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Winter Concert goes up in smoke

An electrical short in a transformer caused the cancellation of the Winter Concert for Orchestra and Choir.

After the singing of the Star Spangled Banner, the fans were switched on and the audience settled back to listen to the Orchestra's first number. This is when the transformer to the airconditioner on the roof of the auditorium shorted, and the fans began blowing the smoke into the auditorium. The reason for the short, at the time of this printing is still unknown.

The audience quickly convinced themselves that the choir members in the back of the auditorium were not playing with matches, and got up to leave.

Police, always in attendance at school functions, alerted the Fire Department, who, upon arrival, asked that the orchestra, playing through the haze of smoke, be stopped and the auditorium evacuated.

Music students friends and Family waited in the lobby while the lights, then believed to be the sorce of the fire, were checked.

When no immediate problem could be located, directors Gene Haney and Ron Benner decided to call off the concert for that night. The delay caused by the search for the source of the problem, not to mention clearing the auditorium of smoke, would be too long to merit trying to continue the concert that evening.

The next day it was decided, due to the busy schedule facing the music department, not to reschedule the concert. Many of the numbers, however, will be added to future concerts.

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Students opt for no Option

by Roberta Root

Senior Option, a talked about program among upcoming seniors and faculty members may be slowly dying. In order for the program to run, at least 40 students are needed. At this time only 20 students who pre-registered, signed up for it. There is however, a slight chance that it will run with a grant from the state.

Team members Steve Arnold, Dean Burgess, Bob Owens, and George Strecker, seem to think the reason that juniors didn't sign up for it was that they didn't understand the program, didn't like the time commitment, and that students heard misleding rumors, for example: "A program designed for non-college bound students," and "The program involved sitting in a classroom."

Mr. Arnold Speculated, "students prefer what is familiar. Sitting in classrooms, learning through lecture method, and letting teachers assume all responsibility for what is learned are experiences most familiar to students and experiences that therefore provide the most security."

Originally, the team members thought that the problem areas would be with acceptance by the board of education, faculty members, and school administration. These early concerns proved not to be true.

"Dr. Kamm was enthusiastic and helped a great deal. The school board also showed a lot of interest in the program. I have to admit that I was surprised at the lack of student support for the program," Mr. Arnold explained.

He proved to be right. After hundreds of hours of intensive work and planning the members of the team are "drained" and "disappointed." Mr. Arnold feels that students at West Chicago are missing out on an opportunity to start a very immovative and creative alternative educational program.

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Give smokers facilities, let non-smokers breathe

It's time to sweep the dirt out from under the rug, or in other words, to sweep the smokers out of the washrooms.

Either they have been awarded some type of acquiesance from the administrators or else it's felt that when they become sufficently disgusted with the haze they cause in the poorly ventilated rooms they'll stop; but whatever philosophy they've been allowed to continue under, it's a fallacy.

The punishment for smoking varies from a warning to a three day suspension, and to most is hardly more than a slap on the wrist. Secondly, most of them have become accustomed to the smell and it no longer bothers them. Peer pressure is unapplicable here because the only pressures that would matter would have to come from the smokers' own social-peer group, who certainly will not complain.

So, it appears that the problem will not "burn itself out."

On the other hand, direct action will not work either. Smokers cannot be followed around and slapped everytime they light up. The decision to smoke is an individual one but, unfortunately, it affects others.

Therefore, trying to hide the smoking problem in the backs of the washrooms will no longer suffice.

Claims made by parents and school board members that providing an "official" smoking area would mean condoning smoking are becoming more and more ridiculous sounding.

Let's face it, the smoking will continue whether its allowed officially or not. Why not stop punishing the nonsmokers and give the smokers a place to smoke.

Since fire laws prohibit smoking in schools, (except, of course, in teacher's lounges), how about building an unattached room somewhere and allowing it to be used for smoking, or provide smokers with separate washrooms. At least admit they exist.

Just like the dirt under the rug, the problem won't go away until it's brought to the maid's attention.

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Short, but to the point

Dear Editor,

I would like to see the parking lots plowed better.

