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Teachers To Strike

West Chicago High School Teachers' Association unanimously voted to strike for higher wages and better working conditions. School will be closed tomorrow and until the school board and teachers' association come to terms, or until substitute teachers are hired. If you believe the above story you have just fallen prey to an April Fools' Day joke.

The first day of April is commonly known as April Fools' Day or All Fools' Day. This is a day when people play all sorts of practical jokes on their friends or enemies.

The origin of April Fools' Day is not known. However, there are many theories to explain how it began.

Some say April Fools' Day started because of the tricks the weather plays at the beginning of spring. Last year was a good example of this when on April 2 Mother Nature played a belated April Fools' trick on the Chicago area. Just when everyone thought spring was on the way, she blessed us with eight or nine inches of snow.

Another theory claims the custom of April Fools' began in France around the sixteenth century. In 1564 New Year's Day was changed from April 1 to January 1 when King Charles IX adopted the Gregorian calendar. Because communication was slow, many people still celebrated New Year's on April 1. Eventually this became a day of jokes and tricks. In France, people who are the subject of practical jokes are called April fish (poisson d'avril).

One of the most common April Fools' tricks is to put sugar in the salt shaker and salt in the sugar bowl. Other jokes are to change the clock, replace white chalk with white crayon, or give your friend a bottle of gin filled with water.

Be alert today to avoid becoming a poisson d'avril!

Where Does Vending Machine Money Go?

by Kathy Kennedy

Where does your money go? How much of what you spend each week on the vending machines and in the bookstore is "returned" to you as a student?

Fewer funds may soon be available for student organizations at West Chicago High as a result of student misuse of the vending machines.

The company which provides the machines doubled the percentage of the profits which go to WCCHS, according to Dr. Kamm, principal. They increased the percentage because of their successful operation but profits from the machines may decrease due to the recent mishandling.

According to law revenue from the vending machines must go into student organized funds such as Student Council, AFS (American Field Service), and IRO (Interrelated Occupations). Student Council took in $553.12 last year, and $276.56 went to AFS. Student Council runs the machines and AFS is a branch of Student Council.

Revenue from the jukebox goes toward the Art Acquisition or Manilow Fund, an attempt to procure works of art for the cafeteria area.

Another place where much of a student's income is spent is the bookstore. The bookstore usually breaks even in sales. Any profit that is made and approximately ten percent of the cost pays Mrs. Kloubec her salary. The bookstore averages about $35.00 per day, according to Mrs. Kloubec.

"Of Thee I Sing" To Be Presented This Weekend

Dan Robbins, in the hands of Max Moningh and Mitchell Brown, finds out that being vice-president isn't all it's cracked up to be.

Marvel Sampson and Jenny Havlin fight it out in this year's musical "Of Thee I Sing."

by Tom McAdams

The all-school musical, "Of Thee I Sing." will be presented in the Weyrauch Auditorium, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, April 2, 3, and 4. The Friday and Saturday performances will be at 8:00 p.m., and the Sunday matinee at 3:00 p.m. Prices will be $1.50 for main floor and $2.00 for balcony.

The Pulitzer Prize winning play, with words and music written by Ira and George Gershwin, is the story of John P. Wintergreen, an imaginary candidate for President. Wintergreen bases his campaign on the slogan "Put Love in the White House." His election brings on international complications and possible impeachment.

Interwoven in the play are the comic adventures of Alexander Throttlebottom, the new Vice-President, seeking recognition.

Mr. Gene Haney is the director of the orchestra. Miss Cheri Waldorf directs and Kem Daily is the student director of the musical.

Alumna Kim Krafft Is Second Lieutenant

Ms. Kim Krafft, a 1971 We-Go graduate, was sworn into the U.S. Army as a second lieutenant.

Kim is the eldest of four daughters of Lt. Col. David M. Krafft of the U.S. Air Force Reserve, and Mrs. Krafft. Her father administered the oath of enlistment in ceremonies at Army entrance headquarters in Chicago.

Lt. Krafft received a bachelor's degree in education at Illinois State University in Normal, Ill., in the spring of 1975. Following 11 weeks of orientation training at Fort McClellan, Alabama, she will be given a permanent assignment in the Adjutant General Corps.

