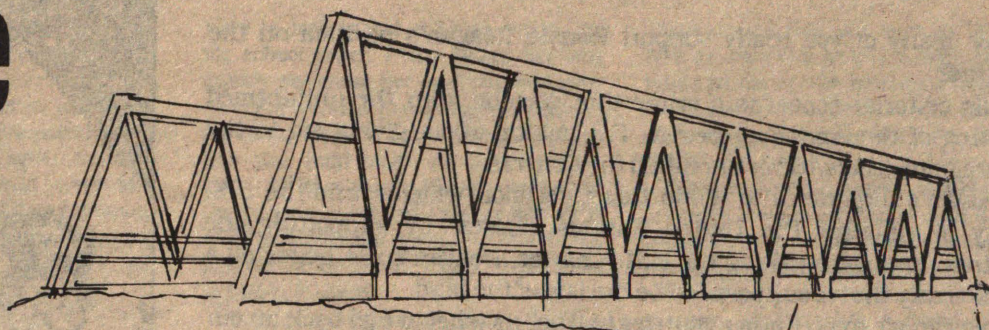


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Terrorism holds exchange program hostage.

by Geri Pashkus and
Heather Gray

Picture this:

You are packing your clothes into a jumbo sized suitcase, you cram extra rolls of film into the empty pockets, you then place envelopes and stamps into the overflowing bag. Excitement and exuberance grow within you as thoughts of a foreign land and its whole experience fill your mind.

Wait, what's this? The rug has just been jerked out from under you! There go all your dreams and visions. Now all you can do is wait.

At a recent board meeting the members set forth a one year memorandum prohibiting West Chicago students from traveling to the foreign countries participating in the student exchange program.

Terry Strohm, one of the active coordinators of the program was present and voiced her opinion at the meeting. She stated that she understands their concern for the students' welfare. But she disagrees with their decision on the matter. There is less chance of a plane hijacking because of the direct flights from Chicago to Munich which is used for the transferring of the students.

Because of the decision of not having the student exchange program this year, some of the seniors will miss out on the experience of visiting a foreign land. There is also some possibility that because we will not be participating in the exchange program, the German students may not want to exchange and come here. Strohm will be

discussing that possibility with the German exchange teacher in Germany sometime this month.

There have been many terrorist attacks in the past. Some of the attacks that were readily recognized were: a TWA hijacking from Athens by Lebanese gunmen with the crew and passengers held hostage; Palestinian hijackers held an Italian cruise ship and killed one American passenger. The one that is most remembered is the 444 day Iranian hostage crisis in 1979. There have been more, many, many, more. Some have not been recognized as terrorist attacks, there is only a slight possibility, such as an Air India jet with 329 passengers when it crashed into the Atlantic, possibly destroyed by a bomb. A car bomb at a U.S.

air base in West Germany that killed two Americans is another example.

Terrorism is a growing problem and even though we don't recognize it, it does affect us in one way or another. Right now it is affecting us by postponing our exchange program and our learning. After all, one way to learn a language is to be around people who speak it fluently.

Those of us who were planning on going this year can only wait it out and hope that someone will find a logical way to stop terrorism. The chances of the students being on a plane with terrorists is slim, but that risk is getting higher and higher every day. As students we must try to understand the board's point of view and their reasoning behind their decision in this matter.

Is drug testing next for students

WASHINGTON (SPS) — State legislators granted school officials the right to randomly test students for drugs by instituting screening programs to detect vision and hearing impairments, according to a California Pediatrician.

"Tetrahydrocannabinol; or T.H.C., the active ingredient in marijuana, stays in the body for days, possibly accumulating over time and interfering with a student's ability to concentrate — much as any other physical impairment does," said Dr. Edward Jacobs, associate clinical professor at the University of Southern California and chief of staff at the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles.

Dr. Jacob addressed 790 parents, educators, and students during the fifth annual conference of the National Federation of Parents for Drug-Free Youth in Washington. Also appearing at the three-day event were three outspoken leaders in the national anti-drug effort: Nancy Reagan, the first lady; William J. Bennett, secretary of education; and Peter Ueberroth, the major league baseball commissioner.

Dr. Jacobs noted the increased potency of marijuana. In 1965, he said, the potency of newer and higher grades of marijuana found since 1983 in the U.S. have increased to 2 to 13.56 percent.

Although he advocates drug testing for students, Dr. Jacobs concedes that "the scope and place of drug tests should be decided by the community." However, he believes that schools may be a likely place because they have "custodial care of kids an equal amount of time as parents."

Federal and state courts have outlawed testing students for drug use. Most recently, a New Jersey judge ordered the Carlstadt-East Rutherford school board to pay the legal fees for students who challenged a board requirement to screen all students for drugs as part of an annual physical.

Inkspots Hendriks wins again

by Jim Rowley

If you knew there are 50 ways to leave your lover, or 54 40 or fight, you might have been the 1st place winner of the Metropolitan Mathematics Club of Chicago's (MMC) like Bill Hendriks was.

Hendriks won the first place prize of \$25 for filling in integers 1 to 100 for each missing clue. Five teachers and one student had perfect papers and by the rules a random winner was chosen.

Hendriks also won last year but received no money. This made Hendriks the first and only two time contest winner.

Drama club is looking for a "hunk"

by Andrea Miller

"Bye-Bye Birdie" is the spring musical this year at We-go. The rock and roll musical set in the fifties may have fifty or more people in the cast.

At auditions, March 9 thru the 11, Director Ralph Zaffino and assistant director Mary Hafertepe will not only be looking for people who can sing and dance. They will also be looking for singers who don't necessarily dance well, and for dancers who don't necessarily sing well.

New faces for the cast are needed, especially those of young men. The size of the cast will depend on how many male students tryout. In fact, they will be looking for an all new and unknown "hunk" to play the Elvis Presley-type lead. Zaffino will lead a school wide search for the male to play this role. The person picked for the part need not sing very well; he and Zaffino will be working closely on the part.

Performance dates are set for May 14, 15, 16, and possibly 17.

Get out your calculators, it's math time

The Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy is launching its search for the class of 1990 with the mailing of 11,000 information packets and application materials. The materials went to Superintendents, School Principals, Guidance Counselors, Legislators and Educational Service Centers.

According to Dr. LuAnn Smith, Admissions Director at IMSA, "an outstanding group of students was admitted as the Academy's Charter Class this year. Interest from throughout the state is high and we anticipate that the Academy again will attract many of the state's finest students."

The Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy is opening its doors to interested students, their parents, teachers or counselors during two Open House events. The Academy, a public residential school for the gifted, is hosting an Open House January 30th and another for February 20th. Academically talented eighth and ninth grade students are particularly encouraged to attend.

The school opened September 7th to a pioneering class of 210 students. The present class was selected from a applicant pool over 760 students from around the state, after a selection process involving a committee of 30 professionals from private industry and education.

Students are selected on the basis of potential to succeed in a residential environment, grades and SAT scores. Interested applicants should contact their guidance counselors or school principals for applications, or they may write or call the admissions office at: Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy, 1500 Sullivan Road, Aurora, IL. 60506-1039, (312) 801-6000.

The Open House is an opportunity for students considering fall enrollment to tour the facility and visit with staff. Deadline for the 1987 class applications is March 1st.

For more information about admissions, or to RSVP for one of the Open House events please call the IMSA admissions office at (312) 801-6027.

Investors take second

Each semester students in Consumer Education have the opportunity to participate in a stock market experiment conducted by DePaul University and the **Chicago Tribune**. As an extra credit assignment conducted before school, students join teams of three to four students and make simulated stock purchases from stocks listed on the New York Stock Exchange. Each team begins the eight week experiment with \$100,000 and buys and sells stocks at four trading sessions. Students are given advice on the operation of the market from stockbrokers and business teachers Donald Zabelin and Peggy Peach and send the results of each trading session to DePaul and the **Tribune** where the results are calculated by a

computer program.

