



Chronicle

VICA and FBLA Lend a Helping Hand



by Blanca Rios

What is all this competition about what class or department is winning in our morning announcements?

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA), have been running their annual food drive.

Every year it is a tradition for FBLA/VICA to have the food drive.

The food drive started November 28 and will end December 20, and is room 109. If you still wish donate you can go there in the mornings or you can talk

with Industrial Arts teacher Paul Junkrowski.

Food donated will go to the food pantry of St. Mary's church in West Chicago.

What you may here in the announcements is a competition, to see who donates the most food. President of VICA senior Ehrin Arimura, said, the competition is just to promote the Food Drive. It's hard to get people to donate for food drives and this is just one way of doing it.

"The food drive is a great way to get the school and the community involved together," said Arimura. FBLA member sopho-

more Beth Navarre said, "We did pretty well, a lot of people are helping."

A portion of the food donated will be donated to a family FBLA adopted in West Chicago.

Each member of the family will also be receiving a gift as well. FBLA members signed up to buy a present by choosing a small paper Christmas tree, representing each member of the family. Some of the gifts are things the family needs like a pair of jeans or a toy for a child.

"The Adopt a Family program went well and everyone chipped in," said Navarre.

Recycling Program Changes Hands

by Stacy Shannon

The Recycling program at school has changed hands. Government and Psychology teacher Stevea Arnold no longer is in charge, and Sherrie Towery, science teacher has taken control.

There is a total of twenty-four students involved, some are Towery's students, and some are members of SEAC. Towery's students get extra credit, and the other students get school credit for their involvement.

Right now, they are trying to integrate recycled products into the school. They are investigat-

ing the prices of recycled paper, and are currently looking towards asking the staff and students of the high school their opinions about the paper. They will be distributing samples of the paper to survey the quality of the products.

Pick-up day is still Thursday, but each floor of the school has a different hour for pick-ups. Lincoln school is first, being picked up during first hour. Third floor pick-up will be during 4-5. Second floor pick-up will be during 9. First floor pick-up will be during 3.

Getting Christmas Spirit With the Concert Choir

by Wendy Woodward

Thursday December 15, 1994 was the Concert Choir Christmas Concert. The show took place in the Weyrauch Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Performing were the Freshman Choir, Sophomore Choir, Ladies Ensemble, Men's Quartet, Madrigals and the Concert Choir.

When you walked in the doors of the school and you entered the hall way in front of the auditorium to the left the Madrigals were caroling. The sounded absolutely extraordinary. Which surprised a lot of people including para-pro Gary Dye, "I'm surprised they sound this good."

When the show started the first song was with all the singers together the first voice you heard was of senior Katie Brosseau, while the freshman choir walked in to the auditorium. Then they all joined in and sang beautifully.

The freshman Choir performed and they sounded wonderful. The sophomore choir was breathtaking.

Then came the four wonderful young men for the quartet consisting of seniors Brandon Fantozzi, Chris LaCour, Mike Selk, and junior Mike Clifford.



Brandon Fantozzi shows off his tux during his performance.

The four young men really stole the show.

The ladies ensemble was like a walk in a Winter Wonderland. There were about 15 young ladies and together sounded like they should have their own Christmas tape.

The madrigal ensemble could have gone a little bit better. While passing out the music being as nervous as they were Fantozzi and LaCour managed to spill all the music on the floor. LaCour trying to keep his cool gave Fantozzi a look that could kill. Then senior Melissa Pagnozzi and sophomore Josh Brown's little smiles gave it all away. It was part of the little skit they had planned. It got everyone's attention and they didn't have a problem keeping it. Singing a mixed version of Christmas songs was just what the show needed.

The last performance of the night was nothing short of what we saw all night. The Concert Choir's last song was 'Hallelujah' and got an overwhelming response. The singers received a standing ovation. "It made me think about how it great this year has been and how that was our last Christmas concert," said Maria Ayala.

Well seniors you have made quite an impression on the audience that was there and you did a wonderful job.

Variety Show Acts Picked

By Jeff Hadzima

Where else can you see talented singers, beautiful dances, hilarious comedies, and the most fun our school has to offer.

Yes, it is the annual FBLA Variety show. It is being held on February 2nd at 7:30 p.m. in the Weyrauch Auditorium. Expect nothing but great entertainment because there was once again tryouts for this event. 20 acts tried out for the event, and all 20 survived due to the great participants.

Students will get to show off their talents, and for some it is their last chance to do so.

"Rob Burwell and I are going to do the Variety Show because it's are last year of high school, and we want to do something

that we can be remembered by. Both the skits that we are going to do are going to be something special and memorable," senior Dan Guerrero said.

For others, it is a good chance to get the attention that they deserve. There is no other way better to show off your special talents than the variety show.

"I hope that Experimental Homecookin' gets the recognition it deserves," junior Marissa Filippo said.

With such a variety of acts, there is no telling what may happen.

"It (the show) should be a good experience for everyone involved. Different people, different emotions, different art," Filippo also added.

Winter Break - Dec. 22, 1994 - Jan. 2, 1995
No School

Dance Production Performance Jan. 12 7:30 p.m.

Dance Production Performance Jan. 14 7:30 p.m.

Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday - Jan. 16
No School

School Board Meeting Jan. 17 7:15 p.m.

Semester Exams - Period 1 Jan. 17

Semester Exams - 2, 3, 4-5, 4-6, 5-6 Jan. 18
12:55 p.m. dismissal

Semester Exams - 6-7, 6-8, 7-8, 9, 10 Jan. 19
12:55 p.m. dismissal

Istitute Day - No School Jan. 20

Club Notes

Art Club

Their meetings consist of doing art like airbrushing, oil painting, cartooning, wood-carving, candle making, ceramics, and making stain glass windows.

There aren't any trips planned yet so they will continue the meetings all year. A trip is possible, but they would have to go on a weekend. They are also planning a fundraiser. The money will be donated to a charity yet to be decided. They are thinking about selling badges or buttons to wear on your shirt.

If you have any questions ask advisor Dave Exner in room 310.

Chess Club

Officially the Chess Club season starts in January. As of now the team practices twice a week after school and is presently involved in a double elimination tournament against each other to determine the top eight players on the team. Of its thirteen members, three were lost to the basketball season now in progress. Just recently, advisor Henry Currie has named senior Joel Madden as captain of the team.

Clown Team

The clown, team as earlier reported, is still working on their skit for the campaign they are working on with the American Cancer Society. The last rehearsal was on Thursday December 8 at their weekly meeting. Advisor Gail Aronoff has recently spoken to the American Cancer Society on plans to have a project similar to last years but this time aimed at a younger age group, mainly 4th and 5th graders. Also the team is hoping to be involved in the Mr. Wildcat Contest as they were last year. The clown team will still however be doing their regular skits at elementary schools hopefully starting sometime in March, April, and May.

F.B.L.A.

FBLA just had a Christmas party on Dec. 11 with the Glenbard South FBLA. Also they had a food drive with the help of Vica for their adopt-a-family program. FBLA also bought gifts for their adopted family.

