer phone for the family room, or matching bathrobes for both mom and dad.

For your little brother or sister, puzzles are always an enjoyable gift that aren't too expensive. Stuffed animals and hobby items are also nice.

If you have a little more money to spend, buy them a character watch with Miss Piggy or Batman. You might also get them a camera, manual record player, or sleeping bag.

No matter what gift you are buying, for any loved one, remember that Christmas is a time of celebration and any gift you choose, it is the thought that counts.

Chris Mosson,
love you a lot!
Love,
Sue B.

ny panty hose.
Diane

S.S.P.
Merry X-mas to the man in
weed and the vegetarian peo-
ple merry X-mas

ened to the polar
y????
Brig Muffin,
I know everything

there.
Love,
e Kids

ou-Merry X-mas! If you be
d girl maybe Santa will get
roggy!

I love David
Love LLA

nte &
kill!
am Slob

N.S.
Scrumptious

Love,
RJR

Zak,
Keep your wads to yourself
RB JB PE 2hr.

anne M. Cathy B. Carol D.
y Christmas!
The fourth muskateer

Calvin,
Why is Jack in the medicine
chest and the keys in your back
pocket?

Boobs & Buns

Isamtsirhc yreM, nehcterG

Happy Birthday Amy, Jeane,
and Terri!

Love,
The Lunch Room Crowd

Maid! Cashier! Is anyone in
there? I have to go to the Terri!
Merry Xmas!

To a Boy from West Virginia,
I think you're just terrific.
Composer

I love FG
Love sweet PEA

Carol Caca DeVore,
Happy sweet 16 and Merry X-
mas 4 days apart.
Lisa

Pearl,
Which cream puffs did you like
better, chocolate or vanilla?

Hey Boss,
You got any purple microdots?
Buzz and Doobie

Dave,
Seen any flying ash trays lately.

SyawiA nOR

Mr. Strecker
Your such a gem
Guess

George & Jayme (Foxes),
We've had a lot of great times
together!!

Sam Slob

Mona Lisa,
How I love you!

From
Dan and Al

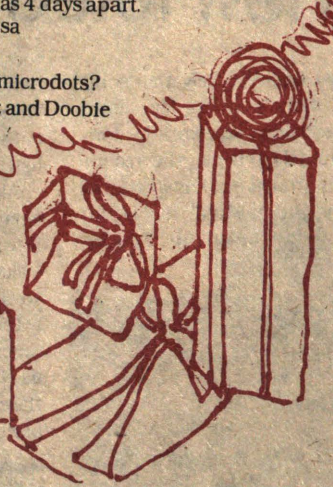
May-hear-any-Ducks-lately

Berny,
You will always be dazed and
confused! Have a Merry
Christmas!!

K.K.
Thanks for everything! You're a
great friend.

K.D.

P.S. I love you too!



Chelly,
The lilypod's o.k. How's the
carrot patch?!

Sam

Moe,
Snore ... Snore ... Snore ...

Miny

Tina Weatherford:
What are you doing - catching
flies?

Just Wondering

Dear GH,
I'm really glad I got to know you,
Merry X-mas.

Love ya
LS XOX

Mike Larue,
So glad its us.

Love you always,
From your silly
girl take care!

My Love,
I'm so sorry for breaking end
will you ever forgive me though
Me

I got the cinnamon. Have a
great Christmas.

Love,
Karen & Sue

A man of many talents,
baseball, football star, renown-
ed philosopher on cows

Scott,

L.B.
Have a great Christmas even
though you know who isn't
with you.

K.F.

Willis,
Chicagofest was a blast remem-
ber Wheaton summers?

Arnie

Hymie,
Step on any doo-does lately?

Bevford Pusser jr.

