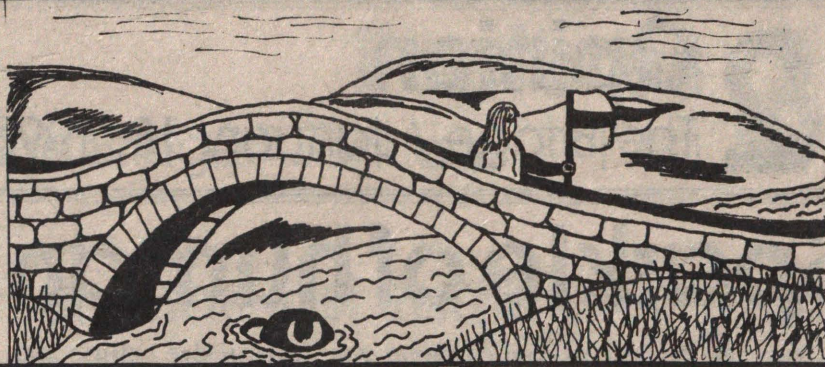


# The Bridge

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## NHS gives substance abuse a 'high' ranking

by Debbie Caruso

Recently at West Chicago a survey was completed with the National Honor Society (NHS) dealing with drugs and alcohol.

This survey compared West Chicago high school achievers (in the NHS) to other high school achievers in the "Who's Who Among American High School Students" with a similar survey. In the survey for "Who's Who Among American High School Students" 5,000 of the 575,000 returned their surveys, while 35 of the 53 students

in the NHS returned theirs anonymously.

Six percent of the NHS students at WCCHS have never tried alcohol while 45 percent said they use alcohol less than once a month. Another 49 percent said they use alcohol more than once a month.

Seventy-two percent of West Chicago's NHS students have not tried drugs. Yet 22.8 percent have tried marijuana. Of the 22.8 percent, 11.4 percent don't use it any more. The rate of crack and cocaine use was 2.8 percent.

Sixty-eight percent of the NHS students feel that fighting against drug dealers and

the abuse of drugs should be a top priority.

"I see the drug abuse as the result of a larger problem. Although fighting drugs is a worthy cause, it's like spraying a fire at the top, unless you nail it at the base, you'll never put it out," is how one student felt about the government fighting drug dealers and the amount of drug abuse.

Thirty-one percent of NHS students feel West Chicago has a large drug and alcohol problem. Yet 28.5 percent of the students didn't feel there was a problem. One student replied, "Yes, a pretty big problem, but no one knows about it — people who

don't use drugs are in the minority."

West Chicago has a higher percent of students using alcohol but a lower percent of students using drugs, when compared to the survey with "Who's Who Among American High School Students."

"Based on national statistics it is atypical," replied Principal Alan Jones when asked how he felt about the drug and alcohol problem at We-go. Jones said that he doesn't see a lot of selling drugs or use of drugs in school, although he is concerned about the amount of drug and alcohol usage outside of the school.

## The results are in: teacher's pride questioned

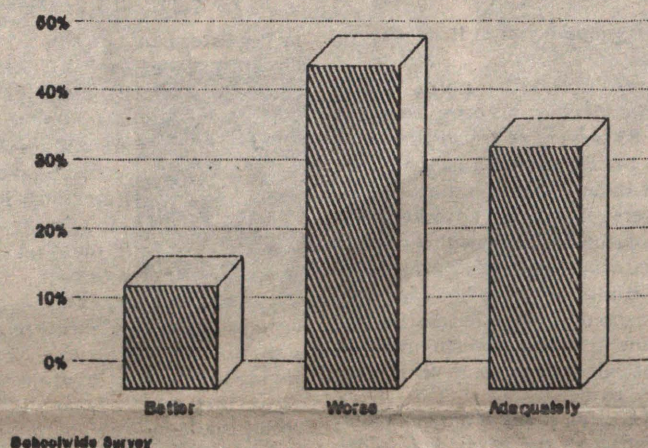
by Dana Billick

Recently, all teachers at WCCHS were given the opportunity to participate in a survey based on teacher self-esteem. The questionnaire included such items as how they felt they were paid as compared to others in their profession, how much they felt students were learning now as compared to five years ago, how they felt their job affects the future, and if discipline is a frequent problem in their classroom. The survey was based on one similar in the September issue of the *Chicago Tribune*.

As a nation, 82 percent of teachers believe they are underpaid. However at WCCHS almost half of the teachers, 48 percent, felt they were paid poorly as compared to other suburban teachers. Thirty-six percent said they were adequately paid for the job they perform, and 16 percent felt they were paid better than other teachers. The question of merit pay also comes up (an added bonus for a job well done). Many people do not feel this would directly affect student performance.

Generally, the teachers do not feel that after five years of "school reform," public

### Teachers Rate Pay According to Peers



By a slight margin teachers at WCCHS feel they are adequately or better paid compared to their peers (graph by Liza Lenertz).

schools have improved. Although 32 percent believe that is a difference in the material students are taught, 39 percent feel students are actually learning less now.

According to the poll, these problems often stem from lack of parent involvement. Many teachers point out that "Parents don't help students realize the importance of preparing for the future." Others say, "Parents lack faith in the school system."

Although discipline is not an overwhelming problem at WCCHS (73 percent of teachers surveyed felt they had no discipline problem at all), the majority of teachers in America feel they do not have the authority they need within the classroom. They feel they do not have enough control over such things as setting discipline policies for their schools, establishing grading policies, and determining academic standards.

Teacher pride is rising at WCCHS. Administrators and teachers concerned about student welfare work together to change small problems such as more motivation on the part of the student, parental support, and better classroom time.

## They want 'you'

by Dave Smith

"Prove you're an individual."

This is the slogan currently being used in public service messages by the Selective Service System.

Within one month of turning the age of 18, all men must register for the Selective Service. However, this isn't the draft itself; it is a simple registration process.

The purpose of this registration is to provide a way for the government to keep a list of names to draw from in the case of a national emergency. As a result of this list the U.S. can save up to six weeks in mobilizing manpower for any emergency. The registration law was created to make sure all young men register.

If one fails to register, fines of up to \$250,000 and/or a five year jail sentence can be levied. Proof of registration is a requirement to qualify for federal student aid, job training benefits, and most federal employment.

Senior Chris Nippert is all for the regis-

tration. Nippert explains he "thinks everyone should fight for their country. If not, then they shouldn't be in it." Senior Phil Wallner agrees, "If the young men don't volunteer, then who would?"

Girls are exempt from the registration law. Senior Barb Vlach disagrees with this exception. "I don't think they should make it one sex and not the other," Vlach expressed.

The process of registration requires you to go to any Post Office and fill out a Selective Service Registration Card. Your name, address, telephone number, date of birth, and Social Security number are needed, along with a piece of identification.

Any male at WCCHS can also register with Counselor Robert Hein. Hein is a registrar for the Selective Service System.

If there was ever any need for a draft, the Selective Service could conduct a birth date lottery to create the order of induction for 20-year-old men. Any additional men would be taken from the 21 to 25-year-old age group.

