

# The Bridge

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## Musical faces vocal problems

by Kathy Murnane

This year's spring musical *Annie* will be "more enjoyable than those in the past," Director Ralph Zaffino commented. The show premieres May 15-18 with a Sunday matinee. It will run about two hours and the cost of admission is \$2 for students and \$3 for adults.

Auditions for *Annie* as well as the show itself will contrast musicals in the past. Tryouts were held March 10, 11 and 12 however this year a workshop session took place a week before in order to better prepare the students to do their best at auditions. Barb Watschke, who has performed in the musical on Broadway, demonstrated vocal, technical and improvisation skills that the workshop covered.



Kathy Jakubowski auditions for the spring musical *Annie*.

The chorus will find themselves acting more. In contrast to the past they will have about five or six different speaking parts and will not be used merely as a backdrop. The concept of the musical will be less serious than earlier musicals and should be more fun for all involved."

Loren Getz, social studies teacher, will be in charge of sets and props as well as Mary Hafertepe, English teacher, for costumes and publicity. The student director/stage manager is Kim Owens and Janet Riehecky, English teacher, will be an advisor.

A reminder to those who would like to pledge for Thespians in the spring, the musical would be a chance to gain those crew hours needed for membership. Contact Hafertepe for information.

Since the Broadway script of *Annie* will be the same one used for the show here, the play will be less similar to the movie version of *Annie*. For example, Pun Jab, Daddy Warbucks's oriental bodyguard, is not in the Broadway script at all and other characters that play a major part in the movie, have little importance in the play script.

According to Zaffino the biggest problem is that "It will be difficult to find high school girls that will sound like little orphans since most of their voices have already matured. In this show I have to look for voices but also I have to find the right body types." In order to give the image of age difference between cast members the orphans will need to be shorter than the leads.

"It's not gonna be as big of a dance show."

## Inkspots

**Forestry Careers Workshop to be held in August**  
Enrollment deadline extended to April 15

by Carol Juarez

Considering a career in forestry, wildlife, or natural resources management but need more information on these careers? The 1986 Trees for Forestry Careers Workshop could help answer your questions.

The Career Workshop, will help you explore many outdoor related career areas, and interact with many natural resource professionals. There will be professional foresters from the U.S. Forest Service, private industry, and the sponsoring universities to name a few. The dates of the workshop are August 10-16, and the cost is \$120.

To qualify for enrollment, you must be in the upper one-third of your class, completed either your sophomore or junior year of high school, and must have an interest in pursuing a college degree in forestry, wildlife management, or natural resources management.

Applications are available from WCCHS Science Department Chairman or write to Michael Bolin, Extension Forester University of Illinois, 110 Mumford Hall 1301 W. Gregory Drive, Urbana, Illinois 61801. The enrollment deadline for this workshop has been extended to April 15, 1986.

## New tunes for Turnabout

This year Turnabout will be held on Saturday, April 12 in the Cafeteria/Commons from 8-11 p.m. Unlike other years, there will be a professional D.J. instead of a live band. This decision was made by the Student Council, who sponsor the dance each year. The theme of this year's dance will be "Enchantment under the Sea," taken directly from the movie *Back to the Future*. Turnabout is a semi-formal dance that is held each spring that the girls invite the guys to.

Prom reaches paradise

by Kevin Smith

Tickets for this year's prom will go on sale April 1 for \$30 a couple.

It will take place on May 23 at the Sheraton in Naperville from 7 to 12 p.m. The theme will be "Almost Paradise," and will be performed by the band Pursuit.

There will be a buffet dinner with an open "Coke" bar, and the favor will be picture memory books which will be mailed to each person after they have been put together.

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## English gains more emphasis in '86-87

by Kelly Fox

"Junior English will strengthen English skills in the long run," said Janet Riehecky.

Junior English is one of a few changes made in the English department for next year. This new course will consist of American Literature and Expository writing. Dr. Alan Jones said that he wants students to have three full years of writing and to be exposed to American Literature because it is such a tremendous part of our heritage.

The emphasis on writing is to improve writing skills and good development of essay papers which will eliminate time for creative writing. Riehecky said that another year of improving writing skills is good, but she said "creative writing adds in subtle ways to people's lives," and she feels kids may be cheated a little by this.

Science Fiction is being dropped after this year, and American Literature I and II will run next year for Seniors and after will be dropped because they will be covered in

Junior English.

There will be a change in Freshman and Sophomore English also. They had been set up in three areas, Enriched, Regular, and B classes. As of next year there will be only two types and class: College Bound and Regular.

Dr. Jones said that this change will help make a heterogeneous classroom. He feels that having many different types of students at all levels in one classroom will help improve the development of their English skills. Statistics back this idea.

## French students to visit We-go in April

by Deanna Pattengale

Are you dreaming of warm, Florida beaches or have you made plans to go overseas? For 35 French kids that overseas vacation is a reality.

On April 1, 25 French students plus two teachers will arrive in the West Chicago area for a two week stay.

All the Students will be attending WCCHS for one week of school and one week of spring break. They will be staying at various host homes in the West Chicago area.

According to Marjorie Appel, a French teacher here at West Chicago, the students will be staying at primarily the homes of the students taking French at the high school with a few exceptions.

French students at WCCHS will have the

of this same exchange program. Appel says that they will go either during Christmas break or spring break of the next school year. She also says that students from all levels of French except freshmen can apply to go.

Appel believes that families hosting an exchange student will benefit greatly from it. She described it as a "broadening opportunity to go to France next year as part

experience".

Appel also believes some problems might occur in the homes, one of which being the language barrier. Another is most French teenagers smoke, creating a conflict with the host parents.

On the Monday back from spring break there will be a welcoming assembly for all the French exchange students.

## Financial aid cut for upper third

by Jim Recchia

President Reagan has made many budget cuts concerning education. These cuts have an effect on many students throughout the country today.

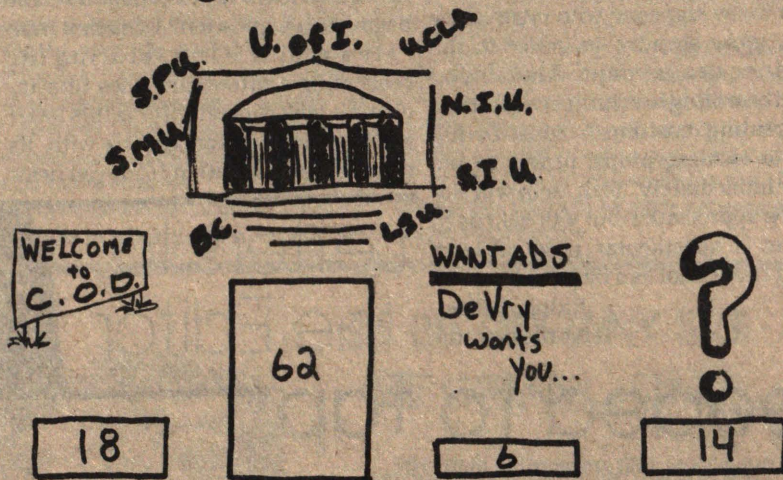
The Administration's plan would eliminate government subsidized loans to stu-

dents whose families make more than \$32,500 a year, and award no grants to students whose families earn more than \$25,000 a year. The Education Lobby estimates that millions of students will be forced to end their college careers because of the cuts.

The reductions are designed to aid the neediest students and it's cutting off eligibility for students and families in the upper third of the American national income. The cuts will not affect those in the lower two thirds who cannot afford higher education without loans and grants.

Education Secretary William Bennett has made a reform with a 25 percent, \$2.3 billion

## Majority of '86 bound for college in fall



Out of 100 seniors surveyed, 18 are attending the College of DuPage next year, 62 are going to other colleges, 6 are enrolling in trade school and 14 are undecided about their plans after graduation (survey taken by Jenni Merle).

