

Drunk driving kills 70 Americans a day

by Eric Brosted

"I have had enough," said Carol Golin, referring to the number of drunk driving deaths each year.

Both Golin and Glenn Kalin, co-organizers of the Illinois Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM), spoke at a recent journalism conference in Chicago. The two speakers have both lost family members to drunk drivers.

Golin's 18 year old daughter was killed, along with a friend, by a drunken sailor from Great Lakes Naval Base.

"The day my daughter was killed I realized how angry I could be," said Golin.

Kalin's 19 year old brother was killed by a drunk driver last January. Kalin said that his brother had gone to pick up a friend when his car was struck head on by an intoxicated driver.

Golin said that AAIM was started because too many people were sharing the same grief. Some AAIM members cruise the tollways on holidays such as Labor Day looking for drunk drivers, said Kalin. Golin added that AAIM is working with legislators to pass new drunk driving laws.

"We don't call them accidents, we call them drunk crashes," said Golin. Quoting figures from the Insurance Institute for the Highway Safety and National Transporta-

tion Board, Golin reeled off the statistics. More than 25,000 Americans are killed every year in drunk crashes, at a rate of 70 a day. Teen-agers account for 20 percent of the alcohol related traffic deaths. Fourteen teen-agers die every day in drunk crashes.

In addition to the thousands killed every year, 1.5 million are injured each year by drunk drivers. Drunk driving is the leading cause of death for young people today.

In response to that trend, AAIM proposed various solutions. Teen-agers must go through drivers education, stressed Golin. Putting breathalizers in bars, raising the drinking age are ways to combat drunk driving says AAIM. Kalin pointed out what he termed the

"trickle down" effect. Eighteen year olds buy booze, and give it to their 15 and 16 year old friends said Kalin.

For a short term solution, Golin proposes "very strong and nasty punishments." "We need to change the ways American society works," said Golin. She added that drunk driving is a crime, but that the court system doesn't work. AAIM points to the new national law which states must comply with to receive federal aid. Mandatory jail sentences or community service, and prompt license suspensions, are just a few parts of this bill.

"If we save one life then our existence is justified," concluded Golin.

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New classes for next year

by Jim Austgen

Curriculum changes have been approved for the next school year by the Board of Education on the recommendations of the Curriculum Committee. This nine-member committee is determined by a faculty election.

The most changes are within the English Department. The first change will be the consolidation of Major American Writers 2 and Contemporary American Writers into a semester course.

Sophomore Enriched English, currently covered in single-semester Advanced Introduction to Literature, would be extended to encompass the full school year.

The English Department found that the student in the "enriched" program had a deficient rather than enriched English background.

Another consolidation will be the creation of a single-semester course entitled Drama.

This would merge Introduction to Drama and Advanced Drama. In previous years not enough students have signed up to warrant the running of these courses.

The Math Department will be adding a second course in BASIC, a computer language. The department feels that this course, in conjunction with BASIC I will give a student adequate knowledge to program using this computer language.

Concern was expressed by the Curriculum Committee and the School Board that other electives might suffer declining enrollment as more and more students enroll in more and more computer courses.

A component of the new Developmental Learning Program (DLP) is a period called Social Adjustment. During this hour students discuss current events, improve problem-solving and communication skills, and complete career awareness exercises.

This year students do not receive credit for this class. Next year they will receive one-half credit for this class.

Students in the DLP pursue the regular curriculum in a self-contained classroom until they are mainstreamed into regular classes.

Pregnancy center deals with problems

by Jim Austgen

The Care and Counseling Center, 4336 Saratoga, Downers Grove, offers free counseling and pregnancy related assistance to women and girls.

Since the agency opened its doors six years ago, it has offered help and support to more than 2,300 women experiencing a troubled or unplanned pregnancy.

The Center offers a number of services. They give pregnancy tests for a minimal fee. The Center has referral services to licensed adoption agencies, legal aid, medical facilities, financial planning, and family counseling agencies.

They offer help in finding housing,

clothing, baby items, and a job. They have licensed houses for minors, and homes for women over eighteen. All of their services are under strict confidentiality.

Founding of the Center comes from private donations, corporate grants, church organizations support and money raising functions. All contributions are tax-deductible.

Office hours are 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Friday, Saturdays and evenings by appointment. The 24-hour phone number is 312-960-1060. The Center is open to any woman regardless of age, marital status, social situation, religious affiliation or racial background.

Editors attend convention

by Eric Brosted

A Bridge editor recently captured an award at the Journalism Educators Association National Scholastic Press Association (JEANSPA) convention.

Mike Sitarz, photography editor, won an honorable mention in layout design during a national journalism conference at the Chicago Marriott Hotel on November 19 through 21.

Seven Bridge editors in all attended the three day convention among 1413 other high school students. The convention was kicked off on Friday by a trip down Chicago's Media Mile. Following that sightseeing tour, 645 journalists participated in a write off competition. High school journalists were given two hours to listen to a speaker give a talk on a pre-

selected subject, then write a story about it.

The entries in the write off were judged by two professionals, and one journalism teacher. The outcome of the various competitions was announced at an awards brunch on Sunday.

After the write off many students attended an address given by James Squires, editor-in-chief of the Chicago Tribune. Squires talked on the responsibility and importance of high school newspapers.

Saturday gave the young journalists a chance to attend some of the 54 one hour sessions offered. Twelve seminars were also offered, each being three hours long. A dance was held from nine to twelve that night.

The convention ended Sunday after an awards banquet and slide presentation.

Ink Spots

by Eric Brosted

Teacher struck by car

On Wednesday, December 1, while walking to school, Grace Tomas of the school business department was struck by a car near the corner of Ann and Weyrach streets. The driver of the automobile, Steve Leonards, reportedly stopped immediately and remained on the scene until an ambulance arrived. Tomas was taken to a nearby hospital for observation. She was not seriously injured according to the police.

Blood drive report

The Student Council sponsored blood drive netted 46 pints of blood according to Terry Zimmerman. Eight people were rejected from giving blood for medical reasons. Last spring 80 pints of blood were given, Zimmerman accounts for the difference this year by saying that the spring blood drive always nets more blood because more people turn 17 in the spring. The next blood drive will be on May 3, 1983.

Enrollment declines at We-go

The average daily attendance percent for WCCHS has fallen from a 98.19 percent high to 96.29 percent in 1982. Enrollment fell from 1592.50 in 1977 to 1473.00 this year.