## Speech team comeback

by Chris Pomeroy

After 12 years the Speech Team has made a comeback to WCCHS.

English teacher and Speech Team Advisor Catherine Walser said, "I thought it would be a good idea." Walser has had experience in speech and debate, and wanted the school to have a team. She approached the administration with the idea, and they approved it.

Categories for Speech Team competition

include: Oratory, Extemporaneous, Oratorical Declamation, Special Occasion Speaking, Radio Speaking, Verse Reading, Prose Reading, Interpretation, Dramatic Interpretation, Original Comedy, Dramatic Actings, and Dramatic Duo Acting.

The Speech Team helps students to better present themselves along with gaining self-confidence. Walser said that the idea is not to win, but to do well in performance and have a lot of fun.

The team has competed in two tournaments, but has failed to win an award in either.

## Working for a living

by Michele Rittorno

The SASED (School Association for Special Education in DuPage County) students hold various jobs along with attending classes at West Chicago Community High School.

Cheryl Tarrson, a teacher for SASED, said that all of the students either work at the school or at a business. The class prepares the more independent students approximately a half hour before they leave for their job. They change into their uniforms and wash their hands while the other students are reminded how to act at work before they leave.

Some of Tarrson's students work in the morning and then attend class in the afternoon. The students attend class until 2:30 p.m. They have the opportunity to go out in the community after 2:30. The students who attend class in the morning leave for work in the afternoon.

Tarrson said, "The vocational coordinator does the actual job hunting." Tarrson said that they have a class called English.

In this class the students learn to fill out job applications and how to handle a job interview. The class holds discussions on how a person can find various jobs. Tarrson said that some of her students have been through job interviews.

David Brown works at Holiday Inn as a housekeeping assistant. Alicia Carvajal works in the laundry area at the DuPage Convalescent Center. Mike Stolp and Jeff Everett work at Jewel. They bag groceries, collect carts and clean up the aisles. Patti Garcia is a bus girl at Wendy's (who recently received a raise). Tom Smielewski works at the school in the dish room. Mirna Lopez is an office messenger for the high school. Tarrson said that Lopez is planning to have a job in the community soon.

The business pays the students for their work. The businesses pay minimum wage and up. If the students aren't working for companies, then SASED will pay the students. Every other week the students hand in a sheet with the hours they worked for two weeks. SASED pays those students the minimum wage for those hours.

## School publications honored

by Anissa Garcia

Recently both the *Bridge* and *Challenge* won awards of excellence from the Scholastic Press Association.

Last year's publication of the *Bridge* was awarded a Medalist rating certificate from the Scholastic Newspaper Critique Competition, by the Scholastic Press Association.

The *Bridge* was given scores in the categories of coverage, writing and editing, design and business. The *Bridge* received

a total of 927 points out of 1,000 possible.

One judge commented, "The stories are not geared toward one particular class or group, as an outsider I was interested. The *Bridge* is a well-planned package that appeals to everyone at WCCHS, I'm sure."

The 1988-89 edition of the *Challenge* won second place in the Scholastic Yearbook Fundamentals Competition.

One judge commented, "The staff shows care and creativity!" They were also commended for the new techniques and efforts they've shown.

## Sparkle of humanity in a sea of 'me'

Okay, pseudo-hippies. You can wear your little tie-dye t-shirts and plastic peace medals: 60's fashion has become socially acceptable by now. Somehow, though, it would have seemed that with a 60's revival like we've had the last few years, some of the prominent activism that decade had would come back.

No such luck. Community service is low on the totem pole of American priorities. "What? You mean, work and not get paid for it? Get serious." It's money that matters, or so it seems. Get yours, who cares about the other guy?

Even in this past Christmas season, self-interest is active. Activism has been largely passive. WCCHS has not been innocent of those "me generation" feelings. Generally speaking, high school students do little volunteer work or community service. Thankfully, not everyone has forgotten to care. Two Christmastime drives, the United Way Fund and the VICA Food Drive, happened once again this year, proving that the people of We-go can care about "the other guy."

The United Way Fund is a nationwide drive to raise money for community services and organizations. Each community across the U.S. has a board run by community members. Assistant Principal Richard Waterhouse is currently a board member and in charge of collecting from schools in the area. At WCCHS, the entire faculty is strongly urged to participate. Our school and surrounding ones con-

tributed more than \$8000 this year, more than ever before. This money was used to provide funds to the Wayne-Winfield Youth Committee (the largest recipient), nursing homes, Catholic charities, Boy/Girl Scouts, a hospice service, and to other organizations. Waterhouse said, "Most of the money raised stays in West Chicago," which he approximated to be between 80 and 90 percent.

Paul Junkrowski leads another We-go fund: the VICA Food Drive. Food donated to VICA is sent to St. Mary's Parish, which establishes the "Food Pantry." In cooperation with other area churches and youth groups, the pantry gives out food to needy families in the area. Junkrowski, though, said he "wouldn't be surprised if they had people from as far away as Aurora or Elgin coming." This year, the drive raised over 1,400 food items, all of which was donated by WCCHS faculty and students.

The **Bridge** editors recognize the need society has for more community service, and are proud contributors to this year's VICA drive. Of course, more needs to be done than these two activities, but they are quite a start. We sincerely thank VICA and United Way for letting us help the community and presenting positive models for the school. The "me generation: I matter and you don't" attitude is not solely West Chicago's problem, it seems society as a whole is infected with it. But if we care about society, we should be working to make it better.

## AIDS hysteria annoying...

by Bill Hein



AIDS seems to be a topic of a lot of discussion these days: Headlines scream that the disease is on the rise. The next PBS documentary is about an AIDS patient. This sensationalism capitalizes on the fear that the general public

has about AIDS.

Celebrities eager to support charities that show their goodwill to the public eye often choose AIDS research. One of the reasons that it is so popular as a "cause-of-the-month" is that there is as yet no cure for it and the ranks of AIDS patients are steadily growing. They say, "Pretty soon you'll get it too, if you don't help find a cure."

This is nothing but a lie. AIDS is the most preventable of diseases. Abstinence is a guaranteed method of prevention that is routinely ignored. At the very least, limiting of sexual partners or use of a condom will cut AIDS statistics dramatically. These are such simple prevention tips that apparently aren't being utilized. It seems that people whose lives are being led by their crotch live the kind of lifestyle they very well please, and they come

looking for sympathy when it all catches up to them.

This brings up another point. Homosexuals and intravenous drug users account for 88 percent of the victims, and another 4 percent are heterosexuals who received it through sexual contact. As far as drug users go, AIDS can be looked at as a cheap solution to overcrowding in prisons. Instead of busting them and taking up valuable jail cells, we can sit back and wait for them to succumb to the disease. For the rest of them, AIDS is a powerful message saying that unless they change their lifestyle, they could die.

The real tragedy of the situation is that AIDS overshadows the much more widespread species of cancer. In the U.S., 420,000 people die of cancer each year. In contrast, AIDS has claimed roughly 28,000 lives total since it was first discovered in the late 1970's. Cancer strikes with a much more random effect, and has been causing trouble for quite a while longer. Still, there is much clamoring for millions to be spent on AIDS research.