To the 157's of Gary's Mill Rd
plus a years merry Christmas
Love PO CJBK KZ

The Day Before Christmas

by Bobbie Walz and Tedd Termunde

'Twas the day (well almost) before Christmas,
and all through the school,
Not a student was studying, neither a brain nor a fool;
The unfinished assignments were turned in a mess,
In hopes that the elves would finish the rest;
The students were seated all slouched in their chairs;
While visions of parties "buzzed" through the air;
Zablin in her kerchief, and Highland his cap,
Had just finished singing the last detention,
to each girl and chap,
When out in the halls there arose such a clatter -
another fire drill -
that sent all the janitors to see what was the matter,
Out into the halls, all the teachers they came,
And then there was Mr. DuFour calling them by name:
"Now Coyner, in his coat, and Courtney, with The Bridge,
Now Lemon, and Fairbanks and then Mr. Kribs";
All crammed in the arcade, like students for a last minute quiz.
When, what to our wondering eyes should appear,
But Waterhouse, that dear,
Waving and calling us all back inside,
Oh how we wished the alarm hadn't lied;
After all the students had returned to their classes,
Without one parapro asking for passes;
The along awaited day had finally come to an end,
With the 3:30 bell and the announcement from Kamm,
"Merry Christmas to all, and now SCRAM."

Dan,
Next time you drive watch out
for the people who wreck
transmissions.

Marry Christmas Lynnne and
Julie.

Love,
Jackie

Michelle Monroe,
Have you talked to God lately?

Mike, Dan, Chuck, Andy, Sam,
Help stop vandalism, and don't
forget Robbie.

Dan

Merry Christmas Cliff.

Love,
Bubbles

To the pigs in senior hall,
Keep your burps to yourself!

Signed,
Disgusted

Dear D.D.,
Friends are forever but love is
better!

Luv ya, always!
Smiley!

Hands,
Keep them in sight especially in
math class.

Dear Mike,
Lets go bowling! And Merry
Christmas.

Dear L.R.
Merry Christmas honey! Love
always from your unrequitted
love!

Dear GB, CK, AL, CM, MF
thanks for being just good
friends. Merry X-mas

I love ya

S.H.
Too bad they toled our RRR
how we'll have to snicker
snicker instead.

Master,
Igor is wishing you a Merry
Christmas!

Chevy's best since 'Saturday Night'; it 'Seems Like Old Times'

by John Watanabe

During the last three decades, Chevy Chase, Goldie Hawn, and Neil Simon contributed a great deal to television humor, and have successfully transferred their marvelous talents onto the big screen.

Seems Like Old Times marks another big triumph for Chase, Hawn, and Simon, and it just might be their best ever. In the film, Chevy Chase plays a writer who lives alone in a cabin out in the woods. While typing up a new book, Chase gets kidnapped by

Couple, *The Goodbye Girl*, and *California Suite* are a few examples of Simon's writings that have transferred very well into movies.

Like in her last two films, *Foul Play* and *Private Benjamin*, Goldie Hawn is once again diverting as an innocent young woman who unluckily gets trapped in a mixed-up situation. But I think the one person who really shines out in this film is that witty comic genius, Chevy Chase. For the uninitiated, Cornelius ("Chevy") Chase was

born on October 8, 1943 and grew up in New York. Ever since he was very young, he always loved to write.

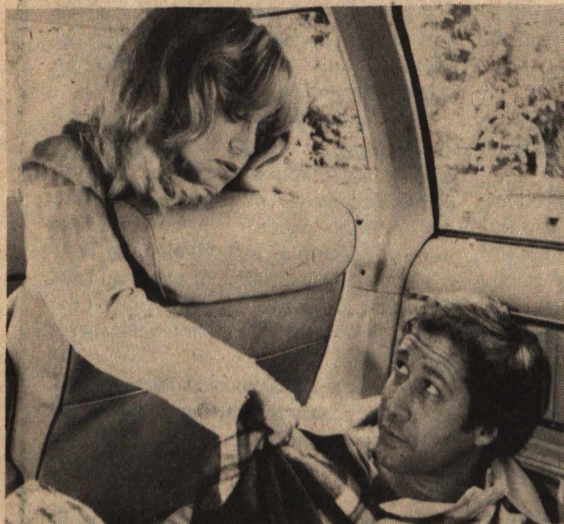
After college graduation, Chevy got involved in a number of writing and acting jobs, particularly with a certain comedy troupe called the National Lampoon. He appeared on several National Lampoon comedy albums, and his performance in the off-Broadway show *National Lampoon's Lemmings* was hailed as "the best comedy performance of the year" by the *New York Times*. Along with the National Lampoon projects, Chevy also wrote for *Mad Magazine*, wrote and appeared in the 1973 cult film *The Groove Tube*, and wrote some T.V. material for Alan King and the Smothers Brothers.