Club Calendar

by Mary Jo Fellows

- December 17 Spanish Club goes to see the Nutcracker Suite (ballet)
- 20 Student Council is collecting donated gifts for a convalescent center for Christmas. Small gifts are best.
- 20 Christmas tour show. Thespians perform Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol" to Turner, Lincoln, and Indian Noll schools. Directed by Jeff Baxendale and Donna Bavlica. Assembly here at We-go at 3 p.m.
- 21 Christmas Dance organized by Class of 86 and Student Council
- January
- 11 Gopcorn sales at sporting events to raise money for Dance Production.
- 21 "Live and let dance" Dance Production show for '82-'83 here at We-go
- 22
- February
- 4 Dance after Basketball game, fund raiser for class of '84.
- 10 1 Student One Act Plays, directed and performed by students here at We-go. Scenes from famous plays. (selections yet to be chosen)
- 11
- 12



A house near Kerr-McGee displays a sign of the times during Thanksgiving. (photo by Mike Sitarz)

Not enough joy at Christmas

Even though there are cynics who believe that the world is a cruel, uncaring place, there are still a number of people and groups in existence that sincerely care about the well-being of others.

Each year the Salvation Army and other charity organizations enlist an army of volunteers to battle the snow and accept donations for the needy. Churches and clubs organize food-drives for local residents who are less fortunate than themselves. Private citizens travel miles out of their way to deliver a warm meal to a total stranger.

Although these people and organizations do more than their share to help others, far too many refuse to become involved as much as we could. We tend to become so wrapped up in our own activities that we neglect to help the poor or the disabled or the elderly. It is not that we are evil or intentionally inconsiderate. In many instances people neglect to give to a worthy cause because they are ashamed of what they are giving. They feel that their gift will not be appreciated or enjoyed or even accepted. Few things could be further from the truth. Any gift, no matter how small, will

be appreciated by someone who has nothing.

Contrary to what one might tend to believe, the recipient of a gift is not the sole benefactor involved in a donation. The feelings of joy and contentment felt by those who have given cannot be expressed in words. Also, some psychologists believe that people actually need to give at some time or another if they are to maintain a happy life. So during this Christmas Season, as well as throughout the entire year, try to give a little time or money or anything that might be of use to the truly needy. Not only will it help them, it will make the contributor a better and happier person.

A visit to a family planning center

This is the first in a series of three articles by Robin Marvin involving her visit to the DuPage County Family Planning Center. This first installment describes a

part one of three

by Robin Marvin

few of her views on the subject of birth-control along with giving some of her reasons for visiting the center.



Because birth-control is a truly perplexing subject, many teen-agers are confused about engaging in sexual activities. A group of professionals believe that today's youth is becoming more and more conservative, at least compared to the turbulent 1960's and 1970's. However, the question still remains, is today's youth fully aware of the responsibilities that involve sexual activities.

Although I don't keep track of every student's sex life, it seems that the number of students who refrain from sex is steadily declining. Even though society says that it's all right to fool around, the fact still remains that many unwanted pregnancies are occurring.

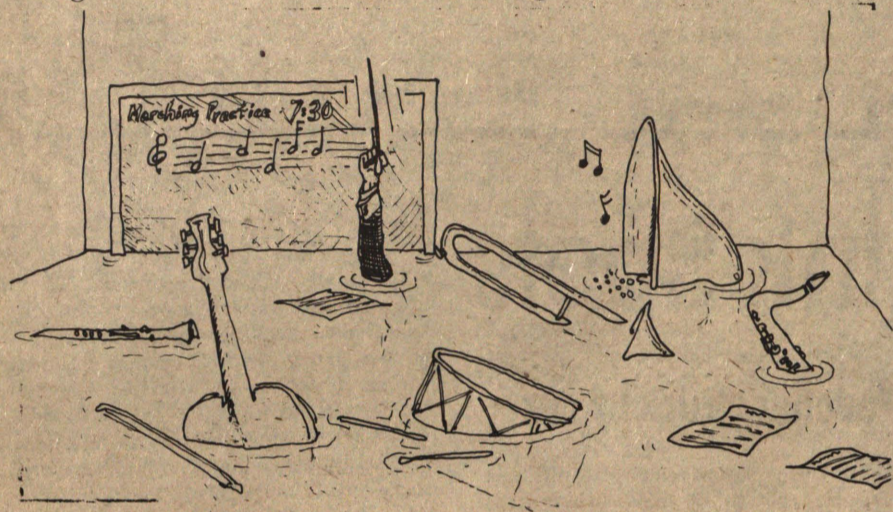
One way that sexual responsibilities are acknowledged is through the use of contraceptives. I feel that a person who takes the precautions is much more intelligent than someone who does not, and is also much more fair to his partner. Ignorance about contraceptives is no excuse. In sophomore Health class, everyone is taught about contraceptives and how to prevent unwanted pregnancies. Even though many people are familiar with the methods of birth-control, the problem of how to obtain and actually use these methods is still a mystery to many.

The DuPage County Family Planning Center is often recommended to students who wish to learn about contraceptives or otherwise need help. When told of the center in both Contemporary Life and Health class, visiting the center seemed unrealistic, too risky, and too official to consider. The promise of complete confidentiality sounded like a fairy tale. Yet, if there was a possibility that it might be worthwhile, it was well worth investigating.

Last November, I visited the center posing as a patient. It took a month to schedule my appointment because of the center's popularity and the heavy demand for help. By the time November 23 came around, I was having second thoughts and constantly kept reconsidering my decision to visit the center. Up until this point, my parents had not been notified of my appointment by the center, although I was still not convinced of its claim of confidentiality.

As I drove to the center, I went over all of the things I had told them when I had called to make the appointment. The receptionist asked for my name, address, phone number, the reason for my appointment, and the date of my visit.

The next article in the series will deal specifically with what she had to go through at the center and may be found in the next issue of The Bridge.



Malfunctioning water-fountain creates problem

To the editor:

The drinking fountain in the Music Department has been a rather sore topic of conversation lately. In discussing it with the Music Faculty, I found that they have requested a new fountain for the past two years. The present fountain gets clogged about once a month or more and overflows. Several floor tiles have had to be replaced. As I understand, this was the only request from the Music Department for this year. Several parents have called the administration about the unsanitary condition of the fountain.

Since the Music Department is not on the air-conditioning system,

when 65 or 75 students are in rehearsal, it gets quite warm. All music students, but especially choir students, use the fountain quite regularly, and are discouraged when it is clogged up or when the water is warm or when it tastes of softening salt. A recent problem has been "air bubbles" in the water line which causes the bubbler to squirt water violently into your face. About 95 percent of our music students signed a petition to the administration requesting that this problem be taken care of in the near future.

