# WCCHS undergoes state school inspection 

by Beth Niswander
Two inspectors from the Illinois Office of Education visited our school several weeks ago. This office inspects each public school in the state to determine whether it conforms to State laws and regulations and can therefore be recognized by the State. If a school is not recognized, it will not receive state funding.

Contrary to what many people may think, a great deal of the rules and regula tions which govern our school do not come from the District 94 Board of Education, but are generated at the State level. The State Board has developed regulations connected with Education Laws under what is commonly known as Document 1. It gives requirments dealing with every as-
pect of schools and delegates a certain amount of authority to the local Boards for specific descisions. State regluations include the number of days in a school jear, and the $1 \frac{1}{2}$ mile rule for bus riders.

The inspectors spend two full days in and around the school. They evaluate it in three basic areas. The first
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## Exciting New Alternative Offered for Seniors

by Beth Niswander
On December 1, Juniors in American History classes were presented with a unique new school program. The product of a year's work by four teachers in our school, this new course of study will be open to all Seniors and will be offered beginning in the 1978-79 school year.

The Senior Option is presented as an "academic alternative," a structural change allowing students to experience an unparalleled kind of learning. The program is exceptional in that it is a) interdisciplinary, b) independant study, c) invidualized, and d) involves community resources outside of the school environment.

The four teachers, Mr . Arnold, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Owens, and Mr. Strecker developed the Senior Option on the belief that many course subjects are interrelated, and should therefore be examined
from several different points of view. They also felt that a student might learn more when studying something of his own choosing. They saw that access to resources in the community at large could be an important element in learning. They concluded that the three principles could be combined to mold an individualized ki.ıd of program. Topics dealt with could range anywhere from Mechanics to Death and Dying. Senior Option would be, they felt, more interesting, more involving, and more educational.

Students who sign up for the Option may attend two classes of their own choosing during 1st and 2nd hours, and will then devote the remainder of the day to the Option. By doing so, they will earn credit as follows: English 1, PE $\frac{1}{2}$, Sociology 1, Science 1, Psychology $\frac{1}{2}$, Political Science $\frac{1}{2}$ and Government $\frac{1}{2}$.

During the first semester, students will learn
skills necessary to deal with an interdisciplinary approach. These will include interpersonal contact and various communication skills. Students will gain fundamental knowledge in areas of Sociology, Psychology, PE, Government, and Science. They will also develop contracts to understand expectations for their later independent work.

Second semester, the emphasis on the completion of the individually constructed contracts. They will meet these by working both inside and outside the school to find and experience things and people relevant to their topic. Students will meet weekly with the instructors and will participate in weekly group meetings.

Any questions about the Option are welcome and may be directed to Mr. Arnold in 149 , Mr. Strecker in 148, Mr. 0 wens in 247 , or Mr. Burgess in 321.

## 'Twas the day before Christmas (Vacation)

There is an unwritten law among schoolboard that says all vacation must begin midweek. Now, having a conscientious, law-abiding schoolboard which has, of course, our best interests at heart, Christmas vacation this year will begin on Wednesday. This means that Monday and Tuesday are the only days of school next week.

It is true that the state requires a minimum of 185 scheduled days, which is exactly the number scheduled by the schoolboard.

However, if the state and the schoolboard realized what was going on during those two days before Christmas, they'd probably cancel them and add them on to another half-week.

After all, most teachers will finish their "units" or "chapters" or whatevers on Friday. Monday will be spent going over Friday's test. So what happens on Tuesday? Well it'd be almost pointless to
start something new, yet the day has to have some "educational value"; even though no one's mind is on getting educated.

So, teachers begin bending the rules. Very slowly.

For example, a typical "Christmas Vacation Eve" day at We-Go could go something like this:

First hour-English-boring boring, boring. Everyone is thinking of seventh hour and FREEDOM! The teacher, whom we will credit with a small degree of perception, knows this. A ditto is passed out, "Just for fun", we're told. It's a word search. Find as many words as possible that relate to Christmas. Great. The hour is spent circling "tree" and "Santa" and "candy canes".