Ms Kim Krafft, a 1971 We - Go Grad.

1969 Graduate Receives Award

John Russell, a 1969 graduate of West Chicago Community High School, has won second place in the 1975 Illinois UPI Editor's Association newspaper contest.

Beacon-News staff writer Russell won second place in the spot news category for his work in exposing a swindle in the Illinois Instant Lottery. Russell's story of an attempted fraud resulted in a state investigation of the incident.

Russell graduated from Southern Illinois University in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in journalism.

Loren Getz Converts Garbage

by Armando Gonzales

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's Loren Getz's metal sculpture. Mr. Getz, social studies department, has been teaching history for sixteen years. Like most people he has a hobby, in his case, metal sculpture.

Mr. Getz says he started with metal sculpture about eight years ago by being interested in art and going to art museums. He has had no formal training in art.

Mainly the material needed to start on junk sculpture is junk. Mr. Getz uses old machine junk, parts from old farm machinery and things people have thrown away.

"The neighbors never throw anything out anymore. They just bring whatever they throw out to me. I come home and find junk by my house."

Sculpting mostly animal forms and birds, he gets his ideas on what to make from the shapes of the junk or shapes of different pieces of metal. He also makes sculptures for people who give him junk and want him to make something of it. Mr. Getz says he likes to display his work in art fairs and that he attends six major ones during the summer.

Students may have seen some of Mr. Getz's work in the library. He also plans to have an exhibit in the library in the near future.

Mr. Getz is welding one of his sculptures.

No man is happy who does not think himself so.

—Pubilius Syrus

Pictured above is German Claro, foreign exchange student from Santiago, Chile. German left West Chicago March 23, after a ten-week stay, to return to his home. While he was in West Chicago he stayed with the Nichols family and then with the Bosso family.

Poetry

I burned the school down
With 400 gallons of gasoline
And a book of matches
Sat in a tree and watched
it blaze
Everyone tried to get out
But firedrills don't work
When flaming gasoline is
Pouring down the halls
I read in the paper that
Students and teachers
Sacrificed themselves to save
Their charges or girlfriends
People think chivalry is dead
Nonsense
It just takes a pyro
To find it.

Life is like a bowl of
Chicken Noodle soup
Not much chicken
Even less noodles
But lots of marbles in
the bottom
To make the noodles stay
on top
And look really good
From an aerial view.

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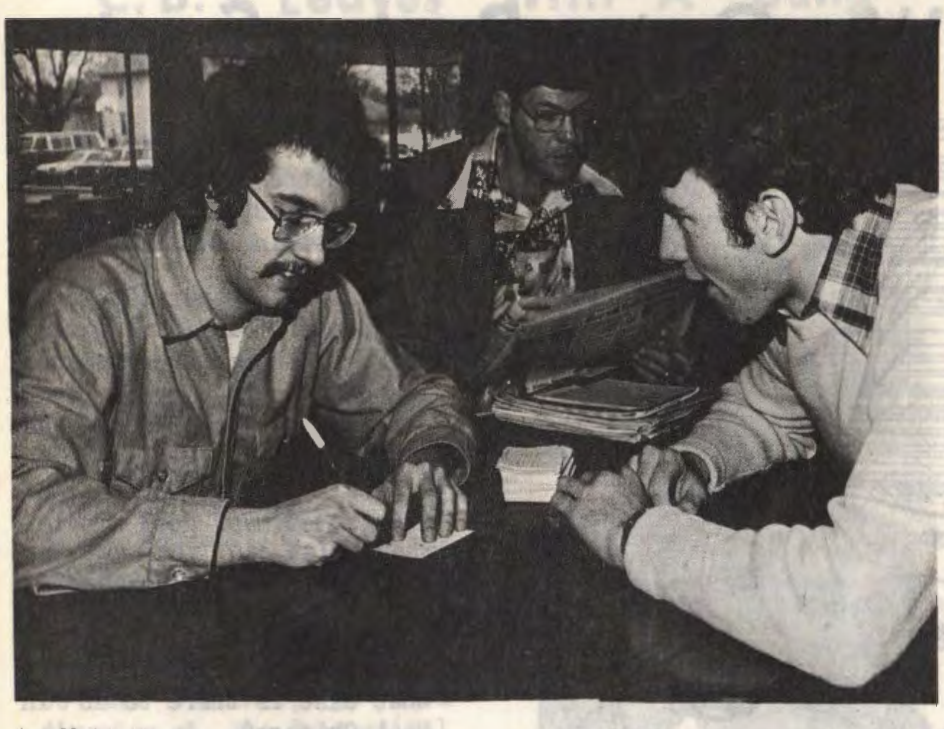

