# THE BRIDGE

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## We-Go state champs go unnoticed

Not all prospective state champions receive hero's send-offs from WCCHS, some even depart unnoticed.

On April 20, Mr. Van De Mark left for Springfield with 13 students, and six of them came home with medals.

The Skill Olympics is sponsered by the Illinois Association of Vocational Industrial Clubs of America. Its purpose is to allow students to compete in their related fields and test competencies that have been learned on the job or in class.

Senior Claire Gregory and junior Scott Miller, members of the WCCHS DAVEA delegation took first and second places, respectively, in Commercial Food Trades. Claire cooked her way to the gold medal with an original recipe, "Crêpes des pêches flambées". Scott's entry, Caesar Salad, merited the silver medal. Mark Wiesboeck zapped third place in Electrical Trade. Laura Fitzenreider, representing WCCHS IRO-VICA arranged for a second bronze for WCCHS, taking third in Centerpiece Competition.

Each section's competition included written tests and oral presentations, lasting anywhere from thirty minutes to three hours, depending on the category.

Mr. Van De Mark and IRO-VICA students. ( photo by Van De Mark.)

## U. of I. offers week-long forestry camp

by Dale Chorley

Would you like to explore a couple of career options? Are you interested in a career in forestry or related natural resources management? Then the Illinois Forestry Camp is the outdoor experience you have been looking for.

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## Talent Night dies

by Sue Rodriguez

This years Talent Night Contest has been cancelled due to insufficient participation. The Pep Club sponsored the contest, which was originally scheduled for May 12. They attempted to change it to a Gong Show type of presentation, but once again, few entered the contest.

According to Miss Ekern, the club's advisor, there are no plans for a future show.

## The ultimate summer

by Chuck Strayve

The Experiment in International living is offering High School students the chance to spend homestays in both America and abroad this summer.

The forty-five year old organization is offering sixty different programs, from backpacking in the Canadian Rockies to canoeing in Denmark and Sweden.

In these homestays, you will travel with eleven other American students and travel through the country and its capital.

For further information call (312) 663-1398 or write Suite 1401, 310 South Michigan, Chicago Illinois,60604.

# PHOTOPION: What do you think of this year's BRIDGE?

by Sharon Foster
(photos by Turner)

Mark Wold-Junior:"It's OK. It has been better in past years I like the editorials."

Miss Meyer-Librarian:"I think it's much better.The articles are more diverse in subject.I like the personals."

Brigitte Kynast-Freshman: "I think it's good.There's a lot of interesting news. I think they should add more to girls sports."

Bob Johnsos-Junior: "I think the BRIDGE surpasses previous additions in content and in quality."

Joel Catalano- Senior: "I really don't think it's up to par.The stories aren't written very well."

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# Letter to the editor

## Girls' sports

Dear Editor

I feel that there isn't enough coverage of girl sports. Everyone seems interested in the boys sports that if a girls team were to make state finals no one would know about it. Girls win more than the guys but whose interested in that when there's 2 pages of sports all on guys sports. I hope something is done about this soon. Thankyou.

Marie Zukauski

## Our reply

The main reason we have two pages of sports is because we fill almost a whole page on girls' sports. We cover all sports, girls' and boys'. If a story doesn't go in,it's because the person assigned to write the story didn't write it.

Sports Editor

# "Magazine" shows no "Heart"

by Christa Velbel

Right now, Heart generates interest only because

1 Ann Wilson stands as the best female rock vocalist.

and

2 Nancy Wilson is the only female guitarist around. (So she plays in an unbelievably average manner- not bad, but not really any good. At least she plays.)

If a group of 100% male membership turned out Heart's material ..... on second thought that couldn't happen. No self-respecting record company would give a contract to a bunch of bland musicians that intended to romp through the game of "Let's Be Led Zeppelin for a day", unless, of course, the band leaders happen to be a pair of pretty sisters.

Depending on how one looks at it, "Magazine" contains either two or three covers. No, Heart's painful concert rendition of (who else?) Zep's "Rock 'n' Roll" isn't here. "I've Got the Music in Me" arrives new and improved, but it's still a horrible song. "Without You" showcases Ann's grand voice and supplies one of the record's high points. "Mother Earth Blues", written by an unknown quantity called P. Chapman, sounds EXACTLY like something Zeppelin already recorded. Did they? Or did P. Chapman accidentally pen an identical twin to an existing Zep tune?

The five original cuts on the album land on the ear in an adequate but unspectacular manner. "Heartless" and "Magazine" are quite catchy, but all the lyrics reek of obscure Woodstock strangeness. These people might be great hippies but their MUSIC doesn't communicate anything.

