

# Some students feel good after cheating

by Ed Rahe

Roughly eighty percent of those students surveyed in a recent questionnaire given at the high school admitted to cheating on a test in the past.

However, some students said that they no longer cheat. The number who admitted that they had cheated on their homework was slightly greater than the number who had cheated on tests.

One of the possible reasons for this amount of cheating is that relatively few students answered that they had been caught cheating. A little more than seventeen percent of those students surveyed responded that they had been caught cheating on either a test or exam. Six percent of those who cheated on tests admitted to getting caught. Thirteen percent of those who cheated on homework admitted to getting caught and six percent said that they had been caught cheating on both tests and homework.

When asked how they felt after cheating,

18 percent of those who responded said that they felt "good". Approximately thirty-four percent said that they felt "bad" while forty-eight percent said that they felt nothing at all or were indifferent toward cheating.

Seventy-six of those who responded to the poll said that they felt that cheating was morally wrong, while eight percent said it wasn't. The remaining 16 percent said that it depended upon the circumstances as to whether or not cheating was wrong.

Laziness or "I didn't have time to study" were the two most common reasons for cheating found in the survey. Some students said that they didn't understand the material covered in class, so they were forced to cheat in order to receive a passing grade. One junior said that his parents would "kill" him if he didn't get a good grade in his course. It seems, therefore, that there is at least a little pressure placed on some students to get good grades which can lead to cheating.

However, this does not mean that

cheating is running rampant in the school. Lee Yunker, math teacher, said that he didn't think that there was a lot of cheating going on, at least not in his classes. He attributed this to it being rather difficult to cheat on a test in which you must show your work, although he acknowledged the presence of a few roving eyes. George Strecker, history teacher, also said that he didn't think cheating was a major problem for the school. But he admitted that he wasn't exposed to a great deal of cheating because of the difficulties involved in cheating on an essay test, without being obvious, in his class.

"It's a cop-out" is the reason given by one freshman for not cheating, other non-cheating students felt that you don't learn anything by cheating and that it is simply wrong to cheat.

Although there is cheating going on, it is not as big a problem on the high school level as it is on the college level, according to Mr. Yunker.



80 percent of students surveyed admitted to cheating. (Photo by Mike Sitarz)

# Clubs remain active throughout the year

by Ingrid Ievans

A 40-piece "chamber band" toured three area elementary schools on Monday, December 21. They played a short concert of seasonal favorites for their elementary student audiences. As for future events, the band is already at work, preparing for their winter concert to be held on Sunday, February 7. In addition to concert preparation, the band is working on "pep band"

music to be played at all home basketball games.

With Christmas behind us, many other Music department students are hard at work, practicing solos and ensembles for the Illinois High School Association State Music contests to be held on March 6. Gene Haney, orchestra director, feels that the group is making excellent progress so far this year. Although slightly smaller than last

year's orchestra, Mr. Haney pointed out that musicianship seems to be on a higher level than in previous years. He is looking forward to the next orchestra concert to be held on February 28, traditionally the "heavy" concert of the year, to justify his expectations from the orchestra.

The German Club spent their holiday season by having a food drive for the "Needy Trees" fund and by donating small gifts to

the DuPage Convalescent Center. On January 7 they had a get together to sample some German desserts and then ran their concession stand on January 9 and 15. As for the French Club, they had a French dessert and singalong. Plans have been made to attend a French play at the College of DuPage towards the end of January. The Spanish Club plans to run the concession on January 22.

# The Bridge

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## Bridges built to withstand stress tests

by Jackie Thomason

Bridges constructed by students of Physics classes from posterboard, 30 straws and straight pins are built to hold as much weight as possible.

Teacher Patrick LaMaster says, "They relied on their own intuition and problem solving to get the bridges built." He also felt that the students liked it because it was something different to do and they had a lot of freedom as far as creativity went.

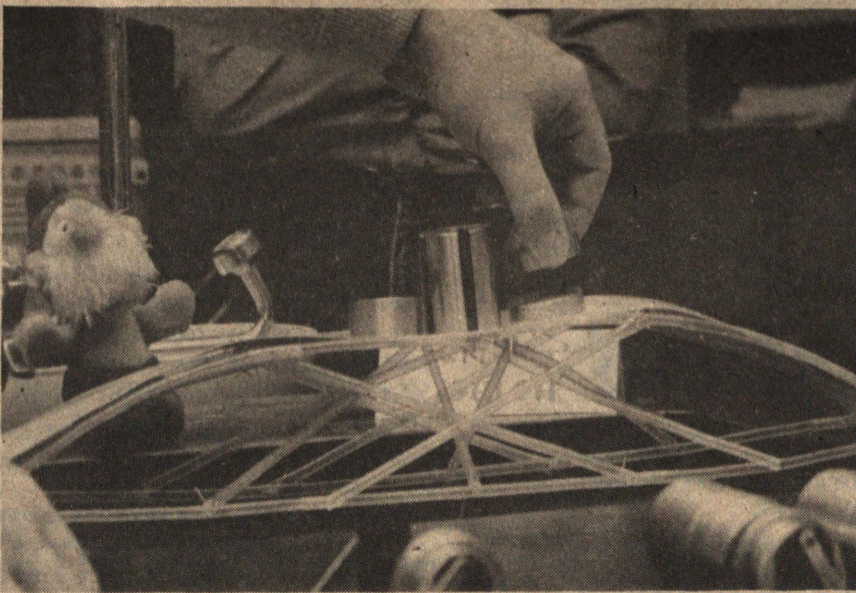
Senior Zach Myford said he liked building the bridge because he felt that "the challenge of building a bridge to the scale of a life-size bridge gives you the feeling of how a real life bridge builder constructs a bridge." Bill Hahn felt "one of the problems in building these bridges is that there are so many different efficient designs, it's hard to choose one that will best use our allotted materials. The straws were very flimsy and the cardboard was no thicker than paper."

The students had two weeks to gather information on the construction of the bridge, which they planned to build, and also work on putting it together.

The student's bridge which held the most weight won and got points for however much it held. The first place winner was Mark Musnicki whose bridge held 3,100

grams. Theresa Evans won second place with her bridge holding 2,400 grams, and John James' bridge held 220 grams which

received third place. There were a total of 38 bridges built and they held 200 grams to 3,100 grams.



One of the many bridges built by Mr. LaMasters Physics Class.

Insight to job options

Jobs will always be around, but which ones will be in demand?

When working in the secretarial field, there are many openings, but it has its drawbacks. This is the same with police work and technical fields, as discovered by the WCCHS students at Career Day, December 3.

The overall picture of business can be scary to some, but to others it makes it more challenging. "My rewards come from helping people," claims Attorney Penny Fillmer of Spellman and Associates. Jo Ann McKibben, Accountant, likes feeling she's accomplished something.

The salaries range from \$6,616 to \$65,000 annually. Some companies require college or on the job training for a varying number of years. Certain businesses request an exam (civil services, state bar). Qualifications for careers may be a particular age, no felonies, physical condition, or ambition.

People have started careers in a variety of ways. A few started by moving up the ranks such as the assistant editor of the Press, Lucy Hoy, and pharmacist George Wroblewski. Jo Ann McKibben was bored in high school so she took a class in bookkeeping. Later she researched and enrolled in college to become an accountant.

# Handicaps learn to love and live

by Teresa Evans

Approaching the schoolhouse six children play outside under the supervision of an aide. The purpose of the Special Education Cooperative for the mentally handicapped is revealed in their "facial expressions."