For the most part, AIDS is connected to the way a person lives his life. Anyone can reduce his chances of contracting it with little effort. People don't realize this, and then want to spend huge amounts of money to search for a cure. It doesn't make sense.

## ...But what's the point?

by Peg Osterman



For all the "AIDS hysteria" going on, it seems to me that there are still a lot of misinformed people out there. If everybody knew about AIDS and how to avoid it, the disease could be wiped out.

For "the most preventable of diseases," plenty of people sure seem to catch it each year. Not all of the victims are thinking "by their crotch," and nor do they deserve to get AIDS, as some people would believe. The victims are not trying to get this disease, nobody out there is scheming. "Hey, let's get an incurable disease so people will feel sorry for us and donate lots of money to vainly search for a cure." AIDS is an ugly thing. I'm rather sure no one wants it.

AIDS is a lifestyle disease. Most things are. Stop drinking and you won't get cirrhosis. Stay out of the sun and you can avoid skin cancer. Quit smoking and you won't get lung cancer. Apparently, turn "straight" and don't shoot up, and AIDS can be stopped. The unfortunate part of these "preventable" diseases is that the causes are addictive. In cases of drug abuse, something is psychologically wrong

with the abuser. A serious heroin addict is going to have a hard time stopping no matter what, even with AIDS hanging over his/her head. AIDS in relation to intravenous drug use should not be seen as a "cheap solution for overcrowding in prisons." Most of the users aren't in prison anyway. They're still on the streets spreading it.

Homosexuals are the ones "credited" with introducing AIDS into American society. Right-wing heterosexuals have become nervous now because they found out even moral people like themselves can get the "fag disease." That's where all the hype comes from, and it doesn't "capitalize" on public fear: It's created by it. Homosexuality itself is frightening to many people. Guys kissing guys. Girls kissing girls. Weird. Icky. No Republican in his/her right mind wants to think about that, let alone imagine that people could die from it. So, what's to be done? If everyone were heterosexual, that would also reduce AIDS drastically. Then what about "freedom of choice"? Forget it. It's more important to keep the straight population healthy and unalarmed, I guess.

Along with the other "simple" preventative measures like abstinence, informing people is absolutely necessary. If homosexuals know that by using a condom they can avoid AIDS, I'm willing to bet they'll do it. They don't want to die any more than the next person. Drug users need counseling and community support, not a "well, you'll die in prison anyway" sentence. Most of this bothersome "hype" is a further attempt to inform people... and save their lives.

## Letter to the editor

### Third should go

To the Editor:

On December 8, 1989, there was an in-service day in which periods 1-3 were in attendance. Having third hour unscheduled, we feel it is unfair that we must remain on campus for this additional hour while on a regular school day students having seventh hour unscheduled may and do leave.

Therefore, third hour being the last hour of the day, we fall to see the point of this

logic. To remedy this conflict, it should be possible for us to show our IDs to the paraprofessionals at the exits to prove our free hour and be allowed to leave.

If this is not reasonable, we wish the administration would explain the philosophy behind this reasoning. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Dana Billick  
Kurt Gulbro  
Oliver Koriath  
Patrick Murzyn  
Sue Thomas

### They'll work on it

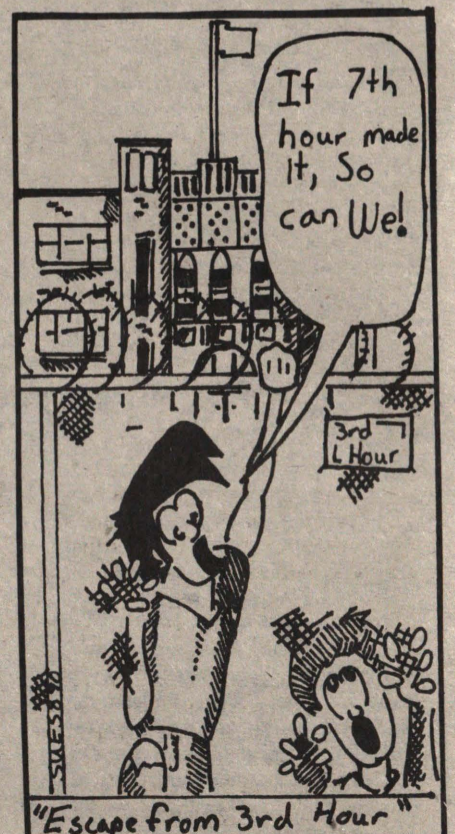
Dear Dana, Kurt, Oliver, Patrick, and Sue,

I spoke to Principal Alan Jones about your problem. Jones explained that the school is responsible for all its students for the length of the school day. The problem lies in notifying parents when their kids will be in school, and when they won't.

Jones said that on a normal (full-length) school day, students with third hour unscheduled would be on campus. Their parents would know and expect this. On a half day, however, Jones expressed concern that parents would be unaware their kids were not in school. Well, straight out, that means that if you're off campus and Mom doesn't know and you get killed in an accident, she can probably take the school to court. Nobody wants that. Jones paraphrased, "It all boils down to: Is the parent aware of what's going on?"

I suggested that parents be notified through the newsletters the school periodically sends. Jones said he would "look into that possibility." He will be asking his attorneys about liability restrictions, and the answer will hopefully appear in the next issue. I hope this works out for you and all the other third hour unscheduled folks.

Sincerely,  
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Opinions Editor



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## Illinois Jones and the lost Radio Club room

### Adventure in We-go's uncharted areas

by David Vish

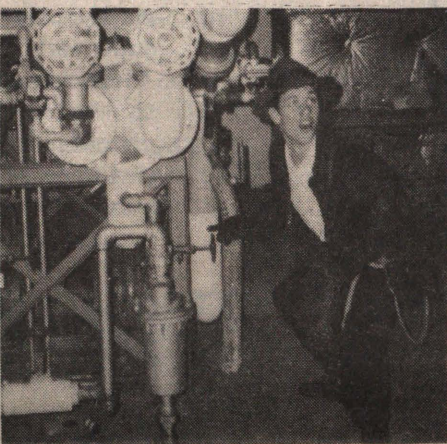
"... So as the explosives were going off I jumped from the truck onto the horse and rode away ..."

"Another near escape, Dr. Jones, and another job well done. This autographed Elvis mug will be gladly accepted by the museum! It's exciting work, eh Illinois?"

"Quite Marcus, but not nearly so thrilling as the day I went searching for the lost Radio Club room. Yes, my first crusade ..."

I leaned back on the sofa as Marcus Liberty, the museum representative and my close friend, poured another round of Bubble Up into our martini glasses. I began again.

"I remember it rather clearly. I was sitting in seventh hour Ancient History discussing the original burial of King Tutankhamen when the office messenger came in with a call slip. Little did I know what an omen of adventure this little slip of paper represented.



"As I walked into the office, I noticed a pair of bureaucratic goons in pinstripe suits standing with Mr. Highland anticipating my arrival. I walked up to Highland confidently.