Then in 1975, Chevy Chase tripped and stumbled into the hearts of millions of late night T.V. viewers on *Saturday Night Live*. Chevy was initially hired as a writer of that show, but fortunately, he also became a cast member and won Emmy Awards in both categories.

After *Saturday Night Live's* first season, Chevy decided to stumble out of the show and move on in his career. However, during the next few years, *Saturday Night Live* was still hot, and Chevy Chase was not. With the exception of the 1978 hit *Foul Play*, Chase stayed virtually invisible in the entertain-



Chevy Chase serves an unforgettable chicken pepperoni to Goldie Hawn in Neil Simon's **Seems Like Old Times**.



Goldie Hawn discovers her ex-husband-turned-bank robber (Chevy Chase) hiding in the back seat of her car (and everywhere else he's least expected) in Neil Simon's **Seems Like Old Times**.

two guys and is forced to rob a bank for them. Our innocent hero manages to do this, but unwittingly gets his picture taken by the bank's hidden camera. While the police are out looking for him, Chevy runs and seeks help from his ex-spouse, female attorney Goldie Hawn, who is now married to campaigning politician Charles Grodin. Chevy tries to explain to Hawn that he's innocent, and also decides to use her home as shelter. But once inside Goldie's house, Chevy bumps into some great havoc, involving Goldie's six dogs, two cats, her suspicious second husband, and a houseful of government officials.

Seems Like Old Times is only one of Neil Simon's several comic gems. Along with Woody Allen, Simon is one of our most gifted and prolific contemporary comedy writers at work today. Both Allen and Simon started out as writers for Sid Caesar's classic 1950's T.V. show, *Your Show of Shows*. After that, Allen and Simon have delighted us continuously with their own writings in books, stage shows, and motion pictures. *The Odd*

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Goldie Hawn listens to a little canine advice from one of her co-stars in Neil Simon's **Seems Like Old Times**.

ment world.

This year, though, Chevy has been making a pretty strong comeback in movies. He shared top billing with Benji in the delightful fantasy-comedy *Oh Heavenly Dog*, and he co-starred with Rodney Dangerfield in the uproarious slapstick comedy *Caddyshack*.

Getting back to the review, **Seems Like Old Times** is definitely Chevy's best work since his days on *Saturday Night Live*. In this movie, Chase wonderfully displays his own distinctive style of subtle pratfall humor that only he can deliver. In other words, he's Chevy Chase, and you're not.

After the critical and financial success of *Foul Play* (it grossed \$35 million), it's really nice to see the team of Chevy Chase and Goldie Hawn back together again and do an even better job in this new flick. Yes, it really seems like old times.

Rating for **Seems Like Old Times**: three and a half stars.

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Steely Dan steals the show with new release Gaucho

by Paul Rau

This is a band that proves once and for all that it's music that sells records, not the group performing. Since 1974, when group founders Donald Fagen and Walter Becker scrapped the idea of a constant, performing band, all subsequent Steely Dan albums have been collections of Fagen/Becker tunes

sion cut featuring such studio greats as Steve Godd (drums), Steve Khan (guitar), Rob Mounsey (piano), Michael Brecker (tenor sax), and Tom Scott (tenor sax and wind synthesizer)

Side two starts with the title cut, which is Brother Michael McDonald on backing

probably the most typical Steely Dan song on the album. It has a pop-jazz feel, along with the prominent tenor sax work by Jom Scott, most definitely reflects the recent successes of such groups as Passport and Spipo-Gyra. "Time Out of Mind" is a funky rhythm blues tune featuring Doobie

vocals. This song may get airplay, but it will never be a hit single. "My Rival" and "Third World Man" finish out the album on kind of a disjoint, directionless note that leaves the listener kind of disappointed.

