We-Go's Railroad Days fest

by Sue Lindenmeier

Summer vacation is approaching and with its arrival comes a special type of celebration for the city of West Chicago. The Railroad Days celebration, a four day affair, will mark its tenth year in existence this July 7-10 and will offer the usual features and events as well as a few new ones.

This celebration is to commemorate the fact that West Chicago was the first Illinois community created by the railroads. In fact, local historians and officials believe that the city was not only put on the map by the railroads but it was also dependent on the system for most of the local jobs. This period of time was known by the townspeople as "the era of bustles, spats, and steam engines."

This token of history is remembered by the citizens of West Chicago through a series of events. One of the more outstanding events is the steam train excursion. An old time steam train will travel on the C & NW over the western DuPage and eastern Kane county prairielands, then crossing the Fox River via the Geneva trestle. This tour begins at The West Chicago Community Center. This center is the former train depot and will be dedicated during the four day celebration. Undisclosed celebrities and political dignitaries will be on hand. According to Pat Simpson of the Community Center, there is a possibility that Governor Jim Thompson will be present for the dedication but his busy schedule permits from assuring his appearance.

Other events such as the 10 kilometer run, country jamboree, carnival attractions, and parade will all mark the occasion. The Chamber of Commerce has released a timetable for these and other events which can be obtained at City Hall or the Chamber of Commerce.

The Railroad Days festival is means for all citizens to celebrate the city's heritage. The events scheduled by the city is for people of all ages to come together and celebrate this time in history. It is the town's biggest get together in the city where "History and Progress Meet."

The Bridge

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New 83-84 Bridge staff fills big shoes

by Eric Brosted

As the school year draws to an end, the reign of a new **Bridge** staff has just begun.

Tim Courtney, **Bridge** Advisor, has picked the members of next year's staff, which has put together this last issue. A new position has been added to the staff roster; Editor-in-Chief: Stephanie Espig, formerly a **Bridge** reporter has been installed in this position. Julie Dollars is the News Editor. Junior Robin Marvin was appointed as Opinion Editor. The Feature Editor is Laura Pollastrini. Sports Editor is Mark Hoffer. Advertising will be handled by Jim Marshall, and Circulation by Rosa Snell.

The former **Bridge** staff members who will be graduating in a week, each have different plans for the future. Eric Brosted, 82-83 News Editor, enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. Ed Rahe, Opinion Editor, plans to major in Math and Physics at the Rose Hulman Institute of Technology. Former Photo Editor and Features Coordinator, Mike Sitarz, plans on attending Eastern Illinois University to major in journalism. Feature Editor Pam Fenning plans on attending Iowa State University to study Biological Sciences and Marketing. Nancy Binzen and Valerie Zarndt, both also Feature Editors, plan to keep working and attend the College of DuPage. Former Sports Editor Bill Recchia is majoring in Business at the Illinois Institute of Technology. Advertising Manager Amy Zurawski plans to attend Eastern Illinois University and major in journalism. Managing Editor Sue Lindenmeier plans to attend Iowa State and major in communications.

The 82-83 **Bridge** staff captured numerous awards during the course of the year. **The Bridge** was recently awarded second place in Graphics by the Eastern Illinois High School Press Association. **The Bridge** was also given a third place in overall best high school paper in Illinois. Brosted, former News Editor, captured a second place in the state for Newswriting.

Courtney said of this year's staff, "They accomplished something no other **Bridge** staff has ever done, a 12 page issue, and they did it twice."

NEW **Bridge** members from left to right are: Rosa Snell (circulation manager), Laura Pollastrini, Robin Marvin, Stephanie Espig, Mark Hoffer, Jim Austgen, Julie Dollars, and Jim Marshall (advertising).

How does We-Go compare?

by Julie Dollars

Recently, We-go had several visitors from Proviso West, another suburban community high school. This was in exchange for a few of We-go's students with Proviso to see the differences in the schools.

First, they found the size to be much different. Proviso contains about 2500 students; approximately 550 of them being seniors. Proviso also contains three gyms and a fieldhouse which is about twice the size of the fieldhouse here at We-go.

In gym classes, Proviso students have to wear one-piece gym suits, and when swimming, have to wear school-supplied swim suits. Proviso seniors take no swimming, but all other grades are required to take it at least once a year. A Proviso student said that she wouldn't mind taking swimming as a senior, if they had as nice of a pool as We-go does.