"I knew I could take anything this day could dish out, whether it be eluding Nazi zombies, crashing through rain forests with Amazon headhunters in hot pursuit, or inhaling lethal doses of carcinogenic materials. I was the fearless and heroic Illinois Jones."

"Yes, yes. Go on," grunted Marcus.

"Anyway, Highland told me the two goons were from the Federal Ham Radio Commission. He pulled out a dusty yearbook and showed me a photo of the Amateur Radio Club formerly at the school. He said, 'They need a responsible and reliable student to find the radio club room for them. Would you mind?'"

"Tutankhamen could wait. Being dead, he didn't have much of a choice, anyway. 'Sure, Highland,' I said. 'Where's it at?'"

"Well, that's the problem," said Highland. 'Nobody knows. We thought with your considerable archeological skill, you might be able to find it. Why don't you get started right away?'"

"I walked out of the office confidently, quite assured of myself of course, being the fearless and heroic Illinois Jones. But little did I know, this adventure was more than I bargained for, and seventh hour history isn't worth too much.

"I grabbed my equipment: leather jacket, bull whip, Stetson Fedora, bag of paraphernalia, and 59 cent cap pistol. I was ready for my first crusade.

"The first floor appeared to be a good place to start. I was making my way past the laundry room when, gazing to my right, I noticed a door with no particular markings. Just as I reached for the door, I heard the ring of the dismissal bell and I darted inside to avoid the herd that was soon to come stampeding out of the locker rooms.

"I shut the door behind me and cautiously I tip-toed down the stairs. Upon reaching the bottom I realized that I had arrived in some sort of boiler room. I stalked the width of it, peering left and right for any sign of a ham radio. Instead I saw nothing but a network of buttons and levers, massive pipes, two ton water heaters, and a rather lengthy ventilation system complete with a

mammoth central chamber.

"Suddenly I heard footsteps echoing off the concrete walls. I had to hide. The ventilation chamber would do nicely, so I leapt inside, promptly banging my head on the metal entryway. Fortunately the crowds still lingering in the halls muffled my howl of severe pain.

"After the footsteps passed, and the pain had subsided, I stepped back out of the chamber and took off to my left. I flew up a small flight of stairs, out a door, and found myself in the hallway across from the teachers' lounge.

"A voice crackled over the loudspeaker.



racing for a way out. Suddenly from down the hall I heard a voice shout, 'Hey! What are you doing there?' I ran by the surprised janitor and made a right down the main hallway.

"I sprinted as fast as I could and made a right into the guys' washroom to take a breather. That para-pro was surely on the walkie-talkie to every para-pro in the building by then. I had to get out of the bathroom. I stepped on top of the john and punched out a ceiling tile and crawled up."

"What happened next, Ill?" interrupted Marcus.

"Well, then I pulled myself up an iron pole



Illinois Jones (Dave Vish) experiencing suspense and adventure in (clockwise from left) a third floor boiler room, on the roof, a remote third floor catwalk, with Indian guide (John Jakubowski) in a Nepali bar, in the English Department's secret book storage, and a massive central ventilation chamber.



"Your attention please. It is now four o'clock. All students must leave the building immediately, unless they are under direct supervision of a teacher.' I'd have to walk on eggshells from here on out.

"I was busy doing this, Marcus, when as I peeked around the corner I saw a broom come into focus. I jumped back, my heart palpitating like a madman. A janitor was approaching.

"Then I glanced behind me, nowhere to run. I gathered my thoughts, my mind

and hopped onto some kind of cat-walk, which led to a squat door. The room was basically empty so I opened the door and discovered I was in a small room on the third floor.

"In the center of the room sat a large, awkward-looking machine covered with various rollers and stacks of paper, and along the outside similar looking antiques covered most of the floor space. I later discovered this was the ditto room.

"I followed that hallway down past Mr.

Zabelin's Consumer Ed. class, hung a right, and halted across from the typing rooms. My curiosity soared when I spotted an unlabeled door. Perhaps this was it? Could this be the lost Radio Club room?

"I opened the door, but it was just a closet: a broom, mop, bucket, a large ladder? What was a ladder doing in a closet? Hold on — you're about to find out. You must remember, I'm the fearless and heroic Illinois Jones, and there isn't a ladder I haven't ascended.

"I started my climb, and halfway up a cat-walk interrupted the path of the ladder. I ventured out onto it and discovered that I was standing over the lights and insulation above the Weyrauch Auditorium. No sign of a ham radio. However, with a further look, this insulation looked like asbestos.

"If there's one thing Illinois Jones was going to die of, it was not gonna be cancer.

"So I hopped back on the ladder and continued climbing until I reached a skylight. I unlatched it and climbed outside. This was an excellent chance to look for radio antennas. Unfortunately, I didn't find any. But I did find out where this certain green door led to — something I and a classmate had often pondered over in Journalism.

"Anyway, Marcus, I entered to discover that it was another boiler room, but on the third floor. I was thoroughly amazed, but the Radio Club room was still lost, and as much as I wanted to stay, I had to leave those pipes and vents behind me.

"I made my way through a state-of-the-art television studio, the FBLA secret headquarters, a cluttered third floor film reviewing room, a hide-away library for unused English Books where I brushed up on my Hemingway, a seemingly purposeless airwell in the middle of the school, and dreary catacombs beneath the cafeteria before I reached another cat-walk above the first floor.

"I was walking along when without warning some squeaking, rotting boards broke and I fell crashing through the ceiling to land in a dark freshman hall. As I was brushing insulation off my hat, I peered up and saw a light coming from Mr. Stark's room.

"Covered with asbestos, faint and tired, I staggered to his door and with a final effort tumbled forward onto the floor. I looked to Mr. Stark for aid but he just said, 'Aren't you supposed to be under teacher supervision? It's well past four o'clock, y'know?'"

"I gazed past his face and in the corner of the room spotted a ham radio! I finally found the Radio Club room, and with tears of joy in his eyes, the fearless and heroic Illinois Jones promptly passed out."

There was a long pause before Marcus said anything. He sloshed about what was left in his martini glass, eyed me over the rim, and finally spoke.

"Splendid story, Illinois, just bully! But tell me. Just what is a ham radio?"

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# LOOKING BACK

## Nationwide: the last ten years

by Margaret Walen

The 90's are here, but what happened to the 80's? Many highs and lows made up the 80's — these are just a few.

The year of 1980 was the year of hellos and goodbyes. On November 4, we said hello to the new President of the United States Ronald Reagan, and goodbye to Jimmy Carter. Athletes who had spent years of training missed out on the summer Olympics in Moscow. Carter's decision, supported by the Olympic Committee was made after the USSR invaded Afghanistan. On December 8, former psychiatric patient Mark Chapman killed ex-Beatle John Lennon outside his apartment building in New York City.

President Reagan was already at work minutes after his inauguration in 1981; fifty-two Americans were flown to freedom after being hostages in Iran for 1044 days. Reagan exchanged \$8 billion in frozen assets for their freedom. Also during this year, assassination attempts were made on two world leaders. President Reagan was shot in the chest by John Hinckley Jr. in Washington D.C. when he was walking to his limo after an address. Then on May 13, in St. Petersburg Square in Rome, Pope John Paul II was shot and seriously wounded by Turkish killer Mehmet Ali Agca. History in space exploration was made when the world's first reusable spacecraft, the space shuttle Columbia, was sent into space on April 12.