Although the album is very successful in what it attempts to do and contains first rate material and excellent playing, I think it lacks the inspiration of the bands past works — especially Aja. Although the lyrics flow very well, they really don't make much sense, and on a couple of cuts, such as *Glamour Profession* and *My Rival*, the entire vocal line just seems totally out of place in the song. All in all, I think this

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performed (with a few exceptions) by studio musicians.

Gaucho, their fourth release under this format is nearly two years in the waiting and follows right on the heels of *Aja*, their biggest commercial success to date. This album is a collection of seven Fagen/Becker compositions that are distinctly Steely Dan, yet have a slightly different flavor. Becker and Fagen are taking a more active role in the performance this time as well as playing important instrumental parts on five of the seven songs.

Side one starts with *Babylon Sisters*, followed by *Hey Nineteen*, an up-tempo song about the author's teen age years that strongly resembles such funky Dan songs as *FM* and *Josie*. *Hey Nineteen* will probably be the album's only hit single. *Glamour Profession* is an interesting fu-

by Rick Cesario

Rock and Roll, a Little Rascals bit, and Gospel on the same album? No, it's not the latest punk rock nor a duet by Spanky and the Vienna Boys Choir. Instead it's REO Speedwagon's new *Hi Infidelity* album, with some different "sounds." This long-awaited album is certainly no letdown.

Hi Infidelity is the first studio-album from REO since *Nine Lives* in 1979. A *Decade of Rock and Roll* followed *Nine Lives*, but did not feature any new songs, only newly recorded live songs and studio-versions of pre-recorded songs.

This album proves once and for all that REO, fortunately, isn't affected by changes in music like new wave and punk. They still center around the same sound, but its quieted down just a bit.

Lead singer Kevin Cronin's expert vocals are tested throughout the album as there are no solos or instrumentals. Cronin adds his writing potential on about half the

songs, including *I Wish You Were There* which features The Waspel Gospel He-Nanettes, a group made by Cronin and others contributing on the album. The song turns out fairly well, as might not be expected from this type of arrangement.

The gospel sound isn't much compared to the shock of hearing the Little Rascals' Spanky, Alfalfa and Darla as an opening to *Tough Guys*.

REO has been very popular in the Midwest, although they don't draw as well in some areas. These guys are just a sample of the fine musicians that are native to Illinois, particularly the Chicago-area.

If this album takes the course of the last few REO Speedwagon albums it should do well. It is another of their steady rocking albums well balanced.

It is a real good album and probably will show up on the "Top 20" list this year. REO is good in recordings, so that should indicate they are great live in concert.

High on 'Hi Infidelity'

"For the average listener, the simple melodies just aren't here."

album is going to be most entertaining to those who buy albums for professional playing: tight, complex arrangements; and somewhat progressive melodies and chord changes. For the average listener, the simp' melodies and simple chord changes just aren't here, and neither are the hit singles that have sold so many Steely Dan albums in the past.

Without the hit singles and promotional tours, I just don't see this album enjoying the record sales of *Aja*. It is an enjoyable album if you like this type of music, but it's just not up to par with their past works.

World of winter sports

by Dave Barry and Steve Heyden

Picture yourself gliding down a slope of pure virgin snow, cutting a path in the powder at 30 miles per hour. The sun glistens off the snow, blinding you as you hit a jump that propels you 20 feet in the air. All under your own power. This portrays only one of many adventures happening to the downhill skier.

Cross-Country skiing, maybe not as glamorous as down-hill skiing, remains an art in itself. It is a very physically demanding sport and can almost be described as jogging across the snow on skis.

Skiing is fast becoming one of the more popular winter sports. Ski resorts such as Aspen, Vail and Winter Park in Colorado; Park City in Utah; and Sun Valley in Idaho attract thousands of skiers to their slopes each year.

For those of us who are unable to make frequent trips to Colorado, such resorts as Alpine Valley, Cascade Mountain, and Devils Head in Wisconsin and Villa Olivia in Bartlett, Illinois are popular local ski spots.

