

# The Bridge

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## Student Council actions are mystery to students

by Brian York

"Student Council doesn't do anything. I hardly know we have a Student Council," commented senior Dave Zeisler about the productivity of WCCHS's council.

However bewildered, Zeisler is one of the many misinformed or not informed students. "Everyone thinks that Student Council doesn't do anything; they're wrong," Executive Board Student Council President Senior Kim LaBelle said concerning the activity of student council. Part of the reason people think that Student Council does nothing is the fact that the Student Council notes are rarely hung in every class. According to Executive Board Secretary Senior Sarah Ognie, "I put the Student Council notes in every teachers' box and just watch them throw them away."

The list of activities that Student Council does goes beyond the knowledge of the student body. For example, Student Council buys art for the school every year and they adopt a family, buying things that the family needs including leisure items. Student Council is also in charge of "Candygrams." Homecoming is another activity that Student Council heads.

Student Council is here to help with student activities, and help the students. However, LaBelle says, "There are a lot of problems that Student Council can't solve. People turn away from us, but a lot of the problems are too complex for us to solve."

Whose fault is it that Student Council is looked on so badly? "It makes me mad when I hear that Student Council does nothing, but part of that is our fault. We don't go around announcing the things we do on the announcements," explained Executive Board Vice President Senior Erika Noble.

"A majority of the time, things don't get done in Student Council because people in Student Council say that they are going to do something and then don't do it," stated Ognie. According to LaBelle, new council members don't want to participate. However, she said that they are getting more aggressive.

When Zeisler found out all the things that Student Council does, he took back his previous statement. "I didn't know Student Council did all this stuff," Zeisler commented. He continued, "If we only knew what Student Council did, we could safely say, they're doing a good job."

## Thespians honored at Illinois Theater Festival

by Chris Seper

Two of the four one-act plays presented during WCCHS's fall play An Evening of One Acts were honored January 6 by performing them at the Illinois State Theater Festival at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.

If Men Played Cards as Women Do and Adam's Apple were the two works performed. Directed by Mary Hafertepe, the showcase performance was shown twice on Saturday. The shows, both dealing with battle of the sexes and roles of men and women today, competed for this honor along with the entire state of Illinois. West Chicago was one of nine troops that performed a showcase production. A showcase production is any performance that is less than an hour and one half long. Feature performances were full-length plays over the one and one half hour time limit.

Freshman Rich Clark played Bob, junior Brian Gall was Mark, sophomore Ned Miller and Senior Dave Vish alternated a performance as George and senior Andy Runyan finished off the cast as John in If Men Played Cards as Women Do. Sophomore Brian Theus, the original George, was unable to make the trip.

"I found it very exciting putting on the show for an audience not from the school," Runyan said. "It makes it special because they've never seen it and they don't know who I am."

In Adam's Apple, senior Matt Phillips played the lead as Adam, senior Lori Schuermann



Matt Phillips portrayed the lead role of Adam and Amy Brigowatz was a student in the play Adam's Apple, one of two WCCHS plays performed at the Illinois Theater Festival. (photo by Gina Lipscomb)

played Jocko, junior Jessica Bridge played the school teacher, senior Bonnie Croyl played the psychologist, senior Amy Schultze played the stage manager, senior Alex Ballines was Male Femme, junior Jeanine Bachman, freshman Rachel Owens, senior Sarah Rohr and junior Carla Sosulski were punks, senior Amy Brigowatz, freshman Jenny Johnson, senior John Kufer, junior Janice Mies and senior Sasha Vuillaume were school children and senior Amy Lindstrand was Femme.

"I think everybody at the festival was under extra pressure because we knew we were performing for actors," Phillips said. "But that translated into our best performance ever." In this play, all men were forced into a roll reversal-wearing dresses and facing attitudes felt by women today.

After the second play, the audience was able to have a question and answer session with the casts of both plays-asking questions on how it felt to act out these altered roles and how it has affected their thinking.

After the performances, Hafertepe was presented a plaque commemorating the group's visit and performances downstate.

The trip was sponsored by the WCCHS chapter of Thespians and had a total of 35 performers and thespians attend. The festival itself was a combination of the state's top plays as well as workshops on anything from stage combat, improvisation and relaxation before performances. The festival concluded with the performance of the all-state production Mother Hicks.

## Youth given own hang-out

by Margaret Walen

West Chicago junior high and high school youth now have a place of their own—a youth center.

The youth center is opened on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 9 p.m. and Saturdays from 6 to 10 p.m. at the West Chicago Baptist Church.

The idea for the youth center started with Cornerstone Life Remax said Chuck Pheneger. The real estate agency contacted a group of concerned citizens and formed a committee of 10-15 people. "There is also a group of students from Wheaton Christian who wanted an outreach in West Chicago," committee member Pheneger said.

Activities for the teenagers will include basketball, ping-pong, volleyball and possibly floor hockey. There will also be quiet rooms available for studying, rooms for Bible studies and people to talk to.

Pheneger said the youth center is there to reach out to kids. "There seems to be a need-

a lot of boredom. It's a place to go for organized activities," he explained.

There is a group of high school and college students working as volunteers at the youth center. The volunteers have gone through training to keep the operation running smoothly. They will design and run activities.

"I'm very excited. It's needed and I hope we can reach out to make kids feel wanted. We'd like kids to drop by and just see if it's for them," Pheneger said.

The West Chicago Baptist is located at 464 Ann St.

## Inkspots

We-go dancers a success

The 1990-1991 Dance Production presented Dance Unlimited on January 17 and 18 in Weyrauch Auditorium.

## Breakfast added to menu

by Christine Pomeroy

"I think the breakfast program will be good for the kids who don't get to eat," cafeteria manager Alice Tinnes said.

On January 9, from 7:15-7:45 a.m., the cafeteria began serving breakfast consisting of cereal, milk, orange juice, danish, muffins and fruit. "Our proposal is to offer a nutritious breakfast. It has to be something easily put out," Superintendent Richard Kamm said.

Senior Jami Croson suggested this idea to Kamm during an American Government class in October. Croson said that she got the idea from visiting Wheaton Central. "I'm glad

there's going to be one and I hope everyone enjoys it," Croson said. Since Kamm liked the idea, the School Board then approved of it and the breakfast program went into effect after Christmas vacation on a trial basis.

