Bus safety

How safe are our school buses?

by Steve Teske

About seven hundred and sixty WCCHS students depend on Kammes bus service to get them to school in the morning and home at night. These students give a variety of answers to the question of bus safety. The answers range from "deep problems" to "nothing to worry about."

One student riding route five complained that at least 8 of the 21 rules for bus riders written in the student handbook were broken. Violations included smoking, safety precautions disregarded, loud talking, and leaving seats while the bus was moving. When asked if riders threw things on the bus, the student replied, "Doesn't everybody?"

A student riding route twelve also complained about the behavior of riders. Among the problems were yelling, swearing, and snowfights in the bus. The students commented, "If I were a bus driver, I wouldn't want this route because of the kids."

Things prohibited on buses include loud talking, changing seats, drinking pop, eating candy, and asking the driver to stop the bus or change the route. These things were all noted in one twenty-minute ride on route three.

Discipline problems on route three have been called "protests" by students because of late or irregular service. One student told the driver, "We wouldn't be so rowdy if you were here on time." Another rider of route three claims that student behavior is not the greatest problem facing that bus route. This student referred to the driver hitting two cars and a snowdrift, and almost tipping over. Claiming that the weather is "not much of an excuse," the student suggested that perhaps now drivers could gain more experience before driving a school bus route.

A rider of route one identified that route's greatest problem as a reckless driver. The student claimed that the driver drove "too fast" and "doesn't care about bumps" or other adverse road conditions. The student added that the bus drove fast even in the snow and blizzard conditions of this winter.

The riders of some routes, however, have no complaints about their bus' safety. One rider of bus route seven remarked that "due to winter conditions and visibility, it's hard for the driver to take curves" this winter, but generally there are not any major problems. The student calls the bus riders "a little loud but not unruly . . . and never violent."

Routes 14 and 15 were also identified as "pretty safe" by the people who ride them. They called their drivers competent and identified the only hazards as students being loud and throwing things, which they didn't consider to be much of an additional danger.

News Briefs

Prom 1979

by Mary Dold

Junior Prom, "We've Got Tonite", will take place this spring on Friday, May 11. Sponsored by the class of '80, it will be held at the Diplomat West, 681 W. North Avenue, Elmhurst from 6:30 - 12:00.

A complete dinner including appetizers will be served at 7:30. At 9:00 p.m. the band "Freshwater" will provide music and dancing until 12:00 midnight.

Tickets for prom will cost between $15 and $20, the exact cost has not been decided yet. The tickets will be on sale April 23 - May 4 in the cafeteria. Each couple will receive a program and ingraved mugs commemorating the date and theme.

Any further questions may be directed toward the junior class officers.

FBLA footnotes

by Dave Collins Cindy Bahlman

Six FBLA members placed first and second at the area contest held March 3 at Maine East High School.

There were four first places winners including: John Fuja in Business Law, Mike Pacie in Public Speaking, Michelle Lindenmier in Business Communications, and Mike Turner in Job Interview. Two second places were awarded, to Cindy Bahlman in Clerical Typing 2 and Mark Shaugnessy in Data Processing.

The club is currently preparing for the State Contest which will be held March 30 and 31 in Springfield, Ill.

Choir swings to victory

by Angela Hodges

Swing Choir placed third in Division I of the Midwest Pop Choir Competition on March 17.

The competition began with 120 choirs competing, which was then cut down to 12, including the WCCHS Swing Choir.

The morning of March 17, the competition started at 9 with the judges looking for intonation, musicianship, choreography, showmanship, and overall effect, which included the type and color of your shoes.

They used a scale of one through five, with five being the best.

With 93 points out of 100, Elkhart High School took first place. Second place went to Elk Grove High School, who had 92 points out of 100.