... four years of service can earn \$25,000 for tuition.

cut in grants loans and other aid to college students. When applying for financial aid all our personal items such as monthly and yearly salary, whether or not your parents own a home, how much is in their banking accounts, are needed for consideration.

A local Army recruiter says that the Army's GI Bill is still one of the best ways to finance a college education.

Two years of enlistment can earn \$17,000 toward college tuition. A three year enlistment earns \$22,800 while four years of service can earn \$25,000 for tuition.

## The art of transportation; tin on wheels

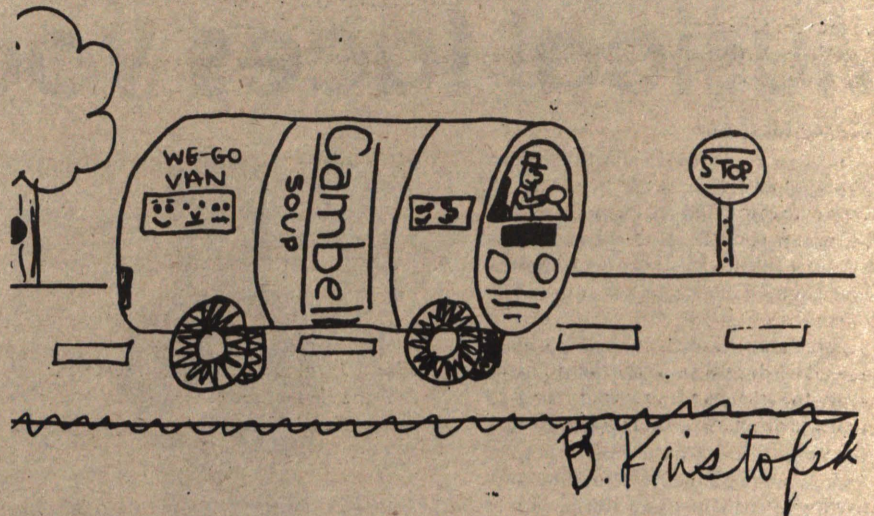
For many people, riding in a school van can be compared to riding in a shockless, dangerous tin of sardines. They have been called hard to handle, overcrowded, and unsafe. Is this opinion justified? Are school vans more of a hazard than a help?

The administration feels that this is not the case. According to Richard Waterhouse, the vans are a valuable asset to the transportation system of the school. They provide an inexpensive and convenient means of transporting small groups of students. Many of the trips made by less than 10 students (such as regional or sectional competitions involving school clubs) would be too expensive for the school board to allow without the school vans. A round trip bus ride to Fermilab, for example, would cost approximately \$100. Also, many groups participate in events where having a van allows them flexibility to schedule for meals, etc. This is not always possible with a school bus.

While the **Bridge** acknowledges the need for the school vans, the safety and comfort of these vans still needs to be addressed. When questioned in these areas, Waterhouse was less specific, stating only that they were inspected every 3 months and that they met all Illinois legislative requirements for such vehicles. In fact, he stated, the school board has implemented their own policy concerning the number of students to be taken on a van trip, allowing only eight rather than the limit of 12. He said further that if there were any problems with a van's performance, the teacher who had the problem had only to fill out a complaint form and the "more serious" problems would be taken care of quickly.

Upon looking into these complaint forms, the **Bridge** found that only one of the complaints, a "noise in the motor," was alleviated within one week's time. The other complaints of mirror difficulty, heater problems, and stuck windows and doors took a bit longer. All in all, however, the process appeared to be quite efficient, as all complaints in the past year were taken care of within three weeks of the first complaint.

What about the uncomfortableness and the alleged "crowding in of students"? In examining some of the trip requests in the past year, the **Bridge** found that occasionally teachers had been allowed to take as many as 13 instead of the mandated 8 students on a trip. Perhaps if they adhered



to the policy implemented by the school board, such problems of overcrowding would not occur.

The major problem of the vans, is, quite simply their age. The first one is in its tenth year, the other in its seventh. No vehicle can be expected to run much past this age. For this reason, Waterhouse recently proposed that the school board look into the possibility of buying a van to replace the one bought in 1976. He hopes to replace the other at a later date. The **Bridge** supports this proposal, and hopes that the administration will continue its present complaint policy, making sure that the guidelines set out by the state and the school board are more strictly adhered to.

### In Passing

America's school children have raised more than \$4 million for the restoration of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.

Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island Foundation, Inc.

One ceases to be a child when one realizes that telling one's troubles does not make them any better.

Will Rogers

Eight-, nine-, and ten-year-olds watch an average of six hours of TV a day.

National Assessment of Educational Process

Everything is funny as long as it happens to somebody else.

Cesar Pavese

Twenty-one percent of the articles in the February 28 **Bridge** had question leads.

Independent Research Foundation

### Setting the stage

Dear Editor,

In May, West Chicago High School will be presenting the musical, **Annie**. This production will be a tremendous undertaking, especially because of the vast number of props and costumes that are needed. I am asking the student body's assistance in helping us locate these items.

We are also looking for the following: a wooden dummy (Charlie McCarthy variety); a large, black kettle; an elegant serving cart; two large, old-fashioned radios; a baby buggy; a dog cage; a rocking chair; an old-fashioned desk; an old-fashioned telephone; an electric fireplace log; wooden folding chairs; fancy draperies; a doll house; a sled; a large stuffed animal; a bicycle; a silver ice bucket; and champagne glasses.

The following costumes are needed:

policeman uniforms; a marine guard uniform; salvation army uniforms; white laundry uniform; a fireman's uniform; a mail deliverer's uniform; a French maid's uniform; black tuxedos; a pink coat and hat set with white fur (for Annie); and depression-era clothing of all kinds.

If you have any of the above items, or if you know someone who might have them, please stop by my office in the guidance department. Also, if you would be willing to volunteer some time for creating costumes, constructing sets, or locating props, please let me know immediately. Your help will not only be appreciated, but will help us to present a spectacular production of which the school can be proud.

Ralph Zaffino,  
Annie director

### Byting into the future

by Kimberly Owens

How often have you heard computers referred to as "the way of the future?"

It seems that everywhere you turn someone is urging you to get involved with computers, especially in college. Well, high school may be just the place to start.

West Chicago offers a variety of computer science classes to choose from, including Basic, Cobol, Fortran, and Pascal. Also offered are personal typing and word processing classes.

Scott Coffland, math and computer science teacher, noted that these offerings may be changed for the 1987 fall curriculum.

Classes offered at that time will include an Introduction to Software Utilities, Introduction to Pascal I and II, and Advanced Placement Computer Science I and II.

Coffland said that these changes are in response to a conference the teachers attended at which student needs and the realities in the

work force were discussed.

Computer terminals are located in the library and according to Chery LaMaster, these are used quite a bit, more in the afternoon than in the morning.

Computers found in the library include the IBM Personal Computer, the Commodore SuperPet, and an Apple 2E. They are used for everything from homework to printing signs and banners. Video games are popular, but the library does not supply game disks.

Typing instructor Sharon Bokker has observed an increase in the number of students interested in using the computers to type school work. Coffland said that there are approximately two-hundred students enrolled in Basic this year.

These figures show the increased interests in computer literacy on the high school level. Imagine the demand for this understanding in the job market.

### Any questions?

Dear Editor,

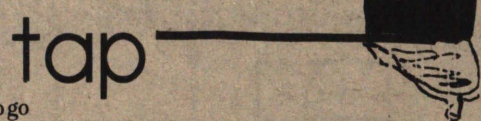
Have you ever wondered how to get the reader's attention when writing an article? Have you ever been told that one method is by asking a question? Do you know how many articles in one issue of the **Bridge** begin with a question? Do you believe that almost a third of the articles in the February 28 issue begin with a question? Does this indicate a problem in capturing the readership's attention? Does this indicate a lack of creativity? Is this letter getting slightly monotonous with its constant interrogation? Can you draw

any parallels between this letter and the **Bridge**? Can the **Bridge** staff accept this as constructive criticism?