Tinnes said that the idea will be great if there is a real need. "Breakfast is an important meal and there is a need for it to keep kids healthy. That's our goal," Tinnes said. She thinks that there will be extra work, but likes the idea of breakfast being served and "having the kids eat something nutritious." After the first day, Tinnes said she thought the breakfast went well.

## Winter play comes February

The winter play, **Fools**, will be performed at 7:30 p.m. on February 14, 15 and 16 in Weyrauch Auditorium. The cost will be \$2 for students and \$3 for adults.

## Variety show needs talent

FLA variety show tryouts will be on Friday, January 25 and Monday, January 28. See Donald Zabelin in room 302 for further information.

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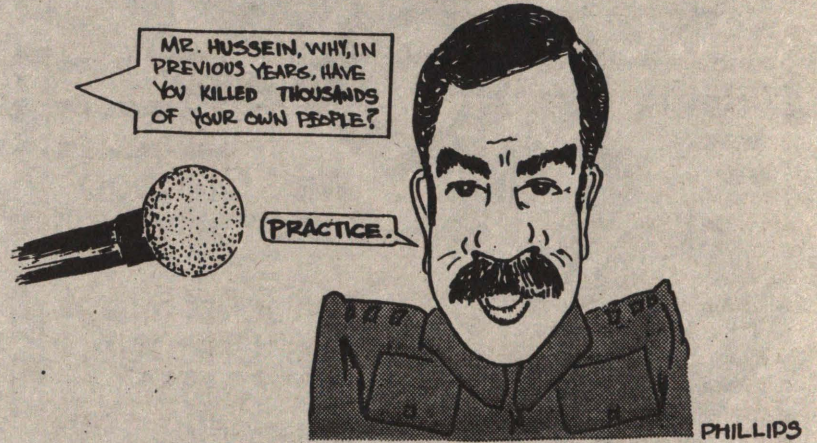
## Could the draft be back?

"Let's kick his — and get it over with," said Air Force Staff Sgt. Rich Galloway of Goldsboro North Carolina. That is only one of the opinions expressed by people toward Saddam Hussein. If we do go and "kick his —," will there be a draft?

At the age of 18, all men are required to register with the Selective Services Bureau. If called to duty they must go to war and kill for their country. The government is taking children and putting them in a war when they haven't even experienced life itself yet. Growing up quickly is something a lot of young men will have to do if there is a draft. So is it right to have the draft?

We have a trained military that is suppose to protect the men and women of our great nation. The troops that have been sent over are being paid with our taxes to serve in our military to protect and honor our country. Do we have to pay our lives as well as our money to honor our country? I can understand dying to protect our country but for oil? Is it really worth dying for oil?

Saddam Hussein obviously thought so on December 25, 1990 when he called all able bodied men of 17 years of age and older to fight. He started his draft and now if we start ours then our country is just as obsessed as Iraq. Iraq is fighting over a religious belief, we are fighting over money. Is money important enough to take young men's lives?



PHILLIPS

The Bridge editors feel that a draft is unnecessary. We believe that if we are going to fight the war at all, let paid professionals do it, the United States Armed Forces. Being born in the United States should not mean that you must go fight in someone else's war. It just does not strike our minds as being something necessary for this war.

We, the people the United States, are not in danger, Kuwait is. Why have a draft for a war that isn't needed to protect our country?

## The sixties screw up the eighties

by Chris Seper

As I sat around, as I often do, I started to think who was to blame for the mess that the United States is in now?

Who has sent the world into shambles? Look at the pollution, the homeless, budget, the good people being tortured in the ghetto. Who did this to us?

Then it occurred to me. It was the sixties generation.

Them. The "make love not war", "give peace a chance", "change the world enthusiasts that were set out to save the planet with a new brand of care for your fellow man." The group that was never going to grow old.

They grew old; and then sold out.

As I continued to think on, I realized that these rebels of the sixties were the destroyers of the eighties. The people who defied authority are now the corporate lawyers, insider traders, vice-presidents and all other criminals that have found new ways to rape this country and leave the group that this country has all but counted out, that being us, to pick up the pieces.

All the news programs and TV shows say they shudder at the thought of this generation, that lacks in education behind the rest of the

world, taking care of them.

Well it was the rulers of my generation, the ones who grew up in the 60's, that took care of us. They took care of us real good. The sixties morality is dead, long live Thirtysomething. All they are now are a bunch of opportunistic yuppies trying to grab the cash and drink some White Grenache.

Example one. Look at Dan Quayle, the man everyone loves to mock is the first member of the flower-power crowd to enter that high in office. They laugh at him because he got bad grades, dodged the draft, and because he's young.

Wasn't dodging the draft one of the highest forms of honor in the hippie hype? Whatever happened to the fear of getting old (i.e. The Who's My Generation)? Not only did the 60's sell us out, but they've turned hypocrite on their own. A draft dodger and a youth, a hero in 1960, is now shunned by his own.

I guess they only burned draft cards for warmth back then. Now, they need oil, so they send us over to Kuwait to do their dirty work. It's not their lives anymore, so why

should they care?

Example two. What is the look of the new corporate executive? Young, do whatever it takes, a shark ready to pounce on the weak, always work hard with never a second of relaxation. The sixties mold, eh?

Whatever happened to going on the road? Enjoying the world around us? I guess you can only do that when you're young.

Well I've not news for you, we can't even do that. The sixties have set it up so well that if we don't go to the right college and get the good grades from grade one on we're doomed. Kids three years old are being sent to school to get a jump on the others so he won't fall behind. Who are the parents of these kids? The big 6-0 strikes again.

Flower power has worked pretty well, considering that the first Earth Day participants are now contributing to the worst pollution problem in the history of the world. No materialism seen in that generation.

Now after this if you feel like coming up to me and say, "They all grew up. Now they're in the real world." Well,

all I can say back is why? Why did they have to captivate the world? Why did they have to announce they're morality to me and the rest of the earth—saying they're going to make it a better world for me, and the kids younger than me. Their children?

If they had to grow up, why have they taken me and the countless others who now have no greater focus that to work hard and never stop for the rest of their lives? Why did they lie to a whole world, promising so much and delivering so little?

The sixties sold out. They lied and they stole people's childhoods away. Now they scorn us, my generation, and say that we give the U.S.A. so little hope of a good future.

Maybe a generation that gives so little hope will save the country. But even if we don't, at least we won't be lying. At least we won't sell out.