The Bridge

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Board meeting Spring vacation, what's that?

by Steve Binder

Sping Vacation. Those two little magic words that mean so much to students and faculty weren't going to be heard this year, remember? Well, start talking about it again! After the District 94 Board of Education's regular meeting on March 20, a "mini" spring break has been scheduled for April 12 thru April 16. This was accomplished when the board approved the use of the two remaining emergency days as vacation days and extended the Good Friday weekend to five full days. If emergencies do occur however, our spring vacation will be cancelled again.

Students and Faculty will have access to a highly electronic mini-computer, approved by the board, to be added to the Learning Resource Center next year. Designing programs, helping to solve class problems, and even playing games are some of the many functions of this added feature.

Approximately $70,000 for the capital outlay budget for next year was also approved by the board. These funds will be used mainly for educational and maintenance purposes.

Second year, cheerleading teacher, Don Zabelin was appointed by the board for assistant boy's tennis coach for the spring season.

The next District 94 Board of Education meeting will be held April 17, at 7:45 in the LRC.

P.E. trouble

by Rob Collyer

"Electives do not always mean you will get what you want," stated Ms. Jordan when asked about the P.E. electives.

"Just about every time we pick new P.E. classes, I'm stuck with the class I don't want," says a junior student.

Since coed P.E. is a must in this state, the P.E. department has had to devise a system which, according to Ms. Jordan, "is fair to all students."

This system is based on a variety of programs offered at different high schools which the P.E. department examined not too long ago.

The P.E. department has had the task of checking every persons gym locker to make sure locks and lockers are being used by the students originally assigned to them. So many parents called and complained about the thefts their son or daughter encountered, that the lock checks were put into action.

The pool will be open, according to Richard Dufour, "tenatively the first of April."

Drunk driving; still a crime

by Sharon Keeley

Approximately twenty teenage drunk drivers are picked up each weekend on traffic violations in downtown West Chicago. According to Eugene Stack, youth officer at the West Chicago Police Department, teenage drunk driving is not as great a problem in West Chicago as Wheaton.

The standard procedure used by the police in a drunk driving case is the offender is stopped for a traffic violation. The officer decides from his observation of the driver, whether to arrest him for DWI (driving while intoxicated).

If there is a non-drunk passenger in the car, he can drive the car. Otherwise, the car is towed and impounded for $35 and $4 a day storage. After this, the officer takes the driver to the station.

The offender is asked to submit to a breath test. A machine called a breathilizier is used to measure the blood alcohol in the driver's system. Two tests are given not less than 15 minutes apart, and within 90 minutes of the arrest.

The driver must also take another series of tests including walking a line, touching their finger to their nose and picking a penny out of some coins.

The penalty given to the drunk driver depends on who the arresting officer is, and the attitude of the driver. The fine can be up to $1000, or a year in jail, or both. The offender is also sent to driving school. Usually a first offender is charged with reckless driving and fined $500.

According to law, minors (under 17 years of age) are to be sent to a youth home, but these homes won't accept them. So, minors are usually released to parents. However, in some cases minors can be sent to juvenile court and put on probation.

If a driver has open liquor in his car he may be charged with illegal transportation of alcohol and fined $35. Passengers with open liquor can be charged with illegal possession of alcohol.

Music students test talent

by Angela Hodges

Twenty-six soloists and ensembles representing WCCHS received Division I ratings at the 1979 Illinois High School Associations State Music Contest.

Division I ratings include tone, technique, rhythm, tempo, precision, dynamics, interpretation, balance, and stage presence, signify the highest level of performance if you score a one in each area.

Band soloists earning Division I ratings were Tammy McAdams, flute; Rod Durkee, french horn; and Mike Bloxam, snare drum. Division I Ensembles included a brass sextet and a flute trio.

Orchestra soloists who received a Division I rating were violinists Alison Sattefield, John Watanabe, and Debbie Meyer. Division I ensembles included the string quintet and a violin-cello duet. The string choir also received a Division I rating with Christy Peterson, student director.

