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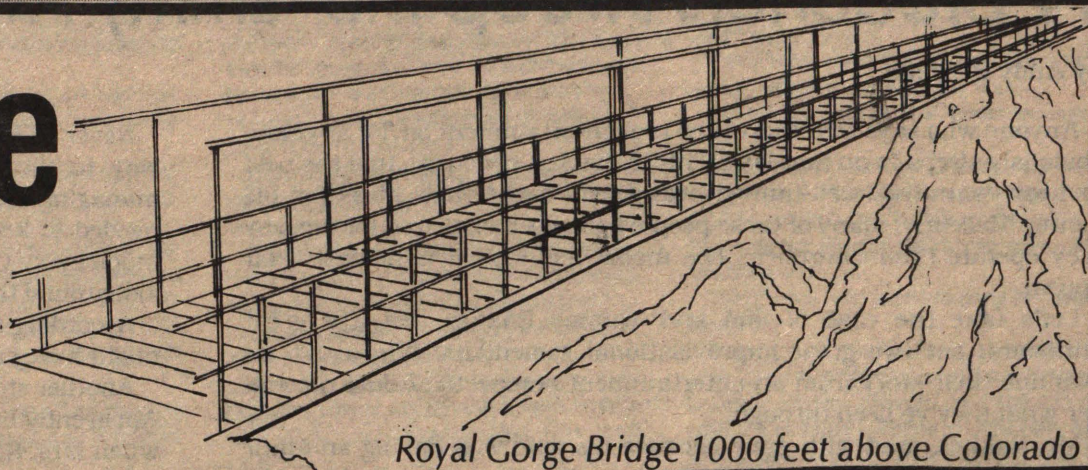
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Royal Gorge Bridge 1000 feet above Colorado

Jobs in education - insecure at any tenure

by Kathleen Murnane

Attrition has saved reduction shock for the past ten years but the streak ran out and eliminated five teachers for the 1987-88 school year.

The tenured teachers Dan Benson, and Robert C. Young were released along with first year teachers Mary Juraska, Anne Shaeffer and Doug Truckenbrod. Pat Welch also earlier released was rehired as a health teacher due to Robert Hein, former health teacher filling the retired John DeLap's vacant position as counselor.

The cause of these reductions was an enrollment decrease of about 60 students for next year. According to Richard Kamm superintendent, the enrollment projections for this year were precisely correct. When estimations are inaccurate they can hire people back. State law says that a tenured teacher has first notification and rights to the job for a year if the situation should change for some reason. However as Benson says "that doesn't help me now ... I can't wait around for that to happen." Enrollment projections show an expected increase in

two years.

"In education you have to realize that no matter how hard you work or how well you do, your ability to stay at a school is pretty much determined on how long you've been there. When the number of students decrease teachers are eliminated," Benson says factually. However that is not the case with Young, a 20 year tenured Woods teacher.

Young feels depressed about the situation and says "my initial reaction was shock and then instantly anger that this could happen. It just doesn't seem possible." Young is married and has six children to support. The oldest child is eight years old. He has a bachelors and masters degree in education. Although Young prefers to stay in this area he says "I am looking at almost anything that is available." He has taught night classes for the College of DuPage for more than six years however there is not a full time position available there. Some job opportunities other than teaching he is considering are carpentry, sales, and getting into the home improvement business for himself. Teaching is a very im-

portant part of his life. "I've spent 25 years of commitment to the school and community to become what I am now." Young comments "I would have thought there might have been other ways they could have done something."

Some citizens of the community expressed similar feelings including "outrage" concerning the release of Young. A letter was written to the board that brought up the arguments that not all students are college bound and that without Young the Woods program and career benefits the students have received due to his instruction would greatly decline. A student petition has also been circulated in an effort to have Young reinstated.

Benson has coached boys diving as well as varsity football and track during his 4 years here. This year he also directed the intramural basketball program. He tries to have a positive attitude about being reduced and says "I look at it as maybe a good opportunity ... a blessing in disguise. I don't mean that to sound negative. Sometimes moving isn't such a bad idea. I may fall into a better situation." As far as where he will be next

year he says "I really don't know if I'll be in this area or not. I'm pursuing a lot of different opportunities." Benson says that the hardest part is leaving the students and teachers "because they're friends". He also says he has enjoyed working here and feels he has learned from the other teachers and coaches.

Truckenbrod graduated from the University of Illinois and this is his first year teaching mathematics. He also coached freshman football and baseball. He says "I'm not resentful ... in fact I want to go somewhere else. I think I'd fit in better at a different school district."

There are three sides to every story: yours, mine and then there's the truth. Was there a fairer way to deal with the decision the board was forced to make? Kamm says "nobody wants to put someone out of work." It is just "typical of education ... like any kind of job ... a risk you've got to take" as three of the released teachers said about the situation? These questions bring out various opinions. The fact still remains that next year five familiar faces of the faculty staff will not be returning.

Inkspots Free at last

by Laura McPheters

Seniors get ready! Graduation is nearing, with honors night coming up on June 4 at 8 p.m. in the auditorium. Seniors will be recognized for outstanding achievement as well as scholarships being awarded. Richard Waterhouse is in charge of both honors night and graduation.

Graduation practice is June 6 at 7:30 a.m. in the Bishop Gym. A class picture will be taken and a breakfast sponsored by the Booster Club will be served. All fines and obligations will be taken care of during the breakfast. Bring fines and any overdue books to graduation practice. The actual practice will take place at 9 a.m. Seniors can't graduate if they do not attend this practice.

If there are any doubts if you will graduate, check the mail and wait for a warning phone call. Also check if you have enough credits advises the administration.

Volpe honored

by Ed Coronel

Jean Volpe, senior at West Chicago Community High School, recently received an award from the Northern Illinois School Press Association (NISPA) at Northern Illinois University. Volpe earned the award for her sports article "Athletes isn't all it is cracked up to be" found in the November 21 Bridge.

Graduate killed

by Darlene Pagan

Craig Allen Kafar died on Thursday, May 7th, 1987. Kafar suffered severe head injuries after a motorcycle accident on May 5th. Kafar was riding his bike on Conde Street when a car pulled out in front of him. He was going 50 m.p.h., and was unable to stop in time. He was taken to Central DuPage Hospital.

Kafar was a 1984 graduate of West Chicago. He then went on to College of Dupage. Kafar was active in bowling and hunting.