Do you know who sent this?

Rob Kumpfer      Dara Haverty  
Cathy Tissot      Scott Clausen  
Bill Nippert

### Letters to the Editor



good, and nice to dance to, but there isn't enough of this type played.

Although each person's taste in music is different, there should be a change of pace. A variety of music would be a step in the right direction.

### New tunes needed to tap

by Carol Juarez

WCCHS dances are not what they used to be. The disc jockey is the same at every dance, and the same music is played.

Students feel that a change in the dances is needed. Hugo Perez said, "The dances lack energy." Darlene Exline said, "Kids can find

better things to do, that are more fun than to go to a dance. The last two dances that I've been to have been the worst in the four years that I've been here."

A change in the music is necessary. At recent dances the majority of the music is difficult to dance to. Music by Paul Young and Quiet Riot is

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# Drunk drivers new consequence

by Jennifer Merle

Deaths caused by motor vehicles dropped from more than fifty-five thousand in 1973 to fewer than forty-three thousand in 1983, according to an article in *Consumer Reports*.

For the first half of 1984, 20,413 people died in car crashes, 5.6 percent more than in the first six months of 1983. The reason for this is that people were driving more in 1984 than in 1983, according to an article in *Consumer Reports*.

Approximately half of all traffic deaths are caused by drunken drivers and costs twenty-five thousand lives each year, according to an article in *America*.

## LAWS

Some states have mandatory laws which include:

- seat belt law

- to re-introduce air bags (movement)
- major crack downs against drunk drivers, increasing the penalties, stepping up enforcement and raising the legal drinking age

Senate's proposal includes rewarding states with more highway funds if they enact mandatory penalties for drunken drivers. First time offenders receive two days in jail and the loss of their license for 90 days. Second conviction would lead to 90 days in jail and a license suspension of a year. Third conviction leads to four months in jail and loss of ones license for three years.

Police and courts are reluctant to enforce this law, according to an article in *America*.

What the Senate recommends, is that a person under the age of 21, arrested for drunken driving, should have his license revoked until he/she reaches the age of 22.

According to the Dow Jones Newspaper Fund Newsletter to be convicted under the

Senates bill a teenager will not lose his/hers license for underage driving unless he is arrested behind the wheel.

Also according to the Dow Jones Newspaper Fund Newsletter the House's bill any person under the age of 21 that is found at a party consuming alcohol, on his first offense his license will be revoked for six months. On the second offense he will lose his license for one year and on the third offense the loss of the license for two years. On the fourth offense he could lose all driving privileges until the person reaches 21 years of age.

What the bill House and Senate agreed on will cut federal highway funds to states that do not raise minimum drinking age to 21.

New York was the first in the nation to make a law requiring all drivers and passengers in the state to wear seat belts or to pay a \$50 fine.

The New Jersey Supreme Court ruled that citizens who serve alcohol to guests in their

homes can be held liable for deaths or injuries those guests cause on the road.

The drinking ages:

- 18 — Hawaii, Louisiana, Vermont
- 19 — Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, New York, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.
- 20 — Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island
- 21 — Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Carolina, South Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Utah, Virginia, Washington.

# Shoplifting; the cheap way out

by Brendan Lambert

Elmer walked into the department store knowing exactly what he was going to do. He passed through the electronics department and went straight into the men's clothing department. He took some designer jeans from the rack, entered the dressing room and ten minutes later he left the store with two pairs of jeans underneath his own clothes.

This is not an uncommon occurrence. Shoplifting is becoming a bigger problem every year. According to *Teen* magazine, more people steal just for the challenge or the excitement than because of lack of money. But what are the overall reasons that people, not just teenagers, shoplift? There are various reasons. Financial need, greed, and sudden impulses. Many teens are pressured into stealing by peers who also steal. Many see it as a way to be accepted by friends.

People also steal as a risk taking plea for attention from parents or loved ones who are often involved in their own problems — divorce, alcoholism, or a financial crisis. By stealing they hope to get the attention that they have been missing. Often they get attention but not the kind they bargained for.

According to the federal bureau of investigations (FBI) shoplifting increased 221 percent in the years between 1961 and 1971. In the five year period between 1967 and 1972 shoplifting increased 73 percent. The FBI now estimates that shoplifting has risen 20 percent every year since.

As the rate of shoplifting increases the willingness of retailers to fight back and prosecute shoplifters also increases. It doesn't matter whether stealing takes place

in a large city or small town store managers and law-enforcement officers are cracking down.

More and more shoplifters are being caught. One of the reasons for this is because security people know most of the tricks used by shoplifters, amateur and professional alike. Most times they can spot these people the moment they enter the store.

To apprehend a shoplifter successfully, the security person or retailer has only to prove four elements of the offense. First they must prove the theft was intentional. Secondly the shoplifter must actually have had the article in his or her possession. The merchandise in question must be proved to be the property of the store and offered for sale. Lastly it must be proved that the shoplifter intended to convert the shoplifted merchandise to his own use or to deprive the owner of it.

The punishment for shoplifting varies from state to state. It could be as simple as being reprimand to as complicated as being put on trial and even a jail sentence. Such penalties are ways in which law-enforcers and retailers are trying to deter shoplifting.

There are various ways in which retailers have been trying to stop shoplifting. The most basic way of stopping stealing is to have personnel out on the selling floor. These people are the sales associates, and security guards in plain clothes. They observe shoppers keeping an alert eye and eye open for possible shoplifters. These people are often the most effective ways of reducing shoplifting according to Dorothy B. Francis author of *SHOPLIFTING The Crime Everybody Pays For*.

Another way of stopping shoplifting is

electronic tags. These tags are placed on the merchandise, they can only be removed by a special machine which is usually located by the cash register. When merchandise is taken from its department an alarm will usually sound. This of course alerts the security guards. These tags called sensor-matic tags have been most effective in reducing losses due to shoplifting. In many

more expensive stores where fine jewelry, furs or very expensive merchandise is sold, the items are often chained to the rack, this is probably the ultimate way to deter shoplifting.

Although it may be a challenge to try to steal something from a store think twice before actually doing it. Almost all shoplifters are caught and prosecuted.

## Spirit of We-Go

by Laura Novak

An athlete walks down the hall on the day of a home sports event. When rounding the corner a decorated locker comes into view, the athlete smiles. Later, at the pep assembly, all the athletes are asked to stand or to go in front of the crowd as their names are read off.

Who is in charge of locker decorating and pep assemblies? Pep club, that's who, and they are at the end of their 85-86 season.

Pep club begins in the fall with a big meeting that approximately 30 people attend. The group does, however, narrow down some after a few meetings.

Meetings are held when they are needed rather than a set date every month. At these meetings different subjects are discussed, such as future plans, pep assemblies and the choosing of pep pals. Pep pals are pep club members that are chosen to decorate an

athlete's locker on the day of a home game or meet. Some pep pals also bake a cake or cookies for their athlete.

The pep club officers are Jenny Zietlow, president, Cathy Reif, vice president, Chris Kent, secretary and Becky Showalter, treasurer. According to Zietlow the biggest event pep club prepares for is Senior Parent Night. She also mentioned that this has been one of pep club's more organized years.

The pep club advisor is Robert Hien. Hein claims that at one time the pep assemblies pretty much died out because the kids got "too rowdy." Later, however, some of the students organized a movement to save pep assemblies. There are usually three or four pep assemblies per sport season and none in the spring. Hein says that poms are a big part of pep club.

Several students were asked how they felt about pep club. Students agreed that pep club is important to school spirit. A few students, however, thought it would be a good idea to have more pep assemblies for more sports.

Next time you see an athlete's decorated locker, think of pep club and give them your support.

# A taste of culture at We-go

Finally, spring at last, and are we in for a treat. Besides a much needed vacation and a visit from everyone's favorite cottontail. We are going to be having company.