Penny Berendson,
Band Member

Only cowards wouldn't register for draft

To the editor:

Concerning the prevailing attitudes about registration for a possible draft. It amazes me that some individuals could be so inconsiderate that they wouldn't register. They feel that they are "protesting" the draft when in reality they are displaying only cowardice. Less than 10 percent of these chicken-hearted draft dodgers are resisting because of religious beliefs. Our forefathers fought and died valiantly for a

cause that they oftentimes knew little about. In the event of a draft, simply not registering only causes someone else to be sent in your place. Our country has its problems, but those are far outweighed by its benefits. If you don't want to accept the responsibilities that go along with the freedoms, then please leave the country and move to Czechoslovakia.

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All-staters deserve more coverage

To the editor:

Many of the soccer players were a bit perturbed about The Bridge's coverage of our two all-state players.

How many all-state players does our school have? By the way that they and the team were covered by The Bridge, one would think that we didn't have any. We object to the way the article on the team was only good enough for Bill Recchia's "Jock Shorts".

Surely, there is plenty of material to cover about the team, and more should have been written. We had one of the most successful seasons in We-go history. Finally, we would hope that The Bridge would give more coverage to those teams and athletes that deserve it.

Dan Barry
John James
Rita Ginther

Wedding bells ring for WCCHS students

by Valerie Zarndt

"Dan, do you take Kriss to be your lawfully wedded wife?" "I do." How many classes give students the chance to get married? For five years now, the answer to this question is the Contemporary Life class offered to juniors and seniors at WCCHS.

The idea of "mock" weddings began when Patti Kozlowski, who teaches the class, wanted to have a major project which involved cooperation between different departments in the school and the community. "I also feel it means more to go through it," she replied.

Was Kozlowski's idea a success? "Definitely," she says. Her students also feel this way. "I loved it," says Kriss Eidenschink, who played the bride in sixth hour's wedding. "It was fun to be involved in planning a wedding," replies Jayme Sheahan. "We worked as a team," states Jenine Lentini.

Nilda Lopez, who had never attended a wedding before, said she enjoyed it very much. Kozlowski says, "It's a good ex-

perience for students who go to a wedding to know how to behave."

"It was a good experience. Being nervous and the responsibility," says Ed Martin.

Students are chosen to be in the wedding by putting their name into a hat and having their name drawn. Students who are not chosen served on committees to plan the reception, flowers, and program.

Among Kozlowski's favorite memories of past weddings is a wedding when two very shy people play bride and groom. "It's not an easy thing to be up in front of all those people," she says.

For the future, Kozlowski hopes to have a project where each couple starts out in a dating situation and the problems that occur before a wedding. However, this requires an equal amount of boys and girls.

Overall, Kozlowski feels her class is a good outlet for students and allows for expression of opinion.



Above, clockwise: Denise Benja and Paul King exchange vows as Jeff Stewart presides over the ceremony on December 2. Center right: "With this ring I thee wed," says Kriss Eidenschink to Dan Larsen. Bottom right: The happy couple, Kriss and Dan, celebrate at their reception. Bottom center: Guests look on at the reception as the bride and groom cut their cake. Bottom left: The nervous bride, Kriss, anticipates the big moment.

Photos by Michael Sitarz



Each year the main theme at Christmas is that everyone should give in order to receive. And each year there is less and less donated to the charities, local and national. There are many things that the well-off people can do for the needy, but they just do not know what. There are also other benefits to giving, not just material items. There are many psychological benefits. It won't be until the true meaning of Christmas is explained to the people of the world that they will be able to enjoy the inner feelings of the season.

Uncle Sam takes less when you give

by Julie Dollars and Stephanie Espig

Christmas is a time for giving and receiving. By donating your no longer needed items, you will in turn receive.

There are many charity organizations who are desperately in need of people's contributions of food, clothing, household items, toys, furniture, appliances, and of course, money.

Good Will, Salvation Army, Toys For Tots, Purple Heart, local churches, and clubs are just a few examples of non-profit charity organizations. These and additional organizations can be found in the yellow pages.

By donating, not only will others benefit, but you will too. Along with the satisfaction of giving, you will be compensated monetarily by a tax deduction.

When donating, be sure to keep your cancelled checks, receipts, and thank you notes. If your contributions have a value of over \$200, you must attach a statement to your tax return showing:

1. The name and address of the organization.
2. The date of your contribution.
3. A description of your contribution.
4. The fair market value of the item on the date given.
5. Your original cost.
6. How and when you originally acquired the item.
7. The amount you are claiming as a tax deduction.

Once the organizations receive your contributions, they are used in many ways. Repairable appliances are used for job training, repaired, and then sold. your household items, food, clothing, and toys are distributed throughout the area, to the needy. Your donations are also sent overseas through missions and World Release projects for the less fortunate and victims of national disasters.

So everyone dig deep in your pockets, clean out your closets, and experience the joy of giving as well as receiving during this holiday season.

A Christmas Carol 1982

On the national front

by Rita Ginther

With more and more people out of work, on public aid, or simply in real need during the holiday season, or any time of the year, it may be necessary to get in contact with some charities. Charities can be for giving or receiving.

There are local charities like churches, school groups, and other organizations; then there are the larger ones like the Salvation Army, Toys for Tots, Catholic Charities, and the Wally Phillips' Needy Kids Fund.

The larger organizations collect donations and give you nothing in return. Wally Phillips' Needy Kids Fund and Catholic Charities deal only with money. The Salvation Army deals with almost anything: clothes, food, toys and money. Toys for Tots will only accept donations of toys.

The money received by the Wally Phillips' Fund and the Catholic Charities are handled differently.

Wally Phillips, a WGN radio talk show host, promotes his cause over the air. The money that is received, over one million dollars last year, is given to the Cook County Department of Public Assistance. Social workers from the department buy toys and clothes for the children of families on welfare.

Catholic Charities, receiving its money from the United Way, the Diocese of Joliet, and a few private contributions, distributes to about fifty families each month. Though this service is supposed to be for emergencies only, people that just come in and ask for food are not turned away. The families usually talk with social workers and are given the aid that they need.

Larger, more widespread charities such as the Salvation Army and the Toys for Tots campaign have larger access to the people who donate. The Salvation Army gets clothes, food, toys, and money from many different sources.

Money received comes from both mail appeal and the change people give to the bell ringers with the red kettles during the Christmas

season. The system used for mail appeal is quite simple. Letters go out to people asking for donations. The response to these letters usually comes in the forms of checks. The red kettles can usually be seen in front of the busy stores during the holiday season. People just drop spare change into the kettles as they pass.

Some companies or businesses give money and/or food donations annually. In the past, companies have given quantities of turkey, eggs, and canned goods.

Schools and churches hold canned food drives for the Salvation Army. And of course, there are also the people who walk into their local office and donate food, used toys, money, and clothes.

In order to receive aid from the Salvation Army, families must be in serious need of help. A social worker talks to the families and checks their backgrounds. The Salvation Army centers primarily on families not already receiving gifts from other charities.

