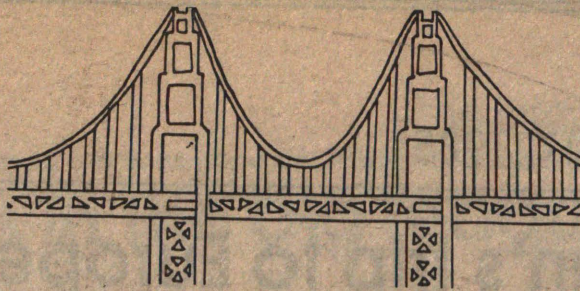
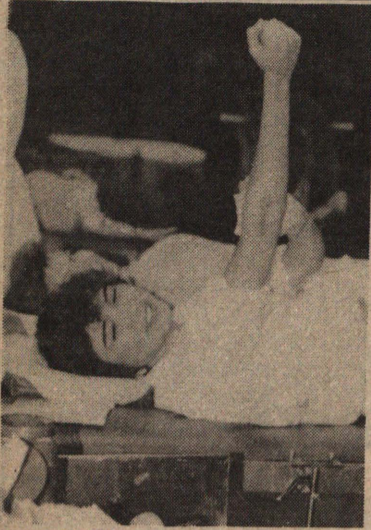


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Michelle Villegas gave blood for the Aurora Blood Bank on Tuesday, April 30 in the trimnastics room. (Photo by Cindy Fischer)

## Breach of rights

by David Mark

Recently the Attorney General of Illinois stated that DuPage West Cook Regional Special Education Association could not exist as a legal entity.

DuPage West Cook is an Administrative organization which is responsible for managing the business of the handicapped programs for the DuPage West Cook County areas.

The members of DuPage West Cook are not individual school boards such as School Association for Special Education in DuPage County (SASET) which have many school boards in them.

According to a state law the local school board is reserved the right to enter into a joint agreement with other organizations. This is where the problems arise.

Local school boards have entered into joint agreements with organizations such as SASET which have then entered into a joint agreement with DuPage West Cook. The Attorney General argued that because there is a joint agreement within a joint agreement the right of the School Board has been overlooked.

Myran Dagley said that DuPage West Cook will try to reorganize itself so that there is not a breach of the individual school board's rights.

This would involve a board including one member from each of the 93 schools in DuPage West Cook. Also DuPage West Cook wishes to establish a seven member executive board.

There also is the possibility that many school districts may not re-enter DuPage West Cook for many reasons.

It is the opinion of some SASET members that seeing how all DuPage West Cook does is act as an Administrative branch, that responsibility could be absorbed by local organizations such as SASET thereby eliminating the \$1.2 million budgeted for DuPage West Cook.

Also, a concern of some school board officials was the cost of transporting students to schools which have the facilities to deal with their handicap. Yet Dagley expressed the opinion that it is important to educate students with various handicaps together.

## New bill to help foreign students

WASHINGTON (SPS) — Sen. Charles Mathias (R-Md.) reintroduced a bill February 28 that would provide funds for the education of foreign students who have financial limitations.

The United States Scholarship for Developing Countries Act (S.542) is structured like the Fulbright-Hays Act by not specifying the level of funding or number of scholarships granted. The act would incorporate its activities with the fiscal 1986 budget for undergraduate scholarships in Central America, thereby requiring no new expenditures.

At the close of the 98 Congress, reports concluded that the Senate was in support of the idea that "bringing students of all economic classes from developing countries to study in the United States is in our national interest."

An identical bill (H.R. 1340) was introduced in the House by Majority Leader James Wright (D-Tex.). Both bills await markup in the Foreign Relations Committee of each chamber.

## Great times

Six flags Great America in Gurnee, Illinois opened the weekend of April 27 to the public from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday. It will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. starting May 20. Beginning May 25 it will be open til 10 p.m. Tickets are \$14.95.

"Grad Nights" are exclusive parties for high school seniors and their friends, Friday May 17 from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets are \$16 at the main gate, or \$13.95 at Flipside record stores.

## Close to home thrills

by Erin Schaben

Kids are always finding new ways to get a thrill. Speeding cars, dangerous stunts and deadly games are but a few.

The most popular of the devices of thrill are drugs. Narcotics and alcohol are the most evident ones. Now there is an increase in the use of an old "high" in the glue and correction fluid.

Glue was the start of things to sniff that may be around the classroom or home.

When several schools were contacted they stated that there hadn't been a problem, "not in a while if ever." The nurses of these schools, Blackhawk Jr. High School, Gary School and West Chicago Jr. High School gladly reacted that their students were not taking part in this.

But then non-toxic glue came out, so kids had to move on to other substance: correction fluid and rubber cement.

The effects of each are harmful, even to the point of death. When sniffing glue, an allergy can be formed and then the lungs fill up with fluid and there is the chance of death.

Some of the immediate effects of kids that sniff something to make them high are excitement, hallucination, and dulling of the senses. Other long term effects are nerve damage, brain damage, liver and kidney failure.

Sniffing glue, correction fluid, rubber cement, and/or cleansing products are not as popular in the suburbs as in the bigger cities. Companies that are making correction fluid are adding an ingredient to discourage kids from trying to get high on it.



Kara Nelson, playing the violin in the Fox Valley Music Festival on Monday, April 29. The festival consisted of 22 area high school bands, orchestras, and choirs. (Photo by Cindy Fischer)

## Armed Forces Day

May 18. Armed Forces Day. A good day to start thinking about what the military might mean in your future.

Recruiters say that the armed forces give young men and women great job training, education, and an adventure.

Any individual interested in counseling or further information on draft registration, conscientious objection, other draft issues, or military recruitment, is invited to call the Midwest Committee for Military Counseling at 939-3349 Tuesday through Friday from 2 to 4.

## FBLA news

On Wednesday, May 8, Future Business Leaders held their elections for officers. Friday, May 9, was "Follow a Business Person Day", members went to local businesses to observe employees.

## French drama

by Cassie Storey

This year, for the first time, the French classes will be presenting French plays. Under the direction of Mireille Roll, French one, three, and four will be presenting their plays on May 30 in the Weyrauch Auditorium. The plays will be held during 5th, 6th, and 7th hour, open to students who are unscheduled during any of those periods. Teachers are also welcome to bring their classes.

## Swimmer killed

Stryker Reed, All-American swimmer has died at the age of 19.

Reed was a 1983 graduate of St. Charles High School. He was killed Friday, April 12 at 7:30 a.m. His car ran into the back of a tractor-trailer on Interstate 85 in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Reed was captain of the 1983 St. Charles state champion swim team. The team also won state three out of four years while Reed was on the team.

He mainly swam the butterfly, though he also swam freestyle and backstroke. Reed was a high school All-American athlete all four years of his high school career.

Reed was reportedly on his way to attend a class at Clemson University, Clemson, S.C., when the accident occurred. He was a sophomore here and had already set school records in the 200-yard butterfly and the 200-yard medley relay.

Reed is survived by his mother, Mary; his father, James; and a sister, Kelly.

He was buried in Union Cemetery, St. Charles.

## Structured study time

by Julie James

The administration is working on reevaluating study hall time. Principal William Renner, along with Assistant Principal Richard Waterhouse and guidance counselors, is looking into making study hall a more structured, more productive time.