From April 1 through April 14 the students and staff of this school are in for a rare taste of culture. Yes, coming live from France 25 exchange students and two teachers.

The two week program will coincide with one week of their vacation. The other week will have to be made up when they get back

to France. Nothing like school to keep you from getting bored on vacation!

The exchange students will be living with students from our school. The hosts have no language requirement. Of course it would be nice for the exchange student if you could speak French. Just think of how at home they would feel if you could lay a 'bonjour' on them. However when we send students to France next year a knowledge of the French language will be required.

All exchange students coming to America must be able to speak English. One of the

major difference between schools in America and those in Europe is the fact that students begin to study a language early. Some of the students have studied for six or seven years.

The French students will go to classes with their host, do their six hours of homework a night, and be active members of the school. The program was design to allow students to visit America and meet Americans. But more importantly are the friendships that will be made between our country and France.



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# The high school dating scene

## What to do with someone special

by Maggie Thall

If you're planning on going out next weekend with that someone special, but you don't know where to go, or what to do, here's what most of your peers are up to (keep in mind that students have nominated more than one activity):

Eighty-seven and one half percent of the student population goes to the movies. Depending on where you go, movies can cost from \$1.75 (Geneva and Wheaton) to \$5.50 (Fox Valley and Stratford) per person - don't forget the popcorn.

Sixty-three and one half percent of the dates are at restaurants. Teens go for anything from pizza (\$15 to \$20), to fancy restaurants (around \$150 for two). Pizza Hut is the eatery.

Bubbling under are: Dancing (school \$1 - \$3); Bowling (\$10 - \$20); parties (cover); and swimming (75 cents).

I found that usually the guys pay, but in our modern liberated world, going Dutch (both people paying their own way) is becoming more popular.

Usually what people enjoy about a date/activity location is other people. They want to be

with someone they like and get along with. They also want a clean established place with courteous employees. Restaurants are found to be especially enjoyable because of the relaxing atmosphere, "unless the waitress is really stupid ... and serves you your water by grabbing it at the top," says Michael O'Gwin, junior.

The summer activities change from winter activities. People go swimming more often, and carnival tours begin. Skating rinks also become more visited during the warmer months, as do ball games, parks, and window shopping.

When asked where they would go, if it were more available to them (location, legality, and financially) the majority of students said night clubs (bars), live theatres, lakes (nature), amusement parks, discos, and nicer restaurants.

However, if you're tired of being hassled in crowds, or if you don't have the resources, here are a few inexpensive ideas: curl up with a good board game, slip a rented movie into your V.C.R., or have a romantic dinner for two. Take these hints from your classmates and remember, dating doesn't have to be expensive.

## Girls can be dominant too!

by Sandy Greenberg

In the 80's, it is socially acceptable for a girl to ask a guy out on a date, or is it?

Since time began, men have always asked the woman to go out on dates, get married, or, in the case of Neanderthals, go down to the forest and do some hunting. After centuries of tradition it seems the natural thing to do. Many people are uncomfortable with changes in society, or in instincts, for that matter. Even if a person thinks the role-typing of today is bad, they may be slow to try to change it for the simple reason of it being an instinct, a set pattern of the way things should be done.

There is only one time a year when a girl asks a guy for a date. This time of the year is the Turnabout dance. It's the time of year girls don't get nervous when they ask someone and guys don't get disgusted when they get asked.

Most people in school feel it is not right for a girl to ask a guy out. "I think it is totally

inappropriate," says Kelli Nelson, a junior. "It's traditional for the guy to ask the girl out. To go against tradition is very awkward." It seems that the students at We-Go are "old fashioned", but there are a few exceptions. "If the girl feels that it is appropriate and feels comfortable doing it, nothing should stop her from asking a guy out." Rob O'Neill, also a junior, says that he doesn't see anything wrong with it. "I think it's fine," he says.

Others take a stronger stance. "Society has cast the two sexes in specific roles," says Brian Hennessy. "The male being the dominate persistent type and the females being the ones who are meek and reserved. When you disturb the system everyone involved is ill at ease and the date wouldn't be very enjoyable anyway."

With these opinions in mind, you can make your own decisions. Are you the "old-fashioned" type or the "liberal 80's" type? Well, see you at Turnabout!

## Qualities admired in opposite sex

by Melanie Mitz

"What do you look for in a girlfriend or boyfriend?"

When this question was asked to groups of students the answers varied. The answers were sometimes comical, "I like a girl who doesn't have S.T.D.s (sexually transmitted diseases) says one guy. One girl states "I like a guy who showers often."

Many of the first reactions were all physical attractions. Whether it was blonde hair or blue eyes or red hair with grey eyes, lots of muscles, great body, cute butt, nice walk, everyone had their own opinion of what their guy or girl should look like, what car they should drive, or what cologne or perfume they should wear.

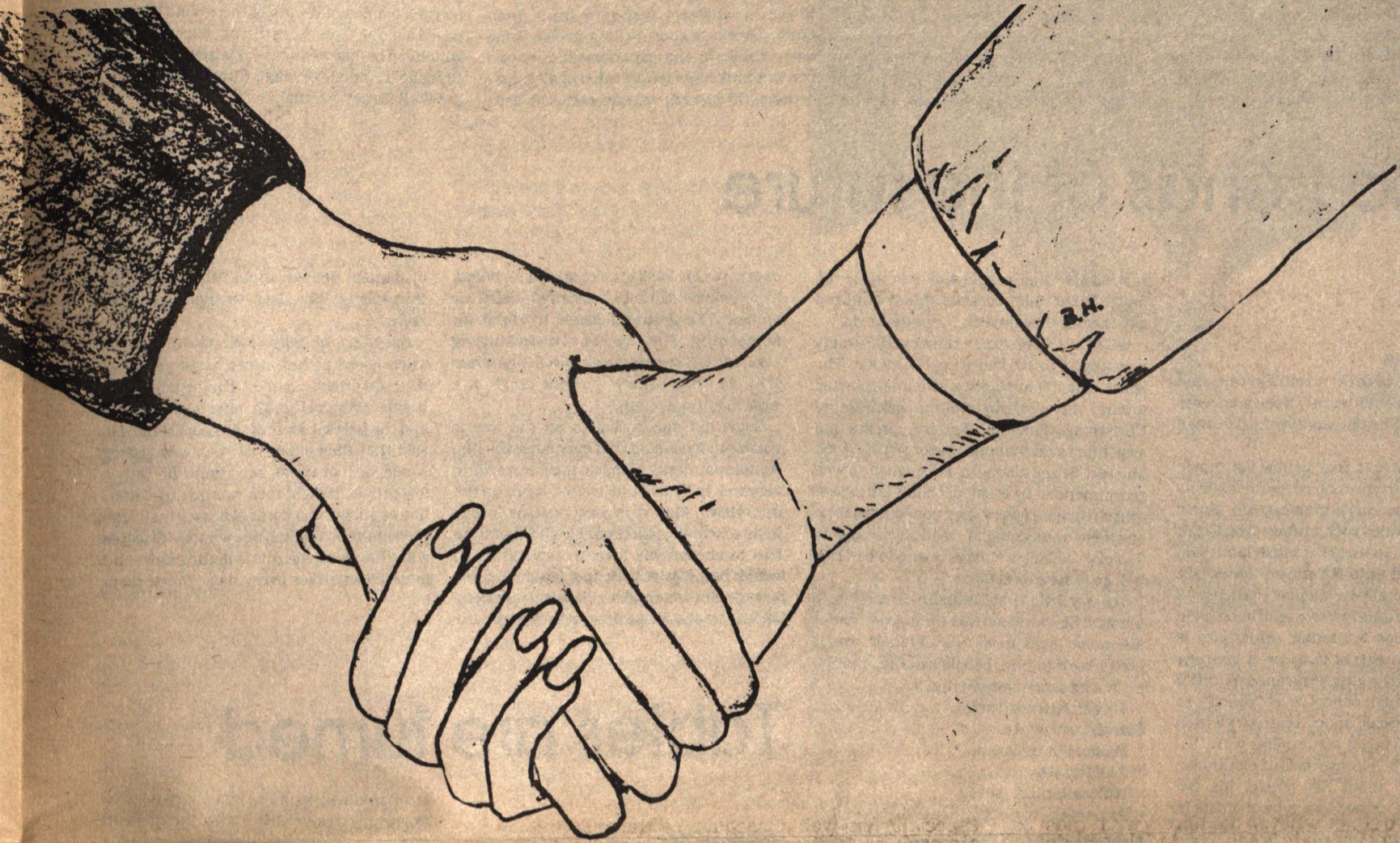
Many students thought deeper though. They put physical attractions aside and gave some very different answers.

