

Report card compliments WCCHS

by Dana Netzel

"It was quite a compliment to the school community, administration, teachers and students," said Lavora Singleton, President of the Teachers Association.

The school report contains facts and figures about the students, student's performance, achievement tests, instructors and finance information for the 1987-88 school year.

According to the report WCCHS has an enrollment of 1,405 students. Out of this enrollment there are 80.2 percent Whites, 1.6 percent Black people, 16.7 percent Hispanics and 1.5 percent Asians. 4.8 percent of this total are people who come from low income backgrounds, which results in poor achievement test scores, according to studies.

Students eligible for bilingual education

make up 5.5 percent at WCCHS compared to the state figure of 3.3 percent. "The attendance was better," said superintendent Richard Kamm. According to the report, 93.1 percent of the students attended regularly, but the number of chronic truants was 127. Kamm said that he wishes this number was lower.

The class of 1988 had an ACT average of 21.1. This was comparable to other schools in the DuPage area. WCCHS had 42.1 percent taking the test, but ranked in the 88 percentile. "Our ACT scores have improved tremendously," Singleton said. Her reasoning for the low percent of test takers was based on the amount of students who attend junior colleges. Most junior colleges don't require ACT scores. At WCCHS 31 percent of the class of 1988 attended four year colleges, whereas 39 percent went to community colleges.

There was a graduation rate of 84.8 percent at WCCHS. This was low compared to the other schools in the DuPage area. Kamm said that his goal was to have kids graduate.

The salaries are comparably higher to the state, but low for the average salaries of some types of schools. Singleton said, "We are competitive, but we are still behind." The teachers average salary is \$34,561 while the states average is \$49,620 compared to \$47,674 average state administration salary.

Last year this school spent \$5,828,630 on education, \$1,044,306 on operations, building and maintenance, \$296,473 on transportation, \$591,904 on band and interest and \$126,818 on municipal retirement. This added up to a total expenditure of \$7,888,136. "We operate a very expensive program," Kamm said.

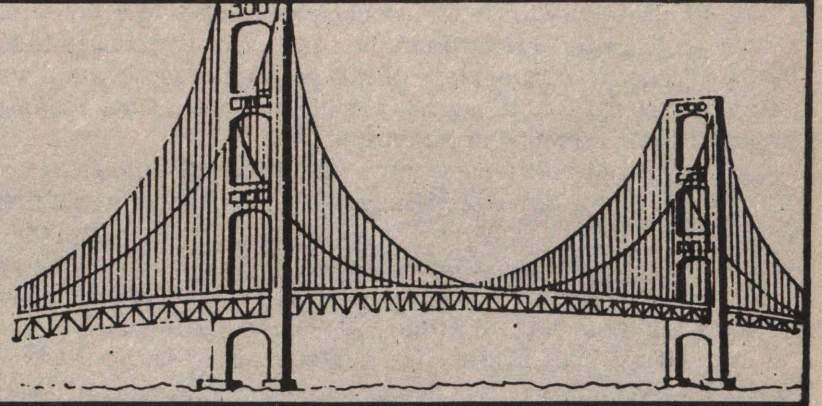
Juicy Prom?



Senior Shelley Lockett displays out of order sign on the juice machine sponsored by the Class of 90! The juice machine is being used to help fund prom. (Photo by Ismael Rios)

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Boiler room contains asbestos

by Michele Rittorno

The Asbestos Management Plan is under completion at WCCHS. The plan is known as AHERA. (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act). It was designed to protect humans from the substance which is found in ceilings and floors. All school districts were required an inspection of asbestos by a state certifier.

When Environmental Services, Inc. inspected WCCHS, they were looking for 'Friable' and 'Non-Friable' asbestos. Non-Friable asbestos are not dangerous at the time but should be observed every so often. Friable is very dangerous in the air and should be removed as soon as possible.

All the areas have been inspected and

were given to a certify lab. The lab uses polarized light microscopy and dispersion staining.

According to Dr. Kamm, the results of the asbestos lab test reveals that the boiler room is the only place that needs to remove the asbestos. There are a few places that need to be observed. Dr. Kamm stated, "We are happy to say that there is none to be found in the student area."

Reinspection will be taken after four years to see if the school has followed up with the Management Plan.

Dr. Kamm said, "We have about a year to take contractor's bids to start the project next summer." He also said that it is not a difficult problem to take care of.

National Honor Society recognizes seniors

by Julie Mastro

On Thursday, November 17, a Recognition Tea was held in the LRC. This was not an average tea for 51 seniors. It was the night they were recognized by the National Honor Society for all of their work over the past three years.

In order to be eligible for consideration a student had to have a cumulative B average. Students were also chosen on the basis of leadership, character and service.

The following students were accepted into the National Honor Society: Stephanie Baker, John Barstad, Trevett Blum, Scot-Brian, Tara Brooks, Ann Burke, Norma Caballero, Brian Caffarello, Heather Campbell, Marcelina Concepcion, Ann

Crockett, Kelly Day, Dawn Dlouhy, Kurt Duvall, Jane Ebenroth, Dante Encinas.

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In-touch expands

by Jennie McCann

The Intouch Clown team at WCCHS has expanded in the past years, from six members to twenty one. The team presents special skits and classroom discussions on drug and alcohol dependency to children in kindergarten to sixth grade, and they hope to expand their talents to the Junior High levels.

urally), was started in September of 1981, and has been presented to approximately 6,000 kids in over six schools.

The clowns help kids answer questions like "What are drugs?," "What are their effects?," and "Do you know some names of drugs." The team gives kids tips on how to feel good naturally, deal with bad feelings, and have a good self concept.

Former clown Brian King is helping

"If the kids grow up with this in school, it will help them know drugs are bad."

Though they are only a part of the Intouch System (Illinois Network to Organize the Understanding of Community Health) they make the greatest impact on the children's views of drugs and alcohol because their approach is easily understood by these age groups.

The government funded Clowning Program (Children Learning Other Ways Nat-

director Gail Aronoff write skits to be performed by clowns Amy Hapgood, Ray Hoffman, and John Dual. Tracy Brockman says "If the kids grow up with this in school, it will help them know drugs are bad."

For those interested in seeing the Intouch Clown team in action, they will be performing in the Fashion Show at Home-Ec Night on December 6.

Republican party dominates We-go

by Jane Ebenroth and Ann Burke

On Wednesday, November 2, WCCHS participated in a mock election sponsored by the National Student/Parent Mock Elections. Among the topics on the ballot were the race for presidency, representatives in congress (14th district), and other controversial topics.