Services were held on Tuesday, May 12, 1987. Kafar is buried at the Wheaton Cemetery.

College and its costs

by Stephanie Baker

One of the most important decisions that a high school student has to make is concerning what to do about college. These days, one of the biggest influence in making that decision is college costs.

In the past couple of years, college costs seem to have risen quite a bit. In fact, most colleges have increased tuition costs by about ten percent every year. This percentage is higher than the national inflation rate.

Why? According to John Delap counselor, it is because the government is cutting down on the budget for education. Schools depend heavily on this money, so they have to make up for it by raising tuition prices. Where does the money go? Most of it goes into professor's salaries and various supplies needed to run the college.

This fall, a student from Illinois, attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign will have to spend about seven thousand dollars. Five years ago, the price was down around five thousand dollars. For students out of state, the price is higher because they don't pay taxes in Illinois.

Let's hit those books

by Yvonne Schlotzer

According to recent studies, American students have shown some serious shortcomings in Math, writing, critical thinking and communication skills. Our nation is supposedly technologically superior amongst other countries but due to our educational deficiencies we may not be up on this pedestal for much longer since we now have another contender Japan.

Mathematic research tests have shown that American students rank tenth in arithmetic, twelfth in algebra, sixteenth in geometry and eighteenth in measurements. The Japanese students ranked first in all these areas.

Ironically, Japanese students actually received fewer hours of classroom instruction and are required to do less homework in math than the American

Private school's prices are usually more than this. To attend a college such as Northwestern would cost over sixteen thousand dollars. An Ivy League college, such as Harvard, costs as much as eighteen thousand dollars. Few people can afford to pay these prices without some form of financial aid.

A junior college, such as College of DuPage, costs about five thousand dollars per year. Students don't live on campus, which cuts down on living expenses. However, they have to spend more on commuting expenses instead.

Though some of these prices may seem impossible, a student shouldn't rule out a college only because of its cost. There are many types of financial aid available, such as loans, grants, and scholarships. Students academic records are considered, as well as talent in athletics, art, music, etc. You should see your counselor if you want more information on financial aid.

Prices are rising each year, but this shouldn't discourage a person from going to college. There is enough financial aid available for a student to get a better education and have a successful career.

students. Researchers say that one factor accounting for the difference is that Japanese students receive more one-on-one help and are frequently tutored by parents.

Changing the subject; during a major study among American students it was found that Americans also show deficiencies in language skills. The study found that fewer than one-fourth of eleventh grade students performed adequately on the tests that require the kinds of writing skills necessary for success in academic studies, business or the professions.

What is holding us back and why this sudden turnaround? Researchers have to shrug their shoulders in an answer to these questions; the hard core fact is: no one knows if Americans having trouble communication in their own language it's no wonder Japanese is becoming the international language of trade and politics.

FBLA triumphs once more

by Rhonda Dispensa

West Chicago members of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) are to be recognized for their outstanding achievements at the 1987 State Leadership Conference held in Springfield, Illinois on March 27-28.

Individual awards were received by:
3rd place - Advisor Council Project Award: Keith Olson, Ben Anderson, Rich Otto.

8th place - Job Description Manual: Amy Hapgood

6th place - Business Graphics: Don Olson, Brad Chapin

10th place - Impromptu Speaking: Dana Madden

8th place - Entrepreneurship I: Linda Maler

7th place - Entrepreneurship II: George Prewitt

3rd place - Entrepreneurship II: Bill Steele
2nd place - Entrepreneurship II: Tony Schemezis

5th place - Business Law: Tina Castellano

2nd place - Economics: Carrie Brennan

5th place - Business Math: Laura McPheters

6th place - Data Processing: Rob Kumpfer

2nd place - Computer Application & Programming: Jan Duus

5th place - Mr. FBLA: Dave Glomp

1st place - Battle of the Areas: Rich Otto, Melissa Goodman

Chapter Awards: 6th - Outstanding Chapter, 6th - Outstanding Project, 9th - Annual Chapter Activities Report.

The Chapter received the GOLD SEAL AWARD, ranking West Chicago FBLA as one of the finest chapters in Illinois.

TV preachers sweep the "Emmy Awards" for comedy

by Andy Behrens

Anyone who says that there's no real entertainment on TV anymore obviously sleeps in on Sundays. This is the day, of course, that the best in heart-warming, well-tanned evangelists make their pleas for big money. Recently, many of these people have been criticized for the way they operate their churches. The media has looked right past their appeal.

Let's take the case of Jim and Tammy Bakker, not just great ministers, but two great improvisational comedians. Why can't we examine their story from an entertainment perspective? Just remember what they've been through.

Mr. Bakker, mad with envy because his wife was having an affair with a country music singer, went to Florida and has his own encounter with well-endowed church secretary Jessica Hahn. As soon as this became public knowledge, he was forced to give up his

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multi-million dollar ministry, the PTL (Praise the Lord) club to that lovable guy, Jerry Falwell. After deciding he wanted his organization back, other evangelists came out with rumors that high-ranking members of the PTL engaged in homosexuality, soliciting prostitutes, and even the lost art of wife swapping. Now the Bakkers are made to live out a humble existence in their Palm Springs home.

What a shame it would be if Mrs. Bakker had to cut her make-up budget. I think she's already applying it with a hose.

Goodbye, so long, adios, auf wiedersein

by Kevin Smith

Okay seniors, only one more week of school. In a few more days your four years of (work?) will be over.

These past four years I think have been the time when we've done the most growing up. I mean, I've seen my freshman I.D. picture.

Now, high school is a bunch of memories. A whole lot of embar-

Ditching the day away

by Julie Pollastrini

One friend casually turns to the other.

"Let's ditch. Neither of us studied for any of our classes. Besides, we can get the answers from everyone else tomorrow."

"Okay, but what will happen when we get caught for ditching?"

"They just assign you some learning packet."

"That's all? Cool."

This happens to be a very typical conversation around West Chicago. Everyone is talking about the "learning packet."

Stephen Kimery, assistant dean, commented, "The packet is a new idea being run since January. The administration is trying something different." He appeared to be disappointed with the results of the new punishment policy.

The packet along with a minimum of two detentions is assigned when an entire day of school has been ditched. This idea was introduced by John Highland, assistant principal.

Many students share the same feelings about this new policy. Nancy Pollastrini, sophomore, described her feelings, "No one takes the packet seriously, because the questions are stupid. Most of the people I know get someone else to do the five minutes worth of work for them. It doesn't do any good, but it is better than detentions."