Even Ann's incredible voice fades into mush and garbage when she pretends she's Robert Plant. If she and the rest of Heart aspired to exist as something other than a Led Zepplin XeroX, they could transcend their present state of total unoriginality and sink or swim on their own talent.

# Sculptor hides in guise of history teacher

by Beth Kennedy

An "avocation" is the word Mr. Getz uses to describe his pastime - making junk sculpture.

Mr. Getz, a history teacher at WCCHS, has been making metal sculptures since he won an award in an art show nine years ago.

During the summer he displays and sells his creations at five or six art shows, and he has also received various commissions to create sculptures that are made out of the products a company manufactures.

Mr. Getz uses pieces of farm machinery, nuts, bolts, and just about anything else that sparks his imagination. Although he works mostly in metal, he has experimented with glass, wood, leather, and plastics. His pieces range in size from sparkplug-grasshoppers to a submarine-play-sculpture located in a shopping center in Indianapolis.

Often his sculptures start with one part in which he can see a potential for a figure or an animal. Then he "finds" other parts to make a total sculpture. During the welding process, each of Mr. Getz's creatures and objects evolve their own personality, although he insists that it is not planned. Most of his works are realistic, but he has done a few abstracts.

The senior class has commissioned Mr. Getz to make a sculpture as the class gift of 1978.

# "Teaches not only subject matter"

by Jeff Jones

Miss Huxtible, a new consummer Education teacher at WCCHS and graduate of University of Wisconsin at Madison, feels that there is little discipline at WCCHS. She is comparing We-Go to Jamesville Parker and Jamesville Craig High School where she student taught for one year.

She strives "to teach not only subject matter, but to help my students grow into responsible adults."

(photo by Turner)

What reasons caused her to become a teacher? "To work with the age group is the main reason," believes Miss Huxtible who is sometimes sorry she became a teacher and sometimes not.

# PERSONALS

Ann F.,
Are you still playing Zim Zamm?

Kiddo

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Peg,
Your daughter is mean!

US

* * *

Auto-Mechanic,
I don't think we'll be needing your repairs anymore!

Ice-Cube #2

* * *

Allen M.,
I don't trust you!

Guess Who

* * *

Goatze,
Pull them curtains!

Noobie

* * *

P.D.
Petie's got a pwobwum

Alpo

* * *

Huter,
My Antelope didn't die!

Cong Bongo

* * *

Bob,
You dirty rotten thud-pucking so an so... I told you to kiss barf for me!

Wen.

* * *

Watson,
Heard about the Hurricane

Watson #2

* * *

Badminton Team,
We-Go We-GO GO GO!

Second Doubles

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Night Brace,
Have you seen any moons lately?

A.M.F.

Bar Mitzva,
Sink the Bismark.

Luv,
3rd table 1st lunch (LRC)

* * *

Hero,
I'll argue with you anytime.

Love
Your little baby

* * *

Hey RED
How's Bob the parapro?

Mr. D.

* * *

Edar Holgoin,
I'm deeply in love with you! I love you since the first day of school, find me and seek me!

Love ya,
Guess Who!!

* * *

Spacy
How's your army cross?

K.B.

* * *

K.S.
I LOVE YOU D.O.

* * *

Cowafungas
Your birdie flew at me but I killed it dead

The Chopper

* * *


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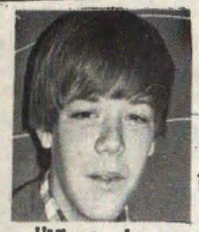

# Commentary: Reorganize athletic dept?

by Tom Nelson

"What do you think about our athletic department?" That was the question I asked of 25 different students and teachers.

When asked this question most of the people polled had a negative attitude toward the program. The seemingly never ending first response was, "It stinks."

After a little prying I came up with a few good points such as the good quality of equipment, and a good gymnastics program.

But other then those few highlights most of the comments were negative. The comments ranged from poor coaches to favoritism to certain sports. It seemed most of the people complained about the department spending all the money on the more popular sports. Such as football, and basketball and not enough on less popular sports.

Some of the more minor wants and needs are things such as a trainer, a hockey team or club showers that work and improvements in the locker rooms such as better lockers and more hand dryers. Brett Beckwith stated, "The entire athletic program needs a complete reorganization."

So I hope the athletic department will not take this article as a cut-down, but takes it as constructive criticism and will use these ideas given by the students and teachers to better the sports program. It will make it more enjoyable for all of us.

# Maybe next year

By Bob Hemmerich

With a two and five record in the conference the Wildcats are still trying to put it all together. With a suprising two victories the Wildcats are looking for a respectable showing in the conference.

