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## Year in review

## 1978 - Changed the world

## by Lynda Simpson

The year 1978 proved to be full of changes and events, from movies to murders, and pope to pope.
The movie "Saturday Night Fever" hit America, and millions of people found out how contagious the disco fever was.
The world saw the passing of two popes, and the election of the first non-Italian pope since 1522.
Across the sea, in Guyana, over 900 peo-
for best float and best window. They also captured first place in the tricycle race, were awarded the spirit stick, and won the hall decorating contest. The only remaining competition was T-shirt day which juniors won over the sophomores by a slim margin. Vic Mercado and Kathy Miessler were crowned Homecoming King and Queen. On Friday, October 13, bad luck prevailed as the Wildcats lost their homecoming game to Naperville North.


Morter and bricks build a wall but only students can build a school. (photo by Turner)
ple lost their lives in a mass suicide, brought on by one single man and his beliefs.
Over the past year, many things have happened and changed here at West Chicagotoo.
The school building itself took on a new look. Construction work caused some confusion and a few inconveniences for students, for example, having to eat lunch in the small gym. Now, however, the new cafeteria, library, commons, and offices are nearly completed and are in use. The new field house and swimming pool are almost done and ready to enjoy.
Changes also occurred in the administration. Dr. Kamm, once the principal, is now the superintendent, while Mr . DuFour is principal. Mr. Kosek became the new dean, and Mr. Mast is the new director of business.
There are several new teachers at WeGo this year. Also, all of the parapros from last year had left, so all seven of this year's parapros are new on the job.
This year, as in years past, saw many changes in the students. The graduating senior class left high school to face the outside world. The freshman class began their high school careers two weeks later than expected due to construction.
The theme of "Homecoming 78" was Walt Disney. The seniors won the award


Homecoming King Vic Mercado and Queen Kathy Miessler pose after being crowned at the Homecoming Coronation. (photo by Vanderpool)
The Wildcats had a card up their sleeve, however. Members of the team shaved their heads, and Coach Parker said if the team would beat Wheaton North in an important conference game, he too would "get buzzed." Well, the Wildcats upset the Falcons, 27-7, and Coach Parker received a hair cut which made Channel 7's 6
o'clock news. The Wildcats went on in the season to win the DuPage Valley Conference championship before losing the semi-finals to Joliet Catholic, 28-6. History was made in 1978, when West Chicago formed its first Girl's Swim Team. This has been a building year for the team.
For the first time, several of the BRIDGE editors, along with one reporter and Mr. Courtney, BRIDGE advisor, traveled to St. Louis for a journalism convention and competition. Editor Dee Rouse captured third place in the editing and headlining competition, and received a trophy for her efforts.
Nineteen seventy-eight marked the last year in which the BRIDGE was printed in our school. Starting this year, the BRIDGE will be sent to a printer and printed on newsprint, giving the BRIDGE a more modern and Tribune-like look.
The year ' 78 saw many changes in the world, as well as at We-Go. Maybe '79 will

## see even more.

## Xmas dance attracts none <br> by Vince Verdooren

This year's Christmas Dance, planned for last December 22, was cancelled due to a lack of student interest. Student Council, the organization planning the dance, had sold a total of zero tickets.
The decision to cancel the dance came from Mr. Waterhouse and Student Council Advisor Alison Stefanik. After observing the poor ticket sales, Stefanik fef that the ing wasted. Other problems eoncerning the dance cancellation included conflicting time schedules with basketball games and holiday vacation. Apparently, very few students showed an interest in the dance, and one Council member added, "It seemed like no one on the Council wanted to work on it either."
In addition to wasted time and efforts, Student Council lost a total of $\$ 210$, the Council had spent $\$ 30$ on decorations and $\$ 180$ to get out of their contract with the band. However, Stephanik said that the council would have lost much more money in the long run if they had gone on with the dance.
This dance would have been We-Go's third Christmas dance. According to Student Council President Mike Turner, the first Christmas dance had been unsuccessful, while the second dance did pretty well. No definite decisions have yet been made by Student Council for future Christmas dances.


The new Administrators pictured here are Richard DuFour, principal; James Mast,
business manager; Wayne Kosek, Dean; and Dr. Richard Kamm, Superintendent (photo by Murphy)

## Few students miss classes <br> \section*{by Steve Binder}

"Students should be commended for this achievement," reported Superintendent Richard Kamm at the December 19 meeting of the West Chicago District 94 Board of Education meeting.
Dr. Kamm referred to the student attendance record for the months of October and November, sharing his satisfaction with the members of the board. He pointed out that for the month of October, 95.2 percent of all students were in assigned classes at the right time. The month of November had a 94.8 percent rating. According to the American Medical Association, close to five percent of student absences are due to illness.
"Possible, but very unlikely," remarked Principal Richard DuFour, would be a four hour school schedule. This would occur if the state alerted all schools to an energy shortage. The board adopted the Energy Emergency schedule, required by the Illinois Office of Education. Students
would attend school Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. until 4:35 p.m. Ten minutes would be added onto each class period to compensate for the fifth day off. Each school must construct an Energy Emergency program which can be different from other school schedules.
Other topies discussed include an additional 300 granted, through Athletic Director Ron Hansen, to the girls' swim team for pool time.
Brought up before the board for the first time was the request to provide transportation for a special education student and to provide bus transportation for some students living less than one and one half miles from school.
The board also approved a request to participate in the National Association of Secondary School Principals' Student Exchange Service Program, which costs up to $\$ 600$ less than the current program. Participation, though, depends upon satisfactory liability coverage.

