

# Experts quote causes for rise in unmarried teenage mothers

by Kim Hook

Of the 1.1 million teenage pregnancies each year in the U.S., 22 percent are out-of-wedlock (without the parents being married).

According to a recent article in the Chicago Tribune, the increase of out-of-wedlock births is due to more women wanting to wait until they're older to marry and the way society more readily accepts them.

Out of the 1.1 million teenage mothers, approximately 670,000 have not finished high school according to the Alan Guttmacher Institute. Kristin A. Moore, a specialist in teenage pregnancy and out-of-wedlock births at the Urban Institute in Washington states "The teen who marries is more likely to drop out of school." Even though they want to further their education the demands of taking care of the baby prevent them from doing so.

The mothers who keep their children face difficult financial problems. Once a girl decides whether or not to keep her baby she

must also figure out where the money will come from. One unmarried teen mother attending WCCHS still lives at home, but gets support from the father who has a job instead of going to school. This is an unusual case because 90 percent of teenage mothers must turn to welfare since they are unable to support themselves. In 1975 half of the 9.4 billion dollars of the funds for Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) went to mothers who gave birth as teenagers.

Another problem aside from the economic strain is the emotional stress that the unwed mother faces. Seven times more frequently than older mothers the teen mother gives up after having the child and attempts suicide because she sees no other way out. There are three choices the girl can choose from if she becomes pregnant and doesn't know whether to keep her baby. First and most common is to keep the baby and still be accepted by parents and friends.

She must also realize that she will instantly give up her relatively carefree world of a teen and make a life for herself and her baby. A second alternative would be to give the baby up for adoption and for a young girl who is just not mature enough to raise a child, this may be a wise decision. But with adoption comes feelings of guilt and abandonment which may not affect the girl until many years later. The third choice is abortion and this decision should be handled extremely carefully through professional counseling.

Some experts feel that this increase in out-of-wedlock births may have been prevented through better discussion of sex between parents and teens. The one girl who was mentioned earlier said, "I hid it from my parents for five months and finally I had my sister-in-law talk to them. It was terrible." "As always the gap between generations seems to make of us, parents and children, two different species," says Katherine B. Oettinger, author of "Not My

Daughter." Oettinger feels "perhaps the most important tool a child needs is self-esteem. This can help him say no when everyone else is saying yes." A recent study confirmed the fact that parents don't feel comfortable discussing sex with their children, which may explain why teens end up in this situation so much more often. There have been increasing numbers of services offered to help bridge this communication gap and efforts to further educate both parents and teens. Probably the best known are the Planned Parenthood groups which are found nationwide. The Y's and other community groups also offer group discussions.

Even with added numbers of programs "the kids seem to be yearning for communication," notes Dr. Giesla Konopka, director of the Center for Youth Development and Research at the University of Minnesota in response to his survey of 200 young people.

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## Freshman speech restructured for next year

by Joe Zollner

Some members of the English Department call it a reorganization, and others a change. It has already been approved by the Board of Education and will be a new thing for freshmen English students next year.

The subject being discussed is the freshman Introductory Speech course. Introductory Speech is currently a semester course, designed to teach students to prepare and deliver several types of speeches, to practice group discussion skills, and to develop poise and confidence in the effective uses of oral English.

The present freshman English program is designed to develop essential communication skills. It consists of one semester of Reading Grammar Composition or Literature and Composition and one

semester of Introductory Speech. The new program consists of two semesters, and will include literature, reading and writing skills, and speech. The greatest amount of emphasis will be placed on reading and

Speech will be taught periodically over the two semesters along with other skills also requiring organization such as study habits. Dr. Thomas Fischer, head of the English Department, researched the subject and talked with people at universities who felt that it would be much more practical to combine speech with the other English courses. Recently the counselors office received a letter from Illinois State University stating that speech and television would no longer fulfill their English credit requirements.

semester. According to Charles Greenberg, speech teacher, the change would make West Chicago the only high school in the county without a semester of speech class.

Greenberg was hired fifteen years ago to teach a nine week speech course. He presented a petition to the Board of Education, and speech became a semester class. He states, that "It's a giant step backwards," and we are "going back to the fifties," and "destroying fifteen years of work." Greenberg also feels that this new plan changes speech into a course which is studied and not taught. He also pointed out that students can go on to use the oral skills used in Speech, in cheerleading, music, sports, and drama.

When asked about this change, Dr. Thomas Fischer, head of the English department, stated that the English department saw an imbalance in writing and reading lumped into one course and speech in another. Dr. Fischer feels the change will give students time to mature on one subject instead of cramming it into one semester, and by stretching the course out over a longer period of time, it will help to completely develop the students' skills.

After the English teachers agreed that a change was necessary, Dr. Fischer researched the subject and proposed a few changes at the English Department's September meeting be made. Neither speech teacher could attend the entire meeting but spoke with Fischer the next day.

pre-arranged their absences. When asked if he knew that the change was to be discussed at this meeting, Greenberg stated that if he had known, he would have made sure he attended. Connie Relias, also a Speech teacher, was busy with the fall play at this time, and said she hadn't found out until after the meeting "thru the grapevine." According to Greenberg, when Dr. Fischer presented the proposal to the Board of Education all the members of the English department at the meeting were in favor of it, but did not mention that the speech teachers had not been present.

Virginia Fairbank, English teacher and yearbook advisor, said, "It won't affect me directly as I don't teach speech." She also feels that if more students spent more time writing freshmen year they could advance at a faster pace in writing in later years.

Relias feels the change will work and be beneficial. She hopes to be able to share her speech experiences with other teachers and in turn learn other's experiences in reading and writing. She thinks this may help the English program since after four years some students have not acquired enough adequate English skills.

Patricia Bryan, English teacher, is positive about the change in the program. She thinks that this will offer more consistency in the subjects taught to freshmen. Bryan feels the change will show noticeable improvement from the beginning.

Ronald Benner, choir director and member of the curriculum committee, feels the English department needs work in writing and reading skills and that the freshmen change is going to help equalize all the aspects of the department.

Aside from the formation of a new freshman program, other electives are going to be cut across the board. There are more programs offered now than in other years that had a smaller student enrollment.

Despite the discontinuation of some programs, other new classes will go into effect. One such class is Journalism Production. The class is to be taught by Tim Courtney, adviser of *The Bridge*. It will consist of one or two semesters teaching the planning and production of the school newspaper. The course will teach general techniques and stress individualism. Courtney also hopes to have the class expand and do things for the community. This would include press releases and maybe news bulletins. Courtney says that it is going to be difficult to prepare for and has already begun.

The other class is called American Literature which will feature more popular writers like Edgar Allan Poe.



Dr. Fischer feels the freshman change will more fully develop skills in English. (Photo by Mike Sitarz)

## We-go man discusses his private zoo

by Lauren Vogt

In a rural area of West Chicago, it's not unusual for a farmer to own an acreage. However, one man is not your ordinary farmer, and his acreage isn't the typical farm with a large red barn, chickens, cows, and horses. This farm consists of several llamas, 25 European fallow deer, 12 sika deer from Japan, 30-35 Formosan deer, 5 elk, and 2 camels.