Each of these resorts offer cross country skiing on their golf courses and open areas; only Villa Olivia has cross country rental equipment and groomed trails. The cost for equipment rental is \$7.50 and the trail fee is \$3.00. Saint Andrews Country Club has opened its golf courses this season to cross-country skiers, the trails are free and the equipment rental is \$4.00 for the first hour, \$2.00 for each additional hour.

All four local resorts offer Downhill rental equipment that costs on an average of \$7.00 to \$10.00. A lift ticket for chair lift and tow ropes cost on an average of \$7.00 to \$13.00.

The popularity of snowmobiling has been growing tremendously in the past few years. Unfortunately, along with being popular, snowmobiling remains extremely expensive.

The cheapest model available is the rather tiny Kitty Cat which sells for about \$600. You can, however, spend as much as \$3400 for John Deere, top-of-the-line, machine. Many dealers recommend purchasing used snowmobiles for those with limited finances.

Despite the recent popularity explosion, accommodations for snowmobile enthusiasts are nowhere near adequate. The only place set aside strictly for snowmobiling in this area is the trail located at the DuPage County Forest Preserve in West Chicago.

Many problems have arisen due to the extreme lack of land reserved strictly for snowmobiling. Numerous trespassing complaints were made against snowmobilers last year. Until more land is allotted, the continuation of these complaints can be expected.

There are several trails within a reasonable distance in DeKalb and Joliet, Wisconsin, of course, is recognized by most as the "snowmobilers haven," with its countless miles of trails.

Though it is one of the more obscure forms of winter recreation, ice-fishing has proved rewarding to many fishermen.

Catching everything from blue gills to bass has helped warm many freezing bodies. Wearing the proper clothing and rubber boots also helps when out on the ice.

Swimmers "100 percent better"

by Dan Lambert

The boys swim team is "doing super" and is "100 percent better this year" than at the end of last season, affirmed Coach Dan Johnson.

The 30 swimmers and 4 divers are beginning their second season in a district of 13 teams. Last year the team missed a third place district finish by one point. This year they hope to finish in the top six.

Co-captains Rob Conroy and Tom Wiborg are the only returning seniors. Conroy captured third in districts for the 100 yard butterfly last year. Wiborg took fourth for the 100 yard freestyle.

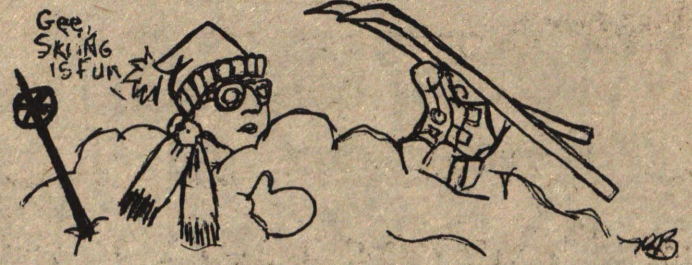
Junior Glen Whitehouse is the only returning diver from last year. Another returning junior, Randy Turner, swims breast stroke for the team. Sophomore Bill Gebhardt takes care of distance freestyling, but he is capable of competing in almost any event.

Twelve freshmen are on the team this year and are progressing rapidly. Johnson has high expectations for them in later years.

The swim team doesn't rest the day before meets; they work hard. Johnson figures that if they swim when tired at the district meet, which they do rest for.

The district meet decides who goes downstate. The team is looking forward to the meet.

Their first duel meet was against Waubonsie Valley Friday, December fifth. They lost 79-91.



Blackwell and Herick's Lake are two local spots for winter fishing. But a days fishing at one of these places usually results in nothing except rejection and an empty fishing line.

Of course there are several excellent ice-fishing lakes in Illinois and Wisconsin. Lakes Geneva and Whitewater give even the beginner a chance to fish successfully.

In order to ice-fish properly and competently, approximately \$50 must first be spent. Special poles must be purchased along with tip-ups, an ice pick and a license. Once this initial purchases is made years of cost free and productive ice-fishing may follow.