## Letters to the editor

### Explanation from the announcers

Dear Mr. Kosek's second hour English class,

Thank you so much for your thoughtful suggestions regarding the student announcements. It is heart warming to know that people are willing to take time out of their busy schedule to find ways that someone else can do their job more efficiently. It is so generous, that it would be unfair to only allow you to share your thoughts, and not give you a chance to put these ideas to work. So therefore, as a token of my appreciation, I would like to invite a member of your class, a student or even Mr. Kosek himself, (you decide,) to be a "guest" student announcer. It can be any day of your choice, provided it is a day I normally do, for I can only offer time which is my own. And also, provided Mrs. Sweder and myself are notified, so that we may properly welcome you. I feel this is the least I can do, considering all you have done for me. I personally will be awaiting your voice with an open mic, and a smile on my face.

With Deepest Sincerity,  
Your Ever-Grateful Student Announcer:  
Matt Moran

To Mr. Kosek's Second Hour English Class

I appreciate your list of suggestions since I was hoping I'd receive some.

It's fairly difficult trying to think of ways to get out of the rut of "Good Morning and welcome to your Student Announcements for \_\_\_\_\_" and "these have been your S.A., have a good day." After hearing this for three years, it becomes quite monotonous. I need to think of the people who are listening to these announcements. Some of the things I'd like to open and close with are acceptable to the students, but not the teachers or administration, and vice-versa.

I really liked the music suggestions and especially the one on having different music for different days. I will try to talk slower as well.

We unfortunately can't have students from different classes read the announcements. When I was a freshman, I went to Mr. Highland and asked if I could do the announcements, but it was only for seniors.

Sincerely,  
Sara Rohr

### Another video Flashback

I don't understand why so many people are against the video yearbook.

The people who wrote the article stating the video yearbook was a bad idea were concerned that not everyone will get a chance to be in the video. Those who want to be sure their face is on the tape will have an opportunity sometime in the near future. Time will be set aside so people can say a little something to be recorded on film.

No, the video yearbook cannot be signed, but that is why we still have the normal yearbook. I find nothing dumb in buying the Flashback. As I said in my article, Scott Grenke is a talented movie producer, and I am positive he will turn out an original and exciting video.

I know that in order to squeeze in as many students as possible in one hour, most faces will be on the screen for no more than a few seconds. Then again, most people in the Challenge get only one or two photos, and their faces aren't always very clear.

I know I'm not going to change the minds of those dead-set against the video yearbook, but I hope I have somewhat cleared up the fact that Flashback will not replace Challenge.

Sincerely,  
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## The last exchange to WCCCHS

by Brian York

Since the beginning of the school year, the **Bridge** Features page has been invaded by foreign exchange students. Finally, last, Anna Maria Delatorre, from Columbia, has the honor of being the last, but not the least, of those personality profiles.

Delatorre is a 17 year old senior who is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Oelslager for the duration of the school year.

Delatorre enjoys swimming and dancing (Salsa and Merengue). Her favorite classes in America include Math, Choir, English, PE, and especially Ceramics.

"They dance different" Delatorre said about Americans. "The food is also different," she continued. However, Columbian and American customs aren't all that different. Delatorre said that birthdays and Christmas are very similar. Also Columbia has the same type of music that America



Delatorre loves school in America. (photo by Gina Lipscomb)

has. "American Top 40", Debbie Gibson, Gloria Estafan, and Tiffany are among her favorites, not excluding most rap.

Ajiaco, sancocho de chicken. No it wasn't a misprint. Those are some of Delatorre's favorite Columbian dishes. They are soups of Columbia

containing plantain and chicken. Her favorite American foods are french fries, muffins, pizza, rice, and corn.

Football and soccer are different in America according to Delatorre. Football is almost nonexistent and soccer consists of two halves of 45 minutes. Her favorite sports hero is one that many Americans admire....Michael Jordan.

One thing that Delatorre likes about Americans is "the joy, I like the way people are happy," exclaimed Delatorre. She also said that she likes the people and customs a lot too.

You may not see Anna Maria this month, you may not even see her all year, I had a hard time finding her. However, if you have the chance to meet with her and talk with her about her country (translator optional, but recommended), she will serve for a very interesting conversation.

## Like parent, like child?

by Sue Stajduher

Are parents raising us O.K.? Senior Alex Ballinas feels, "yes, they have shown me the right pattern to follow in life."

Ballinas feels that though his parents point out what is right and what is wrong, he still has the right to make his own decisions.

Senior Gayle Hoffman feels that once she gets the chance to be a parent, she will probably be stricter. "I'll watch my children's friends closer because friends help to create your attitude and values."

"I hope I turn out like my parents because they're so easy going. I will probably give my kids more freedom and I hope I'll be able to trust them more," stated senior Laurie Davidson.

Hoffman added, "My parents instilled their values in me from an early age. This helps give life a direction. My parents have been such good role models for me. My parents really helped me find out what I want to do with my life."

Davidson feels that the future will bring problems for some parents because they are losing control. "Kids today are much more independent."

Ballinas felt he would like to be like his parents, but hopes to make a better future for himself by going to college.

Junior Michelle Sters said, "I hope to eventually be working in a childcare center and get the chance to share the values my parents gave me with them (the children)."

Sophomore Betty Stanials feels that her parents are not only role models, but are there for her whenever she needs them.

"My mom cares for me so much and as a result she protects me a lot" stated sophomore Pam Toner along the same line. "My mom has taught me the basic values of life."

"Parents do have an effect on our values and beliefs. Some people may not agree with their parents styles but everyone uses the influence in their lives," stated Junior Monica Mende.

## Students have fun coaching

by Nicole Horyn

"I was worried about getting respect, but now it appears I have."

This is what senior Kurt Gulbro says about coaching freshman girl's basketball. Along with Gulbro, seniors Kim Aigner and Sharon Volpe are involved in coaching. They coach basketball cheerleading at Winfield Junior High.

For Gulbro, practice is every day after school until 6 pm, and he must attend every game wherever they are played. But for Aigner and Volpe, practice is every Monday and Wednesday from 4-5:30 pm. They also must attend the basketball games which are on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Gulbro started coaching last year because the assistant coach stopped. So freshman Head Coach, Paul McLeland, needed help. At practice, Gulbro analyzes their plays and a lot of times, goes through the drills with them. Gulbro must do what McLeland wants though since he is still in charge.

