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McDonald's "Big Cheese" visits We-go

by Walt Becker

Do McDonalds "Big Macs" have worms in them? This is an example of some of the many questions posed to Edward H. Schmitt, president and chief administrator of McDonalds. Schmitt presented his speech on February 15 in conjunction with national FBLA week. Mr. Schmitt said the rumor was started in Chattanooga, Tennessee. A farmer said that he wouldn't be surprised if people would eat worms for protein. Then the local high school took that and changed it to Wendy's hamburgers that had some worms in it. When the rumor left Tennessee the rumor changed into McDonalds "Big Mac."

The history of McDonalds started right after the second world war. Ray Kroc was 52 years old and was selling multi-mixers. He found out that the two McDonald brothers, who owned a restaurant, were doing something different with his multi-mixers. The cut off the bottom of the spindle and were using paper cups. After Ray Kroc found out the restaurant had potential, he decided to buy it. Paying 2.7 million dollars, Ray Kroc paid back a total of 2.6 million dollars to his relatives and the banks he borrowed from.

In 1968, the company had a total of 250 restaurants in all 50 states and Canada. In 1970, McDonalds went international. Under Edward Schmitt's direction, the sale of McDonald's rose from 784 million dollars in 1971 to 4.5 billion dollars at the end of 1978. Now McDonalds restaurants are located in foreign countries. McDonalds will open its six thousandth restaurant in Toronto, Canada in May of 1980.

"Are we perfect?" Mr. Schmitt asked.

Ed Schmitt gets the point across. (photo by Mike Orzy)

"Heck no," he answered. He does believe, however, that "the majority of the people that come into McDonalds are satisfied."

When one is working for a corporation, the family comes first, then the business. In the United States, McDonalds owns only 22 percent of the restaurants, and the rest like West Chicago McDonalds are franchises. Overseas, McDonalds owns 31 percent and the rest are franchises. A franchise in the United States cost 225,000 dollars with 40 percent cash down. Compared to the cost of a franchise in 1955 at the cost of 35 thousand dollars. Only a couple of fast-food restaurants have an impact on McDonalds, such as Wendy's and Burger King. When Wendy's first opened up they had a heavy impact. Wendy's was the first to use the drive-in window service. Now though their sales are down 17 percent. Burger King's profits are going up with McDonald's, probably because Don Smith, an employee of Burger King, used to work with Mr. Schmitt at McDonalds.

McDonalds has a few new hopefuls, which include steak sandwiches, chicken sandwiches, and salads, some of which can be already purchased at certain outlets.

Mr. Schmitt talked about some of his overseas trips to Japan. In Japan they found a new market but had some troubles getting there. The Japanese thought that if they ate the french fries their hair would turn blonde and their eyes blue. Also, their fillet of fish sandwich was a hot item the first month, but then the sales came down the next month. This was caused by the fact that Japanese don't cook their fish. After awhile, though, the sales came back. Mr. Schmitt pointed out the menus overseas are the same as in the United States except for the prices. Edward Schmitt's favorite food at McDonalds is the quarter pounder. The quarter pounder after the burger is cooked only weights between 3.75 oz. and 3.82 oz. "I think McDonalds is a great place to work, but of course I am biased," stated Edward Schmitt.

Quill and Scroll revived

by Debbie Smith

Who are the leaders of the school? Mr. Courtney said that the BRIDGE staff are the leaders, at a casual Quill and Scroll initiation ceremony February 22.

Mr. DuFour awarded pins to Cindy Bahlmann, Steve Binder, Holly Gatehouse, Robin Horn, Lynda Simpson, Peter Girard and Wendy Lewis. "The newspaper has been outstanding this year," remarked Mr. DuFour.

Quill and Scroll is an international honor society for high school journalists. To become a member, you must be a junior or senior, be in the upper one-third of your class, contribute significantly to the school newspaper, and be accepted by Quill and Scroll.

We have had a chapter since 1959, but it has not been active the past four or five years.

Mr. Courtney, the BRIDGE advisor, invited the new members over for a celebration dinner at his house later that evening.

