

# Chemistry classes average higher

by Janice DiBella

Chemistry classes consist of an average of 20 students. Just one year ago, a chemistry class consisted of eight students. Why so few? Most students dropped out after the first month.

The chemistry classes haven't changed much in the past year, but the rules have. According to Karl Coyner, chemistry teacher, there are fewer drop-outs this year as compared to last year because the prin-

cipal won't let them. Teachers have no say as to whether a student can drop a class. It is the principal's decision. "I have no control over the situation," said Coyner, "and I shouldn't." He feels that his job is to teach the students and the choice to drop-out should be left to the parents, counselors and students. Coyner added that he can recommend a student to drop a class if he or she is failing, but he does not have the final word.

According to Coyner, most students want to drop chemistry because they feel, "The course is too hard." Coyner also thinks chemistry is a hard class but feels that anyone who passed Algebra I can pass chemistry. He also believes that students that want to drop out are usually having trouble because they don't do their homework, don't come in for help, and are not willing to take the time to fully understand the concepts.

Coyner thinks that students are able to understand chemistry better this year than the preceding year. Last year students could re-take any test they did poorly on but this year they can't. This was done because it was thought that students put off their work until the make-up test. They did well in the class without knowing what they were doing. With the new policy, students are forced to keep up with their studies and do well on the tests.

# The Bridge

December 16, 1983

West Chicago Community High School

Volume 13 Number 6

## Christmas comes to Historical Society

by Dr. Jerry Musich

The final exhibit for 1983 at the West Chicago Historical Museum involves antique toys and old ornaments. The museum, located at 132 Main Street, has turned over its entire second floor to this display.

Viewers will see dozens of old dolls, most dating from before 1920. Included are bisque, china head, paper mache, wooden dolls, and an early Madame Alexander doll with a head made of compressed felt. Dozens of other toys are also on exhibit. In addition, the museum's collection of old ornaments decorates the display cases.

These include early pewter ornaments, as well as more than a hundred glass-blown ones.

The final days for the exhibit are December 16 and 17. Visitors are also welcome to tour the museum's permanent exhibits. Hours are 11:00 to 3:00, and admission is free.



## Ink Spots Positions filled

by Julie Dollars

Recently, three positions on the school board were filled.

Before the elections, candidates had things to say. Norma Wienecke stated, "Discipline or lack of it, is the number one problem of the schools today." Joseph Vavrek said, "I believe in the children of our town." Charles Greenberg commented, "Money has to be well spent."

The following were the results:  
Norma Wienecke, 999; Joseph Vavrek, 880; Charles Greenberg, 860; David Geick, 792.

## Opportunities in industry?

While much has recently been written about the technological advances in industry, one of the areas most dramatically affected is a professional field in which few high school students are aware of — manufacturing.

Students choosing to earn a degree in manufacturing find employment at various levels of industrial management, production, product development, and testing and evaluation.

"Coursework in a college-level manufacturing program," explains Dr. Gus Olling, a Professor of Manufacturing at Bradley University in Peoria, "focuses on preparing students to decide which equipment might be used on the product, whether workers can be taught effectively

to use this equipment, and what the tolerances are of various materials."

With the advent of numerically (computer) controlled production processes, robots on assembly lines, and some totally-automated factories in Japan, students with appropriate training can enter industry at an exciting and progressive period in its history.

In manufacturing education today, state-of-the-art technologies in college laboratories play an important part in giving students "hands on" learning experiences.

According to Dr. Olling, "Students today who enjoy and excel in analytical subjects in school, as well as those with an interest in complex machinery and its uses, will find excellent career opportunities in Manufacturing."

## Planning ahead for college

If college finances are on your mind, have you ever thought about a scholarship?

College costs can get to be very expensive, but a scholarship can reduce the cost for you and your parents.

At least 50 or 60 scholarships were given out last year at WCCHS. John DeLap, a guidance counselor, said that it is wise to work on academics in your high school years. He also strongly believes that an academic scholarship is easier to receive than a sports or music award.

You cannot apply for a scholarship until your parents have filled out their 1983 income tax form. Seniors should apply to a few colleges first, then try for a scholarship.

The American College Test (ACT) is required for applying to a college, but some schools will take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) instead. The ACT is given in the spring and the SAT is given in the fall and winter. It is best to take these tests your junior year, so you can apply to colleges as soon as possible your senior year.

You should start thinking about college in your sophomore or junior year to get some ideas. Make an appointment to talk to your counselor about your plans and the tests you will need, in order to apply to a college. "Students should participate," in scholastic programs, said DeLap.

## New nurse takes over

by Jim Austgen

For students who think school is a pain, an important change has taken place. Marian Warner has replaced Carol Krause as the school nurse. The change was caused by a transfer of Krause's husband to Columbus, Ohio.

Warner is a graduate of Northern Illinois University with a degree in Nursing. She has worked at the Children's Unit of the Madden Mental Health Center. She was also the school nurse for the Round Lake area schools.

Adjusting to the new surroundings, she comments, "I am learning about people and my way around school." She also quipped that she is "trying to keep the students from duping me into letting them go home and party."

When asked about her first impression of the school, she said that she was "impressed with the school and the students wanting to stay healthy."

## We-go scores high

by Julie Dollars

WASHINGTON (SPS)—College bound high school students scored an average 18.3 out of a possible 36 points, an all-time low, on the 1982-83 American College Testing Program's entrance examination. The previous year's average was 18.4.

The following is a report regarding the mean scores for District 94 students who took the ACT Test during 1982-83:

Subtest	National Average	District 94 Average
English	17.8	18.0
Math	16.9	19.2
Social Studies	17.1	17.9
Natural Science	20.9	22.1
Composite Score	18.3	19.4

A total of 120 boys and 68 girls took the test.

ACT scores have been declining since 1969. ACT Vice-President Patricia Garland says no one really knows why students' test performance is getting worse, but theories range from the poor quality of teaching in elementary and secondary schools to excessive television watching and a decline in reading.



## Don't forget ...

This year's Christmas Dance will be held on Tuesday, December 20 from 8-11 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Entertainment will be provided by a group of students from the high school working as disc jockeys.

Santa Claus will be present at the dance to add a touch of Christmas spirit to the hearts of students. He will also be available to take pictures with, seated on his lap in a sleigh.

Tickets will be sold at the door \$3 per person, and \$5 per couple. Get into the Christmas spirit and come to the dance, sponsored by the Student Council.

VICA is holding a Christmas Food Drive through December 20. Bring your canned or packaged foods in room 201 between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m., or after school. Your participation is appreciated.

On December 20, the next drama production, *The Little Prince*, will be performed in the high school's auditorium at 7:00. There will also be an assembly on December 19.

## Neglecting fire safety

While school is in session the safety of all students is of top priority. It is the responsibility of the administration to ensure that this is so.

Fire safety in some aspects is being neglected by our administration. Fire alarms throughout the school are encased in little glass boxes. They should include hammers to break the glass, although they do not.

Nevertheless, if there was a fire the glass would somehow get broken. The chance of hesitation would be great in the midst of confusion and the school could also be held liable for the personal injury of the person who broke the glass.

If the administration is worried about the hammers being stolen then they should impress upon the students that the penalty for stealing these be as great as actually pulling the alarm. Another answer is to purchase new alarms that would be used properly, unlike the present ones.

Knowing the history of false fire alarm punishments, students who've actually been expelled for activating the devices under false alarm, it would not be difficult to stress any fire safety policy. The administration should seriously consider the purchase of new alarms or properly putting to use the present ones.

## Band given applause

Efforts this year made by the We-go Marching Band deserve due respect. With a contemporary music selection, a respected director, and plenty of student leadership, the band became more evident as the football season passed.

This year's band had a real personality that seemed to be in line with the school attitude. All the hard work and Thursday night practices were well worth the effort. Congratulations on a season well performed.