Medicine took a major step on December 2, 1982 when Barney Clark received the first permanent artificial heart. Hundreds of thousands of people demonstrated in New York's Central Park against nuclear arms. Findings of 1982 include a hole in the ozone layer over Antarctica and the first sighting of Halley's Comet which passes over the earth every 70 years.

The year 1983 was a year of many firsts. On April 12 Harold Washington was elected the first black mayor of Chicago. Then on June 18 Sally Ride became the first American woman to travel into space. On July 15 the Supreme Court stood by its 1973 decision to keep abortion legal during the first three months of pregnancy.

Many new discoveries in the field of medicine were brought about in 1984. On February 3 the first surrogate conception took place. Next, 15 day old "Baby Faye" received the first baboon heart transplant. President Reagan went to China for the first time to hold discussions with Chinese leaders. Geraldine Ferraro made history when she became Walter Mondale's running mate as the first woman candidate for vice-president.

In 1985, 17 Americans were killed by terrorist attacks and 154 were wounded. On June 14 a TWA airplane was hijacked in Athens, Greece by two Shiite Muslim ter-

rorists. The wreckage of the Titanic was discovered by a U.S. French exploratory team on September 1. "Live-Aid," a 17 hour rock concert, was broadcast from London and Philadelphia to 152 countries. The concert raised \$70 million for the starving people of Africa.

Death came to seven astronauts on January 28, 1986. The Space Shuttle **Challenger** exploded near Cape Canaveral, Florida because of the failure of a seal on a solid-fuel booster rocket. The nation was united on May 25 as six million people from New York City to Long Beach, California participated in "Hands Across America." In honor of her centennial birthday on July 4, the Statue of Liberty was unveiled after two years of restoration.

As AIDS became a larger issue in 1987, condom ads promoting "safe sex" became prominent in the media. On March 31, Jim Bakker resigned from his TV evangelist ministry after admitting to having sex with Jessica Hahn and paying her blackmail money to keep quiet. "Black Monday" came down upon the U.S. economy on October 19, the day of the Stock Market Crash when the Dow Jones dropped a record 508 points. President Reagan and Soviet General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev held summit meetings which led to the destroying of U.S. Pershing warheads and Soviet INF missiles.

In 1988, the government gave \$1 billion to the research and testing of AIDS as it continued to grow into one of the greatest potential threats. On February 3, Mary Beth Whitehead lost her fight for custody of the child she was a surrogate mother to, during a Supreme Court case. The events of 1988 were brought to a close with the inauguration of George Bush as our next president.

The year of tears was 1989. In March an Exxon tanker rammed into an Alaskan reef. This accident caused the largest oil spill, 11 million gallons, in U.S. history. June 4 was the worst day of bloodshed in Communist China's history. More than one thousand Chinese students were killed and one thousand more were injured by soldiers in Beijing trying to stop the democratic movement. Tears of sadness continued to be shed when a U.S. DC-10 crashed in Sioux City, Iowa cornfield due to a hydraulic failure. One hundred ten people were pronounced dead, including Dale Schmeizis of West Chicago, and 186 passengers survived. In October, the San Francisco earthquake caused billions of dollars of damage. A 7.0 on the Richter scale, the earthquake took 270 lives, injured 1400 people, and caused the Bay Bridge to collapse. In November, tears of joy were shed as the Berlin Wall was knocked down uniting two countries.

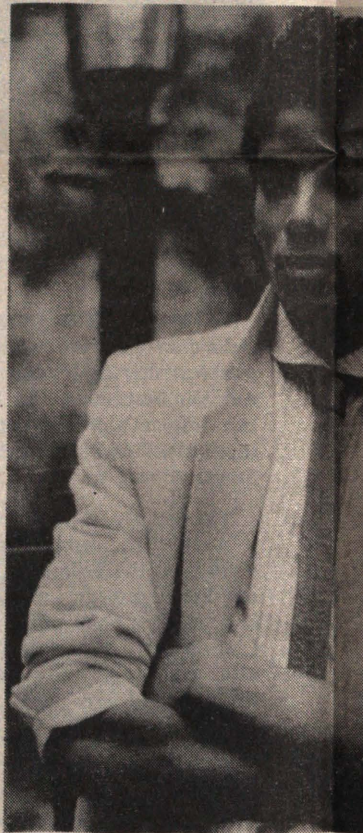
These events made up the 80's, but what lies ahead of us in the 90's?

## Music Styles, trends

by Jeremy Mains

From Pink Floyd to Master Mixers, popular music provided a roller coaster of superstars.

However, covering a musical style, even when limited material is tough. It's not easy to clean the Alaskan oil swab. There is just too much that tends to be forgotten.



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# ON THE 80's

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For example, whatever happened to songs like *I Wanna Be a Cowboy*, *Pacman Fever*, or *Elvira*. On the same note when was the last time you heard Tony Basil's *Oh Mickey* or Eddie Murphy's *My Girl Wants to Party All The Time*.

A great deal has happened musically over the past decade, not just in terms of style. The most important innovation was, arguably, the introduction of the music video. MTV, which began in the early 80's, revolutionized the pop world by adding a visual element to an already highly developed industry. MTV's bold manner gave exposure to a number of avant garde music styles.

One style unique to the 80's pop music scene would probably best be labelled "New Wave." Boosted by several film soundtracks, groups such as The Cure, Depeche Mode, Ministry, and Orchestral Maneuvers In The Dark were able to gain considerable headway in the mainstream.

Another unquestionable hallmark of the 80's was ushered in by the breakdancing scene. Despite breakdancing's obvious commercial impact, comparatively few breakdance and rap groups topped the charts. Herby Hancock's *Rockit*, and Shannon's *Give Me Tonight* were a few.

In addition, Heavy Metal, long reserved to the "alternative" music stacks, made a resurgence on the popular charts during the late 80's. Although at the start of the 80's groups like AC/DC, Kiss, and Alice Cooper were left to forge through the post-disco decade, by 1987 posters of metal heroes filled the lockers of even hard-core teeny boppers. Although not the first band to have a following in the pop public, Bon Jovi broke the ice for a number of upcoming headbangers. Other metal bands that broke onto the pop scene included Cinderella, Guns-N-Roses, Poison, Skid Row, Stryper, Twisted Sister, Warrant, White Lion, and Whitesnake.

Reggae music, a style relatively unknown to American teens, also made a brief dent on the pop scene. Aside from Musical Youth's 1981 hit *Pass the Dutchie* and the sometime reggae influenced music of The Police, UB40, and Ziggy Marley and the Melody Makers sparked interest in the Jamaican fare.

However, the 80's were by no means restricted to releasing new sounds. Actually the decade may as well have been labelled, "The Return of the Old Fogies." In addition to The Who's highly publicized regrouping, the 80's also saw the return of Aerosmith, The Beach Boys, The Grateful Dead, George Harrison, Donny Osmond, The Rolling Stones, and Paul Simon.