Janie Myers teaches the trainable mentally retarded at the cooperative school. You must break down the learning process so that they can understand. "It's my favorite area because it's really teaching," asserted Myers. "What they learn is so basic, mainly self-help skills like drinking from a straw. We hope they will become self-sufficient one day but some can never. They can't comprehend anything abstract such as money or time, so they'll always depend on someone." Myers continued, "Their learning potential is second or third grade."

By law, mentally retarded individuals at age five must have available to them a learning facility until the age of 20. After school, sheltered workshops are open to them as a means for earning a living. Businesses sign

contracts with shelters to carry out services, for example, loading bags of fertilizer on a truck. After the job is completed, the contract is terminated.

All of Myers students suffer from "multiple problems or more than one handicap." They are usually noticed after birth due to "facial expression or lack of development."

The students are widely ranged in age from six year old twins to a 19 year old girl. Though diversified in age they work and get along well. Older students help keep an eye on the younger children.

When spending the day you feel the love, understanding, and help Myers gives her "special" children. A "close" one to one relationship is built between her and each student. During recess while children played, Myers sat a blue eyed boy in front of a sketch as punishment for refusal to acknowledge the contents. After a few minutes the boy yelled, "Janie, I'm ready! There are three bears." Myers praised his effort with a hug and kiss. Realizing the affection expressed the boy replied, "I make you

happy don't I, Janie?"

Moments later screams could be heard from the playground. Myers ran to calm a 13 year old girl, part autistic and severely mentally retarded. For no reason apparent except to herself she began screaming, pulling her hair, gagging herself and savagely hitting her head on objects. After a few minutes of calming her, Myers and an administrator brought the girl indoors placing her in a corner. She is heavy set with large brown eyes staring into her own world. She rolls on the floor making odd noises, then begins another fit lasting about 30 seconds.

"Her mother is an epileptic who took medication when she was pregnant. She has no speech. If she could speak maybe we could understand what goes on in her mind," exclaimed Myers.

The girl pulls papers off a desk while staring in the eyes of Myers. "She really likes me," smiles Myers. It is evident the girl screams to gain Myers' attention and will quit when their eyes meet.

"She'll be too much to handle soon."

stated Myers. "She grows about 30 pounds a year, plus always in the past her anger has been directed towards herself, but last week she hit one of the other students. She'll be sent to an institution as soon as her family cannot deal with her." Myers continued, "I hope we can make it through this year without her seriously hurting someone."

Entering greeted by a swarm of affection and smiles. As class gets underway, Myers has them form a circle and go through a series of exercises to music. The record finishes and they return to their seats to their assignments for the day, such as coloring or embroidery, while Myers wanders the room helping when she can. Smiles form on each face each time Myers helps with a problem or praises their efforts. "They are very happy. People many times feel uncomfortable around them because they are different due to mental capabilities, but they don't lack the capabilities to love or feel loved," remarked Myers. "They don't think of us any different and neither should we because they are special."

## Dreaded exam week jumping jitters

Today is the beginning of exam week. For sophomores and upper-classmen a week of sweat and dread and for freshmen new to this concept of midterms, a week of fear and paranoia.

It is the end of some classes whether breezed or sweated through, loved or hated. This week marks the half-way point through the year as senioritis begins and boredom becomes evident. Classes will change next week easing the exam tension and bringing a change of pace. There will be new courses, new faces, new teachers, new classrooms, and of course new seating arrangements. Someone new sitting in front to pass notes to, new routes to and from lockers, and new lunch hours.

Before the benefits of the new, new, new appear, final exams must be faced. This is the week grades are made or broken, and these are the only test scores to appear on report cards.

Cramming (the night before study skills), or long endless hours of preparation and bookworming are two ways to prepare. Neither will help if confidence is lacking. Also relaxation and a good night's sleep are recommended in order to do well. Nervousness is only distracting, think positive.

After exam week is over and perspiring is at a temporary standstill, 'Good' Friday will be here to help relaxation, end of first semester blues, and beginning of second semester jitters.

The Bridge would like to wish all good luck, and suggest the efforts of making second semester even better than the first.



## Students tagged "rude"

by Jeane Murray

I've been listening to quite a few sour comments about the "pep assembly incident" on December 11, 1981. I didn't like to hear them, but the majority of them were quite true, and valid remarks. One subject I felt strongly about, was the fact our student body was tagged "rude". I would say we were more "spirited" if anything. Yes, the speakers (coaches) had asked the audience to hold their applause until the entire team was announced, but that is ALWAYS difficult. Besides what good is a pep assembly if we can't encourage and show our support by applauding our team? To wait until the end doesn't have the same effect on the team and certainly doesn't make for a good pep assembly!

When we had 3 o'clock pep assemblies we had a pretty good time, but they became boring and monotonous, so naturally the people drifted. It was then decided that 12:30 assembly may have a better turnout. The fact is sure BIGGER but not necessarily BETTER. The people that normally wouldn't be caught dead at a pep assembly figured since they had to go back to class anyway, the assembly was a good place to relieve tension and cause problems. This was never the problem after school because the trouble makers went home and the rest of us went home all psyched up for the games (or meets), but now when we get rowdy and all ready to cheer on our teams we're shocked back into the reality that we still have three hours of school left, in which our teachers scream and demand quiet and calmness. All the "spirit" we've just built up is almost immediately destroyed, bringing us back down to the level where one game doesn't matter any longer. So who will go?

I feel (and I'm not alone), that if the assemblies are cut out completely just because we're being "peppy" (the "state" pep assemblies are designed students) want. Is that what the faculty considers "our just reward"? top sportswriters are members of the varsity basketball team. No one on court is a necessity, without this their performance may not be up to par, therefore causing low scores and game losses. This isn't what we (as students) want. Is that what the faculty considers "our just reward"?

Rescheduling the assemblies to 3:00 (so the trouble makers may leave) our spirit may be regained. Although after being told we didn't have enough spirit, we muster together all we can, until we reach a certain level and our "peppy" light begins to flash, then we're immediately slashed to the ground and labeled "rude". I'm not sure what the reaction would be, but I do know that our players need student support, and they can't get it without assemblies!

## Looks aren't all!

by Amy Zurawski

I read a magazine article last night and it really made me think how true it was.

In the January issue of *Mademoiselle* a man wrote about how he fell head over heels in love with a seemingly beautiful woman, then he realized he didn't like her.

Many people go out with someone just because they're beautiful. I don't think many people realize that because a person is good looking doesn't mean you're compatible or even going to get along.

It really makes me upset when someone says, "I'd give anything to go out with him, he's so gorgeous, what a fox" (or she, as the case may be).

I feel there are a lot more important things in life than looks, even though good looks might be nice to have and even add some benefits, but too many people tend not to look past the appearance.

I think the more you care for someone, the better looking they become. I don't think a man or woman should be used as a decoration, I think a companion should be a source of joy and companionship.

I don't mean to cut down the people who call themselves beautiful, but it's not something to live on, too many people judge the book by its cover, and there's usually good things underneath. Beauty is a nice thing and everyone has some.

Next time you see a person you'd say is ugly or beautiful, look at him (or her) with a careful eye and remember it pays to read pages in between!!

## A mother's stand

Dear Editor

I am writing in regards to your letter in the last edition of *The Bridge*, "Unwed Teenager Mothers."