Letter to the Editor

## Too many in drivers ed.

Dear Editor,

I would like to bring up a subject in this school that has been overlooked by many, although a lot of people have been having problems with. The subject is Driver's Ed. The students who have previously failed are in classes with the students who are enrolled for the first time, which makes the classes too large and de-

lays driving time for all. This problem is not to be blamed totally on the people who have failed, but also poor time consumption and foresight, in which some suffer. If one part of Driver's Ed. is a requirement for graduation, both parts need sufficient planning. The people at West Chicago are suffering for other people's poor planning. What can be done?

Becky Rackmyer

## Kamikaze spirit soars

by Robin Marvin

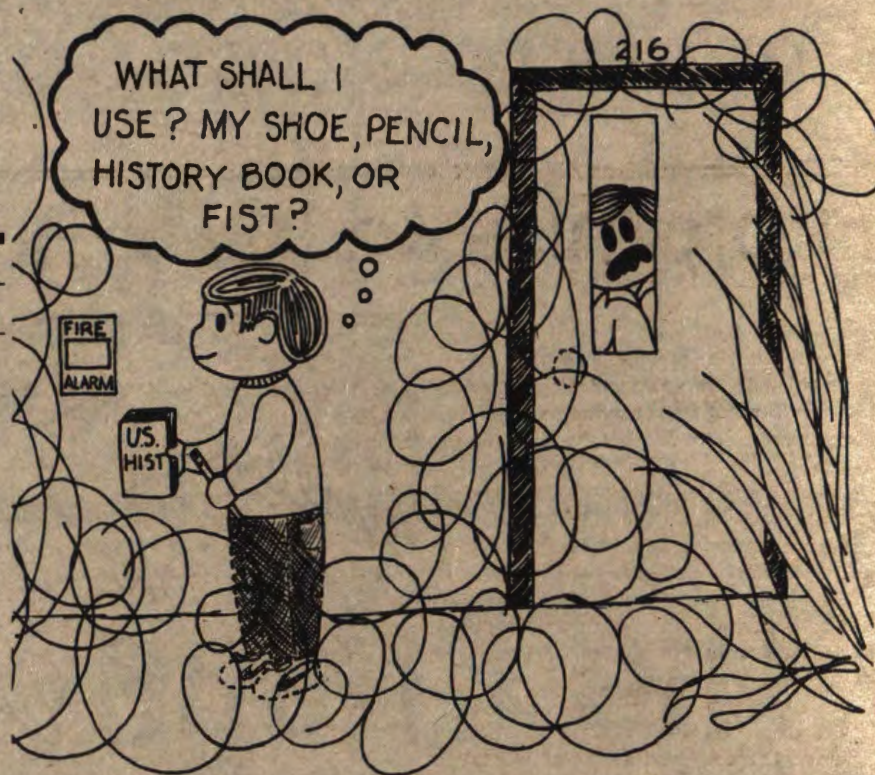
On December 4 the basketball team thanked their supporters in the second hour announcements. Once again the Kamikazes, known relentlessly during basketball season, were out in full force at our first home game. The stands, marred by headbands with undeterminable lingo, were filled with these rather rowdie fans.

The group began last year, partially devised from from a SALT plan. Students in SALT attended various school functions at various schools. This most probably rubbed off on the sector of We-go students and it carried throughout the year. Unclaimed leaders Mark Hoffer and Kyle Lucas returned to the stands this year with even more supporters. At the first game there was a total of 19 headbands, not including one basketball masked man. Various others joined in the crowd later.

Rebounds, fouls, and all scores were cheered by supporters. Hoffer and Steve Bahlman were the first two to lose their voices by leading Wildcat cheers.

This type of behavior is the thing our school has been looking for. Students from every class participated. Mostly seniors they found that they could support a school team, win or lose; generate a spirit, one that caught on; earn respect from others, coaches and parents; all this while having fun themselves.

A warmer indoor climate and less options of things to do because of cold weather make basketball season the best choice for big fan turnouts. The players, some who practice all year for this season, appreciate the support. The spirit and potential is there and so are the kamikazes.



## Class of 84 - a proud past

by Robin Marvin

With all the bad things said about seniors lately it should be about time to remind everyone of the good things the class of 84 has accomplished in its years here.

Their freshman year the class surprised the rest of the school by winning the T-shirt contest during Homecoming week. They also placed second in hall decorating, the tricycle race, and the window painting contest. In sports the frosh-soph teams set all kinds of records. The freshmen gymnastics team placed second in conference. Jim Zak took the second place conference title on the rings and Joe Rodriguez was the conference champion on the pommel horse. Freshman wrestlers were 10-3 overall and Jim Vicker had the most takedowns, escapes, near-falls, falls, most points, and the most wins. Skip Cannavino had the most reversals. The basketball's A-team also took a second in conference that year. Freshmen of the time also had several other accomplishments as having leading parts in the musical *South Pacific*.

Sophomore year the class won the T-shirt contest again and placed second in hall decorating and third in window painting. Most memorable in sports was the conference championship that the sophomores won. This was the year that John Devereux, placed first in both the FBLA Northern Area and State Conferences. Jim Austgen placed in Northern area while Tammie Fauver and Mike McPheters placed at the State Conference. When Dance Production sponsored a donkey basketball game the sophomores won that too. The sophomore basketball team placed fourth in conference, this was the best ever for a sophomore team in seven years. Two sophomore wrestlers qualified for sectionals after placing second in districts, they were Rodriguez and Mike Christiansen. Track brought conference winners in both boys and girls teams. Rich Vignes placed first in the 3200 M. run. Holly Bitner set a new 200 M. low hurdles record for the school. In tennis, sophomore Dave Gary went to state as the whole team advanced from their first in Districts.

Last year the juniors won the window painting contest and began selling milk and donuts to raise money for Prom. The class officers Jayme Sheahan, Kris Zamastil, Brenda Rathjen, and Tomas Aviles all did a wonderful job with their committee on Prom at Wilton Manor. FBLA also sent two juniors to the National Leadership Conference in San Francisco. Jeanette Comparini and Dennis Lingenfelter both placed first in state in their categories. In VICA, class member Jackie Francisco was elected State Secretary. Musically, juniors from We-go had Superior ratings in band and orchestra competitions. Tom Bohac, Steve Bahlman, Jeanette Comparini, Rhonda Corbin, Edith Bali, Juan Gonazles, and Lisa Green were all awarded by the Illinois High School Music Association. Vocally Bahlman, Jeff Baxendale, and Keir Knapp all received the same type of placing in their Music contest also. Dan Barry set school records left and right in soccer as a junior player. Not to mention that the soccer team also were regional and conference champs. Poms, including Linda Placek, Donna Bodnar, Laurie Frommert, Betsy Foote, Jeanette Comparini, and Vicki Recchia became the Midwest Champions. Lee Dungey won awards in basketball and baseball that year. Once again Rodriguez and Christiansen advanced to state in wrestling. In softball, three year varsity veteran Karin Hensge was named to the All Conference team.

This year being the last, seniors have already won various National Merit awards, and there are a lot of sport seasons yet to be started. The class of 84 should be proud of its accomplishments. The leadership is unlike any other in years past as so is the camaraderie. It would be impossible to list every award or honor given to an 84 class member. Who's Who and U.S. Achievement Academy Awards are innumerable in We-go. It can be said that the class of '84 has accomplished far more good than bad.

# 'I promise to love, honor, and cherish ...'

by Vicki Abbott

Do you promise to love, honor and obey ... until death do you part? "I will," was spoken by many at the mock weddings on November 22 and 23.

The weddings were presented by the Contemporary Life classes as an extra credit project. Patti Kozlowski, known as Mrs. K to her students, teaches this first semester elective for juniors and seniors.

Names are drawn to give everyone an equal opportunity to participate in the wedding. Kozlowski is waiting for her first interracial marriage.