Second hour-Math-tiresome and tedious. But not today. The teacher has decided to "spruce" it up a little (he thought it was a good holiday

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pun). Another ditto, this one was a hairy looking proof on it, with letters. Solve the problem, substitute in the letters........It's done! The right answer is BAH-HUNBUG.

Third hour-PE-dumb, dumb, dumb. E'specially since this is the Physical Fitness unit. Excerises are done to "Bing Sings of Christmas".

Fourth hour-foreign lan-guage-all right, the day is half over! It's a good time to practice conversation. "Pure Noel" et"Vive le Temps" or"Lo que ya hago durante las vasadiones ", even "Weihnachten in Deutschland", among other exciting though equally un-understandable dialoges use up the hour.

Lunch, a chance to say "Merry Christmas" to friends, pass out Christmas Cookies, and eat the turkey dinner we never got at Thanksgiving (It has to be coming sometime, turkey's only on sale during the holidays).

Fifth hour-Social Studiesblah, totally uninteresting. People head for the library to "work" on their independent studies. But first, the teacher baked cup cakes for all his classes. A nice gesture, but his cooking's not all that great. Still, it is his contribution to our Merry Christmas.

Sixth hour-unscheduledonly one more hour to go!!

SEVENIH HOUR-finally-too bad it's typing. Today, hower ness letters are set aside as Christmas trees, Santas and snowflakes are made out of $x^{\prime}$ 's typed on the red ribbon. Click, click, click, ding. Click, click...and all of a sudden, the bell rings.

Another valuable, totally necessary educational experience has ended.

Merry Christmas, to you, too, schoolboard.

# Serving double-time for office errors 

Dear Editor,
We are a group of concerned students, who wish to express our feelings on the duties of Parapros.

Recently, one of us received three detentions ( 3 , count them) for tardiness. This person served the detentions, going through the basic procedure of signing in etc. After this person had served them, a certain parapro came to her, and demanded she serve them. Being puzzled at this, this victum stated that she had done so. At this, the parapro replied that her name wasn't on the list now she is expected to serve three more.

We feel this situation is totally outrageous. We also feel that we should not
be submitted to unnecessary hassles due to errors of the parapros.

As for other situations, we feel there is no freedom whatsoever. Upon entering the john, one gets the impression that it's against the law, because no sooner are you there when there is a pair of eyes watching you. Then, if you stand in one spot to long (say 30 seconds), you are removed by demand.

In conclusion, we are saying that parapros are no good. They have caused more problems than they were put here to solve.

Names Withheld

## LETTERS

## Student defends parapros

Dear Editor,
Paraprofessionals aren't all bad, as was stated in a previous issue of the BRIDGE. Parapros are a service to the students and not so-called "rarcs." For example; keeping students out of the hallways pievents other students' lockers from being ripped-off. Also it provides for a better learning environment because classes are not interrupted. Don't forget our school allows much more freedon to its students than other schools.

We have Commons, freedom to go outside during Commons, and off Campus privileges.If students were willing to cooperate with the Parapros maybe the Establishment wouldn't be so distrustful of students. Maybe we don't like the school system, but the world is a system and everyone must learn how to live within systems or change them. (Read the first issue of "The Subway").

There are many times
that Parapros have helped students. For instance, did you know that one of our very own Parapros went to court and testified for one of our students and helped him to win his court case and saved him $\$ 65.00$ ? Also other Parapros helped with the Bon-Fire and Homecoming and some even drive vans for athletic activities, and others are involved in extra-curricular activities like cheerleading and Student Council. Most of our Parapros have degrees and are pretty smart. They don't, want to hassle you but some people just ask for trouble. So please don't get on the Parapros' cases; enough people do. Be kind to a Parapro:
MERRY CHRISTM S S PARAPROS !