Division I ratings were awarded to vocal soloists, Madrigals, mixed duet, mixed ensemble and the Swing Choir.

Mr. Sargent remarked that there aren't as many students as in previous years, but they are "comparably" the same.

Swing Choir placed third in the Midwest Pop Choir Competition (photo courtesy of the Challenge)

Only on April Fools Day

The month of March brought a large crime rate and a change over in the school administration.

On Friday, March 9, 5:06 p.m. Superintendent Kamm was arrested for indecent exposure in downtown West Chicago. Kamm reportedly said he was threatened by a 250 pound woman with a raised fist and told to either "drop'em or I'll bop ya."

Arresting officer, Dolan, said it was the "most disgusting act I've seen in West Chicago history."

Assigned to replace Kamm as superintendent is Billy Carter. Billy will arive in West Chicago in early April or as soon as he gets over his hangover.

On Tuesday, March 13, 2:00 p.m., parapro Bob Abraham was ar-

rested for dealing drugs in a WCCHS girl's bathroom. When arrested, Abraham, had in his posession over 200 pounds of pure heroin with an estimated street value of over $15.

On Thursday, March 15, 1:45 p.m., senior class president Scott DeDera was apprehended for walking the halls without a pass. DeDera was fined $300 and suspended for two years.

On Saturday, March 17, 10:35 p.m., Robin Stroebel was arrested for assault and battery when she reportedly struck her boyfriend John Fuja (pronounced Fyoo' ja) at the Turnabout dance. Stroebel's only statement was "no comment." Fuja is recovering at DuPage Community Hospital with multiple brain damage.

Saturday, March 24, 1:00 a.m., German Teacher Mrs. Terry Strohm was held without bond on charges of taking indecent liberties with WCCHS's social worker, known only by the code name Kirby. When questioned Mrs. Strohm's only answer was, "But he's my husband!" Authorities are looking into the matter.

The month of March was a wild and fun month but only things like these could happen on April Fool's Day.

Letters to the Editor

Parking problems

Who will pay fines then?

Dear Editor,

We think that this paper has really been good for the improvements of the school. It was about time we got the clocks fixed. (Please ignore the pun!). As of now, everybody is hoping for parking improvements.

We've recently heard rumors about the teachers wanting to switch parking lots with the students. We realize that it's not fair when kids, who can take the bus or walk, take up valuable parking places by driving, but also we realize that kids who have to drive, and can't find a legal parking place, get stuck paying ten dollar tickets. The police seem to think that it isn't their fault for ticketing us. They put the blame on the school. So when we get our ten dollar tickets, should we take them to the office? Maybe they can afford it more than we can.

We feel that this is a major problem in this school and should be discussed by the adminstration, because it's going to get worse with the nicer weather coming.

Sincerely yours,
Pauline Wienecke
and Jeannie Fenton

Suspension welcomed

Dear Editor,

A few minutes ago I was suspended from school for three days . . . The administration seems to think that my leaving Arts and Crafts to go to the little boy's room without a pass merits a three day vacation.

I was going to appeal the suspension but three days off of school was just too tempting . . .

I figure it will give me time to reflect on what a bad boy I was and golly-gee, I've already vowed never to do it again.

When Mr. Kosek exercised his authority and suspended me I said to myself, "Holy smoke Paul—You've really done it this time!!!"

Well, now I'm just sitting in my room wondering what I'm going to do with myself. Maybe I'll turn the stereo on or possibly watch the idiot box for awhile but I'll tell ya one thing for sure—It's hard to enjoy yourself when you're feeling so guilty about being suspended . . .

Forever remorseful,
Paul Dunk

Mental attitude takes it all

by Wally VerDooren

Like many people in this school, town, state, and country, I enjoy playing tennis. Yet there is one part of this game which I enjoy far more than any other of this sport's many facets. This, of course, is winning.