For the past five or six years, Kozlowski has been putting on the wedding. One year a student suggested to have a real wedding along with the marriage folder and started this annual WCCHS project. Kozlowski says that the weddings have gotten better every year.

Why have the weddings?

"God only knows," Kozlowski declared. After a long pause and an occasional "umm," she said that the reasons for the weddings were to support the marriage folder project; to provide a situation where the class works together and cooperates; and to present a formal atmosphere at school and work on manners.

Aside from the weeks of work put in by the students and Sally Withey, Kozlowski's student teacher who has done behind-the-scenes work, much of the weddings are donated from people in the community. Kozlowski strongly believes that the weddings could not take place without their help.

Gingiss Formal Wear Centers donates tuxedos to the wedding party because of the good advertising they receive — business really picks up around prom time, they say. Cameo Bridal in Batavia is responsible for the dresses, and the cakes are baked by Carol Sweder and the Home Economics Department. Kozlowski thinks of this as a school project which involves



Bonnie Kuykendall and Jeff Meyers exchange vows while Jeff Stewart officiates. (Photo by Mark Hoffer)

the horticulture class, choir, and the foods classes.

Sometimes boyfriends and girlfriends are in class together and have separate roles in the wedding. Such was the case for Budd Lewallen, groom, and Tiffany Shifrin, bridesmaid.

Lewallen and Shifrin had minor arguments during the pre-wedding weeks about kissing the bride. At first Lewallen wanted a real kiss, but Shifrin wanted a stage kiss. In the end, they agreed upon a real kiss. Lewallen thought it would have been best if Shifrin was not in the wedding at all, because he would look at her at practice and she would be giving him "real dirty looks." Shifrin was "extremely jealous" at first, but glad to be a bridesmaid than to

not be in the wedding at all.

Originally Lewallen's name was placed in the box for choosing by Shifrin, and he left it in there because he thought she would be chosen as bride. If she had been chosen bride and he had been a groomsmen, Lewallen thinks they would have argued a lot more.

What about after the weddings? All four brides were relieved when it was all over, but expressed nervousness preceding the weddings.

And Kozlowski? "I really feel great because I know that they (the students) have accomplished something that's almost impossible to do in the time they have." She feels certain the students gain a great deal of maturity through this project. "They have to."

## WEDDING PARTIES

### 2nd Hour

Bride — Susan Aasen  
Groom — Cliff Lewallen  
Maid of Honor — Dianna Olson  
Best Man — Scott Turney  
Brides Maids — Joella Eaglin  
Becky Bermes  
Andrea Mahr  
Tiffany Shifrin

Groomsmen — Jeff Ambrose  
Mark Dovin  
Mario, Rodriguez  
Eric Stenbeck  
Mother-of-the-Bride — Becky Rackmyer  
Father-of-the-Bride — Kyle Kim  
Mother-of-the-Groom — Marie Danna  
Father-of-the-Groom — Raul Hernandez  
Officiate — James Sosa

### 3rd Hour

Bride — Donna Heinz  
Groom — Aaron Fuller  
Maid of Honor — Kim Herzer  
Best Man — Eric Weber  
Brides Maids — Venifa Smith  
Barbara Shipp  
Cathy Heitzler  
Sue Swett  
Groomsmen — Patrick Joyce  
Lee Dungey  
Maurice Hill  
Jeff Illingworth

Mother-of-the-Bride — Helen Spohn  
Father-of-the-Bride — Butch Mobley  
Mother-of-the-Groom — LeAnne LeBeau  
Minister — George Mosier

### 5th Hour

Bride — Tina Marie Travato  
Groom — David Carey  
Maid of Honor — Nancy Rolseth  
Best Man — Oscar Pasindo  
Brides Maids — Sandy Stogentin  
Mary O'Connor  
Margery Wagenmakers

Groomsmen — Pat Lowery  
Russ Savino  
Mark Swiatek

Mother-of-the-Bride — Renee Pstrong  
Father-of-the-Bride — Robert Owens  
Mother-of-the-Groom — Tina Kerstein  
Officiate — Dee Turner

### 6th Hour

Bride — Bonnie K. Kuykendall  
Groom — Jeff Meyers  
Maid of Honor —  
Best Man — Tony Frello  
Brides Maids — Tina Duval  
Linda Czerwinski  
Julie Dollars  
Anna Beatty  
Groomsmen — Mark Swiatek  
Ken Ristick  
Gary Phillips  
Randy Swanson  
Mother-of-the-Bride — Stephanie Gray  
Father-of-the-Bride — Fernando Lara  
Mother-of-the-Groom — Carol Staszczuk  
Officiate — Mr. Stewart



Tension mounts as the big moment takes place. (Photo by Mark Hoffer)

# Santa loves to ho, ho, ho

by Sophie Morandini

As the first snowfall confirms it, Christmas draws near and Santa Claus and his presents are already in all the children's dreams. His importance is primarily during Christmas time.

Robert Owens, We-Go's steady Santa Claus, knows it and takes it seriously, but also has a lot of fun doing it.

Everything began two years ago, when he was asked to be We-go's Santa Claus. He used to do it before for neighbors or friends, so he accepted. "It's a lot of fun," says Owens. "As soon as you put the suit on you become somebody special. Everybody smiles at you. You can give things away and make people happy."

Owen's job consists of going to the Christmas dance, giving candies to the students and posing for pictures with them. He is also in charge of offering gifts to the faculty's kids, and asking them the traditional question: "Have you been nice?" "It's funny," said Owens, "they never say no." But even if they did, he'd be nice to them anyway because for him, "Santa Claus is nice."

Owens really is associated with Santa

Claus. The kids love to see him as the jolly old elf. "He's funny," says some of them. "He's nice," says others. "He's already got the beard," says a comical kid. "I feel I'm the kind of Santa Claus that people like," says Owens to explain his niceness. "I like to compliment people, to give things away, and make people happy."

Owen's roll fits him well and he likes it, but Santa Claus has one regret: "Not enough students have the spirit of giving — it should be all year, not only at Christmas. It would be nice if everybody would treat each other as Santa Claus."

When a child says to him at school, "Hi, Santa Claus!" other people can see a big smile on Owen's face that shows his happiness and satisfaction to be We-go's steady Santa Claus. "I'll do it as long as they ask me to do it," says Owens.

But now after two years of playing the part of Santa Claus at We-go's annual Christmas dance, Owen's has found himself unable to attend due to a prior engagement.

Filling in for Owens at this year's dance is Vic Alcazar, the athletic trainer at the high school.

So you'd better watch out... Santa Claus is coming to town!

# Exchange students reminisce Christmas

by Heidi Walter

Can you imagine spending the Christmas holidays away from your family and friends? How about in another country? How about in another country thousands of miles away and across seas? Well this year at WCCHS we have many foreign exchange students who are experiencing just this.

Two of the exchange students are Susa Nabholz of Germany and Pia Sundman of Finland. They are spending Christmas with their host families and friends.

Nabholz has great expectations for this Christmas. "I think this is a great chance to experience Christmas away from home."

"It's too soon to think about Christmas, but it will be all right because it's the only one away from home," says Sundman.

Christmas in Germany is celebrated on the 24, 25, and 26 of December, but the main day is December 24. The Nabholz's have a real Christmas tree and they use real candles as ornaments. Her family opens presents in the evening of December 24, then has dinner with her mother's family. After dinner the family sings old German carols around the tree, and then at midnight they go to mass.

Although Sundman is from Finland she spends Christmas in Sweden. Like the Nabholz family, the Sundman's celebrate Christmas on December 24 by opening their presents and having a family dinner. The Sundman's have a real Christmas tree, but they have electric candles instead of real

ones due to the possibility of a fire.