FBLA will attend the Northern area conference on January 28, 1995. Here they will be competing in events such as accounting, public speaking, and economics etc. Also the Variety Show will be held on February 2, 1995.

French Club

On Tuesday, December 13, the French club had their monthly get together in the form of a holiday party with Spanish and German club.

They haven't yet set a date for their next meeting, but it will be after the new year and they will discuss their next activity. This will probably be a Fondue/Movie Party, where they will eat chocolate fondue and watch a French movie.

New members are always welcome, just listen for future meeting dates and times.

Key Club

Key Club was busy during the month of December. During the early part of the month, they held their induction ceremony, sold concessions for the boys' basketball game against St. Francis, and worked at the craft show December 3. They also helped with the food drive and visited the nursing home.

They will be doing nothing over Christmas break because it's too chaotic. In January, their only definite plans are that they will be going to the nursing home.

Madrigals

Ending their first week of performances at the First United Methodist Church of West Chicago, on Saturday, December 10. Performing the traditional selections like "Deck the Halls," "Joy to the World," "Wish you a Merry Christmas," and "Twelve and a Half Days" which is a Christmas mix of different songs. The West Chicago String Quartet also made an appearance during the performance.

They also had concerts on December 12 and 13.

Math Team

The last meet was a NSML meeting at Willowbrook High School. This meet was out of five teams including, the Illinois Math and Science Academy, Lake Forest, Maine South, W. Chicago, and Willowbrook. The Freshman and Juniors placed 5th while the Sophomores placed 4th and the Seniors placed the highest at 3rd. Overall the team placed 5th.

The next meet is February 2nd at Proviso West High School and they will be competing against 5 other teams.

Mock Trial

On Tuesday, December 6 Mock Trial, the club that has been selling candy canes to raise money for state competition, met. They discussed who had what parts in their practice simulation that will hopefully prepare them for upcoming competition in the new year.

For all those late comers who are interested in joining there's still time when the club meets on Thursday, January 5 after school in advisor Sandy Wilson's room. On this day the practice case will run in it's entirety with witnesses, lawyers and the whole deal.

SADD

Come join SADD. They have just put a display case in the learning center. The display case shows the affects of drunk driving. For more recent news they are trying to get a memorial scholarship and to put a Christmas tree on school grounds in memory of Aleia Anderson. They are also trying to put skits on for the middle school students. So if you have any ideas for skits please talk to advisor Robert Hein.

Science Club

At the first meeting of the Science Club, the club advisor Alan Steuer claimed that there were a total of 10 people who showed up. He was surprised, however, that no students that showed were from any of his classes, still he was happy with the turn up.

This meeting was to see who was interested in the club. They did not discuss anything about activities to plan until the meeting they held on December 14, where they discussed ideas for after the new year.

The next Science Club meeting will be held after we all return from Christmas Break.

SEAC

Recently, SEAC has canceled their previous recycling project in order to enforce a new and improved updated project. The new project will have Sherrie Towery as their advisor.

SEAC hasn't met yet to discuss all of the details on the new project. The hours of the pick up will be changed and are yet to be discussed.

Look for the new posters all around the halls to stay updated on all of the changes. The next SEAC meeting will be January 10 in advisor Steve Arnold's room, room 149 at 7:30.

VICA

VICA members recently have been hard at work organizing the annual Food Drive. The overall outlook on the event looks "Ok, but not as well as others in the past," says VICA advisor Paul Junkroski.

During the month of January VICA will be planning its party for all members, called the Winter Social.

In February, VICA will be getting ready for the upcoming contests in May. Since there are 70 different contests available; members will be taking tests to find out if they qualify for certain contests.

If you have any further information about a club or organization that you would like to be printed in the next issue please put it in Carrie Kostro's mailbox. Or you can give it to Wendy Woodward on a disk or printed. Please put your name on anything you submit.

Session is now adjourned!

by Matt Wehling

The senior class conducted the third Mock Legislative Session this past Tuesday, many controversial bills which stood against strong opposition from either the left or right side of the political spectrum (Democrats and Republicans) were discussed.

This activity is done each semester by the seniors enrolled in government class, which is a required course to graduate. This Mock legislative session acts as a simulation to the real process of a bill being passed. The simulation starts at the bill writing process all the way to the second and third reading of the bill in the general session. After this process, not many bills remain at the end due to opposition and invalid topics for the bill.

Government teacher Mary Rash commented on the sessions bills by saying, "The controversial bill were the ones involving immigration and ones that deal with the student environment."

Rash also added, "The students really know the legislative process by going through the session."

The government students had a chance to vote for leadership position, and senior Sara Watson was elected Speaker of the House. Watson commented on the session by saying, "I thought it was a good experience. We learned more than we could have in the classroom."

Assistant principal John Highland looks at the session as a great tool for the students learning by saying, "I believe it is truly a worthwhile endeavor. The session creates enthusiasm and excitement for the students."

Watson said, "I'm glad a lot of people got involved, and that made everything go well." Government teacher Stephen Arnold added, "I was very pleased how the whole simulation went."

Rash said, "The sessions are always improving. I think the session teaches the students more than having them look at a chart on the overhead."

The full session, which was on Tuesday the thirteenth, concluded the simulation for the students. Some of the bills passed in the final session included: securing the national borders to prevent illegal entry, limiting affirmative action, and eliminating the National Endowment of the Arts from tax forms. Bills making the full session that did not pass included: making contraceptives available in schools, legalizing marijuana, and banning all assault weapons and handguns.

What's the Deal

by Rob Burwell

Recently, the Board Of Education decided that our Christmas Break needed to be shortened. I went to John Highland and asked why this is. He said "A lot of things come into play when everyone decided this." Some of those things being the fact of seniors getting out in the first week of June. If we had those three extra days, then the seniors graduation would be pushed more toward the middle of June, and no one would want that. The other option was to start earlier in August and they decided against that because no one wants to do that, but something needed to be done. Also, since Christmas falls on a Sunday this year, there really isn't much other options. Dr. Morris said "When Christmas falls around mid-week, its easier to give the full two weeks, since it would be pointless to come only for one day." All of you underclassmen beware, next year they are thinking of shortening it again by one day.



Christmas Around the World

by Blanca Rios

Christmas is celebrated everywhere Christianity is believed in, and even those countries that don't follow the Christian religion.

The United States

Let us start our trip around the world, so why not start right here in the U.S. Christmas is big deal in the U.S.

People practice the tradition of having a tree decorated with lights and ornaments, and waiting for Santa Claus to come down the chimney with a sac full of presents to put under the tree. More importantly we celebrate Jesus's Birthday.

Christmas is now and has been a commercialized holiday. Everywhere you go stores are covered with Christmas decorations, and have Christmas sales going on. Christmas decorations go up as early as Halloween.

Mexico

Next we'll stop at our southern neighbor Mexico. The Christmas season officially begins on December 16 with Posada. The Posada begins with the praying of the rosary, and there is a reenactment of when Mary and Joseph go from inn to inn to see if



they will be admitted. This done in procession from house to house until they are admitted.