Quill and Scroll initiates (from left to right) back row: Pete Girard, Robin Horn, Steve Binder, and Wendy Lewis front row: Lynda Simpson, Holly Gatehouse, and Cindy Bahlmann. (Kovac photo)

Fields to undergo rennovation

by Pete Girard

Renovation of the school practice fields was the main point of discussion at this month's regular meeting of the District 94 Board of Education.

The Board accepted a bid of $154,402.30 from Richardson-Mueller, Incorporated to renovate the P.E./athletic areas located on the west side of Wood Street. Plans include: fencing around the entire perimeter of the area; an underground sprinkler system; and new backstops for the baseball diamond.

Superintendent Richard M. Kamm expressed hope that the fence would alleviate the problem of people driving across the fields, which damages the surfacing.

Dr. Kamm informed the Board of newly adopted public health regulations regarding immunization information, in light of the recent outbreak of measles in the high school. These regulations require schools to maintain an accurate list of students who have not presented proof of immunity against diptheria, pertussis (to age six) tetanus, polio, measles, rubella, and mumps. It is also required that schools keep an up-to-date list of all students susceptible to each of these diseases.

In addition, the superintendent's report included information on an accident involving three DAVEA students from lake Park High School in which all three were killed. The accident occurred as a direct result of a drag race with another vehicle, during which the victims' car attempted to and did overtake the other car while driving on the shoulder of the road. They lost control while attempting to get back on the pavement and were struck by two other vehicles traveling in the opposite lanes.

It was pointed out by Dr. Kamm that the student driving restriction enacted when West Chicago joined the DAVEA program six years ago is designed to prevent such an incident from occuring.

New law keeps some home

by Wendy Lewis

On January 17, 175 students were dismissed from school beeause they had not been properly immunized for measles.

When asked why so many students had been permitted to begin the school year without being immunized, school nurse Carol Kraus replied, "Before this school year, there had never been a law which requires students to have vaccinations before entering public schools."

The fact remains that 175 students did not have proper vaccines.

The following day 128 poeple received air gun vaccinations in a set up in commons by the DuPage County Public Health Department.

The people who were not taken care of by the health department then had the obligation of being kept from school for 21 days after the most recent break out of measles, or show some proof that they had received the shots.

According to Nurse Kraus, only seven people were kept from school for this 21 day period. The reason given for their inability to receive immunization varied from allergies, and religious beliefs, to pregnancy (you can not be given a measles immunization when pregnant).

The 21 day waiting period is now over and the seven people have been readmitted to classes. Should another break out occur, these same seven people will have to be taken from school.

FBLA kicks at conference

by Denise Mailloux

Saturday, February 23, was the date of the Illinois Future Business Leaders of American Conference. WCCHS hosted the Northern Area Leadership Conference and over one hundred students from Cary Grove, Hinsdale Central, Addison Trail, Downers Grove South, Lisle, and West Chicago high schools participated in this contest of competent business skill and leadership.

Winners from We-go included: Stuart Schuette, second, and Andy Baranowski, third, for extemporaneous speaking; Bob Bottomley, first, for data processing; Diane Haase, first, and Linda Kostner, second, for typing I; Steve Schuette, first in public speaking; Tom Nelson first in business law; Linda Reitz, third in business communications; Theresa Jaskula first in office procedures; Jim Oswald and Martin Chiman, third in the poster event; and the Mr. FBLA awards went to Mike Turner first and Mark Shaughnessy second. Other events included stenography, accounting, job interview. Mr. Donald Zabelin, coordinator of the WCCHS FBLA, thinks it went super and the kids did a nice job.

Musical cast announced

by Jim Oswald

The cast for the 1980 spring musical **Hello Dolly** has been decided, with most of the parts being double cast.

Cindy Rose and Amy Jo Woomer will play the main role of Dolly Levi, a single matchmaker who sets herself up with rich, unmarried Horace Vandergelder, played by Steve Teske and Joe Quinlan.

Greg Heier and Dave Robbins will play the part of Cornelius, a semi-honest clerk who is fed up with the small town life and wants to go to New York. His friend Barnaby is played by Topher Kottkamp and Joe Zollner. Mike Link and Ken Smith will play the part of Ambrose, a painter who wants to marry Vandergelder's niece, Ermengarde, played by Tina Howard and Yuki Saikawa.

Hello Dolly will be playing in the auditorium the 17, 18, and 19 of April.

