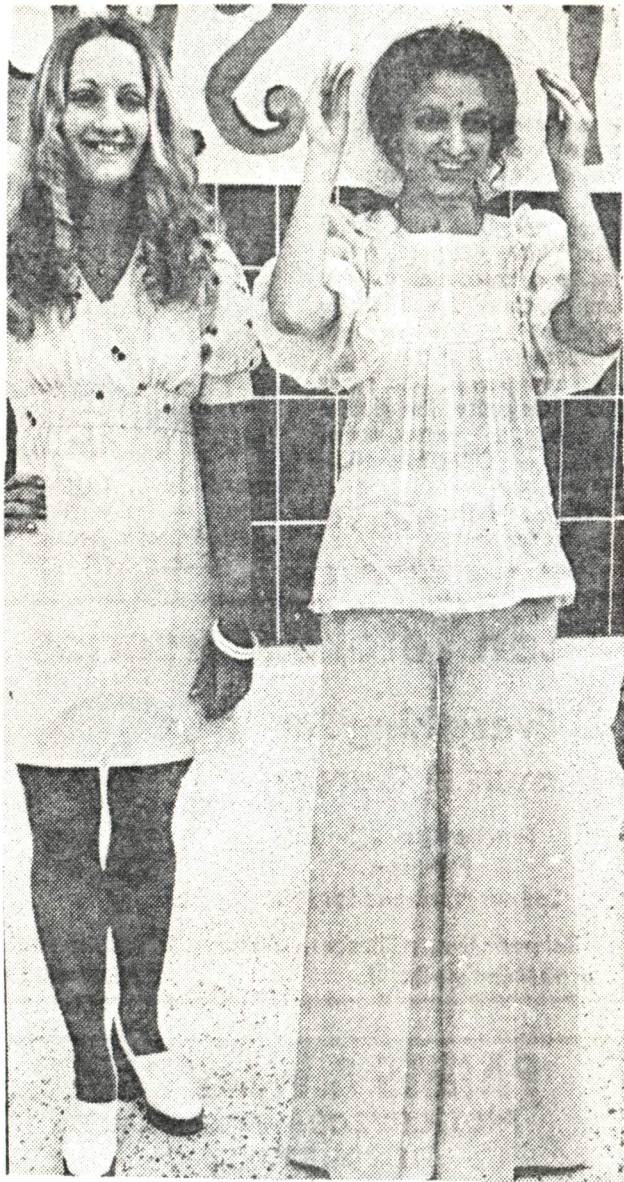


Westlane sports teams at work



Shower Of Fashions— Models at the April Showers fashion show at Westlane Secondary School are ready for spring in their new clothes. From left, the girls are Judy Collinson, Rosetta Chiarella

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Spring is bustin' out all over, as Cole Porter or whoever it was so ably put it, and there is more than enough evidence at Westlane to support this sizzling old Bromide. The school virtually hums with activity as weather gets better, and the school year draws to its inevitable close.

The soccer team got back into the news this week, winning its first two games. Monday Westlane Spartans turned back CI Raiders 5-4 in an exhibition game, and Pelham Panthers bowed 6-1 on Tuesday. In that game, Rob Polegato scored twice for the Green and White, with John Tennier, Frank Miehle, Bob Mergl and Bruce Varty each adding single markers.

Two years ago, the soccer team was SOSSA Champion and fourth in Ontario. Last year, we lost our chance to repeat such a feat by playing one poor game against the eventual champs, Fort Erie. It would be nice to see the World Cup in our Trophy Case again. Perhaps the team of 1973 can come up with what it takes, if we don't suffer from the discipline problems which, in my opinion at least, were what cost us that game last year.

Also in the field of athletics, the track team is hard at work, preparing for a meet. With a large membership and a big schedule, the team is very busy. I have the sneakiest suspicion someone is going to "invite" me to a few of the work-out sessions so that I can write about them. This will undoubtedly mean a lot of running, jumping and throwing a bunch of discs (more than one discus).

Big news this week was the fashion show, April Showers, presented by the Westletterettes, Tuesday evening. Drawing at least as large an audience as our infamous drama nights, nine

girls displayed various styles of fashion provided a number of area shops. Carmen, Barillaro a well-known local hair stylist, was master of ceremonies (I would have looked very silly with those white pants on). Refreshments were provided after the show.

The show was appealing. I have never seen a real live fashion show before, but whether or not the Westletterettes measure up to standards doesn't matter. They carried off the evening with remarkable poise and were rewarded by the appreciation of the audience. My old beef about self-consciousness of the models went right out the window, for these girls really looked sharp. Mr. Barillaro, although I understand that virtually every word of his was set down for him, did indeed lend a very professional air to the presentation, as I suppose he was expected to. And so, considering Montreal won the hockey game, a very enjoyable evening.

The biggest story of the entire year is in the offing. On May 10, 11 and 12, the Westlane Gymnatorium will resound to the strains of the various pieces of the famous musical, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum. This is not about Dave Schultz trying to get a ticket in the Montreal Metro, but is based instead on the favorite of all ancient Rome's writers' best plays. The writer was Plautus, and his bawdy slapstick style thrilled thousands in the theatres of the Empire. The adaptation will thrill many more who decide to attend Westlane's production of this outrageously hilarious musical comedy. Tickets will soon be available from selected Westlane students.* Sets and properties and costumes are in the making. A poster contest was held to drum up some advertising, but only a few were submitted.

More about Forum in coming weeks.