George Bush/Dan Quayle came up with 60 percent of the votes cast, while Michael Dukakis/Lloyd Bentsen had 40 percent of the votes. In the same manner, Dennis Hastert (Republican) came up with 70 percent, while the Democratic candidate Stephen Youhanais received 30 percent of the votes.

Of the 200 votes cast, the senior class of 1989 showed the greatest voter turnout with 32 percent, while the class of 1992

came in second with 25 percent of the votes. The class of 1990 held 19 percent, while the class of 1991 had 18 percent. The other 6 percent was the teacher/faculty/administration.

The majority of voters favored tougher penalties for drug possession, new government programs for the homeless, and a treaty to reduce missiles between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R., while they oppose an increase in taxes. In regard to supporting the Contras the greatest percent of the voters were undecided.

Attendance affects graduation

by Lori Schuermann

A person who is absent tends to do less well in school than people who attend regularly, according to principal Alan Jones.

During a study last year, WCCHS faculty concluded that truancy caused a decline in the attendance records. An excused absence for reasons other than illness have had a great effect in the status of attendance.

Jones says that they have begun a better system for checking to make sure that there are fewer absences. One way is through the computer system which has been in use for a couple of years. The fluctuation of the absences has caused great concern for the faculty.

Jones feels that trends have not yet been set, but studies show that the students who attend school regularly have a better chance of graduating.

Editors compete in Washington D.C.

Editors of the Bridge staff travelled to Washington D.C. to attend a four day journalism convention on November 17 to 20. The editors attended sessions which aimed at improving journalistic skills. They also competed in news, features, sports, critical review and editorial writing contests, along with advertising design contests.

Inkspots

Food drive supports needy

FBLA sponsors Career Day

FBLA will be sponsoring Career Day on December 13. It will take place in the fieldhouse from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be 50 local businessmen and career representatives, including WGN sports announcer Randy Minkoff.

The VICA Club is sponsoring a Christmas food drive for local needy families. VICA will be accepting paper, canned and packaged products beginning November 28 through December 15. Products can be dropped off in room 201 between 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Anyone donating at least three items will have their name entered in a raffle for Rose Records gift certificates.

Don't Worry About Your Hats

A short time ago, another controversial school policy was protested by the students at our school. The one we are referring to is, of course, the one banning the wearing of "head coverings" in school. Many students started bogus petitions listing people who thought that you should be able to wear hats in school. We, the editors of the **Bridge**, feel that this has gotten out of hand. It seems that every time the administration comes up with a new policy or begins to reenforce an old one, the students respond irrationally.

The main problem is that there is really nothing to get mad about. The policies are well thought out and reactions to ongoing problems. You don't really think that our superintendent Dr. Kamm sits at home trying to come up with new and horrible policies to exercise on the students, do you? The responses are not productive, to say the least. The petitions are not organized, nor do they properly state what is being protested. What they amount to, is a lot of students venting their anger, yet not accomplishing anything.

This particular rule is certainly a silly one to dispute considering it has always been a point of etiquette to not wear a hat indoors, especially in a public building. It serves no purpose anyway. It's not like the lights inside are so terribly bright that you need a hat's visor to shade your precious eyes. The wind doesn't usually pick up enough to blow your hair out of place either. There has got to be a better subject to get worked up about. Try nuclear waste dump sites in your area or the corruption in our current political system. If you can't find something worthwhile to get mad about, then take it easy. Just don't waste your time protesting valid school policy.

Sign your letters

Recently, we, the editors of the **Bridge**, have received a number of letters from students. We greatly encourage this, as the Opinion page is meant to be a venue for the students' expression. The main problem we have is that our rules on letters state that they must be signed. No anonymous letters or letters with bogus names can be printed. Please, if you want to express your opinion, don't be a wimp. Take credit for it and sign it. Thank you

Members of the **Bridge** editorial staff

Pupils are insulted

Dear Editor,

Just recently, I have noticed that there are a lot of problems between teachers and students. My number one concern is the act of openly insulting pupils in the classroom and during the class time. I have a friend who was approached by a teacher who said, in a very rude way, that he didn't like his hair cut. I think that most of us have been taught to respect our teachers, but it becomes difficult when the teacher is constantly interfering with our education to make a crude remark about another student or yourself. What is there

to do? Do the teachers have the right to voice personal opinions or prejudices during class time? I don't think so, and neither do a lot of other people. I hope that this letter will help the teachers understand that what they say on their own time is their business, but when they say it again and again in class they make it everyone else's. The students in this school are only asking for a little common courtesy.

Sincerely,
Jennie McCann

I can get up if I want to

Dear Mr. Duvall,

As a citizen, I have the right of sharing my opinion, so I now shall share mine with you. I thought that your remarks in the school newspaper about Wildcat spirit and fans at football games were highly uncalled for. I feel that all people have the right to get up and find a different seat or get refreshments, even if, God forbid, we get in your way of view. I mean, let's be realistic, Mr. Duvall. Do you know anyone who sits in perfect posture at football games, saying nothing, except to cheer when we score, and

mutter, "aw shucks," when we don't? You see, Mr. Duvall, all sporting events are also social events. Let's say that I'm at a game and I see a friend. I feel that I have the right to go over and talk to him or her without going around and getting a written permission from everyone in the stands. Most people don't care. I'm sure you'd hit me in the head with a can of pop and tell me to "Sit down or go home." I think we all have that right.

Brian Levake

Sure, but be quick about it

Dear Mr. Levake,

I respect your right to share your opinion. I am truly sorry I was not able to print your letter in the last **Bridge**, as it would have been more timely. However, you were one of those students who want to express their opinions, but are too weak hearted to back it up with a signature at the time. How else can I know where my criticism is coming from and respond accordingly to it?

As far as your letter is concerned, the only people I know who sit down and are respectable fans are the parents. What I was complaining about were the people who shuffled back and forth in front of

everyone for the majority of the game. When they just stand there and clog up the walkway, they create a wall no one can see through. I assure you, I would not waste 50 cents on a can of pop to throw at your head. When you say, "Most people don't care," I'd like to know who you interviewed for this "situation." From all of the yelling, "Down in front!" that I heard, I was lead to believe people were angered by the people in the way and would rather have seen our football team than them walking back and forth. This is from where I took my viewpoint.

Kurt Duvall

Students evaluate the Bridge

by Jim Hurlbert



For this issue of the **Bridge** we the writers of the opinion page, namely Kurt and I, decided to try something different. Something that nobody has ever done before, to go out among the students of We-go and ask for their opinion of the paper. To discover what things they like or dislike and any changes they think should be made.

Unfortunately this was easier said than done. At first all I thought I have to do was poll a bunch of people, write down their answers and arrange them in some type of order. But, strange as it may sound, it seems that a vast majority of the students don't have any opinions about the **Bridge**.