For the past eight weeks approximately 35 Community High School students participated in the experiment and one of our nine teams came in second place out of 865 Chicago area teams. Dana Madden and Rob Kumpfer were the team members and ended the session with a portfolio value of \$145,350.69. As a result of this second place finish, the students and business teacher, Cass Streicher, attended an awards luncheon at Marshall Field's in Chicago on January 16, 1987. The students were able to discuss their performance with representatives from the **Chicago Tribune**, stockbrokers, and professors from DePaul and received a cash award of \$75.00.

Reagan's phony solution for Nicaragua

How many of you really support Ronald Reagan's position on the Contras?

This editorial concerns a crime that goes on with the uninformed blessing of the American people. I'm talking about giving aid to the Nicaraguan rebels/terrorists called the Contras.

Reagan's forgotten the World Court decision which found the U.S. guilty of violating the United Nations Charter by supporting the Contras. Yes, by breaking the U.N. Charter, Reagan's not honoring a peace treaty that is supposed to be the law of the land.

How can we expect other countries to trust us when we go back on our own treaties so openly? They can't.

These self-proclaimed "rebels" are nothing but a gang of American supported terrorists.

By funding these terrorists, Reagan is not making the "world safe for democracy," as he puts it, he is destroying it.

There is a U.S. military buildup in neighboring Honduras of 3000 troops and 4500 National Guardsmen from eight states and Puerto Rico, including Illinois. These troops are there for what Reagan contends to be as "solely training exercises." What he is really trying to do is to push Nicaragua and Honduras into a war so that the U.S. has an excuse to jump in with troops.

There are occasional clashes between Honduran and Nicaraguan (Sandinista) troops on their border because the Contras have training camps firmly established within Honduras.

Many Hondurans are forced from their homes during these conflicts and Contras start performing idiotic acts. They ask Honduran citizens for their papers. This is madness. It's like an immigrant from France coming into West Chicago and asking everybody for their papers.

What Reagan seems to fear is not that Nicaragua will attack Honduras, but that they won't. If there is no war between the two countries, the U.S. has no excuse to get caught up in the matter.

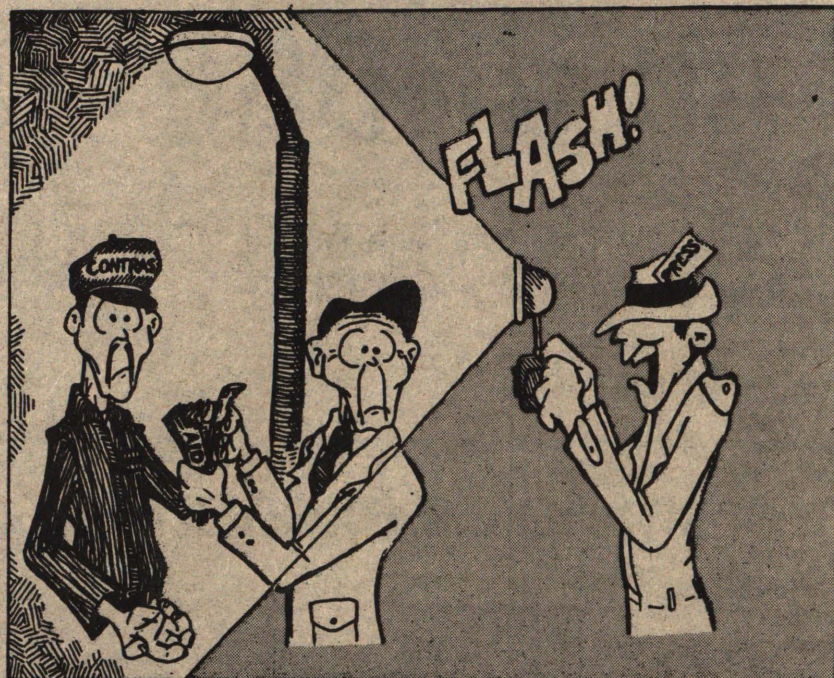
Officially, the civil government of Honduras does not allow any Contras into their country, but it is out of their hands. The situation is now in control of the Honduran generals.

Although the Honduran constitution does not allow the stationing of foreign military forces in their country without congressional approval, the Honduran military allows Contras to stay and allows deployment of U.S. troops because of the generous military aid the generals get from the U.S.

The Contras are generals' blackmail for more money. By allowing the Contras to stay, the generals get more aid and still stay clear of conflict.

Honduras, even if it does win a war over Nicaragua, will still wind up losing. All of the aid presently going to Honduras probably would be going to Nicaragua.

If either side miscalculates and is plunged into a war, American forces would probably be committed within a matter of minutes, again, in the



GOTCHA!

name of democracy.

The real problem in Honduras and Nicaragua is economic development. These countries are wracked with poverty. But there is no way for growth unless the warfare, supported by U.S. money, essentially bribes, stops.

Nicaragua and the rest of Central America should not be fought over to protect the region's democracies from Soviet domination as in Korea and Viet Nam, because the issue is poverty and not politics. If an attempt was made to improve the economies in these countries democracy could follow. The military presence is only destroying any chance for democracy.

And even if Reagan gives up his terrorists of freedom, they will still need to eat. Central America must still feed these people and would be plunged even further into poverty.

The American people must understand that we have nothing to lose by abandoning current foreign policy toward Central America. By bribing and bullying our neighbors we are not helping anybody. The real way for these nations to become democracies and not rightist, dictatorial puppets is by cooperative economic growth.

Both there is no way that Reagan will believe this. He will not negotiate for peace. In his own, mind he will always want the fighting to go on. And we mustn't give him our uninformed blessing because of our lack of knowledge.

Opposing views on teenage alcohol use

by Laura Barajas

Teenage drinking in America is popular these days. No matter how people try to stop it, face it; it's always going to be around.

"Drinking is cool," said one senior, "it makes you feel good and you have fun. You don't have to get drunk every time that you drink, and if you want to get drunk there is always somebody who will stay sober with you so that they can drive. If not, you can

"It should be how it is in Germany," said a junior, "you know, no age limit on drinking. That way people wouldn't be so eager to get drunk. I think that most people could handle it because it wouldn't be such a big thing. Alcohol would be alcohol and that's it."

In a way, that's true. If alcohol wasn't treated like such a hot item, and as if it were a sin to drink, teens wouldn't feel like they have to sneak out and get a drink.

It would be better if alcohol was treated as a casual thing. You don't see anyone 21 or over sneaking out to get a drink, do you? Once people hit 21 they're eager at first, to go to a bar. But it usually wears off real fast.

As for me, there's nothing wrong with drinking alcohol as long as you know that you're the one in control, so bottoms up!

by Lloyd Fortson

When I spoke with junior, Jason Waters, I learned that the reason behind his hatred of alcohol was that he had seen people and families devastated by a single accident of alcohol.

I agree with him. Alcohol is definitely dangerous if not used properly. It can cause physical as well as mental scars on people

It can kill you

for the rest of their lives. Although it may begin with just a couple of drinks at a party, it can wind up as alcoholism very easily.

On the other hand, not all people are against alcohol. Senior, Nareesh Nair falls into this category. He said that he wasn't

against drinking alcohol, if you do it in your own home and you do not attempt to drive a car or ever try to leave afterwards.

I agree with this point of view as well. You can enjoy alcohol, and not put anybody at risk. By driving in a car while drunk, you not only endanger your life, but threaten the lives of others.

Another person that I spoke with who did not want their name mentioned said that they thought that it was okay to drink alcohol as long as you are of the legal age, and if you don't try to go anywhere after you've drunk. But most of all she expressed that you know how to control your actions, even if you're not totally drunk.