by Matt Rowland

Greg Stoda, paraprofessional, has left his familiar posts of walking the halls or sitting behind a deck of cards for a sports-writing job in North Carolina. The paper, The Wilmington Morning Star, is a daily and has a circulation of about 100,000.

Mr. Stoda, otherwise known as Kotter, will be heading down south to pursue his lifelong ambition. Kotter liked his job here, but says "I always wanted to do something I liked to do and get paid for it; and there's an opportunity to be where I want to be and do what I want to do." Mr. Stoda headed down to Wilmington March 13 and will come back to West Chicago to marry his fiancée Mary Liebst April 10. She will work as a nurse in a local hospital while Stoda is reporting.

When asked about being a parapro, he had his likes and dislikes. Some of the bad points were that "It didn't seem like I was doing much to help anyone, and that's what I was here for." He also said he thinks the school could function without parapros. Kotter believes there is an excellent administration and they all know what is happening and try to help out. The good points were some of the students he was involved with. He said, "I enjoyed the faculty members, and I would like especially to thank the coaches for everything they let me do for and with them."

If he had a chance to do it all over again, he would go the same route if being a parapro assured him of a teaching job. If not, he would devote all his talents to being a sportswriter.

Kotter thinks being a parapro is a good experience and suggests if anyone really wants to become a teacher, here's a good place to start.

Since the Stoda family had vacationed often in South Carolina, Mr. Stoda is happy to move to that area. Both he and Miss Liebst have lived in the Chicago area for more than 15 years. They will miss their friends—but then, if he never leaves, how can they Welcome Back Kotter?

Decisive Primary

by Kevin Hodges

Most primaries are not very decisive, or even paid attention to, but the Illinois primary was an exception. In the Democratic primary, former Governor Jimmy Carter took first prize in the Presidential nomination race, and in the gubernatorial race, Howlett soundly beat present Governor Dan Walker for the nomination. On the Republican side, President Jerry Ford beat challenger Ronald Reagan easily, and Jim Thompson won the governor's nomination race.

The primary causes some questions to be asked, also. What will Walker do now? Will he run as an independent, and form a third party? Will he run at all? All indications are that he will run, but it will not be known until Mr. Walker himself informs us.

Jobs Available

Do you need money? Are you looking for a job? DuPage County Manpower Office will be running a Youth Work Experience Program for high school students between the ages of sixteen and eighteen.

Jobs offered are maintenance, clerical assistants, public service aides and laborers. The maximum work time per week will be twenty hours and the average wage will be approximately $2.45 per hour.

The program is conducted under the sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor and is intended to provide practical work experience to youths of low income families. This program will begin April 1.

To see if you qualify, call the DuPage County Manpower Office Intake Center at 682-7710.

VOICE **OPINIONS**

Cascade: We-Go's Party Spot

As the cold air moves out and the warm air moves in, things start picking up at a certain location.

Cascade, otherwise known as Zipper Park or Finger Bowl, is the main party spot in town. Seeing lovers cuddle and beer cans drop and talking to the rent-a-cop are all added attractions to a sometimes good movie. Where else can you get so much for just two dollars?

Adults might disapprove of these attractions but what else is there to do in West Chicago?

What Are Counselors For?

by Mark Hendricker

What if you don't want to go to college?

It seems to me that if you don't want to go, then you are set off in a corner by the counselors and the administration and stamped with "Rush" and they try to get you processed and brainwashed that you can't make it in the world. Your life has been placed in the scrapyard to rust because you didn't want to go to college. So they get in high school and out and make you learn what you supposedly need to know.