The loses were to Wheaton Central, Glenbard South, Wheaton-Warrenville, Naperville North, and Wheaton North. The Cats only have a .175 team batting average.

With Tony Malia giving up four home runs against Wheaton North the Cats didn't get strong pitching from their aces. The only bright spot of the week was when Chuck Dasytch broke up two possible no-hitters thrown at them.

But there is still hope inside, We-Go has already been able to register two victories in conference,which already tops last years dismal record.

# Badminton may die if...

by Kim Clark

The badminton team finished this year with a record of 2 wins and 6 losses. Miss Katsion, the badminton coach, feels for a beginning, they didn't do too bad.

On April 29, eight different badminton teams participated in conference at Naperville North. We-Go left without any points because they played against the top players in the conference in their section.

Mike Wheeland dances across home plate scoring a rare Wildcat run.(photo by Turner)

The first and second singles, and first and second doubles teams travelled to Districts on May 6.

These girls, Brigitte Kynast, Linda Nelson, Deanne Sheahan and Joanne Kleinedler, Cheri Musnicki and Kim Clark, respectively, lost in their effort for state competition, but as underclassmen, will be able to try again next year.

Miss Katsion has brought a problem to the attention of the badminton team. She said that next year, they would have full use of the little gym but badminton may be cut off in afterschool unless there is more interest in it.

Approximately 20 people tried out but when the season ended 13 people were on the team, which means only three of them were on junior varsity.

So if more people don't show any interest on the badminton team pretty soon it may not be offered next year. Miss Katsion says that Ms. Singleton, head of girls' athletic department has the say-so on the final decision.

# Mueller, Stockton lead runners

by Steve Peterson

The West Chicago Varsity Track Team ventured to the Warhawk Invitational last Saturday. The purpose of this meet was to recognize the individual athlete.

Twelve schools participated in this meet, with We-Go coming away with three seconds and one third. Don Stockton who cleared 6-1 for a second place medal also went on to take a third in the long jump. Ken Mueller took two seconds, the triple jump and the 120 yard high hurdles.

On Saturday, April 21, the Wildcats met in Kaneland for the Fox Valley Prep Invitationals. Don Stockton clearing 6-4 in the high jump for a new school record. But Don wasn't any match for 15 and 16 year old world record holder of the high jump Gail Olson. Stockton came away with third place and some points for the Cats.

Dean Burgeson the other point getter ran the 800 meter race for a fifth place. We-Go finish with a three way tie for 16th out of 26 teams.

The track team with alot of fine talent, can't pull it all together.

Ken Mueller triple jumper and the only senior on the team. Also with junior Ron Voltz who is currently on the disabled list, Stockton, Burgeson and Soph Karl Huff who is a miler. All but Senior Ken Mueller are expected to return next year.

The team looks forward to the DuPage Valley Conference meet on Friday, May 12. But Wheaton North and Naperville North are expected to lead the scoring.

Ken Mueller takes a first in the 120 high hurdles.
(photo by Turner)

# Doubles carry tennis team

by Mike Klingberg

After a semi-promising beginning, the Wildcat tennis team is now mixed in a five meet tailspin, losing to Waubonsie Valley, Oswego and to conference foes Wheaton- Warrenville, Glenbard South and Naperville North.

A motto that would best describe this years team would be "play both doubles matches and pray for rain,"as they are chiefly responsible for saving We-Go from complete embarrassment this season.

A season that began with high hopes and great confidence has been replaced by a team with unrest and a losers compley that prompted one team member to remark, "We-Go into meets expecting to get beat, and players seem to just want to better each others performance than to beat the other team."

On Saturday April 29th the team traveled to Cary Grove to participate in a Quad meet with Marmion; Cary Grove, and Dundee.

Although the team finished last there were some fine individual efforts turned in. Dave Nelson finished 2nd at second singles and also teamed with Sonny Denges to finish third at first doubles, and Dan Rinn who finished third at sixth singles and teamed with Rich Buggs to notch a third place at 3rd doubles.

# Eight firsts help girls to victory

by Kelly Hermo

The girls' track team came up with another victory April 27, against Bolingbrook and Wheaton Christian.

West Chicago did a great job taking eight first place events, four second place events, three third place events, and one fourth place event. With all points tallied, West Chicago received 61, Bolingbrook 57, and Wheaton Christian 42.

First place winners were Anne Farrell (two and one mile), Deanna Risch (880). Diane Campbell (440), Theresa Stuart (high jump) 440 relay, 880 medley relay, and the mile relay.

In previous meets West Chicago hasn't been as fortunate, only taking third in a quad meet against Lisle, Aurora East, and Joliet.

Also winning just one event against Wheaton North and Glenbard North.