For Aigner and Volpe, the practices are different. What they do is teach the girls cheers, sideline floor cheers, mounts and double stunts. They both attended clinics, helped the girls with tryout cheers, and judged them. They started coaching at the beginning of November and are still doing it. They became involved when Mrs. Evens, who is in charge of the sports program at the school, asked them to help. Aigner coaches the eighth grade girls and Volpe coaches the seventh graders.

All three have experience in the sport they coach. Gulbro has played basketball in seventh and eighth grade as well as his freshman and sophomore years. Aigner has been a cheerleader in junior high and was a football and basketball cheerleader her sophomore, junior, and senior years. Volpe was a cheerleader in junior high and a member of the basketball cheering squad sophomore year and a member of the football cheering squad her sophomore, junior and senior years.

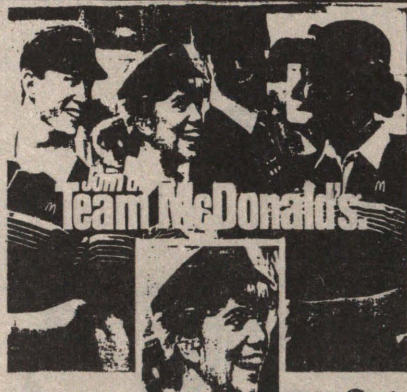
When starting out as a coach, Gulbro said he did have doubts about succeeding. "I wasn't sure how they'd react since I was a student." Now Gulbro's feelings have changed. He feels it is rewarding because of the people he is working with. "It's not so much teaching them, but making progress and turning them into varsity players."

Both Aigner and Volpe find coaching rewarding too. Aigner feels, "the girls are cool and they listen to us. They like us." She thinks it is fun and the girls are very cooperative. Volpe finds it to be fun too. "When you help them, it makes them look up to you." She feels a sense of accomplishment when the parents tell them how good their daughters look.

As for a future in coaching? Gulbro says he would like to continue, but he likes playing more. Aigner has a similar opinion. Although she likes to coach, she likes to cheer more. Volpe likes both the same and would like to continue coaching.

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## Top 10 titles to strive for

by Matt Phillips

Do we have enough people of the week? Of course not!!

10. Random passer-by of the week
9. Hat wearer (with the intent of disrupting class) of the week
8. Unique geek freak of the week
7. Elvis look-a-like of the week
6. Accidental used gum finder of the week
5. Heimlick receiver of the week
4. Cool Bridge editor of the week
3. Wounded athlete of the week
2. Pool hairball observer of the week
1. Person of the week of the week

# Mixed emotions over possible war

## War crisis hits home

by Alicia Garceau

With the threat of a war looming over the United States, one area resident is preparing to join his fellow Americans in Saudi Arabia.

Andrew Welden (1989 graduate of Glenbard West), enlisted because he believes strongly in the cause, though he said, "I know my views are not necessarily shared by others."

If war occurs, it is predicted to last six months and many people feel that it will be another Vietnam. Welden disagrees with that assumption. He explained, "The Persian Gulf Crisis is completely different from Vietnam. There is no jungle to fight in, so technology will make all the difference. Iraq has no major military power backing them, they are completely alone." The United States government has also said that there is no need for a draft and no one (draft) will be issued.

**"It really scares me that Saddam Hussein could have nuclear capabilities."**

Unlike the Vietnam war, U.S. citizens are showing a great deal of support for the American soldiers in the Middle East. In DuPage county many support groups for the families of U.S. soldiers have formed. Welden hopes this support continues. "I believe strongly in what I'm doing and it's very hard when friends say, 'So Andy, I heard you're going to become a baby killer.'"

Welden, who is scheduled to leave for basic training on January 24, will be required to parachute out of a plane and operate an anti-aircraft and anti-armor vehicle. Although it will take two months for Welden to complete basic training, he said that he couldn't just sit by and watch it all happen. "It really scares me that Saddam Hussein could have nuclear capabilities. I had to enlist."

Welden's parents are very proud of their son's decision, although his mother is worried for his safety. Typically, Welden's younger brother is anxious to get the bedroom they share all to himself, but his 13-year old sister, Beth, did not make light of the situation. She said, "It's not that I don't think he should go. I just don't want him to leave."



This picture was taken in Saudi Arabia by one of our own soldiers taking part in Operation Desert Shield.

## Enlistment down due to threat of war

by Elisa Bianacalana

Will the threat of war in the Persian Gulf change your mind about enlisting?

Every year many people enlist in the Air Force, the Army, the Marines, and the Navy. Gaylean Johnson, Public Affairs Specialist for the Army Chicago Recruiting Battalion explained, "The majority of people enlisting are high school students needing financial help for their college education." Students enlisting in the army can receive their money from the New Army College Fund and the New GI Bill.

In the past year, from October 1, 1989 to September 30, 1990, over 1600 students from Chicago and Suburban Public Schools enlisted in the army. Since September this number has decreased over 30%. Johnson

said, "The decrease in number has to do with the threat of war in the Persian Gulf but also because of the holiday season. Our recruiters have also had to work harder to get students to enlist in the past two or three months."

Parents seem to be playing a huge roll in the decision of enlisting. Many parents cannot afford to send their child to college, but yet they can't afford to lose them in a war.

Many students would enlist now even with is the threat of war in Iraq. Junior Regina Viscogliosi explained, "I would consider enlisting even if there was a threat of war. All of my relatives were in war and I would want to carry the tradition on." senior John Duval said, "I would consider enlisting in the armed forces because of the money for college that it offers. I wouldn't enlist, though, until everything in the

Persian Gulf was straightened out." senior Sean Newby said, "I applied in the NROTC. I know that if anything happens, by the time I get into active duty, everything will probably straightened out."

On the other hand, many students would not enlist during the threat of war. Junior Sean Power explained, "I wouldn't consider enlisting in the armed force. Who would ever want to go down to Iraq and get their brains blown out in the sand?" Expressing his reasons about not wanting to enlist, Junior Derek Shoepf said, "Are you crazy? There's going to be a war." A freshman said, "Many people don't want to enlist because of wartime."

Although many people don't want to enlist because of a threat of war, there are still many people willing to enlist at a time like this.