After the religious part of the Posada, comes the social part. Almost every house has a pinata, colorfully made with tissue paper and streamers and its filled with candy. There is also a display of fireworks and dancing, singing and laughter.

France

In France instead of exchanging presents and greetings on Christmas they exchange it on New Years Eve.

New Years Eve is geared more towards adults while Christmas is geared towards the children.

Instead of Santa coming down the chimney it is the "Petit Noel."

After Creche, a representation of the stable at Bethlehem, mid-

night mass is celebrated on Christmas Eve.

Reveillons are famous in France as well, they are friendly gathering where people sit up all night to welcome Christmas.

Germany

It is a old tradition in Germany for ladies of the family spend months preparing for Christmas by making the presents. This

tradition is not as common any more, but it hasn't died.

The fairs begin about a fortnight before Christmas in the market place, shops make their windows attractive.

The Germans give a party when they light the tree or put presents on it. Everyone puts their trees up either day of or after Christmas. The trees are lighted and decorated with apples, sweet meats and small toys. Some of the sweet meats are called: Kringeln made in twisted figures of eight.

Japan

Christmas was introduced to the Japanese by Christian missionaries. For many years only those people of Christian faith celebrated Christmas but now everyone celebrates it with meaning.

Tradesmen have commercialized Christmas just as the U.S. have. Stores are decorated and display gifts.

The Japanese have kind of god or priest, Hoteisho who closely resembles Santa Claus. He is a kind old man who carries a huge sac, and is believed to have eyes in the back of his head.

New Years Day is the most important day of the year to the Japanese. That day the father leads a march through the house and throws dried beans in every corner to evil spirits out.

Mrs. Mc Daniel's Night Job

by Blanca Rios

"Don't Break my heart, my achy breaky heart!"

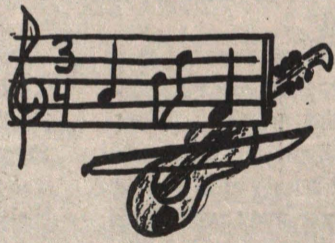
That is just a taste of what you may hear from Counselor Gayle Mc Daniel's band.

Their name is Prairie Fire and the style is country. The band consists of Mc Daniels her husband, brother-in-law and two more friends.

Mc Daniels plays the fiddle and has been playing for thirty-seven years. Wow! She started playing strictly classical and now it country mixed in with some traditional Blue Grass.

The band has been around for seven years and they practice in her living room. They play for lounges, country dance clubs, and summer festivals like the Wheaton Autumn Fest this summer.

They have not only played for the summer fest and country dance clubs, but they have played for the Teachers Association Spring dinner. Many of our school teachers enjoy going to see them. One of their usual



teacher fans are German teacher Terry Strohm. Strohm says "I enjoy going to see them play, and Mc Daniels is better than awesome!"

Playing in the band takes a lot of time and work for Mc Daniels. She says they plan on not playing as much any more because, "We're running out of steam!" But they plan to play more during the summers.

"It's really fun, and challenging to learn all the new country music coming out," said Mc Daniels.

So if you're into country, or even if you're not, you may hear "Prairie Fire" at one of those summer festivals playing your favorite top forty country songs.

Favorite Christmas Flicks

By Laura Torrey

**** Never miss it - a classic
 *** Makes me cry its so funny
 ** Great to watch year round

A Christmas Story

(1982)**** "You'll shoot you're eye out," is just one of the funny famous lines. Peter Billingsley stars as Ralphie, a young eight year old growing up in the 40's who, for Christmas, only wants a Red Rider Bee Bee gun. He has a younger brother Randy (Ian Petrella) who likes to hide out under the kitchen sink, a mom (Melinda Dillon) who never eats a hot meal, and the old man (Darren McGavin) who is obsessed with his leg lamp, his furnace, and the Bumpasons dogs.

Ralphie is a very imaginative young boy who imagines what it would be like to have a Red Ryder Bee Bee gun, only to find out that everyone older thinks he'll shoot his eye out.

The story is told from the eyes of Ralphie and the funny

struggles that he encounters as he awaits Christmas day. And as we all know, when your around your dad, changing a tire as Ralphie was, you never say "Oh Fudge", or in other words, "The F - - - word."

National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation

(1989)*** Yes, it's Clark W. Griswold, his wife Ellen, Rusty and Audrey again for another funny family vacation. Of course, at first, everything is going along fine, but once the in-laws arrive, everything goes wrong.

First, the Christmas lights, all 250,000 of them don't work, their disgusting and hideous cousins, Eddie and Catherine arrive, and the Christmas tree, which they dug up themselves, sets on fire, just to name a few disasters.

During all of this tragedy, Clark (Chevy Chase) still has hope of the Griswold family Christmas as he awaits his bonus check from his work, which is very late in coming.

It's a good old family fun movie which both adults and kids will cherish for years to come.

Home Alone (1990)** No parents, no siblings, just you and your whole house to yourself on Christmas...freedom to an eight year old.

Macaulay Culkin stars as Kevin McAllister, an unnoticed bratty little eight-year old, the youngest of his family, who is left home alone, by mistake for Christmas. While he's at home, he orders a cheese pizza (which every kid loves), buys the laundry detergent, and scares away two robbers, Harry (Joe Pesci) and Marv (Daniel Stern) who knew he was home alone.

Kevin finally resolves his cowardness by overcoming his fears of his next door neighbor, and the furnace. All he wants now is for his family to come back.

Home Alone is a great movie that makes you always have a smile on your face.

What's Your New Year

TV Takeover

By Jeff Hadzima

Yesterday I overheard a group of highly mature seniors say, "Did you see what happened to Steve's party last night." Confused, I kept on listening. "Yeah, and did you here who was there?"

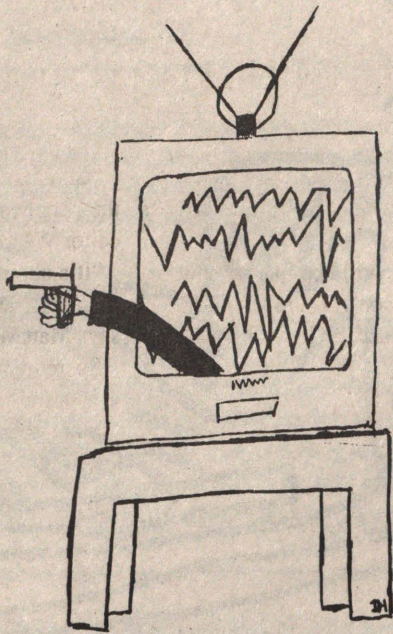
Then I understood this puzzling conversation when they said, "Dylan is still in the rehabilitation center."

These mature students were talking about *Beverly Hills 90210*. Okay, I admit, I liked that show when I was in the eighth grade, but I always thought watching it as a senior was really pushing it. And to see these people take this show seriously was sort of funny. These are the students who get better grades than me, yet they waste their homework time on *90210*. I must really be stupid!

As if we don't have enough stupid gossip in this school, and for students to talk about TV "make-believe" land, that is as believable as Big Bird, really puts a nail through the coffin. Why do people like this?