Some gifts given in both Germany and Sweden are clothes and other gifts much like those exchanged in the United States. Nabholz also mentioned that there are no common gifts exchanged in Germany, and many of the gifts given are the same ones that are given in the United States.

The Christmas Holiday customs in these countries are very similar to the customs in the United States. Spending the holidays in this country will be a new experience for these students, one which they will remember.

## Bridge Staff

Editor-in-Chief... Stephanie Espig  
News Editor..... Julie Dollars  
Opinion Editor..... Robin Marvin  
Features Editor... Laura Pollastrini  
In-depth Editor..... Jim Austgen  
Sports Editor..... Mark Hoffer  
Photo Editor..... Tomas Aviles Jr.  
Advertising..... Dean Bockman  
Terry Haskins  
Circulation..... Rosa Snell  
Chief Typist..... Diane Petersen  
Associate Editors..... Tracy Koop  
Becky Welz  
Advisor..... Tim Courtney  
Cartoonist..... Ed Haagenson  
Martlyn Gettlinger

# How much is that dog?

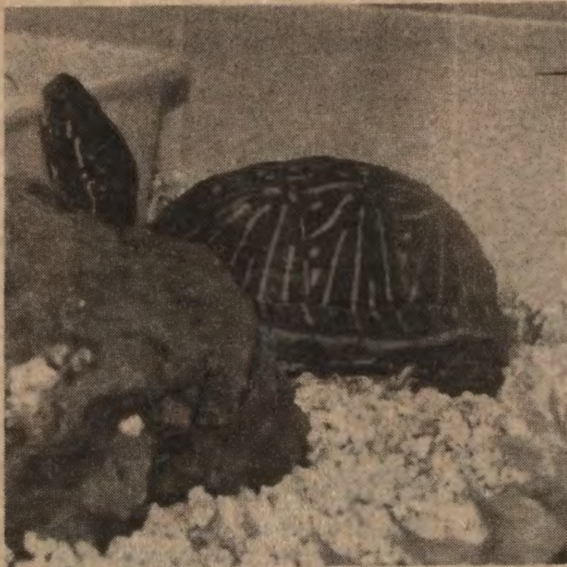
## Tired of cute and cuddly? Try a tarantula

by Stephanie Espig

A pet, as defined in the dictionary, is "any domesticated or tamed animal that is kept as a favorite and cared for affectionately." Most people consider most pets cute and cuddly although this is not always true. Many people affectionately care for unusual pets which aren't always cute and cuddly.

One widely known domesticated rodent is the rat. Although the rat is a direct descendant of the wild brown rat, (*Rattus Norvegicus*) the pet rat is quite different. The pet rat has the same physical appearance as the wild rat only the pet rat's disposition sets it apart from the wild rat. The pet rat is usually docile, intelligent and friendly. A rat is more intelligent than a mouse, freindlier, not nearly as timid and shy, less apt to bite and just as easy to care for. If you plan on getting a rat as a pet choose one that has a sieek coat, bright eyes, an alert appearance and the curiosity to come to see you as you look at the cage.

Frogs, toads, and salamanders are another group of widely known unusual pets. While all are amphibians, and many have their own temperment and personalities, this group is not regarded as being either affectionate or particulary intelligent. Toads are considered more intelligent than frogs or salamanders. Many of them can be trained to come when called, eat food when offered and even move



Turtles are very popular with young children. They can be found near rivers and ponds. (Photo by Becky Thuer)

forward in position to have their backs rubbed. The most that can be said for frogs and salamanders are that some will learn to accept food from their owner's hands. Frogs and salamanders, though, are more attractive than toads. If you are looking for a pet to observe more than to cuddle, then a frog, toad or salamander may make a good pet for you.

Some other unusual pets are turtles and tortoises. All turtles and tortoises are animals that have a shell. Turtles may live in water or on land. Tortoises are much like turtles only that they are land animals. The caring and feeding of turtles and tortoises is much the same. Turtles and tortoises require specific care and feeding.

Snakes are fascinating to many people and surprisingly popular as pets. Most snakes are harmless and many are beautifully marked or colored. Snakes, as many believe, are not wet and slimy; instead they are dry and glossy. Any docile native species of North America would make a good pet. Under no circumstances should a non-experienced snake handler consider a potsonous one. The garter snake makes a good pet and is found in most areas of the country. King snakes, corn snakes and yellow rat snakes are popular too. Most of these varieties tame down, and adapt well to captivity. Snakes make relatively few demands, but skilled care is required.

Lizards, though not the prettiest of all animals make lively pets and are clean and odorless. The only two species of lizards considered poisonous are the Gila monster and the Mexican beaded lizard. Many of the other 200 species of lizards found in North America make good pets.

One reptile which is widely feared, yet also sometimes kept as a pet, are the crocodillians. These big lizard like amphibians are lethally designed to seize large prey and drown it or tear it up by spinning over and over in the water. Crocodiles have a worse reputation than alligators as maneaters but both should be respected. Frequent handling helps to tame alligators but crocodiles should never be trusted. Keeping one of these pets is feasible, but as they grow they need more and more space. Within 5 years or less many get too big to handle safely in the home. Also getting rid of crocodillian pets is not so easy. Owners have supposedly flushed them down their toilets giving rise to rumors of alligators living

in New York city sewers. A half-grown crocodillian is far too bulky for this type of disposal.

One of the latest in unusual pets is quite a handful. This furry creature is the tarantula. The tarantula can be found in most pet shops which carry exotic pets. These pets are clean and easy to care for.

One species of unusual fish is the piranha. This fish is notorious for it's ferocity which, allowing for popular exaggeration, is still



Give someone the bird for Christmas; exotic birds are very good pets. (Photo by Becky Thuer)

formidable. It has powerful jaws full of very sharp teeth. When kept as pets piranhas are capable of biting the tip off a finger, but with careful handling and feeding, piranhas will make an excellent and most interesting pet.

If you decide to become an exotic pet owner, you should be aware and be willing to research your chosen animal before purchasing it. Many exotic animals require a specialized environment and specific diet.

## Stray and abandoned: Pets need homes

by Emily Barry

"Be responsible pet owners," pleads Beverly Randall of the DuPage County Animal Control.

Randall says if there were more responsible pet owners who neuter or spay their pets the problem of abandoned, homeless pets would be considerably less. Over the years this problem has gotten worse, mainly due to the increase in population. Many people have pets they do not properly care for, resulting in a surplus of unwanted animals.

Pets are brought to the animal shelter for many reasons, such as:

- 1) people are allergic to certain animals
- 2) people move to apartments not allowing pets
- 3) people cannot afford to raise a pet.

The animal shelter has the most animals in June, July, August and right after Christmas. Randall explains that after Christmas people who received pets as gifts bring them to the animal shelter to rid themselves of the burden of raising a pet.

Animals who are found and brought to the shelter are kept for seven days. If they are not claimed by their owner, they are put up for adoption. During this time the animals receive sufficient care — "food, water, and a little TLC."

Randall said there was really no definite time before the animals are put to sleep. However there is a limit to the number of animals they can care for.

The Thomas Knutson family went to the animal shelter April 30, 1981 and brought

home two puppies after their 12-year-old dog passed away.

Traci Knutson, 12-year-old daughter, said that the puppies were healthy, although one puppy is slightly underweight.

Knutson thinks an animal shelter is a good place to get a pet because it gives them "a chance to have a home."

If a cat is adopted there is a \$10 donation fee. For a dog there is a \$10 donation fee plus \$20 extra for a female, to be refunded when she is spayed.

Randall says it is better to get a pet at an animal shelter rather than a pet shop because at a pet shop all of the animals will eventually be sold. At a shelter you are giving a stray animal a chance to be a pet. Otherwise they may end up being put to sleep.

# ogy in the window?

## Finding the perfect pet

by Becky Welz

Choosing a pet is a matter of personal preference, but other considerations such as cost, time required for care, and feeding costs should be taken into account.