At one time four Tibetan yaks accompanied the menagerie, but according to the owner of this private "zoo", the yaks charged him. He thought it was dangerous having them around, so he had to get rid of them.

The animals roam over 40 acres of this man's private estate. Most are self-sufficient eight months out of the year. Throughout the year, hay is sent down from his 2,000 acre farm in Wisconsin. The animals, however, usually only need the hay during the winter months. When the snow flies, the camels and llamas need special shelter. The

animals have fresh water from a lake and creek on the property. The lake is well stocked with fish, including a mystery creature the farmer calls his "phantom" fish that he has imported from another country. He claims he won't tell anyone what kind of fish it is, or where it comes from, but admits it could get up to 60 pounds. He has at least two dozen of these "phantom" fish in the lake.

Besides being zookeeper of all his exotic animals, this man is also a falconer and has wild birds of prey, ducks, and geese on his land. All of his birds are wild, and come and go as they wish.

This farmer has had some trouble with people and his animals. One of his elk was shot down through the fence. He said, "These animals are harmless. The shooting was the lowest human move." He enjoys hunting but states, "You have to at least give the animal a fair chance." He wants security for his animals' sake, and strongly

states that they must be "respected", but he also wants people to enjoy the uniqueness of his operation.

All the neighbors around this estate are like their own "Guardian Angels" says the farmer. They protect the animals from people who want to harm them. The owner states that all the neighbors feel strongly for the animals and don't want anything to happen to them. He claims that even he has excited the neighbors one time when they viewed him sneezing through the grass with a rifle in his hand and shooting down one of his deer. "What the people didn't realize," he said, "was that I had a tranquilizer gun." When it's mating season, the antlers of the deers have to be removed because they can become dangerous.

The farmer describes himself as devoutly Christian and feels his preserve is his way of honoring Jesus Christ. He said, "He's the one who got it all started in the first place, isn't He?"



# Look out firemen, smokers seek lounge

The restrooms are filthy. The parking lot and residential yards on the perimeter of WCCHS are littered with cigarette butts. The chronic smoker is failing school because of continuous suspension. Over the years the idea of a smoking lounge/area has been brought up, and these have been some of the reasons.

This year people have gone so far as drawing up a petition to present to the Board of Education, thus far it has over 400 signatures. The people who have signed, are not all necessarily smokers. Many signed in hopes that a lounge/area would be established so the washrooms would once again be fresh aired and sanitary. This is not probable. In case of a lounge existing at WCCHS, there would still be students smoking in the restrooms, and they would be the students who don't want their habit publicly known, and the student who could not make it to the lounge in the 5 minute passing period.

Residents of the area in past years have written letters pleading an area for students to smoke other than their alleys, front yards and even garages.

Area schools who have tried the smoking lounge have found that the area designated for the smokers is always messy. Another problem is the difficulty controlling what the students smoke, referring to illegal substances. If a smoking area were to be established, it would be outside in a specified area, and not within the building itself.

The Board, who has reviewed the smoking policy every year, has determined that allowing an area to smoke would be against their rationale, which basically is: the Board has legal responsibilities to protect the students' safety, well being, and welfare. If the Board were to give students a place to do something they thought was not in their (the students') best interest, it would be contrary to their way of thinking.

On this rationale the Board has stood strong in past years, with no arguments convincing enough to change their minds.



# WCCHS advertises sexual unity

Hugs, Kisses, Squeezes, Fondles, Pinches. Even pats on the posterior. Is this a commune advertising peace, love, togetherness, tranquility, and sexual unity? No. This is a hall in a school. This hall, in this depicted school, is one of our own.

Walking to or from a class may be like walking continuously in and out of an R rated movie. The scenes are deplorable. Couples stop to say good-bye before class (commonly called "swapping spit") in the middle of hallways, doorways, or even in preferred corners, making routes to class intricate, maze-like, and sometimes impassable.

Teachers and administrators prowl the school areas, walking between the more conservative couples' hand holding, and making comments like "No snuggling in the library," and "No mating at the lunch tables," to the more eager. Agreed, some physical contact is important to a relationship, but come on, some of these private interludes should be restricted, to the home and at least in private.

A common comment about this from couples is, "Well it's our business and no one else's." Quite on the contrary. If there is horseplay and there are impressionable students casually glancing, the couple just might be

offending or most of all disgusting someone else, and that makes it the observer's business too.

The purpose of school is to get an education and to become a well-rounded person with a reasonable set of values, not to have a side show on 101 ways to say good-bye. This problem occurs every year, and each year the problem intensifies. As crazy as it may seem, there are some couples who bring their affections into the classroom by holding hands, or kissing (or worse), during a lecture or movie. Some even spend their unstructured hours in the student lot. These are not exaggerations!

As is reported on the front page of this issue, 1.1 million teenagers became mothers last year, and most likely this didn't just happen on the Friday night dates.

We are not running a pay by the hour motel. This is a learning establishment, and not of the sexual or permissive kind. The administration has literally "stepped in" on this problem but not to much avail. Now it is the student's turn to help. This editorial is not saying it is wrong to have encounters of the passionate kind, it is simply advising that privacy, and discreetness might be the better and more appropriate way.

# Unknown reader speaks out

Although it is against **Bridge** policy to print an unsigned letter, the **Bridge** editors decided to make this exception. The letter that follows is one of concern to both editors and readers.

We (the editors) decided to print the letter in hopes that readers of the **Bridge**, who feel the same as the writer, will know they are not alone. If it helps just **one** person, the unknown author and **Bridge** staff's goal has been reached.

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter in order to straighten a few things in my mind and also in hope of helping anyone I can.

High school is a very trying period for most students. I have found this out from my own personal experience. It tests your ability to cope with life and the aftermath which is to follow. I am not going to tell you who I am, the fact is, we are all alike. (Psychologically speaking).

What I'm basically trying to say is that four years of high school should be spent wisely. Try to make your decisions about who you are, and you must also set your priorities. Take your high school seriously, it's the only time you'll be here.

Sometimes I pray to God that I could start my life over because of the things I have done wrong and the life I've led. I am a senior, and a lonely one at that. I don't know where I messed up, but I now have no friends. My family and school problems, extenuated by my sex life, have made me miserable. The

worst thing in the world is to be alone with no friends. I mean real friends, not people you sit by to pass time, or eat lunch with.

Look across from you, go ahead, look. Do you know him or her? Do you really know that person? Are you really a kind and goodhearted person, or are

you just trying to win a popularity contest for yourself?

Some will read this and think I'm crazy, but one thing I've found for sure is, I'm not the only one who feels this way. I hope this letter sinks deep into your mind. **Don't** worry about what other people think of you, you'll find someone who likes you for yourself. Be

honest and sincere.

I'm not a jelly bean brain, I'm just a sorrowful kid who is finally starting to take life seriously. I think you'd be surprised if you knew who I was. You know, I could be sitting right next to you, or something worse, I could be you.  
Unsigned

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Tonight on ON-TV and WLS ...