I am an unmarried teenage mother, but I love my son more than anything. In your article, you failed to mention some of the positive things that go along with motherhood. The article criticized and put down unwed mothers and statistics do nothing for someone who's scared and confused.

Being a mother is one of the most rewarding and fulfilling experiences I've ever had. For those of you who don't know what it's like, or are expecting, I have something to tell you. It doesn't matter who supports you or doesn't, a new life should be much more important than any statistics. What is important is that you give everything you have to give and then some. You will get satisfaction and the best gift that God can give.

I have friends and family who are in this same situation and none of them are suicidal or going through traumatic emotional problems. It does make a difference if you have parental support, and I was lucky enough to have it. Many parents are very happy to have to have a grandchild on the way.

In closing, I'd like to say that statistics are fine to back up one side, but there is another side of this story. You can find love and happiness through support of friends, parents

and family. Not all unwed teenage mothers are happy, but don't forget about us, the ones who are happy with our new life.

Sonja Aguilar

## Sophomores for "winningest" season

Dear Editor,

The class of '84' is very upset at the length of the article concerning the **Conference Championship**. Must we point out it is the first time since 1970 that a sophomore football team has won a Championship and it was the winningest record a sophomore team has ever had. Due to this we think the article was too short.

Signed by 22 members of the sophomore class.

**Editor's Note:** first of all must we point out that you may have won a championship in football, which by the way is quite commendable, but you will never win an award in English? Winningest is not a word. Also, due to the lack of space in many of *The Bridge* issues some events are not covered to the extent that *The Bridge* staff would like. *The Bridge* extends its congratulations but, if the sophomore class is so ecstatic about its win (that occurred nearly two months ago), why are there only 22 signatures out of a class of nearly 400 people?

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## Pennies From Heaven Martin dazzles 'em with 'happy feet'

by John Watanabe

Garbo talks. Gable swears. Gene Kelly dances with a cartoon mouse. Kermit the Frog rides a bicycle. These are all memorable scenes and monumental "firsts" captured in films over the past number of decades. Now, with a new decade upon us, MGM proudly presents another significant movie "first" — Steve Martin makes his debut as a dancer and dramatic actor.

Yes, this is no joke. That "wild and crazy guy" no longer wears arrows or bunny ears, and he has traded in his "cruel shoes" for tap-dancing shoes. Steve Martin, who has had a sizzling hot career as a stand-up comic, TV star, Grammy Award-winning recording star, *Saturday Night Live* hero, movie star, and best-selling author (*Cruel Shoes*), now takes on a most challenging role in MGM's \$20 million extravaganza *Pennies From Heaven*. Martin's new role marks a turning point in his career, and the film is destined to become one of the most talked-about works of art in the history of moving pictures.

If you haven't already received my message, well EXCU-U-USE me!! — *Pennies From Heaven* is a great masterpiece. For those of you school staff members who are old enough to be former Our Gang members, this new film is NOT a remake of the lightweight 1938 Bing Crosby vehicle. Instead, it's a very touching, exuberating, delightful, and poignant movie that beautifully combines upbeat '30's music and dance numbers with a downbeat dramatic plot.

This tale takes place in Chicago, during the Depression days of 1934. In his

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dramatic debut, Martin portrays Arthur Parker, an unsuccessful sheet music salesman whose life is shriveled by unfortunate clouds of misery. His business fails, and he is stuck in an unhappy, sexually-frustrating marriage with Joan (played by Jessica Harper). However, despite these hard times, Arthur has one provocative thought glued to the back of his mind — "I wanna live in a world where the songs come true."

Facing the grim reality of the Depression, Arthur has brief moments of relief when he



Bernadette Peters plays Eileen

is stimulated by the joyous songs he sells. The soundtrack is filled with a number of upbeat original recordings from the '30's — tunes that made people really wish it would rain pennies from heaven. Unlike those of the 1978 rock opera flop, *Sargeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*, the melodies and lyrics of *Pennies From Heaven* actually connect in meaning and carry important messages to the plot. In these "fantasy sequences", the actors lip-synch to the original recordings. The songs create a whole new world for the withering salesman; the light-hearted words of Bing Crosby, Connie Boswell, and Fred Astaire become the hopeful dreams of Arthur Parker.

One of Arthur's dreams comes true when he falls in love with a shy school teacher named Eileen (played by Martin's real-life girlfriend, singer-actress Bernadette Peters). In turn she becomes pregnant, thus making her lose her job as well as faith in Arthur. When Arthur betrays Eileen, she runs away to the Chi-town slums and becomes a streetwalker for bad guy Tom (portrayed by Academy Award-winner Christopher Walken). As the story becomes more and more stormy, Arthur still pleads for a world where his musical fantasies will turn into realities.

Steve Martin spent eight months (turning down many TV and live performance offers) learning how to dance even before the cameras started rolling. This daring man's

hard workouts certainly paid off as he displays his dancing ability in a number of colossal, beautifully-designed dance numbers. All of these good old-fashioned Busby Berkeley-style numbers — including Steve and Bernadette doing a dazzling recreation of a Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers routine — are just simply fascinating to look at and they make up what is definitely the most attractive film in years.

*Pennies From Heaven* is certainly a most

### Movie review

innovative motion picture that provided great roles for its stars. No longer goofing around as in *The Jerk*, Steve Martin has succeeded in stepping into a very complicated character, full of distressed emotions and lively spunk. Cute Kewpie doll

facéd Bernadette Peters is perfect for her role, since she is no stranger to the '30's music and fashion. Bernadette has starred in several Broadway productions centered around the decade, her record albums have featured 1930's-flavored tunes, and her impersonation of Betty Boop on a recent *Saturday Night Live* show was uncanny.

Even though the film's Depression-era story is rather depressing, *Pennies From Heaven* somehow manages to bring out plenty of laughs and provides a dynamite evening of pure entertainment. When this reviewer attended an advance screening of this movie at Chicago's McClurg Court Theatre, many members of the audience (which included PBS TV's John Calloway) walked out of the movie palace shouting raves with bright smiles on their faces. Whether you're a Steve Martin fan or not, you'll go wild and crazy over him in this new film as he rambles out of his old-image with his "happy feet". Rating for *Pennies From Heaven*: Four stars.



Steve Martin tap dances through a bank lobby in "Pennies from Heaven"

## Benner and Zimmerman — "Fine Arts" performers

by Sue Lindenmeier

The Fine Arts Chorale is a small chorus composed of semi-professional singers who, for the most part, have professions other than music. It is under the direction of Dr. Elwood Smith, who is in his 17th year on the faculty of NIU. The group's members live mainly in the immediate area.

Two of the 26 member chorus teach at West Chicago High School. One of them is Ronald Benner, director of the freshmen Chorus, Girl's Chorus and Concert Choir. He has been a member of the chorale for about a year.

Benner feels that the chorus contains a great deal of talented people. He himself appears to have a very musical background. His first teaching position was in Normal Illinois at Pekin High School. Sixteen years ago he became a teacher and director of the various choirs at West Chicago. Benner has since sung in community choruses and church choirs. Benner enjoys the chorale but feels they lack the support of the people. He feels that all their work should be for something. Attendance to the concerts is down. Benner feels that public interest is imperative to the survival of the chorale.

Terry Zimmerman, teacher of Social Studies, is the other member of the chorale. He has been a member for two years. Zim-

merman also has director experience. He conducted a group he and several of his friends formed during graduate school. He has also been active in chorales. Zimmerman enjoys early classical music. His favorite music "just for fun" is from the

Renaissance and Boroque periods.