Matt Szesny. Witty and informative, Szesny's column is able to keep the readers interest no matter what the topic. Now that he has begun to report on local news, his popularity has increased three-fold. Another bright point is our own Editor-in-chief Andy Behrens. Although his articles have sometimes received criticism and some people have even gone so far as to call him weird, this is only because he has the guts to say the things that most of us only think about. And I think I can say for a fact that when a new issue of the **Bridge** hits the stands, the first thing that most of us look for is a piece by Behrens. Now off to a dimmer side. I'm sorry to say that not everybody is pleased with my own column. Although I have been told it is well written, some students feel it is too serious and out of place with the rest of the Opinion page. Well, I'm not here to be liked. I'm here to get paid and I

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or anything else for that matter. Luckily for us, a few people were able to take time out of their busy schedules to make a couple of suggestions on how our paper could be improved.

Their first idea was to bring back the sports. Although they feel, like we all do, that a paper just can't get enough stories about shoes, it would be nice if a few people were actually assigned to cover such events as football, cross country, or volleyball. I don't want to hear any whining from you editors about how your writers don't hand in any of your stories. If they're not getting the job done, just find somebody who will.

Next on the hit list are the writers. I'm glad to report that for the most part that everybody feels the writing in the **Bridge** really is perky, lively, and bright. One of the more brighter points mentioned was

plan to be here for a long time, so you all better just get used to it.

Last but not least by any means, I think it's important to talk about the photos that appear, or don't appear, in our paper. Some people have questioned if it's not too much to ask for some added clarity in these shots. I can't say if anybody is really to blame. Maybe they're just not using Kodak paper, I don't know. I guess we can only hope that in the future this problem will be rectified.

Well, that's all she wrote folks. The people have spoken, and I as your trusty public servant, have tried to record your thoughts as best I could in the space given to me. I can't tell you if any of this will do any good, but it can't hurt, and maybe some of the problems reported here will be fixed by the next issue. In the end, we can only hope so.

Sportsmanship is lacking

This editorial is being written on behalf of the Girls' Swim Team, in regards to the pep assembly held on 10-28-88.

Sometimes, we wonder what the true spirit of West Chicago high school students really is, or how much spirit We-Go students have.

After the pep assembly was over, the Girls' Swim team walked away with discouragement and humiliation. How could this be? Pep Assemblies are supposed to honor and recognize the students who are involved in school activities for their successes and to bring up the overall school spirit.

As the Girls' Swim team was being recognized for their 12-2 record and possible state qualifiers, rude remarks were heard from the stands such as "Go Home," and, "Get off the ... floor" (expletive deleted). Many of these remarks were made by football players and other athletes. Then, to top it off, certain cheerleaders whispered their demands that the swimmers get off the floor because it was time for their second routine.

The word sportsmanship is defined in Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictio-

nary as "conduct becoming to a sportsman (as fairness, courteous relations, and graceful acceptance of results)." We do not feel this was portrayed by other teams and we wonder how they can call themselves sportsmen.

We realize that Swimming is not the foremost spectator sport, but we do think that the swimmers should be recognized for their accomplishments since their successes reflect positively on the reputation of the whole school.

This is the best that the West Chicago Girls' or Boys' Swim team has ever done. We have a 12-2 record. This means 12 wins and 2 losses, not 1 win 8 losses. Also, we could be sending the most swimmers ever to state. STATE!

People who call themselves athletes should exhibit the qualities becoming of an athlete. In the future, the West Chicago Swimmers should be respected by their peers for their success. Unsportsmanlike conduct is not tolerated on the playing fields, so why should it be tolerated in our school.

Members of the girls' swim team

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'Horatio, fetch me that Geritol!'

by Andy Behrens

A spell-binding presentation of the plight of Native Americans forced, against their will, onto the reservation? Not exactly ...

A gripping look at a team of Cleveland athletes who stunned the baseball world by selling out their fans and the game they loved? Strike two ...

Surprisingly, *Ten Little Indians*. We-go's fall play, turned out to be a murder mystery ably performed by one of our finest casts in recent memory.

The storyline centered around ten shady characters invited to a mansion by an unknown host to drink heavily and then be killed. Although the action only took place over three days, the story became surprisingly involved, particularly for those of us unfortunate enough to sit next to people of Barney Miller mentalities who feel obliged to share their theories on who murdered who with the first four rows. The production succeeded, however, in spite of such audience members.

"My only regret is that we can't do more than three shows," said tireless senior Steve Yuroff who gave the night's most notable performance as Philip Lombard, a hatless

Playing opposite Yuroff was sophomore Lisa Childs as the innocent Vera Claythorne. Together, Lombard and Claythorne join the other famous loves which have transcended time and are known to all: Scarlett and Rhett, Adam and Eve, Marcia and that guy with the bug collection ... Childs did what seemed to be an impossibly good job considering it was the first play she's been in. Barring any plot that jealous, would-be We-go actresses might be developing, it probably won't be her last.

Junior Gregg Lemkau was another major highlight, playing the largely deranged Judge Lawrence Wargrave. As in last year's *The Foreigner*, Lemkau conveys the unnerving impression that his character would be more at home in a dark corner of

some Austrian laboratory, frozen in a block of ice with a club in his hand, and labeled

pens that we've all had some contact with. Other great performances were given by