Dogs are the most common pets. They are characterized as friendly, loyal, and playful. Before getting a dog, you should consider the following:

- Purchase price: \$100-700 (pedigree)
- Average price: \$250
- Food availability: Excellent
- Weekly food cost: \$4-9
- Care time: 1 hour and 15 minutes daily  
9 hours and 15 minutes weekly

Accessories (leash, collar, etc.): \$2-10

Cats are almost as popular as dogs. They are noted for their cleanliness, and they are one of the most intelligent of the tame animals. Consider these things before deciding to keep that irresistible stray:

- Purchase price: \$10-200
- Average price: \$35
- Weekly food cost: \$5
- Food availability: Excellent
- Care: 20 minutes daily  
2 hours and 40 minutes weekly
- Accessories: \$0-5

Fish are sometimes said to be the easiest pet to care for and the most beautiful. If you see fish in your future, bear in mind these costs:

- Purchase price: 40 cents-\$25
- Average Price: \$3 (per fish)
- Food Availability: Excellent
- Weekly Food cost: 5-30 cents (carnivorous fish excluded)
- Care: 1 minute daily  
40 minutes weekly  
3½ hours monthly
- Accessories: \$50-85

Cage animals, such as those used in lab experiments are popular, inexpensive pets,

- Purchase price: Gerbils \$2-5
- Guinea Pigs \$2-8
- Hamsters \$1.50-5
- White mice: 50 cents

- Food availability: Fair
- Weekly food cost: \$2
- Care: 10 minutes daily  
1½ hours weekly

Accessories: \$3.50-12

Rabbits are slightly larger cage animals, but they are as popular as their smaller cousins.

Purchase price: \$6-40



Puppies are a classic Christmas gift. They can be found at pet stores or animal shelters. (Photo by Becky Thuer)

- Average price: \$10
- Food availability: Fair
- Weekly food cost: \$1-2
- Care: 15 minutes daily  
2 hours weekly
- Accessories: \$4-12

Not everyone can cuddle up to a lizard, but they suit the needs of some pet owners.

## Pets are an emotional help

by Jenny Sheriff

Diamonds are a girl's best friend, but man's best friend is his pet. Americans have a wide collection of animals. The three most common pets are dogs, cats, and various types of birds.

Dogs were the first domesticated animal in man's life. According to anthropologists studying early man, dogs played an important part in everyday life.

The domestication was started because dogs were helpful when it came to hunting. Later as man became more civilized, dogs were not only kept for security but for companionship.

A common idea of comfort is of a family gathered around a fireplace with a storm going on outside. Dogs and cats have become part of that picture.

Cats fit into most any home. Their care is easy and they're relatively clean.

Egyptians thought cats to be sacred. Only kings and nobles owned them.

Unlike dogs, cats haven't been domesticated for hunting. They are affectionate and loyal and were domesticated for companionship.

Birds have become popular in recent years. Sheldon Gerstenfeld attributes the popularity of birds to the economy. When the economy is poor, bird sales soar.

According to Joan Costello, boredom in children and teenagers is a major problem. Pets can solve the problem. Animals bring interest and responsibility into a child's life. Companionship is also important.

Pets are useful in other places — not just the home. Prison reform using pets has become popular in some New England states. Nursing homes use pets to gain the old people's interest and provide companionship, while people who have lost a loved one use pets to fill a void in their life.

- Purchase Price: \$5-60
- Average price: \$5-15
- Food availability: Fair
- Weekly food cost: 50 cents-\$1.50
- Care 1 hour weekly  
4½ hours monthly
- Accessories: \$9-25

### The Video Bug Inc.



334 S. Neltor  
Behind Dunkin Donuts

The latest in movies, concerts,

VCR, sales, service, and rental.

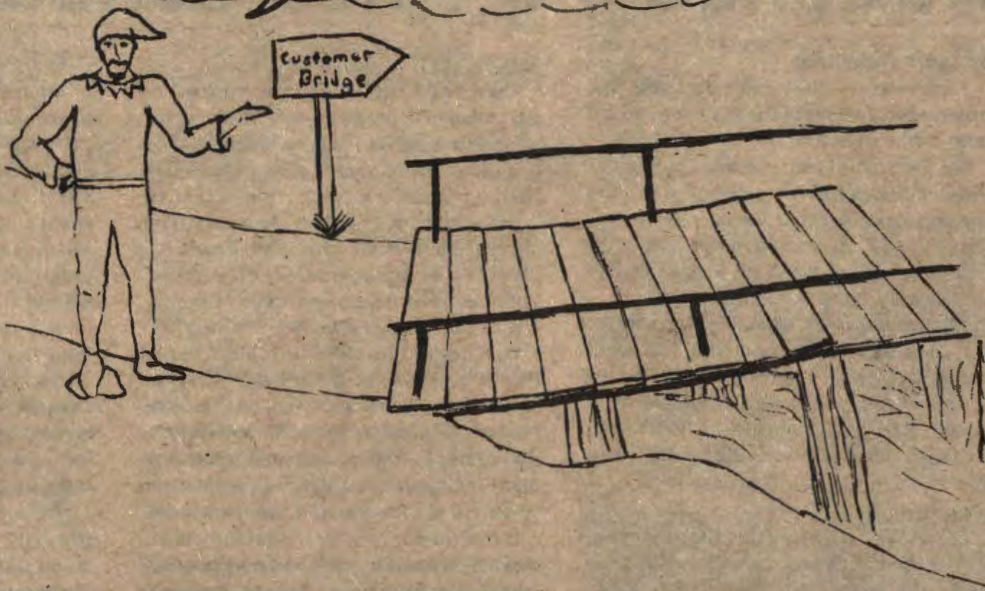
We're open daily.

Come in and look at the selection.

The Video Bug  
334 S. Neltor  
West Chicago, IL 60185  
or phone 231-7790

A lay away plan is available.  
25 W 622 St. Charles Rd.  
Wheaton, IL 60187  
or phone 665-7676

LET THE BRIDGE BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR CUSTOMERS



## Risky Business Bunch arouses Wildcat fans

by Laura Pollastrini

Who can bring a little bit of life to a pep assembly? Who's crazy antics set them apart from the rest of the "sane" people here in the Wildcat society? Nobody — that is — except the Risky Business Bunch!

This year's Homecoming pep assembly provided entertainment supplied by a group of rambunctious varsity football players who are known as the Risky Business Bunch. The guys performed a routine to the theme song from the movie *Risky Business*, and entertained the crowd from the middle of the Bishop Gymnasium.

Performing the routine were Jim Zak, Steve Rademacher, Brad Bonga, Paul Beck, Greg Fuja, Mark Hoffer, and Dave Weinman. Jeff Wright was also a part of the group, but on the day of the "show" he was absent from school.

Zak and Rademacher came up with the idea for the performance, but the actual routine was made up by Linda Placek and Betsy Foote.

To get the act started, the guys decided what song they wanted to dance to, and approximately what they wanted to do. Their first idea was to have a chorus line with a lot of guys from the team, but they changed it to the song from *Risky Business* because they were "inspired by the movie," according to Zak.

Then they asked Foote and Placek to help them. So the girls made up a routine for the first half of the song. For the second half, the group just improvised. "We went maniac," Zak commented, "and just did our own thing."

Zak did do his own thing, which made the act even more memorable for some people. Zak displayed some of his gymnastic abilities by doing front and back flips, and really put all of his energy into the act.

The performers each had separate ideas as to why they wanted to do the routine.



Risky Business Bunch gets down and boogies. (Photo by Tomas Aviles)

Beck's reason was to promote school spirit, and just to get rowdy before the game. All the guys in the Bunch are football players, and it was Homecoming, they felt like getting involved in the spirit of the occasion.

During Homecoming, though, the football players are unable to participate in any of the scheduled events or to work on the floats. Their job is to win the game, according to the football coaches, so they are unable to participate. Evidently, this was the exception to the rule.