If you do want to go to college then you are pushed to take classes that you have no interest in or even need, but they insist that you take more math or foreign language than you probably need to know. I believe that you do need help your first couple of years but after that I think that you should be able to make your own class schedule out and not be influenced by your counselor.

I think that the counselors are there for advice when you ask and not to plan your life for you.

Administration Asks For Help

The party responsible for the theft from the Geneva Girls' Basketball Team has not been apprehended. So, the question arises: How will West Chicago High School repay Geneva and clear its name?

According to the administration there is no insurance to cover the loss. There is also no other source of revenue available to the administration to reimburse Geneva.

As a result of this Mr. Waterhouse sent letters to the advisors of clubs with large balances in their activity funds. He asked them to consider donating money to pay for this "embarrassment."

It seems ironic to me that the administration asks the clubs to donate money, when it is the administration that so strongly restricts the clubs from earning money.

Dreams,
golden memories,
intermingling to form
sudden bursts of light,
perhaps forming stars,
in the vast atmosphere
of thought.

—G. W.

A face....
one in a million
staring out at the vast city,
desolate and lonely
friendless and cold,
till the warmth,
of a hand reaching out,
touches his soul.—G. W.

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"C. B." Leaves With A Bang

By Lisa Black

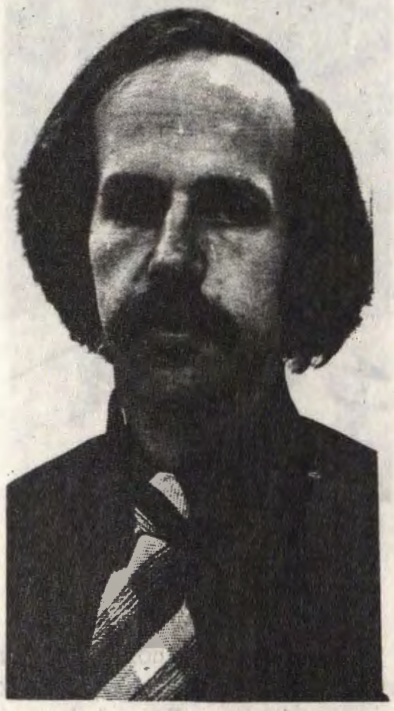
"In my work with teenagers, I've come to respect them. I've found they are more mature than I was when I was a teenager," said Christopher Barnes, a student teacher at We-Go.

Mr. Barnes taught grammar-comp, expository writing and journalism, and he helped produce the Bridge. He said he enjoyed working with West Chicago's young people. He and his wife help as house parents at a girls' home in Naperville. Mr. Barnes, C.B. to his students, is youth director at the Evangelical Free Church in Naperville. C. B. feels that the teens are crucial years in development. "What is done will determine how society is in the future. Christ is the answer to the student's problems," he says.

Mr. Barnes graduated from Northern Illinois University in 1973 with a major in English and a minor in journalism.

Mr. Barnes has unique teaching methods. During his Journalism II classs he and Mr. Charles Greenberg staged a murder. C.B. apparently owed Mr. Greenberg money and refused to pay. So Greenberg shot him. The students then had to write an article about the event. Mr.Barnes told the class, "Something could happen right before your eyes and you wouldn't even bother to write up the story."

Mr. Barnes said he really enjoyed working with the young people of West Chicago. "The students are easy to build a rapport with," he said. "You can gain a give-and-take relationship, instead of building up a wall between the students and myself. I think I succeded in building a bridge." The students are easily motivated, he believes, and for the most part are attentive in class.



Pictured above is student teacher Christopher Barnes. Last Friday was Mr. Barnes' (C.B.) last day at We-Go.

The faculty treated Mr. Barnes as a colleague. In some schools, he says, student teachers are treated poorly.

After he gets his teaching certificate, Mr. Barnes plans to try to have three short stories pulbished and write a book while he looks for a teaching job. C.B. would like a position teaching English and advising the school publication, but he is willing to teach whatever is available.

April 5 - 9 To Be AFS Week

The Exchange Student Program (E.S.P.) committee of student council will sponsor AFS week April 5-9. As in previous years, foreign exchange students from surrounding schools will participate in a question-and-answer session with We-Go students in the auditorium on April 9. This year the committee will be selling blue and white AFS buttons for 25¢ each. There will be a prize for the person with the most buttons at the end of the week. This is the main drive to raise money for the ESP. The cost of obtaining a foreign student is rising every year. A host family is still needed for next year.

