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Christmas Dance in February

by Debbie Meyer

The Christmas Dance's first attempt at a comeback in two years was a failure. Our school doesn't have many dances and both quantity and quality are going downhill. "This is mainly because of lack of student support," commented Lora Allen, vice-president of student council.

The original date of the dance was set for December 20. Everything had been arranged with Richard Waterhouse, and Paul Rau had been asked if he and his band were willing to play for the dance. "Paul was quite enthusiastic" noted Robin Weber, chairman of the activities committee. The details were arranged and Paul said he would check with his band. The next day he told student council that his band could not play, because they had a previous engagement. Allen and Weber immediately started contacting bands in the area. All the bands they talked to were booked that close to Christmas. Carm Aiello, publicity chairman of student council put up the posters announcing the dance three days ahead of schedule. Allen describes the mix-up as "basically a lack of communication between Paul and his band."

Rau says that he had promised to check with his band and give them their answer the day after they contacted him. "I don't know why they waited around for me. They should have been trying to find a band long before they ever contacted me!" Protested Rau. "If there hadn't been that communication problem, Carm wouldn't have put up his signs, and no one would have known about the dance in the first place," commented Weber.

A rumor has been going around school lately that the dance was postponed, not cancelled. There had already been a problem with conflicting dates this year, and it would be difficult to move the dance to February. If the dance was changed to February, the date of the Turnabout would also have to be changed. If the Turnabout was not changed to April, the two dances would be less than a month apart and could cause a terrible drain on pocket books. "If a girl goes to both dances, it would be really expensive to buy two good dresses in less than a month," commented Sophomore Tina Fendisen.

Student Council fears that having two dances within a month of each other could cause them both to suffer because of the expenses involved. Nevertheless, they rescheduled the dance for February 7.

Initiating action

by Sylvia Belicke

In today's ever changing times, new things come and go. Sometimes they reappear.

WCCH's reestablished "Quill and Scroll", initiated 12 new members into the society.

Rathjen, Tedd Termunde, Lauren Vogt and John Watanbe received their "Quill and Scroll" pins.

Also initiated were seniors Ken Bonus: president, and Bobbie Walz.

Wendy Lewis and Pete Girard received second year pins.

Tim Courtney: advisor of the BRIDGE, congratulated the new members on the support they have given the BRIDGE and he, "hopes they will give something to the people of the community."

"Quill and Scroll" is an international honor society for high school journalists.

On January 27, in the faculty lounge juniors Diane Baker, Rick Cesario, Debbie Dastych, Diane Haase: secretary, Steve Heyden, Linda Kostner: treasurer , Debbie

How great thou art

by Debbie Meyer

Stan Dudek is a well-known artist in the Chicago area. Recently our Student Council bought two of his paintings. These pictures will be hung in classrooms without windows.

Mr. Dudek lives in Oak Meadows and has

... served in the Royal Air Force during WWII ...

a studio in the basement of his home. He was born in Poland and attended art college in England in 1949. He served in the Royal Air Force during World War II and came to America from England in 1954. When he first came to America, Mr. Dudek worked as a commercial artist for 11 years. He decided to go into business for himself in 1964. Since then he has painted and sold over 4000 paintings. He has exhibited his paintings in many local and national shows, and won more than one hundred and fifty awards.

Dudek exhibits his paintings with ap-

... Dudek has more than 4000 painted and sold paintings.

proximately eight different galleries that take his paintings out on consignment. In the past, he only painted in acrylic and oils, but now he uses only watercolors. He paints mostly land and sea scapes, and nature with some cities. He likes to use warm colors to change the mood of the painting.

Earlier this year Dudek exhibited some of his paintings in the faculty lounge. The Student Council officers saw them and decided to buy a painting. On January 5, Richard DuFour, Debbie Rathjen, Jayme Shean, Penny Berendson, and Lora Allen visited Mr. Dudek's home. Dudek was in the hospital at the time, but they were still able to see his studio and all his artworks. They decided on two of the paintings.