You can't turn the TV on these days without finding a *90210* rip-off which is even worse than Dylan's drug problem. Just thinking that these shows are in demand hurts.

What ever happened to the days when we had shows like *Little House on a Prairie*. If we had a show like that now it would have to be called *Little House in California* or it would get canceled in a season due to low ratings. Then we had a family working out a family problem,



and now we have Dylan doing drugs because he doesn't get along with his father.

You have to say TV has come a long way since *The Honeymooners* or *Leave it to Beaver*. Whether it is for the best remains the question. Sure present-day TV shows face real-life situations, but most are ones that children are not ready to see. We don't need six year old Timmy watching Donna decide if she is ready loose her virginity, or ten year old Lisa laughing at Dan and Roseanne for smoking marijuana.

My opinion means nothing unless I do something about it. My television set remains off. See you at the movies.

What Happened to the "Christ-" In Christmas?

By Laura Torrey

Santa Claus, the eight tiny reindeer, snowmen, candy canes are all very Christmasy things, but there is another reason for the Christmas season.

Christmas is meant to be a holiday celebrated in a religious aspect. Today, it is just a time for **Santa Claus** to come down the chimney and give us gifts.

Christmas time, to many people, starts at the end of November. "Oh, I'm going to get all of my shopping done early this year," is what is mostly heard by the women of the U.S. The lights go up on the houses, the stores have big sales, and **Santa Clause** is already at the mall getting pictures. How overrated can you get?

"It is a time when you get gifts and presents," says sophomore Adam Hunter. "I celebrate Christmas as Santa coming to our house."

Most of us don't think about the real meaning of Christmas until that morning when you go to church. People need to start thinking about the real meaning of Christmas now. This is what we are celebrating; this is why we get off school. We are celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.

"Christmas is a time for being broke," says senior Brandy Harris. "When you're younger Christmas is **Santa Claus** but when you're older, you realize the real meaning of Christmas."

Don't get me wrong though. Santa, and all of that, I love, but it's just too much overrated. I was brought up believing in Santa, but I also was taught not to forget the real meaning of Christmas. It's a time to be with your family, exchange gifts, and be close to the ones you love.

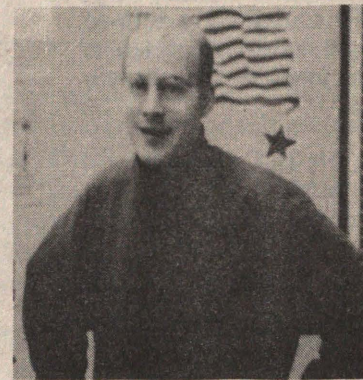
Why is it when people are writing down "Christmas" on paper or something they have to write "X-Mas?" What are they lazy or something? It takes out the whole meaning of Christmas.

Many people may not even be religious, and think that Santa is the entire thing. Well, that's o.k. too, but what comes into your head when you spell out C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S? You guessed it: The birth of Christ.

Christmas is a time for Santa, but it also needs to be shared with Christ. He was here a long time before Santa was anyway.



Senior Dee Dee Judson: "To stay with my boyfriend and to go to state in track. Also to bench a 225."



History Teacher Steven Wrobleski: "To start my graduate degree."

Talk About A S

by Matt Wehling

"On the twelfth day of Christmas break our administrators gave to us, a welcome mat to come back to school." Even though we won't have that much time to be merry, we will all enjoy our brief twelve day Christmas break.

The reason for this situation is in part to the county wanting to have the same Christmas break schedules for the schools. Many parents have to send their children to different schools, because of age in most cases, they have to alter their schedules to accommodate their children's. This leads to the schools wanting to make a schedule for all.

Assistant principal John Highland said, "We have to have 185 days of school. If

we start late, then we will have to end late or make up days through the break."

The whole problem seems to be the number of school days required by state; because we started late we will have to miss some of the precious Christmas break days.

Highland also explained that if we started school at the same time and had a longer Christmas break, then we would all get out later. Highland said, "If we got out of school later, we would have a lot of angry seniors."

I enjoy the whole Christmas and New Years scene, and that is why many students and myself feel we should have a

few more Years. Su "The ques 185 schoo Morris a graduate He said th then we co Morris a which day of break] during the Christmas school for falls in mi two weeks Unfortun can do abo

Letters to The

For as long I've been in high school, everyone has upped on *The Chronicle*. They say that "It stinks," and that "the articles are stupid."

When the *Bandwagon* came out, there was optimism for a great paper, but people starting tearing that apart too. Personally, I have been involved in both and it is the best that we can do with what we have. Both papers aren't professional and don't have headline stories. We write about things you care about. I think you should lay off and give us a little respect. We at least have the guts to write something for over a thousand people to read. I think the students who up the papers should take out a pen and paper and write something to help the papers be better. You are like people who didn't vote and complain how bad the president is. You didn't want to voice your opinion on election day and try to make the country better. Without any input, we don't know what to change.

So, the next time you bad mouth *The Chronicle* or the *Bandwagon*, try doing it in writing and see if you can do any better.

Steve Berezney

Your recognition to the Concert Choir members who make the elite *IMEA* ensemble was great. However, it was missing something. Those Concert Choir members were not the only ones in this school that made the *IMEA* ensemble. Kristin Dieter, who play clarinet for our Symphonic Band; and Autumn Voakes, who plays violin for our Orchestra, also made the ensemble. I'm not sure if the writer of the article was aware of that, so I can't insult them with justification.

Also, I agree that there is no "fight" between the *Bandwagon* and the *Chronicle*, but why did you have to write about it then? Was it to start controversy or a "fight"? I'm not sure, but I am sure that the *Bandwagon* could never really compete with the *Chronicle*, since it is not mass-produced or school-funded. The only reason why I write for the *Bandwagon* is because it offers artistic freedom - with little question about if, when, and how the article will be printed.

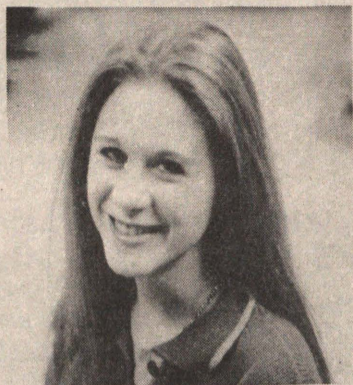
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Year's Resolution?



Freshman Denise Espino:
"To keep from scratching my nail polish off."



Sophomore Grant Barclay: "To keep my room clean, and to learn how to drive a stick shift."

Snow Job!

few more days off for Christmas and New Years. Superintendent Joel Morris said, "The question is, 'How do you pick up 185 school days?'"

Morris also added, "We want seniors to graduate in the first weekend in June." He said that to have the seniors graduate, then we could not have a longer break.

Morris also commented on the issue of which day Christmas is on. "It's [length of break] all in where Christmas falls during the week," Morris said. Because Christmas is on a Sunday, we had to go to school for this week. When Christmas falls in mid week, there is almost always two weeks of Christmas break.

Unfortunately there is nothing that we can do about this years break.

Morris asked, "Would you rather go longer in June?" Some students wouldn't mind going longer in June, provided that there would be a longer Christmas break.