New Briefs

Eurico (Rick) Mello, foreign exchange student here from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, left West Chicago Saturday, February 28 to return home. Rick enjoyed his ten-week stay here and hopes to return to go to college in the U.S.A. At present he is surfing, playing tennis and enjoying the 94-degree weather in Rio de Janeiro.

We-Go's Concert Band went to Fox Valley shopping center March 14 on a trial basis to see how they would do in unfamiliar surroundings. Shoppers gathered to hear the band and, according to Mr. William Sargent, the director, they performed well.

Mr. Sargent said that he was pleased with the turnout. He plans to take the band to other community functions to broaden their experience.

Zimmerman: A Man For All Seasons

by Dick Waterhouse

Mr. Terry Zimmerman is the teacher replacing Mr. Howard Holcombe. He teaches Canadian History, and Ancient and European History.

Mr. Zimmerman was born in Milwaukee, Wis. An only child, he grew up in Pewaukee, Wis., where his parents still live. In high school he lettered in basketball, baseball, football and track. He was captain and most valuable player on the baseball team, and co-captain of the track team.

Mr. Zimmerman received his B.A. at the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point and his master's degree at the University of Conneticut. He majored in European History but had no minor because he feels that people should come into contact with as many different things as possible and dabble in different areas. He also thinks that one should be "finding out what's out there."

Photography, hiking and camping interest him. He

Mr. Terry Zimmerman

plays the Krummhorn and the recorder, two Renaissance instruments. He claims he is not really a photographer. He just enjoys taking pictures.

He also enjoys reading and movies, although he wishes that he had more time to read books connected with history.

Lion in Winter, The Sting, King of Hearts, and Butch Cassidy are among his favorite movies. He also speaks a little German and French.

When he was a college freshman, Mr. Zimmerman decided to become a teacher. He took courses to learn more about forestry and other courses centered around ecology. Mr. Zimmerman served an internship in Connecticut at E. O. Smith High School.

As a graduate student he was a faculty assistant at the University of Connecticut.

This is Mr. Zimmerman's first regular teaching job. He has worked as a spiker on a railroad line, and as a printer 's assistant; he has done odd jobs with a state employment office, and has driven a station wagon for Milwaukee executives. But he says that teaching is the only real job for him.

Mr. Zimmerman is impressed with the high school program and with the way the school is administered. He enjoys the atmosphere in West Chicago.

LRC Loss Totals About $3000

by Lisa Black

A room that is painted in three shades of orange would almost always turn off most people. But to the students of WCCHS, this is a place to study, listen to cassettes, or read. This room is the Learning Resource Center.

Mr. Jerry Wicks, director of the LRC, is having trouble with people taking books without signing them out. Last year the LRC lost more than $3000 worth of books and magazines. Mr. Wicks says he thinks he's already lost that much this year. He needs to replace the stolen books, but many are out of print. Some have been returned from Aurora Public Library, and from Wheaton North and St. Charles High Schools.

Many complaints come to Mr. Wicks on how the LRC is run. Some teachers say it is too noisy and that it should be for quiet study. Students complain that it is too small and that the discipline is too strict. They say they aren't allowed to play cards or talk loudly. Mr. Wicks says that this rule will continue because the commons is for talking and card-playing.

The students enjoy the new cassettes, and Mr. Wicks will buy more for next year. "I wish we had a lot more room and a larger budget. It must cover all AV equipment, the books and magazines for the whole school, and the stereo equipment," Mr. Wicks says. He also plans to have the LRC repainted.

It is only the ignorant that despise education.

Practice is the best of all instructors.

Kurt Liebezeit Is Double Winner

by Dan Robbins

"I knew I had done well this time but I was surprised that it was the highest score. I couldn't find my name on the list at first," said Kurt Liebezeit.

Kurt, a junior, took first place in the Twenty-Seventh Annual Mathematics Examination with a score of 55. Kurt, a Math IV E student, competed against 144 other students in the March 9 contest.

Jeff Engel took second place, scoring 39 points, and Steve Ferro took third place with 37 points.