The larger painting is abstract and done in shades of white, grey, and blue. The smaller painting is a fall mountain landscape done in bright colors.

The paintings have just arrived and it has not yet been decided which two of the many classrooms without windows in the school will display one of the paintings.

Club Corner

by Carolyn Krumin

The German students are arriving!

The **German club** is making plans for the German students. They are planning a dance and trips to Chicago and Springfield.

The club is still looking for families to host the Germans. For more information contact the **German club.**

FBLA is making arrangements for their regional competition to be held here at WCCHS.

March 10 is **FBLA's** registration date for their state competition.

VICA is also planning for their competition.

Taking the bid

The school board accepted a bid of $44,698 from Carrol Seating Co. to replace the bleachers on the south side of Bishop Gym and the north side of the small gym for safety precautions at its January 20 meeting. The new bleachers will be power

Board Notes

opperated and completely inclosed.

Another approved bid of $50,046 from Penco Products Inc. is to replace 973 student hall lockers in the 1964 addition of the high school. The installation of the new lockers will be started this summer.

All proposed bids to replace 60 windows on the north side of the fieldhouse with a

... 973 student hall lockers to be replaced in the 1964 addition ...

non-breakable material were discarded. The board empowered the Director of Business to search for more bids.

Both doors and door frames are to be installed at both ends of the balcony in the small gym as authorized by the school board.

The position of assistant boy's track coach for the Spring of 1981 has been appointed to Larry Parker.

The blood of life running deep at WCCHS

by Tammie Bestler

An appeal for blood resulted in the donation of 50 pints of blood at the February 3, blood drive in Weyrauch Auditorium.

A group from the Aurora Blood Bank came Tuesday to take the blood from persons 17 or older, at least 110 pounds, on no medication and not anemic.

Through the efforts of Penny Berendson, Terry Zimmerman, Dira Ridenour and Student Council members, 59 people volunteered blood (four were turned away for medical reasons, Five for lack of age proof) in the drive.

The Aurora Blood Bank requires at least 275 people giving 535 grams (which is a little more than a pint) to satisfy their current daily demands. The Aurora Blood Bank supplies three divisions (the Aurora Area Blood Bank, the Joliet Center, and the South Cook Blood Center) all totaling 22 hospitals to which the blood is sent out.

The Aurora Blood bank requires 275 people giving 535 grams (of blood) to satisfy their current daily demands.

You can't be older than 65 or give blood in less than eight weeks from previous donation, but you can give as often as five times in a 12 month period.

Giving blood when you have Malaria, Diabetis, Hepatitis, or Tuberculosis would be out of the question for the disease could be transmitted through the blood.

It is suggested for the donor not to eat any fatty foods within four hours prior the donation because the plasma becomes thick. They won't turn you away if you do though.

The blood is collected and processed to

"It doesn't hurt, it's over before it starts."

find out it e correct group and RH factor. A sample of your blood is tested also for communicable disease or antibodies.

After the donor has given blood he or she should drink some kind of juice, usually orange juice and eat something to lessen the chances of fainting.

Dave Robbins, Senior, who has given blood before said," it doesn't hurt, it's over before it starts."

Playing the Stock Market

by Colette Stazak

Playing the stock market proved profitable to students in Peggy Peach's consumer education class.

Team members George Ruehle, Captain; Candy Clausen, Christie Dye, Rich Lamarre and Laura Lapp placed fifth out of 400 teams who played the stock market game sponsored by DePaul University. The team received $25, a clock for each member and an invitation to an awards banquet.

Each team is given a fictious $100,000 to purchase or short sell stocks or keep on deposit to earn interest. At the end of the semester the winning teams were those who earned the highest profits.

Teams from Don Zabelin's class placed 9th and 11th. Do you have an extra $100,000 you'd like to invest?

Council in need of Counseling

With the end of the first semester, it's time to review the performance of this year's student council and executive board.