Under the proposed plan, two faculty members would be walking around, helping students with problems that they might have with their homework, and generally seeing that the time is well used.

Sophomores and juniors with less than a C average the previous year would be scheduled into a study hall. Seniors failing two classes at any time during the year would be assigned to a study hall.

Renner stressed that the plan is not intended to punish the students, but to help them. "We've got too many kids failing multiple classes. Students aren't learning what they're capable of learning, and I am going to do everything in my power to see that they learn."

The idea stemmed from the success of the tutorial program. The new study hall would be an intermediate between the tutorial program and unscheduled time.

"None of these ideas are hard and fast," Renner said, "We're still developing the idea." Anyone with good ideas to add is encouraged to see Renner or Waterhouse.

## In the running

This may prove to be a big year for student council elections for next year's council. Candidates will be encouraged to use posters, slogans, and buttons to enable them to be known by their class.

Officer elections will be held May 22, the representative elections on May 29.

There will be class meetings on May 21. The school will operate on assembly schedule "B". Candidates will be grouped ac-



ording to the office they are running for, and a senior officer will ask them questions relating to their duties as an officer. Seniors will meet to discuss graduation.

Any freshman, sophomore, or junior could petition to run for office. Twenty-five signatures were required. The student council is comprised of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and six representatives from each class.

## Cats strut in Chicago

by Erin Schaben

Do you know what a jellie cat is? Well the cats in the popular musical Cats will be glad to tell you. They'll dance and sing their way into every home.

Cats was taken from a book of poems about cats, T.S. Eliot's *Old Possums Book of Practical Cats*. The musical was performed at the Shubert Theater in Chicago.

Basically there wasn't much of a plot. But one wasn't needed to really enjoy the music and the cast's talent in dancing. It was centered around a yearly celebration to choose one cat to go to Heavenside Layer. The rest of the show introduced certain cats and told about them in song and dance. The whole play took place in a junk yard and there were about twelve words spoken in the play.

There were many things that stick in your mind after you leave the theater. One such

thing was the lighting. During the overture, hundreds of Christmas-like lights lit the stage; many in pairs resembling cat's eyes.

Other memorable things were some of the characters; Rum Tum Tugger, Grizabella, the glamor cat, Mungojerrie and Rumpleteazer, thiefe cats, are just a few of the very interesting characters and names that are told about.

The stage was a surprise to see. Before the sets were even constructed, several rows of seats were removed to make the stage larger. When the stage was transformed into a junk yard, giant Coke bottles, old clothes, a giant drain pipe, an antique car and stove were items that you are able to pick out within the other trash. Each of the pipe, car and stove items have surprises hidden in their depths for the audience.

Tickets were last reported to be sold out through some time in August.

## Reagan's trip to Europe was a waste

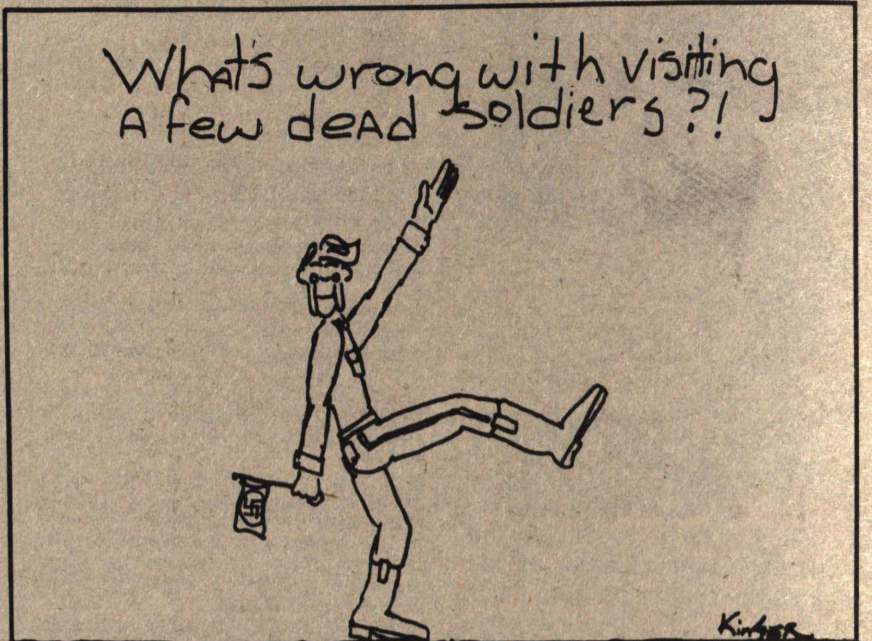
Upon taking the oath a United States president is accepting the responsibility of leading the most powerful nation in the world. The president represents the people and their values. **The Bridge** feels that President Reagan could have eased negotiations between the U.S. and West Germany by methods other than visiting a German military cemetery at Bitburg.

When Deputy Chief of Staff Michael Deaver received the invitation from West German chancellor Helmut Kohl, he did not know that the cemetery Reagan would be visiting contained 47 S.S. soldiers' graves. Deaver did not realize the potential danger to the president's public relations.

Yet, even after Reagan found out about the S.S. graves, he continued with his scheduled trip. Elie Wiesel, who is chairman of Reagan's U.S. Holocaust Memorial council, pleaded with the president in a 26 minute closed meeting and in Congress Reagan displayed anguish, but would not back down. Fifty-three senators including 11 Republicans, signed a letter urging Reagan to cancel his visit to Bitburg. Reagan and his advisers reply to Wiesel's plea was that he would only spend 20 minutes at the cemetery.

While Reagan's public relations looked for a scapegoat, it began to be covered by the media. A trip to Bergan-Belsen, a concentration camp, was then set up. Pressure from Kohl continued to flow, reassuring Reagan that if the trip was canceled it would be an insult to the German people. What about American Jews? Not only the Jewish but the World War II veterans. Memories of the war are vivid within many minds.

Reagan stumbled into a situation that could have been switched around to pleasing not only the people of West Germany, but also the people of the United States. Visiting and laying a wreath on Germany's unknown soldier is one plan that might have worked. Looking for scapegoats instead of relieving the situation by canceling the visit was a waste of time on Reagan's part.



## Not a bright future for gymnasts at We-go

by Sherri Martins



Gymnastics — a few years ago you really didn't hear much about it. Now it's estimated

that nearly two million kids are taking part in gymnastics. No thanks to Mitch, Bart, Julianne and of course America's sweetheart, Mary Lou. They all jump and gyrate around, making it look so easy.

So why doesn't Community High School have a team? Actually, we

are not the only school without a team. St. Charles doesn't have one and neither does Wheaton. Many schools downstate also don't have teams. The reason for this is because there is no coach. The one coach the school had, Lori Jordan, didn't want to coach it any more. So the school brought in a lady from the junior high to coach for a year. Then she quit.

But in order to get a gymnastics program started, you can't just go up to the athletic director and say, "I want a team." Things have to be done. According to Ronald Hansen, Athletic Director, "A coach is the first thing needed. That's also the biggest problem. No one wants to coach." Jordan also didn't think the practice facilities were all that

good.