Whether you're involved in tough tournament competition or just playing "for the fun of it," victory is what you're going after. But alas, most of us have forehand drives which many times get no further than the net, backhands which, on occasion, end up behind us, and topspin lobs which quite often find their way over the fence. Seemingly, most of us just haven't got the abilities and skills which would make us a winner. Fortunately, this isn't necessarily true.

Take me, for instance. All modesty aside, there isn't a single tennis player on the boy's varsity tennis team whom I can not beat at least once, if I haven't done so already. In fact, there are very few male students or faculty members who, I feel, I could not win against in a game of tennis. In the way of females (and please forgive my unintentional chauvanism) I feel that there is absolutely no woman at WCCHS who could ever beat me in a tennis match, regardless of age, size, or position.

I must admit though, that I am, in no means, the best player in school. There are a bunch of people I know who have much better shots than I do and are in every way much more athletic. In fact, I can truthfully state that I am a rather weak, slow, uncoordinated, and lazy individual.

Because of these facts, I believe quite strongly in the theory that the game of tennis is both won and lost in the mind.

What I mean by this statement is that, many times, the game of tennis can be won with a small amount of talent and a large amount of cunning, shrewdness, and psychological attacks. If you can "psychout" your opponent, the match is as good as yours. The following is a small sampling of different tips and tactics you can use on your way to winning tennis.

LOOK GOOD-IT INSTILLS WORRY IN YOUR OPPONENT. I can speak on this point from experience because I know it works. People know that a good looking tennis player wears great looking clothes. Just by stepping onto the courts in a matching set of designer tennis wear will give you an automatic psychological edge over your opponent. Sometimes, you will seem a lot better than you really are.

IN MIXED DOUBLES, IF YOU'VE GOT IT, FLAUNT IT. This rule applies mainly to ladies and again I can say that, speaking from experience, this really works. I was once in a mixed doubles tournament with a partner who seemed to have been made for a tennis dress. She looked fantastic. Apparently I wasn't the only one who thought so since we won our second match mainly because of the male partner's constant look of distraction and loss of concentration. But I really couln't blame his lustful glares at my partner because the lady he was with obviously has never heard of my rule and really should have been put on a leash. I really do believe the statement that "tennis dresses were made just for women to look sexy in."

POUNCE ON YOUR OPPONENT'S WEAKNESSES. Every tennis player, even the pros, have at least one part of their game which isn't as great as the others. An example which quickly comes to mind is a match I played against a guy who had a better

serve and better shots than I did. Yet he did have one weakness, and that was his net game. Realizing his inability to volley was my way to victory, I would continually make him come to the net by hitting a short shot to him, but then making my next shot a power drive which I would aim directly at him. Unfortunately I did manage to nail him quite a few times with the ball, but fortunately I've just received word that he now has a fifty-fifty chance of having a normal family life. Yet weaknesses in skill are not the only things which can be exploited for victory. An individual's personality may also serve as a tool for victory. If a person has a hot temper, get him angry by laughing at his mistakes or smashing an overhead into his face. This tactic will almost always insure a victory.

BE A PEST. Even though this is a rather vile tactic, this can really work if you want to get on your opponent's nerves. Some ways in which you can be a pest include: bouncing the ball repeatedly before each serve, constantly calling out the wrong score even if you know the right one, bending down and tying your shoes after every point, tossing the ball in the air three or four times before you choose one to serve, returning the balls in a manner in which your opponent must chase them, and checking the net height each time you blow a serve. This list can go on and on.

What you can easily see from these four examples is that they do not help beat a player on an ability level, but instead attack his mental game by instilling unwarranted fear, worry, and anger in your opponent. A mental breakdown will mean a loss of concentration, which eventually leads to a total lapse in your opponents entire tennis game.

Of course there are many more methods of mental destruction, but this is all the time and space I have for now. But I think that this sampling has given you an idea of how to go about developing a game of winning tennis by gaining the mental advantage.