Zak got involved with the creation of the Risky Business Bunch because he felt that the pep assemblies were boring, and he wanted them to be more exciting. Also because it was Homecoming, and he wanted to be involved in promoting the enthusiasm for the game.

But were the guys in the Bunch em-

barrassed? Of course not! "I was afraid to go on at first," Bonga admitted, but once he got out there he quickly changed his mind, basically because of the reactions of the audience. Just seeing the look on John Highland's face and watching him laugh so hard made it worth it for Bonga.

Beck wasn't embarrassed, either, but he does admit that he was a little nervous at first. He got over that as soon as the song started.

The Risky Business Bunch plans to continue through the basketball season, performing during pep assemblies and possibly during half-time of the actual basketball games. Three of the guys, Zak, Beck, and Fuja made a surprise performance at the dance on December 2 when their theme song was played on request. A circle of people surrounded them and watched the guys "do their

thing."

The Risky Business Bunch is considering a routine to "The Curly Shuffle" for their next performance, but that isn't definite yet. The Bunch is quite well-known by now, but could they become a new legend to be remembered in years to come? The Risky Business Bunch — men who may make We-go's history books.

## Monsters ...

by Laura Pollastrini

Monsters are roaming the halls and classrooms of WCHS! But the kids are not the monsters.

The spirits of Frankenstein, Dracula, Godzilla, the Blob, and many others live on through the writings of the students of Carol Wolf's Basic Skills English I class.

Wolf had her class read one of several monster stories, and then write a newspaper article about the monster as if they were there when the destruction or invasion occurred.

The kids wrote the stories, answering the who, what, where, when, why and how of the matter. Next, they chose a headline for their article, other than the title of the book.

The newspaper articles on these monsters are on display in Room 129 for all to read. Anyone wishing to find out how Frankenstein met the Wolfman, what the creature from the Black Lagoon looked like, or what a deadly mantis is should visit Wolf's room. Dr. Renner stopped in to read the articles and according to Wolf, he found them quite enjoyable.

## Kamikazes return for another season

by David Sheriff

Like a Japanese Zero streaking towards an American battleship, the West Chicago Kamikazes strut into the Bishop Gymnasium. The Wildcats self-appointed cheerleaders are ready to "bombard" the crowd with crazy antics and good old-fashioned fun.

The Kamikazes originated last basketball season when four of this year's seniors, Kyle "Luke" Lucas, Gregg "Fujimama" Fuja, Steve "Rad" Rademacher, and "Jimbo" Zak decided to try and embarrass cheerleader Karen Ream ('83).

While Lucas, Fuja, Rademacher and Zak were making a banner stating, "We love Karen Ream," Lucas began writing Japanese symbols on strips of cloth. He then decided to make a strip into a headband.

Zak then came up and drew a big red dot on the headband. Thus, the tradition began.

This idea soon spread until about twenty people were in the group, including: Mark Hoffer; Paul Beck, the karate expert; and several cross country runners. But most Kamikazes are seniors this year.

The Kamikazes want to increase their membership to about 50 people this year. They have many public relations ideas ready to go, but these will only be revealed when the proper time comes.

So the Wildcats' enthusiastic fans — the Kamikazes — will continue to support their basketball team in their own special way. They'll be up in the stands and easy to spot, for they'll be the ones with the white bands on their heads with the big red dots.



Kamikaze Steve Bahlmann goes wild at basketball game. (Photo by Becky Thuer)

## Baxendale's voice echoes through school

by Laura Pollastrini

That voice — that voice that fills our heads with the news of the day every second hour—who does it belong to?

For the second year in a row, senior Jeff Baxendale has had the privilege of reading the announcements at 9 a.m. every morning for the faculty and students to hear. To be exact, he began the job during the last three weeks of his sophomore year.

At the end of Baxendale's sophomore year, a faculty meeting was held, and one of the subjects on the agenda was to find someone new to read the announcements. A couple of teachers suggested Baxendale, and then John Highland asked him if he'd like to have the job. Needless to say, he accepted.

Baxendale enjoys reading the announcements, and considers it an interesting experience. Deciphering hand-written notes and stumbling over peoples' last names are but a few of the privileges that he holds. After mispronouncing a name or making a mistake on the air, Baxendale usually suffers some harrassment from his close

friends, but he does not mind it.

There really isn't much time put into this job ahead of time. Baxendale reads all the announcements through once for practice, just so he doesn't mess up people's names. He also checks for announcements that are to be read in a few days that may have slipped into the pile. All in all, Baxendale practices for approximately 30 seconds, and that's just before he goes "on the air."

But who is Baxendale? What is he like?

Baxendale is involved with many activities in and around the school. He is the Senior class vice president, and the secretary of the Student Council. Baxendale is also active in drama, and played the male lead in this year's fall play. He has also been president of Thespians for two years now.

If you've ever had the opportunity to observe Baxendale at work, you may have had to stifle a snicker or two. That is because he likes to get "comfortable" when he is doing his job. Baxendale leans all the way over the desk with the detentions on it, and begins to read. During the announcements he may be found teasing one or two of the people in the

office, including the secretaries.

Baxendale has had his share of awkward moments of his job, and some of those moments are when he has had to announce his own name, or congratulate himself for something that he had done that was supposed to be read in the announcements. When such an instance occurs, he reads over his name really quick, slurring it beyond recognition. He prefers not to have to say anything about himself, and will avoid it whenever possible.

Even though Baxendale doesn't get any praise or recognition for his job, except an occasional "hearty congrats" from Highland, Baxendale enjoys his job. "It's something interesting to do," he commented.

The secret has been revealed, and the mask uncovered. The man behind the voice is Jeff Baxendale, and will be until the last three weeks of school. That is when Highland will choose a replacement for the senior announcer. Baxendale has given Highland a few names of possible candidates, but the decision is up to Highland. Until then, Baxendale will continue to wake

up the school every second hour with the news of the day.



Jeff Baxendale speaks to the people. (Photo by Tomas Aviles)

# Behind the scenes of a coaching job.

by Mark Hoffer

Have you ever wondered how a coach prepares his team for an upcoming game?

Scouting is what most coaches of the "big team" sports count on pretty heavily to help them know what to work on in practice. "It gives us an idea of what our opponents will do, and as best as possible we will know what to expect," commented Head Varsity Football Coach Jeff Ainsworth.

As for Head Varsity Basketball Coach Mike Barborak, a scouting report can determine to a point how much time he spends on the different aspects of practice, "since we run a match-up zone defense, if we know what kind of offense they run we can prepare for it."

The freshmen coaches are the ones that usually get called upon to coach since they don't play on the same right as the varsity, and aren't needed to help coach. They bundle up, hop in their cars and go to the opposing teams' games. They usually sit on the top row, or near the top, at ap-

proximately the 50 yard line. On their clipboards is a 20 page scouting report that needs to be filled out.

"We look for the best players, find out from the program what their number is and where they play. As the game progresses we record ever play and how much yardage was gained etc, by doing this we try to pick out any patterns," commented Jeff Stewart, "such as who they go to in a given situation or what they run on third down and short yardage."

Other things that are rated in the scouting report is the kicking team, lengths of punts, kick-offs, etc. They also plot all the offensive plays and defensive plays in hope of finding a tip-off or a key that the coaches can capitalize on. They also try to pick out the weakness and strengths of the team so that the team can prepare accordingly.

In addition to actually going to the game the DuPage Valley Conference has a film exchange. "Which adds an extra dimension to scouting," mentioned Scott Cof-

land.

Ainsworth mentioned that he uses the game films from last year as well as the film exchange and scouting reports to develop a game plan for that week.