The Homecoming activities planned by the council were marked by confusion and a lack of organization. For instance, attempts should have been made to improve the pie eating contest so that spectators didn't have to stand on tables, chairs, and each other in order to see the action.

Also, no senior or freshman who was at the tricycle race will ever forget what a fiasco it turned into. Student council president Tim Rathjen failed to have the track properly cleared of students, then didn't understand and couldn't resolve the controversy surrounding the "ambushing" of the senior team. Rathjen should have asked for help from other members of the council in controlling the crowd at the race instead of trying to tackle the job all by his lonesome. Also, why was there no snake dance or bonfire? Ah, of course, those are jobs for the pep club. But what good is a student council that can't fill in the holes when other organizations fail to do what is expected of them?

The executive board needs to define more clearly the duties of the three committees within the council regarding the vandalism fund. Is the publicity committee or the student problems committee in charge of the fund? The chairman of the student problems committee claims they're "working on the vandalism fund," but have yet to produce any results. Maybe the council should just give up on the vandalism fund considering the recent destruction of posters publicizing it.

The student activities committee planned a Christmas dance, but had to cancel it after encountering too many problems. The committee then scheduled a Valentines dance, but only gave the student body twelve day's notice. The committee also plans on showing feature films one week-end in the near future.

Much of the blame for this year's relatively feeble performance by the Student Council falls on the shoulders of the executive board. The full council only meets once every two weeks, while the primary members of the executive board meet every day. Let's hope they can get their act together for the second semester.

Un'pop'ular decision

To the Editor,

In recent additions there's been a lot of controversy over the pop machines. WE think that we're big enough to read the ingredients on he can and decide for ourselves whether or not to drink the pop. The change from pop to punch and lemonade wasn't too bad, but when you put in stuff like what's in here now, we think it's disgusting. If teachers are allowed to drink pop, why shouldn't we?

We realize about the state laws concerning the ban on carbonated beverages in schools with a lunch program, and we're not blaming the school, but couldn't you do better than what's in there now?

Sincerely...

Rick Cesario	Scott Fank	Lynne Scarnige
Pete Hunt	Randy Turner	Dan Baxter
Roxanne Bosh	Mike O'Connor	Patti Stejskal
Reni Wieczorek	Rob Conroy	Dave Barry

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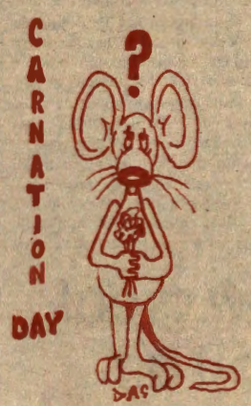


Happiness is ...

Is being in love with my darling hamberger

Juror no. 4.
I've always loved your hair color.
The Suntan Man

Making breakfast for my buddies.
Brig

Knowing Marilou Fernandes when she's around Ken!!!

Hoping you know what you're doing with your new love, Jim.
Lisa

Rich LaMarre,
I love you. Even now.
Honestly

Having a friend like you chic.
Goin for 7.
Love Arnie

Knowing that my little baby is still using her pacifier.
Love Mom!

Having a really good friend like Michelle Monroe! V.O./O.J
Lisa

Jill Brinkman getting hit by two trucks.
Love Ken Strayve

Knowing someone is always around when you need a little loving.
Love Sheby

Wishing I had a scissors so I could cut off Kim Armbrust Hair just joking.
Lisa

The experience people. I Love you all!
-Sheilla

Stuart,
I'm sorry I ask that you forgive me, but I don't expect you to.
Please be my friend.
Love Frieda

Not ... seeing you guys anymore!
Let's do it girls! The big "A"
The big "F"

Jill Brinkmen moving away.
Ken Strayve

Jill Brink getting her face run over by a steam roller.

Knowing a fox like Betty C.
Herace V.

Knowing that you'll always be there when I need you sexy!
Lisa

Dave,
I hope you're still my friend.
Love always, Sheila

Being friends with all of you on Gary's Mill Road.
Love ya P.U.