Try talking to Hansen if you feel that gymnastics is worth having, but — don't count your gymnasts before they start tumbling in. There's a few other things you need to know. Let's start with the old bod. If a person weighs 350 pounds, he probably won't become a Mary Lou overnight. Gymnastics is a very demanding sport. It requires more from the athlete's body. A person has to be in top condition. How else could he do a double-twisting layout back somersault, a Retton special? So when your gym teacher says to run, you run!

Injuries are also very common. A person should have some gymnastics training before they join a high

school team. Gymnastics requires flexibility, balance, speed, acrobatic agility, and grace. Gymnastics is meant to be fun. It helps build a better body and also friendships through competition.

I think the best thing about this sport is that you build assurance in yourself and others. How you ask? Working on the equipment may seem a bit much at first, but once you work and go on to harder things, it will be as if you were made for each other.

Now if you feel you really want to have a team, remember it's hard work, but can be a lot of fun when done correctly. The only bad thing is that WCCHS has no plan to start a team. Hopefully, minds can be changed.

## Reader says punkers cut down other crowds

Dear Editor,

Alice Pegel's article on punk rockers last issue started out fine, but deteriorated quickly. However, this was due to the shallowness of the people interviewed. None of the people interviewed except for Derrick Geick seemed to have any idea what they were talking about. I've been into punk for two years. I've been to about twenty punk concerts and my brother was in a hardcore punk band. I've met and hung around with every type of punk from the superficial hypocritical lightweights to the total extremists. In my opinion, and I feel I am qualified to

make this judgment, these "punkers" are a far cry from any of the real punkers that I've met, and I doubt that they'd fit into any of the punk scenes as a consistent member.

The main point the interviewees tried to get across was "be yourself", and "don't conform to society". They all say that they don't care what other people think of them or if they conform. They make a big deal out of looking different and they cut down the other crowds such as preppies and jocks. Isn't it possible for a conservative prep to be himself? The "punkers" cut down everyone for not being like them. How ri-

diculous! They don't want people to conform to society. They want people to conform to punk, like they have. They have tried so hard to avoid average society and its fads that they're caught up in punk fads. I know all of the kids interviewed, and I don't think they are being themselves at all. It's a pity that they are so caught up with their images. All of their personalities are stereotyped.

The most hypocritical part of the article was the statement: "I would like to see a lot of changes, but I'm not sacrificing my success in society for it. You have to put up a facade to succeed

in society." How can a person who dislikes and disagrees with society be so worried about succeeding in it?

These so called "punkers" are fooling themselves when they say "be yourself." The message they are really communicating is, "Material things are what matter. You shouldn't conform to society, but it's okay if you do as long as you succeed." The "punkers" are forgetting something. Wouldn't it be better if people were individuals on the inside, instead of looking different and being the same?

Thank you,  
Eric Berka

## American flag is not shown any respect

Dear Editor,

We would like to express our opinion on the care of the American flag at our school. We are disappointed in the school's lack of responsibility towards the proper care of our nation's flag. Many times while passing the high school at night we have seen the flag flying without proper lighting. The flag code states that if the American flag is to be displayed at night, it must have proper lighting. Even through rain-

storms and snow, our flag is mistreated by weather's extremities. The flag code also states that the flag must be taken off display during bad weather.

If the high school is trying to teach students respect and responsibility, why don't they set a good example by following federal law? We are proud of our school and would like to continue feeling this way.

Thank You,  
Kim Leisering  
Becky Rackmeyer

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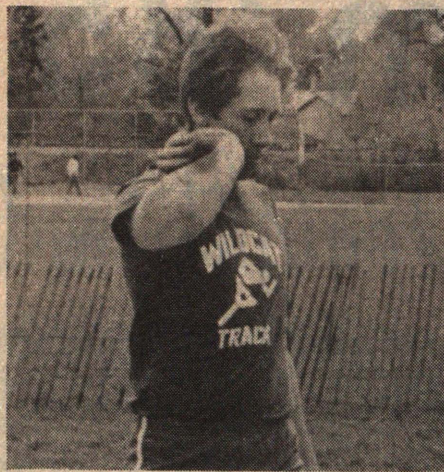
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# Satterfield paddles in the big league canoe



by Rachel Hadden

Blair Satterfield is ranked fourth in the nation for flat water boat canoeing.

Satterfield is a junior and is active in sports at We-go and a cartoonist for the Bridge.

He began canoeing competitively two years ago when Kurt Doberstein, St. Charles Canoe Club flatwater coach, asked Satterfield to join because they needed junior paddlers (18 years old and under).

Satterfield is ranked fourth in the division but since two of the guys that were in places above him are now in the senior division, he is ranked second unofficially. He is also the Juvenile National Champ.

This year in June he will compete in the sports Festival trials. If he makes this team he will race in Batenrouge, Louisiana in

August. Right after school gets out Satterfield will travel to Lake Placid to go to a training camp during the month of June. He will also race in Canada during this time.

If he makes the cut at the Lake Placid Trials he will make the Junior World Team and travel to Rome, Italy. If he makes the Placid trials he will compete in the Pan American games held in Mexico City during October.

Over Spring Break Satterfield traveled to Florida to a training camp where Paul Podgorske, the Olympic training coach and the junior team coach, Colonel Russ Tippet were to help train the canoeists. Both Podgorski and Tippet will be in Lake Placid during the summer to coach on the new Junior World Team.



Satterfield's other activities include cartooning and track events.

# Esposito chosen as finalist in pageants

by Melanie Mitz

Senior Kim Esposito entered and competed in "America's Homecoming Queen Pageant" held in Springfield, Illinois and the "Miss Illinois American Co-Ed" held in Oak Brook, Illinois.

Esposito had heard about "America's Homecoming Queen Pageant" from We-go's 1984 Homecoming Queen, Lisa McDonald. After being selected the 1985 Homecoming queen, Esposito received an entry blank for the pageant which had been sent to the school. She then received an entry blank from "Miss Illinois American Co-Ed." She thought, "What the heck, I might as well fill it out, it could never hurt." She then sent the applications and a picture of herself to each pageant. Esposito was chosen as a finalist in each pageant.

The different pageants judged con-

tants for different things. For the Homecoming Queen Pageant, they judged on 50 percent in evening gown and 50 percent interview. In the "Co-Ed pageant" they were judged on 25 percent in evening gown (preliminaries), 25 percent in interviews, and 50 percent in evening gown (finals). Both pageants also judged on poise and appearance and they "both looked for so-



Cheerleader Kim Esposito competes for America's Homecoming Queen.

meone who could say a short introduction without showing a lot of nervousness," said Esposito.

Esposito had entered the pageants to meet new people and for the experience. "I also felt good to represent our school in the "Homecoming Queen Pageant," said Esposito.

Unfortunately, Esposito did not place in either pageant, but she had a "super great time!" The pageants were organized differently and Esposito said that all the people were "very friendly."

For the "Homecoming Queen Pageant" her sponsors were Franks Certi-Saver, Wheelands "66" Service Station, DuPage National Bank, Walt's Texaco, and her grandparents. For Miss Co-Ed, Winfield Fuel and Material in Winfield and Hair Affair in West Chicago sponsored her.