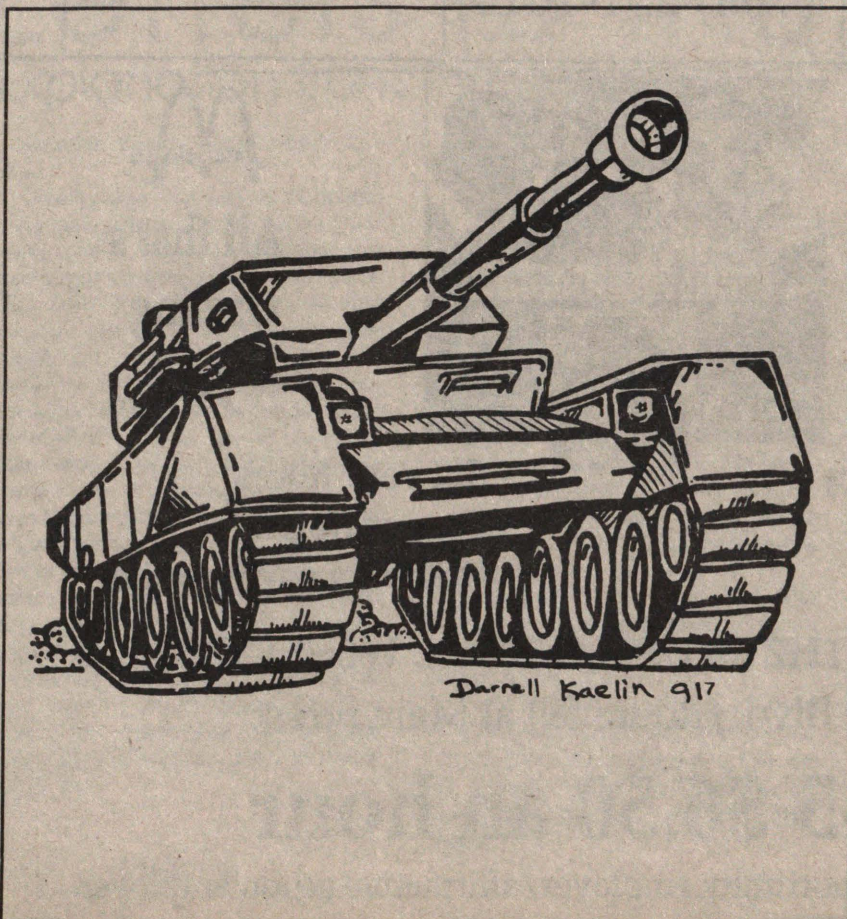
## Operation Desert Shield update...War draws near

by John Prusko

Early last August, Iraqi president Saddam Hussein invaded the small country of Kuwait, Iraq's southern neighboring country. This action has brought forth a multi-national effort to rid Kuwait of Hussein and protect Saudi Arabia from Hussein wanting to move in to surrounding Saudi Arabia.

President Bush started out calling up 60,000 U.S. troops to Saudi Arabia to defend it against the Iraqi troops which Hussein has been building up on the Kuwait-Saudi Arabia border. This calling up of troops is part of Operation Desert Shield. Currently, the U.S. troop total is in excess of 200,000 stationed in the Saudi desert. No force is to be used now until January 15, 1991, the deadline for Iraq to pull out of Kuwait. After that date, the United Nations Security Council has approved the use of force to remove Hussein and his troops from Kuwait.

According to the Chicago Sun-Times earlier last December it was rumored that Hussein will agree to withdraw from Kuwait before the January 15 deadline. On December 7, 1990 the Sun-Times stated "in a letter Hussein requested in a letter for the approval of the foreigners release. This suggests that Hussein knows his decision is likely to heighten pressure on the Bush Administration to pursue a negotiated settlement." This also may clear a way to let Hussein take the back door and enable him to slip out of the Gulf Crisis



unscathed.

The Sun-Times also stated, "It is uncertain how it (Gulf Crisis) will end, Bush administration officials are starting to think about how to deal with Iraq after Hussein and his troops are removed from Kuwait."

As the January 15 deadline approaches, U.S. troops are currently training in the desert to better adapt themselves to the style of desert warfare as well as engaging in war simulations along the border in preparation for a possible shooting war.

**President Bush started calling up 60,000 U.S. troops to Saudi Arabia to defend it against the Iraqi troops which Hussein has been building up on the Kuwait-Saudi Arabia border.**

Hussein has threatened to attack Israel if Iraq is attacked at all.

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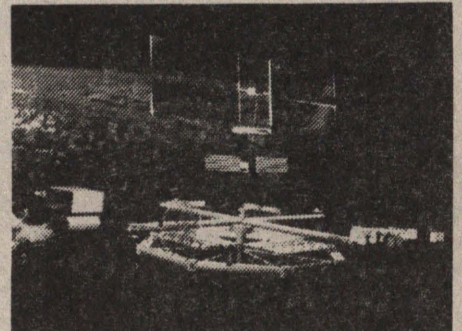
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**Well, basically they spaced out.**



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## Students who give into peer pressure

by Kim Derby

There are drug problems among teens; it is a fact. It is also a fact, though, that there is help.

According to Current Health 5 million teenagers used drugs in 1985. Why? Teen Magazine lists a few simple reasons. One of the major ones is peer pressure. Someone will go out to a party where everyone is getting high. In order to fit in and to avoid being ridiculed, that person does it, too.

Teens are also using drugs to be "cool." Many teenagers want to fit in with the popular people. They consider them "cool." Unfortunately, many of those in the "in crowd" use some sort of drug.

Other teens think drugs are a way to escape. They feel that if they get stoned all their troubles will just go away.

A big problem is that teens don't think of all the side effects and "bad stuff" that will happen to them. Marijuana, coke, crack, and other commonly used drugs can have some dangerous side effects.

The most widespread drug among teenagers is marijuana. This is because it is cheap and readily available. Though pot doesn't have many immediate effects, the long term effects are pretty scary.

Marijuana causes elevated heart rate, breathing, and blood pressure. Yes, these are the same things that occur after doing something strenuous like running, but they are also harmful on those with asthma or heart problems.

In the long run, marijuana is worse on the lungs than tobacco smoke. It greatly increases the chances for lung cancer. It may also impair memory and injure the immune system.

Coke and crack are deadly from the first hit, according to Teen Magazine. One can overdose easily with either one, and both are extremely addictive.