All of the Fine Arts Chorale's concerts are free of charge and open to anyone who wishes to attend. The chorale is allowed to exist solely on member dues and contributions. According to Benner, there is presen-

tly openings. Anyone wishing to belong to the chorale must try-out. The Fine Arts Chorale will be having an upcoming concert and is the wish of its members that the public will get involved.



Ronald Benner talks music to Lyn Moffatt in the choir room.



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# Cults: illusions Creeds of various

By Lauren Vogt

The Moonies, Hare Krishna, Charles Manson, Jim Jones, and Hitler are all familiar names, and even a little sinister.

The Moonies are people who belong to the Unification Church and follow Rev. Sun Myung Moon who is from South Korea. The church was set up in 1954 in Korea, and moved to America and Japan in 1958. Now Moon boasts a following of 2 million people worldwide with 30,000 members in the United States alone.

When Moon was 16 years old, he claimed to have had a vision of Christ, who told him to continue the work Jesus had failed to do when he was on earth.

Moon believes that Man failed in the Garden of Eden because Eve committed adultery. Satan supposedly seduced her, which corrupted the entire race of people. God then prepared for the coming of the Messiah, Jesus, who was to restore the destroyed relationship between God and Man. Jesus was to marry the perfect woman and develop a new race of perfect, sinless people. However, he was crucified before he could obtain his goal. Because Jesus failed, he was thrown out of the Trinity and God continued his search for the perfect Messiah. Rev. Moon claims to be that savior of the human race. Moon's people refer to him as "Father" and consider him and his wife "perfect parents." They feel God is free to abolish hell because Moon is on earth to save humanity.

Moonies follow a behavior code which consists of five to six hours of sleep a day. Their diet is simple with very little protein. Exercise is stressed along with daily, extensive prayer both alone and in groups. Fund raising is an important part of the Unification Church, sometimes lasting up to sixteen hours a day. Moonies solicit door to door, on the streets, or in shopping centers. They are told to sell flowers, candy, or peanuts.

Through fund raising, Moon was able to buy \$20 million of property in New York state alone. Moon lives with his wife and nine children in Westchester county. His mansion is worth \$675,000 with an estate of 26 acres. Also in Westchester, Moon owns a 350 acre estate worth 10 million dollars. The Unification Church seminary stands on a site worth 1.5 million dollars. Among other real estate investments, Moon bought the 5 million dollar New Yorker Hotel in New York City, the 1.2 million dollar former Columbia University Club and the 2 million dollar Manhattan Center.

In Korea, Moon operates five companies that gross 30 million dollars. Included in these are an air gun rifle plant, a machinery factory that makes parts for weapons, and a pharmaceutical plant.

The Moonies consist of young people who appear to be brainwashed. They become convinced that their parents and friends are disciples of Satan and they can only trust

people within the Unification Church. They are bombarded with love and the fear of the world turning totally Communist.

Moon's desire is to build God's empire with himself as its ruler. His obsession for the perfect, sinless race leads him far enough to even arrange his followers' marriages for the best offspring.

Adolf Hitler was another man whose search for the perfect race led him astray. The physical characteristics he desired were blond hair, blue or gray eyes, a narrow, high



Hare Krishnas at a clan gathering with portrait of Swami Prabhupada

bridge nose, and slim hands and feet. In his younger years, Hitler was believed to be an active member of a group of people called the Order of New Templars, where he shared his desire of a pure race with the other members. As the Nazi regime came to power, Hitler denounced the New Templars, stating they were ineffective in reaching their goal for a perfect society. It would only come about by force, which Hitler planned on exercising. Nazi propaganda depicted Hitler as a godlike figure, and his picture replaced many religious pictures in Nazi houses.

Hitler prosecuted the Jews during World War II in his battle for perfection, but was stopped at the end of the war.

Another youth-oriented cult is the International Society for Krishna Consciousness, or more commonly known as Hare Krishna.

The leader of Hare Krishna, His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, came to America in 1965 to set up a form of Hinduism, complete with authentic Indian dress and customs. Now, Krishna has at least 10,000 members, with another 5,000 in other countries. Their beliefs center around the God Krishna who is imagined as a very handsome man. He is described as the universal protector and lover, and is everything on earth including certain pieces of wood and marble which are carefully protected by Krishna members. Swami Prabhupada says he is the reincarnation of Krishna.

Their purpose in life is to destroy the ignorance of people

Adolf Hitler's search for a perfect race had him desiring "blond hair, blue or gray eyes, a narrow, high bridged nose, and slim hands and feet."

According to the magazine *Psychology Today*, the word cult has loosely been attached to "groups involved in beliefs and practices just off the beat of traditional religions, to groups making exploratory excursions into non-western philosophical practices; and to groups involving intense relationships between followers and a powerful idea or leader." Many cults, like the Moonies or the victims of Reverend Jim Jones blindly followed their leaders, regardless of the consequences.

On the other hand, the American Heritage dictionary defines religion as the "recognition and worship of a controlling superhuman force."

These cults aren't as far-fetched as they seem. Someday they may involve you as most new recruits are around the age of 18 and disillusioned with their present and college life.

What happens to those people who join cults? How are their lives affected? Will they ever return to normal?

## Reasons people join the cults

By Debbie Hookham

Last year it was estimated that three million Americans had been involved with one of the 3000 cults then in existence in the United States.

Thousands of people joined for a sense of purpose and security. People were even more susceptible to the ideas of cults during times of uncertainty and confusion, when those ideas seemed to offer something that they thought was missing in their lives.

A very disturbing experience, such as sustained physical abuse, a natural disaster, or great anxiety can undermine our caution and ability to judge. It is then that the person is the most susceptible to brainwashing.

Many organizations such as the SLA (Symbionese Liberation Army), and the CIA (Central Intelligence Agency) along with cults, know how to transform a person psychologically, or also known as brainwashing. Often these involve physical pain, or chanting prayers which exhaust the mind.

The average person isn't subjected to this type of threat, but all face the danger of fake therapies and religious cults. Sometimes it appears though our "quest for greater happiness" can be fulfilled through something we hear at a lecture or seminar.

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ter college, or after divorce. When facing a conflict, many seek cult membership to solve their problems.

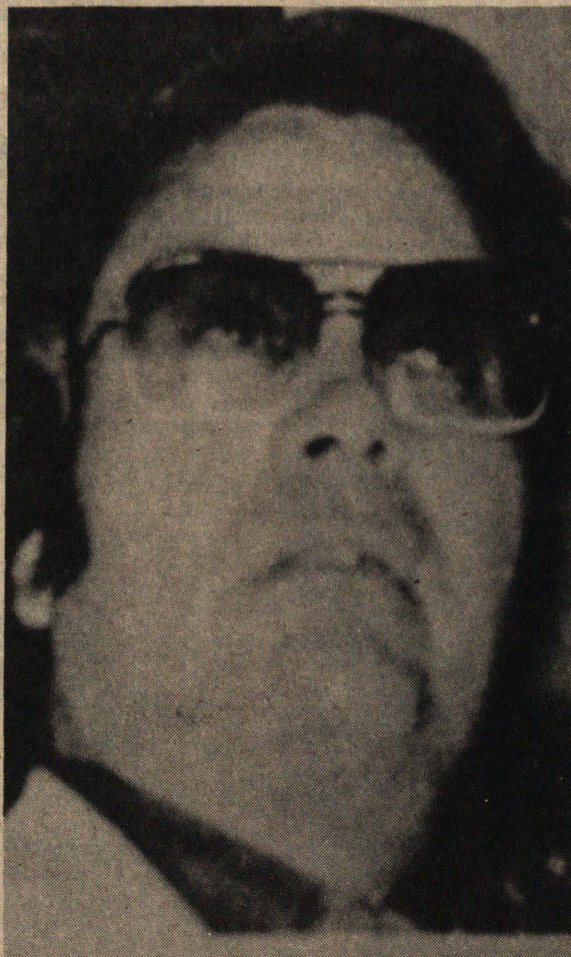
The appeal of cults is not limited to the young, although many members are white, "educated" young people from middle-class homes. The Jonestown tragedy shows that other age and racial groups are also attracted to cults, but most people that stay with the cults are in their early twenties.