All in all, Esposito is "happy that she entered the pageants. "It was a learning experience, and I met a lot of friendly people."

## Seniors, What was your favorite part of high school?

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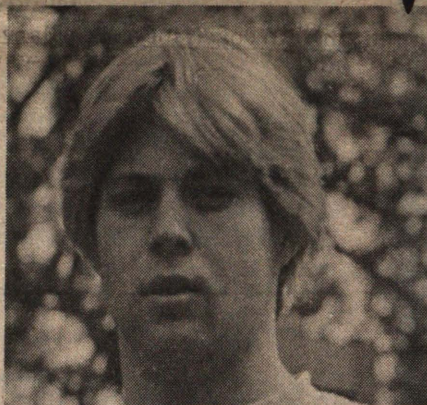
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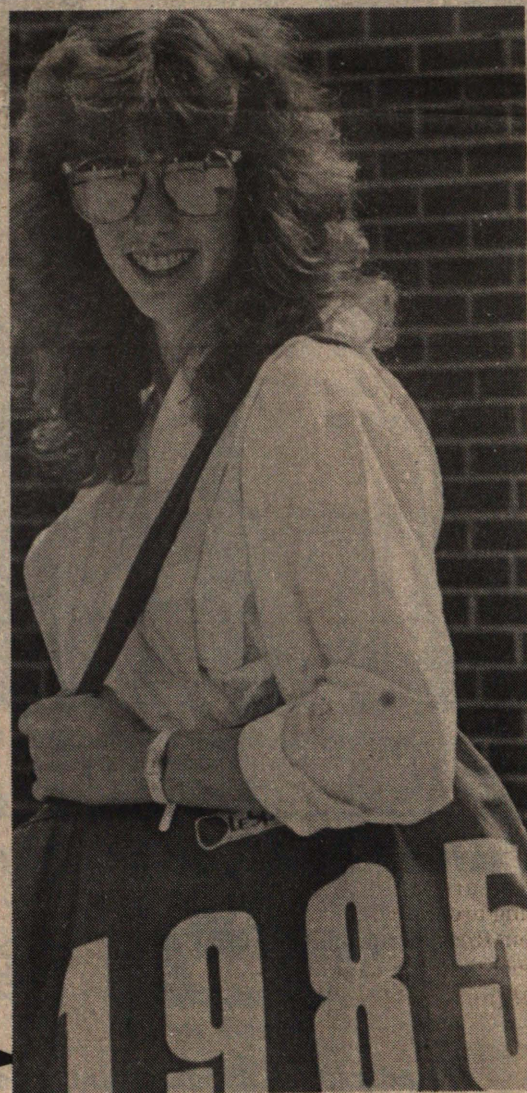
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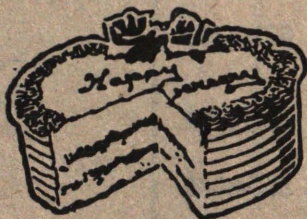


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## Prom info update

by Heather Poliakoff

The school year is drawing to a close once again. Hand in hand with the end of the year comes the formal dance of the year — prom.

This year's prom will be held at the Galleon on North Avenue in St. Charles. The festivities are scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. on May 31. Dinner will begin at 7:30, and the dance will conclude at midnight.

What is on the menu? For starters, instead of having dinner buffet style, like last year, it will be served to the table. The main course will be London Broil, with a baked potato and green beans. Chocolate mousse will be served for dessert.

The prom colors haven't been established yet, but so far red and ivory have been discussed. The theme for this occasion is "Tonight, A Celebration", with the song "Tonight I Celebrate My Love For You" as the theme song. Ticket cost has been undecided but will range from \$30 to \$35. They will be on sale in the commons area from May 20 to May 24, but only 150 tickets will be available. Concerning the sales, Lawrence Price, adviser to the Prom Committee, said "There may not be enough. It's first come, first serve."

The band scheduled to play is called "Better Off". When asked about the progress of the dance Tina Mareello, a member of the Prom committee, replied, "Everything was well planned. It should be really good this year."



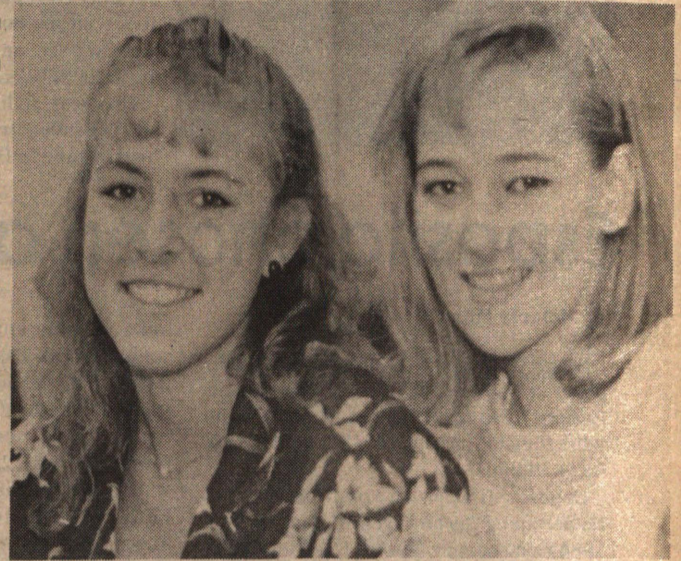
Janice DiBella and Dean Turner, members of the 1984 prom court.

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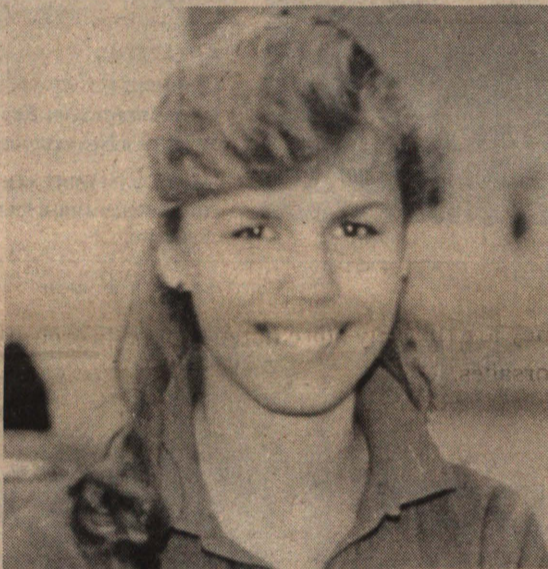
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Where are you going the day after prom?



Kim Larsen — Lake Geneva

Elanor Horsely — Dunes



Jeanine Detente — Great America



Rob O'Neill — Chicago

by Heidi Roberg

Prom is getting close, and with prom, guys need tuxedos. Dresses are found in many stores around, tuxedos are harder to find. Here are some stores and their prices for tuxedos.

Anthony's Formal Wear has two shops. One at 185 E. Lake, Bloomingdale, phone number is 351-9590, and another one at 703 N. York, Elmhurst. Their phone number is 833-1776. Their most inexpensive tux is \$43 and they go as high as \$48. For tails you can expect to pay \$50-\$55. Shoes are \$7. They do have student discount cards.

Gaede's Men, Boy's and Women's shops at 124 N. Hale, Wheaton, (phone 653-6770) has prices that start at \$49 and has free shoes.