Used cars

How not to buy an accident

by Jeff Weigand

Are you thinking about buying a used car? Well, you must make a number of decisions before you buy it.

There are two ways to go about buying a car, either from a dealer or buy from a private owner. The dealer operates his used car lot to sell the best of his customer's trade-ins.

If a person goes to a dealer, and knows that the dealer has a good reputation for selling used cars, he's probably going to get a good used car. One way to find out a dealer's reputation is to ask friends. They are going to know how the dealer is if they bought their car there.

Buying from a private owner can cause many problems. For example, there is almost no chance of getting an even limited guarantee on the car you buy. The private owner and a car dealer cannot really be trusted, because you, the buyer, do not know if they are lying to you.

There are many things to check for while you are looking at the car. While you're inspecting the outside of the car, look for ripples, bumps or grain surfaces that indicate damage covered by a paint job. If the bumpers, trim, and grille are eaten away with rust and the car has been repainted, the sheet metal is probably taken care of by rust.

Take a flashlight and look for rust in the wheel wells, under rocker panels, behind bumpers and around door sill and windows.

Take a good look on the ground below the engine, transmission, rear end, and wheel cylinders for drops of oil or fluid. Leaks can be costly to repair.

Checking for shock absorbers is very easy. Just push down on each fender and let go. If the car comes up and stops, the shock absorbers are fine, if it continues to bounce, the car needs new shocks.

Checking the tires is very simple. All you have to do to check the tread depth is to insert a penny with Lincoln's head down. If the top of Lincoln's head shows on any two adjacent grooves, this proves the car needs new tires. A tire with tread worn below one-sixteenth of an inch needs replacement.

When you inspect the inside there are a number of things to check for. Check all the doors and make sure they close properly. Even the trunk and glove box should be checked. Roll the windows up and down, they should move effortlessly. Check the seats and the rest of the interior for tears and wear.

Try all the switches in the car for problems in the electrical system. Headlights should be checked. Both high and low beam should be in working order. Turn-signals, tail lights, and backup lights should also be working.

Start the engine and listen for unusual noises when the starter is engaged. Give the engine a visual examination. Oil around gaskets or oil stains on the engine normally mean leakage. If the car seems to be letting out blue colored smoke from the exhaust, the engine is burning oil.

Take a look at the wires. They should be free of cracks and fraying.

If all these points seem to be okay, take the car out for a test drive. See that it handles right, make sure the brakes are working properly, and that the car has smooth pickup. If there seems to be a jerking or a clunking noise, there could be something wrong with the transmission. If you are looking for a used car, these are some tips that you might be able to use.

Seniors eligible for special aid

by Laura Macko

In 1975, a new scholarship program was developed for the benefit of students of West Chicago Community High School, the Benjamin Trust. "Mrs. Verna Kauty established the fund to be used by graduates so they could continue their education on the college level," stated Mr. John DeLap.

The West Chicago State Bank administers the scholarships. When choosing recipients, an emphasis is put on scholastics. "They look for leaders," declared Mr. DeLap.

The Benjamin Trust Scholarship does not limit a students choice of colleges. Of the 18 people who have received awards thus far, there are those who attend college in Michigan and Indiana as well as Illinois.

One advantage of the Benjamin Trust is that the scholarship can be renewed. "These grants are renewable as long as you are in good standing," claimed Mr. DeLap. "Good standing" means that a student must maintain at least a "C" average.

Grants go as high as one half the total college cost, and according to Mr. DeLap, "each person's grant is different."

Folks behind the scenes . .

by Holly Gatehouse

Many groups and organizations here at We-Go complain about not getting enough recognition.

There is one group that willingly takes the back seat or rather, "back stage," the stage crew.

The crew is basically responsible for the sets and props and must be present behind the scenes during the musical to switch sets.

They have been working four nights a week for two and one half to three hours since the end of February.

About fifteen "devoted" members work on the sets after school, according to Gail Adams, stage crew advisor.