This is the problem. Punishments are not supposed to be liked. If a punishment is liked by the students, then it is not much of a punishment.

According to our school policy, students who are excused or unexcused are able to make up any missed up work without affecting their grade. In other words, if you chose to ditch class, your grade cannot suffer.

I have often heard teachers complaining to the class about the test scores for the students who made up the test being considerably higher than those who took it the day of the test.

The dilemma seems to be quite a problem. Kimery spends most of the day dealing with kids who just do not attend all of their classes.

It seems to me that what we need is a more severe penalty for ditching. What we have now benefits the people who attend class only when they feel like it. If it is this easy to skip class, then why should any of us bother to show up at all?

Never to be outshined by anyone, Oral Roberts has also made his way to the front pages of more than a few papers. After barely managing to collect the eight million dollars that God told him he needed to keep his school going, he found out he has to collect that much every year until the second coming of Christ. Well that should be just around the corner, shouldn't it?

According to Roberts, he talks to God all the time. I think Roberts might have just a little too much sugar in his diet.

Another story that Roberts told was about a visit he had from Satan. Apparently Lucifer appeared in Robert's room, certainly up to no good, when Mrs. Roberts walked in. She then chased Mephistophales out of the happy Roberts' home.

This must come as a disappointment to worshipers of the dark demon of the underworld. The devil must have had a head cold or something and wasn't in a mood to fight.

Just think about it. If this happened on *The Cosby Show* or *The Golden Girls*, the show would win 12 Emmy's. Just because these programs aren't on during prime time doesn't mean they can't be fun and entertaining.

However, I don't think these religious shows go far enough. I think that all the television ministers should get together all their money and buy out MTV. Then call it Hallelujah TV. Programming could start at dawn and end at midnight. They could show cartoons, sing songs, and accuse each other of immoral acts. Anyway, it's only an idea.

What's surprising are all the people who object to the preachers of the airwaves. These rascals seem to think that religion isn't something that can be bought or sold by television personalities. They seem to think that religion is too important to become a big industry. Yeah, sure, if you want to be ethical about it.

When are these liberals going to realize what TV evangelists really are? These guys are a part of America that we can't afford to lose over a little thing like values.

rassing moments that I'd rather forget, and a whole bunch of good things which always seem to slip my mind.

It's kind of hard at this time to write about my high school career. Right now I can't wait to get the heck out of here. But then again, my older brother Wade, who just graduated from college a couple of weeks ago keeps reminding me that high school has been good to me.

Wade graduated in 1983 and went off to Southern Illinois University down in Carbondale to study radio and television. Gradually, over the years, he began to loose touch of those he said he'd keep in touch with.

I remember on one of his trips home that we went to the store. While we were waiting in line, he suddenly became unusually quiet. After a long time, he told me that the woman in front of us had gone to school with him. "My God," he told me, "She looks old."

I guess what I'm trying to say is what Wade's been telling me for four years now. Don't waste your high school years. It sounds corny, and we've all heard it a million times before, but it's important.

I guess I can look back at my high school experience and see that it wasn't a total waste. One of the things that made it bearable was working for the **Bridge**.

I started in my sophomore year, writing a sports column when Bill Fairbanks (the sports editor of the time) decided to give me a shot. The first thing that I wrote sucked. (Some would say all of my stuff sucks) But I stuck with it and over time got better.

Writing for me was a release and I used to like getting my name in the paper all of the time. At the end of my first year, I applied for, and got the job of sports editor for my junior year.

I thought that it was great. But I got a big learning experience. All but the freshmen can remember some of the really stupid things I did. Remember **The Bonehead**? It sounded like a great idea at the time believe me.

I think about it now and it's one of those embarrassing moments that I'd like to forget. If you put a giant picture of yourself in the paper with a big bone on your head, you'd want to forget about it too.

This year, I became Editor-in-Chief. I didn't do anything for the first few issues. Didn't write, edit, assign stories or anything. I was a basket case.

But after a while, I came out of the rut. My ideas were coming back again, and I wasn't burned out from doing **Bridge** stuff anymore. I carried through the rest of the year doing what I was supposed to. Except for this story which is being done the day before we go to the printer.

For you underclassmen, I'd like to say good luck, and if you ever get the chance, write for **The Bridge**. I met just about all of my friends working for it and a lot of my enemies too. Besides, Mr. Courtney can use all of the help he can get.

As for the seniors, "Goodbye, auf wiedersein, adios, so long, arivaderche, hasta luego, ciao, later, God bless, I'm outta here."

Photopinion

by Jean Volpe

When you were little, what

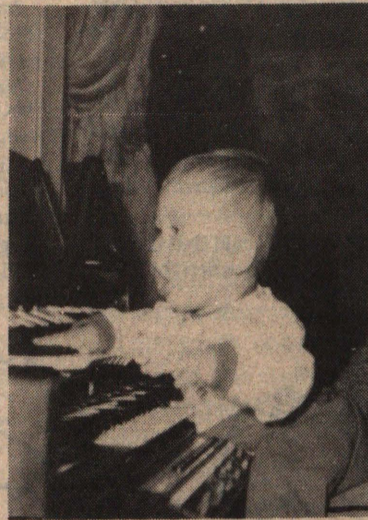
did you want to be when you grew up?



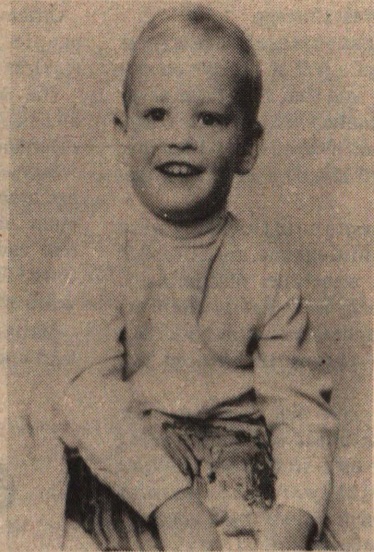
Jim Recchia, "I wanted to be Evil Knievel."



Rhonda Dispensa, "I wanted to be Miss America."



Margie Baum, "I wanted to be a brain surgeon."



Peter Kovac, "I wanted to be a Playgirl centerfold."



Trevor Barski, "I wanted to be a forest ranger."

What will you be doing ten years from now?

by Edward Coronel

Graduation.