Proviso offers more honor classes than We-go. Their English classes are more generalized. They have reading and writing English classes; not any type of classes about authors like We-go offers.

Proviso, the same as We-go, takes attendance with computer cards. The difference is that Proviso's computer attendance is only taken second hour. A Proviso student stated laughingly, "You just make sure you don't ditch your second hour class." Their school day lasts from 8:10 to 3:10.

The disciplinary staffing is also different from We-go's. There is a dean for each grade. Besides the four deans, there are eight truant officers patrolling the halls and campus. There isn't any off-campus at Proviso. If you have a free period, it has to be first or last hour, nothing in between. If someone is found leaving campus in the middle of the day, the truant officer, in his van, chases the student.

The big change for Proviso students in the 83-84 school year are their identification cards. All students will wear color-coated, clip on identification cards. Different colors will be used for each lunch period.

Booster Club Scholarships

by Eric Duus

This month the West Chicago-Winfield Wildcat Booster Club announced the winners of the Dan Lockert Athletic Scholarships and the Booster Club Scholarships.

Michael Malay of Winfield, who plans to attend the University of Illinois at Urbana, Champaign, was awarded the first of the Dan Lockert Athletic Scholarships. The other was awarded to Alyson Dieter of West Chicago who is planning to attend North Central College in Naperville. Both students will receive a $400 scholarship to the college of their choice.

The Booster Club Scholarships were awarded to Bryan Block of West Chicago, who plans to attend Vanderbilt University, and Kenneth Smith, also of West Chicago, who is planning to attend either Illinois Wesleyan University or Northwestern University. They both will receive a $400 scholarship to their intended colleges.

Ink Spots

Wage issue dead?

by Tabitha Wilson

WASHINGTON (SPS) — Although there are presently four subminimum wage bills pending in both houses of Congress, it seems unlikely that youth will face the prospect of working for less than the current minimum wage this summer.

Representative George Miller, who chairs the House Education and Labor Subcommittee on labor standards which has jurisdiction over the bills, has not scheduled hearings to discuss either of the House bills.

Lamaster receives award

by Michael Sitarz

Pat Lamaster, a three year teacher of math and science (physics), has recently been awarded the 1983 Distinguished High School Science Teacher Award. This award is sponsored by the Sigma Xi Club, a club made up of practicing scientists and Fermilab. According to Lamaster, "Only two out of three physics teachers are qualified to teach physics." To be considered a physics teacher, one needs only a degree in math and a course in physics. Lamaster, with about 35 credit hours of physics, thinks that this award was established because of the shortage of physics teachers educated in their field.

The Daily Oink

by Julie Dollars

Recently, Carol Wolf's juniors read the book **Animal Farm** and put together headlines for examples of propaganda. They called this collection of headlines **The Daily Oink.**

The class would take a fact from the book such as; wearing clothes, sleeping in beds, and walking on two legs are contrary to animalism. Their headline for that fact was "Dirty skin no more — wear clothes." Fact; The windmill will be a great boon to Animal Farm. The headline; "The turning solution." Wolf feels this project was both interesting and creative since no one at We-go has done this with **Animal Farm.**

Dates to remember

by Eric Brosted

Here are some of the dates announced for the next school year. Registration will be on August 22 to 26, and the first day of school is August 30. Two days are given for Thanksgiving vacation, November 24 and 25. Christmas vacation is December 21 through January 3. Spring break is April 10 to 23. The seniors graduate on June 6, and the last day is the seventh.

Dreaded disease hits We-go

by Mike Sitarz

With only a few days left in the school year, hours in the case of seniors, the highly dreaded disease of Spring Fever has enveloped WCCHS in epidemic proportions. One of the many side effects of this disease is the growing animosity towards the high school administrators. These feelings toward them are totally ironic to the feelings that should be in the air at this time of the year. Have we, the students, ever taken a close look at what they have done for us throughout the entire school year?

Right at the beginning of the year they start out on the right foot by giving us all a little gift. Where else would you get your own personalized school identification card (ID)? Each of these bright yellow cards has our name and address along with our own special number. Just like it is supposed to, school is getting us ready for the future. Already we are learning how to become just a number. But, what is really interesting is that each ID has a different picture on it, too. Now if we happen to be found wandering aimlessly in the halls, one of the parapros can tell us who we are and hopefully where we should be. When they buy the paper for these cards, they buy the kind that is specially treated so then when our moms wash them, they will turn a neat orange color.