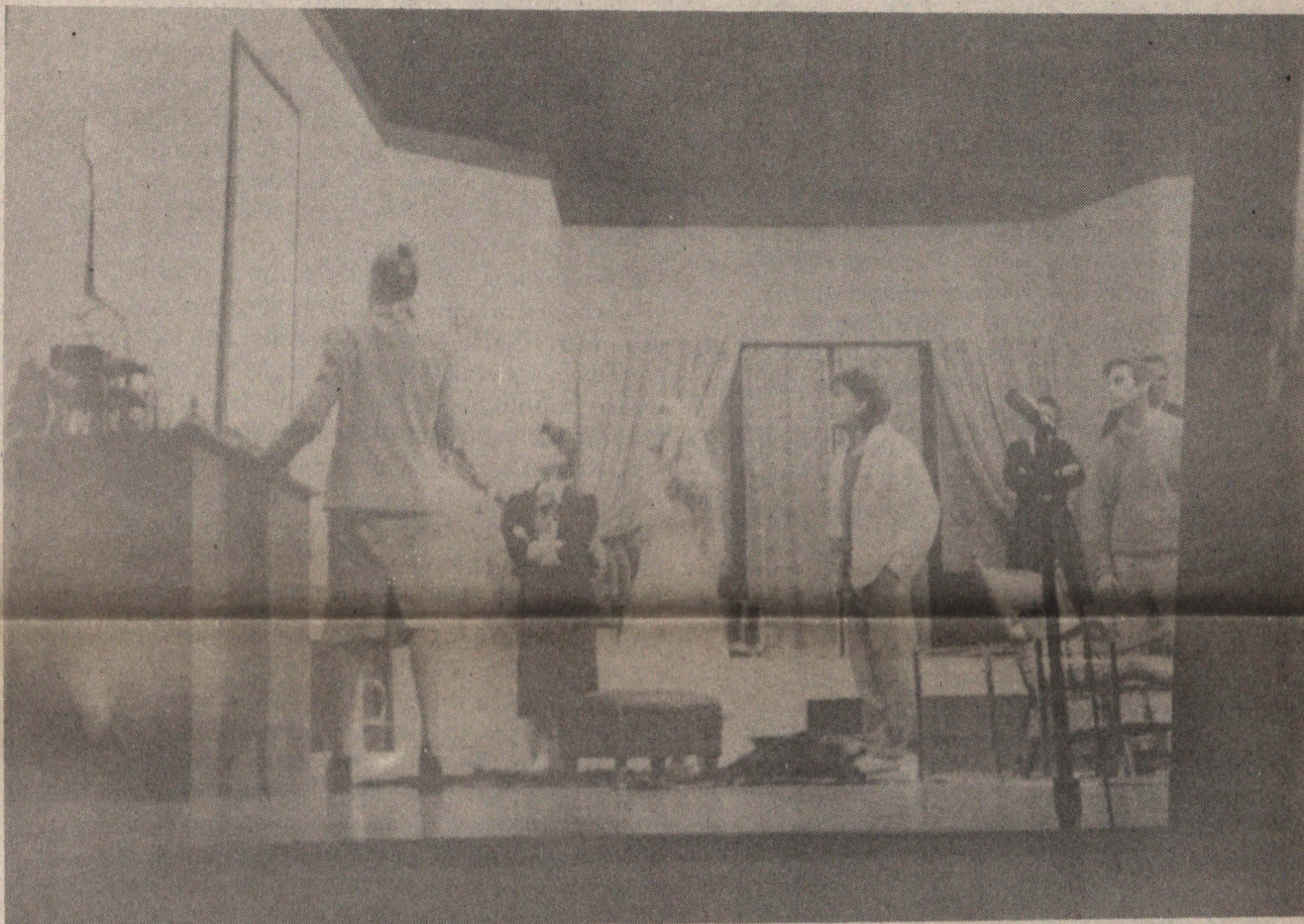
With the 21st psalm engraved on the sides of her pens.

"Find of the Century." He scares me. It's this devilish quality that will either make him an

junior Peg Osterman as the frazzled Dr. Armstrong and sophomore Chris Septer as a crotchety old general who seemed perfect

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Indiana Jones with a comic-book macho attitude. There's been a rumor floating around that Yuroff will be knighted by Assistant Principal Richard Waterhouse for his efforts at the next hell-raisin' WCCHS assembly, but sources close to Waterhouse have yet to confirm it.



The cast of "Ten Little Indians" examines the title rhyme on the wall. Among the veteran actors there were many new faces on stage. (photo by Heather Campbell)

incredible actor someday, or land him in prison on racketeering charges. Regardless of his future, however, Lemkau was fantastic.

To be perfectly honest, the entire cast and crew of *Ten Little Indians* was fantastic. Sophomores Andy Runyon and Matt Moran

to say things like "Hey you kids, get outta my yard!" and "Horatio, fetch me that Geritol, boy!," but regrettably never did. We also can't forget the nifty jobs of the well-afroed Janelle Austen as Mrs. Rogers and senior Jeff Manning as a guy with really big boots. Finally, there was veteran thespian

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established themselves as the premiere hams of District 94, hysterically portraying the somewhat overbearing characters of Mr. Rogers (butler without a cause, in the fine neighborhood tradition of the real Mr. Rogers, Mr. McFeeley, Chef Brocket, etc.) and Anthony Marston (disco refugee). Junior Dianne Madden played a prudish, Puritanic, fire-breathing Bible-beater wonderfully. She personified the well-postured girl with impeccable morals and the 21st Psalm engraved on the sides of her

mistress Andrea Miller as Wilhemina Blore. Ho! Wilhemina! Somebody cruised out their copy of "Name Your Baby" circa 1902 for that one. Anyway, Miller was perfect to play Blore, who took her whiskey straight and often when she wasn't busy uttering trite detective innuities. She, too, was fabulous.

The entire production came together very well, from the set design to the direction of Ralph Zaphino, who did his finest work since his critically misunderstood, off-off-Broadway production of *Starlight Express* way back in '79. Even the ushers were smiley. I had a good frolickin' time. Norman's Mark? Several stars.

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What's on your shoe?

by Brian Stieglitz

The credits roll on the screen. You've just witnessed what you swear was the worst Sylvester Stallone movie ever made. As you get up to leave, everything but your shoes comes with you. The many years of spilled sodas, buttered popcorn, and various types of candy left on the floor have made it a struggle to get out of your chair. This type of thing happens often to shoes, but there are other things that can and will end up on them.

Gum is one of the more common items found on the bottoms of shoes, raspberry on Reeboks, cherry on Converse, banana on British Knights, and well, you get the idea. It seems as though there is more gum on floors than there are in people's mouths. I wonder if Hubba Bubba isn't supposed to stick to your face, will it still stick to your shoes?

Sometimes people want to have something on their shoes. They are the best place to hide answers to tests. You can write on the soles and stuff a piece of paper with more notes under the tongue. Hey, let's face it, the last place a teacher would want to look for a cheat sheet is down by your feet.

Of course the most unsightly and disgusting thing to end up on your shoes is (and I'll put this as kindly as possible) animal waste. Now it is known that most of you are reading this while eating lunch, so too much time will not be spent on this particular subject. But a suggestion is that you watch your step the next time you wander into Fido's portion of the yard.

Just think what life would be like without shoes. Imagine going to the movies or putting your cheat sheet on your bare feet. Not a pretty sight. But you never know. Someday a gum could be made that isn't sticky. Or maybe Geraldo Rivera will explore the mystery of the contents of a theater floor. But until then we'll just have to live with checking our shoes before walking on the living room carpet, won't we?

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New shoes hit the market

by Javier Chavez

One of the first things that comes to mind when shoes are mentioned are brand names. Recently a lot of competition has been going on, and there is no room for little companies to move in.

The biggest companies are British Knights, LA Gear, Nike and Reebok. When salespersons at Foot Locker were asked which brand sold the most, it was Nike. At other stores such as Brown's Sporting Goods the most common answer was Nike, while Reebok only was mentioned a few times.