Plans for upcoming Christmas breaks have not been decided on yet. Morris said that the administration will see how many absences there will be during or three day week. He said this will determine future plans for Christmas break.

Senior Joel Daniel gave his perspective on the break by saying, "I can't believe the administration. I'm really mad!"

Despite what anyone might think, we still only have twelve days off and we will just have to live with it. I wish you all a fun and safe holiday, and remember the clock is ticking!

The Editor

In the last issue of the Wildcat Chronicle, an article appeared concerning Bandwagon. As an opinion writer is entitled to do, Wendy Woodward criticized many aspects of our paper. As no responsible journalist should do, she included many shady half-truths and other unsubstantiated rumors.

First was the rumor that Bandwagon stole Claris Works. Woodward offered absolutely no support for this claim. We did not steal Claris Works.

The second false rumor, which Woodward presented as fact, was that Bandwagon "stole" the CD covers of R.E.M. and American Music Club. True, R.E.M. has a copyright for the CD cover, but we did not use the cover for any money-making purposes, nor did we deprive either R.E.M. or A.M.C. of any profit by printing their album covers.

The most alarming, insulting, and hilariously ironic comment Woodward made about me, though, was "I don't think that he understands that he has no clue what he is doing." A writer shouldn't criticize the writing of a former Peer Writing Tutor and two year AP English

student who's been published in the Chicago Tribune and will be published by the National Library of Poetry.

It may surprise Woodward that I know exactly what I'm doing.

Dan Vock

I was somewhat pleased that the staff of the Wildcat Chronicle bothered to address the issue of Community High School's Senior donation to National Public Radio (91.5). However, as I began to read the article I noticed a huge and somewhat amusing mistake on your part. The article stated "91.5 can be heard from 5 AM to 8:30 AM and starts again at 4:30 PM." Here lies the mistake, 91.5 can be heard all day too. I hate to be the one to break this to you but the radio still broadcasts even if you aren't listening. I was rather disappointed that an article on a potentially interesting subject was containing such a massive mistake. I have a suggestion though, maybe the editor should edit and check the facts of articles prior to publication.

Becky Szesny

Staff Editorial

Christmas To Us

Joy to the World, good will toward men (and women) is what Christmas is all about.

What would the world be like without the Christmas season? There would be no laughter, no peace, no love or happiness.

Christmas is not about receiving gifts but it's about being with your family and friends: the ones you love.

"I love Christmas because I get to go down to Arkansas and see my whole family. I usually only see them once a year," says Editor-in-chief Laura Torrey.

"If I could have the perfect Christmas, I would want to be with my entire family in California, but I am rarely able to," says Feature editor Blanca Rios.

"It's about spending time with your family and talking about old times," says Sports editor Jeff Hadzima.

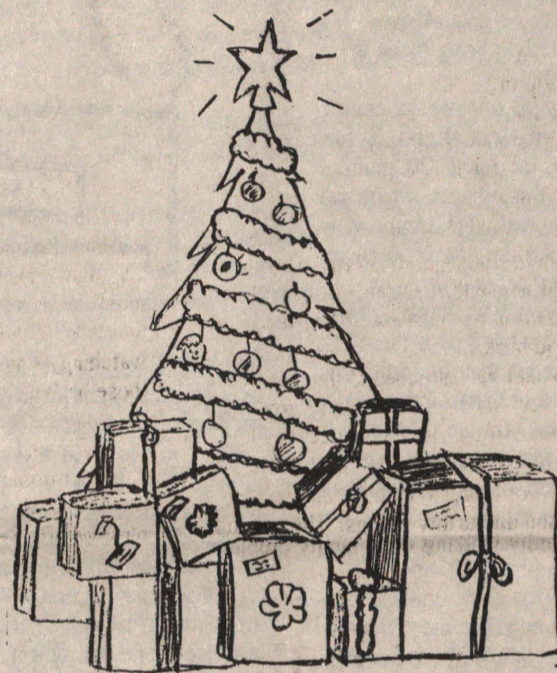
"It's about going shopping and spending lots of money, but it's also about spending lots of time with my family whom I love dearly," says Entertainment editor Stacy Shannon.

"Christmas is about spending time with the people you

"Christmas is about spending time with the people you care about," says News editor Wendy Woodward.

"It's about spending time with family members, and doing the church thing," says Matt Wehling.

So, remember while opening your presents don't think about the gift, it's the thought that counts.



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Dreams: The Undiscovered World

By Laura Torrey

You are flying in the air for no particular reason. You keep falling, and falling and your heart is beating faster and faster; but when you are just about to hit the pavement...POOF, you wake up in your own bed, realizing that it was just a dream.

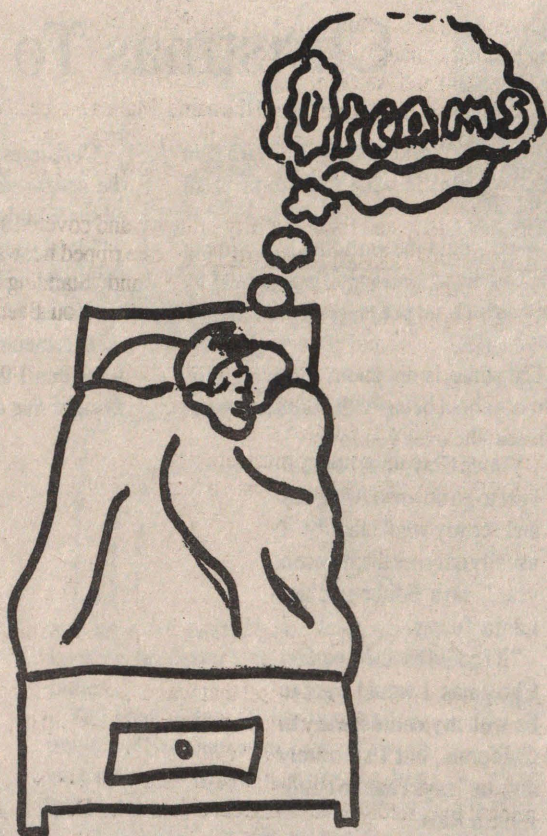
Dreams are very funny things. It is a time where your brain is writing stories in you head which you have no control over. It's like a movie being made up in your mind.

Every 90 minutes we enter a period of light sleep. A few seconds or up to 20 minutes during this time is where we dream. Although dreams may seem like they have no meaning, they actually do.

Everybody has dreamt of flying. So what does it mean? It could mean that your tension is released, or something is finally over and you are relieved. It could also mean that you are conceited or too confident about yourself.

"I once had a dream that an elf came into my bathroom and he flushed me down the toilet to Elfland, and I became their princess and ruled it," says sophomore Sarah Slattery.

Since Slattery dreamt of an elf, an elf means that you are with riches and good tidings. A bathroom represents that you are facing annoying problems and obstacles according to Anna Fornari, author of How to Inter-



pret Your Dreams. And a princess represents good fortune and success in business affairs.