Gentlemens Quarters LTD prices range from \$50 to \$55. Their shoes cost \$8. They are located at 261 N. York, Elmhurst. Their phone number is 833-4222.

Gingiss Formal Wear at 1100 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn, phone is 495-1555, at 105 Stratford Square, phone is 893-9592, start at \$29.95. For their most expensive you can pay \$65. Shoes are \$8.

Henry's at 652 Ogden, Downers Grove, phone 968-1232, rents tuxedos from \$47.95-\$56.95. Hankies are \$3, and shoes are \$8. The store will give an \$8 discount for prom wear.

Nicole's tuxedos start at \$29.95. The store is located at 101 East Main Street, St. Charles. Their phone number is 377-5290.

Olson Dean Men's Wear at 524 Crescent, Glen Ellyn, phone 469-1219 has tuxedos starting at \$42.50 and up. The shoes are \$7.

At Sandberg's Store for Men you can rent a tuxedo for \$35. The shoes are \$7. They are located at 109 N. Main St., Wheaton. Their phone number is 665-1731.

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## Accessories make prom special

by Mary Ingram

Extra touches like flowers and limousines can make prom a more special occasion; but where is the best place to buy or rent these things?

Flowers are an important part of prom and there are several places corsages and boutonnieres can be purchased. Among these are Flower Island, Winfield Flower Shop, Jacobsen's Flowers, Accent with Flowers, Scheffler's, and Senne Flower Shop and Greenhouse.

At Flower Island in Fox Valley prices range from \$4.45 for a single carnation to \$7.45 for a double rose corsage. Boutonnieres are \$3.99 and \$5.99. Jacobson's flowers on Main Street in West Chicago has a mixed flower corsage for

corsages — \$4.45 to \$17.50  
boutonnieres — \$2.50 to \$5.99

\$5 and the fancier all rose corsages are approximately \$10 to \$12.

Winfield Flower Shop located on Winfield Road has corsages ranging from \$7.50-\$17.50 and nosegays which are \$15-25. Boutonnieres are \$1.75-\$5. Schefflers, also located on Winfield sells corsages for \$3.50-\$10 and nosegays from \$10.50-\$18. Their boutonnieres can be purchased for \$1.75 or \$3.75.

Accent with Flowers on Front Street in Wheaton has corsages priced at \$8-\$12 and boutonnieres are \$2.50 and \$4.50. Finally, Senne Flower Shop and Greenhouse sells corsages for approximately \$4.50-\$10. Also they are the only store listed that sells orchid corsages.

Even if he loves his pick-up truck, it may not seem appropriate for such a formal occasion. If this is the case a couple might want to rent a limousine. Since there are only a limited number of limousines available and prom is a busy season for limousine rental companies, arrangements for renting limousines should be made as soon as possible.

Carriage Limousine in Downers Grove rents

regular charter limousines for \$30 per hour with a minimum of two hours. They also have super stretch limousines with a bar and a color TV for \$120 for the first three hours.

Town and Country Limousine, Inc. in Glen Ellyn has regular limousines for \$35 per hour with a three hour minimum. They also have super stretch limousines for \$50 per hour.

West Chicago's DuKane Limousine service has limousines available for \$30 per hour with a minimum of two hours.

Tina Marelo, member of the prom committee, said, "The best deal I found for limousine rental is at Royal Ryde in West Chicago; they only charge \$20 per hour for prom (they normally charge \$38 an hour)."

The little accessories can make prom even more special. Nice flowers and limousines can complete the evening.

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Dawn Glomp — Lake Geneva or Great America



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Sheila Miller, Julie Shepard, Gina Baden, Dave Romero and Cesar Garza waiting to get their pictures taken at last year's prom.

## The SADD fact of drunk driving

by Kris Sims and  
Linda Solohubow

Friday and Saturday nights are usually the best nights in any teen's life, but sometimes they may also be the worst.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, on these two nights ten percent of all drivers on the road are legally intoxicated. This means that there is more than .10 percent alcohol present in the bloodstream.

Studies show that driving skills can be impaired with as little as five percent alcohol in the body. Drinking alcohol seriously interferes with judgment, muscle coordination, vision, and reaction time, all of which are very important for driving.

Statistics show that over twenty-six thousand Americans are killed in drunk driving accidents each year, which averages 72 people each day.

There has been a growing public awareness of this problem but some people may feel there is little that can be done. Fortunately, there are many things possible to help reduce this problem. (SADD has taken this into consideration.)

At a party someone may not be capable of driving home, so offer that person(s) a ride, or, if possible, have that person(s) sleep over. Put a limit on drinking. Just because a friend can hold down a six pack, that does not mean that everyone can. Drink less toward the end of a party, or stop for at least an hour before leaving. Since it takes an hour for one's body to fully

eliminate one drink (12 oz. beer, 1.5 oz. of hard liquor, and 5 oz. of wine are all considered one drink as far as alcohol content is considered), plan on keeping it down to one or two drinks an hour. Time is the best way to sober up. Following any of these suggestions can help limit this problem of driving while intoxicated.

Also, anyone can help by joining any of the following nationwide groups: Mothers Against Driving Drunk (MADD), Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD), and Remove Intoxicated Drivers (RID). Through these groups the public's awareness is increased and the problem decreased.

Our school's SADD Chapter is a way to help. One way SADD helped increase public awareness was a mock drunk driving arrest held after school on April 18.

Too often the innocent get smashed. SADD hopes to encourage people to take any action, no matter how big, to fight this problem. And remember, friends don't let friends drive drunk.

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# Roaring 20's dances in wealth and poverty

by Kelly Fox

"The twenties were a time of great extremes — extremes in wealth and poverty, culture and vulgarity, ambition and what-the-hell. The massive leveling processes of the thirties had not yet begun to bulldoze away the social and economic differences that set people apart. The bastions of society were still unscathed by the masses: a name like Vanderbilt meant a Fifth Avenue mansion, not an etiquette book."

Audiences were growing larger and theaters were growing in sophistication with their audiences. Films and motion picture with the Marx brothers and others were now art.

Society was shifting its values and focus from age to youth. In this new society women were becoming "flappers." Flapper women bobbed their hair, threw away their corsets, flattened their chests, revealed no waistline, and wore their skirts short. They also started to smoke and drink in public. All of this would be considered unwomanly before World War I, but because of women doing men's work during the war, the women's attitude changed rapidly.

Flappers were proud of their nerve. She is shameless, selfish and honest, and she considers these attributes virtues. She takes a man's point of view, and when she loses she is not afraid to admit defeat.

Americans had much leisure time in the

twenties. Henry Ford was producing the cheap, but strong Model T on the newly invented assembly line. Now instead of spending time depending on the railroad for transportation people could get places much faster with the car. This left time for such pastimes as the radio, and sports like boxing, golf and baseball. Baseball became big in the twenties with people like Babe Ruth.

The income levels of society were rising and it made it possible for people to participate in fads and fashions. Marathon dancing and flag-pole sitting were popular one year and forgotten the next.

Jazz took the country by storm in the twenties. "Jazz," says Sergei Koussevitzky, conductor of the Boston Symphony, "is an

important contribution to modern musical literature. It has an epochal significance — it is not superficial; it is fundamental. Jazz comes from the soul, where all music has its beginning."