Last year's styles were different than this year's styles in some ways. The trends for last year were Converse and Reebok high tops. Over the past year this has changed to a more casual running shoe, the reason being that they are the overall more comfortable shoe.

What you wear can determine the type of shoe you will have. If you wear the "high society" type of clothes, such as slacks, dress shirts and sweaters, chances are that men will be wearing loafers and women will wear pumps. For the more casual person, some sneakers like the popular Nike or Reebok will go with almost anything, revealing the reason for their popularity. For the die-hard high top fans, Converse are here and there. This just goes to show you that one thing is not for all people, shoe are made, like all other styles, to fit the character of the person. There you have the complete up to date information on shoe trends.

The latest choice

by Sheila Hutchins

What are your favorite shoes? Which ones do you like the best. Stylish shoes are the trend this year, here are what shoes were really popular.

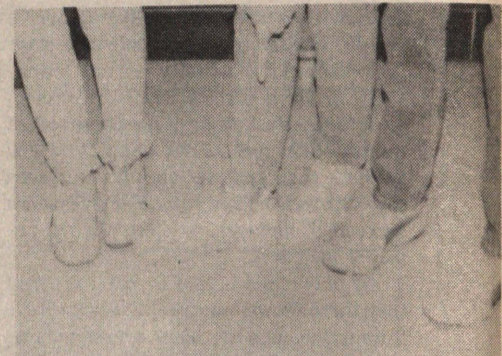
When it comes to gym shoes the shoes that really mark the spot were "Reeboks." People said they were comfortable fitting shoes with arch support. Also, along with those were Nike, Converse, and newly introduced British Knights.

Getting into the more social look, penny loafers were the catch. They come in maroonish brown and black and can go with a casual look. When asked senior Erin Berry said, "They are not that comfortable new until you wear them in, then they feel pretty nice." Beat shoes are also a stylish casual shoe that go with basically almost anything and come now in almost any color.

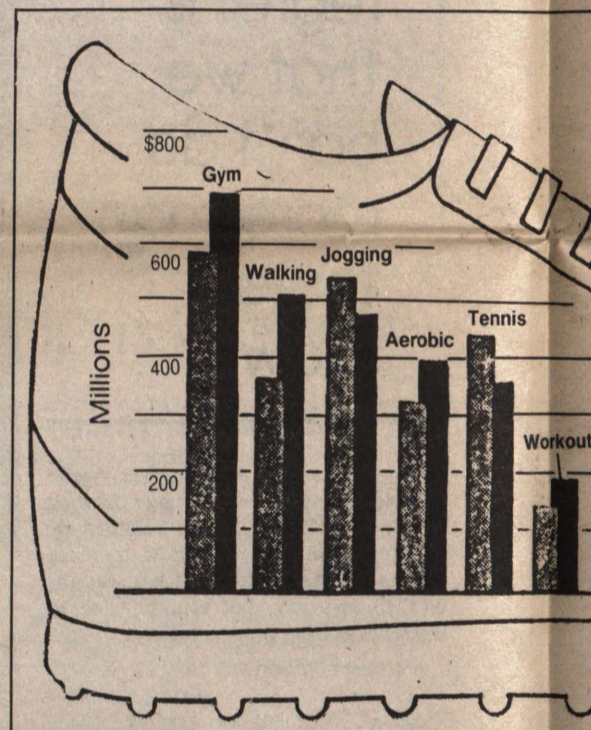
Keds and Kapers are also a big fad. They are like gym shoes but the most one shoes almost every girl has. Whether it's going to school, going to a party, or going dancing, some girls find these shoes life savers. They feel comfortable and you're feet are never tired.

When it comes down to it there are a lot of shoes which people find the most comfortable, the most appealing and the most down right different. Many shoe stores carry all of these types of shoes too. Take a look and find which shoes that suit you.

SHO



(photos by Ismael Rios and ...)



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Sock it to

by Kelle Meza

Have you ever felt a secret thrill when observing someone's socks? Most likely no, but it's possible. There is a certain excitement at the possibilities socks present.

Well one thing about socks is that girls seem to care more than most boys about the message their socks are sending. Several guys were asked how they preferred to wear their socks and their looks were often disdainful. Nonetheless, it was found that the "sockless" look is popular among guys. If socks are necessary, white ones will do fine, and how they put them on in the morning is pretty much how they wear them all day. Of course we must remember, guys usually wear clothing that covers their socks.

Girls, on the other hand, often wear clothes which reveal their socks, for example: skirts, shorts, cropped pants. Of course, with all this exposure, socks have entered into the fashion world. Colored socks are popular, after all the



Trendy shoes burst on scene

by Kelly Day

The perfect shoe can be the perfect end to the perfect outfit for guys and girls alike. The shoe chosen can make or break an outfit and there are many new styles to be aware of when shopping for the perfect shoe.

For girls, the shoe scene includes brightly colored loafers and tennis shoes for play and for partying the look remains conventional, with low heeled loafers in neutral colors. It seems very trendy these days to have your shoes match with your purse, or even with the scarf you happen to be wearing that evening. The latest fashion out of New York is the basic black pump or a total opposite with plastic flowers hanging all over. There are also shoes with wedged heels or shoes with cut-out heels that look like alligator teeth. If you have the money to spend, there are always the ads in the back of magazines like *Interview* that offer exclusive catalogs to be ordered out of New York. The word from the world's top designers these days is to work for the outfit and forget about the shoes matching the six-

teen other outfits you happen to own, rely on the shoe to make the outfit.

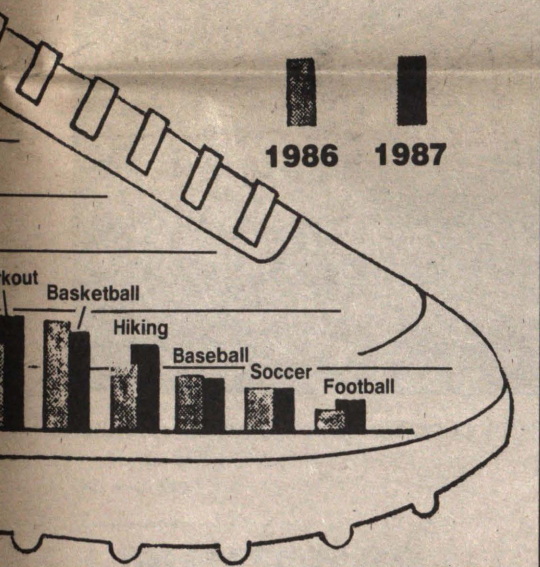
The look for guys nowadays is much more conservative. The basic black loafer is back from the dead and along with it, it brings the brown leather loafer and the maroon tie-up shoe for dress. Casually, males seem to be leaning toward the canvas boat shoes, commonly called "topsiders", or the typical high tops. New visions for guys shoes lean from the above mentioned loafers and all the way over to the more rugged out of doors look of the original hiking boot. Along with leather bomber jackets came the need for matching leather loafers, or even a richer look of suede. The new shoes for men seem to be a bit more expensive than those for women, yet that does not seem to distract guys from keeping up with the latest fashions.