# Ladies and gentlemen ... The Rolling Stones!!!

by John Watanabe

"It was a fantastic concert. Gimme Mick!" rejoices Cheri Waterhouse. "They're three times better than Van Halen," lauds Fred Anderson. "Mick Jagger has a lot of charisma," praises Mike O'Connor. These are all rave (like in quite good) notices from We-go kids who luckily managed to see the "World's Greatest Rock and Roll Band" live on stage — ladies and gentlemen, The Rolling Stones!!!

In the words of this critic, the Stones' 1981 North American tour can be described as the greatest popular music event of the year. After 19 (yes, NINETEEN, as in 19th



Mick Jagger still captures fans under his thumb — time is on his side.

Nervous breakdown) years, Mick Jagger and his phenomenal bunch are still rockin' strong and rollin' like tum-bal-in' dice. Their *Tattoo You* album, released in August, debuted on the country's best-seller charts at number five and held the number one spot for seven weeks; its hit single, *Start Me Up*, also held the numero uno position; and after their grand tour commenced in September, the Stones were the most talked-about entertainment act in the broadcasting media, newspapers, and magazines everywhere. It seems that the legendary bad boys of rock aren't getting older, they're

getting better. Time is on their side.

November 25, the third and last night the Stones made their appearance in the Windy City, was certainly a date to be eternally remembered. At 7 p.m. that freezing cold evening, many concert goers were getting their tickets out and waiting at the door, while others held up "TICKETS WANTED" signs, begging "Here, ticket, ticket", as if they were desperately searching for a lost dog.

Of course, there were no more tickets available anywhere: they had all been sold in an assorted variety of ways. The first tickets officially sold in Chicago sold out in a jumpin' jack flash (three hours to be exact) to crowded lines of devoted Stone-ers. A few more folks managed to win free tickets from radio stations. We-go senior Fred Anderson won tickets from WMET by being the 12th caller and answering the difficult trivia question, "In what country were the Rolling Stones born?"

Or, some hungry beggars bought tickets from scalpers for hundreds of dollars. A rather funny and unfortunate incident occurred involving two West Chicago students (whose names will not be mentioned — I'd be embarrassed as hell) on the night of The Rolling Stones' last Chicago concert. Right before the concert, one of these suckers bought one "out in the boonies" — caliber ticket from a scalper for \$100, while his companion had to stay outside in the car for five hours. Sorry, last-minute shoppers, you can't always get what you want.

The tour, scheduled in 40 cities, is expected to gross \$40 billion, which includes earnings from some expensive souvenirs: \$13 jerseys, \$10 T-shirts, \$2 buttons, \$7 caps, \$5 programs, and a \$3 rip-off tour poster that looks like a diaper school pupil's water color painting.

Moments before the opening act got under way, the Rosemont Horizon arena was filled with the combined, "play-games-with-your-nose-time" smells of coffee, hot dogs, beer, cigars, cigarette smoke, grape juice, and reefer smoke. Maybe, that's why my Dr. Pepper lost its flavor.

Shortly after 8 p.m., the opening act got on stage. In the mortal words of Benny Hill — BIG DEAL! The curtain-raiser act, an unknown, mediocre black R & B band invited to perform by The Stones, didn't exactly start me up. Maybe this boring opening act is the reason why some guy sitting three rows in front of me barfed all over the floor (yes, that poor slob actually did it). However, at approximately 10:15 p.m., the crowd arose from their seats and finally got some satisfaction when they heard the introduction to the next act — ladies and gentlemen

The Rolling Stones!!! This was the moment we had all been waiting for. The music was loud and thrilling, thunderous ap-

plause could be heard throughout the arena, and the fans went totally shattered and out of their heads when they spotted the entrance of the group's charismatic leader, Mick Jagger.

The 38-year-old Peck's Bad Boy of Rock ran about the stage, grabbed that microphone, and immediately captured all the fans under his thumb by singing the Stones' 1966 hit, *Under My Thumb*. Jagger has been considered by many to be the greatest pop music performer alive today. The lead vocalist proved that he has not lost his finesse as he came to the anticipating fans' emotional rescue and gave them a real performance.

Right from the start, Mick and the Stones delivered for their old and new followers — ranging in age from the teens to the 40's — a wonderful string of old and new tunes, including *When The Whip Comes Down*, *Let's Spend The Night Together*, *Shattered*, *Imagination*, *She's So Cold*, and *Time Is On My Side*. The audience got what they expected to see from showman Jagger. Frequently changing from a down jacket to a football jersey to no shirt at all, Jagger jumped and strutted all over the stage and even into the audience, while bobbing his head,

hand; the high intensity level of the show died down a bit whenever Mick had to stay sure-footed while playing his guitar.

All the houselights shone on the gargantuan crowd as they sang along to the grand sing-alongs *You Can't Always Get What You Want* and *Honky Tonk Women*. The Stones' live concert versions of *Honky Tonk Women* always sound better than their 1969 studio recorded version, thanks mainly to Keith Richards' raucous, rockin' guitar prelude in place of the cowbell.

This rolled gold mold of a concert grew bigger and better as it rolled on. *Tumblin' Dice* got us rollin', *Start Me Up* got me started up, and *Miss You* had me shufflin' on my feet. *Jumpin' Jack Flash* was a gas-gas-gas, with jumpin' Jagger throwing buckets of water at the crowd, and then flying and circling over the audience in a cherry-picker.

To top off this historical music event, the British rockers played, as their encore, *Satisfaction* (the group's first No. 1 single in the U.S. back in 1964), featuring the exuberant Mick Jagger wearing a U.S. and British flag sewn together. While the old pros pounded out this classic tune more energetically than ever, colorful balloons from the ceiling flew amongst the crowd, a sight resembling jelly beans covering over thousands of rainbow-colored ants.

After the sensational concert ended, this concertgoer picked up three of these monumental balloons, but soon only ended up with just one, after some sophomoric a — popped two of them on my way out. Anyway, so much for the souvenirs. The terrific music, energy, and showmanship of the Rolling Stones are the main factors that will remain fond memories in my head. I know — it's only rock 'n' roll — but I like it!!

The Rolling Stones' final U.S. tour concert will be shown live tonight on ON-TV and will be simulcast on WLS FM and AM radio.

## Concert review

hunching his back, and kicking with his sneaker-clad feet — looking very much like a rooster on acid.

Old rocker Mick has more striking energy than any other rock performer at work today; he can probably play an electric guitar without plugging it in. But who cares — Mick Jagger is at his best with a mike in his

## We-go gets into X-mas spirit

by Jackie Thomason

This Christmas, groups and organizations will be having Christmas events for all to participate in some way or another.

VICA is holding an annual food drive for the poor. Canned food and non-perishables for the food drive should be brought to Room 128 before and after school until Friday, December 18. They will also be having a guest appearance by Santa Claus and hold a Christmas party for handicapped children's homes in the area.

The Vespers Christmas concert featuring Swing Choir, Madrigals, Concert Choir, and Girls' Choir will be held on Sunday, December 20, in the Weyrauch Auditorium at 3 p.m.

The Madrigals and Swing Choir have also performed at grade schools and have had other performances earlier in December.