As much as they do not like it, the administration provides facilities for the portion of the student body that smoke. Tell me this, (being a non-smoker, I wouldn't know) is there any other school in the area that provides private smoking stalls?

Besides providing for the needs of the students, the administration is also very safety minded. To prevent the recurring false fire alarms, the fire alarms have been encased in little glass boxes. This way, in order to trigger the fire alarm, you must break the glass. Also being very safety minded, the administration has confiscated all of the little metal hammers used to break the glass so that we will not hurt ourselves.

If you are not one of those people who make frequent trips to the bathroom during class time, you are probably not aware of the activity there. Every time that you hear nature calling and you go trotting downstairs, the para-pro takes down your name and the class you are from. I guess that this goes on your permanent record so that when you go to college, they can place you in a room near the bathroom. Or maybe it's just in case your doctor wants to know.

And yes, you can expect that truancy will get them all upset in the office. If the computer spits your name out as missing your class unexcused, they will call you down the next day during the same hour that you missed previously to find out where you were the day before. Isn't there a saying, "Two are better than one?"

You may think that our administration is out to keep us locked up in this building, but they are actually here to help us. Next time you see one of our administrators in the hallway, take time to say, "Hi" and "Thanks".

Letters to the Editor

Too much basketball in We-go?

Dear Editor,

How is it that Bill Recchia (Graduating Sports Editor) always writes about himself, basketball, and sports that are not school related? Ninety percent of the sports pages this year have told us about him and "his" basketball team. In the May 13 edition of The Bridge we read about a Texas coach sitting in his house talking to him. Who cares? We want to read about our school sports not the Chicago teams. We read more about Bill's opinion on how to solve the worlds sports problems than we read about our soccer, football, baseball, and other We-go teams. Students in our school like to read about themselves and their friends, that's what school newspapers are for. If we want to read about Chicago teams we read the Tribune. Bill your writing contains more we, I, my, our, and us than anything we've ever read. In our opinion your stories are too self centered to enjoy reading. Learn from your mistakes.

Dan Barry
Rob Flatter
John James
Mike Peterka
Trey Zamora

Sports Editor defends position

Dan Barry and friends,

Where do you get your so called facts? First of all, since I have been sports editor, 55 full length stories have appeared on the sports page. Of those 55 stories, seven percent of them were about West Chicago's basketball team. This is less than wrestling, and the same as football and girls basketball. There was even a sports feature on you, Mr. Barry.

In the May 13 edition, the column which was written pertained to the corrupt system of college recruiting. Since I had just experienced the whole thing, I cited an example, that just happened to be me. A column is an article where one may express their views about a certain subject without being considered editorializing, such as your letter to the editor.

Furthermore, of all the stories I have written, none pertained to the West Chicago basketball team. Two sports feature stories written about basketball were about nationally known sports figures, and one column had to deal with West Chicago athletes and physical education.

Any newspaper's job is to inform, not to print people's names to make them happy. If someone has performed a feat which is worth mentioning (as Mr. Barry did during soccer season), well then it should be mentioned. Names should not be printed for the sake of seeing one's name in print.

Finally, according to you, The Bridge should not tell about any sports which do not occur in West Chicago high school. Does this mean then, that the Chicago Tribune should not print anything that happened outside of metropolitan Chicago? Please, learn from your mistakes and get the facts straight if you make an accusation.

Thank you,
Bill Recchia

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Student parking issue put in gear

To the editor:

The administration has recently become stricter on the issue of parking. They have gone as far as painting little orange lines on the parking lots to keep us from parking in restricted areas — and that's okay. But now they've begun to give students as much as ten detentions for parking in either of the teacher parking lots, and that would be okay too, if it wasn't for the fact that teachers park in the student's parking lots.

Last week, in the parking lot by the greenhouse, a teacher pulled in front of me and grabbed the last available parking place. As a result, I was late to my first hour class. There are a number of teachers who park in the student lot every day and then they mark us tardy because we couldn't find a parking spot. And yet, if we park in their lot, we serve detentions for it. Either way, we get the raw end of the deal. It's a poor example for the administration to make a rule and only enforce it halfway.

Lisa A. Houle

Military story biased?