Shoes definitely can make the outfit and with the latest styles that are out and about, teenagers can dress like never before.



and Matt Moran)

SHOE SALES OFF AND RUNNING



graphic by Jack Jordan

Striving for the best

by David Smith

You feel your body tense up as you look at the scoreboard. The score is 75 to 74 and the home team is winning, with five seconds left on the clock. The ball is in your hands as you break for the basket. Dribbling down the court your body feels like jelly. Everything moves in slow motion as you push off from the floor, shoot and ... make it! Chances are, skill had a lot to do with that shot you made, but your choice of the perfect athletic shoe also can have some bearing.

Walk into any average athletic shoe store and what do you see? The average store is usually stocked to the hilt with every type of athletic shoe you could ever imagine. There are tennis, walking, jogging, basketball, aerobic, soccer, and cleats. These can be broken down even further into sub-shoes. For instance, basketball shoes come in various

styles. There are high tops, full tops, three-quarter tops and even quarter tops.

Generally, athletic shoes come in famous brand names such as Reebok, Nike, Adidas, or Converse. These shoes usually cost about \$30 or \$40, but can run as high as \$70. At the Athlete's Foot in Fox Valley, the typical basketball shoe by Reebok ran for \$64.96.

When selecting which shoes are best for you, pick the shoe that will best fulfill your athletic needs. If tennis is your sport, a comfortable, flat while soled shoe is best. In football and soccer, cleats are needed. For baseball, high tops are recommended to support the ankles.

All of these reasons are leading to a shoe market full of choices, and to some possibly confusion. At the Athletes Foot in Fox Valley the typical basketball shoe by Reebok cost about \$64.95.

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general consensus is that it's "cool" to have clothes that match. If a person is wearing pants that are cut close around the ankle, most people are inclined to wear socks over the bottom of the pants.

Now, there are choices. It is perfectly acceptable to wear either white or colored socks in this fashion, as long as they match the outfit. The expensive, ten-dollar-a-pair socks are the exceptions to the rule, it matters not what style they are, for you'll always be fashionable. Remember, you've paid for the privilege.

People have been known to double their socks because it produces a pleasing sight for the eyes and keeps their feet warm. It is possible that cold winters inspired this idea.

Personal preference, as well as a natural affinity, is the art of wearing one's socks fashionably. A definite style will develop when socks are rolled down, folded down, pushed down, and finally pulled up so that they fall down, for that natural look.

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Studios unveil Christmas movies

by Renee Manning

Hey Vern, I'm back! Wanna know what movies are coming out this season? There's comedies, sequels, and ya know what—I'm in one of 'em! Not in the mood? There's some with adventure and drama, ya know what I mean Vern?

That's right, Ernest is back, but this time he has a mission—he's out to save Christmas. A sequel to his first movie, Ernest is out to capture an Academy Award for this one.

Phil Collins, usually heard not seen, is making his film debut in **Buster**. Collins plays Edward Buster, one of fifteen men who robbed a Royal Mail train of about 2.6 million pounds — worth \$35 million today — during a holiday weekend in 1963.

Many movies that are coming out this season are dealing with the more serious issues of the years before. The first major film dealing with the civil rights crusade is **Mississippi Burning**. The movie is based on a true incident of the murders of Michael Schwerner, Andrew Goodman, and James Chaney, in Philadelphia, Mississippi.

The story centers around the relationship between two fictional FBI agents played by Gene Hackman and William Dafoe, sent to investigate the racially motivated killings.

Heart of Dixie, starring Ally Sheedy, Virginia Madsen, and Phoebe Cates, focuses on the integration of an Alabama college in 1963.

Into Selma is a circa-1965 love story about a boy from a northern college who follows a girl to the racially troubled Alabama city.

Also watch for Jessica Lange as the wife of a klansman in **The Stick Wife**.

Vern, you still there? Found one you like? If not, be sure to watch for other upcoming movies like **Cocoon** — **The Return**, **Street Walker**, and **Iron Man II**.



Tom Walt (above) has a new film symbolically called *Big Time* in light of his status in the motion picture community.

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Dealing with the agony of physical defeat

by Kerri Spoden

Imagine this. You're playing an interscholastic sport. Possibly the best game you've ever played. Then, out of the blue, you fall and get hurt. Immediately millions of questions run through your mind. Will I be able to play again this season? Will I ever play again? How serious is the injury? When will I be able to get back to the sport? Etcetera and so on.

Last year at WCCHS, 55 athletes were injured. Some of the injuries suffered were: shin splints, broken bones, strained, stretched, and pulled muscles and ligaments, sprains, cuts, and bruises.

The amount of time athletes spent recovering went from as long as a few days up to eight weeks. According to a survey taken by *Sportscare & Fitness*, eight out of every ten athletes will be injured some time during their sports careers and will miss at least three weeks of practice or competition. Many of you are probably thinking "Naw, it won't happen to me." That's what senior Erin Berry thought. "I never really thought about getting hurt because I was so involved in the game."

There are three defense mechanisms athletes use to protect themselves from the

fear of being injured. The first is denial, or the refusal to accept or acknowledge a possible injury. Many athletes will go for weeks or even months before seeing a doctor because they don't believe it could happen to them. Distortion is the second mechanism used. When doing this, an athlete tries to protect him or herself by disguising, hiding, or modifying the situation. A common first comment made by an injured athlete is "It's nothing serious." The third and final of the defense mechanisms is delusion. An athlete may cling to the belief that an injury is not as bad as it seems. For example, a football player with a broken wrist in a cast may still play despite the injury saying "it's no big deal."

Once injured, an athlete may suffer a sense of loss; that they are being deprived of playing for some unknown reason. As before an athlete goes through more different stages. But, these are of dealing with a loss. The first, as in defense mechanisms, is denial. Anger is the second. The athlete cannot understand why this happened to them and is occasionally known to verbally attack anyone around.

Another reason for these actions is that

at this point, the athlete is unsure of their future career if he/she will be able to play again and is willing to do anything to get better. Stage number three is bargaining. This is when the athlete makes promises to himself or herself in hopes they will be able to play again soon. This is where an athlete may pray to God and ask that he allow them to play successfully and painlessly throughout the rest of the season.

Depression comes next. Many injured athletes get upset when they watch others play while they cannot participate. They feel they are letting their team down. The player develops such a strong feeling of will and desire to play that they may return prematurely or refuse to watch their own team play.