Have you ever, in a dream, dreamt of a man or a woman whom you have never met? An attractive mate is a sign of happiness and health. An ugly man says that your uncertain with something. No matter what kind of women you dream of it means that there is uncertain, bitterness and resentment in your life.

If you have ever dreamt of dying or someone dying it rarely is an ill omen. Fornari says that you are nervous or agitated. For your own death it means that you'll have good health and

improve on the financial front. But, if you dream about being about to die, it could mean that you're getting sick.

Having a nightmare means that you are being heavily influenced by someone else's strong personality. This could be harmful for you.

The most common dream is being naked in front of people. This means that you are having emotional problems. Seeing someone naked means that you are anxious about something.

There are thousands of minor details to a dream that will help interpret what your mind is thinking. This is just a step into a larger world of dreams.

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR TEACHERS?

by Wendy Woodward

Have you ever thought about the past of one of your teachers? Do they have a criminal record? Have they been an Olympic champion?

Do we as students have the right to know these things? Can the teachers find these things out about us?

There are a lot of questions that go on in peoples heads about this subject. Some of the answers seem fair others do not.

You can go look at anyone's police record because it is one of our rights, according to the Freedom of Information Act, for living in the U.S. So if you wanted to look at another students record you could go and ask. I'm not sure how easy it is, or if you have to sign any papers.

With teachers it would be harder to find things out from their past. What if they did it

before they turned 18? Your record is completely erased after you turn 18.

Would you feel comfortable if your teacher had a past of criminal actions? Would it be the teacher's responsibility to tell the students or the schools?

Do we not have the right to know what is going on?

Dr. Joel Morris said that because of a personal problem that he is not able to release to us, a teacher, Robert Thompson, is working outside of the school. Thompson is not fired, but is doing his work outside of the school until he gets his problem worked out. It is possible that he could return when the second semester begins.

Until he returns, Robert Owens and Roger Lincoln are taking over the classroom in place of Thompson. Thompson taught

drafting, home maintenance, electronics, technology and also coached cross country. Morris did not explain what he is doing out of school, but it is school-related.

Do his students and colleagues have the right to know what happened? Is it only if it will effect the way he will be teaching? It is in a way affecting the students, not saying that the teachers that are there now, aren't doing a good job, but Thompson was hired to do the job and are the students being deprived of anything.

Morris said that they wouldn't have asked anyone that couldn't do the job. Lincoln taught the classes he took over for many years and was hoping to retire after last year.

Robert: The "Good Guy"

by Matt Wehling

Standing in at 6'1 and tipping the scales at 240 lbs. No this is not our starting middle linebacker or center, its our new para-pro!

Mr. Robert Palmer is one of the new faculty members to join the staff this year. Palmer was previously involved with the Marine corps. for thirteen years. Through his tenure with the Marines,

Palmer was stationed in various areas throughout the United States, and abroad including Saudi Arabia for the gulf war.

Palmer described it by saying, "It wasn't your typical war." Palmer was stationed there for seven months, and had the rank

of Platoon Sergeant. Palmer explained how the United States had cut off the supply lines to the Iraqi troops, therefore starving them. Because of this many of the Iraqi soldiers no longer could fight and had to surrender themselves to the American troops. Palmer said how the numbers of these Iraqi soldiers continued to increase, "The problem that we had with them, was trying to contain the large numbers of them." Palmer had also done duty in Libya, during times of conflict there.

Just recently Palmer left the Marines through part of the draw down for the number of troops. After leaving the Marines, Palmer moved on and started looking for a job. "I had to make my transition from Marine to civilian. I liked the idea of work-

ing with people, young people in particular. I worked with

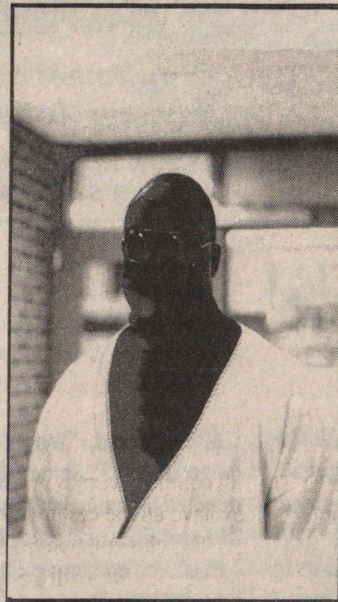
young people throughout my career with the Marines, so the job I have now would be something I could relate to." Palmer described how he has liked the job so far, and described how it wasn't that easy to go from a Marine to para-pro.

Because Palmer was a Marine for so many year, and carried a weapon, it

doesn't bother him that he doesn't carry one now. "If it's not broken, don't fix it. The students here obey more than other students at different schools. There usually isn't a whole lot of problems the students make, which makes the job easy and quiet."

Palmer hasn't had any problems on the job, and said all of the other people are great and fun to work with. Palmer also said, "I like the job, but not many students understand our job. Were not here to ride their backs and give them a hard time, but we are here for their safety. We are here to defuse situations before they get out of hand." He finds that the students are generally good people, and that there are a few exceptions. "There are those few you hear over the radio quite a bit. You learn to look out for those few and get them where there suppose to be."

Palmer also stressed, "When the students see me in the hall, my name is Robert. I not the big bad guy!"



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Go Go Go Joe Go Go Go Joe

By Wendy Woodward

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat's total running in Chicago will end up being 17 weeks, and they have just recently made an extension through half the month of January.

Donny Osmond performing as Joseph is absolutely stunning. His voice is so, "Pure" said senior Brandon Fantozzi. Seeing it for the third time Fantozzi said, "It gets better every time."

Being my first time to a professional musical I was amazed by the building first. When I walked in I couldn't pay attention where I was walking. Staring up at the ceiling, at Chicago Theatre, was breathtaking. The murals on the ceiling were beautiful and brilliant full of life and color.

Walking up the stairs made you feel like you were walking through the castle in Beauty and The Beast. The people there were dressed from jeans and sweaters to gowns and furs and diamonds.

The lights dimmed and about 60 kids ranging in age from 10 to 15 dressed in brightly colored shorts and T-shirts, came on stage and sat around a chair. The Orchestra played the Overture and it sounded like you were listening to the C.D. They played with absolute perfection and got everyone's attention.

Then the narrator, played by Kelli James Chase, came out and told us pretty much the idea of the story. Her voice was heavenly.

Then Donny came out and his voice just melted every thought in my mind and made me forget about everything. The children's choir joined in and sounded like little birds.

With comedy coming in more than once during the show you will do nothing but smile, except for the scene where he sings "Close Every Door." He reaches in to your heart and pulls every string. You'll find yourself with a tear in your eye and thinking how good Donny really looks when he gets sensitive.

Now I can't tell you what happens in between but I will tell you about the ending. The full company comes out and does a dance to "Joseph Megamix." They have all the cast members come out with their partner and do duets. The choreography is astounding.

Overall the show was awesome, and I will go see it again.

Christmas Improvement

By Dan Ziman

It is that time of the year again. Time for Hollywood to put out the holiday movies. This year, Walt Disney and Hollywood Pictures brings us The Santa Clause.