Alienation from family, society, and political and social institutions is a key factor which influences people to join

**"... They demand total obedience to cult commands ..." The reason it's so hard to break away is because they invest their life savings ..."**

cults. Other factors that tend to encourage cults are a lack of meaningful communication between parents and children, the absence of non-religious movements that appeal to the ideals of the young, and the poor state of society as a whole. Examples of this are corruption, violent crimes, terrorism, and racism.

Students back this information, showing that many cult members joined during periods of depression and confusion, when they had a sense that life was meaningless. Cults offered ready-made friendships and ready-made decisions on careers, dating, sex and marriage, and they seemed to outline a clear "meaning of life." In return they often demanded total obedience to cult commands. It is for that reason that it was so hard for members of cults to break away from them once they had joined, since they sometimes invested their life savings in the cult.



Jim Jones: leader involved in Guyana tragedy

by developing Krishna awareness. By chanting the verse, "Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Hare Rama Hare Hare Hare," members enter a trance-like state where Krishna consciousness is learned.

Members are seen with shaven heads and Indian dress, which shows their true devotion to the sect. Followers receive very little sleep because their days are filled with long hours of chanting and praying. People are drafted through public festivals and lectures and one must give up all he owns as a donation to the temple.

On August 9, 1969, the bodies of movie actress Sharon Tate and four of her friends were found murdered and mutilated in Tate's home in Los Angeles. The following night supermarket owner Leno LaBianca and his wife were murdered. Between them, they had been stabbed 67 times.

# ... of happiness ... cults

The man committed for these murders was 34-year-old Charles Manson, along with several of his followers who called themselves the "Family." After the LaBiancas' death, the murderers were believed to have enjoyed a snack of watermelon and chocolate milk. They then fed the dogs that belonged to the store owner because they believed in being kind to animals.

Manson had never met his victims before, but figured it was the right time for "helter skelter." He defined helter skelter as a racial war where the blacks would come out win-



background

ners. After the battle, they would find out they were incapable of governing themselves and turn to Manson for help.

Manson had a deep rooted hostility towards the establishment of authority. He hated the show business world because it refused to accept him as a pop singer. He had considered himself the "fifth Beatle" and thought the Beatles were talking to him through their songs.

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worshipped him. They would do anything for him, including being beaten by him, and shaving their heads during his trial because he had shaved his when he was pronounced guilty.

In a round about way, Manson claimed to be Jesus Christ. He said that he had lived 2000 years ago, but had died on a cross. However, he also frequently called himself the Devil, or Satan, or Soul.

Manson's followers were caught in identity crises where they would take on several nicknames and lose themselves completely. The idea was to make the group one-functioning as a single mind.

Manson rejected society and moved his Family into the desert where they practiced blood sacrifices to prepare for helter skelter. Death meant little to him because he felt the soul was incapable of dying.

After his conviction, Manson was named "Man of the Year" by *Tuesday's Child*, a cult magazine. Among other things, buttons appeared on the streets, urging the public to "Free Manson."

The names Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple are known by many people. Jones was once a religious man who tried preaching in several churches before forming his own Peoples Temple in 1956 in Indiana. Originally, Jones wished to help needy people. He took drug addicts and alcoholics off the streets and put them to good use in the Temple. However, as time went on Jones began to denounce God. He called the Bible evil and would often throw it on the floor and step on it saying, "Too many people are looking at this instead of looking at me."

Jones began searching for paradise, his Garden of Eden. His search led him to several spots in California, but he eventually ended up in Guyana. He became fanatical in his work, claiming he had special powers. He told his people he

had extrasensory preception and knew what everyone was thinking. He even thought he had the power to heal the sick. Jones started becoming paranoid, declaring there were members of his sect who were plotting against him. He would go for days without sleep, afraid he would be murdered in the night.

The members of the Peoples Temple, in the meantime were put to work clearing the 27,000 acre site the commune stood on. The work day was long, from 7 am to 6 pm six days a week and 7 am to 2 pm on Sundays. Only an hour was allowed for lunch, with no other rest in-between. The people's diet consisted mainly of rice for breakfast, rice-water soup for lunch, and rice and beans for dinner. No matter how grueling the day was, Jones' people followed him blindly, accepting anything he wished to do to them. All feared his wrath if they did anything different.

One night a week, Jones and his people would practice a ritual called "White Night." Every member of the sect would line up before Jones who would give each member a glass with a red liquid in it. After they drank from their glasses, Jones declared the drink was poisoned and everyone would die within forty-five minutes.

Though no one perished, Jones was elated with the outcome, which proved how his followers worshipped him. He told them that someday it may be necessary to die for their faith.

However, rumors of the practiced suicide rights and mistreatment filtered back to the American government. Relatives of members in the Temple complained of not being allowed to see their family. Congressman Leo Ryan and several reporters flew to Guyana to find the truth.

Though Jones was reluctant to see Ryan or the newsmen, he eventually agreed to allow their admittance into the Temple. The reporters spoke to many members, 20 of whom mustered the courage to ask if they could return to America. Ryan agreed. Jones desperately tried to talk his people out of returning, but no one would listen.

On November 18, 1978, Ryan, the reporters, and the 20 refugees from the Peoples Temple headed for the airport. Enraged members of the Temple met them there and an assassination attempt was made on Ryan's life. Suddenly Temple members appeared, armed with rifles and shot at the escaping people. Congressman Ryan died, along with four newsmen. Many others were seriously wounded.

Back at the Peoples Temple, Jones prepared for the final suicide act. His followers mixed Kool-aid with cyanide and administered it to the babies first. Then everyone else followed suit. The poison took about five minutes to work, and 900 people surrendered their lives. Armed guards stood nearby, ready to gun down anyone who refused to cooperate.

Jones himself was among the dead. His body was found with a single bullet hole in his right temple.

## Churches state views

By Eric Brosted

Church officials take a very dim view of cults and their influences on the youth of America.

"We feel cults are wrong because they take advantage of people, and one person normally reaps a great deal from the other cult members," said Tony Sutor of Carol Stream Baptist Church.

Carol Stream Baptist doesn't offer any special counseling sessions for cult members. Sutor thinks a cult member who wants help should talk to his or her pastor, but if more help is needed they should seek professional help.

Pastor L. E. Engel of St. Andrews Lutheran Church referred to cults as "A pain in the tail. Cults disrupt a person's family life, education, and overall make a mess of people's lives," said Engel.

"A cult member who wants help should go to both his pastor and a professional. The pastor provides spiritual support, whereas sometimes the professional can get deeper into a person's mind," said Engel.

Father Sebahar of St. John the Baptist Church is "opposed to cults because they demand complete submission of will to someone without knowing the morality and other things involved."