In conclusion, you must remember that while you are drinking, you have the power to take your life, as well as the lives of those closest to you.

Bottoms up!

just wait until you sober up."

I feel that this is true. Just because you feel like drinking, doesn't mean that you have to go out and get drunk. Maybe all that you want to do is go out and get a little buzzed, but not drunk.

In passing ...

Students at Wheaton North High School who admitted to drinking alcohol during that school's celebration of their state football victory, got an unusual punishment.

Students must run three miles every morning until they have run 90 miles. They must do this because they violated agreements which they signed at the beginning of the school year.

The town of Fraser, CO has challenged International Falls MN for the title of the coldest city in America.

Whoever has the coldest average temperature throughout the year will win \$1500 and the title.

Late-night personality, David Letterman was given the 1986 award for dullest American from the International Dull Folks Unlimited.

The organization said, "What more can be said about a T.V. host who can't get on the air until after midnight and whose schtick is a stupid pet trick?"

Of course, what more can be said about an organization of people who devote their entire lives to studying dull people?

"I'm not in a position to comment." White House spokesperson when asked if George Schultz has a tiger tattoo on his left thigh.

by Kevin Smith

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Here it is, we dare you to try it, the new dating game



by Andy Behrens

Everyone knows what an awful time dating can be. It's not going on the date that's the problem, it's the asking, accepting, and rejecting that gets people nervous.

We're smart though, and if we can't get through a problem we go around it. Somebody somewhere thought they had a pretty good idea when they invented the blind date. The theory behind the idea is great, just take out the hardest part of dating. However, it sounds better than it really is.

We now live in a time when blind dating has been elevated to new heights. In a few years most of us will be old enough to go to a computer dating service. Actually computer isn't the right word. Most of these services are places where a person can go and watch videotapes of other singles who

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are tired of conventional dating. The tapes are organized in such a way that an 80 year old widower doesn't end up going out with a 21 year old girl that could give him

heart trouble. Other than that, you have to try to find Mr. or Miss right by watching a whole lot of tapes.

I asked the lady I talked to to tell me about some of the available women there. I found that if I were middle aged, I could be dating women like one named Nancy. She was married to a truck driver for seven years, but is "looking for a man who knows how to treat a real lady." Oh, she'll get snatched up in a hurry, I'll bet on that.

I was also told about a male doctor whose nickname was Sherm. Sherm had this to say, "I like to sometimes stay at singles bars till closing time ... I like the party scene." It must be of great reassurance to many people that while the family physician isn't administering medicine, he likes his liquor hard and his women fast.

Well, it just makes me want to stand up and thank my lucky stars for modern advancements. It's not my place to make your decisions, but as for me, I'm scratching dating services off my list.

The "Lonely Hearts" ads are another way to find a date. We've all seen those in the paper before. I found these people to be of a more reasonable quality. I looked at the ads in a paper of a small town and called some of the people that placed ads. Most of these people had similar responses, they had busy lives and going out and meeting people took too much time.

There was one lady, I suspected, that was very bizarre. On her description she called herself a "real mattress wrecker." I've always found mattress destruction a very endearing quality in a person so I called her.

I began by telling her that I was a sopho-

more in high school and was writing for my school paper. I then asked her why exactly she chose her local paper to meet men. For the next 15 minutes she talked to me about how she made men happy and how she could make me grow up in a hurry. I tried to picture this woman and all I could see was a fat, 40 year old housewife wearing a bathrobe, waiting around in the kitchen for the phone to ring so she could talk dirty to people.

These phone calls made me realize that

The only kind of blind date for kids is probably the riskiest.

people our age aren't old enough to consider one of these ads or a dating service. The cost made it obvious they are meant for older people.

The only kind of blind date for kids is probably the riskiest. A friend can set you up. I don't trust anyone enough anymore to set me up with a person I've never seen or heard of before.

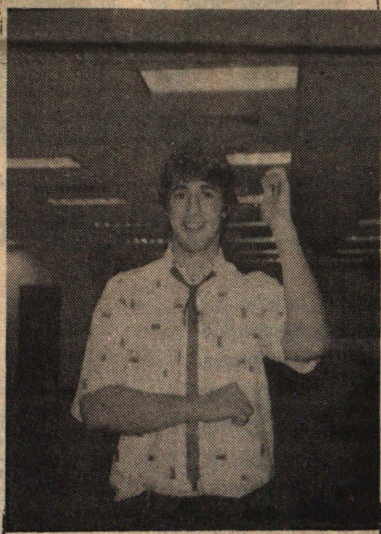
I asked Kerri Spoden, a sophomore,

about a blind date she went on. "I was a little nervous that he'd be a loser. My best friend set me up with him to go to a concert last summer. It turned out that he was a really nice guy, and we still see each other from time to time."

She was the only person I talked to that even had any fun on a blind date. Everyone else ended up with someone that they'd never go out with any other way.

The only blind date I've ever been on was two summers ago. A friend of mine who lives in Downers Grove set me up with his girlfriends' best friend, and the four of us went to a movie. She looked all right, but she was one of those girls that is dumb and knows it. So to cover up their lack of brains they talk as much as possible. I don't remember what movie it was, but I can remember her describing just how large the large popcorn was for about 20 minutes. As far as I know everyone hates to be set up with people like that.

I can see from all the people I've talked to that dating isn't meant to be easy. Blind dates, as far as I'm concerned don't help the problem, and lead to no where. Maybe sometime someone will invent a way of fixing people up, but they haven't done it yet, and you're better off on your own.



John Belli, sophomore: "My first kiss was in kindergarten with my 'steady' girlfriend."

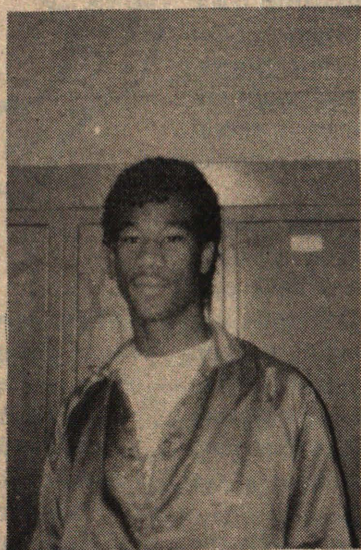


Jane Ebenroth, sophomore: "I was in second grade in the back seat of a bus on the way to Brookfield Zoo."

Photo Opinion

'When was your first kiss?'

by Sara Langelier



Eric Golden, senior: "I was in third grade, and it wasn't just a peck."



Patty Wilmer, junior: "I chased a boy down and kissed him in second grade."

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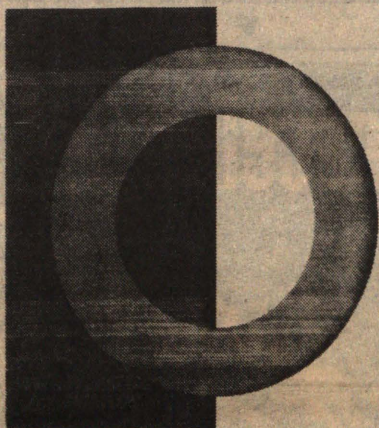
Seeing is believing, or is it?

by Kim Giller

When looking at a figure, sometimes something appears to be different. Straight lines appears to be crooked, lines the same length appear to be longer or shorter than each other, or a bearded face may emerge from what seemed to be a bunch of dark blotches on a page. These appearances are optical illusions and come about from our perception of objects.

Perception consists of three levels: detection, recognition, and discrimination. Detection occurs when a person realizes that he/she is being stimulated by some form of energy. Recognition occurs when the person recognizes what their detected, and discrimination is when the person is able to perceive the pattern which they recognized as different.