Ski Resort	Downhill rental equipment		Downhill lift ticket fee		Resort phone number Hours of business Location
	Weekdays	Saturday Sunday Holidays	Weekdays	Saturday Sunday Holidays	
Alpine Valley	\$8.00	\$9.00	\$10.00	\$13.00	(414)642-7374 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. East Troy, Wisconsin
Cascade Mountain	\$8.00	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$13.00	(608)742-5588 9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Portage, Wisconsin
Devil's Head	\$7.00	\$10.00	\$8.50	\$13.00	(608)493-2251 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Merrimac, Wisconsin
Villa Olivia	\$8.00	\$9.50	\$8.50	\$11.00	742-5200 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Bartlett, Illinois

"All I want for Christmas is ..."

by Kevin Knapp

We asked some of our high school athletes and coaches who they would like to be if Santa would make them any professional athlete for Christmas, and the reason for their choice.

Here are some of the responses:

Arnold Kriegbaum - "Pele. Because he's the greatest all-around athlete that's ever lived."

Chris Wagner - "Mark Spitz. Because he won 7 gold medals in the Olympics."

Jeremy Rowland - "Magic Johnson. Because he has exuberance."

Paul King - "Dick Butkus. Because he's a mean sucker."

Kevin Ketch - "John McEnroe. Because he beat Bjorn Borg."

Jeff Moore - "Rene Richards. Because I like her body."

Meg Nickelson - "Tracy Austin. Because she's a great tennis player and she's my age."

Jerry Garza - "Reggie Jackson. Because he's almost as awesome as I am."

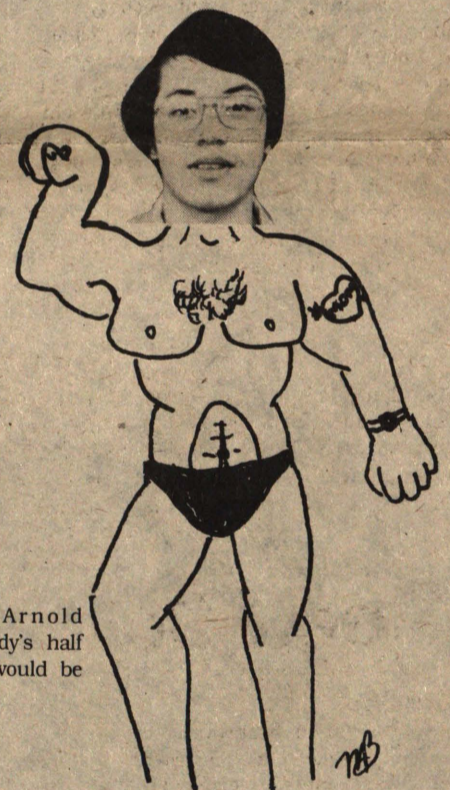
Bill Hahn - "Rudy Glenn. Because he plays for the Sting and has a great career ahead of him."

Mark Hedrick - "Roberto Duran. Because I wouldn't mind making a few million for a fight, and then quitting before I got hurt."

Mr. Zebelins - "Ernie Banks. Because he proved that you can play for a losing organization and still keep a smile."

Mr. Kanold - "Reggie Jackson. Because he's a left-handed power hitter, like me."

Andy Verdooren - "Arnold Schwartzegger. Because my body's half way there already, so the rest would be easy."



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Wrestling team pinned

Improvement expected

by Diane Baker

Wrestling fans will be seeing "rapid improvement" in the Varsity Wrestling Team, following the team's dismal start into the season, according to Coach Bob Hein.

"Individual matches will be closer and most exciting" and the wrestlers will be "better prepared" as the season progresses, Hein emphasized.

The team's 39-12 loss, with We-go pulling only two decisions and a pin against Lyons Township at the start of the season in addition to their sixth place out of eight teams at their own Wildcat Invitational over Thanksgiving were "disappointing", if nothing else, as Hein expressed.

The Coach admitted, "It appears we're lacking in basics and in conditioning. We're not quite as good as I might've hoped." He conceded also the team is "a little less talented" than he's previously expected.

He stressed, however, "We are a young team; and with a lot of freshmen and sophomores you will see a lot of freshmen and sophomore-like mistakes. What it all boils down to is a lack of experience."