St. John's doesn't offer a special counseling program, but Sebahar is willing to talk to someone who needs help.

Professional help may be in the form of a psychiatrist, or a deprogrammer. The deprogrammer takes "the young cult member to a motel or hotel room, locks the door, nails shut the windows and subjects the cultist to marathon sessions designed to make the convert "come to his senses," wrote William J. Whalen, author of *Strange Gods; Contemporary Cults in America*.



Cultist Charles Manson convicted of seven murders

## Deprogramming: a means of help

By Silvia Belicke

Many people don't realize what they're getting into when they become involved in cults. They might think that after they get tired of it, they could leave anytime they want to. However, it isn't so, as many ex-cultists have admitted they couldn't have left of their own volition. Most ex-cultists welcomed the help from the outside because the cults' type of brainwashing, combined with the fear of the consequences if they left, kept them from any action on their part.

Help usually came in the form of a concerned family member or members who became alarmed at the type of person the cultist was turning into. Most families are aided by 48-year old Ted Patrick, a "deprogrammer" of cultists since 1971.

"Deprogramming" is done to help the individual make the adjustment from cult life to the real world.

But the most important reason for deprogramming is breaking them away from the cult. They have to psychologically break the ties, of the group. As ex-Moonie Steve Hassan related, "... most people don't realize the psychological pull of the group. You can break down a solid door in terror or anger but mental chains are much harder. The most difficult thing I ever did was breaking the bonds on my mind and leaving the group."

The deprogramming process involves physically abducting the individual and usually taking him to a motel room away from the area of the cultists. There Ted Patrick, who commands a \$10,000 fee, along with his group of deprogrammers, all ex-cult members themselves, begins to badger the subject, fire questions, and contradict the theological ideas the group has given them. This, combined with the sleep deprivation are designed to "break" the subject.

The subject at first tries to shut them out and withdraws, sometimes through chanting and praying in the cult's way, but is eventually driven to hysteria then suddenly snaps. He disavows his or her faith and embraces the forsaken family. Patrick admits, "They hate me at first, but love me when it's all over."

Although he's been thrown in jail numerous times, and has several lawsuits pending from cultists he failed to deprogram, his success rate of only 30 cultists returning out of 1600 he has done, with his added zeal for truly wanting to help confused cultists, won't deter him from continuing his help for families that want it.

## Coming attractions \*\*\*\*\*

by Amy Zurawski and Mike Sitarz

With the hustle and rush of the holiday season gone, we might find ourselves with nothing to do in our spare time, so once again, here are "the joys of ..."

### Close to home:

Coach Dan Johnson and the boy's swim team will be home tonight for their meet against Morris. The gun will sound for the first race at 6 p.m.

The girl's basketball team will match up with the team from Naperville Central. Tip-off will be at 6:30 p.m. here at We-go January 21.

The boy's basketball teams will go against the teams from Naperville Central at home on January 22, while our wrestlers will take on the Naperville Central wrestlers. Basketball starts at 6:30, and the wrestling matches will be held at Naperville Central at 6:30 p.m. also.

### That's Entertainment:

Coming to the Mill Run Theatre on January 22 and 23 is their newest attraction, Connie Francis. You can order tickets from Tix-by-Phone or mail order. On January 31, Victor Borge will be performing. Rodney Dangerfield will appear February

12-14. His Sunday evening show is already sold out, so order your tickets soon. Call the theatre for more information about any of the up-coming attractions.

The Avon Tennis Championships of Chicago will be held at the Rosemont Horizon on January 25-31. For ticket information call 653-6600.

### The Concert Scene:

Ozzy Osbourne, Diary of a Madman Tour.

## What's happening?

is going to perform at the Rosemont Horizon on January 24. Dressing up for the occasion and eating before the concert is not recommended.

The Police will also be at the Rosemont Horizon on February 1 at 8 p.m. Their opening act will be the Go-Go's. Tickets are \$11.50 and \$10.50. Call the Horizon for more information at 666-6667 or Teletix at 635-9800.

## Are you seeing double?

by Sue Norman

No, it isn't all that studying you have been doing that has caused you to see double. You have probably just seen one of the sets of identical twins in our school. Or, are you seeing triple? Those would be the freshman triplets, Kelly, Tracy, and Gwen Chmiel.

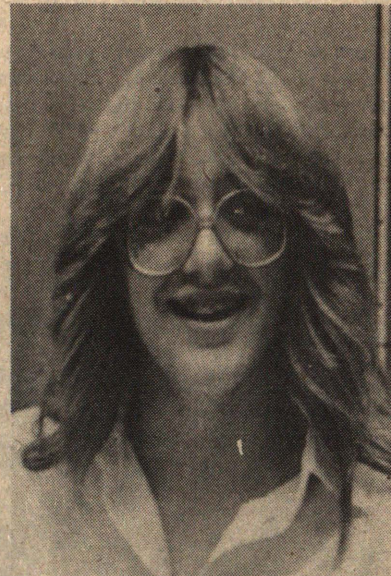
However, you don't have to look alike to be twins. Fraternal twins, which result from two eggs that are fertilized at the same time, do not necessarily look alike. They can be boy and girl, or the same sex.

Seniors Patty and Ray Stejskal are fraternal twins, Patty being the older by twenty minutes. They spend a lot of time together by double dating and skiing.

There are some things that they don't agree on, though, like Patty likes vegetables and doesn't care for meat, whereas Ray likes meat and hates vegetables. Their futures are

que grup of girls. They are the school's only set of triplets this year. Kelly is older than Tracy by one minute and two minutes older than Gwen. Although Gwen resembles her sisters, she says it is Tracy and Kelly that everyone mixes up.

All three enjoy softball and basketball.



Can you tell if this is Holly or Heidi Bitner?

Tracy and Kelly play for the freshman basketball team. Tracy said, "Our coach is making us wear (different color) pinneys (practice vests) so she can tell us apart." During one practice they switched practice vests and Coach Smith couldn't tell which one was which. The coach said that it was interesting trying to decide who was who and she still has difficulty keeping them straight.

The triplets do almost everything together. Although they fight a lot, they all agreed that they like being triplets. They like the attention it draws and Gwen says she "thinks it is funny when people goof us up."

Ray Stejskal summed up being a twin the best when he said "it's unique."

## We-go people

planned differently also. Patty plans to attend college when she graduates but Ray wants to "take it easy for awhile ... go up to the mountains and ski." They both agree, however, that they would rather be twins than just brother and sister.

Identical twins are formed when one egg splits into two eggs after fertilization. They are always the same sex but sometimes have opposite characteristics like being left or right handed.

Holly and Heidi Bitner, sophomores, are identical twins. They enjoy the same music, sports, and food. They too prefer being twins

## Identical twins are formed when one egg splits into two after fertilization.

because they think it is funny to pull jokes on people. If they have a class together, they will occasionally switch seats and fool the teacher. They do almost everything together "except," says Holly, "a shower." For the future, they are both interested in something related to animals and "making money," said Heidi, the older by eight minutes. The twins seemed very much alike, and when asked if they often thought the same things, they exchanged a look and nodded.

Gwen, Tracy, and Kelly Chmiel are a uni-

Personals will appear for Valentine's Day in the February 11 issue of the BRIDGE. Listen for announcements to find out when they will be sold.

## Teen idols — remember ?

by Lisa Brown

Most of us have had idols at one time or another — not only students but parents too.

Back in the early 1950's, people like Tony Bennett, Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, and Liberace captured the hearts of many female admirers. "Worshipping" their idol meant buying records by the dozens.