The Salvation Army will visit city schools

and have Santa Claus come and put on a program and give out toys. They will carol at all the nursing and Veterans' home and give out gifts to all. The Salvation Army Corps will give out food and clothing to all poor people in the city. All the money for these events come from the Corps' Christmas Kettles. There will be a dinner for the poor people, people in the hospitals and rehabilitation centers also.

St. John's the Baptist church in Winfield will be giving out baskets of food to poor families in the area. Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, also in Winfield, will have their youth leaders carol at nursing homes.

Many churches such as Hope Evangelical Lutheran, First Congregational Church of West Chicago, St. John's the Baptist, and Christ Our Savior will have their choirs sing at their Christmas morning services. They also have celebrated advent.

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Teenagers must decide what to do with the rest of their lives once high school is over. Many people continue on to college for even more schooling, though sometimes tuition gets expensive. However, not everyone chooses a four year university. Some students discover that only a two year college is sufficient for their goals in life.

Once high school is over, many people decide to enter the military. Some choose the armed services for a career and others let the military pay for their further education.

Not all people continue on to college, or seek military options. Many people go straight from school to a permanent job and still others raise families.

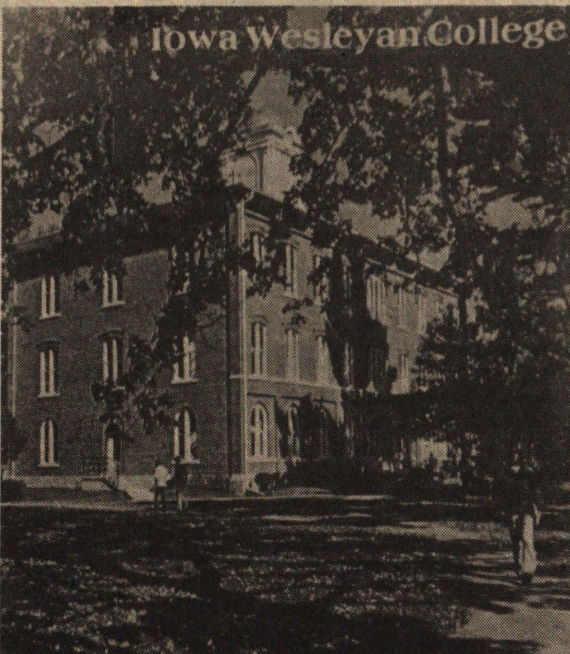
A variety of opportunities are available for those students who aren't sure what to do once high school is finished.



Bradley University (Photo by Mike Sitarz)



Northern Illinois University (Photo by Mike Sitarz)



Iowa Wesleyan College (Photo by Mike Sitarz)

# Choices after Military offers jobs and

by Eric Brosted

Do you have any idea about what you want to do after high school? If not, maybe the military is for you.

Base pay in the armed forces is \$551.40 a month. But especially dangerous jobs such as a pilot or paratrooper get extra pay each month. Soldiers stationed in Germany receive special cost of living pay increases because of the high inflation rate.

The time you're obligated to serve varies from three to six years. The Army is the only service to offer a two year enlistment program. After going through seven to eleven weeks of boot camp, the recruit is then trained in a specialized skill.

After you've completed Army training in an area such as armor or field artillery, you receive a \$5,000 bonus. "But if you fail, we put you where we need you and you don't get \$5,000," Army Staff Sergeant Metzger stated.

The Delayed Entry Program lets you join the military now, but report for duty up to one year later. "We'll guarantee you the job you sign up for, in writing," stated Air Force Staff Sergeant Fritz. Waiting periods for jobs in the Air Force run about four months.

You can go to college, and have it all paid for by the government through the Reserve Officer Training Candidate (ROTC) scholarship program.

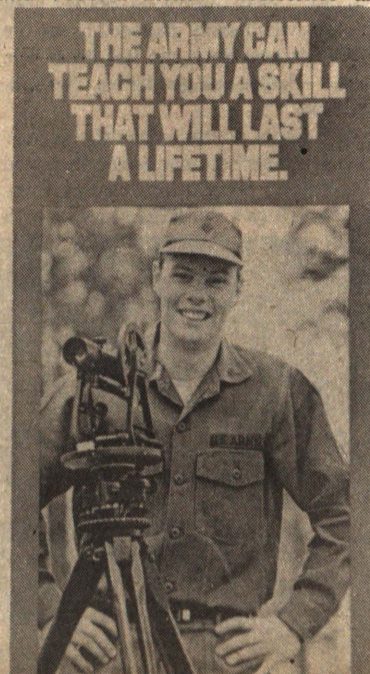
Army ROTC is offered at over 275 colleges and universities throughout the country. For the first two years of ROTC you don't have a military obligation. After the first two years you receive \$100 a month for up to 10 months of each college year.

Army full tuition scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis and they pay full tuition and other academic fees. You graduate from the Army ROTC program with a degree and a second lieutenant's commission. You are

obligated to serve four years after graduation.

Navy and Marine NROTC college students also receive \$100 a month during their junior and senior years. Graduates must serve at least three years.

NROTC scholarships pay the full cost of tuition, textbooks, and \$100 a month subsistence allowances.



The Army and the Air Force offers two choices after high school

## Often forgotten college costs

by Silvia Belicke

High school seniors who receive financial aid are usually relieved because now some of their financial worries are over. However, even though tuition, fees, room and board, travel, and expenses have all been calculated into the total, all those little extras haven't.

Some of the things that fall into this category are: all those new clothes you've just "gotta have" to fit into your school, the new luggage to hold all your new clothes, not to mention all your "personal" items like a year's supply of shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, and make-up.

These are just the obvious ones; it's all the others, the things that teachers or your parents usually provide you with that are the easiest to forget.

Some of the things you might want to remember for livening up your "away from home" room or just making it workable are:

**Supplies:** Staplers, staples, paper clips, rubber bands, composition books, typing paper, correction fluid, cellophane tape, masking tape, and a typewriter, since most work in college has to be typed.

**For the Feet:** Sneakers or running shoes with extra laces for the same thing they've been used for since kindergarten, a

pair of shower thongs because, according to *Seventeen's* Marsha Walton, "... even universities that are skimpy on sports programs are generous with athlete's foot," and a pair of slippers so you don't catch a chill from the cold dorm floor when making those midnight excursions.

**Study helpers:** For this area don't forget the good 'ole dictionary, thesaurus, world almanac and every other reference book you can think of, because you'll probably use it.

**Plug-ins:** The essentials that rate are a hair dryer, clock radio, desk lamp, hot plate, and popcorn popper. These, along with instant soup, coffee, tea, or cocoa, and other goodies will tide you over when you just can't manage to choke down the institution food that day.

**Extras:** Along with the traditional posters to plaster the walls, bookends, curtains, plants (like air ferns that can withstand neglect), photographs, desk calendar, and a small TV are items that will contribute towards making your room seem like "home". Even carpeting and a refrigerator may be brought along.

After sending out all the school applications and financial aid applications, it will be time to make a list of what "essentials" you will need to take to school.