This year the stage crew built a "swivel" set, a new type of set which has never been used at We-Go before. A "swivel" set is on coasters which only need to be turned around for a different scene. The "swivel" set is one of five sets that have been made.

Aside from building the sets, the crew also is in charge of props. They must figure out what props will be needed, and then either make, rent, or borrow them. For this musical, the crew rented and were loaned a number of props from other schools.

Ms. Adams thinks the sets are coming along well. She expressed the hope that "maybe next year we could get people from the shop classes involved, because," she explains, "they would be a big help in building sets and props."

"Hardcore" ends soft

by Jeff Lisewski

Hardcore deals with a father's search for his runaway daughter, who becomes involved in the world of pornography. George C. Scott, the well known actor remembered for his academy award winning performance in "Patton," plays the father, Jake Vandorn in this above average film.

Jake is a very polite, down home type of guy who has a great respect for religion. In the film, Jake is perplexed with the problem of what to do, and where to look, when he finds his daughter missing. The police refer him to a private detective (Peter Boyle). At this point, Jake learns that his daughter has become a star overnight as the leading lady in a porno flick. The scene in which George C. Scott sees the skin flick will make the audience feel as though it is their daughter in the role of the leading lady.

Jake then seeks more information, and goes against his personal beliefs in order to rescue his daughter. He attends massage parlors, and porno magazine stores, and begins to ask if anyone has seen his daughter, and finds out that everyone is blind. Jake then finds a young prostitute named Nicky, who knows the streets and helps him find his daughter.

The only flaw in the movie occurs at the end when Jake's daughter tells him that the only reason she ran away was the old excuse, "Daddy, you didn't love me."

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Duane Matias '82, "Play football."

Wendy Cunningham '82, "Play in my sandbox."

Scott Mueller '80, "Nude sun bathe with Cheryl Tiegs."

Brett Beckwith '79, "Go to Mike Howell's house and exchange jokes."

Melissa Sandre '80, "Go to the beach with friends and party."

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"Equal or improve last year's record"

Howard hunts for experience

by Tom Nelson

Spring is here.

The robins have come back, the river has thawed, and Harry Carey is back in Sarasota. Yes, if you haven't guessed it, baseball is back, even though many thought it had died over the winter.

Just as millions are warming up for spring baseball, We-go high is no different, as the West Chicago nine are already into spring workouts. Under the leadership of skipper Dick Howard the We-go hitmen are going through the running, stretching, throwing, and batting practice that prompted Greg Hansen, the Harry Chappas of We-go, to comment, "We'll do good, and be one of the best conditioned teams in the league." So much for the Marines.

On the technical side of the game Coach Howard felt that the team was further along right now (March 15, 1979) then it was at this time last year and that is good, but he came back with, that if eight or so of the preseason games were rained or snowed out the team would be at more of a disadvantage then last year and that would be bad considering that last year's record was a disheartening 7-14 in DVC conference play.

But spirits are high in camp as they usually are this time of year. But the year looks to be, as journeyman shortstop Bob Fairbanks puts it, "a rebuilding season for next year". Indeed it will be, after the loss of two of the greatest hurlers in We-go history left in the forms of Mike "Big Train" Klingberg, and Tony "Ragu" Malia. The We-go bullpen is crying for help probably will rely on the arm of Mike Wheeland, this years captain, and junior hopefull John "Moon" Andrews, with Fairbanks in relief. After pitching, which Howard felt was 90% of the game, came the all important positions of shortstop, centerfield, catching, and first base. Of these positions Coach Howard really felt confident that he had two out of the five covered, and that would be Brett "Meal ticket" Beckwith and again the journeyman Fairbanks at center field and shortstop respectively.