One prevailing answer was that the ability for the guy or girl to be their friend, even best friend. Friendship went hand-in-hand with many of the other answers. The person should be able to accept you as you are, they shouldn't be conceited, they should be concerned for the person they are seeing.

Other qualities that were admired were a good sense of humor, the person should be fun to be with and be able to do things in a group, not just one-on-one. Some students expressed an interest in people who are willing to try new things, "Not the same movie and dinner date every weekend" one girl stated.

Some concerns that were brought up is that the person should be mature, they should have self-confidence, and they should be stable. Stableness went along with the idea that

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everybody has their share of problems, and its great to have a boyfriend or girlfriend to listen to these problems, but there may come a point when the person starts feeling like a psychiatrist or psychologist instead of a girlfriend or boyfriend. The person should have their priorities straight - friends, sports, girlfriend/boyfriend, school, etc.

Honesty and trust were also brought up by the students. You should be able to be yourself or be able to go out with "just the girls" or have "guys night out" once in a while.

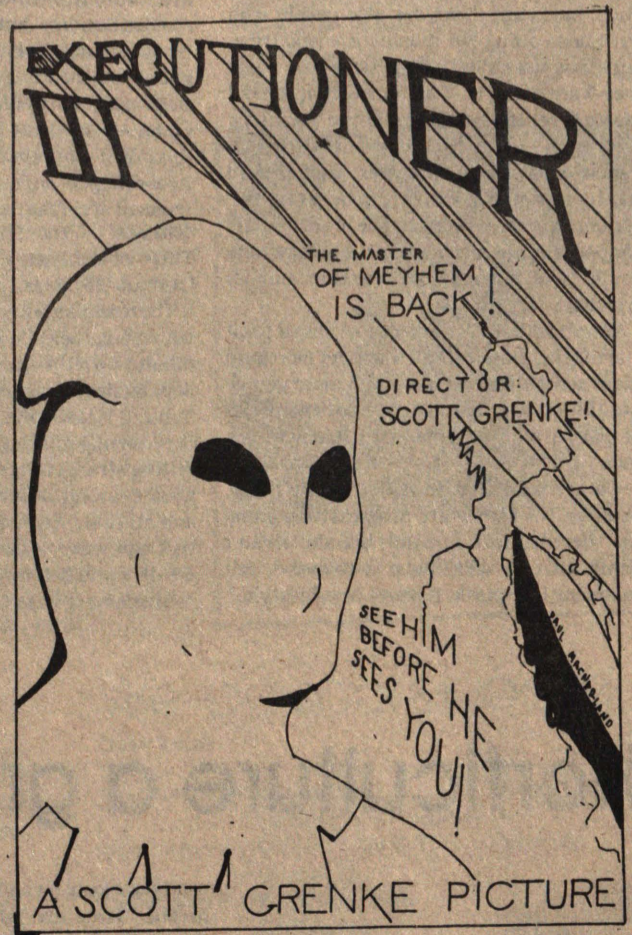
One opinion of a student made a lot of sense. This person likes different things in different people. This person looks for the best aspects in certain people and makes the most of them. This way, everyone has their own special qualities.

## The great debate Going steady or staying casual

"Staying casual" with dating can have as many good points as going steady in high school.

By shopping around for the "Mr. or Ms right", you get to meet more types of people and get a good overall view of the opposite sex as a whole. "I think the solution is for the teenager to be true to themselves and decide what they really want," says Dr. Emery who is a professor of psychology at the University of Southern California and has done research on independence of relationships. "It is time when you really have to learn to become less pressured by what other people think. Stop and ask yourself what you really want: Do you want to find out about and get to know different people? Or do you want everyone to think you're okay by going steady?"

Everyone has to write their own book on dating and how to play the dating game. Some teens do not feel ready to dive into the deep end of romance with an exclusive coupling; others are not comfortable dipping into a series of more shallow relationships. To decide what is right for you learn to trust your feelings. As long as you're comfortable, you will come out a winner!



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# Ready for some risky business?

by Brian Kristofek

Big money, high risks, and volatile stocks, what is it ... the stock market experiment. West Chicago High School has been involved in the stock market experiment sponsored by DePaul University and the Chicago Tribune since 1979, with Don Zabelin being the adviser since it originated. The experiment consists of over 1000 teams, including

thirteen competing for West Chicago, the most ever entered for our school. Besides all of the valuable knowledge gained from competing, there are cash prizes ranging from 100 dollars for first place to 35 dollars for fourth place. The prizes are sponsored by Security Industries Association and all winners go to the awards banquet held in Chicago. West Chicago has placed three

times in the last seven years, including a third place by last year's team led by Zack Snowden.

Each team begins with 100,000 dollars to invest in whatever way they want, from buying stocks to short-selling stocks. Some basic rules for the experiment are: two percent brokerage fee on value of all transactions, 50 percent margin rate, the con-

testant must order at least 100 shares of a stock and cannot order more than ten thousand shares of a stock. All of the transactions are done on a transaction sheet by each team captain. All of the results are based on the New York Stock Exchange which can be followed by checking either the Chicago Tribune, Chicago Sun Times, or the Wall Street Journal.

## Music trends of the future

by Scott Grenke

Are you tired of rock 'n roll? Do you need something new or different? If the answer to both of these questions is "yes", then read further.

One alternative to rock is new age music (NA music). New age music does not have its own section in every music store. Some stores put it under rock and/or jazz. Brian Moss, assistant manager of Musicland, said that Musicland puts NA music under jazz "because all it really is, is a new era in jazz, a pop jazz." According to Moss, another reason Musicland keeps NA music under jazz is because NA music is jazz for a younger audience, and by young he means around 20 to 22, not the high school level "young", so they keep the music under a category which the people who buy it are familiar with.

Debbie Walsh, manager of Camelot music, feels different about NA music. "Its becoming more accepted as a type of music in its own. It is separate from pop rock, its separate from jazz, its not classical, so more people are accepting the music under its own classification," commented Walsh.

All the store managers interviewed agreed that there has been a tremendous boom in the production of NA music. There are many new artists doing NA music, but there are also many old jazz artists converting to NA music. Pam Owens, manager of J.R.'s Music Shop, said that there are also people who have been doing NA music for a long time, but it was just called "progressive jazz" while they were doing it. Walsh feels that the old music is selling better under the NA music title.

Moss said, "Since last year, our sales on jazz have possibly doubled. About every two out of ten people who enter the store are jazz shoppers. It hasn't gotten to the point where you'll have a huge jazz selection, but its growing every day."

Walsh added, "I think its (NA music) just starting out now. I think it will get more and more recognition as more and more people are able to listen to it. There's not a whole lot of places where people can listen to NA music."

Owens said that in J.R.'s Music Shop, sales on NA music are progressively going up, there is more demand, but she doesn't think that it will "have a massive cult following like punk. It won't be a lifestyle."

Moss said that people will hear some NA music on the radio, come into Musicland and ask them if they have it, "Usually we do."