Teen Magazine declares that crack is the worst. It reaches the brain within seconds of being smoked. From the first puff, the user is addicted to the extremely high highs. These feelings of euphoria are followed by crashing lows and they are satisfied only by using more crack.

There are treatment centers for teens whose lives are overcome by drugs. If you or anyone you know has a problem, get them help before they overdose and/or die. For those addicted to cocaine, the number is 1-800-cocaine. For drugs other than coke, call 1-800-622-4357.



## Is being Home Alone really fun or just Misery?

by Brian York



**Home Alone** is a movie with heart, style, and class.

When first seeing advertisements for **Home Alone**, it seemed to me that producers were looking for any way to make a quick buck. This movie seemed to be original, but unrealistic. But I began thinking; for unreality, I go to the movies, if I wanted real I just go outside to my boring life. That's what **Home Alone** is not: boring.

I think part of the reason why I liked **Home Alone** was the main character, Kevin. Kevin is played by Macaulay Culkin (Uncle Buck). Kevin is an 8-year old who gets mistakenly left

at home when his family goes on a Christmas vacation to Paris. While Kevin is at home two robbers try to rob his house. "This is my house, I have to defend it." can be heard throughout the halls from Kevin. And defend it he does, putting the viewer and the two robbers in stitches...literally.

**Home Alone** is your basic shoot-em-up gangster action flick without shoot-em-up gangsters. It's an action flick.

**Home Alone** is the type of movie that you take your cousins to if you don't have anything for them to do. Little people like it. Believe me there were enough of them at the movie theater. For this reason alone I recommend you rent the video. There, the only little people are the one's you choose to be there, and they probably won't throw stuff.

by Tanida Suwanaath



Alas! A Stephen King movie which I can be proud of. The horror and suspense of King's bestsellers do not usually make an easy translation from page to screen.

**Misery** weaves the chilling humor of Rob Reiner with the terror and imagination of Stephen King to create the ultimate journey into horror.

The movie begins with romance novelist, Paul Sheldon (James Cann), finishing up his latest novel. He has decided to no longer write about his character Misery Chastain. He retreats to his cabin in an effort to write something else. Later, he returns to his editor (Lauren Bacall) in New York. While heading home, he is caught in a blizzard and flips his car off the snowy road. Sheldon is rescued by

Annie Wilkes (Kathy Bates), his number one fan. She brings him to her home and nurses him back to health. During his stay, she goes to the store to buy his novel and becomes enraged when she finds Misery is dead. She forces Sheldon to write a new novel, **Misery's Return**.

When I arrived at the theater, I crossed my fingers and hoped the movie would be worth my money. My wishes were answered. The chemistry between actors Cann and Bates was amazing. Cann perfectly fits the character of the author crazed by his work, as does Bates of the sugar-coated psychotic.

The camera work was amazing in this film. There were many close ups of small items within the room which added intensity to the movie. **Misery** is a movie that has to be watched more than once. There are too many hidden ironies and puns to really catch the first time. This is one of the few movies that will have you clapping, yelling, and scared

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## French glad to kiss regular season woes goodbye Castro, Sawyer to lead upset-hopeful Wildcats in DVC tourney

by Chris Seper

Bob French's rookie year as head coach for the Wildcat wrestling team has not been a pretty one. But the former Wildcat heavyweight is hoping to make a lasting impression in the DuPage Valley Conference tournament Friday.

"People are going to come in and look at our points standing and see our finish (1-7 in DVC) and take us for granted," French said. "We're looking to be a heck of a lot more respectable at conference." The French philosophy is simple—the more times his high caliber grapplers wrestle, the more points they're going to get.

"We seem to be a better tourney team than a dual meet team," French observed. "We've got individuals who are decent. If you get three or four placewinners, you're going to finish high."

At 103 pounds, sophomore state-hopeful Israel Castro will lead the charge along with 112-pound junior Mauriceo Hernandez, 160-pound senior Jason Nourie, 140-pound junior Aaron Owens and fellow state-hopeful Doug Sawyer in a bid to give the Cats some year-end respectability.

"He should have the DVC without any problem," French said of last year's 103-pound DVC runner up. "Mauriceo should place in the top three, Doug should take the DVC, Aaron should be a placewinner and Jason Nourie, if he turns it on, could be a placewinner."

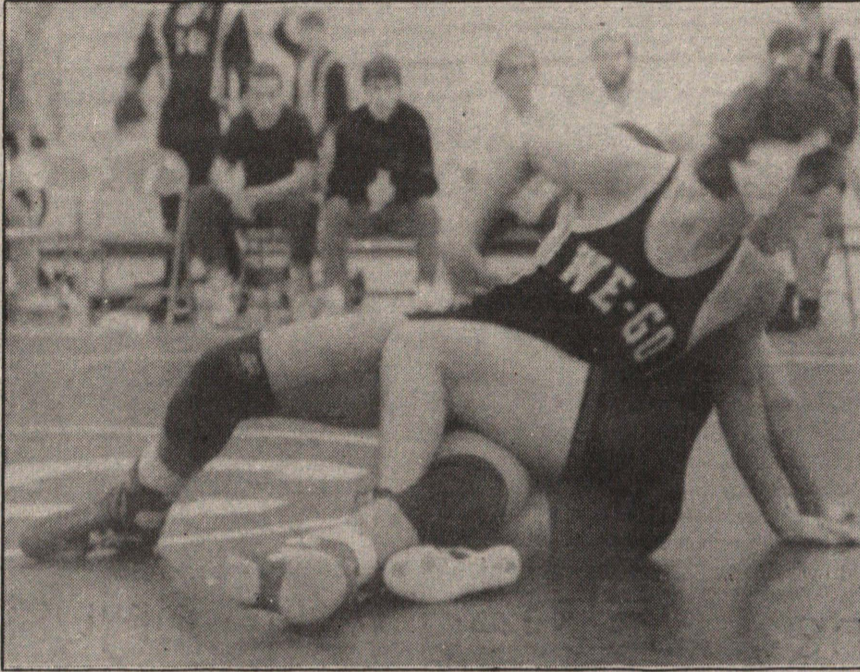
The 28-2 Castro has won two tournaments and Nourie has conquered one. Castro went undefeated in conference competition as did Sawyer until a neck injury sidelined the 145-pounder until two weeks ago. Hernandez has had only one loss at the DVC's 112-pound level, as well as a second and third-place finish in a pair of tournaments.