Knowing Val, Sue, Liz, and Micky. From your poor little thing. See Ya!!!!

Stuart,
I'm sorry for what's happened. I hope we can be friends.
Love always, Sheila

Having a best friend as wonderful as you.
Love, Sandy

Being with you and seeing our friendship grow. Love you tons.
Denise

Eating woppas and playing football by the makers of! from Tracy & Jayme

Working your stick shift, Kiddo
Love
Sweet Cheeks

Riding home on the bus from Wilmot with you although it was too good to be true.
M.M.

Getting a free Evelyn Wood lesson in singing.

Dee,
Hoping you go to California before July.
M.E.

Having a friend like you Pablo even if you don't have a garbage bag!

Spending the last 6 months with you hoping for many more.
Love your china girl.

G.R.R.
Having a # 1 guy like you, Mike happy valentine's day.
Love ya,
Sharon

The caring between friends. My thanks to Linda, Kim, Kris, Jeff, Frank, and Pete.

Is going out with Jodi Quirin.

Having a super friend like Carole H.

Wanting to ask out Heidi Bitner.
D.S.

Knowing Violet, Doralee, and Jane and not getting coffee for Roz or J. Hart.

Sharing the "Good News"

Thinking Meg Nickelson is cute.
Oscar

Knowing a real sweet guy, not to mention how cute he is, this is for you Lance.
J.F.

Having a friend like you Amy J
Always, Juan.

Marsha going to get a ruler from her locker
Deanna

Going skiing! I'm so glad we finally learned how!! I can't wait till Cade.
SS

Being friends with Sue & the Pope! Thanks for everything!
Love ya! Sam Slob

Living on Garys Mill Rd. and being in the group!
Love P.U. Sam Slob & CJBK

Getting to know you and working things out.
Love Tammy

When your sister is getting married.
Congratulations Lynn.
Love Jackie

Friday the 13th
Are you the superstitious type?

by Meg Barry and Dave Barry

Even the mention of Friday 13 fills many students with fear. They approach this day with seemingly undue caution (some more careful than others).

"I wouldn't go roller-skating, drunk on a highway," said senior, Jane Collins. "I wouldn't eat my mom's cooking," claimed junior, Dieny VanWankum.

"I wouldn't go parking," said Kim Zehr. "I might get caught." "I wouldn't walk my cat by Kim Zehr while she's parking," added Lance Kammes. "I'd listen to my horoscope," advised freshman, Jeff Ambrose.

Though their fear of Friday 13 is obvious, the reasons are unknown, even to them. Illluck has been attachd to Friday ever since the crucifixion, which took place on Friday. Adam and Eve were also driven out of the Garden of Eden, on this same day of the week.

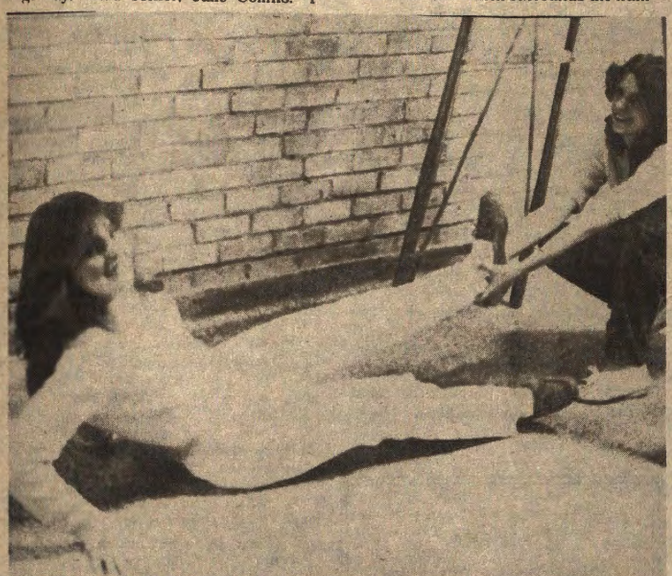
The bad luck which surrounds the number 13 also goes back to Biblical times. Christ sat down with his twelve apostles at the Last Supper, making a total of 13. Shortly after this Jesus was, of course, nailed to the cross.