The way we see aptide illusion deals with three basic principles of perception. The principle of closure is a tendency people have of filling in things that are missing. Take for example the phrase STOP AHED now re-read



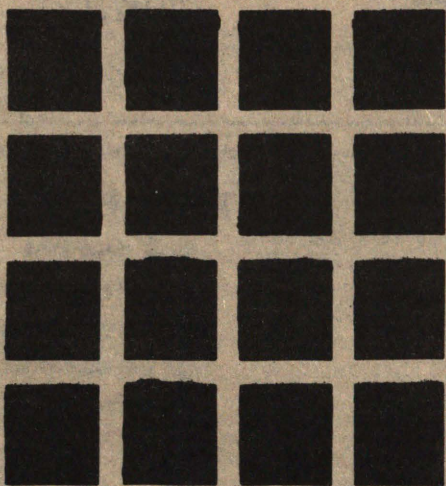
The portion of the ring that has the black background appears to be lighter than the remaining half on the white.

the phrase and notice that the A is missing in the word ahead. Often that wasn't noticed because person expects to see "AHEAD", not "AHED", so they just fill in the missing letter.

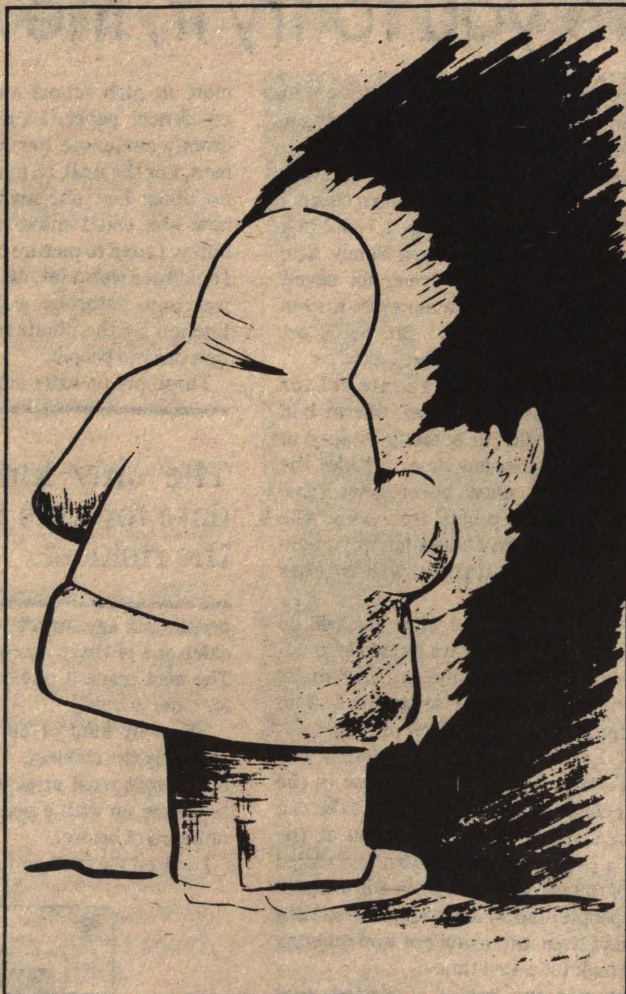
Another principle is consistency. This means that despite changes that occur in an object, we will still see the object as constant in size, shape, and color. For example, if a person holds an apple under a blue light, even though the color of the apple would be black, people still perceive it as red because that is what they're used to.

Lastly, is the principle of context. This has to do with the background of an object. For example, if there were two grey dots, and one had a black background while the other had a white background, the dot with the black background would appear brighter than the one with the white background.

These three basic principles of perception are the factors behind optical illusions. There's nothing magical about optical illusions, just remember, looks can be deceiving.

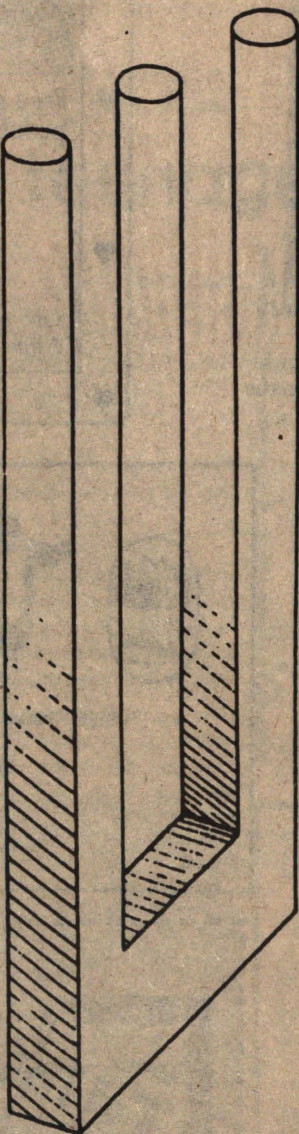


Hermann grid: Hold the paper at arms length and focus blankly at the entire grid. Grey circles will appear at the intersection of the squares.



Above: An Indian or an Eskimo, which do you see first? At first glance, the side view of an Indian chief's head may be seen. His large nose and chin are in the far left corner with his ear opposite them. The back view of an Eskimo is also hidden in the picture. The Indian's nose is the Eskimo's elbow. The Indian's ear forms the other arm of the Eskimo with a mittened hand. At the bottom of the Indian's neck the feet of the Eskimo appears.

Right: Due to the narrowing of the blocks, the figure gives the illusion of two walls curving together. This is known as a line illusion.



The two pronged trident: With your hand, cover the upper half of the diagram. Notice there are two prongs rising from the base. Next, cover the bottom. You will see three prongs at the top of the figure. For a real challenge, try to draw the illusion.

Dark shades or rose-colored glo

by Jean Volpe

As the sun shines, Ugh, the cave man walks through the forest hunting furry animals while running away from saber-toothed tigers. When night comes, Ugh gets cozy inside his cave. What is Ugh's favorite color?

No, this is not a Pre-Calculus story problem. This question is at the root of color psychology, studies that reveals your personality through your preference of color.

The meanings behind the four primary colors stem practically from cave life itself. Bright yellow represents daytime and dark-blue, the night. Red is considered an active color while green is passive.

Using these meanings and others, your favorite color might be able to tell you something about yourself! Take the Luscher color test and reveal your "true colors".

The Luscher Color Test is one that a psychologist may perform, using seventy-three color patches of twenty-five different shades. Simpler tests use as few as eight color panels. Although this so called "Quick Test" might not be as thorough, it is still considered to reveal considerable amounts of a person's personality.

The eight colors that make up "Luscher's Short Test" are: dark-blue, blue-green, orange-red, bright yellow, violet, brown, black and neutral gray. In order to take this test, you should have panels of colors to choose from. Try to grab some markers or crayons of these colors. If worst comes to worse, just picture them in your head. Jot down a list of the colors in order of preference with your favorite at the top.

The Luscher test deals not only with the colors chosen but the order in which you choose them. The first two colors in the 1st and 2nd positions represent your goals in life.



The colors in the 3rd and 4th positions represent where you are now. The 5th and 6th positions show "indifference" to the colors. The 7th and 8th positions represent what you are neither attracted to nor rejecting the feelings of these colors. The 9th and 10th positions represent colors you turn away from or dislike.

The basic colors of blue, yellow and red are known as the "primary colors". This is what each color represents:

What you see is not what you get

by Kevin Smith

Have you ever been in a store, when suddenly, you decided to choose one brand of product over the other?

Everybody has, but have you ever fully understood why you chose the way you did? Most likely, it was the advertising that made up your mind for you.

You might not always realize it, but advertising is a massive impact upon your mind. Although you may think that a commercial or ad is stupid, the advertiser has the last laugh.

Money is never wasted on advertising, because of all the research that has been done into every aspect of a person's mind and lifestyle.

Many ads are designed to embed themselves deep within the viewers subconscious mind through what is called subliminal advertising.