Poms perform

by Robin Horn

All 16 girls who make up the WCCHS pom pon squad will be performing at the Chicago Bulls game March 15.

"We feel it's an honor to perform at a Bulls game," said co-advisor Mrs. Lindemann. Miss Lemberg is also an advisor.

Mrs. Lindemann feels playing at a Bulls game gives the girls incentive to think of new ideas and moves. It also gives the girls experience in performing for a very large audience.

Mrs. Lindemann thinks the girls "have come a long way in showmanship," because when they started out two-thirds of the girls were new.

Prom preview

by Phillip Karch

"You Decorated my Life," will be West Chicago High School's 1980 prom theme. The junior class will sponsor this year's prom on the night of April 25 at 7:00.

It will be held at St. Andrews Country Club on Route 59. A four course dinner, with roast prime rib as the entre, will be served.

Proceeding dinner, the band "Sterling" will provide popular music for dancing.

The tickets are estimated at twenty dollars. Further information will be given at a later date.

Contributions needed

A week and a half ago, one of our fellow classmates underwent surgery for an aneurysm on the brain stem. Steve Denniger, a junior, was flown up to Ontario, Canada for emergency surgery. To assist with the medical expenses and transportation costs, an account has been set up with the Bank of Winfield. Anyone wishing to contribute to this fund should stop by or mail their donation to the Bank of Winfield, ON010 Winfield Road. Those who can not afford to make a contribution are asked to donate their time through fund-raising events. For more information contact Cathy Enders. Steve's address at University Hospital is 339 Windermere Road, London, Ontario, Canada. (P.O. Box 5339) N6A5A5 Terminal A, Intensive Care Unit.

Is there any hope for girls' gymnastics?

District and state competition for girls' gymnastics has once again passed by without representation from WCCHS.

For the second year in a row West Chicago has failed to have a team. The reason behind this is not lack of interest, but rather, lack of a coach.

Richard DuFour has informed us that the school has called numerous colleges in an attempt to find a coach. Yet on each occasion has failed to find interested personnel. DuFour also expressed that as the sports program increases, teaching positions don't. That means outside help must be hired.

At the beginning of the year the school found itself without three basketball coaches. As you can tell, all three positions have been filled. It seems to us as though the school works harder on finding coaches for the more popular sports. Has the school ever had to cancel a football or wrestling team due to lack of a coach? Have they ever had to cancel a boys sport?

The BRIDGE has found out there was a person interested in coaching gymnastics. There would have been no need in finding a teaching position for her seeing she is already employed here. Debbie Kalenda, a full time substitute at WCCHS, was interested in the coaching position.

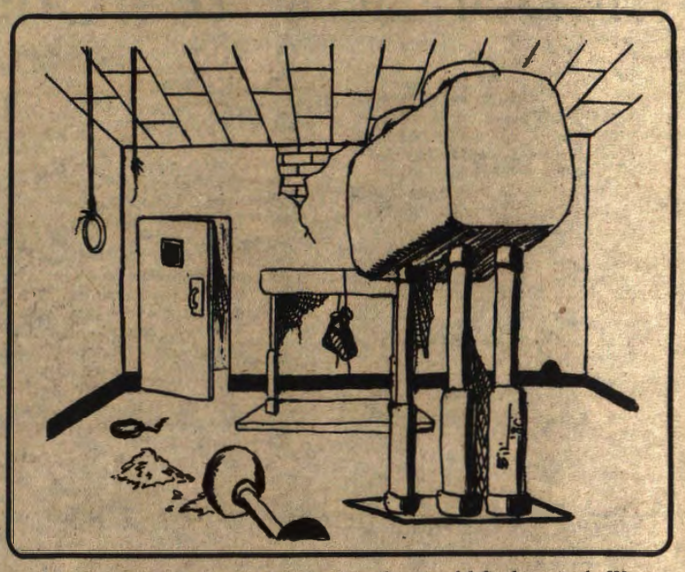
Kalenda even asked if she could be the girls gymnastic coach this year. Then why was she turned down? When asked that question Kalenda replied "Because if I was not to be hired as a full time teacher next year, I would not be a gymnastics coach next year."