During the summer of 1956, Elvis Presley and "Blue Suede Shoes" came into the picture. "Everyone liked Elvis not only because of his looks but also because he was something different than what we were used to — especially all of his 'hip move-

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ment," says one mom.

In the 1960's, The Beatles fan clubs popped up all over. "When I was in high school all my friends and I had sweatshirts with pictures of the guys in the band drawn on them, everyone wore them," says Pam Becker.

These adults don't seem to think anymore or less of their old idols now; they're "just not as fascinated with them" as they were back then.

Today's teenager hasn't changed a bit. The mid and late 70's came, bringing with it the Bay City Rollers, KISS, Peter Frampton, John Travolta, Andy Gibb, Leif Garrett and Shaun Cassidy. These faces appeared in magazines and on T-shirts, posters, and

bubble gum cards. Their fans all seemed to love them for the same reason — good looks.

Adults don't seem to be very impressed with today's teenage idols. "The more raunchy the words to the songs and the



Mick Jagger is another teen idol still popular today

weirder the stage shows at concerts, the better teenagers like it," says one parent. "Sometimes I wonder if some of today's rock singers aren't competing to see who can come up with the dirtiest lyrics. You never would have heard anything like that when I was in high school."

Maybe it's the generation gap.

## Hey Kids — let's party with Sally!

by Mike Sitarz

Hold on to your hats! A roller skating hostess, mechanical bull riding and Las Vegas style gambling along with some good down home fun wait for you at Sally's Stage in Lombard.

Sally's Stage, known nation wide from its appearance on *Real People*, offers food, music, and entertainment each night of the week.

Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays are "Las Vegas nights." Here's your opportunity to "Borty Bucks", play money is used, and many win prizes by playing roulette, black jack and the wheel of fortune. Joe and Mike

audience, so wear your costume or zany hat. Prizes up to \$100, are offered to the winners.

Along with "Las Vegas Night" on Fridays, hypotest George Vaughn Lowther will put many of the diners in an eery state of mind. You can go on stage and be hypnotized or just sit back and enjoy the others.

Saturday is "Ladies Night" at the Stage. Men strut their stuff and show the ladies what beauty really is in the "men's \$1.98 leg contest." Stage lights go on at 10:30 p.m. for this spectacular event. The magic of Jeff Korst appeals to young and old on Sunday

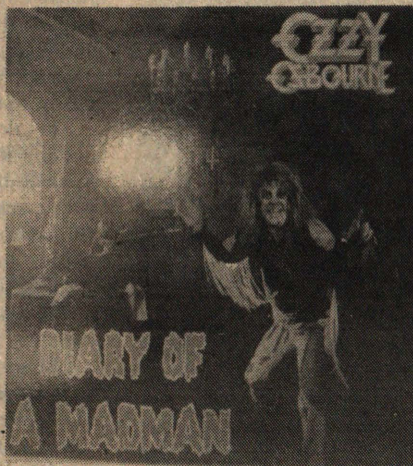
## Ozzy hits a low with "Diary"

by Rick Cesario

After having an incredibly huge welcome into the solo business, Ozzy Osbourne continues his assault on the eardrums of music listeners with *Diary of a Madman*.

If you decide to read no further in this review than the next line, you will have gotten the message. *Diary of a Madman* is a lousy album. It's definitely not for people who don't like Black Sabbath or Ozzy Osbourne.

It's funny that with a fairly popular or



Ozzy Osbourne's latest album *Diary of a Madman*

the pace down quite a bit.

If you don't like Mr. Osbourne's style of music then don't buy this album, because the rest of the songs certainly don't sound any better.

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very popular debut as a solo singer, that Osbourne would fall into a 10 foot deep rut on only his second album.

Osbourne (formerly with Black Sabbath) has a really lousy voice, especially on most of this album's songs. The songs are really quite strange ranging from S.A.T.O., a wild and actually good sounding Sabbath-type of a song; to *Diary of a Madman*, which slows

Borty, owners of the Sally's Stage in Lombard and Chicago, maintain \$30,000 worth of gambling equipment.

Both amateur and professional entertainers gather at Sally's on Wednesdays for *Amateur Night*. Entertainers from all over the Midwest come to perform, audition and screen test for the Contentental Cablevision T.V. show, *The Best of Sally's Stage Amateur Night*. Curtain call will be at 7 p.m.

"Lets Make A Deal" comes to the stage on Thursday, a take-off on the T.V. game show. Game contestants are chosen right out of

evening.

For \$1.00 you can get three minutes of bucking and kicking fun on Sally's very own mechanical bull. If you prefer a more relaxed situation, try the electronic game room, packed with the newest and hottest electronic games.

If you need more information about special events, call Sally's Stage in Lombard at 620-1000. Sally's Stage is located at 800 East Roosevelt Road (behind Frank's Nursery), Lombard.

## Coaches take serious look at drinking problem

by Zach Myford

Teenage drinking has been a problem in everyday life, not just in high school athletics.

The legal drinking age in Illinois is 21 years, but this seldom stops teenagers from getting liquor. Coaches were asked how drinking affects students in high school sports.

Mr. Courtney, sophomore baseball coach, feels that "an athlete's drinking is not only harmful to that athlete but is also counter-productive to him and his teammates. When players on a team sport find out that one of their teammates is drinking, the other players might think, if he is getting away with it why shouldn't I be drinking."

If caught, the penalty for drinking while in a sport is, first offense: a two week suspension from that sport; second offense: a suspension for the remainder of the year from that year; third offense: total suspension from high school sports. Some coaches feel that these policies on drinking are not strict enough. Others feel that due to the age of the athlete, the police should be brought into the matter.

Varsity football coach, Mr. Parker feels, "If an athlete who is an occasional player is seen drinking by his fellow teammates, it could create a negative attitude towards that athlete and to the team's success."

Coach Parker felt that the school policies on drinking for an athlete have been made to be followed, not broken. Even if an athlete

is caught drinking during the summer, these policies will be upheld for the next school year in the sport in which that athlete participates.

Most coaches feel that if an athlete has a problem with drinking that the coach should be the one to first confront the athlete and offer help in any possible way. Coach Parker feels there is plenty of time to drink when you graduate from high school. "You only get to participate in high school athletics once in your life, so why would a person want to put that in jeopardy."

Coaches feel high school athletics are very demanding; a player of a sport cannot afford to be drinking. Coach Braaten of the freshman basketball team feels that the athlete knows the rules and policies of

drinking, so the rules should be followed. Coach Braaten also feels that the only way the police should be brought into the matter is if the offender causes harm or damage to another person or property of that person.

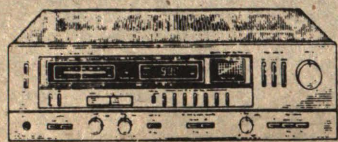
Mr. Hansen, varsity baseball coach and athletic director, feels that West Chicago has not had that big of a problem in issuing suspensions for drinking while in a sport. "But I'm sure there is more going on that we are not aware of."

Coach Courtney feels that today, going through high school is the most confusing time in life. Coach Courtney said, "If I found an athlete on my team with a problem of drinking, I would confront that athlete and deal with that person's problem as a coach and a friend."