Although the 80's were not exactly the century's 10 most socially conscious years, songs such as *Another Day in Paradise* by Phil Collins, Tracy Chapman's *Fast Car*, and 99 *Red Balloons* by Nena explored issues such as homelessness, poverty, and nuclear war. The 80's also produced Farm Aid, Live Aid, USA For Africa, and several other music-related charities.

Despite the aftereffects of the disco era, the early 80's managed to put out a number of quality hits, including Kim Carne's *Bette Davis Eyes*, Irene Cara's *What A Feeling*, and Bonnie Tyler's *Total Eclipse of the Heart*. The early years were, however, predominately the domain of such groups as Foreigner, Journey, Styx, and Yes, who continued their stream of hits from the late 70's.

The decade closed with an electronic tide as house music and rap became prevalent throughout the nation. Suddenly the pop airwaves were filled with songs by groups like Ice T., Inner City, J.J. Fad, Kool Moe Dee, Mars, Salt and Pepper, Soul to Soul, Tone Loc, and Yello.

Some random musical memories of the 80's: Michael Jackson's hair burning during a Pepsi commercial, the 1985 Bears strutting to *The Superbowl Shuffle*, *Sugar Walls* by Sheena Easton being banned from the radio, and Kiss holding the record for being the most dominant band on grade schoolers' lunch boxes.

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# A gallery of in-class masterpieces

## At long last — the doodles



The majority of these doodles are smaller than drawn. Contributors include Javi Chavez (junior), Kelly Howard (senior), Brian Kozlowski (junior), Jeremy Mains (senior), Dave Malec (senior), Matt Phillips (junior), Bob Rasgatis (junior), Jennifer Slusser (sophomore), Darren Suess (senior). We realize this does not represent all the doodlers at We-Go, but we can only print what is turned in.

## Wildcats take fourth in tough tourney

by Jon Turkot

The Waubonsie Valley Tournament proved to be too much for the West Chicago Wildcat Basketball team.

After winning in the first round game against Marmion, 60-52, the Cats dropped two straight to finish fourth overall.

The winners of the eight-team tournament was 17 in State Waubonsie, who defeated the state's then tenth-ranked team, Batavia.

Even though the Wildcats beat the Marmion Cadets, Coach Lee Maciejewski thought the game could have been refereed a little better. West Chicago was called for 11 first-half fouls compared to just four for the Cadets.

"Our kids took more punishment than Roberto Duran," said Maciejewski.

Free throws proved to be the key for the Wildcats. The Wildcats shot 17 of 21 from the free-throw line in the second half to lock up the victory.

"We shoot good free-throws," Maciejewski said. We work hard on them in practice and it pays off."

Forward Scott Pold led West Chicago with 15 points and a game high 13 rebounds. Center John Winterhalder followed, adding 12 points for the Wildcats.

In the semi-final game against Waubonsie, West Chicago never had the lead.

Waubonsie ran up a lead as high as 24 points. At the end, Waubonsie defeated the Wildcats by 17, 79-62.

"I never thought in a million years they could get up (a lead) like that," Maciejewski said. "They took us out of what we wanted to do. Everything they did, they did well."

Pold once again led the Wildcats with 13 points. Forward Jeff Showlater and guard Gary Barnes followed with 12 and 10, respectively.

With the loss to Waubonsie, West Chicago was dropped into the first place game against DuPage Valley conference rival Glenbard South. South would play We-go armed with their 6'5" center Greg Bloedorn.

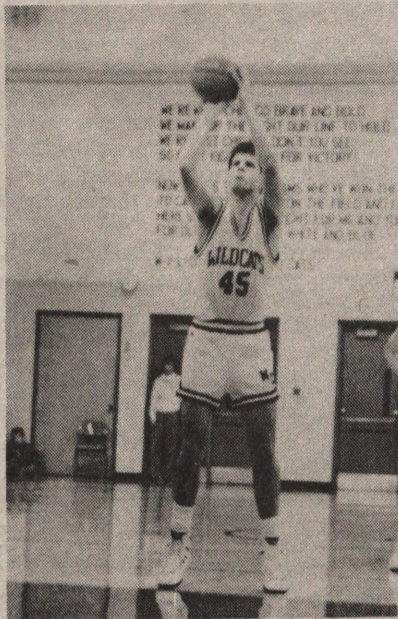
Bloedorn came off the bench to score 25 points in South's 62-43 victory. No one could stop Bloedorn despite Maciejewski playing 11 players.

Another problem was We-go's shooting. "We didn't shoot very well," Maciejewski said. "We're not accustomed to that."

Guard Matt Logan led the way for the Wildcats, scoring 10 points. Barnes followed with eight.

After an injury-plagued Wildcat team started out 0-5, the end of the tournament

marked the Cats winning four out of their last eight. In a rematch of the third place game, the Wildcats play tomorrow night at 7:30 against Glenbard South.



Chad Busse takes aim on a free-throw against Wheaton North. The Cats play Glenbard South tomorrow.

## Boys' volleyball? Hold the phone

by Chris Seper



Boys' volleyball for West Chicago? How about catching up with the DuPage Valley Conference in sports first.

I know what you're saying. "What do you mean catch up to the DVC? We're as good as they are." Well I know that, and that's not what I mean. I mean, get as many sports programs as they have.

Look at all the other schools in our conference. Each school has a gymnastics program for both boys and girls. And right now, the girls' season is in full swing. How many girls' sports do we have this season? You guessed it, only one.

Unlike a boys' volleyball program, which would be played as a spring sport, this would not hurt other spring teams. It would probably start adding to our female sports dynasty immediately. We have achieved state qualifiers and place winners in cross country and swimming, a regional championship in volleyball, a sectional qualifier in golf and soccer, conference champs in softball and our girls' basketball team is defending regional champ.

It would also boost the school's use of its facilities since we do have a gymnastics room, which by the way has done a great job doubling as a square dance hall.

Although boys' gymnastics would take the place of boys' volleyball on the spring sports roster, it would give us the look of a DVC school. Last year at the DVC Gymnastics Championships at Naperville Central, every team but West Chicago was represented. Wheaton North participated even though it had only one athlete!

How much more from the budget would this sport take in comparison to boys' V-ball? Not much considering all you would need is a coach's salary and recon-vert the square dance hall into a gymnastics room. We don't even have to have home meets.

Once again, a better look and higher profile for the school, more respect from DVC opponents (because we would show up for the sport) and a little added pride for the school.

Three years back, two students took their own time to represent We-go in the gymnastics competition. How much would it cost for one man to supervise a group of kids who already knew what they were doing?

Although not a school sanctioned sport, ice hockey is in four of the eight schools in the conference, Naperville Central and North, Wheaton Central and Glenbard North. I also spoke to the athletic director from Glenbard East who said he was attempting to get a program started at their school.

This one may be a little taxing on the money as well as the bodies, and will probably never fly here.