## Financial woes for students lessened by state and federal aid

by Debbie Hookham

The tuition of many colleges is going up next fall, and many college-bound seniors will be seeking financial aid.

Financial aid is a general term which includes loans, scholarships, grants, and even help finding a job. However, a student "should apply to college first and then try for financial aid" according to guidance counselor John Delap. Delap also stressed that students should pick the college they want to attend and apply before Christmas.

To apply for financial aid, a student fills out a need analysis form. These include the Financial Aid Form (FAF), and the Family Financial Statement (FFS), that are put out by college testing services. They are both available in the guidance office, but can't be filled out until January 1 or until your family receives their income material.

Starting this year, students will need to fill out just one need analysis form and by checking a few boxes, have the information sent to state and federal agencies, as well as to their college choice. In past years, separate forms had to be filled out for different kinds of aid. Since the Benjamin Trust (a local organization) will only accept the FAF form, that is the one most students should fill out. Students should apply for aid as soon as possible, and the deadline is

in early spring.

For state aid, students apply for grants through the Illinois State Scholarship Commission. However, the state can't process the application unless the Student's college choice is stated. Any money received must be used for tuition. Students going to private schools may find that tuitions are higher, and may wish to apply for aid. According to Mr. Delap, "The State is an excellent source of aid for the students, and they should apply."

Delap also related that colleges can be "rich sources of money for good students", and again, students use the FAF or FFS forms to apply.

Applications for local scholarships come out in March and are also available from guidance counselors. Some of these include the Benjamin Trust, Kiwanis Club, and the Winfield Junior Women's Club.

There are also individual scholarships offered by hospitals for students interested in health careers, and others for different careers.

Mr. Delap stressed that students don't have to be top in their class to apply for financial aid, and everyone should talk to their counselor and apply.



# high school and scholarships

Graduates must serve four years active duty. Air Force AFROTC programs are basically the same as the others. The Veteran's Educational Assistance Program (VEAP) is another way to cut college costs. You save \$50 to \$75 a

month and the government will double the dollars you put into the program.

When you're ready to start college your VEAP savings are there for you. To qualify you must be on active duty, and participate in VEAP for at least 12 months.

Military academies such as West Point are another option. At West Point, your tuition is provided. Plus you get room, board, medical care, and a monthly income. When you graduate you will have a Bachelor of Science degree, and a second lieutenant's commission. But these academies are open to only a select few.

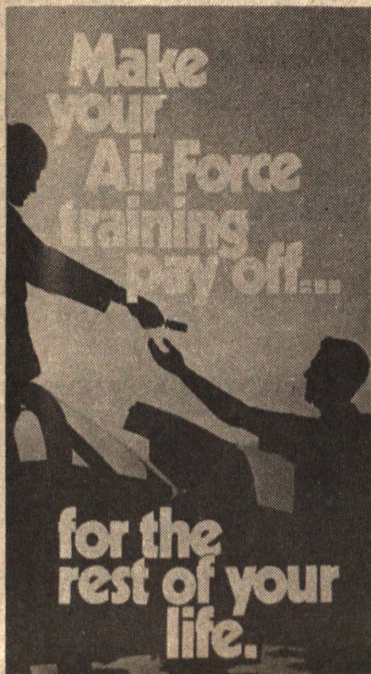
The Reserve Forces allow you to go to college or work while serving in the military. You participate in regular

**"... there is no obligation to the military until you're sworn in ..."** states a Navy recruiter.

military training, from 130 days to 10 months are spent on active duty. After this is finished, you only serve one weekend a month, and two weeks every summer. The money you make while in the reserves can be used for college, or just spending money.

"Remember, there's no obligation to the military until you're sworn in, we're just here to help," stated Navy recruiter Forsebury.

For more detailed information contact your local recruiter.



ool. (Photo by Mike Sitarz)

## Junior college, the right course for some

by Nancy Binzen

One of the hardest decisions you may have to make is what to do after high school. For many, plans for the future include college.

How can one know what kind of school will be right for them? The choices include a large university, an Ivy League school, a vocational school, or a junior college.

A junior or community college may be a good choice for many students.

When asked why he did not want to attend a junior college, one student replied, "The quality of education just

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isn't good enough. Why waste your money on schooling if you don't learn anything?"

One misconception about two-year colleges is that you don't learn enough. In reality, learning may actually be easier in a junior college. Special programs can be arranged for those with learning disabilities, and remedial classes are offered at most junior colleges. Besides giving students a taste of "the big university" life, junior colleges can make it easier to get into a university. Academic courses that federal, state, colleges, and local organizations.

Federal aid is considered the hardest to get, and financial

easier to get into a university. Academic courses that colleges require many of their students to take can be studied at community and junior colleges. Once credit for those courses is obtained, a school that rejected an application may be willing to admit that student.

One WCCHS graduate said she benefited from going to the College of DuPage, then transferred to a large university.

"It saved me money, for one thing," she said. "I was able to work while going to school, which would have been a lot harder if I was enrolled full-time at Northwestern. I saved enough money, then transferred to there."

Two-year colleges are also a place to explore interests. It is much easier to change majors at a junior college.

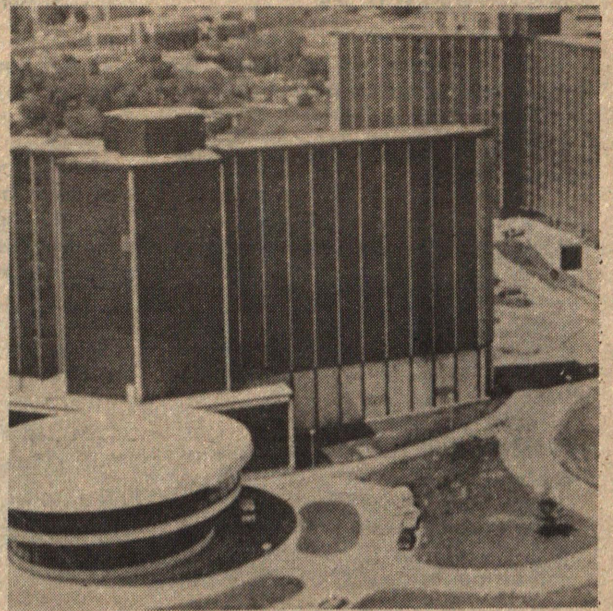
Tuition costs are a big advantage of two-year colleges. Most students live at home, and commute daily. Since room and board fees amount to nothing, textbooks are the major cost.

The campus of a junior or community college is much smaller than that of a university. Most classes are within walking distance, so cars or bicycles aren't needed. Underclassmen don't have to go through the hassle of not having a car on campus, as they would at many colleges.

Many fields don't require four years of college, and two-year colleges are ideal for subjects like commercial art, food technology, medical technology, and mechanical drafting.