## "Deal me in"

# Gambling hits We-Go <br> Gambling is illegal in community high schools in Illinois, 

 even if the WCCHS student handbook for the 1978-79 school year makes no specific mention of it.Throughout the 36 pages of the handbook there is mention of various specific examples of types of behavior that is not allowed in the school. Among them are smoking, drinking, fighting, and disrespect - but there is no specific mention of gambling. Principal Richard DuFour explains that gambling falls in the category of "no illegal acts" in the handbook.
Nonetheless, negligence is no reason for disobeying the law by gambling in school. Although only a group of 5 to 10 guys are involved daily in the games, it involves a large amount of money. On one Friday afternoon one person lost $\$ 25$ in an hour's time.
The gambling that takes place in commons before school, during lunches, and sixth hour and seventh hour, could be

termed "harmless" since it includes only a few people who have found something to do during free time.
Gambling is a problem, but no one in the faculty or the administration seems to be really aware of its presence. When parapro, Bob Abraham was asked whether he knew whether there was gambling taking place in commons, he answered, "No, there isn't," but he added that he'd "Check into it". The teacher in charge of commons during seventh-hour, Mr. Stark, seemed totelly unaware of the gambling taking place as he sat talking to a group of girls. When questioned on the issue, he answered that there was gambling taking place but that it "was for match sticks". When told that it was indeed for money, not matchsticks, he said to "try and enforce it." Not totally unaware of the situation, Principal DuFour said that he's "sure it takes place," but added that "we do try to discourage it." Dean Wayne Kosek was also somewhat unaware of gambling taking place but said that if someone was caught gambling he would "call their parents" and then "there could be a possible suspension."
The formal definition of gambling is to "play games of chance for money." When these games take place in commons, there is no money shown, or even exchanged there.
Mr. DuFour explained "that money doesn't have to be present for it to be gambling." Betting on sports events, card games, backgammon, and even pitching pennies can all be considered gambling and are illegal in school. Instead, scores are kept on a paper tally sheet. Personal debts are then paid off away from commons. Thus a game of gambling is transformed into a simple, friendly card game when someone checks up on them. With a perfect cover, gambling continues to grow in the new commons.
One way gambling could be stopped in the school would be to have a personal overseer sit in on every card game or backgammon game in the school. Impossible. Or the administration could totally outlaw all games of chance in the school. The phrase, "I'll bettcha," would thus become obsolete. But should it be stopped? Maybe commons could be converted into a casino and have roulette wheels and crap tables brought in to accommodate the gamblers.

## Cafeteria: It's still the same

Dear Editor,
I would like to commend the student who wrote the article on our new Cafeteria, and the ". . . turnabout in student action . . ." in the Cafeteria. It certainly presented a positive attitude, which is sorely needed by students and teachers at this time. However, from my point of view, it lacked a complete perspective on the situation. I believe you should have checked with the Custodians, Cooks, and Teachers who have lunchroom supervision. Personally, I have two periods of cafeteria supervision, and I can see no difference in the con-

## New LRC has mystique in book alarm

## By Wally Verdooren

Only four months after its proposed completion date, the new Learning Resource Center has finally opened at WCCHS. The new center seems to have lost a few things, (namely Jerry Wicks as LRC director) kept a few things (like Charlotte Barsema) and most importantly seems to have gained a few things as well.
Some of the more obvious gains include the added size of the new center and a new LRC director, in the form of Ms. Cheryl Meyer. Yet the most intriguing and thought provoking new addition to the LRC, just has to be the new library book detection system. Installed to help decrease the large number of annual thefts, this device has had quite an effect on the student body.
This new system is responsible for igniting a fierce and burning sense of curiosity in a great many students. Ever since day one of the new center's opening, a single question has repeatedly flashed through the minds of many a student concerning the detection device. "How does this thing work?" Suddenly scores of students were seen folding back pages, bending open bindings, peering under book covers, searching feverishly for the key to this great mystery.
"It's got to be the little metal strip in the binding," someone was heard to say. "That's got to be what sets off the alarm." Yet an experiment conducted by an acquaintance of mine has found that the metal strip alone will not set off the alarm. It had to be something else.
"It's the little red triangle, "someone mentioned. "All the hooks have a little red triangle drawn in them. That's what triggers the alarm." But another experiment conducted by an acquaintance of mine came up with negative results. The little red triangle alone would not activate the alarm either.
So the mystery continues, and appears to be one in which Ms. Meyer is not likely to help us solve.
The detection device has also helped draw truth to the statement. "The most intelligent mind is a criminal mind." This was most profoundly shown after the National Honor Society Award ceremony, where a gathering of this school's most "intelligent" students were able to get book after book past both Ms. Meyer and machine, completely undetected. One sly fellow was even able to steal one of the huge unabridged dictionaries without being caught. Even though all of this theft was being committed in fun, I'm quite sure that if I could have stayed a bit longer, my plans to heist the Encyclopedia Britannica would have ended in success.
Yet it isn't only this school's intellects who seem to be caught up in this game of larceny. I've witnessed everything from distinguished athletes to hot-legged blondes making off with a book or two. Not for the reason of enlarging their own personal library, but just for the joy of overcoming the challenge of the machine. In all cases the books were returned shortly after the theft occurred.
Many people look upon the new detection device as a toy and tend to play around with it. In the LRC's opening day, I remember being approached by a young lady who claimed she could steal one book every two minutes undetected, and was willing to prove it at the cost of one dollar per every successful theft. I declined the offer for two reasons; first, I was low on cash and secondly, I was quite sure she could do it.
A ray of hope still shines for this school's thieves. A wish of luck goes out to Ms. Meyer.