Now, look at boys' volleyball. We have a sport being pushed by a group mostly made up of seniors, that has failed at schools like Glenbard East, has only a 50/50 chance, will cost the school big bucks not only for the coach's salary, but in uniforms and equipment and it would take away from other sports like baseball, tennis and track.

Let's catch the DVC before we try to surpass them.

## 200 wins pinnacle for Hein

by Margaret Walen

Robert Hein, head coach of the wrestling team, achieved his 200th dual meet victory December 2 when his team beat Elgin and Hoffman Estates.

Hein has been coaching wrestling at West Chicago for 12 years, but he has been involved with the sport a total of 26.

"Two hundred wins is a milestone for me," said Hein. Hein said that working with state champions and state place winners are his most memorable experiences.

"The highlight for me at West Chicago was working with Mike Kraft, who was an undefeated state champ," said Hein. Kraft was named outstanding wrestler of the state the year Hein coached him.

Hein said that he owes a lot to wrestling. "I would not be where I am today if it were not for wrestling," Hein said.

Hein went to a rural elementary school that at one time had an enrollment of six students. He reminisced of always having fun grappling and rolling around.

"My teacher taught us to wrestle on a hardwood floor," Hein said. "We had state champions and national place winners come out of there."

"It was natural for me to start wrestling," said Hein. "I had natural strength and I enjoyed it." Hein was a state qualifier his junior year of high school in Osage, Iowa.

"Out there, wrestling was bigger than football."

He then went to Iowa State University, double majoring in physical education and social studies where he continued to wrestle. "I went to college to be a coach," Hein said.

According to Hein, the difference between wrestling and other sports is that wrestlers have to go out there one-on-one.



Coach Robert Hein has reached the 200th victory mark after 26 years of wrestling. This is his final year.

"It's a battle until it's over," Hein said. You are constantly on the line as far as your performance is concerned. There is a guy out there that's going to rip your head off. It's a very frightening experience.

"Wrestling teaches you to realize you can't win them all," continued Hein. "It's easy dealing with victory, it's defeat that's the problem. You get beat up out there and the only thing to do is to get up and try again." Hein feels that the idea is to follow through and finish what you've started.

"Sports are becoming more competitive," comments Hein. He feels that it's definitely more difficult to be in a sport now than it was years ago.

"Unfortunately," said Hein, "There has been pressure in athletes to specialize in a sport. This is too bad because it takes away from the experience of being involved in different things and being a well balanced person."

"The really neat thing about coaching wrestling," Hein continued, "is that the team can get whaled on pretty good. But I could have one player that does really well and then I'll feel good."

Hein has decided to call it quits at the end of this year. But even though Hein is retiring as a coach, he said that he'll always be a fan. "I wouldn't have it any other way," said Hein.

## We have some truly WILD Cat-fans

by Chris Seper

They're feared, they're loved, they're hated, they're just out to have some fun. If you go to the boys' basketball games, you know who they are.

They are the fans.

Now we're not talking all the fans. We're talking the ones who are located in the lefthand side of the bleachers. The ones who have, over the past two years, gotten the reputation as the most crazy and most feared fans in the DuPage Valley Conference.

Glenbard South, which will be facing us tomorrow at 7:30, is one of those teams who is reluctant to play us. During the summer leagues, many South players said that they were reluctant to come to West Chicago, not only because of the team, but because of the "WILD Cat-fans."

After speaking to many of the "WILD Cat-fans," they said that South would not be disappointed.

Athletic Director Ron Hansen said that he thought it was great that there was support for the team, but wished it would be more positive.

"I wish they would cheer more for our team than against the other," Hansen said. Senior Tom Niland, who can be seen at almost every boys' game, said that he

sees what he does as a kind of "sixth man" on the court.

"I'm going to spit and throw things and get people pissed off," Niland said.

Although only wary praise was given by administrators, players and cheerleaders said that they enjoyed the fans.

Point guard Chad Landis said, "They're pretty loud and that's pretty good. The rowdier the better."

"I love when the crowd is loud and obnoxious," basketball cheerleader Annette Pavone said. "I think that it inspires the players and the spirit at our school."

Not only is our fans' support revered throughout the DVC, but their "obnoxiousness" is as well. Not only are the players on the free-throw line being harassed, but referees, coaches, reporters, and cheerleaders are being chanted down as well.

At one game the opposing team's cheerleaders went out on our floor and attempted to do a cheer. They were greeted with "One-two-three-four get the cattle off the floor." The referee's lack of hair became the butt of a joke when the chant of "baldy" was heard.

This year, two new additions to the fan attack at We-go are the confetti throwing and the counting of dribbles at the free-

throw line. At the home games, you can look up and see the fans throwing confetti in the air, at the players on the court, and even at each other.

The counting at the free-throw line can be heard in several different languages, depending on the fans' mood.

But the most infamous stunt this year has been the "psyche countdown." With 10 or 15 seconds left in the half and/or game, the fans will begin to countdown "five, four, three, two, one. Psyche!" So far, almost every team has fallen for the trick.

But they aren't restricting themselves to home boys' games any more. At the Waubonsie Tournament, We-go played Waubonsie and a handful of the "WILD Cat-fans" followed.

During the game, the "handful" of fans slurred names, mocked players and fans, disturbed the players at the free-throw line by counting the number of dribbles and screaming such things as: "you're fat," "miss," and "Satan." They were also able to agitate a number of Waubonsie players and fans.

They were also seen at the Lady Wildcat Classic. During that game, the premature countdown gave West Chicago an extra shot. They also yelled non-stop every minute of the game.

### WILDCAT SPORTS TRIVIA ANSWER

In the 1988-89 season, Shawn Noonan became the first diver to capture all-state honors.

# Ladycats take second at Wildcat Classic

by Tricia Blum

The Ladycats took second place in the eight-team Lady Wildcat Holiday Classic Tournament.

In the tourney, the Cats beat Leyden 43-21, Morris 41-40, and lost to Romeoville 31-33.

In the first game the Ladycats faced Leyden. The game was close in the first, with the Ladycats winning 11-10.

"In the first quarter we played sluggish," guard Angle Webb said. "But we knew we wanted to win. In the second half we shut down Leyden."

"We didn't shoot real well in the first half," Coach Kim Wallner said. "We attacked them (Leyden) better in the second half. We hit a lot of free-throws."

In the second half, the Wildcats shut the scoring of Leyden down. They only allowed them to score two points the rest of the game, one in each quarter. As for the Ladycats, they scored eight in the third quarter and then scored 21 points in the fourth to wrap up the win.

The high scorers for the game were Webb and forward Heather Jardis with 11 and 10 points, respectively. Webb also had 10 rebounds along with center Melody Benson getting 13.

This put We-go in the semi-final game against state-ranked Morris. Morris was 13-0 coming into the semi-finals.

The Cats had the lead at the half 25-16. But it gradually began to drop until Morris got it in the fourth quarter.

In the fourth quarter, the Cats did not score until they were under four minutes

left to play. Then with 15 seconds left, and Morris up 40-39, Webb took the game-winning shot to make the score 40-41.

"We did great," said Webb. "We did what we've been practicing. That was a big part in winning the game."