If a junior college seems right for you, or you just want information, pamphlets can be obtained by writing:

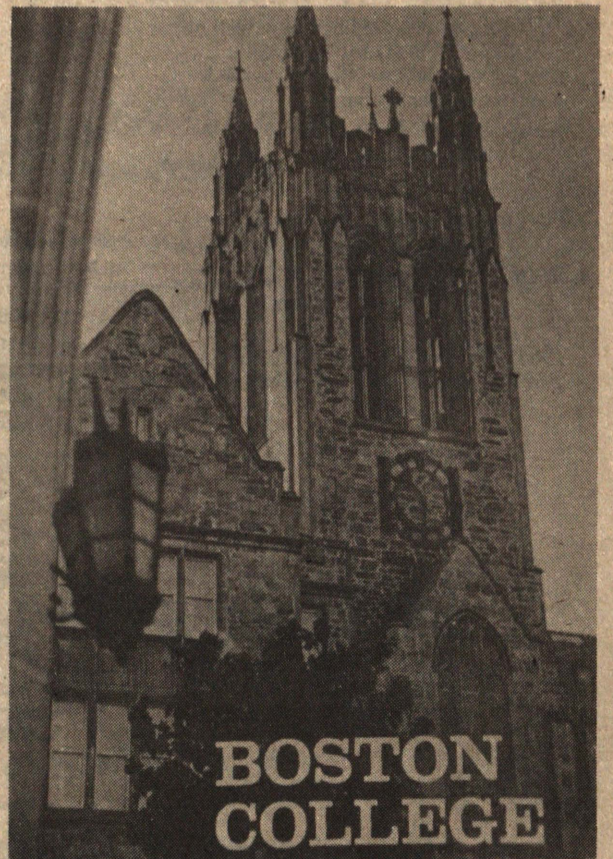
American Association of Community and Junior Colleges, National Center for Higher Education, 1 DuPont Circle N.W., Suite 410, Washington, D.C. 20036.



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# 6 Personals

The Bridge/December 18, 1981

Dave Wheeland, "Hi" "Hi" "Hi" "Hi". Merry X-mas. Love B.M.S.L. J.G. R.W.

Bill F. You're my favorite Trumpeteer. Can I help you ring in the New Year?

L.R.C. Your bright faces cheer me up in the morning! BORED

A.Z.C.M.. Do you want to go yet? Merry Christmas.

Lauren — Check your purse, keep left, & eat your bean sprouts. Merry X-mas. LUV KAREN

Dear Hairy, Take care of yourself. Love Irving

Stewart, Good Luck with your operation. P.S. I love you.

You're such a cute kid. LOVE YA, Karen Sue

Shar, Have a great Christmas, my fellow French Silk lover! Thanks for being such a super friend — I love ya! D2

Dean, Don't forget October 30th, 1981. I won't. Happy Holidays in Canada. Me

Friends, Thanx space for being there thru the rough times. With love, Amy

Paul, Don't forget those times we had. I love you always, you know who/xox

Here's to the girls from L.G.T.C. 1981, Watch out Jim J. Here we come (SNOW-BALL).

Jayme, Happy sweet 16! I hope you get 16 sweet ones from Dennis & Adam!

Werewolf, Is it an "if or a when?" Just kidding. Have a very Merry Christmas! p.s. we haven't had our affair yet, but at least you still remember my name. P.S.S. Beware of little brothers in basements. Love, your Blonde Hare

I think that all sport scores should be announced, not just football. P.S. Freshman scores should be included.

Bill F. I'm having a New Year's Eve party — private — wanna come? Horney

Hey Pom Pon Squad! Georgetown wishes you a very Merry Christmas!! R.W.

To Rob Rincones. Start thinking about breaking up with Kathy, or else!!

Mom — If we be good little lads, will you send us to the orphanage this Christmas? We want a puppy dog in our stockings. Love, Your daughters, P.S. Merry Christmas & we promise the pup won't "mess" on the floor!

Mars, What number was that again? Virginia

AMY, Miss purity, have fun in St. Louis with you know who.

#42, Merry Christmas, Love your News Editor

Legs, You've got good moves. Merry Christmas. Your Elf in sixth hour.

Biccie-High! Hope Santa brings you a good present (his name?) Merry X-Mas, ROB

Grumpa — Too bad your tweety is gone. It was cute! Oh well, NOBODY IS PERFECT.

M.M., E.B., Congratulations! You finally got my name right after about 5 years.

Plump, Happiness is sitting in front of you. Awesome

S.S., I need a hug, sank, sank a lot! Love, L.H.

Walt-Sped, I really dig them sexy legs! Love ya Lots, Kinky

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Theorm, Thanks for not leaving me with those math animals. Hypthesis

Shy, Don't forget Family hour at Mac's and Happy talk hamburger. Me

Dan, you're a real sweetheart. I like you a lot, have a Merry Christmas. "Runt"

There's something wrong here in West Chicago. There's too many people that say bad things about someone else when they don't really know them!!!

Hey Badgerettes — Keep up the GREAT work! We love ya! D & D

MAMA & TEETH, SORRY KIDS, THERE WAS SOMETHING IN THE ROAD! US UP FRONT

L.F. — Yes, New Kidnap are on our Christmas list!! A.Z.R.C.M. P.S. Either that or portable chemical toilets.

WELCOME BACK KIM!! I HOPE YOUR BIRTHDAY ON THE 16TH WAS GREAT!! LUV LISA

Happy Holidays Bongos, Marice, Underwear, and Munchkin! Your Pal always, Biriha

Frykie, Merry Christmas & Happy Birthday! Biccie

Marisa & Carole, you're good friend and one of you is a fox. Have a good XMAS.

Mo, Remember the scuzzy pizza man!! He wants to date you!! Woo woo!!

Legg's, Watch out for those hands!! We should visit that man soon. Luv Sassy

Moink, It was fun playing with your fuzzy ball. Richie

On ladies night beware of honkers — it's instinct.

Kiddo, I'm glad you are around space, love your sis.

Poopsi, You're a very special person. Take care of s. Love ya always, Shatsi

Donna Pavlica to you, one of the best looking girls in the school.

Have a wonderful Christmas Luri, Uill, and Kel. Love ya, Lisa

Jackie, Too bad Fudge Brownie doesn't grow on trees! Kim

Cricket, You're my bestest friend. Luv ya lots. Merry Christmas and smile. BIRD

Bambino Rojo, If you were nine I could ask you out and make you sick.

L.B., K.B., K.F., C.K., Have a Merry Christmas. But watch it on New Year's with the real stuff. L.F. P.S. Kim wake up!

To the Blonde Rhiny w/braces on Rt. #12, Bus 26. Marry Christmas, I love ya.

Apewoman, Did you get us those wild dates for tonight? Gorilla

Terri, Happy Late Birthday Ha Ha Ha you know who this is from!

Heather B. Get your nose out of the air and act a little more humane.

Stewart, I wouldn't mind meeting you under the mistletoe. Love, Miss X

Dear Laurie, I really can't express how I feel about you but I love you.

Smurfkin, Is it fresh? Smurf me and don't pout. Merry X-mas. Love ya, Q

HEY FOXES, REMEMBER THE DERK & ROOF? MERRY X-MAS AND WATCH OUT!