Mr. DuFour explained that in the past the school has had problem with subs and paraprofessionals as coaches. It seems as though in the past, subs who have coached, only coach for one year. So the school did not want to hire Kalenda because she might not return next year. This becomes apparant when one realizes that some administrators stressed the fact that the gymnastics program has been shaky the last three years for which different coaches have been used. DuFour also expressed that they are looking for a coach who will stay for a few years and build a program.

Sports are offered for the students, so I wonder if the administration asked the girls how they felt. Well, we asked some girls and they all felt the same way. They said they would have joined the team knowing it might not return the following year. Some said that one year is better than none at all and that they would go out for the team.

Just how many girls would have gone out for the team? When we talked to David Sparkman (boys' gymnastics coach) he informed us that around 30 girls were interested and two of them, in his mind, state caliber competitors. Yet they go without a team. And why? Because the administration doesn't want to offer it for just one year? But the sports are for the students, aren't they?

It's too late to do anything about it this year. But we feel that if



the administration would try harder they could find a coach. We feel that the school has not tried hard enough thus far.

If they don't try, then it's up to the girls to get it back. We suggest that interested girls should approach Richard DuFour and let him know how much interest there is in a team.

If that fails we suggest that the girls and their parents face the school board with their problem. One or two girls won't do it, they need a large group. There's power in numbers so if the girls want a team, let it be known.

Letters to the Editor

Teachers beliefs incorrect

Dear Editor,

Recently we have heard about changes that could very possibly happen to the LRC. These changes are being recommended by the Teachers Task Force. This Teachers Task Force thinks that a library should be run the old fashioned way, where no one is allowed to talk, listen to tapes, etc. They also think that students sneak into and out of the library everyday in "droves."

We students feel that the library is run in a civilized manner already, even though some changes could be made such as letting students in the LRC during all lunches. We also know, for a fact, that students don't sneak in and out of the LRC in "droves." In fact, for 3 days, a count was taken on just how many students came in with passes, with out passes, who came tardy, and who snuck in. As a total for the 3 days was approximately 210 with passes after bell, 41 tardy, 235 in at bell, and about 5 snuck in and were caught. They were kicked out of the LRC.

This proves to the Teachers Task Force that students don't sneak in and out by the "droves." Also, if the Teachers Task Force would realize how the LRC is run, maybe they would have second thoughts of changing the system.

Sincerely,
Michael Wyer
David Wilde

Band members disagree

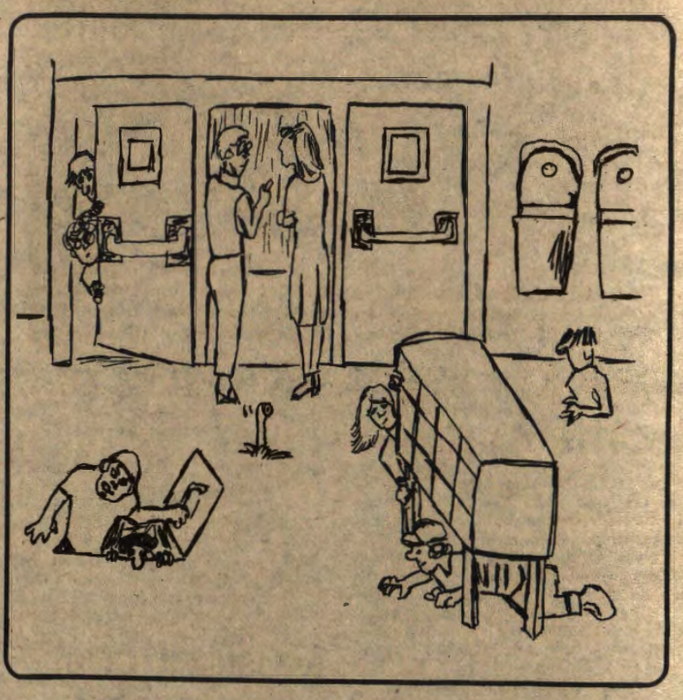
Dear Editor,

In regard to the letter about the pep assemblies in the last issue of The **BRIDGE**, we feel that the students who went to the Pep Assembly were not in fact forced to go, or even forced to clap and enjoy themselves. You say that it wasn't the best pep assembly ever at WCCHS! Well, can you really compare that assembly with the Homecoming Assembly of '78 or even the assembly for the playoff games? Maybe the student body did come to "save the assemblies," but when they got in, they really participated in a true "pep" assembly, you can't say there wasn't any pep.