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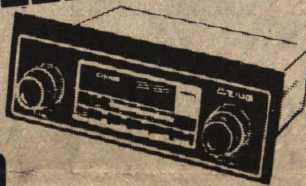
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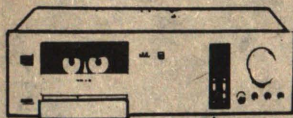
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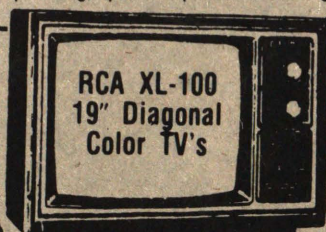


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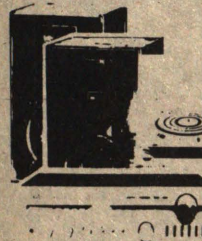
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## Bridge accused of being "anti-sports"

by Dave Barry

A large portion of We-Go's student body seems to resent the **Bridge's** sports section and its writers. Several members of the faculty have also expressed dissatisfaction with the **Bridge's** sports coverage. One faculty member went so far as to accuse the **Bridge** of being "anti-sports". This growing feeling that our school newspaper is somehow "anti-sports" is not only ridiculous but puzzling.

One example of the student body's resentment toward the sports section occurred when a picture was printed in the **Bridge** of a We-Go wrestler who appeared to be losing. Several students complained angrily upon seeing this photo, calling it "bad for the team" and a "cheap shot", among other things. These students felt that the **Bridge** should only have pictures of We-go athletes in superior positions or victorious situations. The response to this ludicrous suggestion is simple; since We-Go athletes are not always victorious they should not always be portrayed as victorious.

The object of the **Bridge's** sports section is not to glorify We-Go's athletes. However, it is our responsibility to cover the news in sports, whether it's good or bad. The photographer's job is to simply take pictures at high school sporting events. He is not supposed to check whether the We-Go athlete "looks good" before he snaps a shot.

An example of faculty resentment toward the **Bridge** occurred when the article concerning Rob Ream's injury appeared in the newspaper. The story brought up the possibility that a faculty member may not have handled the situation in the best way possible. Tom Kazcowski, an assistant football coach, felt the story contained an incomplete quote. Kazcowski exhibited his displeasure with the writer, Dave Bahlman, a student in his class. While this is only one incident, it may have contributed significantly to the ill feelings which many seem to have toward the sports pages.

I think it is important that I stress that all members of the **Bridge** staff strongly support WCCHS athletics. Among the group of **Bridge** editors are two pompon girls, a cheerleader, and a statistician. Also, two of the top sportswriters are members of the varsity basketball team. No one on

the **Bridge** staff is interested in hurting our high school sports in any way. In fact, with a staff such as ours it would seem more likely that we would be accused of being bias toward our sports teams instead of against them.

Many problems could be avoided in the future if the coaches, athletes and EVERYONE would simply realize tht it is not the duty of the **Bridge** to act as a cheerleader. However, through good reporting, interest is often created in high school sports.

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While I would never want to be considered "anti-sports", I don't mind being "anti-pep assembly." The recent announcement that pep assemblies have been cancelled indefinitely did not disappoint me in the least.

The administration blames the student body for this cancellation, because of the apparent lack of school spirit, and acts as if we should be ashamed for having let such a tragedy occur. I don't mind saying that I'm not ashamed and find nothing sorrowful about the loss of pep assemblies. If a student is truly interested in the welfare of their school's sports teams they can show their support much more effectively by attending a sporting event. It seems to me that going to a basketball game or wrestling meet is a much more valid show of support than playing with toilet paper or screaming "Go Wildcats!"

All of those people who have organized We-Go's pep assemblies should not be insulted; the cancellation was inevitable. They must agree that enough of their time has been wasted. While winning should not be of great importance, particularly in high school sports, a successful team is an essential part of a successful assembly. Only if a sports team is enjoying an excellent season will the student body behave as they are expected to at pep assemblies.

Some faculty members argue that when they were in high school pep assemblies were successful even when the teams were lousy. However, they must realize that times have changed drastically and so have students. The loss of pep assemblies is one change I will readily accept.

## We-go ski team not just downhill in '82

by Rick Cesario

The West Chicago Park District will once again be sponsoring winter ski trips to several ski areas in Illinois and lower Wisconsin. In addition to the downhill ski team, they have now added a cross-country ski team.

The ski team won first place last season in competition against eight other schools. This year, the team's second season together, they will participate against an increased number of teams. There will be three race dates during the regular season at nearby Villa Olivia.

Steve Arnold, ski team coach, hopes to have all of last year's remaining skiers return to this year's team. There will be a few places to fill for those who have graduated. Arnold also has high hopes for the new cross-country ski team which he also coaches with his wife, Peggy. Six 10 kilometer races are scheduled for the team of 10 members. Prizes will be awarded to cross-country winners. The downhill ski

team can win gold, silver, and bronze medals and trophies.

The Park District has scheduled nine ski trips to five different ski areas this winter. A highlight among the trips will be a newly added trip to Chestnut Mountain in Galena, Illinois. Arnold, also chaperone on the ski trips, said the addition of Chestnut was because "the area has the longest intermediate runs in Illinois and a vertical drop equal to Devil's Head, which is a popular area in Wisconsin. He added, "It's (Chestnut) a neat area to ski." There will also be three trips to both Wilmot Mountain and Villa Olivia in Bartlett.

Most of the trips run on Tuesday and Thursday evenings immediately after school. Tickets for all of the ski trips are sold in the cafeteria on Tuesdays during all lunch periods. Tickets may also be purchased from the Park District office during their regular business hours. Further information concerning the ski trips may be obtained from Steve Arnold.



Mr. Arnold has added a cross-country ski team this season.

### We-go sports schedule

#### Boys' Basketball

Date	Opponent	Home/Away	Soph.	Var.
Jan. 22	Naperville Central	H	6:30	8:00
Jan. 23	Glenbard North	H	6:30	8
Jan. 29	Wheaton Warrenville	A	6:30	8
Feb. 5	Wheaton North	A	6:30	8
Feb. 6	Geneva	H	6:30	8
Feb. 12	Wheaton Central	H	6:30	8

#### Girls' Basketball

Jan. 21	Naperville Central	H	6:30
Jan. 28	Wheaton Warrenville	A	6:30
Jan. 30	Glenbard North	H	6:30
Feb. 3	Lake Park	A	6
Feb. 4	Wheaton North	A	6:30
Feb. 6	St. Charles	A	9:30 a.m.
Feb. 8	Joliet Central	H	6:30
Feb. 11	Wheaton Central	H	6:30
Feb. 13	St. Charles	H	1:30

#### Wrestling

Jan. 22	Naperville Central	A	6:30
Jan. 23	Naperville North	A	1:30
Jan. 23	Hinsdale South Tourn.	A	9 a.m. (JV)
Jan. 29	St. Charles	A	6
Jan. 30	DVC JV Tourn.		TBA
Jan. 30	at Wheaton North		
Jan. 30	Oswego, Romeoville, Joliet West	A	10 a.m.
Feb. 5, 6	DVC Varsity Tourn.		TBA
Feb. 12, 13	at Wheaton Central Districts	TBA	TBA

#### Boys' Swimming

Jan. 19	Morris	H	6
Jan. 21	East Aurora	A	4:30
Jan. 26	Naperville Central	H	7
Jan. 30	Naperville Central Invitational	A	TBA
Feb. 2	Naperville North	A	6:30
Feb. 5	Fox Valley Championship	A	5
Feb. 6	Fox Valley Championship	A	12:30
Feb. 9	West Aurora	A	5