These top three scores will be sent to the regional chairman at Bradley University. Then they are sent to the national headquarters in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The top 100 scorers in the U.S. compete in the U.S. Olympiad. From that test the eight highest scorers will participate in the International Olympiad. These eight students will travel to the foreign country that will hold the Olympiad.

Kurt Liebezeit is the winner of the math contest and the "Mr. Wildcat" contest.

Other top scorers are Dave Nelson with 35 points, Julie Kamm and Rick Gorvett scoring 34 points, and Marie Devereux and Kevin Tissot with 33 points. Rick Morgan scored 31 points, Shirley Shepherd 29 points, and Steve Burgess, Tom McAdams, Steve Ingraham, and Margaret Shurtleff scored 28 points.

For some, March 12 was a night of nights. It was the date of the "Mr. Wildcat" contest, sponsored by AFS (American Field Service).

Out of sixteen male representatives from varsity sports, the music department, language clubs, yearbook, student council, Pep Club, and faculty, Kurt Liebezeit, Mr. Yearbook, won the title "Mr. Wildcat." Kurt, who had been playing the clumsy act, looked very majestic with his roses and Mickey Mouse ears.

One highlight of the evening was when Gary Overbay, Mr. Gymnastics, did a cartwheel-somersault-split right into the microphone.

Doug Enos, Mr. Choir, was first runner-up, Mike Alden, Mr. Football, was second and Tim Wierenga, Mr. French Club, was third runner-up.

Mr. Elliott, who represented the faculty made it as a finalist, but was eliminated in the next round.

Kamm Attends Convention

Dr. Richard Kamm attended the annual convention of the National Ass'n of Secondary Principals in Washington, D.C. The need for more time in the education in citizenship, the need for more nutritional education in school, and the effect of violence on tv on young people were among the subjects discussed.

Seven thousand principals from the U.S. and Canada listened to President Gerald Ford, Senator Hubert Humphrey and other dignitaries speak.

We-Go Wildcat Poll

The Bridge, in its effort to learn more about the opinions of its readers, will now be conducting a series of surveys in each issue.

This issue, the Bridge would like to know what TV shows students like best. Please answer each of the following questions and put them in the student council box in the IRC.

The results of this survey will be printed in the next issue of the Bridge.

What are your favorite TV shows?

Comedy (half-hour shows)

Variety (hour shows)

Crime

Soap Opera

Tear along the dotted line.

Marisa Fuentes Returns To Chile

Marisa Fuentes, foreign student from Chile.

by Beth Wampole

Marisa Fuentes was one of the four Open Door exchange students from South America who stayed at West Chicago High School for ten weeks. Marisa's exchange experience here ended March 23, when she and the other two Chilean exchange students, Pedro and German, returned to Chile.

Marisa arrived at We-go January 7 and stayed with her American sister Lyda Horvath, and family. Marisa applied to be an Open Door exchange student to find out for herself what the U.S. and its people really are like and to have a new and different experience.

Marisa is from Vina del Mar, Chile, a coastal resort city about three hours from Santiago, the capital. In Chile she attends an all-girl Catholic school; classes are chosen for her and are an obligation to take.

Before coming to the U.S., Marisa had thought that North American teenagers were freer to do things, but after being here awhile, she realized that all freedom is limited in some way.

She has observed that machines are used for almost everything in the U.S. and there are machines even to do the simplest of tasks.

Marisa experienced many new activities here (such as winter sports and ice skating), and especially enjoyed tubing at Blackwell.

While social customs are different, Marisa fells that teenagers all throughout the world have many things in common. She has noted many similarities in moral values given to teenagers by their parents, but she fells that these values vary from family to family here as well as in Chile.

Student Council Discusses Geneva Incident And Cafeteria

by Lisa Black

"As a student council, it is our responsibility to represent the school. We have an obligation to keep our schools name out of the gutter," Marvel Sampson said this at the student council meeting March 23.

The group was discussing wether or not it was their responsibility to help reimburse Geneve High School for the loss they experienced at West Chicago in February. While the Geneva Girls' Basketball Team was playing We-Go here, some persons stole $180 worth of clothing, jewelry and money from their lockers. Mr. Richard Waterhouse had written letters to the various clubs at We-Go asking for donations. So far, he has collected only $50 from the cheerleaders, the Pom-Pon squad, and the Varsity Club.