"Prior to the first meet I was in limbo," Coach Hein described his feelings. "In the practice room it's hard to tell how the team will perform in front of a crowd. I hoped maybe we just might be more talented."

Hein did announce his intentions for the season, "My goal is to have wrestlers in the State Finals in February at Champaign." He found it "hard to single out individuals," but managed to mention a few state hopefuls.

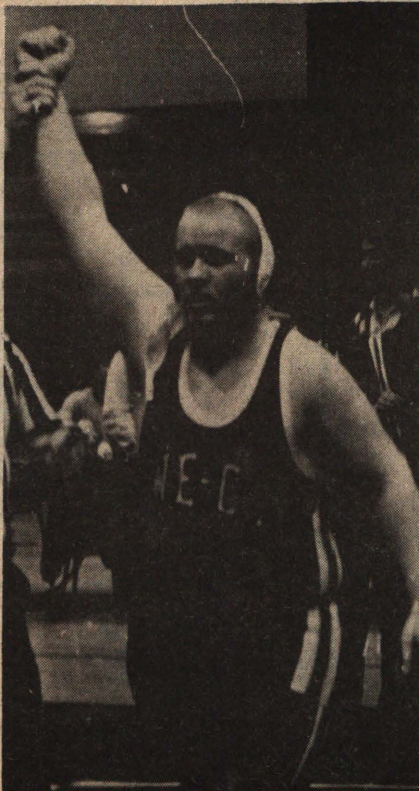
Bob French, senior, in the heavy weight division is a top contender, "if he can stay

healthy" as Hein put it he tends to be "injury prone," but has both the ability and the desire to make it. French himself announced, "I plan on going to state," and continued, "Personally I wish I was a junior."

Mike Kraft, a junior in the 167 weight class, is another candidate for state. "He has all the ingredients for success: good attitude, hard work, knowledge, and skills, he just needs the break," according to Hein.

Ed Pineda, the only returning senior letterman besides French, has the potential for state also, in the 112 lb. weight division.

Hein stressed that spectators will "see quite a bit of changing around through the season, changes in line-up will result from several kids who will be beating each other out as well as from "coaching decisions." He



Bob French is once again victorious (photo by Frank Kerr)

was speaking of what Coach Bob Owens termed, "the ladder of hierarchy with the varsity at the top."

That "ladder" is what draws talent from the lower levels through a system of challenge matches. In each of these matches a lower level wrestler (freshman, sophomore, or JV) challenges a varsity team member. If the lower level wrestler beats out the guy on varsity he moves up and wrestles in the varsity wrestler's place. "It's understood,"

Owens stated, "anybody good enough will go up to varsity."

"Therefore," he also mentioned, with a smile, "the strength of the lower levels depends on how many good guys we can keep down."

The JV, which he coaches, had to forfeit a considerable number of matches in their first meet, because so many JV wrestlers were up in the varsity ranks. For this reason, the JV as a team will have "no way" to test their real strength. The one JV tournament, scheduled for January 24, coincides with a conference meet.

Bob "Beefo" French, as one of the teams co-captains commented on the team's outlook: "We're ambitious, and as far as quality goes we're also good-spirited working-wise, willing to learn different things and try different moves."

French continued saying the team's weak area is "definitely a lack of experience."

Coach Hein feels that a team's "win-loss records can't be the sole criterion of success. I measure success in terms of doing the best we can with the material we have."

When asked if the team's resounding defeat in their first dual meet could be any indication of the season to come Hein replied "I certainly hope not!"

"Accent"uating basketball

by Teresa Evans

For six week old Michael Barborak, a baseball game was the first taste of athletic competition, but only the beginning. Now 32, Barborak has become the head coach of the Wildcats.