But question marks have been raised over Owens and Sawyer, who have been forced to

sit out two weeks and six weeks respectively during the season with injuries that just finished healing. Along with the injury already sustained by Owens, he suffered a separated shoulder against Wheaton North possibly sidelining him from the DVC tourney.

his only problem since recovering from the ankle sprain.

Despite the Cats' five top-three chances, the team must overcome the five forfeits they have been giving up all year. To combat this, French will be bringing up some talented



Junior Aaron Owens was one of five Wildcat wrestlers that have a shot at a top three finish at the DuPage Valley Tournament. But a separated shoulder could sideline him from Friday's tourney. (photo by Chris Seper)

"He's been running," French said of Sawyer, who suffered a herniated disk and a concussion. "Conditioningwise he's in shape without any problem. Wrestling knowledge—Doug knows all the moves—it's a matter of fine tuning them. The skills are pretty honed already." If Owens returns, mobility could be

sophomores he had opted to keep at their own level.

"We'll probably bring 11 wrestlers (to the DVC meet)," French said. "We'll have holes at 125 and 130 and fill everything else." Names like Carlos Ayala, Dan Cadena and Rich Marmelejo, underclassmen who have spent

most of their time pounding sophomore competition, may grab slots in the DVC showdown.

"We're just trying to keep them down at their own level," the Cat coach went on about his move that kept the talented underclassmen down. "For the most part our sophomores have been pretty successful at their own level." But it was the numerous forfeits due to the inexperience and injuries that started the Cat team down and kept them there the entire season—something French doesn't see in the future.

"Next year, we're going to be a tough wrestling team," French predicted. "The year after we're going to be real tough. They (fresh/soph) are getting good experience, and that's helping their confidence."

"This is the most injuries I've ever seen," French went on about the six varsity injuries this year. "All were at about the same time. You'd get one guy back and lose another."

Christmas break seemed to be the all-time low for the Cats. Wrestlers left town for vacation while lightweight stars Castro and Hernandez were each overweight. Owens joined Sawyer on the sidelines at this time while 171-pound senior Val Graczyk injured his elbow. Even French was hit with an injury of sorts, coming down with double pneumonia.

"That's notorious at West Chicago," French said of the hard-luck holiday season. "I've always said if it weren't for bad luck I'd have no luck at all." Despite a hard record of 3-15, French said he saw improvement the entire season.

"I think our improvement was still there (in the second half) but it was not coming as quick as the first part of the season," he observed. "We wrestled such tough competition." The DVC's four state ranked teams were an obstacle during the season, as they will be Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Naperville Central.

## Small lineup sends Cat swimmers reeling

by Chris Seper

A coach knows the team is in trouble when he can count the number of players he has on his fingers.

That has been the case for the Wildcat swim team, that saw eight of its 16 members out of action, causing them to lose their first five meets.

"Eight were ineligible," explained Wildcat Coach Dan Johnson. "It was (due to) grades, coming out late, disciplinary violations or school code violations." Only on January 15 did Johnson get 14 swimmers back in the water.

"It's starting to come around," Johnson went on. "We were third out of six teams at the Riverside Brookfield Invitational. We're getting everyone back and times are getting better. We're able to fill a varsity lineup. With the numbers the same, we have a chance now to stay with teams in other meets."

"You can't win an event if you can't fill the events," Johnson said.

The Cats state-qualifier, senior breaststroker T.J. Weigand was the only Cat who has enjoyed unrivaled success. Weigand has continued his regular season undefeated streak from last year—touching the wall first in every meet this year in the 100-yard breaststroke.

"Everyone's trying hard and giving 100 percent," Weigand said of the rest of the small squad. "People can't get ineligible and swim." Weigand finds himself about on track for breaking the one minute mark in the 100-breast, now at 1:03.07.

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Coaches Bob French, Ron Hansen, Bob Owens, Bill Recchia and Debbie Sherriff attended WCCHS,



Senior state qualifier T.J. Weigand is one of only eighth swimmers that have been at the first five swim meets of the year. (photo by Gina Lipscomb)

## In the oven A word on school spirit

by Chris Seper

The almost whine-like cries about school spirit have again begun to deafen the ears of WCCHS. The wave of sweatshirts that say "Just do it! Wildcats!", the assemblies and the decorated lockers are not enough. The people want more!

So for these "spiritual activists" clamoring for more Wildcat Pride, here are a few suggestions to help out our mysterious missing school spirit.

Burn-a-band-member day. At the next assembly, one lucky band member will go down in a fantastic blue flame!

Cologne day. Everyone comes to school with the Booster Club's "Ode de Wildcat." The school makes a bundle and the school spirit is so thick you can smell it!

Get you hair cut like your favorite athlete day. This one is self explanatory.

Climb the Memorial Field light pole contest. The first to get to the top wins a six-foot tall poster of the Wildcat mascot.

Administration fan day. Cheer like the administration wants you to cheer. Don't forget to pat the other team on the back before and after the game.

Freshmen sacrifices at assemblies. Dress our newest Wildcats in the jacket of the opposing team and vent all your frustration.

The Bridge swimsuit issue. If these ideas don't appeal, how about a few more that are a little easier to do...

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Cheer at games.  
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## Boys', girls' hoopsters hurt by injuries to key guards

### Cats winless without senior star on sidelines

by Jon Turkot

Everything was going smoothly for the boys' basketball team. They had just evened out their record on the way up and senior guard Gary Barnes was on his way to all-area honors.

The Wildcat basketball team has dropped a level since the loss of their leading scorer, Barnes. Barnes, one of the area's as well as the state's leading scorers with 22.7 points a game, broke his arm during a matchup against Naperville Central.

"We'll just have to play without him," Wildcat coach Lee Maciejewski said. "We have to play hard and not try to be something we're not." Barnes was shooting 47 percent from the three-point line and lead the area with 32 three-pointers.

Since the loss of Barnes, the Wildcat team has dropped eighth in a row, including two conference losses to DuPage Valley Conference leader Glenbard North and last place Wheaton North. Some might say the Wildcats have experienced a let down, but Maciejewski denies it.

"We didn't experience a let down nor did we go flat," he said. "We played hard and didn't give up."

The most disappointing part of the season so far to the Wildcat head coach was the last place finish in the eight-team Waubonsie Christmas Tournament. The Wildcat hoopsters went into the tournament seeded fourth.

"Overall I was disappointed," Maciejewski said. "We played not to lose instead of to win."