Subliminal advertising relies heavily upon the subconscious mind's extraordinary ability to pick up information that our conscious minds do not perceive.

The main tools of subliminal advertising are sexual stimulation and fear.

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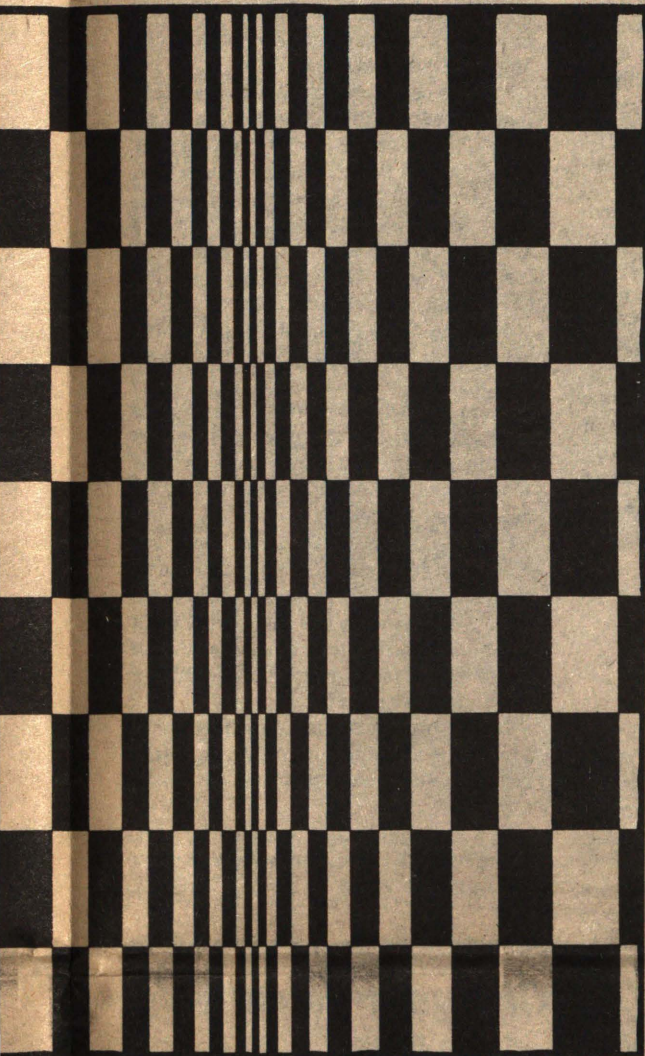
recognizable words airbrushed or penciled in by artists in many different areas. Most often the word "SEX," is used. It can be hidden in the backdrops, smoke, ice cubes and almost anything else that you can think of.

Also, certain camera angles are used in ads to suggest other things. For example, bottles are often considered phallic symbols, as well as cigarettes.

Words that are similar to others are often used. For example, the word "taste," is used in situations where the word, "taste," is often implied.

Fear has been imposed in liquor ads most frequently. Barely recognizable skulls, skeletons, witches, and sharks are etched into ice cubes. These are easy to do since most ice cubes are drawn totally by artists due to the fact that ice melts under the extreme heat of the lights used to photograph them.

If all of this sounds a little difficult to believe or a little shocking, maybe you shouldn't be writing off those commercials so quickly. Subliminal advertising is one optical illusion which as the advertiser laughing all the way to the bank.



Right: Rubin's vase: These illusions deal with positive and negative space. The black figure in the center forms a vase. The remaining white space forms the side view of two faces looking towards each other.

Left: A beggar or a smiling silhouette? When concentration on the black figure is present, a beggar with his hand stretched out is seen. If the eye focuses on the white portion, the side view of a smiling face with a large nose appears.



glasses, which do you prefer?



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their aspects are:	
Blue-green the person is:	passive defensive concentric persistence self-esteem
their aspects are:	
Orange-red the person is:	active offensive aggressive competitive desire excitability domination
their aspects are:	
Bright yellow the person is:	active aspiring investigatory ex-centric expectancy originality exhilaration
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Other factors of Luscher's test have to be considered to get accurate results. The groupings of colors, for instance a basic red with an auxiliary grey, can be studied. There are a variety of meanings in the nearly unlimited number of combinations. All results can be given by a trained psychologist.

As the question of Ugh's favorite color, no one really knows the answer. He was probably too busy chowing brontosaurus burgers to ever even think about it.

Abracadabra

by Jean Volpe

And now ladies and gentlemen, amazing magical feats will be performed right before your eyes.

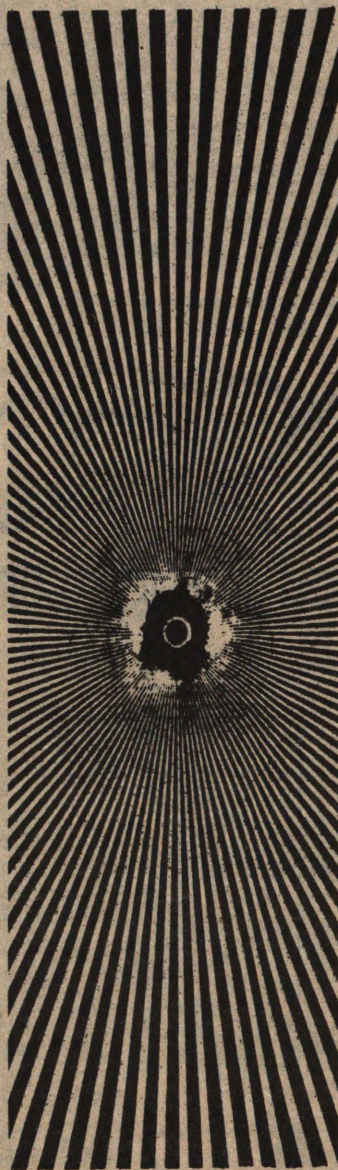
The magician invites a member from the audience on stage to examine a trunk. They watch as the magician's assistant climbs into it. The lid is closed and the person from the audience locks it and ties it with a rope. The trunk is put in a canvas bag, bound with leather straps, buckled and locked. The magician says the "magic words" and opens the trunk. It is empty!

Magic seems to be the only explanation, but actually credit should be given to the cabinet-maker who built the "trick" trunk.

Even though the box appeared to be solid, the bottom board is not nailed shut, but is held by a spring. The magician tilts the box in order to tie the rope around and slides the opening door. The assistant steps out where another person may take their place. Presto! The assistant is gone!

Another death-defying trick is performed by knife throwers. As an assistant is up against a board (which is sometimes spinning) the magician throws razor sharp blades that nearly miss her neck. Could the woman possibly be paid enough to be target practice for a samurai magician who throws ginsu's at her? Probably not, the trick is in the wing of the stage, throws the knives backwards off stage and another knife is released in a split second from a trap door in the board. The effect is totally believable and the assistant leaves the stage with her ear lobes.

So, you see ladies and gentlemen, the tricks were no more than illusions done skillfully. Because, after all, the hand is quicker than the eye.



Ray figure: Stare at the black dot in the center of the figure. The lines will appear to wave and the effect of traveling through a tunnel will be felt.

Why Spike has so many problems

by Doug Dirr

Spike is the family dog, and ten years ago Spike lived in what was then called the average American home. This home had the average American family in it consisting of a couple with their two children. Now in the 80's in the same home the couple is no longer together, the father has remarried, the two children have stepbrothers and stepsisters, and the mother receives child support payments from her ex-husband, and has begun going out on dates again. No Spike is not watching a soap opera, he is witnessing what has become the 80's average American family. What you and Spike have witnessed is indeed becoming common, but does the new average family have any effect on the children?

Being raised in a two parent family is no longer the norm. Forty-two percent of white children and 86 percent of black children will spend a significant portion of their adolescence in a one parent home, according to a report released by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

Even two parents are not the same. Over

50 percent of marriages are remarriages and this brings in terms like stepparents, stepchildren, half-brothers and sisters, and a confusing line of authority and discipline.