## Name Withheld

P.S. This is not a puppet letter of the Establishment.I am a student, not a puppet, and these are my own feelings.

## Having a

## merry X-mas

Dear Editor,
Is Santa Claus coming to town? Regardless of whether or not he comes, I'm going to have a very merry Christmas. I can't say that I mind the many packages under the tree but amid all the twinkling lights and sparkling decorations lies the true meaning of Christmas. Too often it is forgotten or overlooked.Let's not forget that an infant was born in a stable 2000 years ago to show the world God's Love, and gave his life that others might live. Christmas is to be a happy time, and regardless of one's bank account, can be enjoyable. Christmas is a time for the family to share and the world to hope for a bright future.I hope all your Christmas' are joyous and special.

## Lucy Fernandes

## Voter's rights

Dear Editor,
Are you 18 ? Are you a registered voter of DuPage County? If you answered YES on 18 and NO on being able to vote, you haven't fulfilled your legal rights. You may think election '76 is over and you still have a couple of years to register to vote. Wrong. Election '76 is over and election '78 is just around the corner. In fact, petitions for office which enable the candidate to be on the Primary Ballot are already out. But you can't give your "John Hancock" for your favorite candidate until you register! The Primary Petitions had to be filled out by Dec. 12 of this year. But if your 18 th birthday falls after this date, you don't have
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To Oscar Madison,
Merry Christmas! Have fun at the party with you know who. Unknown

Puke,
Better get that job at the Morgue before the holidays. Tis the season to be jolly! You couldn't tell your(blank) from a hole in the ground. SuperFan

## Karen,

Merry Christmas! If you don't want coal in your stocking you better narrow it down to a case a week.

Charles Frosters sister
Mary and all the restI still like stocking stuffer better than Christmas Capers! (Don't really put this in)

## -定 Son ma

Chuck,
If you get maxed out New Years, we'll have to biff on you! Burd

Robyn,Lynn, Laura, Alice, Maria, Rochel,Sue, \& Donna,

Please don't get too drunk on New Years!

The Goodie
Dear Carnimi Catts;
Merry B-day. How's the bee business? Please bring your guitar.


Hey Sourpuss,
Anyone ever tell you you're cute? You'd look yummy in tighter jeans.
"Toots"

To: Clark, Court(2), Wienie, Whitey, and "B",
Congradulations on making all-conference!!

Court(1)
Attention: all senior basketball player, a meeting to plan this year's senior night will be held this Friday at $3: 30$.

June,
Have a nice Christmas and don't eat too much raisin glop salad.

A Friend

Dear Little Snowstorm,
Merry Christmas!
PS I love you-your my sweety! Love Mr. X

Steve,
You're going to have a really GOOD time at the Christmas party!!! Merry Christmas. Your Date

To Felix Ungar,
Merry Christmas. You better have you know who at your party. Oscar

Hillsboro Anti-Social Snob-
What is your name again? Merry Christmas anyway!

Sharon

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To C.C.,C.C., R.B., P.D., C.G., K.K.,L.S., J.V.,\&t other assorted friends, (or otherwise)-

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!
S.F.

Uncertain Students,
SANTA CLAUS IS DEAD!!!
Non-believer
Dr. J,
Try being coordinated off the court as well as on. Remember Pride Goeth before a fall.

Your Guardian Angel
Dear Dealers,
Mom got busted last week, need money for bail.

Freak
M.D.M.D.

Won't it be great seeing all those tan,muscular bodies on the beach!?

> Annie Bananie

Munchkin,
What happened to your bed Turkey Eve?

Your destructive friends Rich,

To the max Dude. Couldn't and wouldn't. BOGUS!!! Have you been to the Cade lately?

Motormouth- Don't try to move anymore walls with your nose. 3rd lunch people

To The Civilized World,
On Nov. 25, D.C. made it 0 for last 20. I'll let you know when it's 50.