Many signs of upcoming hard times exist. These include breaking mirrors, walking under ladders, and getting out on the wrong side of bed. Sitting down to a table of 13 people is also considered very unlucky. lucky.

There are, however, several ways to protect yourself against the unknown dangers. Catching a falling leaf for example, guarantees you one year of continued happiness. It is also believed that an acorn in your pocket will protect you from all kinds of disasters. Various other items; horseshoes, four leaf clovers and rabbit's feet are said to bring you good luck.

Despite these many forms of protection the extreme caution exhibited on Friday 13 continues.

In parting, freshman, Mary Beth Dillon warned, "Don't party too hard!"



Walking under a ladder is one of the misconceptions associated with Friday the 13th and Jerry Ross doesn't want to.

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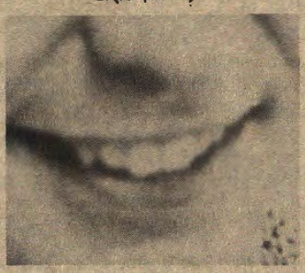

3. (for pix 3d)

Pucker up ...

1. (for pix 3b)

4. (for pix 3e)

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2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

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3. Clearly print teacher, administrator, or staff member's name in the proper space provided.
4. Only official entry blanks found in the current edition of The Bridge will be acceptable.
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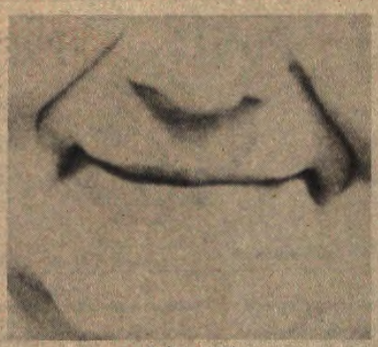

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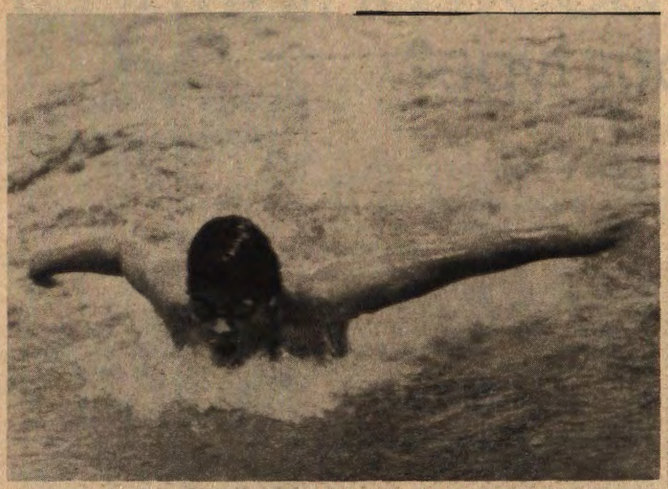

Co-captain Rob Conroy shows great determination to improve his time to qualify for state finals. (photo by Frank Kerr)

by Dave Barry

The varsity swim team agrees that they are an improved team this season. "If we were to swim against last years' team we'd beat them," claimed senior co-captain Rob Conroy.

Presently the varsity possesses a four and three record. Two of their lossses however, were suffered against well-established schools ranked in the state's top ten: Marmion and Naperville North.

The team members accredit much of their progress to their coach, Dan Johnson. "I really think he's one of the best coaches in the area," stated junior Randy Turner. "He just lacks the exposure that others get," added Conroy.

Turner, the team's top breaststroker, has enjoyed a fairly successful season. He will probably be a key factor if the team is to succeed next season. "Turner's kind of a wimp, commented Conroy, "but he is a good swimmer."

Co-captain Tom Wiborg, the only other senior member, is yet another of the team's standouts. "He has been a steady force on the team since the beginning," praised Conroy.