WCKG, 106FM, runs a show every Sunday morning, 8 til 10, featuring NA music. The show, called "Musical Starstreams", started around three to four months ago, around Christmas time. Bill Towery, production assistant, said that one reason WCKG took Musical Starstreams in is because it was recommended by musical consultants. Another reason Towery mentioned is that no one else was doing it, and according to Towery, WCKG is always trying to be original, go in new directions.

Towery said that the public reaction to Musical Starstreams has been good. "Since NA music is not mass appeal music, and is pretty hard to find, people usually appreciate it a lot when they do find it."

To get more information on Musical Starstreams write:  
Musical Starstreams  
P.O. Box 44  
Mill Valley, CA 94942

Some of the big selling artists in NA music are Andreas Vollenweider, Mannheim Steamroller, Vangelis, Tomita, and Kitaro.

Not far from rock in sound (but very far in content) is christian rock. Musicland and J.R.'s Music Shop carry very little christian rock, Camelot carries a little more, and Book Branch has a big selection in christian rock. Based on conversations with students here at We-go, two of the more popular christian artists are Amy Grant and Petra.

John Sanders, junior, said in reference to christian rock, "It has a meaning behind it, a real strong meaning of how to live a good life. Good morals I would say." Clayton Jones, junior, is in great admiration of a fairly unknown christian artist, Jeff Johnson. According to Jones, "Jeff Johnson has a musical style that is entirely his own. Jeff Johnson is the Shakespeare of music." Three of Johnson's albums have won the Campus Life Magazine Award of Excellence.

There is also punk and new wave. A store with a huge selection is Rose Records. From talking with the students, some of the more popular new wave artists are New Order, U2, Talking Heads, and Depeche Mode. Sandy Greenberg, junior, said, "I think new wave is getting stronger. It is talking about society, what's wrong with it, what's good with it, and all that." Steve Benson, senior, agrees that new wave "is definitely becoming more creative and better."

Greenberg said that new wave music

expresses his feelings. Benson commented, "The music I listen to basically reflects my values. The groups I listen to stand for something. They're not always singing about drugs, sex, and rock 'n roll, and when they do, they usually present drugs in a negative atmosphere."

Some old music that is on the rise is classical. Moss said that ever since the film Amadeus, classical music has been selling very well in Musicland. In fact, based on the interviews, Mozart is very popular in our high school. Ronald Benner said that if he had to choose, his favorite type of music would be classical. Benner said that he picked some tremendous classical numbers for concert choir to perform at the University

of Illinois. Benner admits that one of his favorites is Billy Joel, though, "I like his style."

Speaking of Billy Joel, most students interviewed picked a rock artist as one of their favorites. Some of the popular ones besides Billy Joel are Mr. Mister, Phil Collins, and the Beatles. Most of the people talked to said that they either felt rock was getting worse, or that it was at a standstill. Only a few people thought rock was getting better, but, as shown in record sales, rock is still the predominant music. If one wants to disagree with that however, one is getting more and more alternatives every day. Check them out.

## Tables are turned

by Melanie Mitz

The time of year is here when the girls take control. The Student Council is sponsoring this year's Turn-a-bout dance on April 12. As always, the twist to this dance is that the girls ask the guys, foot the bill, and possibly drive.

Turn-a-bout originated from the idea of Sadie Hawkins day. This day was created by cartoonist Alfred Gerald Cappin (Al Capp) in 1938. Capp penned the Lil' Abner comic

strip. In the strip in the imaginary town of Dogpatch on November 9, all of the maidens and spinsters were in a free-for-all race for the man of their choice. If they could catch the man they wanted, the guy had to marry the gal, no ifs and or buts.

This year's Turn-a-bout theme, "Enchantment Under the Sea", is taken from Steven Spielberg's movie "Back To The Future". Tickets will go on sale April 7 and be on sale through April 12 for 7 dollars a couple. The music will be provided by a deejay.



Turnabout 1985: Girls just wanna have fun.

## Horticulture a growing field



by Kateri Weibler

"As soon as the ground is dry and workable," the horticulture classes will begin their gardening around school, said Carol Walksler, horticulture teacher.

According to Walksler, her classes are responsible for the courtyard (located between the student and teacher cafeterias) and the flowerbeds by the front walk. The students are responsible for maintaining, fertilizing, pruning, weeding, and planting the gardens.

Four students in Horticulture II are cur-

rently working on a planting design for the arcade. They are juniors Jill Cavin and Debbie Pegel, and seniors Jenny Oswald and Julie Gola.

Walksler said that although her classes are not responsible for the arcade, she does like to ask to work on it from year to year. One of the problems which has arisen during the past few years is that during the winter of 1982, the maintenance department salted the arcade walkways and plowed snow onto the gardening areas. The shrubs were all destroyed, according to Walksler, who added that her classes would have to wait "three to five years to plant because of permanent

damage to the soil."

Maintaining the garden areas during the school year has become more difficult because there are less horticulture classes. Walksler said that because of a change in course requirements, there are only three classes a day, as compared to the seven classes which were previously offered. This makes it more difficult to accomplish as much during the day.

Summer maintenance poses an even larger problem, according to Walksler. Although a few Horticulture II students are hired during the summer months, the work becomes "to much for two or three students."

Another concern of Walksler's is the vandalism of the areas. With the bike racks being located in the arcade, students tend to ride their bikes around, running over the plants. Walksler said that her classes do try to fix up the arcade for graduation, yet with the large crowd, the work is destroyed.

One of Walksler's goals for the future is to build raised planting beds. These would be located at the end of the greenhouse. Walksler said that the beds will be used for vegetable gardening, and hopefully "get enough established for permanency and for display."

# George tells why coaching is 'self satisfying'

by Marla Jemsek

"Every year and every class is different; it is very self satisfying," said Gail George.

George first decided to become a Physical Education teacher when she was a senior in high school. George then went to Illinois State University. She got her Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education and Drivers Education, she also got her masters in Physical Education. "I took one semester in Special Education, my freshman year at Illinois State but then I decided that I was more interested in P.E.," said George.

When George was in high school she played Basketball and Volleyball through the Girls Athletic Association (GAA). The GAA was an intermural program that met twice a week.

George has been a teacher at West Chicago for 21 years. "Teaching is never frustrating enough to give up. Sure I have bad days but when I do, a student will make a nice comment or hold open the door and, it makes all the frustrations go away," said George. "There are too many good things in teaching."

George has coached volleyball, softball

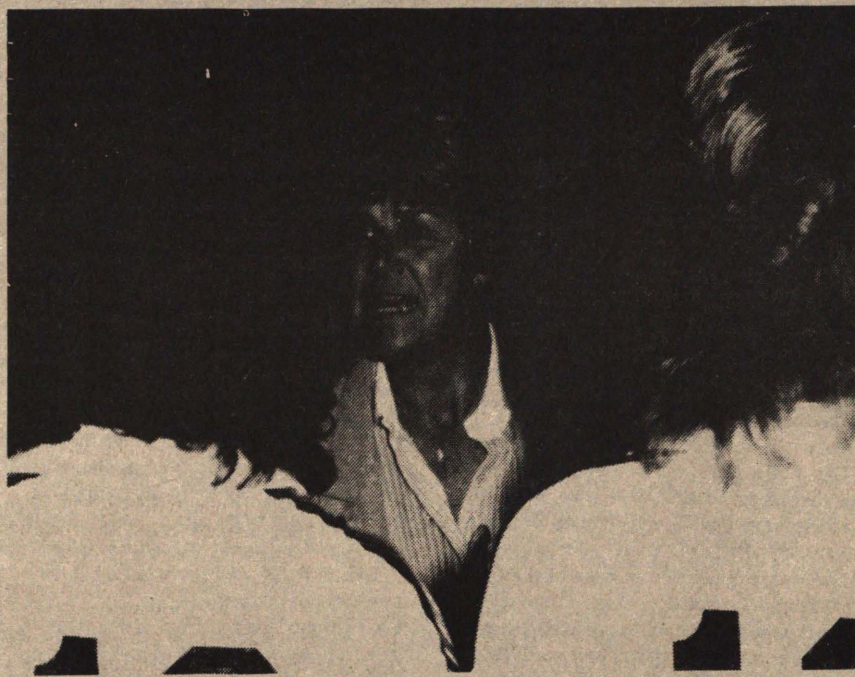
and archery. Archery is no longer a sport at West Chicago. It was dropped due to lack of interest. George still coaches softball, and said that she is not ready to give it up yet.