To the Editor,

I was pleased and upset to see the article concerning the "military" as an option to college. I was pleased that after an in-depth was done on colleges that a tiny article was done on the military. On the other hand I was upset to see the way the News Editor, Eric Brosted, a Marine in the Delayed Entry Program (D.E.P.), edited the article written by Laura Pollastrini. It seems that Mr. Brosted totally forgot, or ignored, the fact that when talking about the military that the Air Force, Army, and Navy (listed in alphabetical order showing no signs of bias) are part of the military, not just the Marines.

In talking to Ms. Pollastrini I found out that she had included information abot all four branches of the service. She also included information about their college saving funds respectively. The college saving funds are the big reason so many people are joining the service, but apparently Mr. Brosted found this information unnecessary and cut it out of the printed article.

Also in an article of this type Ms. Pollastrini included quotes from students who have already enlisted in the service. Now on that point Mr. Brosted agreed, because he left two quotes in the story.

Being a senior I can understand Mr. Brosted's actions but I cannot condone them. Most seniors want to grab a little glory before they leave but what he did is quite unprofessional and I'm surprised he didn't put his name in the byline.

In closing I feel that all of, or as close to as, Ms. Pollastrini's article be printed before the end of the school year, as well as an apology from Mr. Brosted to interested readers.

Pvt. Tom Cicero
Army D.E.P.

Editor replies to discrimination

Mr. Cicero,

We on the Bridge staff are undergoing a difficult process right now. The seniors on the staff are graduating, and the other people have to move up to take their place. New writers are also being tested out before being put in positions of responsibility. This is why Laura Pollastrini, a new writer, was given the assignment of doing a story about the process of enlisting in the military. This is where you made your first mistake. You both assumed that the story was supposed to be about the programs that the military offers. Wrong. All the story was supposed to entail was a description of the complicated process of enlisting in the military.

What I received was your run-of-the-mill "why did you join" story. Now here is where you made your second mistake. You've assumed that you know how to edit and piece together a story that is what isn't right. The quotes you mentioned told about why the person joined the military. I didn't want that. So I was forced to do a complete re-write of the story and insert my quotes. This last minute attempt to patch the story occurred the day before we went to the printer, so I'd be glad that there was a story.

Finally about glory grabbing, could you possibly be upset because you were one of the people who had their quotes cut from the story? Sounds like it to me.

Pvt. Eric Brosted
US Marine D.E.P.

V.C. Andrews produces another best-seller

by Pam Fenning

V.C. Andrews, upon completing the bestseller series of **Flowers in the Attic, Petals on the Wind,** and **If There be Thorns,** has released a new novel, **My Sweet Audrina.** This book, already second on the bestseller list, should gain as much popularity as the first three blockbusters. The characterization and the twisting, turning plot keep the reader from putting the book down.

Audrina is described as a beautiful, seven-year old girl who is told by her father that she has a "special gift". Because of this gift, she does not attend school. In addition, she seems to lose track of time. Both of these things puzzle the reader and Audrina. Audrina lives with a mean, older sister named Vera, a beautiful mother, a kind but overpowering father, and a cold, mean aunt.

The strange occurences seem to have something to do with her dead older sister, also named Audrina. She was considered "the first and best Audrina" by her family. The first Audrina was raped and killed at the age of nine. Audrina must enter the first Audrina's dark, shrine-like room, and sit in the dark. She dreads this, but her father forces her to do it and because she loves him, she complies.

Audrina is insecure about her loss of a sense of time and starts to search for answers. She feels that she can never aspire to be like the first Audrina. She is told by Vera that she can never be like the First Audrina and will have to face this fact with her father.

One day nine-year old Audrina enters the woods and is attracted to a boy named Arden. Her father forbids her to go to the woods because that's where the first Audrina died. However, she steals away to meet Arden.

Audrina starts to keep a journal of days gone by to keep track of time. She gains more exposure to the outside world by taking piano lessons. Her teacher says she is gifted, just like her mother, who quit her dream of becoming a concert pianist to marry Audrina's father. Vera falls in love with Audrina's piano teacher.

During this time, Audrina's mother dies in childbirth. Audrina's father won't bring home the baby girl, named Sylvia, because she is too small.

Audrina is determined to take her mother's place in aspiring to be a concert pianist. Audrina starts school at about 12, with the help of a tutor. Vera then runs off with the piano teacher. About three hours later, Audrina comes down the stairs to find that her aunt has fallen down the stairs and died.