Leading scorers were Webb with 16 points and Benson with eight.

The Ladycats went into the finals to face Romeoville, another state ranked team. Romeoville had won the tournament the last three years.

Romeoville also came in with the top scorer overall. She was 6'1" Claudia Vandiver.

Wallner told the Ladycats before the game. "If we are going to get beat I want them to work on someone else beating us besides Vandiver. If we're going to get beat let one of their other players beat us."

The Cats were winning the game 13-11 up until the second half despite the Cat's doing more scoring in the second half.

But in the second half, Romeoville made four three-pointers compared to West Chicago making none. In the end, Romeoville won the tournament for the fourth time in a row.

"The four three-point shots, that's what won the ball game for Romeoville," Wallner said.

The leading scorers for the Cats were Webb scoring 10 points, Jardis scoring seven and guard Jessica Andrews contributing six.

At the conclusion of the tournament, Webb was named to the all-tournament team.



Point guard Sue Thomas takes her patented jump shot against Wheaton North. We-go lost here but will rematch them January 25. (Photo by John Kufer)

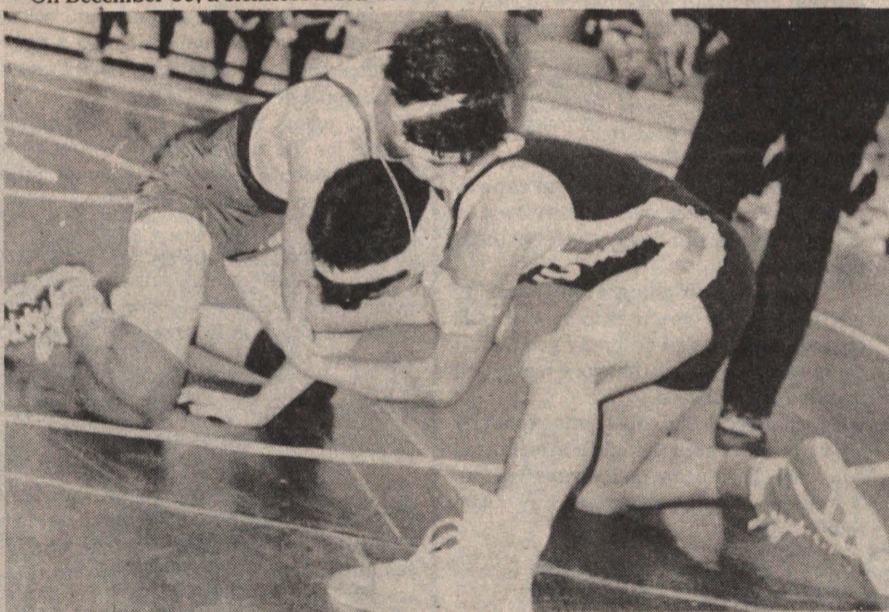
# Wrestling team starting to struggle

by Chris Seper

Not everybody had a good Christmas break. Especially the West Chicago wrestling team.

On December 30, a sickness laden wres-

tling team lost to Bremen 35-27 and Wau-bonsie 36-21. These two losses continued the skid the wrestling team has been on as of late.



Israel Castro grapples with his Wheaton North opponent. Castro won here and took first at the Homewood Flossmoor Invitational. (Photo by Rachel Sedlacek)

Even before the meet, the Cats knew they were at a disadvantage. They were forfeiting two weight classes, 130 and 189. With two forfeits, the Cats gave 12 points to both of their opponents.

Plus, the Castro brothers, Israel and Maurilleo, along with many others had been suffering from the flu and would be wrestling at a sub-par level.

Against Waubonsie, the Wildcats came out strong. Out of the first five matches, the Cats won four. Despite the forfeit at 130, the cats were holding onto a three-point lead.

But sickness and forfeits caught up with them. Waubonsie, whose only loss was to undefeated Naperville North, took four out of the last six bouts. That, coupled with the forfeit at 189, gave them the victory.

Against Bremen, the wins were fewer and more far between. The Cats won five matches out of the 11 wrestled. Out of the five, however, four were pins. But with the forfeits, the Wildcats were unable to come within striking distance of Bremen.

Although the team didn't shine this meet, some individuals did. Israel Castro at

103, John Jakubowski at 119, Doug Bruser at 152 and Joe Oliver at heavy-weight were all victorious in the two matches.

Forfeits have been a main problem for the Wildcats during the season. At a meet against Glenbard North, the Cats were forced to give up 24 points in forfeits.

"We're struggling," Hein said. "But we knew we would be. We don't have enough depth and we've got some weak spots."

In almost every meet this year, the Wildcats have given up at least one forfeit. Sophomore Aaron Owens, who was the pre-season choice for varsity at 130, has had to wrestle junior varsity due to knee surgery at the start of the season.

At the higher weights of 160 and 171, both wrestlers are wrestling at least 10 pounds over their actual weight.

But the problem of depth seems to be worsening, according to Hein.

"We have a nucleus of kids that are giving us what they've got," Hein said. "We have other kids, mostly JV (junior varsity) and freshmen, who haven't been coming to practice for one reason or another."

# Invulnerable swim team?

by Chris Seper

After losing once to Marmion, will swimming now go unbeaten? That's the opinion of Coach Denise Sahly.

"We should be able to win most or the rest of our meets," Sahly said. Sahly said that although Streamwood may be tough, the hardest is now over. "Marmion and Benet are the two toughest teams we face."

At a meet December 2, the Wildcats swam against Benet and East Aurora, the Cats beat them both. The Wildcats scored 114.5 to Benet's 111.5 and East's 19.

Junior T.J. Weigand's time in the 100 breast stroke was one second away from state qualifying time.

"He's doing good," Sahly said of Weigand. "He worked hard over the break and put in some extra practices." Sahly said that all Weigand really needs now is some competition.

"He's a very competitive person," Sahly said. "He always wants first. He still tries, but I know he'd have a better time if somebody was near his time."

Sahly said that a key to winning this season will be competing in triangular

meets against the really strong teams.

Triangular meets differ from dual meets in that not as many swimmers are required.

"I have the quality but I just don't have the quantity," Sahly said.

Sahly is also trying something new in her lineup. Darren Suess, the usual distance swimmer, has converted to sprint. Sahly said that there may be a slim chance of seeing him at state.

## Home Sports Schedule and Playoffs

### Boys' basketball

Jan. 19	Glenbard South	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	Naperville North	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 3	Naperville Central	7:30 p.m.

### Ladies' basketball

Jan. 18	Naperville Central	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 20	Glenbard North	1:30 p.m.
Feb. 1	Wheaton Central	6 p.m.
	(Sr. Parents Night)	
Feb. 5-9	Regionals	TBA

### Boys' swimming

Jan. 30	Crystal Lake So., Larkin	5 p.m.
	(Sr. Parents Night)	

### Wrestling

Feb. 2-3	Regionals	TBA
Feb. 6	Team Regionals	TBA

## WILDCAT SPORTS TRIVIA

How many divers have made all-state and who are they? (Answer on page seven)