Clause stars Tim Allen (Home Improvement), and Judge Reinhold.

What if Santa fell off your roof? Well, according to the Santa Claus, since it happened

at your house you have to put on the suit and you become the big guy. This is what happened to Scott Carlson (Allen) on Christmas Eve.

Carlson found a card on Santa which stated the "Santa Clause." That's where the adventure began.

I don't want to ruin the movie for you. I suggest you go and see this movie.

Drowning in Aurora

By Stacy Shannon

Monster Truck Pull came to the Paramount Arts Centre in Aurora Friday night, and thrilled the crowd. I had the pleasure of attending a concert better than any I've seen before.

The concert wasn't loud, rowdy, or hysterical, but it sure left people talking. Kathy Mattea and Monster Truck Pull (her band) far exceeded all the other concerts, including Trisha Yearwood (all 5 concerts of hers I've been to), and Aerosmith.

For those who have never heard the name, Mattea has been in country music since 1984. Unlike any other musician I have seen, Mattea is actually comfortable on stage, and has fun. You could call her a goof-off. Mattea really is an entertainer, and in this show, rather than having an opening act, she split her show into two parts.

The first half lasted for about fifty minutes, and covered songs off of her latest albums, Walking Away A Winner, and Lonesome Standard Time. She ripped her way through some of her favorites as "Walking Away A Winner," "Clown in Your Rodeo," and "Standing Knee Deep in a River (and Dying of Thirst)."

She also covered her past hits like "Where've You Been," "Untold Stories," "Time Passes By," and "Eighteen Wheels and a Dozen Roses."

The second half came after a twenty minute intermission, and was the holiday portion. It basically covered her Grammy winning Christmas album Good News. It lasted almost forty minutes and covered more than just the traditional songs.

Try songs like the country music industry favorite "There's a New Kid In Town" (co-written by the late Keith Whitley), "Good News," and a Scottish lullaby.

The Paramount is a small theater, but is beautiful. The ceiling is decorated like the moon and stars, and the giant chandelier is the sun. The walls were decorated with fake Ionian pillars. It is vastly smaller than Star Plaza Theater in Indiana, but the sound was a lot better, and it was more personal. Being seated about 40 feet from the stage at the Paramount, I had a great view, and the sound was terrific. The quality of the show was excellent, and Mattea's flamboyance and attitude flooded the room with excitement. It was a great concert.

A few years ago, a blood vessel that was close to bursting was found on her neck, dangerously close to her vocal chords. After undergoing surgery that could have left her unable to sing again, she is back and showing off her voice better than ever.

Pick up a copy of one of her albums, you won't be sorry. Although "Memorex" isn't half as good as hearing it live, Kathy Mattea is great either way. Don't let the words "country music" frighten you away.

What's Going On Tonight

By Christine Stuart

The question of what to do and where to go is on everyone's mind when the weekend rolls around. If you like: industrial and early eighties music, unique people, and dancing, then the Paladrome is the answer to your weekend entertainment plans.

The Paladrome is located in a strip mall on 555 E. Dundee Road in Palatine. It opens at 8 p.m. and closes at 4 p.m. and caters to the seventeen and over crowd.

The Paladrome is similar to those in the city, but is much more reachable. This is a place where you're guaranteed to have a good time.

The Paladrome has a small dance floor yet is surrounded by platforms and a bar. The platforms are the choice place to overlook the club and show off your dance moves.

Senior Chris Altman said he had so much fun that he had trouble leaving and when he did he was still dancing.

There are special holiday hours, starting December 15th. It's open Wednesday through Saturday at its usual times, but December 21st, the doors open at seven for three bands, "No Empathy", "Dirt Merchant" and "Side Kick Kato". On New Years Eve they're throwing a big bash and the price of admission will be upped to twenty five dollars.

Actor Profile: Val Kilmer

By Stacy Shannon

Due to be a huge success as a movie, and besides starring other terrific performers like Jim Carrey and Tommy Lee Jones (The Fugitive), Batman Forever stars another popular veteran of stage and screen... Val Kilmer.

Kilmer got his screen debut in Top Secret, but has since starred in many hit movies; Top Gun, the Oliver Stone film The Doors, and the little known movie, The Real McCoy with Kim Basinger.

Some of his most notable work are in Tombstone, and Thunderheart. In Tombstone, opposite Kurt Russell, he played Doc Holiday, who had to deal with having the life threatening disease of tuberculosis. In Thunderheart, he played a government agent sent to an Indian reservation to stop violence opposite Sam Shepard.

Before getting his big "break" in film, he was starring in off-broadway productions of Hamlet, and Slab Boys in which he worked with Sean Penn. Then came Top Secret!

Remember that terrible movie by Ron Howard called Willow? Kilmer was in that.

Some thing you probably didn't know, he starred in Wings of Courage. What it is, is a 3-D Imax film, like the one at Great America. The basic idea for the movie is about air-mail pilots in South America in the 1930's. The other Imax theater is at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. The film is actually opening in Manhattan, and it is unknown when it will be venturing here.

Two unknown television specials he did were Billy the Kid for TNT, in which he played Billy, and on HBO, The Man Who Broke 1,000 Chains.

Did you catch Val as the king of rock and roll Elvis in the movie True Romance that starred Christian Slater?

Rather Cold Than Hot

By Wendy Woodward

The Eagles said after their breakup in 1980, that the next time they would get together would be when "Hell Freezes Over".

It happened, hell froze over, and it was great. The concert opened late, but with a great performance from Melissa Etheridge. This was the first time I had ever heard of her and my first impression of her was WOW!

When the Eagles came out about 20 minutes later, there was no mistake about who everyone came to see. The crowd went nuts.

There was a couple in front of us that had just gone to the Grateful Dead concert. Before the show had started they were saying how great the Dead show was and how they hoped that the Eagles were going to be just as good.

Then when it was over they said that the two did not compare. They also said, that that was the best Eagles concert they had seen. They had seen about five or six in their whole life.

During some songs, everyone would just hush and listen. During others, everyone was singing.

In the lawn seats there wasn't an inch to spare. In the pavilion there were hundreds of seats from people that never showed up. That was probably because the scalpers had bought so many tickets that they couldn't sell them all.

The price of the tickets was very expensive and was worth it. They also sold thousands of T-shirts, hats, and other paraphernalia.

Overall the concert was breathtaking. They could have sold about 500 less tickets in the lawn than they did.

ROLLER COASTER CATS

by Matt Wehling

After losing three out of four on the road, then posting two impressive home wins, and then another defeat at Naperville Central, many want to know when the erratic Cats will start to play consistently.

With a 4-4 record, 1-2 in the DVC, the Cats have struggled. Home games are a different story. After a 1-3 start, many wondered if the Cats would be a contender this year. The Cats then came back with two impressive home wins against Glenbard East and St. Francis.

Coach Kurt Roley commented on the Cats home wins by saying, "I was in disbelief. The way we played before that weekend, and the way we played at home were like night and day. We were very aggressive, and didn't back down to them."