Sophomore Bill Gebhart has showed his coach and fellow team members tremendous potential. "There's little doubt that by his junior or senior year he'll be one of the top swimmers in the state," said Conroy.

The team is now looking forward to the district meet. This meet will give the swimmers a chance to qualify for the state tournament.

"I need to cut about three seconds off my breaststroke time to qualify," said Turner. Conroy needs to take five seconds off his time in the 100 yard butterfly to meet state qualifications. Another goal of the team is to send one of their relay teams to the state competition.

The swimmers plan to prepare for the district meet in more ways than practice. On the day before the meet the team plans to shave off all of their body hair. "That's a three day job for Conroy, said Turner. "Have you ever seen that guy in a swim suit? He's a gorilla."

We-go Sports Scoreboard

by Gilbert Rios

Boys Basketball

January			
9	We-go (A)	Wheaton North	
10	We-go (H)	Naperville Central	
16	We-go (A) 53	Wheaton Central	61
17	We-go (A) 62	Marmion	64
23	We-go (A) 49	Naperville North	81
30	We-go (A) 50	Glenbard North	73
February			
6	We-go (A) 74	Glenbard South	63
7	We-go (A) 64	Geneva	83

Varsity Wrestling

January			
9	We-go (H)	Wheaton North	
10		Homewood Tourn.	
16	We-go (H) 26	Wheaton Central	26
17	We-go (A) 57	Westmont	7
	We-go (A) 43	Geneva	12
23	We-go (H) 23	Naperville Central	26
30	We-go (H)	St. Charles	
February			
6	DVC Tournament at		
7	Glenbard N.	5th place	

Boys Swimming

January			
8	We-go (A)	Benet	
15	We-go (H) 93	East Aurora	69
22	We-go (A) 101	Morris	69
31	9th place	Naperville Central Inv.	
February			
3	We-go (A) 54	Naperville Central	112
6		Wabonsie Valley Inv. (Diving) 8th	
7		Wabonsie Valley Inv. (Swimming) 8th	

Girls Basketball

January			
13	We-go (A) 47	Glenbard North	41
17	We-go (H) 71	Glenbard South	25
20	We-go (A) 51	Wheaton North	36
31	We-go (A) 51	Wheaton Central	44
February			
3	We-go (A) 32	Wheaton Warren.	44

Schedule

Boys Basketball

February			
13	We-go (H)	Wheaton North	
20	We-go (A)	Naperville Central	
21	We-go (H)	Wheaton Central	
29	We-go (H)	Wheaton Warrenville	

Varsity Wrestling

February			
13, 14		Districts	TBA
20, 21		Sectionals	TBA
27, 28		State Finals	TBA

Boys Swimming

February			
21		Districts	TBA
27, 28		State Finals	TBA

Girls Basketball

February			
10	We-go (H)	Naperville North	6:30
17	We-go (A)	Glenbard South	6:30
21	We-go (A)	Glenbard North	6:30
24	We-go (H)	Wheaton north	6:30
28	We-go (A)	Naperville Central	1:30
March			
3	We-go (H)	Wheaton Central	6:30
6	We-go (H)	Wheaton Warrenville	6:30

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Smooth run for ski team

by Teresa Evans

"I demand the kids to ski well" stated Steve Arnold director of the West Chicago ski team. His team exhibited their ability January 14 by capturing 14 medals, securing a victory at their first ski meet against Lisle and Hoffman Estates. The team is sponsored by the West Chicago Park District.

The team consists of 15 members who compete on an individual score system and have a possibility of receiving a silver, gold, or bronze medal depending on their time and handicap.

Each member returned home a medal winner with the exception of Ray Stejskal who was injured.

The ski meets are run at Villa Olivia on Nastar race courses. Nastar is a national program that ran only on weekends for individuals but is now open weekdays for high school ski team competition.

West Chicago will compete again February 18 against the other first place teams in the Nastar program.