The Black Plague
Schliquid-
If you ever drag me up to the gay 8's again-I'll punchout your potsie lips.

Big Red No More
Flasher,
isn't it getting a little too cold to . . Lenora

Ron,
You've got what every girl wants. Nothing!!

Close Encounter
Bert,
I like your options
Ron Clark
Frog-it,
Remember the men in the white coats?

Caffine
\#2,
Think T.S. is still out to get us? Funny how he converses with us again, I'm suspicious!

Guess
Annie,
Happy Birthday A.F.G.C.

Greg,
You owe me a couple of favours.So pay one up by giving me one of your graduation pictures. Lenny Bird

Sue
Say "Hi" to Milly For me. light weight

Liquid
How's your Italian teddybear? Lenerd

Beau, .
Tan cheveux est trop long.Cut it! Novs t'adore

John,
You have what I want how do I get it.

Suffering!!!
Puke,
Thanks for listening to my problems, you are the best friend I have. Thank-you for being you!!
K.F.

Debbie,
You've got what I want, but how do I get it?

Desperate! !!
R.L.

ONIKA OUIA WIKA WIKA(Hurry up and kiss me).
W.L.

## Frosty,

Where's my brownies?
Senile

Novie,
Don't forget to help with the UNBRELLA.

Hey Chuck, When can we have a ride on your boat? 3rd hour accounting
W.J. Willian

Wash your hair + take a bath. Sufferers

Bana,
We love you!!
Wheat + Space

Ricky:
Have the Merriest Christmas ever!

Love,
Jan
Scurve 1,
Tim was looking for you at camp-first thing he said. Jerk isn't he?
\#1 Brat
Knuch,
don't forget to hang your mistletoe. The Bird

Macaluso- yah! yah!
Wyat, Erp
Bec,
Remember the "Wrong number" Foxes?!!

Bic
Space II
Have you met the new addition to our club?HIS name is Space III!

Bye, bye Space I
Muscles-don't forget to say "Hi" to Goofy!

## Lefty

FROG- Let's TP Wilson's OK?
Kewey- Pick your brains up now.

Martha,
Thanks for everything.
Pig
Mr. D.A.C., We should get together again soon.

To A Fan,
Back's all better. Getting slip on shoes. Please identify yourself.

Love,
Puke
Asil,
IC + OS forever! Love your dob. Good Luck puke, you will need it!
R.C.

Really love your cola!
L.S.

## Bashful:

Do you want some mushrooms?
Dopey
Munchkin-
When do I get my pie?
Apple Zuchinl
Mick ${ }^{*}+$ Keith: $^{*}$
We love you!
Luv Ya Lots!
Laverne + Shirley
Rich C.,
You probably hate me by now, but please don't. Guess who!

Dimples,
You have to kiss quite a few toads, before you find your prince!

Breeze

## State inspection

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is staff. This is done before the actual visit by scanning the credentials of every staff person in the schoo'.

Program is the second area analyzed. The inspectors make sure that courses required by the State are offered. They also make sure that the content of every course meets the guidelines set.

The third area involves the physical condition of the school. The building is scrutinized for compliance with safety requirements and putlic health standards. This includes floors and fire extinguishers.

At the end of the visit, the inspectors conferred verbally with Dr. Saimon and Dr. Kamm to discuss any questions or possible problems. In a few weeks, a full written report will be sent to the school. The BRIDGE will then have access to the specifics of the actual evaluation findings.

## Voter's rights

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to feel left out because the Primary Election(which elects a single party candidate to run against the opposing party) will be on March 12th'79. If your legal age doesn't fall before March you'll have another chance in the General Election, (even though the Primary is the most important for your candidate to get on the ballot). The General Election is November, 1978 and candidates are sworn into office in December. Where is the place to register? City Hall or County Complex which is located on County Farm Rd. by the fair grounds. Remember to support your local and most qualified candidate. Have fun choosing.