Tim Hodge

School cops out on P.E. agreement

Dear Editor,

In the winter edition of the school newsletter there is an article about P.E. for seniors which will effect classes of 79, 80, and all other classes below that. In the article it states, "District 94 has had request waivers of these state requirements... a situation which resulted in the elimination of senior P.E. programs. Renewal fo these programs will be welcome news to many upcoming seniors."

Because of this change we now need four years of P.E. When classes of '79 and '80 came to this school we were told we needed three years of P.E. Because of this many people have planned a full course load in their senior years.

Many of these courses are requirements for graduation and for entrance into a college. As a result we are forced to either drop classes or pay for summer school. Many people obtain summer job to pay for college. By attending summer school this costs us time and money which most people don't have.

Because of this change, I think District 94 hasn't fulfilled their end of the original agreement of three years of P.E. for graduation.

John Clifford

Miss Tews adapting to We-Go

by Scott Sauber

Talking with Miss Tews, the new face in adaptive education, reveals something other than where she went to school, a conversation with her allows people to really understand what adaptive Ed. is all about.

Adaptive Ed., or Special Ed., is a specialized unit dealing with the specific needs of the 12 students enrolled including extra attention in the areas of reading writing and Arithmetic. These students are taught what life is all about so that after completion of the course they will be able to compete with students who have followed a regular curiculum.

Miss Tews, a graduate of Illinois State is responsible for this learning experience

at WCCHS.

When she was a senior in high school she helped the Special Ed. teacher in her hometown of Villa Park teach classes to Freshman.

Ever since, helping students of lower IQ's has been her life and she plans to keep it in her future by obtaining her Masters Degree at Northern Illinois University in Special Education or Reading.

Students opt for no option

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As for the following school year 1979-1980,he says that the team won't stop trying to work for the kinds of changes that senior option would have created. He feels that changes are desperately needed.

One thing that the team felt was the amount of administrative support that the team had in the past year in which the administation and school board stepped out on the limb and took some risks in supporting the program.

Dr. Kamm believes that Senior Option is worth it" and is a "good program"."I am willing to give it another go next year but the time wasn't wasted and I think that all the members learned or gained something by it," Dr. Kamm explained.

Dr. Kamm has sent in a 25 page proposal to the state explaining the program. They hope to get a grant that will help start the program.

Senior Option? Good question.

Winners at WCCHS

FBLA

by Jim Cunningham

WCCHS has six future business leaders of America who are going down state.

The Future Business leaders of America had their Northern area of Illinois regional contest and six students from our school placed. Our six FBLA winners are Andy Kerstan, first in accounting; Virginia Kim, first in shorthand; Dave Collins, first in job interviews; Mike Turner, first in Business Communication; George Goykovich, third in Business Communication; and Mike Teal, fourth also in Business Communication and will be going down state for the state contest March 17.

Scholarship

by Roxanne French

Final results of the National Merit Scholarship competition, begun by seniors in the fall of their junior year are out. All of We-Co's semi-finalists, David Nelson, Elizabeth Niswander, and Christine Velbel, received finalist ratings in these last rankings. This places them in the top half of one percent of the nations seniors.

As finalists, they are eligible for monitary awards given mainly by big industries and corporations who sponsor the National Merit Program.

Upcoming:

MARCH EVENTS:

13 Donkey basketball, 6:30-9:30
16 Girls gymnastics - Joliet, 6:30 (H)
18 Turnabout, 8-11
20 Senior Faculty basketball 7:00
21 Girls gymnastics - Wheaton Central, 6:30 (H)
21 Winter Sports Award, 6:30
28 Girls gymnastics at DeKalb, 4:30

Ghost town comes alive!

by Sharon Foster

"Gold, Guns, Garters, and Ghosts: Tincup had 'em all!!" Tincup, Colorado once the richest and most lawless mining town in Colorado, is now just a decaying ghost town with only memories of an "illustrious past."

Although the town itself is broken and abandoned, the spirit of Tincup has been captured in a cosy restaurant in St. Charles. The Tincup restaurant is modeled after it's namesake mining town with antique artifacts on the walls and glowing laterns, giving it an intimate atmosphere.

Music reminisent of an old western tavern mixed with some golden oldies like "A White Sport Coat and Pink Carnation" and John Denver greats add to the western atmosphere.