Acceptance is the fifth and final stage. This is when the athlete finally accepts their situation and realizes there is nothing he/she can do but sit back and heal.

Because many athletes think they are well-conditioned and in good health, they believe they cannot get hurt. Due to this, an athlete will continue to play in pain. Pain is the body's way of letting you know something is wrong. Denying the pain will

just make things worse. If injuries are not treated immediately, they can lead to serious, if not disabling affects in later life. For example, if you sprain your ankle and decide to continue playing immediately, you may suffer constant pain from that ankle for the rest of your life. Former San Francisco 49er defensive lineman, Charlie Kruger, is permanently disabled. Why? Because he suffered a knee injury and was injected with pain killers in order for him to keep playing. Now he has a difficult time walking. On the positive side, junior Peg Osterman wasn't affected permanently. "I only limped around for a few days but I'm okay now."

One thing to ask yourself is, "Is playing while injured really worth it?". While you may be improving your statistics and chances of making varsity next season, you may also be ending your sports career forever. So, no matter how stubborn you are, stop and evaluate your situation and injury before immediately continuing playing. It could make the difference between a "star" player and getting in a few more years playing or cutting your career short by a few years.

'Cardiac Kids' fall short of regionals goal

by Julie Mastro

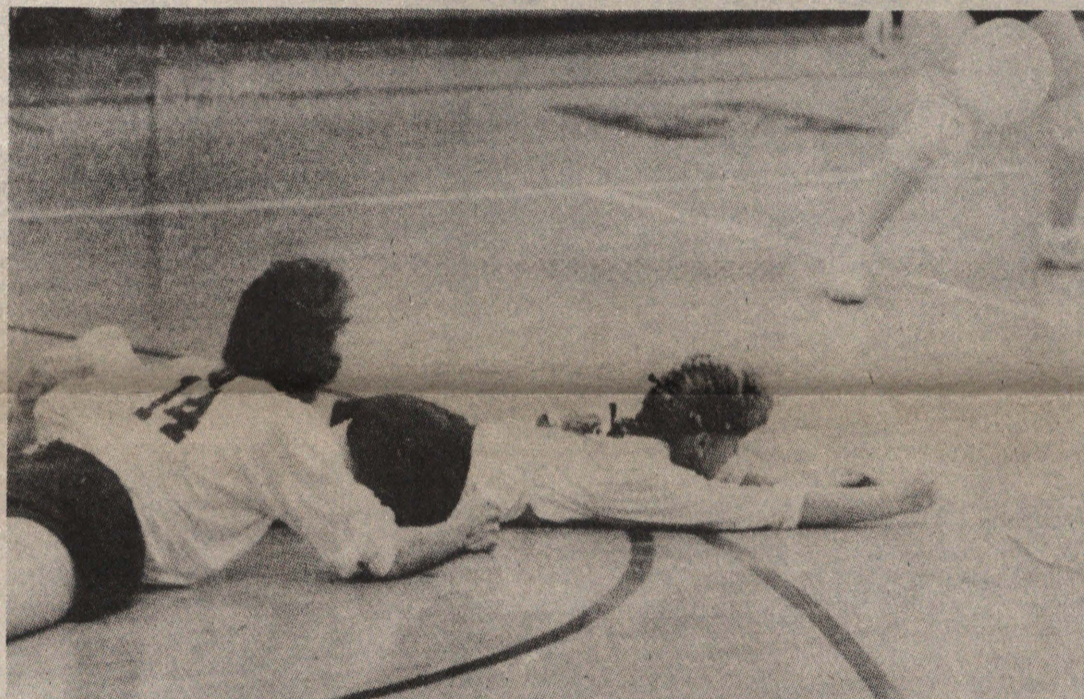
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Junior Karen Getlinger and senior Bette Purnell make a diving attempt for the ball. (photo courtesy of The Press)

Extra time + extra effort = Missing players key to survival

by Randa Bascharon

Remember when you were in Preschool? Do you remember when your teacher told you the class you were going to learn about was seasons? She took a bunch of construction paper leaves and in a Mr. Rogers type of voice said, "Can you say fall?" Winter was even better! You got to cut out snowflakes and snowmen as you repeated "W-I-N-T-E-R" thinking life was just so peachy ... Now that you are in high school, winter means no more football games in the cold; but going to basketball games in the warm Bishop gym.

Bishop gym is definitely going to be more than just warm — it's going to be HOT because this year's team is ready to win some victories. In this article you will see no comments from the coach. The reason for this is to turn the tables for a change and to get a glimpse of what the players see for the upcoming season rather than just the coaches. (No offense Coach Maciejewski).

All the players were in agreement that the strong players of the team are going to be the returning varsity players. Nevertheless, there are many other members that will serve as an important part of supporting the team both physically and mentally. According to Jeff Showalter, "We have a lot of strong players that know the fundamentals well, but what we need is everyone to concentrate on the plays so we can do our job right."

Players that can work together and adjust to what the team needs are the main part

of teamwork. With new players coming onto varsity one would think the transition would be a little rough. Yet, ever since the beginning days of practice many of the returning varsity players feel the "rookies" are doing very well. Senior Tyrone Parks stated, "They're picking things up very fast." Junior Chad Busse voiced his opinion by saying, "I think the coach is having morning practices because he wants us to work on the plays and cooperating as a team."

Why IS coach Maciejewski having morning practices? Returning varsity player John Belli said, "I think he feels the team can go far this year so he wants to push us so we can keep improving." Tyrone Parks feels, "Right now it's part of working on having a balance. So we're equally good on offense as we are on defense and vice versa." Many of the other players share their opinions and feel that the coach is trying to let them work hard because there is a good chance of winning conference this year. During the summer, We-go got second place in the "summer league basketball" which is made up of many teams that are in our conference.

The Wildcats are putting in extra hours and extra effort to achieve their goals. We-go could be the '89 conference champs because there is evidence of good players and a lot of potential; but just as Senior John Belli said, "Words are nothing. We have to prove ourselves with actions first ..."

by Carrie Ryan

Early problems have occurred in the beginning of the girls' basketball season. The team seems to be off to a start, but many people are missing.

Many of the varsity players are out for various reasons. Jessica Andrews will be out for six weeks due to an injury, Angie Webb is out because of an operation, and Carrie Ryan is still in swimming. "I know how Coach Ditka feels," said Coach Kim Wallner. Wallner feels that this will give the younger players a chance to have to play under pressure at a varsity level. "I don't feel this will be a rebuilding year, but a good experience for the younger players," Wallner explained. Jenny Kramer, sophomore, feels that "I am scared to play up with varsity but I'm really excited." Senior Michele Lubinski said it was hard for Wallner to go through practice with ease, because many of the younger players are not familiar with particular plays, so Wallner has to stop and explain.