People receiving goods are picked according to guidelines set by the government. People must first apply for aid, unless it is an emergency. Such an emergency would be a family with an infant in need of formula or food.

Last year's Christmas time goal was \$65,000. The Salvation Army ended up about two thousand dollars short of that goal giving them about \$63,000. This year, however, the need is three times greater than last year. According to Salvation Army volunteers, this increased need is caused almost entirely by the economy.

Toys for Tots, a charity that is run by the Marine Corps, is centered on getting toys for the needy children at Christmas. There are barrels placed at various locations where people can drop off toys that are no longer wanted. Many large corporations also donate, but in quantities. Although the basic goal is toys, many people give clothes or money. The items collected are then distributed appropriately by the social workers.

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The toys are gathered from the barrels and turned over to recognized charities and churches for distribution. No families are handled directly with the Marine Corps; they are dealt with by the charities and churches when they receive the toys. Last year about 100,000 toys were gathered. Only about 55,000 of them were handed out because of the condition that some of the toys were in when they were dropped off in the barrels. Approximately 200,000 toys — twice the amount received — are needed to satisfy the growing needs and wants of the children.

Toys for Tots has both a chairperson and a spokesperson. Chairperson Nancy Reagan can be seen on television commercials asking for donations. Spokesperson Henry "Fonzie" Winkler is also very active in the crusade.

With these national organizations obviously giving so much to help the needy enjoy the holiday season, it's hard to remember the smaller local groups that do need help, too. These smaller groups are located in almost every community. To keep these organizations going, the help of citizens is needed. Local charities can usually accept items at any time during business hours at their offices.

Here is how you can make donations to some of the larger charities.

Check for Wally Phillips' Needy Kids should be mailed to: The Neediest Kids Christmas Fund, 2501 Bradley Place, Chicago, IL 60618.

Money can be donated to the Catholic Charities by giving to the United Way. For more information, call 495-9850.

The Salvation Army is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. For information regarding places where items can be dropped off, call 897-7265.

Toys for Tots has many barrels in the Chicagoland area. They are located at Zayre stores, Realty World offices, Midas Muffler shops, and Dominicks.



Santa visits WCCHS

On December 9, 1982, the WCCHS faculty sponsored a Christmas party for all of the children of the high school employees. The highlight of the party for the youngsters was the visit by Santa Claus, Bob "Bruno" Owens.

Carol Miller and Debbie Muskgrave, horticulture teachers, were in charge of planning the event.

All of the children received hand-made gifts. The gifts included wooden book ends with the child's initials making up the body, aprons for the little girls, mittens, and strawboxes.

According to Miller, "The kids had a great time, everybody had a great time."

Giving: the psychological aspect

by Amy Zurawski

"The Spirit of Christmas", as defined by psychologist Ron Rottschäfer, "means that people give to one and other and experience the joys of giving and receiving." Rottschäfer also explained that giving completes a cycle that is needed to survive both psychologically and biologically.

Rottschäfer explained that there are some definite psychological benefits to giving. The most important one he listed was that it completed a cycle that is needed for life. A cycle of giving and getting. Rottschäfer stressed that giving and getting must be done in equal parts in order to be healthy. He compared the cycle to breathing, saying that you have to inhale as well as exhale.

"Giving can be used as a release of guilt. If you have a lot, giving can be an escape of guilt," stated Rottschäfer when listing other reasons why giving is psychologically benefitting. He also stated you shouldn't feel guilty if you have a lot but it is used by many people to escape the guilt they do have.

A third reason Rottschäfer listed was that it makes you feel happy and content with yourself. Many people are helping others. When they give

it enables the cycle to receive, not necessarily from the people they give to, but in general. Even a feeling of self-gratitude can be considered receiving according to Rottschäfer. "People use giving as a way to empty themselves so they can receive like a gas tank," says Rottschäfer.

There are some bad motives for giving, also. Even though giving is basically a selfish act because you have to give in order to get. But you shouldn't have immature, silly motives. According to Rottschäfer, such immature motives would be when you give only because of convenience or you need to get rid of something. Other reasons would be "I owe you one," or "If I give to him he has to give back to me." There are a lot of games like these, that are involved with giving and they should be avoided at all costs because they only result in a harmful completion of the cycle.

A person should not give just to receive or to benefit himself in one way or another. They should give because of a genuine desire to do so. "Some people don't give because of the fear that what they have to give won't be good enough, or that they fear they won't get anything in return, or if they do give it won't make any difference

anyway." But others don't give because of an inner anger. The anger they have comes from the fact that they were never appreciated before and they have an attitude that won't change now.

The best way to break these fears is to recognize the fear themselves and become aware that they are present. Then make a plan to change and practice it faithfully.

"Giving until it hurts really does affect some people," says Rottschäfer. He said that these people are the "Do-gooders" and they are only giving to give. Because of their excess in giving they are also completing the cycle in a harmful manner.

Rottschäfer feels that people shouldn't be embarrassed by giving because both giving and receiving are reasons for praise. "Getting caught with your motives showing is not need for embarrassment," says Rottschäfer, "Praise fits well in the cycle, also."

Rottschäfer feels that giving is a beautiful thing when it comes from the heart. "Giving puts you in touch with other people, it gives you a sense of brother and sisterhood. Even though you don't necessarily know who is going to get what you give, you know your generosity will be appreciated by someone — and that's the best part!"

We-go what's happening

by Michael Sitarz and Cheryl Matejka

The traditional holiday fantasy, The Nutcracker, will be presented by the Chicago Tribune charities at the Arie Crown Theatre. Ticket prices range from \$3.50 to \$13. Performances go through January 2. Tickets can be ordered at 791-6000.

Following the Nutcracker at the Arie Crown Theatre in McCormick Place will be the opera production of Show Boat starring Donald O'Connor. Shows are for three weeks only, January 4 through January 23.

The 1981 Tony award winning production 42nd Street opens New Year's Eve at the Civic Opera House in Chicago. Ticket information and the performance schedule can be obtained through Ticketron, 454-8400.

The Charles Dickens classic, The Life and Adventures of Nicholas Nickleby, will show through January 23. For information about performance times, contact the Blackstone Theatre at 977-1700.