Hearing that one word floods a senior's mind (also a junior, sophomore, and freshman's - but that's another story,) with thoughts of fulfillment, happiness, but with anxiousness for the future. Still what is in store for these graduates?

"After graduation, I am going to work at a plant nursery until July." Debbie Pegel said with an "I can't wait 'til graduation" attitude. Then she plans to go to Ball State University in Indiana for five years. Pegel plans to study "computer aided drafting, and obtain a degree in landscape architecture."

Kathy Murnane has many different plans for her future. For this summer, Murnane plans to be a lifeguard, and try to write a book. Then afterwards, she hopes to go to either Northern Illinois University or Milliken University to major in Journalism or Communica-

tions.

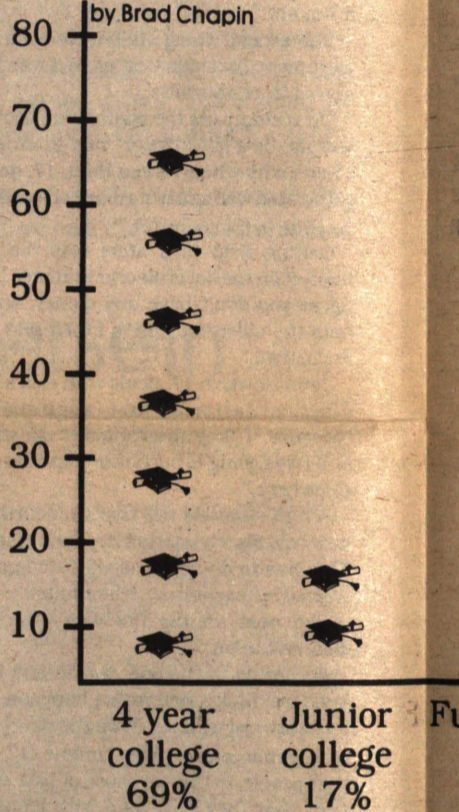
Although Murnane is anxious to get out of school, she said it will be "hard to say goodbye." But she will try to make her friends her first priority.

While Murnane and Pegel have their college bound plans, Naresh Nair plans to go into the Air Force for six years. He hopes to work on missiles and with electronics as well. Nair said that "it's a promising future."

Brad Chapin has a different approach to his future. He plans to go to college and major in business. Chapin is very determined to make lots of money, especially in surfing or where there is a lot of water and sand.

As they say, all good things come to an end - as for now. But for those graduates who are expanding their horizons, this may be a chance to start all over again in college, military, or where ever they go. Just remember - your first reunion is in ten years.

by Brad Chapin



From the very first day jitters to the last day fling

by Darlene Pagan

For the seniors, high school is coming to a close. Graduation is just around the corner. For freshmen on the other hand, those four seemingly endless years have just begun. Not every high school student will reach their senior year, but all students can remember what it's like to be a freshmen. Freshmen go through many major changes and adjustments. By the time some students are seniors they might have a totally different personality or they might not have changed at all.

When seniors are asked to recall their year as a freshmen, many had mixed responses. Out of 50 seniors polled, 15 said it was their worst year, seven said it was their best, and 22 said it was just OK. The rest didn't remember or had other responses such as Steve McCormick's. He said his freshmen year was "ridiculous." Also, 22 of the seniors said their first day of school was neither bad or good but OK.

Before students even began high school they all had certain expectations of course. Eric Golden said he expected high school to be "classy, cool, big time. In other words the major leagues." Some students thought it would be confusing. Unlike Scott Chriske who said "I expected it to be a giant four year party, but unfortunately the faculty let me down." For the most part, seniors expected school to be difficult because of the homework, but

more exciting because of the variety of sports and classes offered.

Well seniors has high school been what you expected? Twenty one seniors said it has been



better than they had thought. "I accomplished a lot of things having to do with athletics," remarked Cheryl Bestler. Seventeen seniors felt that high school was worse than they

thought. Rhonda Dispensa expected high school "to be really hard, a lot of cliques. A lot like you see in movies. It turned out a lot better than I expected." What most seniors liked was the socializing. The numerous friends that they have made. Or maybe the few guys or girls they have dated. George Prewitt felt high school has "been a lot better than I expected. I've met a lot of people including the best girlfriend I could ever dream of." Hopefully everyone can leave high school with pleasant, long-lasting memories, while others can begin with high expectations.

Most seniors will also be reminded of their freshmen year when they graduate, since those going to college will be starting at the "bottom of the ladder" again. Out of 50 seniors only one was afraid to leave high school. The rest were split evenly. Half said they couldn't wait until graduation, the others will miss high school but don't want to stay. Obviously most of the seniors will be looking forward to their futures whether they go to college, work or join the army. "I've outgrown high school and am anxious to go on to college," says Cathy Anderson.

High school is a different environment experienced only once in a life time. The memories are good and bad. The knowledge learned in these four years can be used for the rest of our lives, if one is willing to be taught. And so the seniors will leave as adults ready to begin their own lives. While the freshmen will begin with opened minds.

What you should pack for four years

by Jean Volpe

Next year some seniors will become full-fledged members of the Ivy League. It's time to leave the nest and experience college life first hand.

Now some people might be wondering "How am I going to fit everything in my room into a dorm room the size of a shoe box?" The solution is simple. You just have to decide what to keep and what to throw overboard.

To Trevar Barskie, food and drinks are the necessities. He's bringing a refrigerator fully stocked with "beverages" and pretzels, to the University of Wisconsin.

His stereo, clothes, fishing equipment and hockey sticks are going along also. Last but not least, Barskie plans on bringing his pillow. "I can't forget that!" he said.

Steve McCormick is assuring himself lots of friends, by bringing his Garfield boxer shorts. "I

love to wear them when people are around." said McCormick, who plans on sunning his "fashionable" buns at University of Florida in Ft. Lauderdale.

Rockylynn Losito wouldn't think of leaving home without "Freddie", her teddy bear. "I can't sleep without him" she said. Losito is also taking plenty of food with her to Eastern Illinois University.

The University of Arizona won't see Brad Chapin without his racing bike.

"It's my life." says Chapin. He is also looking for snow because he plans on dusting his skis while he's there.

Kathy Murnane will be keeping cool at Milikin with her mini portable fan. She is also bringing a T.V. and hopes her roommate has a good stereo.