Looking ahead into the season Coach Howard felt that this year's squad should be able "to equal or improve last years record". Some of the main reasons behind such a lowly outlook lies in these words by Howard, "Inexperienced club and no tradition of winning (in baseball)." But with an excited and motivated team such as this years, hopefully the team will start to come up with the big plays and execute the routine ones to develop the long lost art of winning in the spring for We-go. One of the main points the Wizard of Wood Street, Howard, wants to get across is the fact that it is "extremely important that a person thinks" and "the ability to think properly when the occasion arises." Howard also stated that "the baseball mentality is ahead of last years team".

Physically the team is about as good as last year's except for the pitching, but Howard feels the defense, especially the keystone combo of Fairbanks and Tom Nogaj at second, should give them the edge in the infield. The hitting is a bit poor also considering no. 300 plus hitters are coming back from the varsity and there are only four or five seniors on the squad this year. Again Wheeland, Fairbanks, and Beckwith should be the extent of the We-go lumber company, unless one of the juniors is a suprise phenom this year also.

In the conference Howard favors Wheaton Central and Naperville North plus some strong competition from Wheaton North. Not to short change the Cats, Howard commented that the team is "a diamond that you can shine up" and with the right cutting, We-go could have a real gem on their hands.

We-Go Scoreboard

INDOOR TRACK

We-Go (A)	59	Lake Park	82
We-Go (H)*	44	Naperville	100
West Chicago (H)*		62	
Naperville Central		50	
Wheaton Warrenville		42	
Glenbard North		36	
Conference Meet at West Chicago			
Naperville North		75	
Glenbard South		61 1/2	
Wheaton North		42	
We-Go		30 5/6	
Wheaton Warr.		29 1/3	
Naperville Central		25	
Glenbard North		15	
Wheaton Central		9 1/3	

GIRL'S BASKETBALL

We-Go (A)*	41	Glenbard South	40
We-Go (A)#	58	Wheaton Warrenville	65

BOY'S BASKETBALL

We-Go (H)*	78	Wheaton North	55
We-Go (A)#	66	West Aurora	65
We-Go (A)#	60	Batavia	61

(H) Home
(A) Away
* Conference Games
# Regional Competition

Cats sprint to fourth in conference meet

by Jeff Lisewski

The Wildcat's Indoor Track and Field team finished out their season with the Conference Track Meet held in our new fieldhouse on March 14 and 15.

The Cat's weren't expected to do extremely well, but were hoping to improve over last year's dismal eighth place performance. With a balanced attack, We-Go placed in 10 out of 18 events, and captured fourth place.

Naperville North went into the meet heavily favored, and racked up 75 points for the top spot. Glenbard South followed with 61 1/2 points, Wheaton North with 42, and We-Go edging Wheaton Warrenville 29 1/3. Finishing out the standings were Naperville Central with 25, Glenbard North with 15, and Wheaton Central with 9 1/3.

We-Go had only two top finishing events out of their 10 entrees. The 1000 meter run, with a time of 2:42.9 set by senior Dean Burgeson, and the grueling 12 lap relay by the team of Dan Risch, Joe Ivanecky, Scott Mueller, and Dean Burgeson. Other claws of the Running Cats were, Scott Mueller with a fifth place leap of 5 foot 6 inches in the high jump, Dean Burgeson took third in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:04.1. The combined striking power of Brett Beckwith, Ron Voelz, Bob Fairbanks, and Tim Blum helped the Cats obtain a second place time of 1:02.5. Juniors Scott Mueller, and Dan Risch ran the 400-meter dash they placed third and fourth with times of 55 seconds flat and 55.7 respectively.

Junior, Karl Huff, placed fourth in the mile run with a time of 4:22.7, Senior Ron Voelz received third in the 300 meter dash with a 39.9 sprint.

This year's team was made up of many seniors, for this reason many people feel the Cats may not be a plausible conference contender. Coach Tom Kaczkowski disagrees, "We have a lot of experience going into next season which will be provided by our juniors, I think we will definately be more of a winning team."