Why was the student interest dwindling so much? Maybe it is because the assemblies were getting so repetitious. People get tired of seeing the same things every time. The idea behind the band was to provide a fresh idea and to get an act that would get the crowd involved.

We definitely accomplished what we set out to do! Let's all hope the next time we perform, we won't have to call ourselves the "Save the Pep Assembly" Band.

Sincerely,
Paul Rau
Jim Foster



Cartoon draws reaction

Dear Bridge Editors,

First, congratulations on a good school paper!

Second, your editorial in the February 14 issue was timely and well written.

Finally, though, I must comment on Bill McGuffey's cartoons. His work is good, and he certainly has a right to his opinion. I was disappointed however, and saddened as well, to see that one so young has become a victim of sexist literature and viewpoint. As I have observed the students at WCCHS, I have not found the girls to be any less responsible or more vain than the boys.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Virginia J. Fairbank

The Rose — sweet smell of success

by John Watanabe

In 1965, Hawaiian-born Bette Midler arrived in Manhattan with the ambition of becoming an actress. But until just recently, Midler was just mainly known as a singer. She got her start singing in the chorus of **Fiddler on the Roof**, and eventually moved up to play Tzeitel. After this Broadway play, Midler did an outrageous cabaret act at the Improvisation Club, and later on, at the homosexual Continental Baths in New York. That is where the outrageous Divine Miss M, as she called herself, was born. In 1972, Midler made it big as a recording star, and won a Grammy for Best New Artist. The Divine Miss M also became widely known when she performed her outrageous and obscene act on the big stage.

So where does movie acting come in? Well, for a long time, she received movie offers, but refused several of them. One of them was to play Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds in **Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band**, but she got out easily by demanding one million dollars. In 1978, Midler was offered to star in **The Rose**, and I'm glad she was easy on the bread this time, because The Divine Miss M is brilliant in her film debut.

The Rose is loosely based on the life of the late rock star Janis Joplin. Midler plays Rose, a tired, self-destructive hard rock star who's hooked on alcohol and drugs. The beginning of the film shows a concert segment where Rose says, "You know what keeps this body going? Drugs! Sex! and Rock'n'Roll!" But the story shows that these things are actually troubling and destroying her life. Through these problems, we see the pain and struggle Rose encounters in order

Bette Midler is The Rose, a hard-rock superstar.

for the show to go on. Near the beginning of the film, Rose demands that she should take a year off, but her manager (Alan Bates), who seems to be dominating her whole life, insists that the long tour must go on because there's lots of dough involved. So we see Rose going on with the tour, continuously taking drugs and alcohol, and constantly riding on the plane without even knowing where she is and where she's going. Along with drugs and the rock world, Rose is also hard up for a good man. We discover that Rose has had some men in her life, but they all walk out on her in a hurry. Throughout the movie, Rose says to herself, "Where am I?" and "Where's everybody goin'?"

Many critics have stated one particular opinion which I agree with: **The Rose** is an old, cliche-ridden story made new by Midler's energetic performance. I think if it weren't for Midler's powerful and realistic performance, **The Rose** would have been a dumb and absurd soap opera.

After the successful film debuts of Barbara Streisand, Liza Minnelli, and other female singers, I wasn't really surprised that Midler's acting was outstanding. I think Midler gave a most impressive debut, because usually female singers start out in light musical comedies, but Midler made her impressive debut in a poignant dramatic film.

Midler has already won the Golden Globe Award for Best Actress (Comedy or Musical), and she possibly might win an Oscar. Rating for **The Rose:** three stars.

Movie review

Elayne Kassaros

A career in the making

by Jan Shepard

"I have been interested in modeling for a long time, but I was never aware of how to get involved," explained Elayne Kassaros.

Elayne began modeling school in September after a friend introduced her to Karen Morrison and Melinda Ideran, who run a modeling and finishing school in Wheaton.

"I took some classes and learned quite a lot about modeling techniques," Elayne continued. "I didn't realize the work involved in modeling.