The Goodman Theatre is the site of the

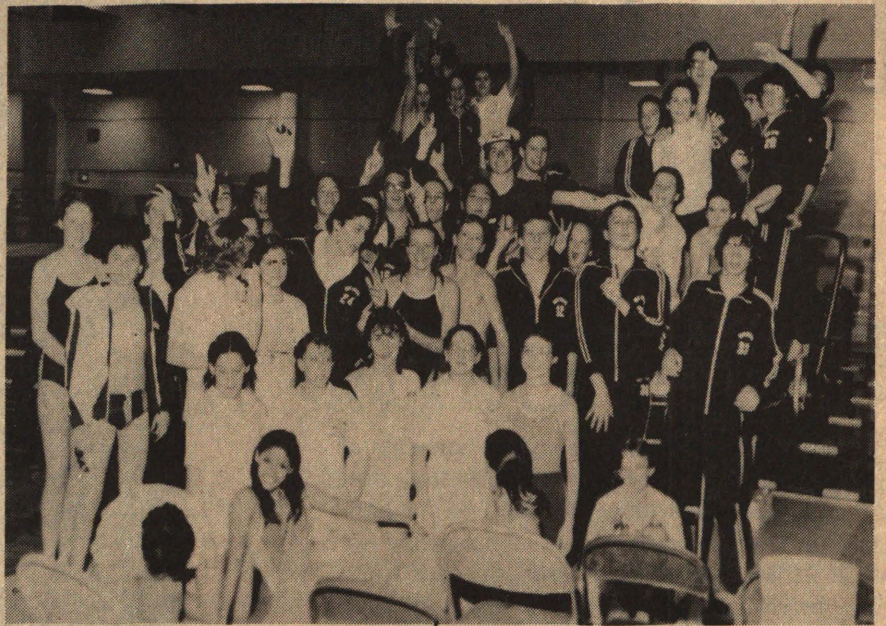
other Dickens classic, A Christmas Carol. Performances are now through December 31. Ticket prices range from \$15 to \$19. Ticket and time information available at 443-3800.

No place to go on New Year's Eve? Rosemont Horizon hosts a New Year's Rock 'n' Roll party hosted by Chuck Berry. Other guests include Junior Walker, The Coasters, Del Shannon, Tommy Roe, and The Chiffons. Tickets are available through Teletix, 635-9800.

The WCCHS Music Department will present its annual Christmas Vespers Concert on December 19 in the Weyrauch Auditorium. The 3 o'clock concert will feature numbers from Concert Choir, Girls' Chorus, Madrigals, and Swing Choir.

Don't forget the Christmas Dance on December 21 in the cafeteria, from 8 to 11 p.m.

See the We-go sports schedule for all the latest girls' and boys' basketball games, boys' swim meets, and wrestling meets.



Swim team drowns faculty

About 200 spectators showed up to watch the second annual swim meet between the We-go swim team and the WCCHS faculty.

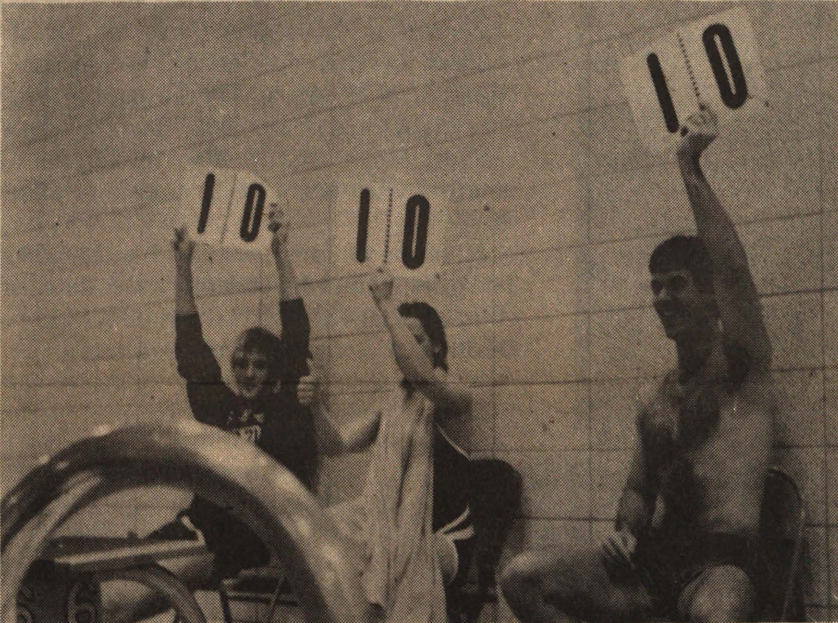
The swim team won 48-22, evening up their record to 1-1 against the faculty.

The faculty won three out of the 10 events.

The highlight of the evening was the diving event. Doug "Diver Van" Van de Mark,

business education teacher, showed up the rest of the divers with his three-fourths summersaults, both forwards and backwards.

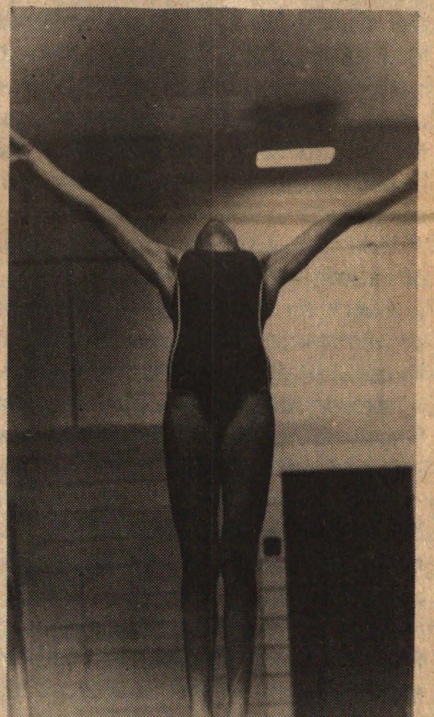
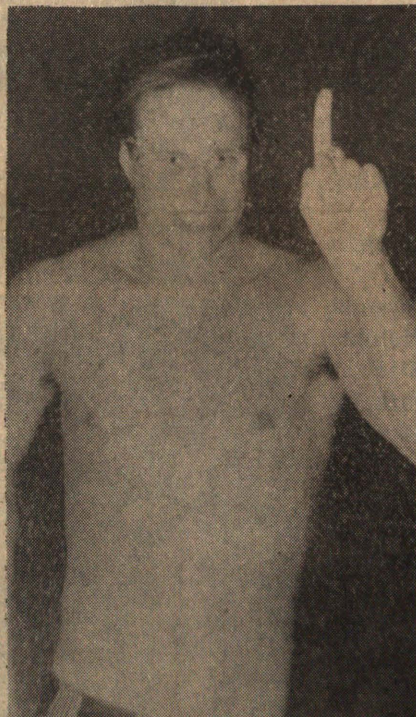
The admission money donated for the event will be used for the Cathy Devereux Memorial Scholarship Fund. This is awarded to a senior swimmer or diver each year.



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Above clockwise: Rob Flatter (left), Patrice Zietlow, and John Highland each hold up their perfect scores of ten for diver John Voelz. The victorious We-go swim team. A We-go diver exhibits

the perfect form needed to win the second annual We-go swim team — WCCHS faculty swim meet. Senior swimmer Bill Gebhart wants everyone to know that the swim team is number one.