The Volstead Act was passed in 1919 and prohibition lasted all through the twenties. Bootlegging became popular in the mountains, and places like "speakeasys" and "blind pigs" also came into existence. These places were secret bars where you needed something like a special password before they were let in.

Women broke out of their shells in the twenties. No longer were men telling women what to do as well as what they couldn't do. Their independence was now being seen.

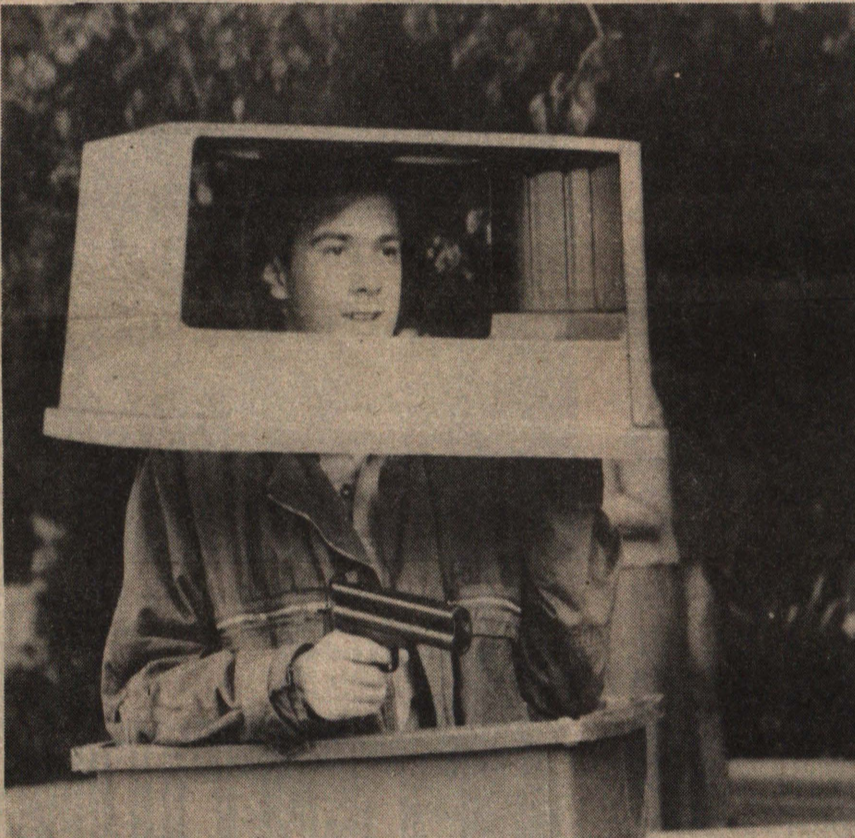
## Review 'Gotcha' really gets ya where it counts

by Scott Grenke

His name is Moore, Jonathan Moore. He's not James Bond, but in his own way he's pretty close.

Gotcha is an absolutely fantastic film. This movie has many humorous scenes throughout it. It also has suspense and some good drama. One thing this film is not, is boring. Gotcha moves at a perfect pace and is never too fast or slow in any particular scene. Some notably hilarious scenes to watch for are those scenes between Jonathan and his parents. The parents do a superb job of acting and are

at his killer game, he constally strikes out with girls. Then his best friend asks him to go to Europe for a week. His father objects because of the money it would cost, but his mother convinces his father to let him go. Once in France he meets an American/Czechoslovakian woman who he becomes involved with. After the week she tells him that she must go to Berlin to do ... some business. Later she tells him that it is not West, but East Berlin that they are going to. Once in East Berlin, Jonathan finds himself in the middle of in-

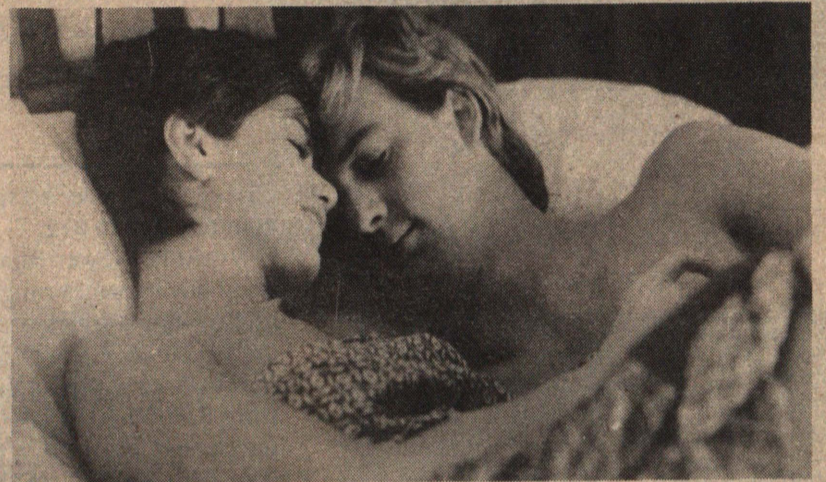


very funny. The acting in this film is very good.

The movie starts with Jonathan playing a game of 'killer' at college. Jonathan stalks and shoots his victims with an ink pellet BB gun, but where he may be good

trigue, mystery, and danger.

Watching Jonathan's adventures in Europe is very exciting and humorous. The climax is very well done. This movie is a must to see. It's definitely worth the time and money.



The West Chicago concert choir was one of 22 area high schools which performed at the Fox Valley Music Festival. The choirs performed six numbers.

## 'The Unforgettable Fire' makes lasting impression

by Steve Benson

The Unforgettable Fire is a fresh, new approach to rock by U2.

Unlike their past albums, Boy, October and War, U2 uses keyboards for special effect instead of guitar and vocal treatments used in the past. Fortunately, the keyboards are not overly stressed in their music, thus producing a well mixed, good sounding album.

One of the album's strong points is its change of moods. The songs, on the album, take you from one mood to another: from the angry energy of "Wire," to the mystery of "Promenade," to the sorrow of "Bad." Each song has its own unique mood, making The Unforgettable Fire a hit. However, it does have one weak point. The song "Elvis Presley and America" is a long boring song. Even though this is a definite minus for the album, on a scale from one to four, (four being excellent), I give The Unforgettable Fire a three and a half.

U2 was formed around 1976 in Dublin, Ireland. The band consists of Bono Vox, lead vocals, "The Edge," lead guitar, Adam Clayton, bass guitar, and Larry Mullen Jr., drums. Most of their songs deal with their homeland, Ireland, and politics. Although many of their songs speak out against nuclear war and the war in Northern Ireland, Bono says, "we never use the stage as any kind of soap box." In response to Bono's comment Clayton said, "If it (music) gives you another opinion and perspective on your own life and your own situation, well then I think we're succeeding. We're not trying to give anybody a formula or a way to live their life, all we're giving is perspective."

The Unforgettable Fire costs around \$8 to \$10, including tax, and can be found in just about any record store. The hit singles included "Pride (In The Name Of Love)," "A Sort of Homecoming," "Wire," and the title cut "The Unforgettable Fire."