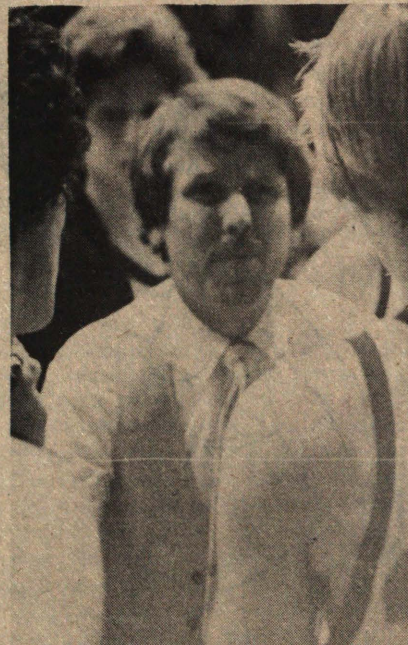
His father was a high school basketball coach and a very great influence. "By observing him coach," said Barborak, "I enjoyed what I saw and decided it was a great way to earn a living."

Barborak is enjoying his first year away from Texas. "Basketball is just not supported," stated Barborak, "because of interference by people in high places. Other sports are hurt by practicing football year round and on occasions forcing a player to play only one sport."

"It takes an awful lot to break my spirit," stated Barborak. His philosophy is simple: "If all you're looking at in life is wins and losses, then coaching can become hard to bear. The true story is how you play."

"We're not blessed with a lot of natural talent," expressed Barborak, "which is evident since we're picked to finish seventh in conference. There's good performance from everybody in different areas but size and inexperience are our two big weaknesses."


"I'm impressed," said Barborak, "with the fundamental players coach Netzel left me. Players at the high school and junior high level have been taught well, but we must get kids started around fourth grade. One of



Coach Barborak gives his team a boost during a time out. (photo by Frank Kerr)

our goals is youth basketball."

When he was asked for predictions on the outcome of the season, he had little to say, but was quick to add, "A real loser is someone who does not fulfill his potential."



We-go Sports

Scoreboard

by Kris Schmitt

Boys Basketball			
November			
25	We-go (H)	52 St. Francis	42
28,29	We-go (A)	54 St. Charles Tournament	71
		63 Glenbard North	67
December			
5	We-go (A)	39 Naperville North	65
6	We-go (H)	51 St. Charles	60
12	We-go (H)	64 Glenbard North	58

Varsity Wrestling			
November			
26	We-go (H)	12 Lyons Township	39
29	We-go (H)	Wildcat Invitational	6th Place out of 8
December			
5	We-go (H)	36 Naperville North	20
6	We-go (A)	Batavia	
12	We-go (A)	Glenbard North	
13	We-go (H)	East Aurora and Sycamore	

Boys Swimming			
December			
5	We-go (H)	79 Waubonsie Valley	91
9	We-go (A)	114 Elgin Larkin	55

Girls Varsity basketball			
December			
4	We-go (A)	52 Streamwood	22
6	We-go (A)	30 Elk Grove	53



Schedule

Boys Basketball			
December			
19	We-go (H)	Glenbard South	TBA
26-30	We-go (A)	Wheeling Tournament	TBA
January			
9	We-go (A)	Wheaton-North	8:00
10	We-go (H)	Naperville Central	8:00
16	We-go (A)	Wheaton Central	8:00
17	We-go (A)	Marmion	7:45

Wrestling			
December			
19	We-go (A)	Glenbard South	6:30
20	We-go (H)	Bolingbrook and Plainfield	1:00
26,27	We-go (A)	Hinsdale Central Tournament	1:00
January			
9	We-go (H)	Wheaton North	6:30
10	We-go (A)	Homewood Tournament	10:00
16	We-go (H)	Wheaton Central	6:30
17	We-go (A)	Westmont and Geneva	1:30

Boys Swimming			
December			
18	We-go (H)	Naperville South	6:30
6	We-go (H)	Marmion	6:30
8	We-go (A)	Benet	6:30
15	We-go (H)	East Aurora	4:30
22	We-go (A)	Morris	4:30

Girls Basketball			
December			
16, 17, 18	We-go (A)	Bolingbrook Tournament	8:00
23	We-go (H)	Glenbard East	6:30
27, 29, 30	We-go (H)	We-go Invitational	TBA
January			
6	We-go (A)	Naperville North	6:30
13	We-go (A)	Glenbard North	6:30
17	We-go (H)	Glenbard South	6:30
20	We-go (A)	Wheaton North	6:30