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'Getting strong now' for later

by Bill Recchia

With the boy's swimming and the girl's basketball seasons just starting, the members of these teams had their mind on one major item... getting in shape!!

Dan Johnson, head swimming coach, says, "We don't start practice to get in shape. The guys are expected to be in shape when the season starts."

Johnson explains that there isn't much space for them to train, but he does try to get something. "We have an arrangement where they can swim from 6-7 each morning before school," stated Johnson.

Coach Johnson also says that his swimmers can weightlift, but it isn't structured. Johnson explains that since he also coaches the girl's team, he can't supervise the weightlifting.

Another opportunity for the boy's swim team to get in shape is for them to join the Shark's Swim Team.

This is a good opportunity for the swimmers to get in shape before the season, claimed Johnson.

"The summer season is a big factor also," claims Johnson. He continued, "Those who do train in the summer usually come to practice very close to their swim times of last year. If they don't use the summer to their advantage, they come to practice with slower times to begin with."

Johnson says that a high percentage of his team do pre-season train. He says that due to the fact that this is only the fourth year for boys swimming at the school, many

of the freshmen coming in have no swimming background.

"With the summer and other training opportunities available, it allows us to be respectable in the short amount of time we have had the team," explains Johnson.

Coach Johnson concluded, "All I can do is make the things available to them. I don't 'police' it. I let them take advantage of it. Most of them are pretty good about getting in shape, though."

Girl's basketball head Coach Lavora Singleton also is a firm believer in preseason training. "We work basically on flexibility, cardiovascular endurance, stretching, and sprints," she explains.

Singleton explains that she starts two weeks before the regular season begins, but wishes she could start earlier. "I am involved in tennis though," explained Singleton.

"Last year we had between 30-40 girls train, but not all played basketball," says Singleton. "This shows that the training is open to anyone who wants to get in shape."

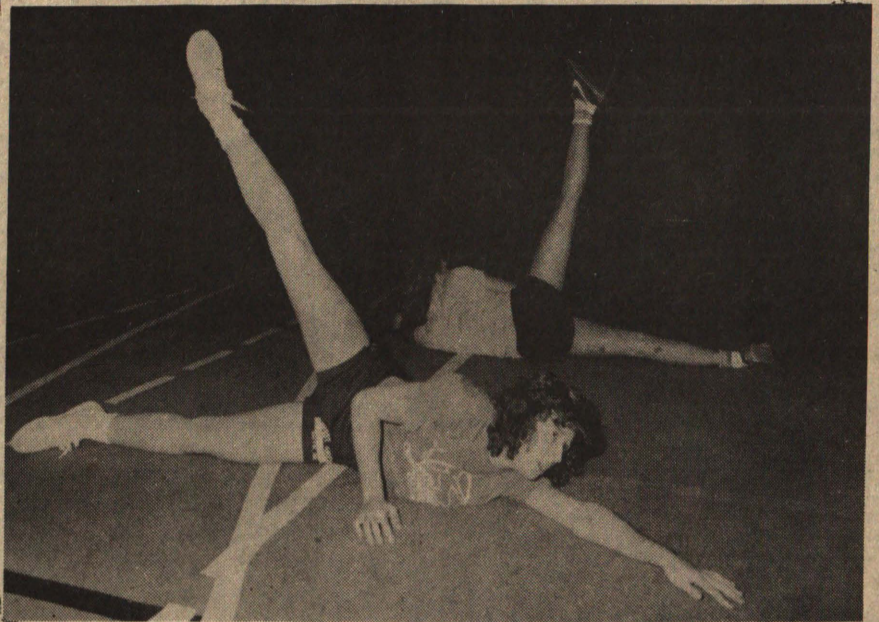
Coach Singleton feels that in the years she has run this training, it has definitely helped the team. "Due to this training, we are able to play a person the whole game where as some schools can't." She continued, "Also, after the first round of play, we really don't have to do any more conditioning."

Singleton says that the girls like it, but complain that it hurts. "It's a good type of hurt, though," she explains.

Singleton continued, "Due to the conditioning, once the regular season begins, we can spend much more time on team concepts than on conditioning. Our drills become our conditioning, much like a Bobby Knight (head coach of University of

Indiana) practice."

Senior swimmer Rob Flatter summed it all up. "For all sports it is the same," he explained. "Training does you no good unless you train hard. You must train hard to really improve."



Alyson Dieter (front) and Sue Becker work hard in preparation for their season. (photo by Michael Sitarz)

Jock shorts

Cager's try again

Tonight at 8 p.m., the Wildcat's boys basketball teams will travel to Wheaton to battle the Falcons of Wheaton North. This will be the second meeting between these two teams so far this year. The first meeting was a non-conference affair during the St. Charles Thanksgiving Tournament, when the Falcons defeated We-go 42-40.

Key players to watch for on Wheaton are Kurt Fenton, Dan Grahm, and Paul Samuels.

Grapplers face tough foe tonight

Our wrestling team will also face the always tough Falcons tonight. The meet will be at home in the Bishop Gym, with all matches beginning at 6:30.

Tomorrow morning the team will then travel to Bolingbrook to battle both Bolingbrook and Plainfield. Matches will begin at 10 o'clock.

We-go tries to make splash at meet

Also tomorrow, our swimming and diving

teams will participate in the We-go Invitational with 11 other teams. Diving will start at 9:30 a.m., with swimming events beginning at 1 p.m.

Girl cagers face defending champs

Tomorrow night will also see our Wildcat girls' basketball teams traveling to Wheaton North. The Falcons are the defending conference champs, and are promising to be tough opponents once again. Varsity game will begin at 7:30.

All conference team named

Gary Hansen was named to the first team all-conference team. He was also named the team's most valuable player.

Rich Schultz also received honors by being named special mention all-conference. Special mention is just one step below all-conference.

Intensity level differs

by Dino Tiberi

An often discussed topic in athletics is that of women vs. men. Although skill level is usually the main point of discussion, other factors are equally important, such as attitude in their respective sports.

Boys Varsity tennis Coach Wayne Kosek, who also coaches sophomore soccer and formerly boys and girls basketball, gives a main reason why the level of play is imbalanced. "The boys level of play is higher, mainly because they start at a younger age and the coaching is better," said Kosek.

Joanna Ruch, student trainer for boys and girls athletics, agrees with Kosek on the level of play. "Although the boys are more skilled, the girls skill level is on the rise," she said. She feels that girls programs are becoming stronger, and that a main factor to be successful is if the girls play together before the season, like the boys do.