In December, Elayne graduated from modeling school. A few months later she was called about her first job, working with six other girls.

"I was lucky enough to work on a spring layout for the Chicago Tribune. We modeled new spring fashion for stores in Chicagoland," Elayne commented. "It was a lot of fun. We did shots with two male models."

One photo session was done in Cinderella Rockafella in Arlington Heights. It's one of the nations top five discos.

"I haven't had much experience in photosessions, from what I've seen it's a lot of work," Elayne explains, "When you're on a 'go-see' there are a lot of other girls and the client picks someone from the group to fulfil their advertising needs. Clients need a specific look, only one or two girls will get the job. There's a lot of competition."

The competitive field of fashion photography, usually requires a model to be tall and slender in order to let the clothes hang well and look good in photographs. The ideal height is between 5'6" — minimum to about 5'9".

"I have a rather difficult handicap to overcome," Elayne adds, "I'm short and this keeps me from doing high fashion modeling and runways. I've always hoped to get into high fashion modeling, hopefully I'll be able to get other jobs."

Elayne's plans are to go to college next fall. That is holding her back from holding office on the school board of education.

"Quite a lot of students disagree and agree about school rules and issues," Elayne said, there are hardly any students that attend the board meetings. It seems to me that students would like to know what issues are discussed, and what action is made for students and staff at West Chicago."

Elayne has been trying to develop some of her other interests. She's auditioning for a vocal opening in a rock and roll band.

Elayne exhibits style that helped her land a modeling job with the Chicago Tribune. (photo by Lynn Bariass)

We-go people

22's moving back up

by Lorenzo Covarrubias

In 1976 ZZ Top reached one of the highest points in Rock'n'Roll History. They had just finished a world wide Texas Tour, the longest concert tour ever. They sold 1.2 million tickets and brought in 11.5 million dollars. Their fourth album **Fandango** stayed on the charts for 83 weeks. This was the longest reign for an album by an American band. After such success, everyone thought they were going to evolve into a "super-group."

Then as quickly as they came they were gone in a cloud of dust. Why did they ditch it all after such success? Fear? Maybe they thought that they just couldn't cut it any longer. Laziness? Possibly, some say that maybe they never really wanted to be superstars of rock.

No reason has yet been given from them except for this new super-refined album.

Billy Gibbons, Dusty Hill and Frank Beard have all come together to produce **Deguello**. There are no bad or dead, dull cuts. From bluesey booggies like *A Fool for your Stockings* to a hit-single *Cheap Sun Glasses* to an all out rocker *Hi Fi Mama*. **Deguello** has it all and could possibly be one of the best records of the year.

So at last ZZ Top has returned. In an effort to promote this album they are on a tour of the U.S. and will be stopping in Chicago on March 14 and 15. So what ever ZZ's been doing for the past 4 years since their last studio album let's hope they keep on doing it ...

Record review

PhotoPinion

How do you feel about women being drafted?

I think that if a woman wants to fight for her country I have no objections but if that woman has kids and a family No!

Lisa Sowinski '83

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They should be quiet about equal rights, and not be drafted.

Sharon Fange '83

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The womans place is either at home or working but not fighting.

Nadine Anderson '83

If women want equal rights, then let them be drafted.

Ken Sheith '81

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Do the guys have something to look at when doing exercises?

Jim Bugoto '83

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I think it would be OK. Unless they were a mother or a student.

Linda Radtke '82

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Terrific! If they really want to go.

Carol Martin '81

by Frank Kerr

I don't think they should be drafted, because the women who are for equal rights would enlist themselves.

Theresa Lakics '80

I say if they want equal rights then they ought to be able to get lead in their belly's also.

Claudio Gomez '82

It should be up to the women whether or not to be drafted. Let the ones who want to go, go. But I don't think they should draft women who don't want to go.

Melissa Sander '80

It's a great idea, send them all. Candlelit airplane cockpits for two would be romantic.

Steve Otauka '81

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Hardigan passes

by Pete Girard

Every year, the National Institute for Auto Service Excellence (NIASE) sponsors a series of eight tests designed to determine a person's proficiency in various areas of auto maintenance. This year, WCCHS senior Ron Hardigan was the only high school student in the country to pass these exams.