We were seated in a jail-cell which was actually a booth in the corner consisting of two walls, a divider and a wall of bars. Neat if you're not claustophobic.

The "Grub"included something for everyone: "grub-steak", which is a hamburger, "Boomers steak", sirlion steak, " creek Catch" fish, "Sea and Sirlion" Fish and Sirlion steak and "Wav-tucket" french fried shrimp. All dinners include salad and hot french bread, which is excellent. The dinners arrive on frying pans instead of plates which adds to the novelty of the resturant. The beverage list includes the usual soft drinks, milk etc. With the exception of one drink, "sasparilla", served in a tin cup that you get to keep. The sasparilla, labled "just right for youngsters and teatotalers",tastes like a dryer version of root-beer.

The general rating of the food was good although everyone thought that for the price, less "Sartoga Taters" (comparable to french fries) should have been served and more meat added.

The prices are reasonable ranging from $2.35 to $5.35 , and the service is good.

Before or after your meal, you can go out in the lobby and test your skill as a gunfighter on the novelty machine or you can try out the "Love Machine". The "Love Machine" rates you as a "lover". You can get a rating from "uncontrolable" (the best you can get) to "poor fish - try again" which is obviously the worst you can get. "Wild", "passionate", "clammy" are among others in-between.

The whole experience of dining and/or playing the games is worth a trip to the Tincup, HWY 64 at Tyler Road in St. Charles.

Let's just "never mind the Sex Pistols"

by Christa Vellbel

Record Review

In a crowded record store a trendy clerk has just decided to blast "Never Mind the Bollocks, Here's the Sex Pistols: at the unsuspecting customers. Their eyes widen, stomachs churn, and the store quickly empties.

No wonder. On this album, drummer Paul Cook, guitarist Steve Jones, and bassist Sid Vicious supply a suitably incompetent backround of dentist drill noise for Johnny Rotten's totally repulsive yelping.

And just listen to what Johnny yelps about. On second thought, don't. This band's technical performance is bad enough, but the GARBAGE that they're performing... "Sub-mission" is an exception. It could have become a pretty good song in other hands. Other numbers boast such profound ideas as "Don't know what I want but I know how to get it. Hopes of intelligent life on earth hit new lows while listening to "Bodies," a sensitive little ditty about an abortion ("I don't want a baby that looks like that").

This is one album you should not buy.

"Never Mind the Bollocks, Here's the Sex Pistols" should have been titled "Never Mind the Sex Pistols". Maybe if we ignore them they'll go away.

Former WCCHS student returns to teach

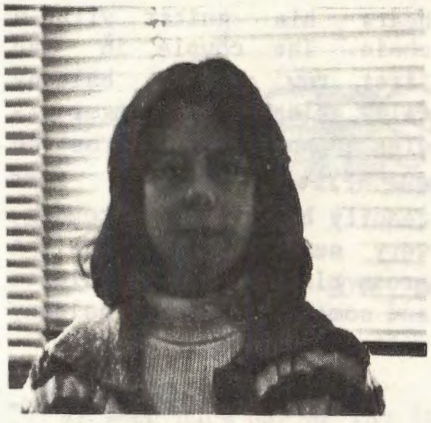
by Kathy Miessler

Miss Mennecke, a former student at WCCHS, has returned to teach in the Math Department this year.

She recalled that many changes have occured since she was a student here. Such as more free time, more options offered to students, and DAVEA didn't exist in her years here.

Miss Mennecke attended Augustana College in Rock Island. Then she worked at Common Wealth Edison before coming to West Chicago.

In her spare time she has many hobbies that she enjoys. She collects plants, makes wall hangings, and loves to water ski, bike ride, and jog.



(photo by Jones)

Also, Miss Mennecke will be married in the middle of July.

She closed with, "I enjoy teaching here very much and I feel the students are very friendly."

Earthquakes are a way of life

by Beth Kennedy

"Earthquakes are a part of life in Chile," says Roderigo Pizarro, the W.C.C.H.S. Open Door exchange student from Santiago, Chile. Small earthquake tremors are common, and usually people don't even lose any sleep over them. Occasionally the businesses and schools will close for a day after a large quake, but like snow days here, this is a phenomonal event not occurring often.