The council discussed whether to give the remaining $130, to give $50, or not to donate any money.

A motion was passed that student council will donate $50 from the Manilow Fund or from their own treasury.

The Manilow Fund was set up for students. With this money Dr. Richard Kamm had planned to buy art reprints for the halls. But when he met with student opposition, Dr. Kamm told student council to come up with a better idea.

Mr. Richard DuFour, dean, suggested a way to clean up the cafeteria: have students clean up the mess. He talked to Mrs. MaryAnn Hensel, and she said she would give the students a free lunch if they would do this. Mr. DuFour said,"It's not a glamorous job, but it will improve the cafeteria. It would also set an example-encourage other students to pick up the mess.

Tim Sampson said, "It wouldn't hurt to try for a few weeks. We might try putting it in the announcements. There might be students interested.

No one knows what he can do till he tries.

—Pubilius Syrus

Renovations Total $200,000

by Gary Bell

After 100,000 dollars and four months of work the West Chicago High School had a new track and football field. The funds for this project came from Life Safety Bonds which are bought from the school by private businessmen.

The old football field was completely reconstructed. An all new drainage system was put in, the field was crowned to recommended specifications, and all new sod was layed out.

The football players were the first ones to use the new field. The field was used too early and some of the sod was ripped up. "The contractors told us that the sod would be rooted by then," said Mr. Hansen athletic director, but obviously it wasn't. So, after the last game Mr. Hansen, Dr. Kamm, and a few others went out and replaced torn sod for five hours.

The track was worked on also. An all-weather track surface was put over the old track.

An additional 100,000 dollars went to purchase the new lockers and the new building out back that will be used for parking the driver's ed. cars.

Clubs To Pay For Locker Room Loss

One hundred eighty-one dollars worth of clothing and jewelry was stolen from the Geneva Girls' Basketball Team while they were visiting here last month.

The administration has been unable to determine who was responsible for the theft. The Geneva team did not bring locks and the locker room was left unlocked.

Mr. Richard Waterhouse has asked the clubs that have a considerable balance in their activities accounts to donate money to help pay for the loss. He said that there was no other source of revenue available to pay for this loss. If the clubs don't come up with the money, the Geneva girls probably wouldn't be reimbursed. The amount that the clubs come up with will be the amount given to Geneva.

The Lettermen's Club has contributed $25 and the Pom-Pon and cheerleaders have also contributed $25.

Badminton Goes Co-ed

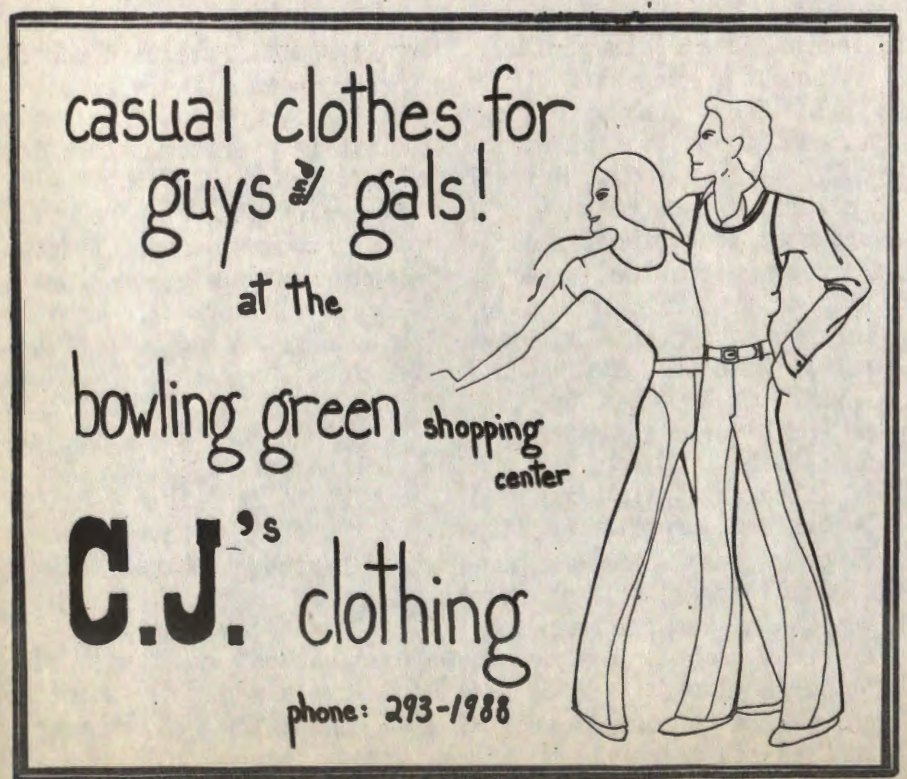
Title IX is having an impact on We-Go's badminton courts.