Mo, Kim, Eic. It's bazaar!!! Can you handle it?? Love Lisa

Fellow, Mousecatears, Have a great Christmas. Love Always D1

Amy, you can be pretty weird but you're an o.k. kidd. Love Jon

Hey Doobers, Remember our 1117 in big KC? You're the greatest roommate and friend ever. I love ya you mad slasher you! Doobray

Dr. Shim is watching you. Be very careful.

MG, Don't forget Carm's party, ME

DD & DR, Merry Christmas you foxes! I'm sure Santa won't forget you!!! SM



Cowgirl, I Love Pimetos! Let's make it last a long time. Love always B	F. I still love you! A.
Hey, Robin Block I'M SORRY!!! LUV LISA	L.F., P.S. Merry Christmas!
To Uncle Jimmy: Have you seen any good looking mormens lately? Well anyways, have a swell Christmas!!! From your two newest nieces	Joe, to a good friend. Have a great XMAS.
	Bill, I still like you!!! MU



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## Varsity swimmers ready to take a dive

by Zach Myford

The major goal in the 81-82 season for the boys' varsity swim team is for each person on the team to become a better swimmer at the end of the year. They continually strive for improved times and for perfection of their strokes throughout the season.

A typical workout for the boys' varsity swim team consists of four levels of conditioning. Swimming distances range from 4000 yards (160 lengths) on level one to 7000 yards (280 lengths) on level four. After conditioning in the pool, the team heads for the weight room for their weight training.

Two of the key swimmers for We-go are senior Randy Turner whose specialties are the breast stroke, medley, and free style, and junior Bill Gebhardt whose specialties are the butterfly and free style. Coach Johnson said, "Both of these swimmers have a shot of qualifying for state competition."

We-go will miss strong swimmers in Tom Wiborg and Rob Conroy. Coach Johnson stated that both Wiborg and Conroy were

"such competitive swimmers that it enabled me to put Turner and Gebhardt in other events. This gave us a better chance of capturing more meets. As a result of experience I have to concentrate Turner's and Gebhardt's abilities to certain events."

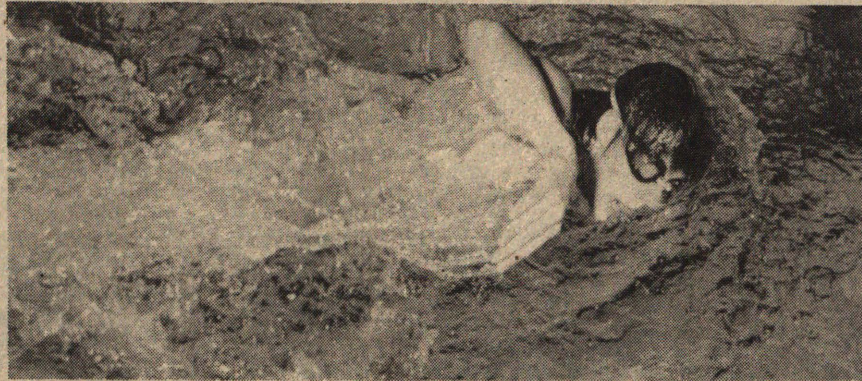
The boys' swim team is very young with two seniors, seven juniors, nine sophomores and 12 freshmen. Coach Johnson stated these boys are "good young swimmers and if they work hard we could have a strong team next year."

The same situation is present with the diving team coached by Mrs. Gibson; they too are young. There are four divers; three first time freshmen and one sophomore. With hard work the diving team can be very competitive.

Coach Johnson said, "Both boys and girls varsity swimming is really competitive. Schools like St. Charles, Naperville North and Hinsdale have really good programs. All their kids have been swimming since they were five or six years old.

Also all these schools have a lot of well-coached summer programs which these kids have been brought up in. We-go has only two summer programs from Windcliffe and the other here at school," he concluded. Coach Johnson speculated that We-go

has an outside chance of capturing districts. The We-go boys' varsity swim team has a lot to look forward to for next season. According to Johnson next year's swimmers will have the talent and experience for a winning team.



Randy Turner, one of only two seniors on the team, suffers through another swimming practice.

## Grauer qualifies for state competition

by Valerie Zarndt

West Chicago senior Sondra Grauer qualified for the state swimming meet by turning in times of 25.5 in the 50-yard freestyle and 55.6 in the 100-yard freestyle during the district meet on November 14.

Last year Sondra missed going to the state meet with a time just a fraction of a second under the qualifying time. This year, she says she feels ready and her goal is to place in the top twelve.

During the regular season Sondra and the rest of the team practice 13 times a

week. They cut that by 20% two weeks before district and state competition.

Sondra gives credit for her success to coach Dan Johnson. "He has given me a lot of help and self-confidence throughout the season" says Sondra. "He always had a lot of confidence in me — more than I had in myself," she says.

After she graduates from West Chicago, Sondra plans to attend college and also plans to swim on the college level. "On college teams more emphasis is put on the individual then the team as a whole," says Sondra. "Here everyone helps each other

and works as a team," she continued.

Coach Johnson sums up the season by saying it was his "best girls' team ever. They didn't win as many meets compared to previous years, but as far as individual improvement it was a successful year," he says.

Junior Pat Zietlow says "Everyone did

real well. We've improved a great deal."

Next years team will be a little bit down, according to Coach Johnson. "We will be losing some good swimmers and we will be small in numbers. Hopefully with some high quality freshmen, who have swam on teams before, we will do well," he says.



Grauer failed to reach her goal of placing in the top twelve in the state meet.

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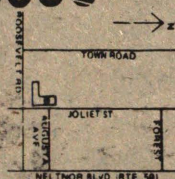
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## Rapid weight loss poses danger for wrestlers

by Dawn Osterman

Weight loss for wrestlers is their own decision. Wrestlers themselves know what weight they can wrestle best and whether they need to lose excess pounds in order to win a match.

If, in fact, they choose to, it's completely up to them how they go about it. Robert Hein, varsity wrestling coach, can lay out a basic diet but it's difficult for him to enforce it. Mr. Hein feels that it's up to them how they choose to do it because he's "not with them all the time so its hard to control

whatever they eat and drink."

Advice is offered by Mr. Hein that weight should be lost gradually in order to stay healthy. Usually doctors recommend 2 pounds a week in any diet to keep from being sick. Coach Hein encourages no more than 5 pounds since most of the weight is from water and fluids in your body. If weight is lost too fast the wrestlers will have a tendency to be weak and tired.

The basic diet consists of three well-balanced meals daily. It is essential to get food from all four of the food groups. Any

kind of junk food (candy, snacks, etc.) should be cut out of their diet. Skipping meals and not drinking fluids are some of the poor habits traded among wrestlers.

Difficulty can be avoided if the basics are followed. People may become drowsy, cranky or have hunger pains if they don't have the right food intake.