Audrina spends many hours at Arden's and gets to know Billie, Arden's mother, who stands at the window. Audrina is older now, and is strongly attracted to Arden. The first time that she is invited into the house, she sees that Billie has no legs. Once a champion skater, Billie had to have her legs amputated.

Sylvia is brought home and is mentally retarded. Audrina's aunt warns Audrina that she will always be attached to only Sylvia and her father.

Audrina and Arden steal away to be married and upon returning, they find that Billie is living with Audrina's father. He is not as furious as Audrina thought he would be.

A series of bizzare accidents nearly destroy the family and it falls upon Audrina to help rebuild it.

Overall, the book was exciting as the reader looked for the answers to the many mysteries of Audrina. Although this book takes a back seat to V.C. Andrews' first three works, it is still a spellbinding and worthwhile book to read.

DuFour reflects on 1982-83 school year

by Laura Pollastrini

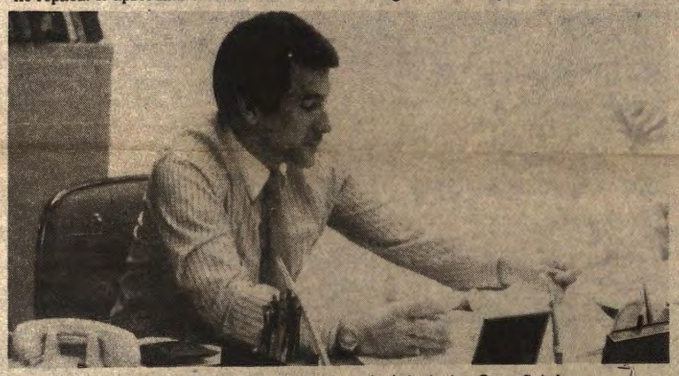
The end of the school year is a time when students and faculty look back on their feelings about past events and experiences that had happened over the course of the year.

Principal Richard DuFour, when asked to give his favorite events of the year, leans back in his chair and ponders over the question for a long time before answering. "I think the best thing that happened was finally seeing the end of the North Central evaluation, which was a three year project, but most of the kids don't know much about it." This project was a testing of the various academic areas of the school to help determine areas for improvement.

DuFour was also happy to see the formation of an English Club, and he was as pleased as usual with the visit of the German students. The success of the WLS charity basketball game seemed impressive in his eyes.

This year, several of our teachers were honored, including Pat LaMaster, who was chosen as the Outstanding Science Teacher in the West Suburban area. DuFour was also pleased to see Lee Yunker nominated to the presidency of the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

One thing came to mind, when he was asked what he would change if he could live this year over again— "I would like to have started the year without a teacher's strike," he replied. It upset him to have to endure another strike only two years after the last strike. "It takes time to heal the wounds of a strike and to bring back the morale of the faculty," he commented.



Principal Richard DuFour at work. (photo by Greg Fuja)

One of DuFour's main goals for next year is to get the students more involved in feeling more like a part of the school. Basically, he feels that we need more school spirit, and he would like the Student Council to work with him on this problem. "I would like also to begin to implement recommendations for improving the school, using the results of the North Central Evaluation," he added.

DuFour also considered the year in sports. He thought it seemed impressive at times, with our soccer championship leading as a major accomplishment, and the numerous victories of our boys' tennis team also ranking high. He also thought that this year's track team seemed to be doing exceptionally well. "Overall, I feel that West Chicago is dedicated to giving the kids a chance, and not charging them a fee to participate in after-school sports," he stated.

DuFour concluded, "I feel that this year the student body has kept the tradition of being well-behaved students to work with. They kept the attendance record high and the amount of vandalism was kept low. I hope to begin next year with a fresh start, and I am looking forward to it."

Nurse gets all the breaks

by Sue Lindenmeier

There is a bright office in the corner of the high school that bustles with people at any hour of the day. To Nurse Carol Krause, this observation about her office is not only true, but interesting. Krause has been the nurse at We-Go for about six years and has come in contact with "all types of people."

She took the job because the hours allowed her to be at work while her younger children were in school. Now that her children are grown, she still enjoys the hours. However, her motivations for staying at the high school go a great deal deeper than that. With a broad smile, she admits that she enjoys "working around the kids."

Nurse Krause readily admits that there are a number of students who come in to see her who are not really sick. Many times, these students are anxious to get out of a class or P.E., but many times Krause feels that they want attention. "Sometimes these kids just want someone to talk to," revealed Krause, "but some of these kids have deep-rooted problems." Those students Krause usually refers to the social worker, Kirby Strohm.