What you decide to bring is entirely up to you, whether it is a teddy bear or a pair of underwear. Just remember that if it's important to you, don't leave home without it.



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Hey seniors, this is your life

by Teresa Berry

Seniors, these past four years might have taken a lot out of you, but don't leave the halls of We-Go without taking a jog down memory lane. The years of '83 to '87 have been action packed with scientific firsts, star weddings, and scandals, plus a whole lot more. So here's to you seniors, this is your life!

To start off the 1983 school year the White Sox won the American League West Pennant, but that was as far as they went.

Do you remember the first black Miss America, Vanessa Williams lost her title due to posing nude for a magazine? "Where's the beef?" from the Wendy's commercial with Clara Peller was one of the most used lines in 1984.

The first baboon heart transplant failed as Baby Fae died.

Mary Lou Retton became an olympic gold medalist and a big star on the cover of Wheaties cereal boxes.

Lovers, Olivia Newton John and Matt Latanzi, Mariel Hemingway and Steve Crisman, and Jamie Lee Curtis and Christopher Guest were united.

In sports the Chicago Cubs won the National League East Pennant.

Van Halen, Duran Duran, and the Go Go's broke up, while ex-Duran members formed Powerstation and Arcadia.

Censorship? On what? Rock music that's what. Senators wives Tipper Gore and Susan

Baker were the leaders of this movement.

Popular movies of '85 were **Back to the Future**, **Cocoon**, **Witness**, and **Prizzi's Honor**. On television **Family Ties**, **The Golden Girls**, **Moonlighting**, and **Late Night with David Lettermen** had the highest ratings.

Lovers Billy Joel and Christie Brinkley, Ron Wood and Jo Howard, Bruce Springsteen and Julianne Phillips, and Sean Penn and Madonna were united.

The Chicago Bears won Super Bown XX in January of '85.

The year of '85 was the year of terrorism as the TWA flight out of Athens with 153 on board was hijacked. Two and a half miles deep in the North Atlantic the Titanic was found. Seven thousand people died and 30,000 were left homeless in a Mexico City earthquake.

In music Madonna, Prince, Bruce Springsteen, Wham, and Whitney Houston topped the charts.

On January 28, 1986 the Challenger space shuttle with a crew of seven explodes 74 seconds after lift off. About 100,000 lives were threatened by radiation from the Soviets Chernobyl Nuclear Plant explosion. The Statue of Liberty celebrated her 100 birthday.

Hands Across America had over 5 million people join hands to raise money for the nations hungry.

This is all just a few of the good and bad things that have happened in the last four years.

What are your plans after graduation? Planning to go to college? The Military? Or how about working at Mc Donalds the rest of your life? Well - **The Bridge** polled 100 graduating seniors to find out their future plans.



Full-time job 12% Enlist in Military 2%



'86 Annie and Mary — Arnold Schwarzenegger and Maria Shriver had more in common than just nice teeth when they married in 1986.

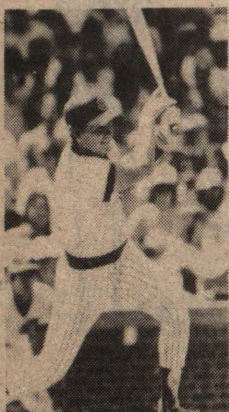


'85 Dave — Can you find the stupid pet in this picture?

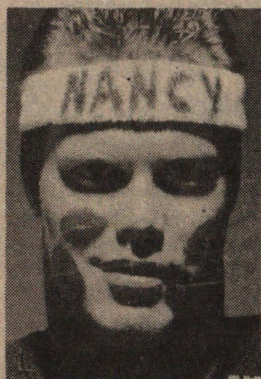
'84 Vanessa Williams — In '84 Vanessa Williams was stripped of more than her crown in Penthouse.



'86 Space Shuttle — In January of '86 the space shuttle Challenger exploded shortly after takeoff tragically killing the seven astronauts on board.



'84 Cubs — Next year finally came for the Cubs in '84.



'85 Jim McMahon — Besides just winning the Super Bowl in '85, Jim was busy making videos, writing books, and mooning helicopters. He just defines the word "role-model."



'College bound juniors beware!'

College bound juniors beware! The big decision of where to go for school may seem far off now but trust me, time will tick quicker than you think.

How do you go about making your college decision? One suggestion is to make a chart with categories of questions to answer for yourself. Then compare each college that you are considering while keeping in mind what your priorities are. A point value should be assigned for each category and then you should rank the schools according to the specifications you give them. Details

to include are costs, location setting, activities, size, the people, and the academic programs.

Since you go to school for an education, (hopefully), the academics offered are an important aspect. Some things to consider are the career opportunities such as job internships, experience, and placement. Is the reputation of the school respected? Can you receive a quality education from this school? Do they offer your major or minor and do they have the courses that you need or enjoy?

If you are undecided about your major field of study most schools offer chances to

explore different possibilities through career counseling services. You usually take your general courses the first two years. Junior year is usually when you have to declare your major.

What if you have an image of what you want in a school but you don't know whether or not the ideal match exists? Just like the computer dating service there is a solution to that. Our school has a computer program that enables you to answer general questions about what you would prefer in a college. After answering the questions it prints out a narrowed down list of the school's names, application deadlines and

admission requirements. You can also find out more information on just one certain school. This computer program can be used in the guidance office with the help and permission of your counselor.

A lot goes into making that choice, so make sure to get all the facts and to be realistic with your goals. Try not to get overwhelmed. Remember there are always alternatives to a bad situation. If the school you go to isn't right, you can always transfer. However, in order to avoid the consequences of wasted time and money, make an effort to make the first good decision of a lifetime.

May - June	Summer	September - October	November	December	January
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — register/take the ACT/SAT — work hard to make the grade 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — watch the mailbox for overflow of information about various schools — start thinking about what schools interest you 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — talk to college representatives that visit — get applications — limit your choices to about five schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — send in applications to the schools you are considering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — transcripts and recommendations sent to schools 	obtain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — scholarship applications — financial aid forms
February	March	April	May/June	July	August
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — send in scholarship/aid applications — consider finance planning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — should receive the results from your financial aid form — notification of acceptance from the schools applied to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — determine what things are most important in a school — compare and start limiting choices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — visit colleges — obtain information needed to make your final decision — graduate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — attend freshman orientation (if available) — enjoy a vacation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — pack — say goodbye — start your future

Can your eyes really communicate to others?

by Darlene Pagan

It happens in every western novel, just as in every love story: the heroine's eyes melt while the hero's eyes burn into hers.