After ten weeks of American school life, Roderigo feels there are few similarities between life here and that in Chile. At his Chilean school there are only boys, who must wear uniforms, and have no choice as to what classes they take. During the course of one week they study 12 different subjects. Classes begin at 8 a.m., and end at 12:30, 1:20 or 2 p.m. Sports (hockey, rugby, soccer) are scheduled in the afternoon. Roderigo thinks Chileans have more homework than Americans. Also, they are graded on a scale of one to seven, with seven equivalent to our A. Separate grades are given for discipline and academic achievement.

Roderigo feels that in Chile students learn more about foreign countries than they do in the U.S., and credits the reason to the fact that the U.S. is so big.

Roderigo was quick to defend his government. He thinks President Augusto Pinochet is a good president, adding, "He is my president." Roderigo says that though some Americans think Pinochet is a dictator, his rule is much better than a Communist government. He explained that under the previous government, strikes and riots took place everyday, and it was sometimes necessary to stand in line for several hours to get a little oil or bread. Now, he says, there is food in all the stores and the country is more peaceful.

When Roderigo first came, he thought it very cold, but now it doesn't seem so bad. Snow,which he had seen before (though it was not a common sight)Impressed him at first. Now, however, he says it has become a normal experience in his life,"like earthquakes."

Bilingual students visit NIU

A group of Bilingual Spanish students are to visit Northern Illinois University, and Aurora College.

This trip is to help students make a decision about going to college, and to alleviate fears of college. Students that went on these trips in the past three years knew they were going to a college, but felt like saying "Why am I going here?" says Mr. Peter Alvino. According to Mr. Alvino, all the kids were quiet on the way to college, but after seeing one campus, asked questions about sport programs, financial aid, cafeteria, etc., and seemed very interested.

Sixty Percent of the 15 students who went on one trip last year decided to attend a college said Mr. Alvino. This year he hopes that 75 percent of the 14 bilingual students will opt for college.

Students who visited the colleges last semester said that the classrooms are similar to those here at our school. Some of their fear has been eliminated. Said Mr. Alvino, "In order for anyone Bilingual or otherwise, to succeed, a college education is a very, very, very excellent beginning." He thinks it gives individuals the opportunity to relate better to people of the same and different cultures.

Even fairy godmothers can't promise ANGELS

by Christa Velbel

Press Passes!

I finally hit the big time- after years of last row balcony seats, a fairy godmother taps me on the shoulder and says,"You have been good. You will take these press passes to the Angel concert and interview foxy rock stars. Go home and sharpen your pencil."

D-Day arrives. The photographer and I make our way through the marijuana haze covering several square blocks around the Aragon Ballroom, only to discover a fair-to-middling riot. About 2000 Angel fans knocked down the barricades and stampeded, screaming, for the front doors, which just happened to be locked. When you cannot move forward, backward, or to either side, there's just one direction to go- up. People stack themselves two and three deep. An ambulance carries a squished victim away. Another night of rock'n'roll has begun.

Run past 30 or 40 rows and end up next to the stage. Pick a guard, any guard.

"Hi, we're from the West Chicago High Bridge and we'd like to arrange an interview with Angel."

Thus begins a progression of seven guards (ranging in character from mean and ugly to mean, lecherous and ugly, to plain lecherous) leading to Angel's tour manager who very kindly says that the band refuses to grant interviews but he'll check anyway. we are impressed.

"They said no interview..."

The warm-up band,four men called The Godz, Saunters on stage. The lead guitarist, who resembles a horse, beats his guitar with a chain. The couple in the first row of the balcony falls asleep. The singer sidles up and gently turns the guitarist's face to more readily bestow a long,tender, very sexy French kiss. A groan rises from the audience and someone in the balcony spits Lifesavers.

Discussions during intermission ignore the Gods' music. Comments include "They were okay till they KISSED!" "I think they made a cute couple." and miscellaneous topics like:"Do you remember me from (fill this blank with any concert in the past year)?" "You wanna go part. after the show?" "Did you see that ugly old man fondling the 13 year old girl in the corner?" and "Jeez,I hope Angel's good."