"One of the most frightening aspects of these changes is that they seem to be coupled with an increasing lack of attention to children, said Ronald Kotulak, a science writer for the Chicago Tribune. This would mean the parent is not around as much to discipline the child in a preferable manner.

"With only one parent around to tell you what's right and what's wrong, you feel cheated, because you need both motherly advice and fatherly advice," believes Melanie Miller a senior who's parents are divorced. "I think it would be hard to follow advice from a stepparent, because they are like an outsider," said Miller.

Advice might not be the only hard thing to swallow after a divorce. "Kids get a bad impression of marriage. Because of what they have seen they might not want kids of their own," believes Kevin Krumweide, a junior at We-go.

Studies suggest that the kind of family a

young person lives in has a direct association with his behavioral problems, however it does not have as great an effect on that persons academic achievements. This idea holds true for if the divorce rate is as high as it is then over half of the American students would not make it past high school.

"The women's movement has given too much freedom to kids," said Krumweide, referring to how the movement has escalated the problem of divorce and childhood development. This takes even more attention away from the child because not only does the child have only one guardian, but that guardian is gone half of the time.

However, this change can also be good. One of the trends of the womens movement is delayed childbearing, putting a career first. This takes some of the pressure off the women, and plans out her life so she knows what to expect. This tends to cut down the divorce rate.

Adjust is the advice, most socialist agree. Because divorce has been excepted in today's society and has had a steady growth in recent years, it is just one of those problems with no real solution.

Roses are red, violets are blue

by Laura McPheters

Roses are red, violets are blue, I have a Valentine's story for you.

February 14 is such a popular day, yet its origin is quite indefinite. People throughout time have accepted different reasons for the origin of traditional "lovers" day.

Some trace Valentine's Day to an ancient roman festival called Lupercalia. This took place on February 15 and involved strange fertility nights, mostly among young people.

Others say it is connected to St. Valentine of the early Christian church who was martyred on February 14. However, the "Saint of Lovers" that Valentine is known as came about purely by accident.

Still more people think it is linked to the old English belief that birds chose their mates on February 14.

Cupid, another figure related to Valentine's Day, is the goddess of love in Roman mythology. People believed that when cupid shot her arrows into their hearts, they fell in love.

Over the centuries, St. Valentine's Day has changed as social customs have changed. Cards long ago were made by hand with loving thought and care. Whether it was humble or simple, it was cherished and treasured and sometimes even passed down from one generation to the next.

Today, through the use of greeting cards, society has managed to keep this ancient holy day, symbolic of love and courtship, alive.

To keep St. Valentine's Day true: Roses are red, violets are blue, why don't you send a Valentine or two?

Gifts from kissing pigs to singing telegrams

by Melanie Miller

The traditional candy, flowers, or cards aren't the only gifts you can give someone special on Valentine's Day. Try one of these 14 ideas to surprise your Valentine.

1. Red and white kissing velcro pigs, large \$14, small \$5.
2. Ziggy doll in red satin tuxedo (with tails) and red hearted bow tie, \$6.
3. The Love Glove (a mitten built for two), \$5.59.
4. Heart shaped sunglasses, \$6.
5. White boxer shorts, covered with pink hearts, \$24.
6. Fannie Farmer's biggest box of candy (5 pounds), \$70.
7. Valentine balloons-in-a-box with delivery, \$24.
8. Valentine Blinker Button (messages include 'You light up my life,' and 'Kiss me when it's lit, hug me with it's not.'). \$2.75.
9. Snoopy's biggest Valentine card (2½ by 3 feet), \$6.
10. One piece long Johns, white with red hearts, \$48.
11. White teddy bear with red heart shaped sunglasses, \$16.
12. A personal ad in the paper, \$2-\$10.
13. Heart shaped soap, \$4.
14. Singing telegram, \$40-\$110.

What's love got to do with it?

by Ed Coronel and Marya Sosulski

Let this valentine be a reminder which radiates so strongly at this particular time of year is a universal message of the everlasting love that each of us has to share each and every day.

Love, universal love so essential to nurture our highest good today and forever.

Byron Tousignant

A purpose of Valentine's Day is to celebrate friendship and love, but there are differences in what kids of different ages do to celebrate.

Remember how in grade school you would buy valentines for everyone in your class?

"I remember," said Jason Jolley, senior. "Back then it didn't matter who you gave them to, there was no caring involved. But," he continued, "Kids in high school concentrate more on the certain people they are interested in."

Nicole Borodaj, a fifth grader, feels that Valentine's Day is the day to go

"shopping."

An eighth grader, Epril Coronel, plans to attend his school's Valentine's dance. Coronel says, "There isn't much dancing though, because the boys go off to one side, while the girls go off to the other."

Other than that, Coronel says there are going to be Valentine telegrams sent to everyone, instead of cards being passed around the classrooms.

James Koop, junior, feels that it is a lovers holiday, and he plans to go out to a dance. Mindy Bert, junior, in contrast feels that it is only a holiday made up by Hallmark and the candy and flower companies to make money.

"I plan to stay home and sleep," Karen Oskerka, a seventh grader said, although she admits she likes "those little heart candies."

A time for love and caring is what Valentine's Day is all about, for young and old. This quote from Romeo and Juliet says it all.

And yet I wish for the thing I have.

My bounty is as boundless as the sea.

My love as deep, the more I give to thee,

The more I have, for both are infinite.

William Shakespeare



Do you realize what magazines are telling you?

by Kim Mauk

"Make-up and skin care like a pro," "Priscilla Presley at 41 — how she stays so gorgeous," "How not to blow your diet while partying." These are just a few of the headlines off the January issue of Seventeen, Redbook, and McCall's.

If you look through teens and women's magazines, you will notice that almost every story is telling the reader: 1) you are not pretty enough, your personality isn't up to par, you're too fat, etc., 2) you need to change to be accepted, and 3) if you do what we say you'll be "perfect."

In one McCall's headline, not only were they going to teach you how to be better in '87 by getting raises and looking beautiful, but you also could learn how to change others! Once you change yourself you can change everyone else, and everything will be "perfect"!

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perfume	1	3	—
food	1	12	10
medication	11	6	7
cars	1	5	1
clothes	1	3	—
cigarettes	—	6	5
appliances	—	2	—
shoes	3	—	—
hair	10	—	—
nails	1	—	—
lose weight	1	—	—
modeling	2	—	—
TV/video	—	—	8
books	—	1	3
alcohol	—	—	4
cleaners	—	—	2
	Seventeen	Redbook	People

This graph shows the different kinds of ads in various magazines

When asked what she sees women's magazines focusing on mainly, Sonja Loder felt that "they seem to cope with problems, but the problems are a little far-fetched." When asked why they read these magazines, Lisa Winterhalder, Julie Tamkus, and Loder all agreed that they are fun and entertaining. For example, there are "super short stories" (which implies that the readers cannot read long ones), and stories like "a mother's terrifying tale."

Winterhalder also said that she likes to read the magazines because of the fashion sections. As she says, "it's nice to think about what I could have if I were rich."

Every time you pick up a magazine you may not realize it but you are being subjected to subliminal negative persuasion that you are not okay. As Maureen Heitzler said, "There's always something that your missing. They're perfect. You're not."

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Small ball no big deal

by Jean Volpe

Dr. J casually palms two basketballs, one in each hand. But the doctor may soon have to move over for "Beckster" (Rebecca Rivan) who can now palm the new, smaller sized women's basketballs.

Palming the ball is not the only advantage of the new basketball. The smaller, lighter ball was expected to give the players better ball control and increase the pace of the game.