"Being a coach is a full time job." You have to keep up with the times, and help your kids get scholarships which involves talking to a lot of coaches. I also run a one week summer camp and I have to organize the summer league that my players participate in at Wheaton Central High School," explained George.

When asked what her goals are when she coaches a team George replied, "To provide a hard working and fair atmosphere. It is important that the team works hard for one common goal."

"You have to start with the younger kids. Go to talk to the junior highs and try to get their interest," explained George. "It is important to get as many kids involved in the

sports program as possible." Last year George became assistant athletic director. Since she has been in this position her goal is to always push the sports program forward.



Gail George is a long time faculty member and coach at We-go (Photo by Teresa Yunker).

## The ultimate trivia challenge

by Dan Gambino

So you think you're hot stuff and you know everything about sports, huh? Then take this quiz and prove it!

1. What was the 1974 We-go football team's final record?
2. What professional football teams did We-go running back Scott Dierking play for?
3. Which We-go team won five consecutive conference titles from 1972-1976?
4. Which three We-go Wrestlers were state champs?
5. Which We-go football star went on to play for the Chicago Blitz?
6. What We-go football player holds the record for total offense per game, at 172.2 yds?
7. What We-go pole vaulter holds the state record at 13 feet?

8. Which We-go pitcher threw three no-hitters in 1975?
9. What high school did Red Grange attend?
10. What item did Red Grange deliver, in Wheaton?
11. Where was the first baseball All-Star Game?
12. Where did the Chicago Bears play before Soldier's Field?
13. Where did the Chicago Cardinals play?
14. What was the highest scoring Chicago Bears game?
15. What popular Chicago gossip Journalist was an official at the 73-0 Bear's victory?
16. Where was the first indoor N.F.L. Game played?

Answers on page eight.

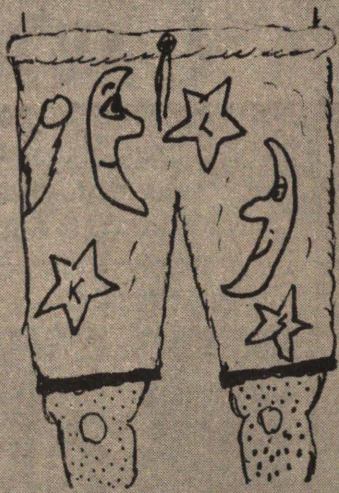
## Jock Shorts

by Marla Jemsek

The Varsity Lady Cats basketball team finished up the season with a record of 7-7 in the conference, and 13-12 overall. This was the first winning season since 1981. The Ladycats won the Bolingbrook Tournament, came in third in the Lady Wildcat Classic, and beat Naperville Central for the first time in 11 years.

The Junior Varsity team finished the season with a record of 7-10. This was an improvement on last year, and coach Kim Wallner hopes to improve on that record next year.

The frosh-soph Lady Cats achieved one of the best records in the history of West



Chicago. They came in second in conference with a record of 11-3 and 14-5 overall. The frosh-soph team was coached by Bob Thompson and Sharon Kennedy.

## Spring activities mark end of the Winter season

by Jim Recchia

When Spring comes, people seem to be more active especially since the Winter can limit people from doing the activities they enjoy.

One type of place that opens up in the mid Spring are water slides. A good place that's good to go is Wauconda according to Junior Kevin Crawford. He says that he goes to Wauconda Beach and Racing Rapids in Dundee, Illinois. Crawford goes there around six or seven times during the Spring and Summer months. The best time to go, according to Crawford is on weekday afternoons because it is less crowded.

Racing Rapids has more to offer than Wauconda. Wauconda has two 400ft. water slides and a beach and Racing Rapids has two water slides. Rubber boats and racing cars and an adjacent amusement park are part of Racing Rapids.

One way Junior Laura Novak likes to say

goodbye to the Winter months is to sail in her Carver 36 foot aft cabin boat. Novak usually takes three day trips but on occasion leaves for one week or even two weeks at a time.

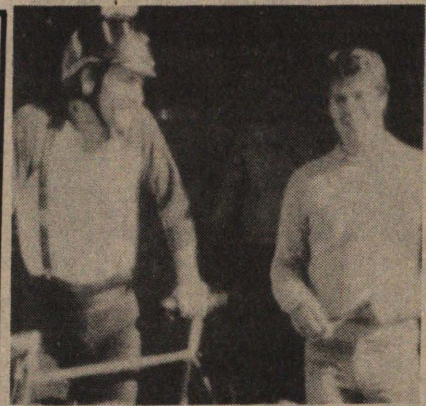
Another sport which is primarily played in the Spring and Summer seasons is golf. There are several golf courses in the area such as St. Andrews Country Club on Route 59 in West Chicago and Pheasant Run on Route 64 in St. Charles. Both of these courses you can golf up to 36 holes, but the prices of these may not be up to par for some people. For a lower price course there is Apple Orchard in Bartlett but you get what you pay for and there are only nine holes.

For some, Spring may mean more things to do. For bikers there is always the prairie path which runs throughout DuPage county. For swimmers there are various public pools that will open soon outdoors, and finally you can get that tan that you have waited all Winter for.

## Track update

The West Chicago girls track team won their opener against Oswego and Sacred Heart of Mary 65-58-8. First place honors were earned by Cindy Jakopchek 800m, 1500m, Dawn Mende 1 lap dash, high jump, Ann Murry long jump, Jean Volpe 400m, and the 12 lap relay team of Dawn Herold, Denise Acker, Volpe and Jakopchek.

West Chicago's boys track team beat Elgin Larkin 95-53. The cats had 12 firsts out of 18. First place finishers include Jorge Zamora 400m, 800m, Rich Rewerts 625, Marty Hunter 800m, 1500m, Doug Zamastil high jump, Colby Walters pole vault and 3200 meter relay team. The Frosh-Soph team beat Elgin Larkin 140-3.



A man is happy to be trying out his new bike in front of Mill Race Cyclery (Photo by Teresa Yunker).

## We-go sports schedule

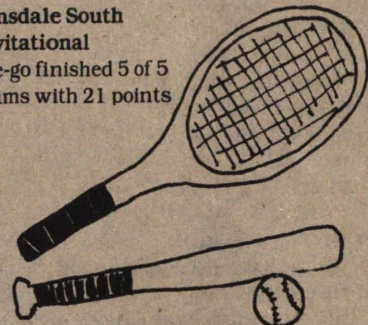
Boys' Track			
Sat.	Mar. 22	Wauwatosa	H 1:00 p.m.
Tues.	Apr. 1	Waubonsie Valley; Plainfield	A 4:30 p.m.
Tues.	Apr. 8	Glenbard South	A 4:30 p.m.
Boys' Tennis			
Tues.	Apr. 1	Streamwood	A 3:30 p.m.
Fri.	Apr. 4	Geneva	A 4:00 p.m.
Tues.	Apr. 8	Larkin	A 4:00 p.m.
Wed.	Apr. 9	East Aurora	H 4:00 p.m.
Fri.	Apr. 11	Driscoll	H 4:00 p.m.
Boys' Baseball			
Wed.	Apr. 2	Oswego, Var. (Doubleheader)	A 12 noon
Thurs.	Apr. 3	St. Charles, Var.	A 4:15 p.m.