"Knowing the other coaches and their philosophy helps in preparation because coaches don't change from year to year," mentioned Barborak. Tim Kanold, the sophomore boys' basketball coach said that he has three other methods of scouting in addition to actual covering other game scouting. After each game, he writes down what the other team did and what he did, "this is very helpful if you play them again that season and for next year."

Kanold also scouts the JV and Sophomore B games. "Usually they don't practice many plays, they show the defense and offensive patterns more precisely. I watch the opponents while my assistants do the coaching." And finally he watched the game films of the opposing teams. "If you depend too heavily on scouting, and the other team shows you something you

aren't ready for, you are in trouble. We must remember as coaches, that the reports are just tendencies not fact," said Kanold.

"Scouting is the least favorite aspect of coaching for me," comments Stewart. "Sometimes too much emphasis is put on them, and not what we do better."

As a scout, Coffland thinks that scouting is fun but because he is watching other teams play, but he never gets to see our varsity and sophomore team play, especially since he knows some of the players.

Barborak also mentioned that since we have a long school day and late practices he has to be careful not to spread himself too thin when it comes to scouting. "You find yourself taking time away from other aspects of practice. You must learn when to draw the line between practice and scouting." Barborak likes to attend as many opposing teams' games as possible.

"Scouting takes too much time, but is important to the game," commented Ainsworth.

## Jock shorts

### BOY'S BASKETBALL

The boy cagers have a 500 record as of the first six games, going 3-3. They defeated St. Francis, their first game 59-42 and then proceeded to take two out of three games in the St. Charles Tournament. They narrowly lost to Naperville Central in overtime 43-39, and then went on to loss a close game to St. Charles the following day 58-56.

### SWIMMING

The boy's swim team got off to a winning start, defeating Streamwood 92-78 in their first meet. Dave Sheriff won the 200 and 500 free events on his way to a triple win. Paul Cohler won the back strock competition, while teammate Bill Haverty triumphed in the breast stroke. Eugene Wagner won the IM event while Dean Turner captured first place in the diving competition. We-go won 8 of the 11 events including both relays.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

The girl cagers stated off the season roughly losing their first game against Lyons Township 50-26.

### WRESTLING

The wrestling team has started their season by going undefeated in their first four meets and a second place finish in their own tournament. The grapplers won the first meet of the year against Lyons Township by a score of 35-20. In recent meets they defeated Naperville Central 31-21, Batavia 42-15 and Hoffman Estates 45-11.

In their own tournament they placed second behind Proviso East for the second year in a row. Only twelve points separated the top three teams. First place winners were Mike Gonzalez at 123 pounds and Barrett Carlson 155 pounds, both handely defeated their opponents in that final round.

Other finishes include Rob Rincones second (98), Joe Rodriguez second (126), Bob Walters second (167), Pat Marsh third (119), Eric Odell third (132), Derrick Gieck fourth (145), Roy Rodriguez fourth (185) and Raul Hernandez sixth (HWT).

Do to a falsification of eligibility reports, the grapplers were forced then to forfeit three of their matches, thus leaving them with a record of 1 win 3 losses.

## Young team to take on conference

by Mark Hoffer

"We are a young team," commented Head Varsity and JV Coach LaVora Singleton. "We only have four seniors out this season." This means that underclassmen will be coming up to fill the remaining positions.

With the team so young Singleton plans on using the month of December as a learning month, since the conference season doesn't start until after Christmas, "I am going to teach the kids on the court, against other teams. There are certain things that you can't learn by playing yourself."

Quickness and aggressiveness will be the strength of the team this year, as pride and determination improve. "What we have works. We have 30 years of coaching experience among the three varsity coaches."

Sandi Strock was the assistant coach at East Aurora when they took fourth in state. Walters brings the aspect of boys basketball into the girls team. Singleton was also the coach three years ago when We-go was the Regional champs. "This is the most positive year to begin with in a couple years," mentioned Singleton.

The team has some big size under the boards, but is still in the process of looking for some big guards. Singleton will run her team with the basic fundamentals, but with an option. "If the defense changes the girls on the court will be able to recognize it without a lot a coaching from the sidelines, and adapt to it."

Wheaton Central will be the team to beat this year, "the girls have been playing together all summer long, and now they have the girls from Wheaton-Warrenville with



Jennette Sturt and Tina Giller run through a drill in a recent practice. Stacey Anderson looks on in preparation for her turn. (Photo by Tomas Aviles)

them," said Singleton. Naperville North will also be tough as they went down state last year, and their "big girl" is a senior.

Wheaton North, having placed well in the

past two year, will also be tough because they have two winning coaches including last year's Wheaton-Warrenville head coach.

## A gymnastic team at We-go?

by Jenny Miller

At WCCHS there is a team for just about every sport — except the sport of gymnastics.

"According to the Illinois High School Association there are rules that say who can and cannot coach. One of the rules is that a coach must be a certified teacher," explained LaVora Singleton, Assistant Athletic Director. This is why a person like Joan Lindemier, a Park District gymnastics teacher could not coach a team at the high school.

The reason that there is no coach, Singleton said, is because none of the coaches feel that their expertise is on the level of competition, even though a couple of them were coaches in previous years.

She also said that the ideal coach is one

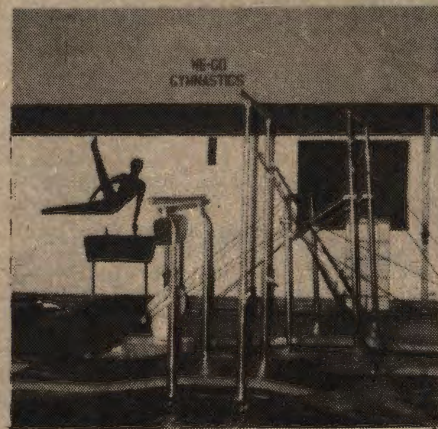
who has competed themselves. Competitive gymnastics also has a problem with judging because there aren't enough people in the state who feel they are qualified to do it.

"A lot of schools have one coach for both the boys and girls team. We have not been able to find one who will do both," Singleton said.

Jim Zak, who was a member of the gymnastic team, thinks that there is no team now because the administration does not want one.

The gymnastics room is not used unless under supervision by a qualified teacher. At present it is used only for physical education classes.

A gymnastic team is not out of the question at WCCHS, but until a qualified person appears to coach it, there will be no such team.



The idle gymnastic room serves no other purpose but as a room for a P.E. class. (Photo by Tomas Aviles)

# Swimmers hit the water in a new season

by Laura Pollastrini

One thought continues to "swim" through the minds of a certain group of guys at We-go — "I want to qualify for the state swimming meet."

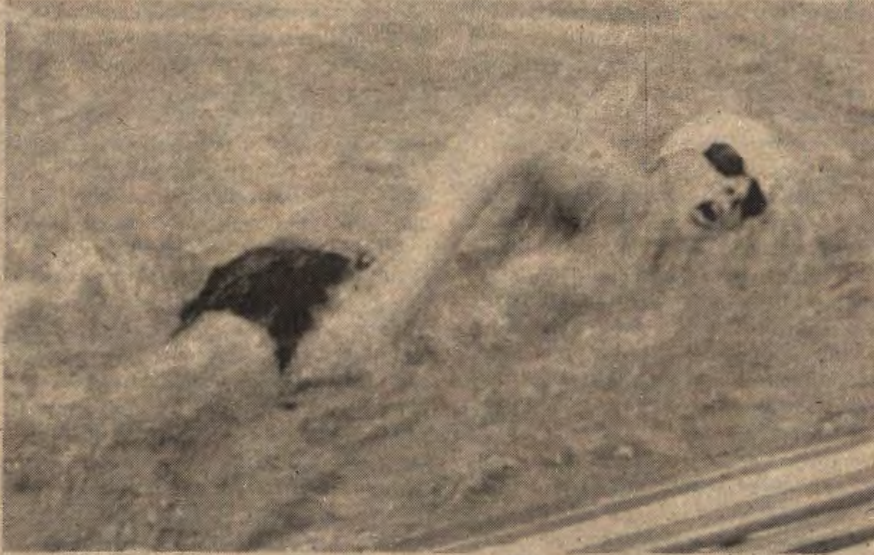
This thought plagues the minds of some of the swimmers, and has become a goal that many wish to accomplish. But their main obstacle to overcome in order to qualify for the state meet is to do well in the sectional meet. It is that meet that will either give them a shot at the state meet, or bring their season to an end. "Whether it's a good or bad season depends on the results of sectionals," added Dan Johnson, the swimming coach.