Swimming Coach Dan Johnson feels that he can get more out of his boys teams, since more seem to stick it out from freshman to senior year. "I usually have more boys stay on the team than girls, because many of the girls by their junior or senior years tend to leave the team for outside interests," said

Johnson. But despite this, Johnson believes that there are many positive points on both teams, and he didn't feel that either team was better than the other.

When asked about intensity, all three agreed that both teams were very intense. The attitudes were also very good, according to the three, but Johnson mentioned that the girls and boys swim teams had different perspectives concerning meets. "The girls seemed a lot more relaxed after a loss, they tended to forget it and look ahead to the next meet. The boys on the other hand, took the losses a lot harder, letting it linger for a while." He also added that the boys take criticism differently than girls do. "You can holler at a boy and not worry as much. They take it as a type of push to do better. A girl, however, sometimes can take the hollering personally, hurting her feelings," said Johnson.

Coach Kosek enjoyed coaching girls because they are more relaxed and don't have as many bad habits. "The girls are easier to coach because they don't have as many bad habits from street playing. They also do not feel pressure from the community that the boys do."

No stars this year

by Carol Earley

The girl's varsity basketball team will take on Wheaton North, last year's DuPage Valley Conference Champs, on Friday, December 17, at 8:00 p.m. at Wheaton North.

Both teams are rebuilding this year. Last year We-go lost all-conference player Leslie Anderson. One player commented that since they lost Anderson, they don't have anyone that shoots all the time. Everyone passes the ball around so someone else can shoot.

Another factor that this year's team must deal with is the lack of height. Coach Singleton feels that since they don't have a great deal of height, they must center their game around their quickness and aggressiveness.

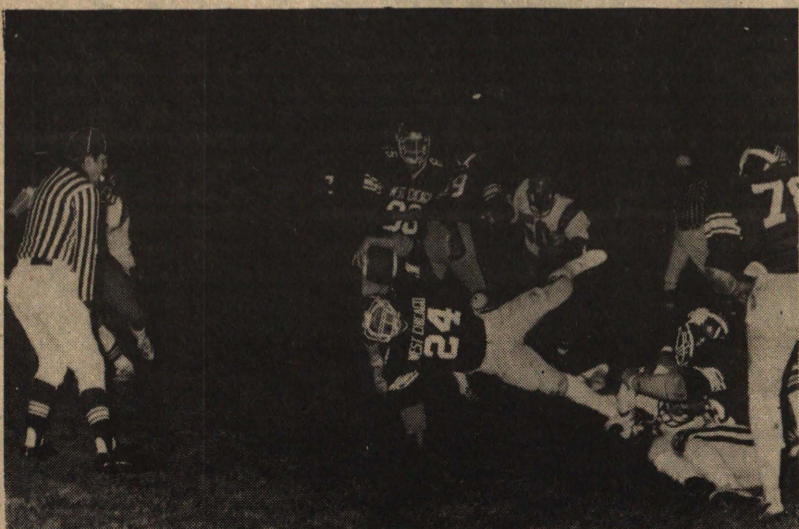
After finishing fourth in conference last year, Singleton's main goal is to finish better this year. She knows that they've got the ability to play well, but it takes "confidence within each play." She says that all they have to do is believe in themselves.

This year's key players include the four captains, second year varsity players Sue Becker, a 5-8 wing guard, Sue Beedle, a 5-7 point guard playing her second year on var-

sity, Beth Brand, a 5-9 forward, who is playing her third year on varsity, and Alyson Dieter, a 5-7 guard, has been on the varsity team all four years. Other players include seniors, Carrie Barkwell, Mary Gilbert and Cindy Hughes. Juniors are Karol Christopherson, Karin Hensge, Jeanne Mueller, and Jeannette Stuart. There are also two freshmen on the team, Stacey Anderson and Colleen Dabbert.

Last year, Wheaton North lost three of their five starters. Two of them, Betsy Brown and Lyn Chew, who both had averages over ten points, were all-conference players last year. The other, Linda Anderson, was an all-conference special mention who averaged 11 rebounds a game.

The Falcons plan to revolve their team around returning starters from last year. They are co-captains Karen Helm and Mary Stelletto. Wheaton North doesn't have any one main player to center the team around or to depend on for points. "We'll have to score more as a team," said Falcon Coach Edlyne Bruhn. Bruhn also said that even though they don't have one main shooter, it won't stop them from being good.



Gary Hansen's extra effort enabled him to be named to the DuPage Valley All-Conference team. (photo by Michael Sitarz)

Lower weights will tell story tonight

by Mark Hoffer

"It will be the traditional dogfight it has always been," commented assistant Wheaton North Coach Jack Schomig about tonight's meet against West Chicago.

The Falcons recad last year was an impressive 14-1; including a win over West Chicago. Tonight the Wildcats will try and change all that.

"We have good lower weights," stated head Wheaton North Coach Dale Pierre, "we will be closer, scorewise, to We-go than any other team because they also are strong in the lower weights." Junior Barrett Carlson feels the same by saying, "We are strong where they are strong."

Scott Pierre, Kraig Tagany, and Ken Huck will help the Falcons battle it out in the lower weights. Joe Rodriguez, Pat March, Barrett Carlson, and Mike Christansen will help the Wildcats as they try for the win.

"We will win, if we wrestle up to our potential," commented Senior Kevin Mende, who feels confident he will get more varsity time this year. "If we win some key matches in the lower weights," said Junior Joe Rodriguez, "we can win."

Frosh Coach Jon Volz feels that the meet will be very close, with the win gearing either way. "I'm pleased with the way the

freshman team has done so far, and am confident we can do well." Coach Volz will wrestle his 17 man team against Wheaton North's 65 man team.

The Varsity team started off the season with a disappointing loss to a strong Lyons Township team. Lyons had a dual-meet

record last year of 12-2.

Wildcats Joe Rodriguez, 119 pounds, and Mike Christansen, 132 pounds, both gave a valliant try in the loss. Kevin Mende, 167 pounds, added a thrill to the meet for the Wildcats with an exciting last minute tie.

Ninetv-eight pounder Dave Worthy and

132 pounder, Dave Romero, won their matches in the Junior Varsity loss to Lyons. The Lyons JV team was undefeated last year.