Ron passed tests in the following areas of car repair: engine; tune-up; electrical systems; brakes; and engine repair.

In order to qualify for these tests, two years of field experience in mechanics is necessary or and equivalent amount of trade school credit.

Al Engledahl, auto mechanics instructor at DAVEA, explained that Ron is now qualified to do work in any of the areas he was tested in, and that these qualifications will be very helpful to him when he applies for a job.

cagers battle third quarter syndrome

by Karl Huff

The West Chicago Boys' Basketball team was ready to take the 1979-80 DVC crown from defending champs Wheaton North, or so they thought. This year has been a strange, testing season for Head Coach Paul Netzel, the players, and the fans. After flying out to a 6-1 opening record, the team was plagued with inconsistency, especially notorious for a third quarter "mental lapse."

Senior forward Chris Rowland almost always seemed a foot taller than the opposition this season, as evident in action against Wheaton North. (photo by Michelle Monroe)

as senior guard Fred Houx put it. They build up a half time lead, only to see the opposition pass them by in the opening minutes of the 3rd quarter.

Coach Netzel commented, "It's just one of those things that's hard to explain. The chemical composition of the team was such that there was a let-down in the third quarter. I tried experimenting, but the outcome was usually the same." He attributed the early season record of 6-1 to playing fairly easy teams, but also added that the players had performed very well in the area spring and summer basketball leagues. Based on their performance in these leagues, Netzel had hoped for his first conference championship, but it just wasn't in the cards.

Although they have been inconsistent, the team did have some solid games where Netzel felt things went well. He cited the February 22 loss (65-62) to conference champ Wheaton Central as a good team effort, especially praising the efforts of 6'5 senior center Chris Rowland. Rowland, the conference's leading scorer, is a highly recruited college prospect who Netzel feels shares the team leadership with 6'4 senior guard and co-captain Larry Miller. Miller has played some outstanding basketball but suffered pneumonia towards the end of the season, missing three crucial conference games. Fortunately, he will probably play at the regional game against Batavia.

The players seem to be psyching themselves up for the Batavia regional match up. Rowland said the team really is looking forward to another shot at Batavia after last year's disappointing loss by one point in the regional championship. The other players shared Rowland's feelings, and although coach Netzel claims there isn't really a revenge motive, this reporter believes last year's thriller will inspire the Wildcats to give a little extra to put it to the Bulldogs. However, Batavia is presently sporting a 9-4 record and a third place standing in the Little Seven Conference, whereas the Wildcats own a possible 7-7 record, and a fourth place standing in the DVC, a far cry from their early season expectations.

If the Wildcats put on a good fight and defeat Batavia, they would probably meet the powerful West Aurora Blackhawks, who should trounce Wheaton Warrenville. Should the Cagers beat Batavia, it may give them enough momentum to upset the Blackhawks, as in last year's 66-65 double overtime victory. But to do either, the Wildcats must play all four quarters of the game, instead of hustling for three and sleeping for one.

Coach Netzel felt that even though his own expectations weren't satisfied, the game of basketball has so many variables that even if he has an outstanding bunch of players to work with, the breaks may not always fall in the team's favor. Games that might have been won were not. He just hopes now that the boys can play as well against Batavia as they did against Wheaton Central.

One thing the team felt wasn't lacking this year was the crowd support. Team co-captain Steve Binder said, "It really felt exhilarating to hear the crowd behind us. I think we had a real boost at home games. Fred Houx added, "I never heard anything like it at the second Wheaton Central game." The cheers are led by "superfan" Jeff Lederer, who possesses seemingly endless "hoarse" power. His rasping voice could probably be heard at Madison Square Garden, so imagine what he's like at a high school game. Jeff was available for comment, saying, "I believe it is my obligation to let the refs know when they ain't getting the job done."

"Warm-up season" underway

by Dave Bahlman

Track and field coach Tom Kaczkowski exudes much enthusiasm with the start of the track season. Although he is mainly using the indoor track season as a warm-up session for outdoor track, the indoor season looks very promising.

This early however, Kaczkowski doesn't really know how his team will compete in the DVC, but states that the team is very young and has good depth. Last year, the team placed fourth in conference and second (behind De La Salle) at the Fenton invitational which included ten teams, and coach Kaczkowski hopes for at least the same effort this year. He also stated that they lost some good athletes last year and is experiencing a rebuilding period this year.