Wallner stated that once the team has recovered, the team will still have a few younger players on varsity. "Right now it could be anyone, whoever shows a good performance under pressure," said Wallner.

The Wildcats will play in the Bolingbrook Tournament November 18, which they took first in last year.

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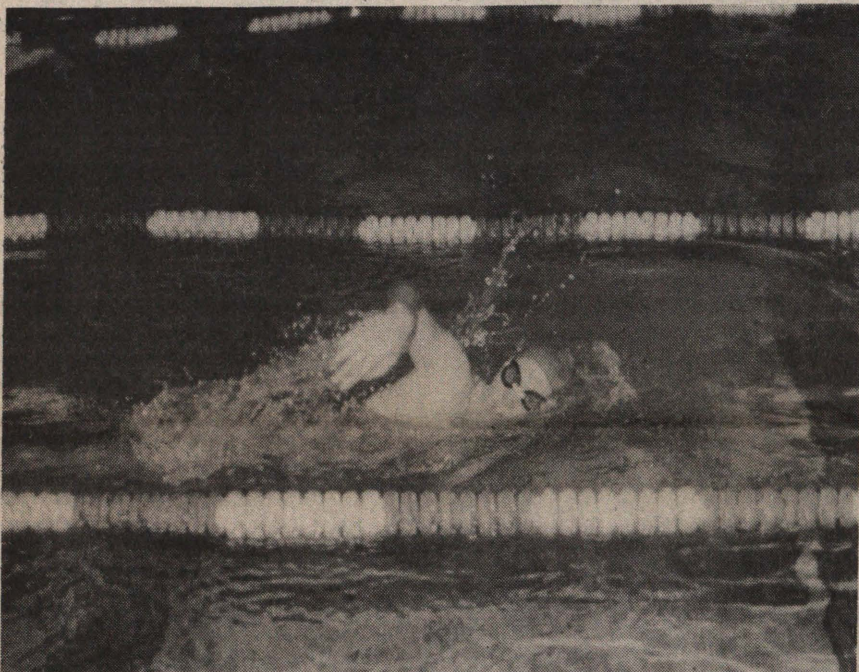
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We-go swimmers in action



Erin Myers swimming her way to state qualifying time. (Photo courtesy of Challenge)



Carrie Ryan pushing for her best time. (Photo courtesy of Challenge)

Sectional determines state meet

by Kelly Lee

Rounding up the 1988 season with a 12-2 record We-go swimmers have possible state qualifiers. Saturday, the 12th, We-go girls' swim team will see if anyone will qualify for state, at the sectional meet. Carrie Ryan, Carol Petusky, Erin Meyers, Jennifer Vavrek, Alicia Garceau, Crissy Pichman, Missy Barrientos, Missy Herold, Jeanni Janaes, Jessica Bridge and Laura Bozidarvic will go to the sectional meet held at the W.C.C.H.S. pool. Relay consists of Ryan, Petusky, Meyers and Vavrek. Eric Myers has a qualifying time for breaststroke and is currently ranked 5th in the state of Illinois. Carol Petusky and Carrie Ryan could also qualify for individual events, as well as the relays. The West Chicago relay's best time is 2:54.

Erin Meyers feels that the season has been hard but fun. "This Saturday should pay off, all the swimmers have worked hard, and I hope it will show in their races."

Carol Petusky feels that the overall season has been a success and it will show now and in the following years.

Qualifying for the state meet this year will be Carol Petusky for 100 butterfly and Erin Myers for 100 breaststroke. We-go's to relays qualified for state too. Senior Carrie Ryan, sophomore Carol Petusky, freshmen Jennifer Vavrek and Erin Myers. They all are in the Medely and 400 free relay.

The rituals of getting psyched

by Christopher Nippert

No matter what your specialty is, sports, academics, music, etcetera, all of us have something in our lives that we want to do our absolute best in. How do we prepare ourselves for these competitions in life? How do we psych ourselves up to perform at our best?

Many people have many different rituals they go through before a game, a big test, or a concert. One way is trying to clear your mind of everything and then focus only on coming out victorious. Also visualize in your mind what you must do in order to achieve victory. Still others like to think about everything except what they are going to be doing in ten minutes. Many like to read a book to try to take their mind off the

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pressure. Some people just want to see their competition and watch their every move. Then there are others like myself who only know one way in which to get psyched up for a game — tunes. Every season I make up a variety tape of songs that represent certain obstacles that I will try to overcome. Some of these songs remind me of the teams and how they play or events that have happened in the past, whereas others remind me of what I need to concentrate on myself to win.

Of course, there are always a few (or maybe a "little" bit more than a few) that are just on the tape for one reason — to make me get that crazy attitude.

Well, I know that psych tapes aren't for everyone and neither is solitary confinement or reading a book. We all have our ways of preparing ourselves to do battle. So, whatever way you choose, there are two characteristics we have when it all comes to getting ourselves psyched up. The first is that you can't turn your competitiveness on and off. Preparation must start long before the actual event takes place. Second and most importantly, it has to be repetitious. You can't listen to the tunes one week and not the next. If you do that you will spend more time worrying about how to get psyched up than playing the game.

There are many different ways to get prepared and I have only listed a few but there are many, many more. The main thing is that you pick a style you enjoy and that makes you think nothing but positive things. If you can do that you will be on your way to being successful in not only whatever you're doing now but also in life in general.

Conference Champs of '89

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Wildcat Varsity Sports Schedule



Wrestling

Nov. 23	West Aurora	H	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 26	Wildcat Invitational	H	10 a.m.
Dec. 2	Wheaton North	A	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 3	at Hoffman Estates; Elgin; Batavia	A	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 9	Glenbard South	H	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 10	at East Aurora; Sycamore; St. Charles	A	11 a.m.
Dec. 15	Glenbard East	H	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 16	Hinsdale Central	A	5:30 p.m.

Boys' Swimming

Dec. 8	Marmion	H	5 p.m.
Dec. 10	Wildcat Relays (Diving)	H	9:30 a.m.
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Dec. 13	Waubonsie Valley; Crystal Lake South	H	1 p.m.

Boys' Basketball

Nov. 22	Oswego	A	TBA
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Dec. 2	Wheaton North	H	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 3	St. Francis	H	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 9	Glenbard South	A	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 10	Geneva	A	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 16	Glenbard East	H	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 17	Batavia	A	7:30 p.m.

Girls' Basketball

Nov. 29	Streamwood	A	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 3	Wheaton North	H	1:30 p.m.
Dec. 8	Glenbard South	A	6 p.m.
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