Is there a such a thing as a burning glance, or a cold glance or even a hurt glance? Actually there isn't. While the eye itself says absolutely nothing, the combination of their use and the use of the face around them, tells a great deal.

The most important technique of eye management is the look or the stare. With it we can often make or break a person. Often when we stare at someone we dislike it is called the "evil eye." It is not very pleasant, but the message it sends comes out loud and clear.

On the other hand if you stare at a person with a smile on your face, the effect is much the opposite. This kind of stare can be quite pleasant, especially if it is accompanied by a wink.

We can tell something about a person's personality by the way they make eye contact. It is said that the person who keeps direct eye contact while speaking is someone who is trustworthy. The message



it sends is straight forward and honest. At the same time direct eye contact can seem to accuse a person. It all depends on the situation or the topic they might be discussing.

Avoiding eye contact can also say a lot. If a little boy looks at the ground while telling his mother who broke the vase, it's very possible that he isn't telling the truth. Avoiding eye contact can mean a person is embarrassed, or ashamed. It can also say he or she is lying or scared.

A different kind of look is used when you are in a public place or around strangers. For a passing encounter, Dr. Erving Goffman in *Behavior in Public Places*, says that the quick look and the lowering of the eyes is body language for "I trust you, I am not afraid of you."

We also use this look-and-away technique when we see someone who is crippled or handicapped. We look briefly and then look away before the look can be said to be a stare.

Most of us have had a case of awkward eyes. You are sitting in the dean's office or in a room where there is some one right

across from you. You have two options. You can make small talk and introduce yourself or say hi and be embarrassed because you have nothing to say. Some people just ignore other's glances. If you are on your first date you may re-read the menu, inspect your fingernail, go through your purse, or anything, to avoid eye contact. You find yourself looking for things to busy yourself with. If this is true then it's unlikely that you will go out with that person again.

Although there are many positions that the eyelid can be held in there are four basic ones. They are the "open-eyed, droopy-lidded, squinting, and eyes-closed-tight" positions. These can communicate love, longing, boredom, interest, and countless other signals.

When movement of the eyebrows is added to movements of the lids, many more recognizable signals are produced. Some scientists have found as many as forty different positions of the brows alone. If each combination has a different implication, then there is no end to the number of signals we can transmit with our eyes and the skin around them.

Conveying Messages with movement

by Rhonda Dispensa

"Body Language is an intrepid journey into a little-known world. It is full of unexpected revelations and gems of insight."

—David Reuben, M.D.

Your body doesn't know how to lie. Social scientists are discovering that movements of the body give off messages of their own that may amplify or contradict verbal expression.

We all know about some of the gestures we use to convey a message: the lifted eyebrow to indicate surprise, the clasped hands to indicate repose, or the tapping feet to indicate nervousness. Yet we know little about how we are really affected by a hand resting on our shoulder: Are we rendered comfortable or defenseless? Does touching a person make you feel more intimate or more alienated?

The science of kenesics has added a new dimension to human understanding. Un-

derstanding can make you a more perceptive human being, and it may influence your approach to every relationship in which you are involved.

Body language and spoken language are dependant on each other. Spoken language alone will not give the full meaning of what a person is saying, nor will body language alone give us the full meaning.

No body position or movement, in itself, has a precise meaning. In other words, we cannot always say that crossed arms mean, "I will not let you in," or that rubbing your nose with a finger means disapproval or rejection, or that patting the hair means approval, and steeping the fingers means superiority. These are naive interpretations of kinesics, and tend to make a parlor game out of a science. Sometimes they are true, and sometimes they are not, but they are only true to the context of the entire behavior pattern of a person.



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Sports Column: Three point shot one year too late

by Jim Recchia

It may have come one year late, but high school basketball finally has its three point shot.

Next year, you will be seeing more enjoyable high school basketball games due to the inception of the 3 point shot. The IHSA voted in March to use it in both boy's and girl's basketball. The shot at this point, will be for all levels. The length of the shot will be the same as the college level, 19 ft. 9 inches. This will be a problem for the freshman level. I can't see freshman hitting a shot from that distance consistently.

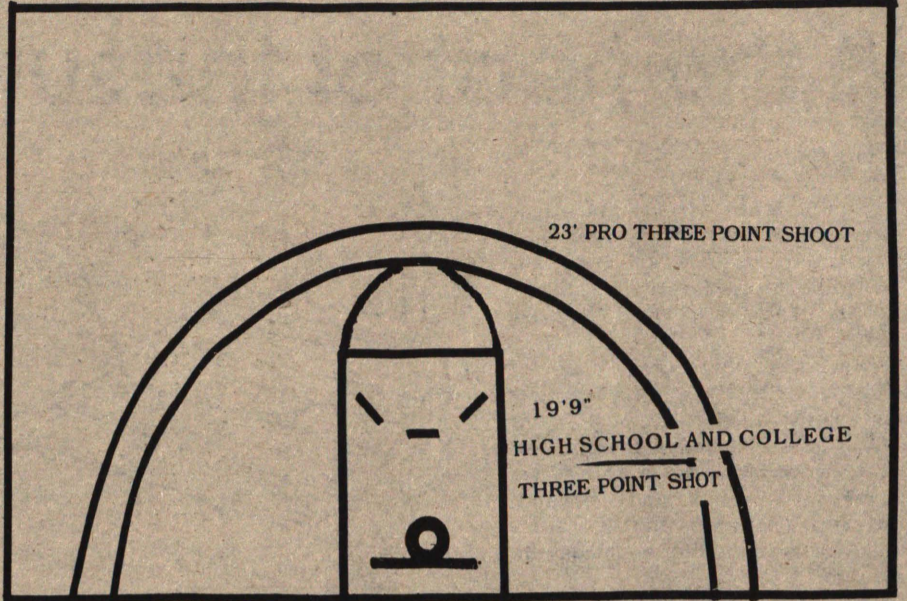
Wheaton Central varsity basketball coach Barry Brennen said his biggest concern with the new rules is officiating. "College referees have difficulties determining whether or not the feet are behind the line." The game itself won't be hurt, there will be added excitement and higher

scores. Brennen, however, feels that the shot might cause more teams to play man to man unless a team can shift their zone defenses effectively.