To lose the weight they feel is necessary, wrestlers encourage perspiration which leads to dehydration. Jogging and wrapping plastic garbage bags around themselves is found to be effective. One wrestler was even found retching in the bathroom by one of

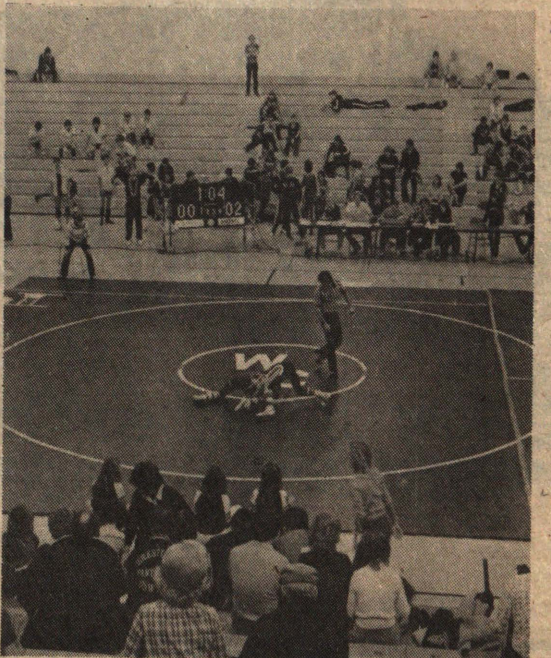
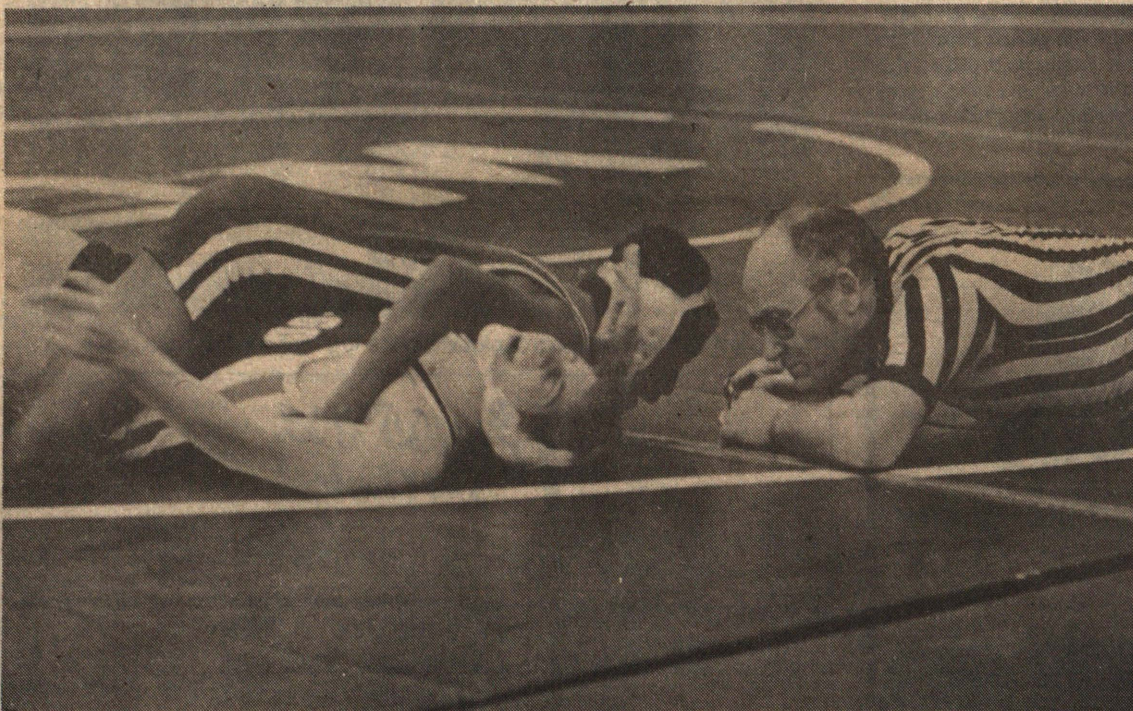
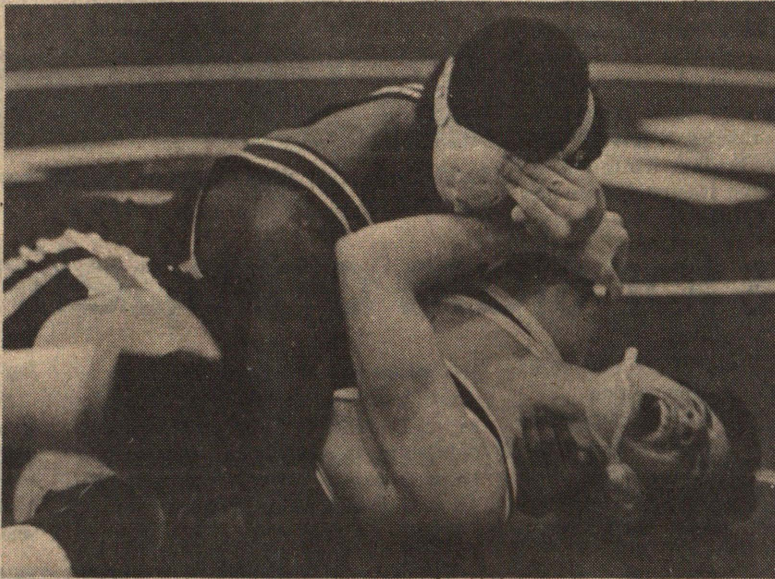
the teachers. When he was asked why, he explained that he had to lose weight for a wrestling meet after school.

According to Mr. John Highland, a wrestling coach on the junior high level, there isn't any need for weight loss. He explained that, "It all depends on the individual and their body structure." He believes that by having to cut an excess amount of weight, the fun might be taken out of the sport.

Basically, since it's their own choice, wrestlers can't complain about losing weight. Mr. Hein's advice is simply, "Wrestle a different weight."

"We've got a good distance to go yet before we can put together a winning season, but I think there is a good deal of hope at this point."

Coach Hein



Photos  
by  
Mike Sitarz

## "Wrestling has been We-go's strongest sport"

by Mike Sitarz

The wrestling Wildcats are off to their best start in five years. With five wins and three losses, Robert Hein, varsity wrestling coach, feels "Our mental attitude is the best it's been in the three years I've been here."

According to Coach Hein, one of the toughest problems through the last three seasons is "trying to convince the guys

that it was worthwhile to stay out for a sport that is such hard work with so few rewards."

The wrestling Wildcats will go against the Wheaton North Falcons at 6:30 p.m. tonight at Wheaton North; they will also be wrestling against Plainfield at noon, in Plainfield, on Saturday. On December 23, the wrestlers will take part in the Hinsdale tournament at 1 p.m.

Photography, counterclockwise from top right. Pat Marsh accepts congratulations from his opponent at the recently held Wildcat Invitational. Joe Genovesi used his last ounce of energy to keep his shoulder up to avoid a pin. Defeat approaches for the 126 pound class wrestler as the referee looks on closely. As always, the dedicated cheerleaders are on hand to give the wrestlers', as well as

fans', spirits a boost. The wrestlers came out of the Invitational with third place. Mike Christensen gets the handshake that all wrestlers look forward to at the end of a match.

"Historically wrestling has been one of We-go's strongest sports. The program was very highly regarded throughout the state. I think we can restore that winning tradition."