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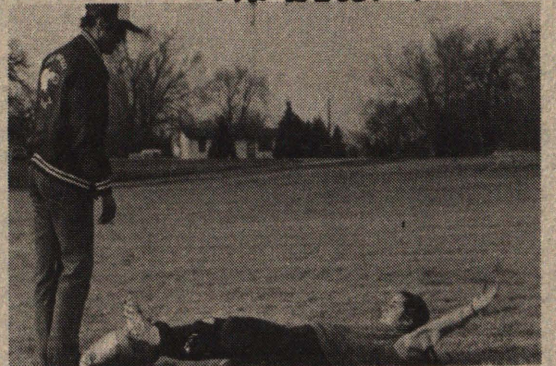
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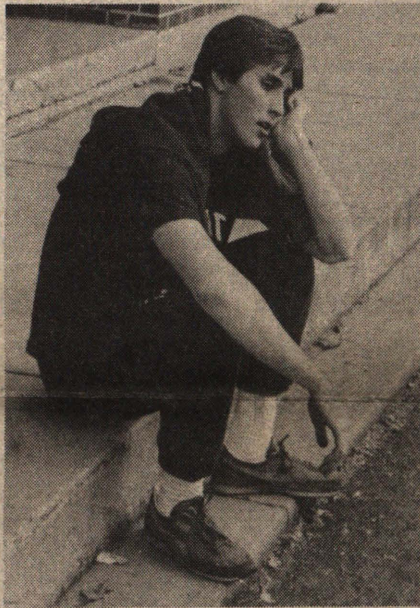
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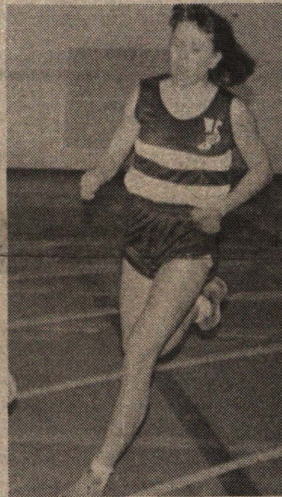
Bill Tijerina uses his discriminating eye for batting during baseball season.



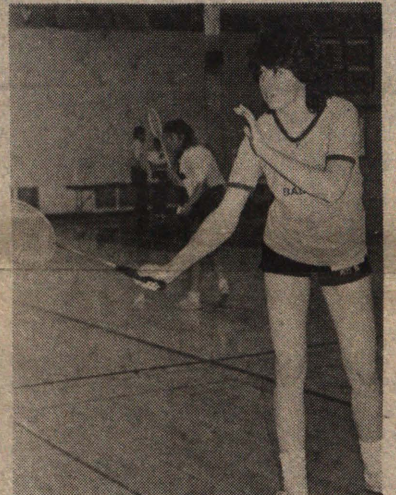
Kelly Chimmel follows Patrick Welches advice when sliding to base.



Scott Schechtel takes a breather during Boys' Track practice.



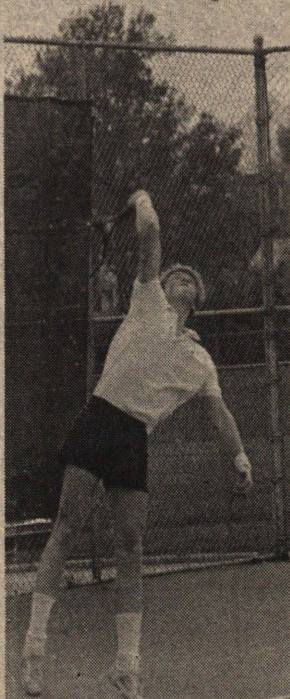
Dawn Herold paces herself during indoor track.



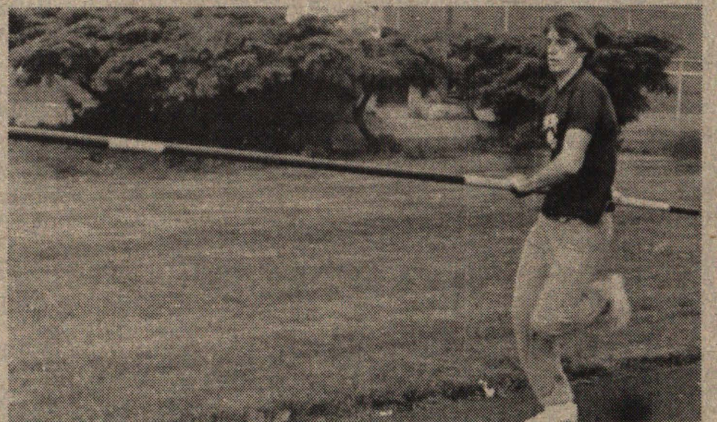
Keeping her eye on the birdie, Teri Bailey concentrates on placing her next shot.



Jim Gulbro and Blair Satterfield take a leisurely jog around the track during practice.



Stretching for the ball, James Koop prepares for a smash.



Preparing to pole-vault, Colby Walter judges his distance.

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June 6, 7	State Finals	Pekin	TBA

**BOYS' TRACK**

Fri. May 17	Sectionals	TBA	TBA
Sat. May 18	Sectionals	TBA	TBA
Fri. May 24	State Finals	(EIU)	TBA
Sat. May 25	State Finals	(EIU)	TBA

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May 21-28	Regionals	TBA	TBA
June 1, 3	Sectionals	TBA	TBA
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# P.E. requirement debated

by Alan Steurer

Is P.E. necessary for five days a week from freshman year to senior year? According to some administrators and teachers it is.

Right now, it is a law in Illinois to take P.E. for four years. There is, however, a bill in Congress that can change that law.

"I will not favor the law," said William Renner about the elective. Renner feels that a sound mind and body go hand in hand. If given the opportunity to change our program here he would not change a thing.

Lorie Jorden also feels the same way about changing the P.E. program. She feels it is necessary in school to have P.E. "P.E. is needed to develop skills and for fitness," said Jorden. She thinks that it is important for growing up.

"The P.E. program at the high school is one of the best around," said Jorden. All that

Jorden would like to change if she could, is the class sizes.

Steve Kimery feels that it should be required for four years. He said that it gives students a physical break during the day, and a sound mind and body. He feels it gives students an advantage when they get out of high school.

Kimery disagrees with the idea of having P.E. as a junior and senior elective. "Students would not take it, because most students strive for an earlier exit in their school day," said Kimery.

Kimery was undecided on the topic of athletics and P.E. class. "It would make the classes much smaller with a study hall for athletes," said Kimery. He also thought there would be the disadvantage of students joining sports to get out of P.E.

Kimery feels that the administration, the

school board, and the community all feel the same way. He feels they would not change P.E. even if the law was changed.

Patric Welch strongly backs P.E. and said that it is important in high school. "It develops sound body, and stresses cardiovascular work," said Welch.

Welch feels that P.E. is as important as other classes. He said that it teaches teamwork and how to get along with others. He thought that it should be given the credit it deserves.

"There are benefits to both," said Welch about athletes and P.E. "If you don't have P.E.," said Welch, "you miss something." He said that it should be studied to find out what's best.

In response to students being bored, Welch commented, "It is hard to keep everyone active with large classes. It is a chal-

lenge to the teacher." He felt that We-go has good teachers. "This school is well equipped and financially stable when it comes to P.E. It would be a shame to waste," said Welch.