Karl Huff strides through the pack in 1500 meter run. (Photo by Lisewski)

'79 season bodes well for '80

by Jeff Lisewski

Our Wildcat sharp shooters passed, rebounded, and slam-dunked their way to an 8-6 conference record. Their record, and the fact that our Cats constantly played as underdogs all the way into the regional finals, may get the ball bouncing our way, and help inflate their chances for future seasons.

"The reason for our success is probably because of the way we played as a team, and the way we got along together," explained junior forward, Chris Rowland. True, playing as a team is a big part of a successful team, yet because our Cats didn't go all the way, there had to be something missing. Six foot one inch senior guard George Grauer responded, "I think that in order for us to have gotten past Batavia nothing else was needed, but in order for us to have gone down state, our team needed a little more height."

Other people felt officiating was a major obstacle in our Cats quest for the state championship. Five foot ten inch guard Dave Turnquist had this to say, "Through the season there were bad calls against us, but there were bad calls against them. The worst calls went against us in the last six minutes of the last game."

Coach Paul Netzel agreed that officiating was poor, but explained that other than officiating, it was "one of the most problem free seasons" he has ever had.

Some fans feel that our chances in the future may be slim because of the loss of such senior experience as Dave Turnquist, Don Stockton, George Grauer, and Pat Andrews. Coach Netzel feels differently, "I'm looking for our teams season to be better than this season. Larry Miller and Chris Rowland have improved tremendously. I'm also anxious to see the other players like, Dave Kennedy, Steve Binder, and George Mitchell. I also feel because Larry and Steve have been chosen captains they will serve well as leaders."

Six foot three inch junior forward Larry Miller has this philosophy about the teams future potential, "Looking at the other teams in our conference and their personnel, we definitely have the experienced team, because they used so many seniors. We'll have a fast team, a tall team, and a team with a winning attitude."

The team definitely had something or they wouldn't have gone further than any of our teams in the past 18 years. "The defensive part was most improved along with our consistancy," pointed out Coach Netzel.

Girl cagers hope for improvement

by Mila Matijasevich

The girl's varsity basketball team finished their season March 12 by losing to Wheaton-Warrenville in the first round of regional play.

At the beginning of the year Miss Singleton's outlook on the season was very skeptical. She figured that it would be a rebuilding year. "With just two seniors on the team and little varsity playing experience. It's pretty unlikely that we'd have a good year."

A re-building year it was for the Wildcat's. The team finished with a dismal 3-11 conference record. "Everything I expected and asked from the girl's they gave to me. The games I asked them to win, they won."

The first game of regionals the girls were put up against the winner of the Wheaton Central District, tough Wheaton-Warrenville.

In the last two meetings between the Wildcats and the Wolverines, Wheaton-Warrenville showed good poise and control in handing West Chicago two defeats with a spread of 30 points.

"The girl's are more psyched for this game then I've seen them all year," replied Miss Singleton earlier in the day of the game. Putting the two previous loses behind them, the girl's went into this game smelling an upset.

After Wheaton-Warrenville ran off a string of 8 pts. early in the game, the Wildcats then decided to have a show of their own and caught up to within 2 pts. The poised Wolverines again took over and built their lead to 11 at the half.

West Chicago knew that they had to match what ever the Wolverines did in the second half. Right from the second half tip the girl's came out scoring two right away, but could get no closer. The three tallest and toughest girl's for the Wildcats, Denise Pecina, Theresa Stuart, and Cindy Bahlmann, fouled out with just a few minutes left and the Wildcats saw the heighth and strength under the boards leave the game. But the girl's fought and kept the game close all the way to the end, losing by seven, 65-58. "The girl's put on one of their best performances all year and I'm proud of them. The only thing that I really asked of them this game was that they give me 32 complete minutes of basketball and that they don't let themselves get walked all over." A 38 point performance by Mila Matijasevich wasn't enough to put the Wildcats on top." I would of been just as satisfied to score 4 pts. if we would of only won the game," commented Mila after the game.

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