Aggressive the Cats were, thanks in part to the strong play by Wildcat players. Senior Dan Dibble controlled the boards both offensively and defensively. The outside shooting by

juniors Brian Bowen and Jeremy Logan also helped the Cats way to victory.

Unfortunately, this didn't carry over to Friday nights game against Naperville Central. The absence of a home crowd seemed to throw the Cats into reverse. In the end the Cats lost by a score of 62-46.

The Naperville Central loss hurt the Cats not only in their overall record, but in their DVC record as well. Roley commented on the difficulty that Central would give them by saying, "They are not as strong as last year, but they still can cause problems."

Roley explains that the record they have now is what he expected. He said, "We are a young team. I came in and didn't know what kind of talent we had. It would have been nice to start off better." Roley also explained that the team is in a transition period and described the week-

end with the two wins proved, "...how capable our team is of winning."

The key to the Cats success is to maintain a consistent game, like they played at home according to Roley. The Cats will have to take their show on the road with a Lincolnway Christmas Tournament over Christmas break.

The team will then have two important conference games against both Glenbard North and Naperville North, having Naperville at home on the Saturday, January 6.

Roley said, "We all learned a lot in the first four games. Even though we lost some games, you can never be dissatisfied with learning."

The Cats don't have to worry about playoffs till February 27. Roley commented on that by remarking, "Everyone makes the playoffs. We will contend with everyone, and we must work on maintaining control of game."

In the running for a title

By Jeff Hadzima

Key victories against highly respected Glenbard East and Naperville Central have put the Ladycats tied for first in the DVC, and more importantly in the hunt for a DVC title.

The DVC has been nearly a breeze for the Ladycats this year. A huge win against Glenbard South started the roll that the Ladycats are now on. Then came Glenbard East, and this when the test began.



to prove that they are serious contenders. The Ladycats did just that. With Westrom's 15 points, and both McQueen and Michelle Rapinchuk adding 10 points to a 64-51 We-Go victory. A powerful victory for a team that wasn't supposed to contend for the DVC title.

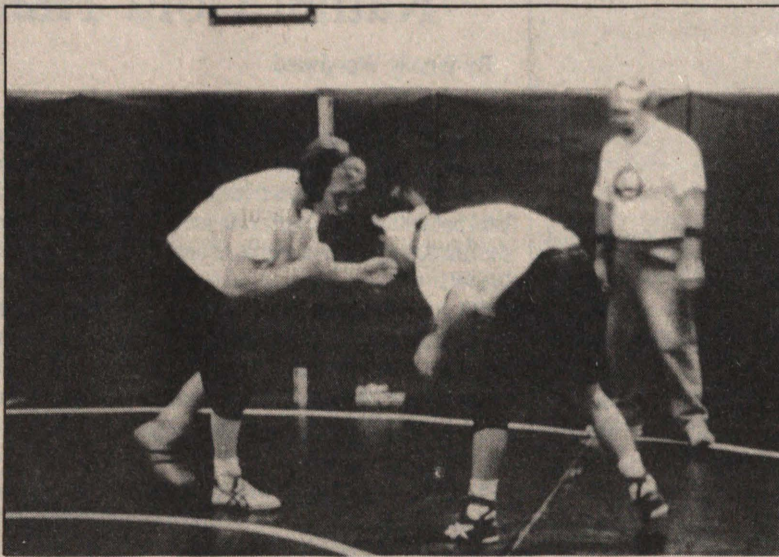
All the Ladycats have to do is continue what they have been doing: winning. The Ladycats are in the drivers seat now, and they control their own destiny. All we can do is wait for the January 7th showdown against

Inconsistency Hurts Wrestling Team

By Jeff Hadzima

Coach Dan Knight is gone, and so is conference champ Eddie Valdez, so you'd think that this would be a rebuilding year. Wrong!

Senior Rich Berendson is back after competing in last years state meet, and returning to his head coaching duties is Robert Hein. Other DVC title contenders are Jamie Phillips (135 lbs.), Miguel



Silva (103), Mike Genovesi (145), and Adam Fitzenreider (119).

As a team, this year has not looked so successful, but individual goals are being met. Already the wrestlers look to do better than last years dual meet record of 3-15, and a conference

record of 2-5. In wrestling, as our wrestlers have shown us, anything can happen.

On Thursday, December 15th, the Wildcats took on powerful Naperville Central. Although

With all these powerful performances, why can't the Wildcats seem to get that important DVC win against a powerful school. Inconsistency has hurt the Wildcats this year. Key victories have been overshadowed by disappointing losses, and there are times when you can't tell what direction the Wildcats are headed. Now is a good time to turn the season

the Wildcats lost the meet as a team, there were many bright spots. Silva won his match with a pin, sophomore Scott Carlson won his match, as did Phillips and Fitzenreider. Berendson won his match with an impressive 55 second pin.

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around, and we will most likely see it in these upcoming weeks.

"Don't count us out," Silva said. As the Wildcats have shown, they will never give up.

Their next meet is on December 28th against Naperville North at Rockford East. The action begins at 11 A.M.

The game stayed close the entire game. JIC bound Robin Westrom had a quiet game with only 7 points, so the scoring was left to Missy Buenz who had a game-high 21 points. Also players adding to the scoring mayhem were Natalie Fijalkowski with eight points, and Sarah McQueen with four. In the end, a blocked shot by Christina Nimmo secured the We-Go victory.

On Thursday there was a powerful Naperville Central team, and the Ladycats needed a win

Naperville North, the team tied for first with the Ladycats. The advantage is on our side, because the game is at home.

Warmup for the Ladycats is the Niles North Holiday Tournament, and this is a tournament that can be won. With continued excellent play, the Ladycats could very much take home the first place trophy. The tournament begins on December 27th at 7:30 P.M.. Their next DVC contest is at Glenbard North on January 5th.

Lack of swimmers doesn't hurt Cats

by Blanca Rios

The fab five is back this year and they're better than ever!

The boys swim team has gone off to a great start this year. They are a small team, but they're still growing. There currently have nine team members, when the average swim team has about 20.

The fab five consists of sophomores Ryan Acker, Jeff Cain, Peter Grant, and Jai Hartigan and Josh Keller. Juniors this year James Smith and Dan Tracy.

The boys had a meet December 15 against Marmion, with Acker swimming the 200 Freestyle at 2:00:67, and Hartigan swimming 50 freestyle at 24:03, who both won first place.

There are no seniors on the team. Former boy swimmer Brian Adamo said he's not on the team anymore because, "I

feel I wasn't appreciated, the fab five had all the attention."

Coach Len Penkala responded, "On any team there are cliques, and to do well it takes a lot of hard work." He then added, "It was harder for the seniors and juniors to work up to the level of the now sophomores."

Some of the swimmers lost for this year are Seniors Corey Johnson, Brandon Fantozzi, Chris Brown, Tony Villa, and Adamo. Juniors gone are Tom Saylor, Dave Bunge, and Brendan Vaughn. Some of these people are gone due to moving.

Acker who swims the Fly and Free style said "We're doing pretty good, we're better but there are not as many swimmers." He also says there are not enough swimmer to win meets.

Their next swim meet is Thursday, January 5 away at Elgin.