## Lady Cats

Sat.	Apr. 5	St. Francis, Var. (Dbhd)	H 10:00 a.m.
Tues.	Apr. 8	Geneva, Var.	H 4:15 p.m.
Thurs.	Apr. 10	Glenbard North, Var.	A 4:30 p.m.
Girls' Track			
Tues.	Apr. 1	DeKalb	A 4:30 p.m.
Tues.	Apr. 8	Glenbard South	H 4:30 p.m.
Sat.	Apr. 12	Kaneland Invitational	A 10:00 a.m.
Tues.	Apr. 15	Wheaton Central; Glenbard N.	A 4:30 p.m.
Girls' Softball			
Tues.	Apr. 1	Geneva	A 4:30 p.m.
Thurs.	Apr. 3	St. Charles	H 4:30 p.m.
Fri.	Apr. 4	Streamwood	A 3:45 p.m.
Tues.	Apr. 8	Lake Park	H 4:30 p.m.
Thurs.	Apr. 10	Elgin	H 4:30 p.m.
Sat.	Apr. 12	Wheaton North	A 10:00 a.m.
Mon.	Apr. 14	Naperville North	H 4:15 p.m.

## We-go scoreboard

Girls' Track		
Thurs.	Feb. 27	Oswego 58 We-go 65 Sacred Heart of Mary 8
Mon.	Mar. 3	Glenbard North 51 We-go 69 Geneva 10
Thurs.	Mar. 6	Hinsdale South Invitational We-go finished 5 of 5 teams with 21 points



# New rule has coaches strapped in seats

by Kevin Smith

Okay, it looks like there aren't going to be any Bonehead of the Issue Awards. Nobody sent in **The Form Below**, so another idea goes down the drain.

There was a new rule added to the Official High School Basketball rules this past season. As this new rule became the law, coaches could only sit down and watch.

The new "seat belt" rule, as it has been dubbed, states that "with few exceptions,

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basketball coaches must remain seated at all times."

The failure to follow this rule results in one free-throw and possession of the ball to the opposite team. If the coach persists to stand, he/she gets a flagrant bench foul resulting in two free-throws and possession of the ball for the opposite team.

In Atlanta Ga., a coach is reported to have bolted a seat-belt onto his chair so that he can buckle-up before each game. Another coach from Ca., is reported to have two team

members stand behind him to push him back into his chair if he begins to stand.

This rule has received heavy criticism by some, and praise from others. It is also interesting to note that two of We-go's basketball coaches have different views of the rule.

"It really isn't such a big deal," said girls' coach Tim Kanold. "It wasn't as restricting as I thought it would be."

"I think it stinks," voiced boys' basketball coach Lee Maciejewski. "They're punishing 95 percent of the coaches out there."

This new rule poses another important question. How does sitting down affect coaching?

Kanold believes that it hasn't bothered him that much. "One of the things that the rule permits is to stand up for applause, so every time I stand up, I clap my hands."

"It's very hard to get a player's attention when you're sitting down," said Maciejewski. "When I'm standing up I can get their attention a lot better."

Maciejewski said that he preferred the old bench rule where a coach could stand up during time outs. "I think this rule helped me because I paid more attention to the game

instead of going off in different directions."

Yet the two coaches do share views on the new rule. First, they both believe that this rule was installed to help the few weak officials.

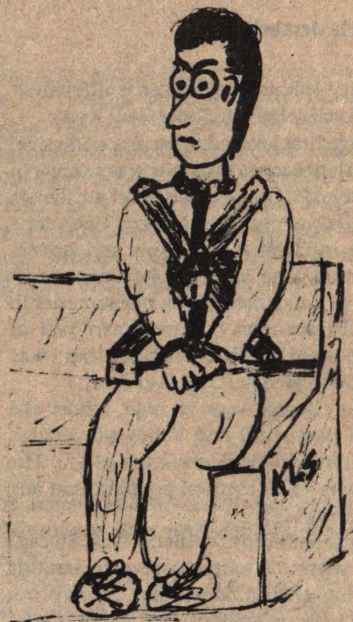
"Most of the officials can handle the coaches," said Kanold. "Yet there are the few weak ones out there who can't handle the Ray Knights and the chair throwers."

Second, they agree that this rule punishes the players. "This rule punishes the players because they're the ones that this whole thing is for," said Maciejewski. "The penalty is against them."

It's not the most important thing in the world to some people. To those involved in basketball however it has become an issue that is more heated than the nuclear arms race or how many licks it takes to get to the Tootsie Roll center of a Tootsie Roll Pop.

There was one suggestion however that Kanold brought up that I thought was a very good idea. He feels that there should be coach's boxes like in baseball. "That way," he said, "A coach can do whatever he wants in a certain area as long as he doesn't leave this box."

Well, that's all for now and remember,



that an athletic supporter isn't always a jock.

# Jakopchek and Zamora running on to glory

by Doug Dirr

"I love to run," is why both Cindy Jakopchek and Jorge Zamora said they joined the We-go Cross Country team.

Jakopchek and Zamora both run the 800 meter and one mile races. Both have also been voted most valuable by other team members.

"I give a lot of my credit for my success in track to the others on the team," according to Jakopchek, "Because they encourage me when I am having trouble and they keep me going." "Wilbert Walters is one of the most inspirational coaches around," believes Jakopchek. Jakopchek said that Walters

helped her attain most of her goals, and still encourages Jakopchek with the goals she has not yet attained.

Zamora gives all his credit to his family because, according to Zamora, "They're always there for help and support."

"The hardest part about being involved in track is, track is mental attitude," said Zamora. "The sport is very stressful," believes Zamora. "This stress is a buildup of emotion before a race," according to Zamora. "The only way to get rid of this stress is to run," said Zamora.

"The best part of track is the other people involved", believes Jakopchek, "Because at

some time you are all going to need one another," Jakopchek said.

The one person Jakopchek would most like to be is Mary Decker Slaney, the Olympic runner. "She's pretty cool," Jakopchek explained. Zamora said that he also looks up to an Olympic runner; Sebastian Coe.

Both Jakopchek and Zamora plan to go to college. While Jakopchek is undecided as to which college she plans to attend, Zamora plans to attend Suomi, MI.

After college Jakopchek has plans to train for the tri-athlon and possibly compete in 10 kilometer runs or a marathon. Zamora said that his ultimate goal is the Olympics.

After retirement from running, Jakopchek hopes to be a sports doctor and return to We-go to coach. "People at We-go don't realize that track is the base of all sports," she said. "We-go needs to build up good programs for sports." Jakopchek said that if she were a coach she could make this point clear.

Zamora's advice for the younger runners of We-go is "Don't be pressured. Let things happen as they will, but keep your grades up."

Jakopchek advises the young female runners to "follow Walters because he is an expert, and can help you."



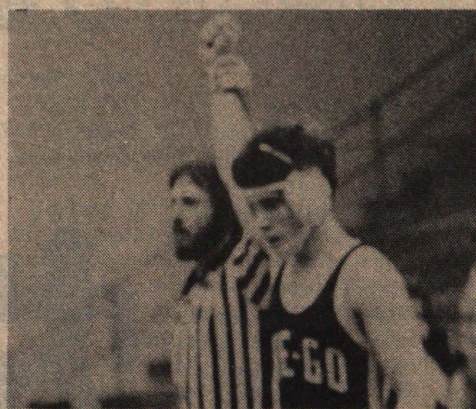
Jorge Zamora crosses the finish line to success (Photo courtesy of Challenge).



Cindy Jakopchek running the 800 meters for indoor track (Photo by Becky Theuer).

## Ultimate trivia answers

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- The New York Jets and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.
- The wrestling team.
- Scott Dierking, 1973, Tim Norman, 1977 and Mike Kraft, 1982.
- Tim Norman.
- Scott Dierking, 71-72.
- Bob Radunzel, 1962
- Bob Dively, 1975.
- Wheaton Central.
- Ice.
- Comisky Park.
- Wrigley Field.
- Comisky Park.
- Bears 73 the Redskins 0
- Irv Kupcinent.
- Chicago Stadium, 80 yd. field, no field goals.



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