Krause wants to stay on the job for as long as it remains interesting and keeps her busy. She doubts that lack of business will ever be a factor. "As long as there are kids, there will always be people in here," she states, once again smiling.

With this, a group of anxious patients appear in the doorway, fighting for their place in line to see the nurse.

"With a Little Luck ..."

by Valerie Zarndt

Whether it be the belief that walking under a ladder is bad luck or that finding a four-leaf clover is good luck, people have superstitions. Superstitions have been with people from early history, according to scholars, and continue still today.

Most superstitions are related to different stages of a person's life such as birth, marriage, and death. Superstitions have also been formed from a person's daily routine. Plants and animals are also part of superstition.

Most superstitions surround daily life. Dropping a fork or knife on the floor means that company is coming. Holding a raw potato in the mouth while cutting onions is said to keep a person from crying. If a person has a mole on his neck, it means that that person will have a lot of money.

A superstition about weather and the year is "red sky in the morning, sailor's warning, red sky at night, sailor's delight." Another is that it is bad luck throughout the year if one unfastens a pin on New Year's Day.

Marriage is also an area of superstition. Some believe that if a married woman wears someone else's clothes, then her husband will fool around.

Sports is an area where a couple of WCCHS students hold superstition. A senior who played on We-go's badminton team last year says she always wore a certain pair of socks on the days she had matches for good luck. A baseball player reports he wears his batting glove while running bases but not while batting for good luck.

Whether it be an adult or high school student, people presently have superstitions.

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The Changing of the Guard

Now that Bill has stepped down as Sports Editor, and I have been chosen to assume the role, it is my turn to deal with the trials of being an editor. Already I have had a taste of the real life of an editor. In planning for this last issue, I had two major stories I was planning on canceling out at the last minute, and as the editor I must find something to fill that gap. The result is my first try at writing a column.

Since it came to me that I could be the next sports editor, I started formulating in my mind how I would run the sports page when I become editor. After some serious thinking I came up with a set of guidelines I am going to follow and hopefully the readers next year will help me stick to them.

I plan on giving all sports, boys and girls, coverage and try to cover all levels of the teams, even though varsity will be given top priority. As a participant in athletics I know how a freshman and sometimes a sophomore feels when they receive no coverage in the paper. Next year I will try whenever possible to give the lower levels credit for the efforts they produce.

It has also been brought to my attention that students aren't informed well enough about the outcome of certain games or matches. I'm not sure if this is due to the BRIDGE or the athletic departments, but I feel the students need to be informed more on what is and has happened. On the sports page I will try to accomplish this.

The experience I have gained this year writing for the BRIDGE has been of value to me, and I am looking forward to writing next year. As of now, though, I am going to be short sports writers and unless I can recruit some new writers I will be unable to cover the sports to the depth I wish to. So I am reaching out to next year's students, try writing for the BRIDGE, we need you. The paper is your paper so you can have some input into it. Even if you have written before or not, journalistic writing is entirely different, try it for yourself and help improve the paper, we need writers.

With the resources available to me, I will try my best to produce a sports page that everyone is pleased with, even though the job of editor is a tough job, one filled with a lot of responsibility and pressure. I'm not saying that the job isn't a fun one, because it is, but you the readers will have to understand and stick with us, because we are trying the best we can with what we have. But remember even BRIDGE editors are not perfect.

Lack of experience hurts girls in DVC

by Mark Hoffer

Lack of experience hurt the badminton team Saturday at the DuPage Valley Conference (DVC) tournament at Wheaton North. None of the team was able to progress beyond the first two rounds.

"It's a small team compared to the rest of the teams in the conference," commented senior Lauren Rowley, "and there is a lot of new experience, with only one returning lettermen Debbie Bestler."

Fellow senior Lisa Holmes feels the same way about the team, "We lost a lot of seniors to jobs, and considering what we had to work with, the quality didn't show up in the win loss column."

The team had a poor season in the win loss column but according to senior Valerie Zarndt the main goal for the team at the beginning of the season was to go out and have fun. "Which we were able to accomplish," she added.

"We tried hard and worked at it," mentioned Bestler the only four year player on the team, "we came close in our matches but were unable to pull them out."