Student teacher Juan Gonzalez felt it should be taken. "I find it necessary," said Gonzalez. "It should be required if not for four years, then at least two," said Gonzalez.

He felt that the administration wants P.E. to develop an interest in sports. He thought that the sports program here at We-Go should be much bigger, and with the help of P.E. classes introducing old and new sports might spark an interest. Gonzalez said that there should be a new plan at the school. For juniors and seniors it should be offered as an elective. "Many kids today waste time in gym and use it as a blow off period. We don't need kids like that in the class," said Gonzalez.

# Pro-wrestling makes a comeback

by Mike Oliver

Hulk Hogan, Junk Yard Dog, Big John Studd, and Andre the Giant are all part of an old sport that is rapidly coming back, pro wrestling.

This sport used to be when men would go out on Friday nights and watch people kill each other. But now it is a big business in the entertainment world. You can watch pro wrestling on television on Saturdays and Sundays. There are basically two popular federations; the World Wrestling Federation (WWF), and the American Wrestling Alliance (AWA).

Now for the sport itself, most matches take place in a boxing ring. Wrestlers fight

for 20 minutes or before one of the wrestlers gets pinned on a three count, or is disqualified.

The most popular & exciting is tag-team matches. This match consists of two wrestlers fighting another team of fighters. One wrestler is in the ring and the other wrestler is on the outside of the ring. If one of the wrestlers is in trouble the other wrestler can slap his hand and the other wrestler will come in.

And the other kind of match is a cage-match. This is very different. These type of matches are usually taken place for championship bouts. The cage itself is 18 feet high and the wrestlers are locked in, and

there is usually no time limit. As for rules, well, there are none.

As for the wrestlers themselves, well, how would you like to be in a ring with a 400 pound guy named "The Animal"? Where they get their names I'll never know, names like Greg "The Hammer" Valentine, Rowdy Roddy Piper, Jimmy "Super Fly" Snuka, and Georgious Jimmy Garvin. But the most popular would have to be Hulk Hogan, with his disease Hulk-a-mania. You might remember him in Rocky III as the wrestler. And another person from that same movie has gotten into this sport, that is Mr. T. Hogan and T teamed up in maybe the biggest sporting event of the year, Wrestlemania,

which was held at Madison Square Garden. That event brought forth much interest to wrestling fans and it probably brought new fans to the sport.

This sport really seems to draw the crowds at arenas and stadiums. The people act like they are in the ring with the wrestlers. There have been times when the wrestlers have gone into the crowd and have punched somebody, and chairs have even been thrown into the ring.

This sport is very exciting and entertaining to watch. You can watch pro wrestling on T.V. on Saturdays and Sundays, but better yet you can see them live either at the UIC Pavilion or at the Rosemont Horizon.

# We-go recognizes the 'un-popular'

by Kevin Smith

Well, now that the excitement about the nice weather has died down to complaints of, "I'm hot," so too has the excitement of baseball.

Trying to think of a story to write for a regular column is the hardest thing to do when there is only one sport that people are aware of.

Thankfully for sportwriters there are other sports to write on. Yet many are overlooked as not being exciting or popular. So you players of these sports are in luck.

The one forgotten sport that isn't as forgotten as some others is track. For most people, track is popular about once every year in four years when it is the main attraction for the Olympics.

Yet we have runners every year from February until about May. The big reason track is a forgotten sport is its fans. I saw

a track meet and didn't see any fans whatsoever.

Another forgotten sport is girls' softball. They started practicing in March at about the same time as the baseball team started, yet they fail to get recognized for their efforts.

The biggest reason for this is because it's girls' softball. Because it's girls' softball it fails to get recognized. I don't understand why girls' sports don't get recognized as much as boys' sports.

But perhaps the worst blow to the softball team is that they have no real home games. All of their so-called "home games" are played at the West Chicago Junior High. So our softball team is exiled from the high school.

Another sport often overlooked is boys' tennis. There are even fewer spectators here than track meets and softball games. I guess most of these tennis players will

have to wait until Wimbledon to get the real recognition they deserve.

Yet perhaps the most overlooked sport of all is badminton, the game usually reserved for summer backyard barbecues. Yet if the following of fans at tennis meets are rare I'd hate to see the badminton meets. Maybe the cheer of "smack that shuttle-cock" hasn't quite caught on with We-go students yet.

Maybe I can't convince you to go to see these sports, but I hope I can do one thing. Maybe the next time you think of poking fun at these sports maybe you'll think twice. These people have their own commitment. Their commitment is only less popular than others. They decided to have fun doing something they enjoy rather than doing something that everybody else is doing.

# Tennis team strives to improve season

by Kateri Weibler

We-Go's boys' varsity tennis team now has a record of 2-4. Coach Wayne Kosek said that the reason for this losing record is "inconsistent play, illness, and vacation."

According to Kosek, several players were sick or on vacation for the first part of the season. This caused him to have to change line-ups, putting players in different positions. Also at the same time, the team came up against some of their toughest competitors, such as Naperville Central.

Early in the season, the team picked up two wins. Kosek credits the wins to a healthy team and the fact that the team had had a "consistent two weeks of practice." There was also a lot of teamwork involved, led by seniors John Neuhoff and Joe Thomason.

Kosek said that the whole team is improving, but some players are showing individual success. These players are sophomore Scott Clausen, junior Mike Lach, and Thomason.

Kosek said that Clausen, playing first

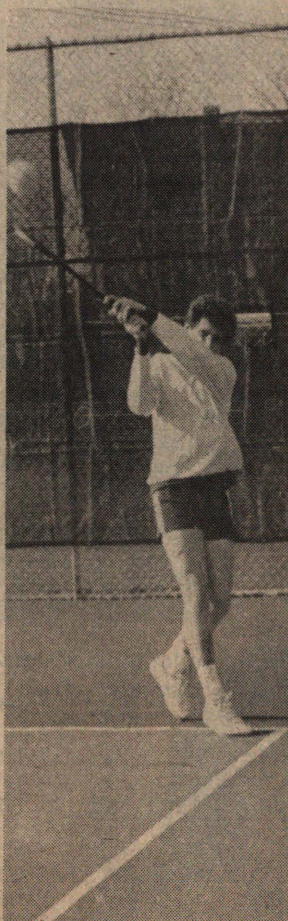
singles, is "a challenge for a young player. He is getting better as we go along."

Lach, according to Kosek, showed good mental toughness in his play. In the teams match against Geneva, Lach, who plays second singles, came back from being down 4-1 to win the third set 7-5. This won the match for We-Go, Kosek said.

Kosek also credits Thomason with very consistent play throughout the season.

With the five conference and four non-conference matches left, Kosek hopes to "break our four match losing streak with consistent effort." He also has a goal of qualifying someone for the state finals. However, since he hasn't seen some teams, Kosek doesn't know who has the best chance.

Kosek, who will not be coaching next year, sees a lot of promise in next year's team. Kosek said that half of the regular line-up will return next season. Players are getting a lot of experience and are showing great improvement this year, said Kosek.



Scott Myles plays second doubles on varsity, practices his back hand shots. (Photo by Becky Thuer)

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