When asked who would contribute significantly for the team this year, Kaczkowski replied that they had a very strong distance runner in Karl Huff, Mike Dunlop in the shot put, and in the hurdles Steve Boorsma and Joe Ivanecky.

Huff believes that the team really needs to develop. The Frosh-Soph squad would probably finish up good. The varsity, he said wouldn't be quite as strong but that one can't count them out of the race.

Jor Ivanecky's reply was that the team didn't have much experience but could build into a good tough team. He also stated that the competition would be tough, as always, and that this team could place well in conference.

Steve Boorsma believes that the team has a lot of talent, the outdoor season will be pretty good, and the competition will be very close. He also added that indoor track was a great way to practice for the upcoming outdoor season.

The girls' track and field coach is Lori Jordan. Starting a week later than the boys' team, the girls' team also looks very strong this year, with good returning athletes.

Last year they won three out of eight duo-tri meets and placed sixth in the conference meet. They finished seventh out of 18 schools in the district meet where two girls qualified for state, one being Diane Cambell, who will probably be returning this year.

So the weather may be pretty gloomy right now but with the new field house and an indoor track season starting, the outdoor season looks to be a bright spot upcoming at We-go.

If you wish to join, contact either coach Kaczkowski or coach Jordan in the P.E. offices.

The support from We-go fans this year created a definite home court advantage for the "Running Wildcats." So much support, in fact, that many people believed that the number of fans to attend the January 11 contest against Wheaton Central was the largest in DVC history. (photo by Michelle Monroe)

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Boys' Basketball

We-go(H)*	64	Naperville Central	75
We-go(A)*	62	Wheaton Central	65
We-go(A)*	77	Wheaton Warrenville	63

Girls' Basketball

We-go(H)*	39	Naperville Central	53
We-go(A)*	61	Naperville North	40
We-go(H)*	60	Glenbard North	42
We-go(H)*	53	Glenbard South	42
We-go(H)	41	Downers Grove South	62
We-go(A)*	34	Wheaton North	57
We-go(A)*	63	Wheaton Warrenville	50

Track and Field

We-go(A)	16	Glenbard North	85⅓
		Wheaton Warrenville	36⅔
We-go(H)	31	St. Charles	107

(H) Home Games
(A) Away Games
conference Games

Sport shorts

Jeff Gary swims to fifth place in state meet

by Steve Binder

We-go senior swimming standout Jeff Gary finished his high school career February 23 by capturing a fifth place finish in the 50 yard freestyle at the state meet held at Downers Grove South. After racing to two second place finishes in the district meet at St. Charles, Gary qualified, in the 50 and 100 yard free-style, for the state meet which featured representatives from over 30 schools in the state.

After the preliminaries, of which the top six in each event advance to the final round, Gary found himself eliminated in the 100 but finished fifth in the 50 with a 22.1 clocking. He then finished fifth in the finals with a slower 22.3 time, short of his personal goal of 21.4 set at the beginning of the year. Consequently, Gary felt "very disappointed" with his performance.

As far as his future is concerned, Jeff definitely plans to swim in college. However, he hasn't made his decision of where he will attend. Possibilities include Penn State, West Virginia, and the University of Colorado.

Pineda and Kraft take seconds at district meet

by Steve Binder

Both junior Ed Pineda and senior Jeff Kraft finished the wrestling season by capturing second places in the Streamwood district wrestling meet, advancing them to the sectional tournament held at Naperville North.

Wrestling in the 138 pound division, Kraft defeated his opponents in the first two rounds by overwhelming margins of 17-0 and 12-2. However, he had to settle for second place when he faced tough Ray Winesburg, a one-time loser this season from Elgin Larkin.

Pineda ran into the same type of trouble. After breezing through his first two matches in the 105 pound division, he faced Batavia's Steve DuVoll, who has captured 31 consecutive matches. Thus, Pineda too settled for a second place finish. This allowed both wrestlers to compete in the sectional tournament held at Naperville North. Unfortunately, both were eliminated in the first round, as each faced a very tough opponent.

Pineda finished the season with a 21-7 mark while Kraft sported a 17-12 record.