## New teacher-coach kept busy <br> by Beth Kennedy

When asked what he did in his spare time, football coach Larry Parker replied with a grin that he hadn't really had any spare time for a while!

Mr . Parker is originally from Nebraska where he taught for six years. He received his bachelor and master degrees in Colorado.

Mr. Parker teaches P.E.
and is the head football coach here. He says that our school is a lot like the high school he went to in Nebraska, even the building. He finds the kids easy to get along with.

Mr. Parker thinks the football team had an interesting year. The guys were adjusting to him and he to them. Now they're all looking forward to next year.

## DAVEA students get bum deal

Dear Editor,
I am writing this letter on behalf of all the afternoon DAVEA students. On the half day of Nov. 8, the DAVEit students had a full day. Brat on Nov. 8, the lunch room was not open for the DiVEA students. A group of DAVLiA students went and asked Mr. Waterhouse what they were going to do for lunch Mr.Waterhouse replied, "That's your problem" Now it is my opinion and also others involved with $D_{H} V \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{A}}$ that when we spend a full day of school, the school could at least provide as with same kind of lunch (the snack line would do). Many students who ride the bus live a mile or more from school and can't go home in the 25 minutes called lunch. The few lucky ones who had sack lunches tried eating in the main hallway and were harassed by teachers and"Para

Professionals."When some students went upstairs to Commons to get a soft-drink, they were told they couldn't until 11:30! The DAViA bus leaves the school at 11:30.

I and others on the P.M. shift of DiViA believe that we are getting a bum deal. For example according to days the school follows the pep assembly schedule, we have no lunch period at all. If it wasn't for one student who realized what was happening and went and complained to the office, we wouldn't of had a lunch period that day.

We have tried to present our case to the main office. There, we have been treated rudely and given the runaround. So we have chosen to present our case to the readers of the BRIDGE.

## News Briefs

## No more stereo

by Timothy Sampson
There is no longer a stereo for student use in the LRC. The two stereo speakers, with a replacement cost of \$150 each, were stolen sometime between $4: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ Nov. 22 and 7:30 am Nov. 23.

AV director John Walton stated that there are no plans for replacing the speakers and that chances for a stereo for future student use in the LRC are almost nonexistant. The stereo was installed on the condition that it would be removed if abused by students.

## Magic acts

On December 20, the last day of classes, Lee and Dennis Hahn will present a Magic Show. The 20 minute show will be held every hour in the LRC.

## X-Mas Vespers

by Beth Campbell
The choirs are preparing for this year's Christmas Vespers. The concert will be held this Sunday, December 18 , at 3 pm in the Weyrauch Auditorium.

The Concert Choir will perform the traditional candlelight processional. A snow scene will be presented by Swing Choir. Freshman Choir will combine for one number with Concert Choir. Margie Iuro, a former student, will play a number on the guitar.

In addition to Concert choir, Freshman Choir and Swing Choir, Girl's Choir and Madrigals will also perform.

## New coach works to rebuild team

by Dan Rinn
The 1977-78 wrestling season is now underway. However instead of being on top all the time, this year will be spent rebuilding the team.

After taking conference and fourth in state last year with a 12-4 record We-Go's wrestling team lost almost all of their starting wrestling. The only returning wrestlers we have from that lineup are Craig Stough, Dave Villegas, and Carlos Cruz.

At the start of the season they had 25 wrestlers trying to fill 48 spots. But as the season grew on they had 19 more wrestler come into the program giving them 44 wrestlers.

The team consists of Mike Eurbans wrestling at 98 lbs , Carlos Cruz at 1.12, Jose Villarreal at 119, Tim Renolds and Jeff Kraft fighting for the 126 spot, John Devore and Rick Gomez baffling for 132, Dave Villegas at 138 Shane Kottkamp at 145, Jeff Smothers at 167, and Craig Stough at 185. Positions at the 105, and heavyweight are still undecided as of yet. Wiost of the team consists of juniors
and seniors that only wrestled J.V. last year.