In many respects, Johnson feels that we have one of the largest and best teams in We-go's history. The number one swimmers are not as fast as previous number one swimmers, but Johnson thinks that because of the extensive training in the off-season that by mid-season "we'll be great."

This year's season began with the return of many experienced seniors, one of the largest groups the team has ever had. "We have a good senior group," Johnson went on to add, "with Dave Sheriff as one of the most outstanding," he judged, after viewing Sheriff's summer results. Another excellent swimmer noted by Johnson is Eugene Wagner, who is swimming for his fourth year at West Chicago.

Sheriff and Wagner set a relay record last year, and the two have also come only tenths of seconds away from breaking other school records. They're very "versatile," Johnson mentioned, and "swim well in any event."

"It would be an ideal thing if Eugene and I could work out together during practices," Sheriff commented, for he feels that they



Thorsten Bellicke practices his freestyle form in preparation for the upcoming meets. (Photo by Tomas Aviles)

could push each other to work harder and excel. According to many of the other swimmers, Sheriff and Wagner hold the best chances of going to the state meet.

Other seniors that Johnson expects to do well are Mike Brotnow, Bill Haverty, Greg Otto, and John Shim. But it is not just the talents of the seniors that will make this season a winning one. Juniors, Thorsten Bellicke is the third swimmer in the A-lane, behind Sheriff and Wagner. Some of the swimmers have high hopes for Bellicke for this season.

Johnson also feels that the freshmen guys are one of the best he's ever had, adding some very good second and third swimmers to the team.

The three captains of this year's swimming team are seniors Brotnow, Wagner,

and Sheriff.

The other half of the swimming team is the divers. Jeff Stewart is helping Johnson coach the swimmers, but Stewart is solely in charge of the diving team.

Dean Turner, a junior, is the best diver and is achieving the highest scores according to Johnson. The other three divers that make up the diving team are Scott Phandenbecker, junior; Juan Gonzalez, junior; and sophomore Doug Zamastil.

All the guys, both swimmers and divers, have found that they're going to have to work as a team if they want to do well. "They started off the season with a lot better work attitude," Johnson claimed, adding that the guys have the desire to be the best swimmers, not just at our high school, but all over. Their outlook is more aggressive, and

they have become more conscious of state qualifying times and how to achieve them. They used to want to be the best on We-go's team, now they want to be recognized on a larger scale.

"I'd like to get in shape so I can make state at the end of the season in the 50 yard freestyle," Wagner announced. He also feels that the team can go undefeated this year, but that they're going to have to work hard.

Haverty, otherwise known to his fellow swimmers and others as "Jock Body Bill Haverty," wishes to improve his times and become a fast enough swimmer to go to state.

Some of Sheriff's goals for his final season at WCHS are to break some records, such as the 200 and 500 freestyle, and the 100 backstroke. He's also like to go to state in distance freestyle and the 400 Free Relay. Sheriff feels that they'll have a winning season, winning all but maybe one meet.

But the goals of all the swimmers must be reached in order to achieve a winning season, according to Johnson, for swimming is not a one-man sport. All the guys must excel in order for the team to do well, so there are team goals as well as individual goals.

The swimmers on the whole get along quite well together, which is necessary on a team sport such as swimming. They joke around and tease each other, but that may be to ease the tension on their 16 week season. They have various goals for each other, which makes the season more interesting. "We want to have fun," quoted Wagner with a grin on his face.

"Each year we try to have a team that is better than before," commented Johnson, "for we want a good level of competitive swimming for the high school and the community. We really have some outstanding veteran swimmers, and the best young group of guys, too."

## All-conference shot blocked once again.

by Kurt Mosson

Why didn't Dan Barry receive any All-Conference honors the last four years? "Various reasons" according to Head Soccer Coach Stephen Kimery.

Barry has been on the Varsity Soccer team for a little more than three years. While Dan was a freshman he was brought up to varsity for the post-season playoffs. Barry was the starting goalie during his sophomore, junior and senior seasons. During his junior and senior seasons he did receive honorable mention.

Barry's best season was last year. During that season he helped lead the wildcats to a conference championship and compiled goals against average of less than one per game. Although Barry achieved such outstanding stats he wasn't chosen to the All-Conference team. "The coaches in the conference didn't feel Dan was tested enough," commented Kimery. The Wildcats

defense a year ago was a very good one, which led to the coaches' decision.

"Dan shouldn't have gone unnoticed for all his good work," added Kimery. "Those



Dan Barry shows true form in goal.

kind of awards are good, but the real award is just being able to play the game."

Kimery said that Barry has a good chance at becoming a good performer at the college level. Most likely it will be at a small college. Barry will probably have to make it as a walk-on because soccer scholarships are hard to get because of the lack of them. "He isn't a flashy, or quick goalie but, he is a steady performer whom I don't have to worry about," commented Kimery. "Dan plays the game very intelligently, he uses his brain in all situations."

Kimery's final comment added is that "It is going to be tough next year without him but, we'll survive."

### Wildcat Sports Schedule



Rob Rincones and Roy Rodriguez get into the wrestling spirit at a recent home meet.

#### Boys Swimming

Sat. Dec. 17	Wildcat Relays (Diving)	H	9:30 am
	(Swimming)		1:00 pm
Fri. Jan. 6	Waubensie Valley	A	5:00 pm
Tues. Jan. 10	Larkin	H	5:00 pm

#### Girls Basketball

Tues. Dec. 20	Streamwood	H	6:00
Dec. 28-30	We-go Invitational	H	6:00 pm & 7:30 pm
Thurs. Jan. 5	Naperville North	A	6:00 pm
Thurs. Jan. 12	Wheaton North	H	6:00 pm

#### Wrestling

Fri. Dec. 16	Glenbard East	A	6:30 pm
Sat. Dec. 17	Bolingbrook & Plainfield (V & JV)	H	1:00 pm
Wed. Dec. 21	Batavia; Aurora Central; Wheaton North (Frosh) at Batavia	A	6:00 pm
Thurs/Fri. Dec. 22/23	Hinsdale Central Tournament (V)	A	1:00 pm
Fri. Jan. 6	Naperville North	H	6:30 pm
Sat. Jan. 7	Homewood Tournament (V)	A	10:00 am
Sat. Jan. 7	Batavia Tournament (Fr)	A	9:00 am
Fri. Jan. 13	Glenbard North	H	6:30 pm

#### Boys Basketball (V&S)

Fri. Dec. 16	Glenbard East	H	6:30 & 8 pm
Dec. 26-30	Wheeling Varsity Tournament	A	TBA
Dec. 27-29	St. Charles Sophomore Tournament	A	TBA
Fri. Jan. 6	Naperville North	A	6:30 & 8 pm
Sat. Jan. 7	Wheaton North	A	6:30 & 8 pm
Fri. Jan. 13	Glenbard South	H	6:30 & 8 pm

#### Boys Basketball (Lower Levels)

Sat. Dec. 17	Glenbard East (JV,Fr)	H	9:30 am
Mon. Dec. 19	Geneva (JV & Soph B)	A	4:30 pm
Sat. Jan. 7	Naperville North (JV,Fr)	A	9:30 am
Mon. Jan. 9	Wheaton North (four levels)	H	6:30 pm