Angel turns out to be quite good, though the best description of their costumes is "frilly": enough white satim; feathers, and ruffles to outfit a large society wedding. Singer Frank Dimino possesses the highest voice in rock. Guitarist Punky Meadows seems to enjoy showering himself,his guitar, and the stage with Heineken beer. An inordinate amount of onstage time goes to primping glossy hairdos.

Angel's tours manager trots up with tidings. "The boys are really tired. They said no interview, but if you still want to try, they'll be at Park West after the show."

We don't know how to find Park West, but we do know in what hotel most bands that play the Aragon stay. The desk clerk looks nasty, so we decide to search on our own. Chanting "Gotta get an interview...",we check 33 stories, one at a time, while trying to forget that we haven't been in a bathroom since noon. The only person who's awake is a drunken lady on the eleventh floor.

We split, and eventually Park West falls in front of our car. The poster outside shows two pictures of a blond lady.

"Who is this broad anyway?"

"Huh? There's a Guy's name under the photos. O MY GOD, IT'S A FEMALE IMPERSONATOR!"

Turning around to flee, we see a white car parked in front of the club. Not a mere car- a Car- a '78 snow white (interior and all) Lincoln Continental. The boys of Angel absolutely never get caught in anything that's not puke white, and this Car is PURE white- on a slushy;messy wet Chicago night, this car is CLEAN. Clean means rented. Rented plus white equals Angel,and as I stroll by I know. I'll never get closer to them. No sense of loss overpowers me- how could I do a good interview when all I want to ask is,"How could you tour with such a gross warm-up act and why are you prettier than Farrah Fawcett and what are you doing watching a female impersonator anyway?"

"No sense of loss overpowers me..."

A rat runs down the middle of the sidewalk like he owns the city. Maybe he does.

Press passes. Big deal.

DUCK,
Quack-off
SENILE

* * *

Hey Hope & Eunice,
How about tonight?
RALPHIE

* * *

HI ROBIN!!!
KELLY

* * *

JEFF,
YOUR DEAD
ALBERTA

* * *

SPACEY,
FREAK-OUT!
GENENENENE

* * *

#81-44,
Name the day!
ONE WHO LUSTS!

* * *

BUMP
D.D. and I are working out GREAT !
BIGBIRD

* * *

C.T.
Quit of fight
B.J.H.

* * *

PERSONALS

E. Baby,
I missed ya!
LOVE, ME

* * *

Nancy, Sue,
97 wipe outs out of 100 !!!

* * *

WOOD EYE,
Wanna have a ice cream smash?
-HAIR LIP-

* * *

Kevin & Jim
What's up there?
Signed J&J

* * *

Sunshine,
Hey bub! (Does that sound like a mouse?)
ME

* * *

East Sophomore Hall + Patty,

Thanks for caring.

Love ya!
Strobe

* * *

KENK
Your cute and I's like to get to know you!!
D.S.

* * *

Photopinion : What's your biggest beef?

by Bob Devereux

(Photos by Jones)

Eric Lichte, 78' "Not enough support for the gymnastics team."

Mrs. Barsema "The way students misuse and abuse school property."

Keith Serpa 80', "I think most all teachers have no respect for students."

Sandy Reid, 78', "People don't care what's going on."

Ken Mueller, 78', "Too many inadequate teachers."

Wrestlers hold their own at Districts

by Mark Gatehouse, Bob Hemmerich

We-Go's wrestlers did surprisingly well in the IHSA Districts wrestling championships qualifying three wrestlers for sectionals. Although the Wildcats hadn't done as well this year as in past years, they finished a respectable fourth place with a total of 71.5 points.

On the individual level the Cats did well with two wrestlers being crowned District champions in their respective weight classes. Losing in the finals and finishing third was Tony Cruz. Carlos Cruz also lost in the finals but wrestled back to gain second place in the 112 lbs. weight class. Tim Rennels captured a third place at 126 lbs. and Shane Kott-Kamp finished fourth at 145 lbs.

The big winners for the Cats in the finals were Craig Stough and Dan Fernandes. Craig won a 5-3 decision for the 185 lbs for the championship and Dan decisioned the number one seed 4-2 for the heavyweight championship.