Included in the holiday tournament losses was a five-point loss to Wheaton Christian and a double digit defeat to Wheaton-St. Francis—a team who the Cats had beat three weeks earlier with Barnes in the lineup.

But the loss of Barnes has left the door open for the rest of the Wildcat team to catch the spotlight. Senior guard Matt Logan, the Cats second leading scorer with Barnes in is now the Cats leading scorer. Senior point guard Vashon Hayes is now the Cats number one three-point shooter. Those two, along with junior guards Rick Eberman, Gene Shelby and Travaris Sullivan have picked up the slack in the scoring department.

"It's a team effort and everybody has to



Sophomore Shannon Mason proved worthy as Sue Thomas' replacement, canning a three pointer in the final 10 seconds to beat Naperville North. (photo by Chris Seper)

play as a team," Maciejewski said. "There are no individuals." Both Eberman and Sullivan have scored in double digits in a game, with Eberman leading the team against Wheaton North, scoring 15 points and grabbing 10 rebounds.

The team's lack of health has not been limited to the backcourt. Junior forward Matt Ebel was out for the Waubonsie Tournament.

"The loss of Matt hurt us," Maciejewski said. "He was our best rebounder. Getting Matt and Gary back will help."

Ebel has been back for two weeks, but Barnes is still a question mark. According to Barnes he had planned to be back by January 14, but Maciejewski says the return date is still a little tentative.

"It all depends on what the doctor says," Maciejewski said. "It's all up to him."

"When we ask her to come in, she has to do it on the spot," Wallner said. "She seems to be at the right place at the right time."

To Kramer, it's not the individual performances, but the group one that pay off.

"It's all team," she said. "In volleyball and basketball—on defense especially. Everyone is working real hard. If one person isn't doing their job then it ruins it for the whole team."

"There can be leading scorers," Kramer went on. "If one person does something great the whole team wins. But it's a team effort. Everyone has to do it for each other." Past team efforts have produced regional championships in both sports, something that Kramer has been a part of and cherishes greatly.

"That was really exciting," she recalled. "It's something you can't describe."

Right now, after a tough year for the volleyball team, the Lady Cat hoopsters are now experiencing problems. But the Lady Cat forward remains optimistic about the team's chance.

"This year was disappointing," Kramer said about volleyball. "But there's more basketball (left). Ms. Wallner is trying to help us out because she knows we're disappointed."

Although she doubts that there will be anything more than intramural competition when she attends Purdue University, Kramer admitted that she learned some valuable lessons in her respective sports.

"They teach you discipline and effort and it makes you schedule your time. You get to meet people. It taught me that there are people behind me. There's all of us and we're all in it together."

### Lady Cats try to look beyond loss of Thomas

by Tony Standish

The Lady Wildcat basketball season has resembled a roller coaster so far—full of ups and downs and sudden turns. This ride seemed to hit it's lowest dip December 28 when senior point guard Sue Thomas was knocked out for the season. Thomas now sports a cast on her leg due to a sprained ankle.

"Sue definitely helps," Lady Cat Coach Kim Wallner said. "She handles the ball well and is a leader on offense. We must not dwell on the loss of Sue, we can win without her." With Thomas gone, senior Laurie Davidson, sophomore Shannon Mason and junior Jorie Peterson inherit the duties of point guard.

"All three can do the job well," Wallner said. Davidson was a starter before the Thomas injury, and is moved from her position at shooting guard to take Thomas' place.

The Lady Cats are currently 7-8, and have been flirting with the .500 mark all season. The Wildcats seem to be looking forward to the rest of the season and are beginning to get rid of the slaws.

"We are definitely improving," Wallner said.

The Lady Cat defense has been superb, allowing some of the lowest point totals in the DuPage Valley Conference.

"Defense is our work ethic," Wallner said. "We keep most teams under 40 points, and that is crucial in our conference." The offense is where some improvement is needed, and is being taken care of.

"Our defense is excellent," senior forward Heather Jardis said. "But we need to play up to potential on offense." The Wildcat attack is just beneath what its defense allows, dropping in 37 points a game.

Jardis leads the Lady hoopsters with an average of 10 points per game. Davidson averages eight and Mel Benson is good for another seven. All three have had games where their point total has entered the teens.

"If we could have three or four players to get 10 or 12 points per game our offense would surely pick up," Wallner said. "We need to look to take more shots. Heather, Mel, Laurie, Shannon and Jennifer Kramer are all excellent shooters."

Benson leads the team in rebounds averaging seven per game, senior Danielle Potts follows snagging five a contest.

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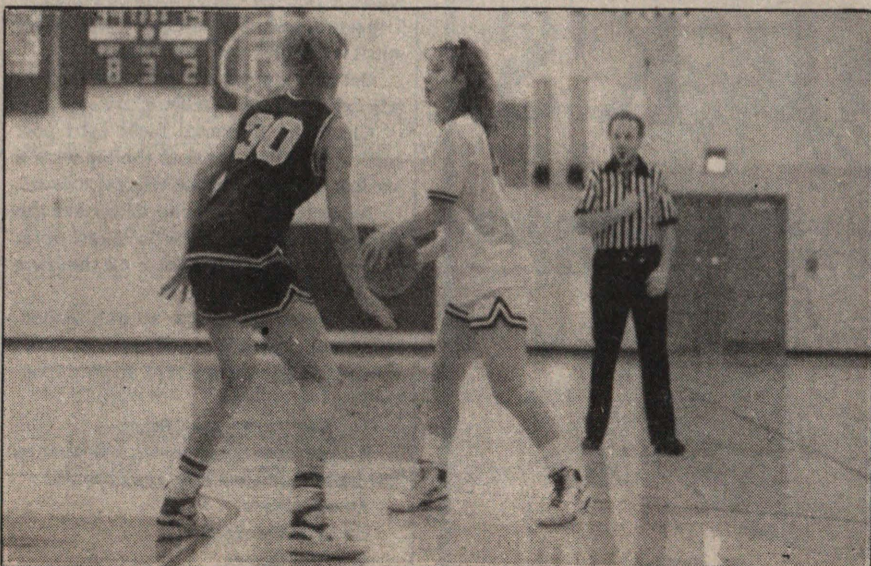
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Jennifer Kramer's play has meant much to the Lady Cat basketball and volleyball programs. (photo by Chris Seper)