

Wow, what a wonderful week at Westlane

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This week, things at Westlane more or less settled down after last week's hectic schedule. Snow Job '72, Westlane's Winter Carnival, was immensely successful, far more so than anything we've ever had. In fact, I'll probably forget something-or-other, so much happened.

Things started off on the right foot already Saturday, Feb. 5. At the Niagara Falls YMCA Winter Carnival, Westlane students did an excellent job. One student, D. Bowman, won the speed skating race. The Westlane toboggan team then won the toboggan race. After that, our team defeated everyone in the 10-legged race. These three victories led to our being named the champion high school at the carnival. Chalk one up.

On the same day, the Zone 111 Wrestling Tournament was held at Westlane. Guess who won? Right on. Wrestlers Dave Washington and Manfred Kupjetz led us to victory with individual championships. Congratulations to Mr. Talbot and the entire hard-working team, and chalk up number two.

Two victories in one day may be enough for any average school, but we weren't satisfied. Way out across the province in a town called Ingersoll, Mr. Field was coaching the midget basketball Spartans to a cliff-

hanger, last second win over none other than Stamford Hornets to capture the Ingersoll "White" Division crown. Number three for Westlane. And in all, not a bad day.

Monday we didn't do as well. Our Powder-Puff Hockey team lost to Loretto, 3-0. I understand that Loretto's star player scored all three goals. Considering the way Loretto played when I watched them against Myer on Friday, I consider us fortunate to have been even that close.

The Film Festival was the big word for Tuesday. Financially, the Student council was satisfied with the results. From the standpoint of enjoyment, I think it was a smashing success. I couldn't find even a single person who didn't have fun.

Wednesday was the 7th annual Drama Night. Ken Brown and Anne-Marie Pigden, both of the play, "Brothers in Arms", won best actor and actress, respectively. Doug Taylor, though passed by in the judging, deserves a lot of credit and appreciation for having successfully written, directed and starred in a play of his own. The play "Sarah and the Sax" was purposely excluded from the judging, as it has been chosen as the Drama Festival entry.

In fact, it is important to note that this Niagara District Drama Festival is being held next week. Before going there "Sarah

and the Sax" will be presented Sunday night at Dorchester Manor. Mr. Lannon has organized a bus for a trip to see our entry Tuesday night. If you have no plans, try to go!

The best play award of Drama Night 1972 went to "The Enchanted Enchillada", which I was fortunate enough to have written and directed. Enough said.

Thursday evening really impressed me. The 1972 Hootenanny was the first one I've attended, and it was absolutely great. The support received from the students by way of fantastic attendance was truly incredible. I may say more about the Hootenanny next week, and we may even have another.

Friday was another big day. At the Winter Olympics, the Gold medal went to 13B, which won every event they entered, the Silver to 12C and the Bronze to 11H. The snow sculpture was won by 11M. Later on that afternoon, a unique event took place. It was called Tramp's Palace, and featured the talents of many students as entertainment.

I can't say too much about it, unfortunately, as I was, at the time, very busy making a fool of myself over the entire Public Address system. Steve Coopman, Ron Mottola, Peter Hendershot and I are to blame for the nerve-wracking Radio W.E.S.T.L.A.N.E. program which resounded through the halls for all to hear.

At the school, the basketball double-header

didn't go to well. We lost both games, and the team that beat us was — you guessed it — Stamford. But we still had our Victory Dance afterward.

The Junior basketball team, which had had to play its game against Stamford Thursday (and lost), was busy down in Port Colborne, having been invited to the Lockview Park Invitational Tournament. We lost our first game, but went on to win Saturday morning to advance into the Consolation final. Playing, as coach Mr. Brooker says, our very best of the year for a whole game, we defeated Dunnville 67-34 to win the Consolation title.

So Snow Job '72 is over. A lot of people helped bring it off. Tom Woodward, student council president, did probably more than anyone, but he couldn't have pulled it off without the help of hordes of students on committees, etc. who darted about setting things up.

Thanks go to the people who braved the cold on the Saturday to participate in the YMCA activity. Don't forget all the teams that fought in the events. Credit goes to the Drama Club, and also to those talented people who helped make the Hootenanny and Tramp's Palace so successful. But one group, rarely mentioned, is the group that really made it what it was. This group is the student body, which showed no apathy in giving its full support.

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