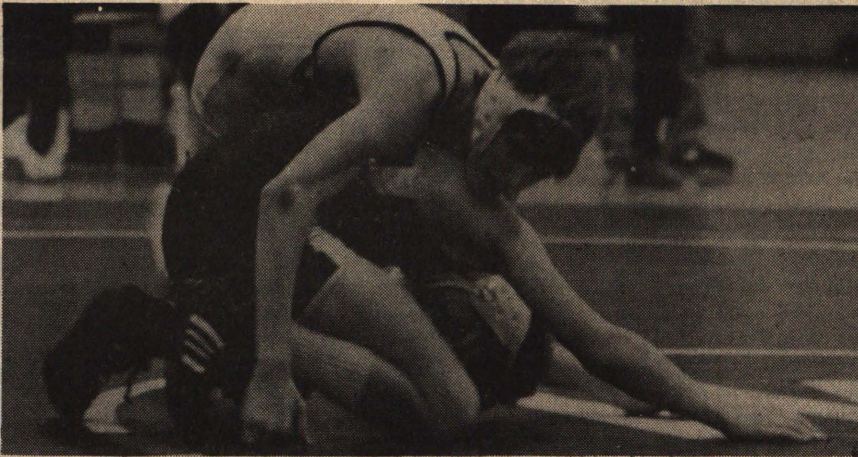
The Frosh team gave Lyons their best challenge in a long time. "We-go's freshman team was the best team we have faced in a long time," stated the Lyons freshman Coach. Freshman wrestlers are: Blackmore, 112 pounds; Odell, 145 pounds; Wattes, 155 pounds; and Ralo, 185 pounds, all won their matches by pins.

The Wildcats improved their placement in the Wildcat Invitational by moving up from a third place finish last year to a second place finish this year.

Proviso East once again captured first place honors, with six first place champions to West Chicago's three.

Top finishers for the Wildcats were: Joe Rodriguez, 119 pounds; Rob Taylor, 167 pounds; and Raul Hernandez, HWT. Hernandez turned in the fastest pin of the tournament for the Wildcats, pinning his opponent in 44 seconds to take first place.

Geoge Cruz, Pat March, and Mike Christansen all took second place in the tournament.



Eric Odell (top) has the advantage over this Wheaton Warrenville opponent in West Chicago's victory last Friday. (photo by Michael Sitarz)

Kraft speaks out

by Bill Recchia

Participating in collegiate athletics is a dream that many high school athletes often think about. The athlete must then ask, "Do I know what I am getting into?"

Mike Kraft, West Chicago's Illinois High School Association's State Wrestling champion at the 167 pound level last year, received a full scholarship to Northwestern University.

When asked whether or not college athletics is the big business that everyone hears about, Kraft said that he really doesn't see it as one. "The school really takes good care of us (his team)."

"There is a lot set up for us to help us with our school work," claims Kraft. He continued, "They set up special programs and have tutors for us, too."

Kraft said that the major difference between the classes of high school and college is that you attend classes much less, but there is a considerable more amount of work in college. "The conflict in high school between school work and athletics is nothing compared to college. It takes so

much more time, and the hours are so much harder."

Kraft feels that the major difference between high school and college athletics is the association with your teammates. "You are rarely in a class with a teammate, so you don't have time to talk. You really don't get to know people as well in college. High school is more of group concentrated, as to where college concentrates more on individualism."



Mike Kraft, a freshman at Northwestern University, feels that there is a large difference between high school and college athletics. (photo by Michael Sitarz)

Freestylers strong for We-go at Invitational

by Dan Barry

West Chicago's swimming and diving teams will host the annual Wildcat Relays this Saturday at 1 p.m., with the diving competition starting at 9 a.m. Going into the meet, our Wildcat Swim Team hopes to finish "in the top three," says swim team Coach Dan Johnson.

In this invitational meet, there aren't any individual events, as the name implies, so there isn't any one key person on the team, but overall the team's strongest events will be freestyle relays.

Coach Johnson feels he has two "outstanding freestylers" on the team this year: Bill Gebhart and Rob Flatter. Other solid Wildcat freestyle swimmers are Dave Sheriff, Eugene Wagner, and Chris Wagner. Johnson also said breaststroke would be

another strongpoint for them. Juniors Bill Haverty and Greg Otto are two of the breaststroke swimmers for We-go.

Both Johnson and Gebhart believe West Aurora will finish high in the meet. Gebhart also thinks West Chicago might finish as low as "fifth" place. Johnson says Stagg will probably be the top team at the meet. His reason for that is Stagg has two good swimmers in the state meet last year which are returning again this year.

The ten other teams in the meet include: Lockport, McHenry, Morris, Wabonsie Valley, Chicago Whitney Young, Elgin, Oakforest, Tinley Park, and West Chicago. From these 12 schools, approximately three hundred and fifty swimmers will participate in the meet.

Boy's Basketball

Dec. 17	Wheaton North	A Vars. 8 pm
Dec. 27-30	Wheeling Tournament (Karsity)	A TBA
Dec. 27-29	St. Charles Tournament (Sophomore)	A TBA
Jan. 14	Glenbard South	H 7:45 pm
Jan. 15	Marmion	A Vars. 8 pm

Girls Basketball

Dec. 18	Wheaton North	A 6 pm
Dec. 27-19	We-go Tournament	H TBA
Jan. 6	Wheaton Central	H 6 pm
Jan. 8	Streamwood	A 1:30 pm
Jan. 13	Glenbard South	H 6 pm
Jan. 15	Naperville North	A 1:30 pm

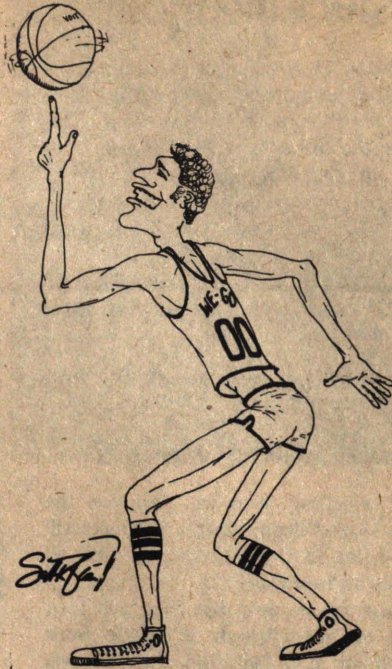
Winter sports schedule

Wrestling

Dec. 17	Bolingbrook; Plainfield at Bolingbrook	A 10 am
Dec. 22-23	Hinsdale Central Tournament (V)	A 1 pm
Jan. 7	Wheaton Central	A 6:30 pm
Jan. 8	Homewood Tournament	A TBA
Jan. 14	Glenbard South	A 6:30 pm
Jan. 15	Lakepark, York Willowbrook	
	Frosh at Willowbrook 10 a.m. J.V. at York 1 p.m.	
	Vars. at Lakepark 1:30 p.m.	

Boy's Swimming

Dec. 18	We-go Invitational	H 9:30 am diving 1 pm swimming
Jan. 4	Marmion	H 7 pm
Jan. 11	Larkin	A 5 pm
Jan. 13	Elgin	A TBA
Jan. 15	Shepard Relays	A 4:30 pm



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