What does the shot mean for the Wildcats next season? I think it will hurt the team because of the way Coach Maciejewski likes to grind down the offense for a good shot. This will no longer cause frustration among defenses if other teams can hit that shot against the Cats.

Junior Rory Gallagher is the Wildcat player that will benefit the most from three pointers next year. He will be the Wildcats biggest threat to opponents from that range.

The new rule will not favor the better teams, for every team has one or two shooters who can hit from that range. The rule favor the teams with better outside shooting, and as Coach Brennen said "it will add more interest and excitement to the game."



Jock shorts

Outstanding performances

by Naresh Nair

Injuries and illnesses had an important factor on the teams performance this year. According to head track coach Wilbur Walters.

The track teams record overall this years record was 7-5, and they placed second in We-go relays. Coach Walters said they rank seventh in the conference. Outstanding performances this year were Cheryl Bestler in shotput and Dawn Mende in high jump.

Coach Walters said the next few years are going to look better for the team. There are a lot of new runners that have gained experience this season coach Walters explained. He said overall the team had a good season.

Clausen and Koop place in DVC

by Steve McCormick

On May 16 this year at the DVC Tennis Tournament, Scott Clausen took 2nd place at 2nd singles. Clausen's teammate Jim Koop placed 4th at 1st singles. The tournament was held at Naperville North.

McDonald and Thomas go to state

by Naresh Nair

Steve Thomas and Tom McDonald qualified for the state tournament last weekend. McDonald finished second in the pole vault, and Thomas finished third.

The boys track team finished with a record of 7-2 this year.

Steve Thomas had an outstanding performance in high jump said coach Dan Benson. Thomas was jumping six foot six inches this season. Tom McDonald also had a good performance according to Benson. McDonald pole vaulted 14 feet three inches this season. Both McDonald and Thomas have good chances at state said coach Benson.

Coach Benson felt that the team needed more depth at the varsity levels. They needed more experienced runners to fill up the second and third positions.

The frosh-soph team won an invitational and was top three in conference. That can make the team stronger next year said Benson.

The team was coached this year by Doug Juraska head coach, Dan Benson assistant coach, and shotput and discus coach Scott Anderson.

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Arena football action at the horizon in the heat of the summer

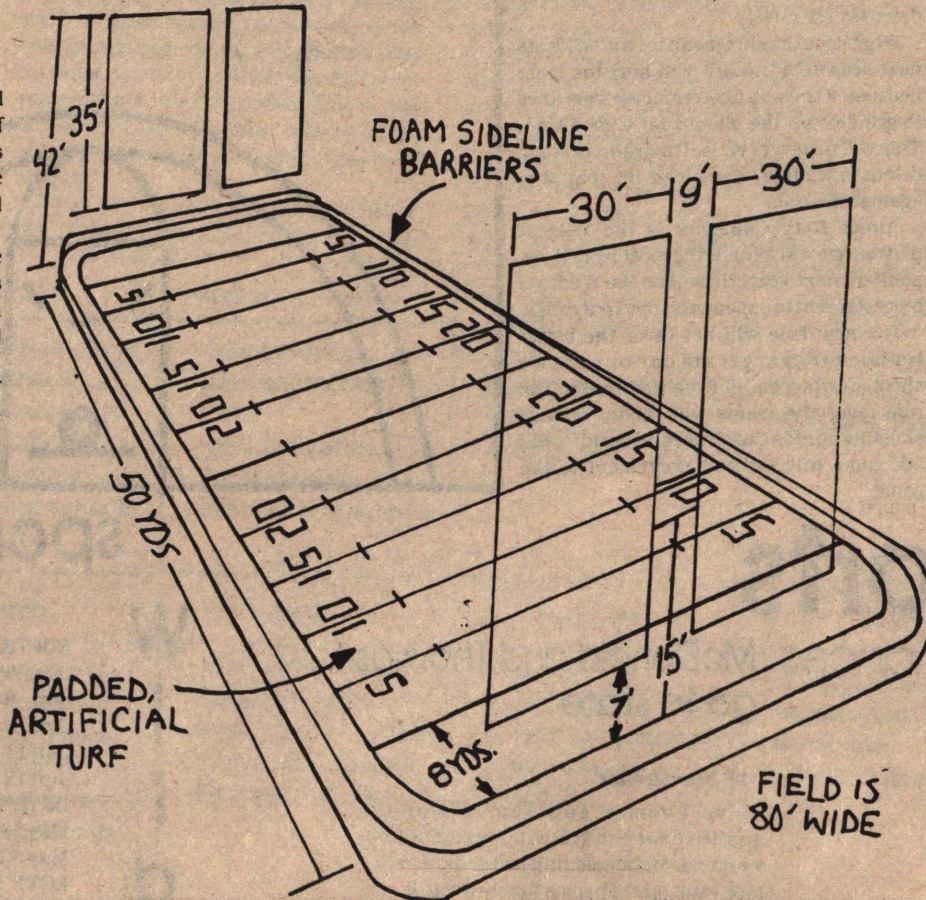
by Kathy Murnane

Looking for a new sports event to attend this summer? Arena football, a new kind of football played indoors, will bring fans closer to the line of action at a different place and time than the traditional NFL fall season.

Arena football can not compete with the NFL and isn't even trying to. The two games have some similarities although "arena football is a unique football product," said Jim Foster according to the Chicago Tribune. Foster is president and chairman of the board of the corporation that owns the league. He is credited for originating the new game.

Larry Miller, a 1980 graduate of West Chicago High School that will quarterback for the league, emphasizes that one main difference in the game is speed. The game clock is run more continuously than in the NFL and the game is designed to be faster paced. Miller says that a game will last about two hours which is one of the promotional points of this game. Miller also comments that spectators want to see blood and guts and be on top of the action. That is exactly what the fans can expect from these indoor stadium games since the stands are closer to the field.

In every dimension the playing field is approximately half the size of a regulation field. This includes the goal posts which are half as wide and five feet higher at the crossbar than the NFL goal posts. The field itself is an artificial turf surface surrounded by a four foot high foam barrier which is right off the sidelines and close to the stands. With the exception of indoor turf shoes, the equipment is the same that is



used in pro ball. The rules are also basically the same except for the regulations concerning the rebound nets.