Even though they haven't

won a meet yet they have done better than their record shows as they lost 12 out of 32 decisions by one or two point decisions. Coach Stephen Jeffreys says he is proud of how they are doing and they will have a good season even though it is a rebuilding year.

## Five awarded conference honors

by Lori Walter

Four Varsity Volleyball players were chosen as allconference by the league coaches.

Colleen Courtney was named all-around. Beth Beedle and Kim Clausen were chosen as
spikers. Cindy Clark was named setter while Carol Hedrick was chosen as honorable mention setter.

The team placed fourth in conference and their overall resord was 17-12.

In districts, they lost to Glenbard South in the final game.

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# Wildcats drop opening conference game 

by Dave Hallman
The Wildeats basketball tean started Conference play Friday, December 2, losing the decision 73-71 to the Glenbard North Panthers.

Don Stockton lead We-Go scoring with 25 points. The only other West Chicago player to get in double figures was George Grauer with ten points.

The Wildcats dropped their opener to Fenger, of the Chicago Public League, 53-49.

The Cats are better than their record indicates, as three of the losses have been by a total of eight points.

The Wildcats had the game tied up at 57 with four minutes left in the game. However fouls hurt the Cats as they were outscored 16 to 4 in the final minutes of rlay.

We-Go layed in the Rockford Harlem tournament over the Thanksgiving weekend, and dropped all three of their games. The first one to Winnebago, 75-72, the second to host Rockford Harlem, 79-53,

## Sport dates

Basketoall (i-away, H-home)
Dec. 16 wheaton-Warrenville-i
22 St. Francis-H
22,23 Hinsdale Central Tourney-A
27-30 Rich South Tour-ney-A
Jan. 6 Naperville North-H
7 Geneva-H
13 Glenbard South-H
Wrestling
Dec. 16 Wheaton-Warrenville-H
17 Palatine aand Glenbrook North(V\&JV)-H
22,23 Hinsdale
$290_{\text {swego-H }}$
Jan. 6 Naperville North-A
7 West Aurora, and Syc-amore-A


Don Stockton guards a Fenger player in the Wildcats' opening game which they lost 53-49. (photo by Vanderpool)
and the last, a 51-50 overtime decision to Honongah.

One good note for the tournament, Don Stockton led all scoring with games of 32 , 11 , and 24 , points, totaling to 67 which was tops in the tournament.

The Cats also lost on Saturday, Dec. 10 when they were
defeated by the St. Charles Saints, 80-71.

The Saints were favored by over 20 pts. going into the game. However the Wildcats were down by just three points in the closing moments when a few fouls and turnovers gave the Saints their win.

## Rah! Rah! Rah! for the cheerleaders

Basketball and v.restling seasons have begun.Along with the teams are the cheerleaders. Their purpose to promote spirit among the team and also among the students.

Not only do they cheer at our games, but they performed at the College of DuPa e in honor of WCCHS night. On days of games or meets, the cheerleaders wear their uniforms as advertisement.

There are four cheerleading squads, two wrestling and two basketball. The four varsity wrestling cheerleaders are Captain Bridyette Truitt, Sr., Sharon Peterhans Sro, Kasi Schmidt, Sr., and

Robyn Rega, Jr. The JV Squad consists of Cindy Walker, Soph., Laura Potts, Jr., Lynn Ross, Jr., and Leanne Hansen, Sr .

There are twelve basketball cheerleaders. The six on the Varsity squad are Captain Jackie adeszko, Robyn Wright, Kathy Luers, Chris Marcuum, Maria Petrogallo, and Tammy Lundgren.

The six sophmore cheerleaders are Capt. Sue Sauer, Karen Moore, Melany Snowden, Dawn Cunningham, Laura West, and Julie Janaes.

The squads are all sponsered by Karen Reiman.