After districts this year the Wildcats mat terrors were out for a little blood at the Dekalb Sectionals. However, the Wildcats were not able to draw any blood at all, as the team came up with a weak total of 4 points for the entire meet.

Gymnasts find new coach

"A lot of talent, a lot of potential" is how Ms. Gault describes the girls gymnastics team that she is head coach to. Ms. Gault graduated from University of Illinois in December, Says Gault, "I did not hesitate in accepting the position of head coach although I didn't expect to do anything like this after I graduated," Ms. Gault is a bilingual teaching assistant at the Junior High.

Ms. Gault states that she is not interested in a winning team but more interested in developing the girls gymnastic abilities. "I want them to be happy with their own results."

Mrs. Henry is serving as assistant coach and her task is to aid in the coordinating of the balance beam and floor exercise routines. Mr. Sparkman has taken an interest in the team and is helping to spot the girls in the vaulting routines and their difficult maneuvers.

Ms. Gault stated "The girls have come far in the few weeks of practice and I expect them to learn much from their meets."

IRO parties by candlelight

by Ken Osterman

Forty members and guests of I.R.O. - V.I.C.A. held a Bowling and Pizza party at We-Go Bowl February 22. The bowling started at 8p.m. with pizza arriving and candlelight bowling beginning about 9.

During the night various prizes were awarded for varied accomplishments. George Havlicek and Jay Minter were awarded trophies for high games and John Scherpf and Crystal Littlefield received awards for the lowest games.

Also during the night, anyone who marked had their name added to a hat for a drawing. From the drawing Steve Marano won a Polaroid Camera and Karen Gansberg, Dave Sabathne, and Lee Ann Stilin were presented albums.

Coming up on April 20-22 the State V.I.C.A. Convention will be held in Springfield. Approximately 1000 students from Illinois will take part in the convention in competition ranging from welding to job interviews. We-Go hopes to send about 10 members to compete in the contests.

Tim Routson aims for the headpin. (photo by VanDeMark)

Hall running pays off

by Mike Pacie

The small but exciting We-Go track team ran and jumped away with three firsts one second and two third places, two weeks ago at the Glenbard North Indoor track Invitational.

Team captain Ken Mueller gave an excellent performance in the high jump. Frank Nejedly captured third place with a height of 5 feet 6 inches. First place went up to the heighth of 5 foot 10 inches. A high jumper from Wheaton - Warrenville missed clearing the bar and now it was up to Ken. As Ken approached the bar the other members of the high jump team watched with anticipation while Ken glided over the bar for first place.

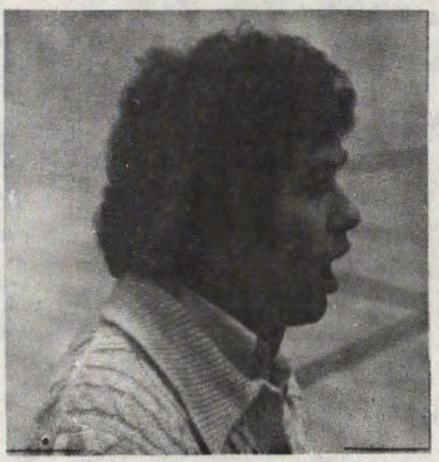
The real show was on the track. Karl Huff a sophomore was being lined up with ten other runners from Glenbard North and Wheaton-Warrenville for a two mile run. Huff was the only competitor from West Chicago.

The pack started at a quick trot, but soon the field began to thin out with Huff fourth place, and moving to third. In this race Huff showed how strategy works, Huff began by challenging the two front runners showing he's not far behind. With a little more than a mile left Huff gave a quick spurt on a turn to overtake second.

Later, after one and half miles had elapsed Huff was on the verge of taking first and did so by suddenly sprinting by the leader and taking the lead.

As the gun sounded for the final lap, Huff was well ahead by about ninty yards. He broke the tape with a superb time of 10:29, fourteen seconds ahead of the second place Wheaton-Warrenville runner. I asked Karl what he thinks of while he is running he said, "winning," and he showed it at the meet.