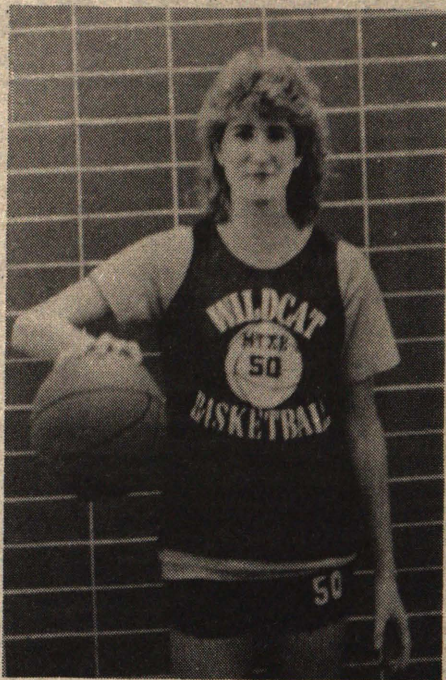
When the new ball was introduced to women's college and high school teams back in 1984, heated arguments sprang up. Some players were enthusiastic about the change while others thought that they could already handle the standard ball.

At West Chicago however, there were not many signs of disapproval. "I was excited because I thought it would make me a better ball handler and shooter," said Rivan.

Marla Jemsek felt that the change was good because she said that colleges have been using the small balls for years and the switch from high school to college won't be such an adjustment.

Mary Weibler summed it up by saying, "I was really happy because I thought the smaller ball would be easier to use."

When the change came, the players adjusted to the ball differently. Jemsek noticed that the ball was lighter and she was



Rebecca Rivan palms the new women's basketball that the girls high school teams started using this year. (Photo by Marla Jemsek)

"shooting over the basket for awhile."

Weibler feels the difference in size and weight when she now plays with the standard size and remarked, "You can't see the difference between the two, but you can feel it."

The difference the ball makes in a game is hard to tell according to the three players because improvement of skill must also be taken into account.

"I don't think that the small ball goes in easier," said Rivan, "it's up to your shot."

Weibler found the small ball, "easier to control, so it helps in all areas."

And Jemsek concluded by saying, "there isn't much of a difference."

The smaller ball appears to have not given the girls smaller egos in regards to not playing with the boys' standard sized ball. "I think it's about time that they switched over," said Rivan. "girls are built smaller than guys, the small ball makes the game more equal."

Weibler's reasoning was that "Boys are bigger so they can use a bigger ball."

All three players are happy with the change. Jemsek said that the small ball is "good for athletes who want to play in college."

Weibler simply "loves," the change and thinks "it's great."

As for the Beckster, she remarked "I like the change it's better for the sport."

Jock Shorts

WRESTLING

The varsity wrestlers placed third in the DuPage Valley Conference Tournament. Hector Gomez took first, Dve Fialka, Lufe Gonzalez, Rob Mramolejo and Rich Votava placed second, and Dave Andrews placed fourth.

The wrestlers regional will be tonight at 6:30 p.m. and tomorrow at 12:30 and 6:30 p.m. The top three place winners will advance to the sectional at Lyons Township next weekend.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

The Lady Wildcat basketball team will challenge Wheaton Central at Wheaton Central on Tuesday, February 10 at 8 p.m. in the first round of the Regional. The winner of that game will face the winner of the St. Francis-Wheaton North game at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday.

The leading scorer in the nation

by Teresa Berry

Kim Wallner earned that title by scoring 2300 points in her four years of playing basketball at North Central College in Naperville. "It was quite an honor, and I did pass the ball as well as I shot," Wallner said. Wallner also held the assist record for her four years at North Central. Two out of four years Wallner was all-american and her senior year she was up for player of the year and finished up in the top ten.

Wallner also played softball at North Central and was an all-state player and was on the all regional team for two years.

In high school Wallner played field hockey, basketball and softball. In field



Kim Wallner explains the offense to her team during a recent Lady Wildcat basketball game. (Photo by Pat Jemsek)

'It was quite an honor, and I did pass the ball as well as I shot.'

hockey Wallner led the state in scoring three years in a row with a total of 99 points. Wallner said, "It was weird I scored 33 points each of the three years."

For four years Wallner was the MVP of the basketball team and a member of the all-conference team. Her senior year the Daily Herold elected her co-player of the year. Carzation prep all-american was another honor she received her senior year.

Wallner was also all-conference in softball three out of four years in high school.

The Chicago Tribune named her athlete of the week twice for field hockey and twice for basketball.

Wallner is still involved in athletics she plays touch football, basketball and jogs.

Aside from all of her athletics Wallner majored in Physical Education. Now she teaches at Glenside Junior High and coaches at West Chicago. "Ever since I was little I like to coach and teach," added Wallner.

Wallner said that advantages of teaching and coaching are to be with the kids, and to hopefully influence them in a good way "I like to know I can actually help someone to grow up," Wallner said.

Upcoming Wildcat sporting events



Boys' Basketball

Fri. Feb. 6	Glenbard East	A 6 p.m.
Sat. Feb. 7	Naperville North	H 6 p.m.
Fri. Feb. 13	Naperville Central	H 6 p.m.
Fri. Feb. 20	Glenbard North	A 6 p.m.
Sat. Feb. 21	Wheaton Central	H 6 p.m.
Fri. Feb. 27	Wheaton North	A 6 p.m.

Girls' Basketball

Mon. Feb. 9 — Thurs. 12	Regional Tournament	TBA
Tues. Feb. 17 — Fri. 20	Sectional Tournament	TBA
Fri. Feb. 24	Super Sectional Tournament	TBA

Wrestling

Fri. Feb. 6	Regional Tournament	TBA
Sat. Feb. 7	Regional Tournament	TBA
Tues. Feb. 10	Team Sectional Tournament	TBA
Fri. Feb. 13	Sectional Tournament	TBA
Sat. Feb. 14	Sectional Tournament	TBA
Thurs. Feb. 19	Sectional Tournament	TBA
Fri. Feb. 20	State Finals	TBA
Sat. Feb. 21	State Finals	TBA

Boys' Swimming

Fri. Feb. 6	Waubonsie Valley Inv.	A 5 p.m.
Sat. Feb. 7	Waubonsie Valley Inv.	A 12 p.m.
Tues. Feb. 10	Streamwood	H 6 p.m.
Thurs. Feb. 12	Benet Academy	H 6 p.m.
Sat. Feb. 21	Sectional Tournament	TBA
Fri. Feb. 27	State Finals	TBA

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Drugs in sports don't mix

by Marla Jemsek

The IHSA (Illinois High School Association) has rules (or ruled) against athletes using drugs. However, athletes at West Chicago said they have used alcohol, marijuana, pep pills, pain pills and cocaine, and 20 percent of athletes surveyed said they have taken drugs or drunk before an athletic event. (Twenty-five student athletes were surveyed from a variety of different sports. The survey was anonymous to protect the athletes and to help in getting honest answers.)

The most abused drug is alcohol, a depressant that affects the control centers of the brain. This causes intoxicated people to lose self control, be confused, disoriented and be unable to walk steadily.