This year's team consists of seventeen girls and one boy, Ed Jakopchek, who happens to be the number one singles player for nonconference. The singles players for conference games are Mary Lou Muilenburg, Cheri Whitaker, Debbie Berndt, and Kim Kynast. The doubles are Joyce Large-Pam Price; Cindy Clark - Kathleen Courtney; Colleen Courtney-Rae Murray; and Debbie Finnegan - Lucy Fernandes.

Going into conference meets, We-Go has a 2-2 record. Their last meet was against Joliet East. They lost all matches except Kim Kynast's.

Coach LaVora Singleton said "We never finished lower than second in the Little Seven Conference. But I'll be happy if they finish fourth or fifth. This is a brand new team and the DuPage Valley Conference is a tougher conference."

It's too late to sign up for the April ACT Test, but students wishing to take it in June should get their applications in between Apr. 12 and May 17. Folders containing applications are available in the guidance office.



We-Go Sports

Lisa Black
Sport editor

Jo-Jo, Downhill racer

Jo-Jo Weber doing his thing.

You may be walking down the hall with the 1980 Winter Olympics gold medal winner in downhill skiing and not knowing it.

Sophomore Joe Weber, known as Jo-Jo, has been skiing since he was two years old when most of us were trying to toddle without falling.

Jo-Jo learned to ski from his father, who is a ski instructor. Jo-Jo started competing in slalom, giant slalom, and downhill racing at age eight. Since then he has won over a hundred awards and medals.

In Jo-Jo's last race, the Mid-American and Canadian, he placed first and second in slalom and took third in the giant slalom.

Jo-Jo's other interests are baseball and swimming, but he doesn't have much time for these because he is always training for skiing. During the school year, Jo-Jo even has to miss thirty percent of school which upsets his teachers.

Jo-Jo's biggest dream is to be asked to compete in the 1980 Winter Olympics to be held in Lake Placid, New York. Does he think he'll be asked? Jo-Jo said, "I can only try."

Title IX to change Athletic Department

by Kevin Hodges

Will the home-run hitter for next year's baseball team be a Henrietta instead of a Hank? Will next year's track star be a Jill and not a Jack? Will the girls' volleyball games not be just girls' games, but go co-ed? Under Title IX, the answer to all three questions could easily be yes.

The basic tenets of Title IX are explained in Section 86.31(a):"...no person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any academic, extracurricular, research, occupational training, or other education program or activity operated by a recipient which receives or benefits from federal financial assistance."

The long range affects of Title IX are not yet known since it became effective only last July 21. But all indications are that it will shake up educational institutions nationwide, both in student recruitment and job hiring in schools. This law, along with the civil rights laws of the 60's, is designed to end discrimination in education.

Especially affected will be athletic programs. Title IX provides that, in all non-contact sports, either there be equal teams for each sex, or that the teams go co-ed. Also, PE classes will be co-ed, except in contact sports and sex education.

Title IX requires that each school form a committee which will evaluate school programs and take corrective action where needed under Title IX. The committee for the high school consists of six students, six parents, four faculty members, and two members of the school board. They will work through the school year and part of the summer to finish by the required date of July 21, 1976, one year after the effective date of Title IX.

Title IX also requires notification to both students and parents. Notices will be printed in the '76-'77 Student Handbook, sent home in newsletters, and it will also be explained in assemblies at the beginning of the next school year.