Other place winners include Ken Mueller, first in the triple jump Dean Burgeson, second in the 600 yard run, and Ron Voelz third in the 50 yard dash. The next meet will be tomorrow at East Leyden.



Netzel vents his frustrations at a 7-17 record.

Lack of shooting dumps Girls

by Chuck Strayve

With three conference games remaining the girls varsity basketball team is 1-10. In their last outing they lost to Wheaton North 60-40.

Miss Singleton feels it is the lack of shooting for their recent defeats also Beth Beedle their leading scorer has not been producing since her recent sickness.

The Girls Varsity is scheduled to play in the sub-regionals held here on March 7 against Wheaton Christian at 7p.m. Miss Singleton feels that they should do very well.

Netzel toughens up for 78-79

by David Hallman

Paul Netzel, coach of the We-Go varsity basketball team, is looking for a good Squad next year. There are plenty of reasons for that.

Everyone on the team this year with the exception of Ron Eynik will be coming back, "and we'll also have some good sophomores," said Netzel.

Another reason for a good squad next year is Don Stockton. "Stockton had a pretty good year this year," remarked Netzel, "and I don't think he'll be stopped next year." Stockton ended the season leading the DVC in scoring and rebounding.

One thing Netzel is hoping for this summer are camps for the grade schoolers and Junior High kids to work on fundamentals. He would like the kids to work three to four hours a day, and three of four days out of the week. He also hopes college players would help the upcoming players.

Netzel also stated that Naperville North and Naperville Central are going to be tough next year, but We-Go will be right with them. He also expressed that he would like pep buses going to the games next year.

We-Go's schedule next year is a tough one. The Wildcats will battle Fenger and St. Francis in non-conference games next year. They will participate in the St. Charles Thanksgiving Tournament and will travel to Carbondale for their Christmas Tournament, and play another tough conference schedule.

Cats win last two, but die early in Regional

by Tom Nelson

Balanced scoring, the weapon the Batavia Bulldogs used against the Wildcats must have worked. They devastated We-Go 92-59 in regional action.

Batavia had four scorers in double figures while the Wildcats only had one; Don Stockton. He led the game in scoring with 26 points.

In a 61-60 thriller the Wildcats subdued the Wheaton Central Tigers. After a humiliating 65-37 loss to Wheaton Central earlier this year the Wildcats were out for revenge. Their wish was answered in a spectacular 31 point output by junior Don Stockton plus another ten points by Ron Eynik to lead them on to a thrilling win over Wheaton Central.

For the entire first half the two teams slugged it out and it appeared neither team was going to pull away. By the end of the second quarter the Cats had a two point advantage over the Tigers.

With a large parents night crowd to cheer them on the Wildcats pulled away to a 8 point lead early in the Fourth quarter. But a persistent Wheaton Central team came back to within two points with just 30 seconds left 58-56. A fast break lay up by Don Stockton, who was fouled on the play made for a three point play that put the Cats on top for good 61-58. The Tigers made one last ditch effort with a inbound pass to make the score 61-60 but that was all she wrote for the Tigers, and the Wildcats came off with a hard earned victory. The victory was highlighted by Stockton's 31 points, plus fine ball handling by gaurd Mark Beedle and some superb assists by Bob Hemmerich and Vic Mercado.

Don Stockton gets "sandwiched" while going for a shot in the Wheaton North game. (photo by Mueller)

In action the night before the Wildcats were shanghaied by the Glenbard South Raiders 76-62.

Friday Febuary 24 saw the Wildcats travel to Wheaton North where they had another close encounter with the Falcons but came out on the top with a 79-77 victory. With just 40 seconds left the score was 77-77. After a missed free throw by Falcon Scott Heck, the Cats took the ball down court and stalled till there was only eight seconds left. The Wildcats took their shot and missed but the Falcons gave them two more tip in tries and the second try hit home, giving Coach Paul Netzel and the Wildcats their fourth DVC victory of the year. The game was highlighted by Don Stockton's 27 points, Mark Beedle's 17 point display Vic Mercado's 15 points and Bob Hemmerich's contribuation of 12 points.

On this note the Wildcats end their regular season with a 4-10 conference record. Many of the defeats were by only a few points so hopefully next year, with past experience under thier belts the Wildcats will come back a winner.