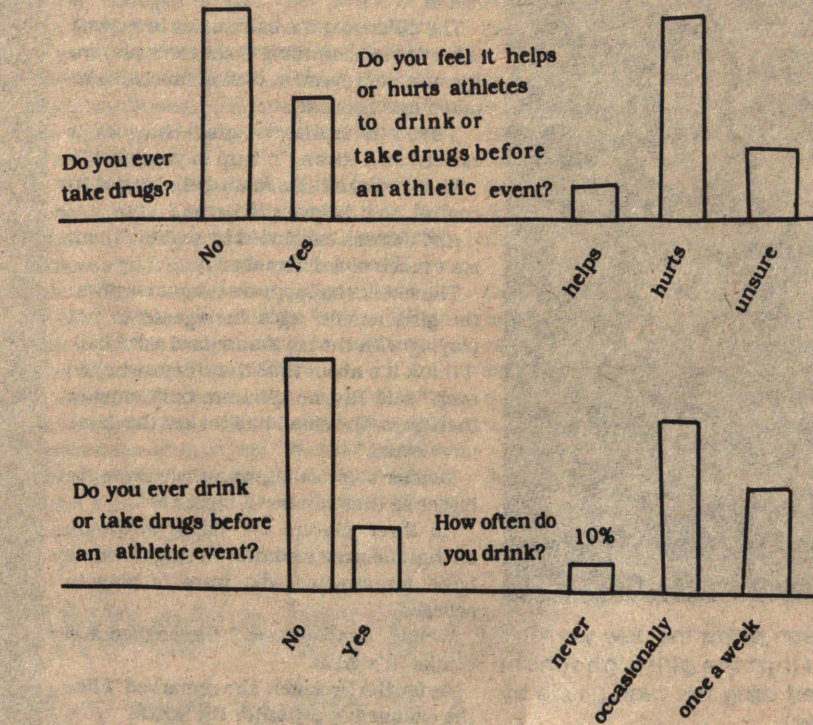
It doesn't seem that this is a state that an athlete would want to be in, however 60 percent of athletes said that they drank occasionally, 32 percent once a week and 8 percent never. Not as many student-athletes use drugs as drink, however 36 percent said they have used drugs marijuana, pep pills, pain pills being used the most.

Athletes drink for different reasons, 80 percent drink at parties or for social reasons. "There's nothing else to do at parties," one athlete added.

One athlete said, she drinks because, "... other people do and it's daring and risky."

"It helps improve my performance," another athlete felt.

Regardless of the warnings and consequences of using drugs, some of the athletes still have doubts on whether or not they are harmful. "I have seen players that drank before every game and played outstanding. I have my doubts on whether it helps or hinders the athlete," one athlete added.



"It hurts athletes, because they lose control and coordination," answered one athlete sure that drugs and alcohol are harmful.

"They help stop pain and speed up reaction time," answered one athlete who believes pep pills and pain pills help him.

"It's morally and physically wrong," answered one athlete when asked if he would

take drugs or drink before an athletic event.

"It (cocaine) affects judgement, gives them a sense of power beyond what their ability is, a sense of control over the surroundings," said Dr. Jeffery Johnson, a family physician and director of the Alcohol Treatment Center at Central DuPage Hospital, according to the *Wheaton Journal*.

"It's dangerous because it generates an intense craving to use again and again and to use more," he continued. "It has the effect of not quite getting the same high with repeated use. It may be psychological rather than physiological. Never the less, they use it so much they kill themselves."

According to the *Sports Illustrated* article, *When the Cheers Turned to Fears*, Sports Illustrated article, *When the Cheers Turned to Fears*, "No more drug testing without teaching first. Nobody ever takes a test without going to class first, right? Drug Education should begin before it is too late, in elementary school. Teach athletes USC's coach George Raveling's four R's 'readin', writin', rithmetic, and reasoning.'"

"Dumb, very sad, because he wasn't educated about crack (a cheaper, more potent form of cocaine)," said one athlete in reference to the University of Maryland basketball player, Len Bias, who died of a cocaine overdose.

Athletes have mixed feelings on whether or not his death will change the attitudes of athletes that use drugs. "No, because people think it won't happen to them," one athlete said.

"It will because it touches home with the true athletes," added another.

"Hopefully younger athletes will realize that drugs and Sports don't mix," said another athlete.

Drug testing has been taking place, but does it really do any good? According to Sports Illustrated article, *When cheers turned to fears*, "No more drug testing without teaching first. Nobody ever takes a test without going to class first, right? Drug Education should begin before it is too late, in elementary school. Teach athletes USC's coach George Raveling's four R's 'Readin', 'writin', 'rithmetic, and reasoning.'"

Fantastic Faculty leads intramural basketball

by Kathy Murnane

Intramural Basketball is the strongest program of its kind We-Go has had yet...

Dan Benson, the director, took on the program this winter as a break from coaching diving. He wanted some time off between football and track and felt, "There was a need for a lot of people not going out for sports who could maybe participate in athletics one or two nights a week."

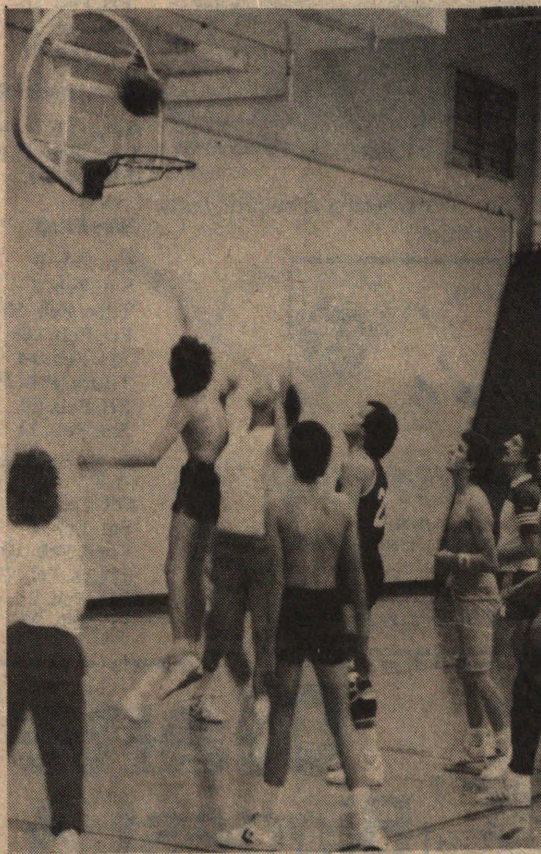
Games usually last an hour with two played on Monday and Wednesday nights. There are no practices except for the pre-season open gym nights held back in November. The season started in December and will run through the first week of February with playoffs. Games were not played over Christmas vacation or final exam week.

Playoffs will be the week of February 2 and will run three or four days straight through. The number one team won't play the first round. The second rank team plays seventh, the third plays the sixth, and the fourth plays the fifth. There will be two rounds and then the championships. There is a total of six games.

The league contains seven teams. Listed in present rank order they are as follows: Fantastic Faculty, Rebels, Killer of Giants, Smreks, Strang Brew, Beach Bums and bringing up the tail end, 69ers. The program is open for both sexes, however there are only three female participants who play with the Beach Bums.

There is a big variety of ability throughout the league from people that have never played before to players who have had many years of competitive experience. Most games are high paced. Benson commented that every team in the league has played well... with very few discipline problems and things have run smooth.

Benson's personal goals for the program were to get as many people involved as



Andy Behrens, a member of the Smreks, makes a layup in their game against the Fantastic Faculty. (Photo by Marla Jemsek)

possible and to raise interest for next year. "I think the more teams you have the more even it gets... The more teams the better as far as I'm concerned."

Intramurals are an opportunity to participate in athletics without being too structured. The players make their own calls "on honor". You can have as many players as you want just as long as everyone gets their time to play. The clock is set for two continuous quarters with a five minute

break in-between. Scoring stats are kept and record sheets will be available at the end of the playoffs.

There has always been a paid position for an intramural director but since the program was not very strong, the position was de-emphasized when the new contract was written up this fall. "I do get paid...but I enjoy doing it anyway, so whether I got paid or not, I think it would still be worthwhile," comments Benson.

In addition to the basketball program, Mr. Owens runs an open tennis night on Mondays in the fieldhouse. It's primarily a chance for tennis players that don't belong to a club to get some practice and play in.

Possible future intramural programs will be volleyball or a floor hockey tournament in the spring. So keep your eyes open to more athletic alternatives this year.

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