The rebound nets is the new feature that makes the difference in how the game is played. The endline rebound nets are 35 feet high and 30 feet wide and are tightly stretched across either side of the goal posts

to the sidelines. These nets can be used strategically in the game since passes can be caught off the net. Kicked balls that rebound off the net are free for either team to play. Dropkick field goals can be attempted from anywhere on the field and scores four points. At kickoffs the receiving team is given five yards to field the ball. If

the ball is not fielded, it becomes a live ball as it touches the ground.

In comparison to the NFL, arena football has "smaller everything" says Miller. This includes the players too. Arena football takes a different kind of athlete than in the pro league. The main difference is size "you don't need any 300 pound linemen" says Miller. With the exception of the quarterback and placekicker, the players will need to play both offense and defense. The players will get paid about 500 dollars each game and it won't be for warming the bench.

Tryouts were held May 2 at Triton college. Those chosen from tryouts and the promotional games as well as some college recruits made up the 120 men that were invited to a mini camp to be held at Wheaton College. The final cuts will be made after three weeks of training. The league will have a total roster of 64 players divided among four teams. The drafting will be according to talent not the location of the players so Miller may be not playing for Chicago.

The four cities participating in the six week showcase season are Denver, Pittsburgh, Chicago, and Washington D.C. Each team will play six games. The season starts June 19 with Washington playing against Pittsburgh and will end with the championship game played on August 2. The three home games for Chicago will be held at the Rosemont Horizon on the following dates: June 20-Denver, June 26-Pittsburgh, and July 10-Washington D.C.

Tickets should cost around six dollars. ESPN announced a six year contract with the league and will broadcast five live games during prime time for the first season. The league is expected to expand to a 16 game schedule for each team next year.

Challenging new record

by Melanie Miller

"Age is only in the mind," said Luis Pannarale, a 1967 graduate of West Chicago.

Pannarale plans to prove this by coming back to break the school's varsity record for the 400 meter dash, which he held from 1967 to 1986, with a time of 51.7 seconds. Juan Gonzales broke the record with a time of 50.9 seconds. However, when he ran the event, it was measured as 440 yards, which is approximately one and a half feet shorter than 400 meters.

Pannarale was notified by mail last year that his record was broken, and said that he was a little depressed. "That was my call to

fame at West Chicago," he said. He thought it would be nice to show the kids an 'old man' could come back and do something he did when he was young.

Pannarale has been training for the past 9 months, but he said he has always been physically active since high school. He is a triathlete, and on an average bikes about 200 miles, runs 30 to 40 miles, and swims 2000 to 3000 yards each week.

Pannarale plans to do this in August while he's on vacation visiting family. He did not have an exact date set.

He currently lives in Fresno, California and is the principal of an elementary school.

Giller and Bert make history

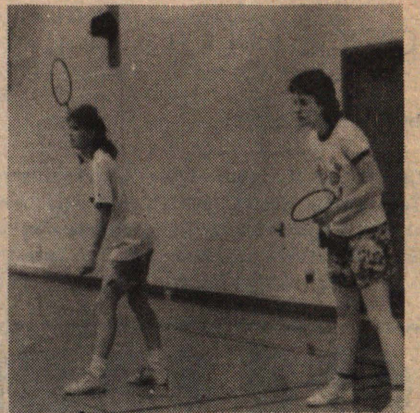
by Yvonne Schlotzer

Kim Giller (first singles) and Mindy Bert (second singles) were the first state badminton qualifiers from West Chicago. Both Giller and Bert finished in the top 40 girls in the state.

Giller and Bert both ? by finishing third and fourth respectively in the Sectional at Wheaton Central.

According to coach LaVora Singleton the team has "vastly improved" through the season. "Everyone has had a strong individual improvement and the team as a whole has a greater desire to win," added Singleton.

In the DuPage Valley Conference Meet the badminton team had four fourth place finishers, out of seven divisions.



Kim Giller and Mindy Bert play in a doubles match during this season. Giller and Bert played first doubles most of the year.

Floor Hockey gets the axe

by Jim Recchia

Faceoff!

The chances of this happening again in floor hockey in P.E. seem slim. Due to increasing injuries, Principal, Alan Jones felt that floor hockey had to be stopped. Jones said that many more injuries were experienced in floor hockey than any other sport in P.E. Two major injuries were suffered, a broken jaw and a severe eye injury.

Of the injured people, Jones said that it was both sexes that complained of injuries, but several males responded by blaming girls for the reason why floor hockey was banned. One person said "The girls play like sissies, if they don't want to play, then why did they sign up?"

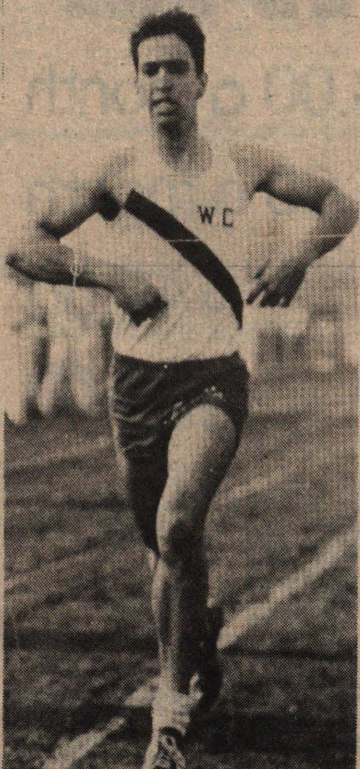
Jones said "P.E. electives have a degree of care that what a person signs up for is safe. I can turn back on problems and get blamed for poor judgement if someone else got hurt."

Many people had solutions to the problem, from banning girls from playing to just leaving things the way they are. Senior,

Kevin Crawford noted that the broken jaw injury that occurred was not hockey related. "The girl ran into somebody, in almost any sport that can happen. Why do they have to use this isolated freak accident to base their decisions on?"

The floor hockey unit in P.E. was cancelled with two weeks left to go in the unit. Dr. Jones felt it necessary because of the number of injuries reported from the nurse. Parents complaints were not a main reason for cancellation, there was only one parent that did complain. Dr. Jones was also concerned with possible liability problems as a result of the injuries.

Over the summer, Dr. Jones plans to meet with the heads of the department, Ron Hansen and Lorri Jordan, about the problems and the future of the sport. Dr. Jones said "it would be easy to walk away and cross your fingers, but if someone really got hurt bad, I'd feel guilty. I'd have to live with that."



LEFT: Luis Pannarale sets the varsity track record for the 440 in 1967. RIGHT: Luis Pannarale prepares for a triathlon in 1987.