When asked how the team was expected to do at the DVC tournament Saturday Rowley replied, "Try as hard as we can, we all set our goals high, and we will do as well as we can."

"I quit track to join badminton because there is more of a team spirit," commented senior Kara Vignes, "the team is small so we haven't won much but we have a lot of experience."

When asked to look back on the season many of the seniors were sorry the season when so bad but they all agreed that they had fun. "We tried really hard, and had lots of heart," Rowely pointed out.

Zarndt also feels that the season was a lot of fun, "But I feel that everyone improved a great deal."

"We play good as a team, but if we don't win we keep on fighting," Bestler said.

Rowely also added to the seniors' feelings about the season by saying, "I had fun playing with the girls on the team, and coach Sue Mennie was great."

Coach Mennie is a graduate of Eastern where she played badminton and tennis on a four year scholarship. When asked to describe Mennie, senior Karen Ream comis a friend. She doesn't really get mad at you when you lose as long as you tried. She is just as wild, fun as many of the players on the team. Because she is so squirrely the team has given her the nickname of "squirrely".

When some of the underclassmen were asked about the outlook for next year's team they mentioned that they were going to miss the seniors. Sophomore Becky Thuer commented, "We are losing our seniors so we will have to try harder next year."

Lisa Siedlecki, also a sophomore comments, "Badminton is more of a challenging sport than most people realize, I also hope that next year there will be a better turn out."

Ream feels that unless more people come out next year the team will be unsuccessful.

Jock Shorts

TENNIS

Bruce Fraser captured the second singles title with a 6-4, 6-4 win over Naperville Central. First singles Greg VanDine and top doubles Dave Gary and Mark Matijasevich both placed second in close matches. We-go took second place overall behind Naperville Central in the Conference meet.

They advanced to the district finals where they captured their third straight first place overall finish. Greg VanDine captured first singles winning 6-1, 6-0. Gary and Matijasevich took the first doubles championship winning 6-0, 3-6, 10-8. Fraser placed third in singles. The whole team will advance to the State Finals on Thursday, May 26.

TENNIS

At the State Tournament the Varsity Tennis team proceeded past the first round with no losses but in the second round three out of the four We-go players lost sending them to the consolation bracket where Bruce Fraser was the only one to win in the first round.

All conference Karin Hengse bats in a recent home game. (Photo courtesy of **Challenge**)

Members of the 1982-83 varsity tennis team are from left to right, front row: Steve Ganch, Hector Flores, Scott Eaton, Mike Grenke, and Tom Butler. Second row: Gregg VanDine, Mark Matijasevich, Kevin Martin, Gary Phillips, Dave Gary, and Mark Musnicki. Row three: Bruce Fraser, John Shim, Mike McPheters, Jim Austgen and Coach Wayne Kosek. (Photo courtesy of **Challenge**)

SOFTBALL

The varsity softball team finished the season strong with five straight wins over Glenbard North 11-5, Wheaton North 9-2, Wheaton Warrenville 12-4, Naperville Central, and entered the regional tournament by defeating Wheaton Warrenville once again.

GIRL'S SOFTBALL

After defeating Wheaton-Warrenville 8-2 the Wildcats tried to upset undefeated Wheaton Central 27-0 but was unable to do so losing 10-0.

BOYS' TRACK

Rich Vignes finished fourth in conference but failed to go downstate by four seconds.

GIRL'S TRACK

Sue Becker jumped 16 feet 6½ inches in the long jump to place second in the sectional meet and earned a trip downstate for the State Meet, where she was defeated in the first round.

BOY'S BASEBALL

The varsity team dropped from third to sixth place at the end of the season by losing their last four games. They took on DeKalb in the first round of the State Tournament and were defeated 2-0.

Center fielder Lee Dungey received all conference honors while teammates Mike Rubino, catcher; Genaro Cabral, right field; Rich Shultz, left field; and John James, pitcher all received honorable mention.

HONORS GIVEN

Sue Becker and Carlos Cuiriz were named male and female athletes of the year for their outstanding efforts, while Carol Muilenburg received the Lions Athletic Scholar Award given to the highest ranking athlete in the senior class.

The United States Marine Corp "Devil Dog" Award went to Bryan Block, Gary Hansen, and Bill Recchia. Rich Shultz, Rob Taylor, and Plump Shemshedini were among the finalists in the Randy Jacob Memorial Award which was presented this year to Gary Hansen.