## old mess it used to be

dition of the Cafeteria as compared to the Small Gym which we used previously. I wonder just how dirty each of those tables would get if Mr. Kyger and I didn't wipe each and every one of them off at the end of 2nd lunch Period? For a true picture of how our students are using the cafeteria, $I$ suggest you come down at the end of 5th Lunch Period and see the mess which must be cleaned up.by the Custodians.

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. Sargent
Music Department

## Metal madness

Hard rock and intelligent
by Chris Chilicki
There is a new album out on the market, Hemispheres by Rush. Rush, a Canadian power trio, is known for their conceptual writing style.

Geddy Lee and Alex Lifeson are the music behind Rush. Their tunes go from spacey pieces which let your mind drift, into heavy metal madness. Neil Peart is their ace lyricist extraordinaire. Together the combination puts out hard rock with intelligent lyrics.

Rush's music seems a bit complex at first, but once familiarized with it, it is greatly appreciated. Their
lengthy pieces (ZIIZ, Caress of Steel) take more than a casual listen.
Rush dedicated side one of Hemispheres to "Cyngus X-I, Book II." "Cyngus" was first introduced on "A Farewell to Kings" and concludes on this album. The song accounts the adventures of a starship pilot who plunged through a black hole in space.
Side two consists of shorter songs. "Circumstances", a catchy tune, now receives some FM airplay. "The Trees" is a humorous tale of rivalry between the oaks and the maples.
"There is unrest in the forest.

## lyrics

There is trouble with the trees. For the maples want more sunlight and the oaks ignore their pleas"
The best song of the album is a nine minute instrumental, "La Villa Strangiato," subtitled "an exercise in self-indulgence." This describes the song well, as concentrating on the music allows your mind to wander and focus on certain thoughts. The song also permits the expert craftsmanship of their musical abilities shine through.
Though not largely hailed by critics, Rush has many devoted fans. Each album is of a sophisticated quality, and Hemispheres proves this fact once more.

## Photopinion:

What was your New Year's resolution and have you kept it?



Zach Myford, 82 "To get my girlfriend pregnant."

## "Tim": Handicapped Love Story

## by Holly Gatehouse

"No one should miss the love story of Tim, who has a magnificently beautiful body and the mind of a gentle, trusting child, and of Mary, a plain, self-sufficient spinster," quotes the Library Journal. "Tim," by Colleen McCullough, is a different kind of love story, one which moves along easily even though McCullough uses terms which originate from Australian slang and are sometimes difficult to understand.
Though the book outrightly states that Tim is mentally retarded, the author gets you to look at him from an entirely different point of view. Instead of the typically negative picture of a mentally handicapped individual, the author shows us a simple, sweet, and innocent 25 year old who is constantly anxious to please.
Mary Horton is an old spinster who, it is sworn, removes her clothes before going to the bathroom so as not to crease or disar-
range them. As the book progresses she is transformed into a new and more easygoing woman. This change is brought about by Tim, whose honest love and innocence show Mary a completely different type of life.
Throughout the story these are many instances in which Tim is pitied, mainly because of the pressures, persecution, and put-downs he must face because of his handicap. The constant brunt of cruel practical jokes, Tim is deeply hurt and confused by the laughter which always seems to be directed at him.
Tim was well aware of his mental handicap, and spoke of it freely. Whenever he did something wrong, he would apologize by acknowledging that "I'm not the full quid," as the book puts it.
Even though the ending is led up to partially, it is not really expected. Colleen McCullough's portrayal of a retarded man is done in a new and refreshing way, and makes for some enjoyable reading.

## FBLA Footnotes

by Stacy Schramer

## Do complaint letters pay off?

It's not a guarantee of satisfaction, but a teacher at WCCHS found complaining about his ' 74 Toyota to be worthwhile.
He purchased the Toyota, and during the first year the car had major problems costing between two and three hundred dollars. When the guarantee was up, he decided against selling the car, but the problems didn't stop.
The bills for repairs during the following three and one half years amounted to $\$ 2000$. A broken cylinder had to be replaced as well as other major repairs.
After all of these discouraging problems, he decided to write to the company. He wrote a formal complaint letter listing the bills for repairs and stating what they were for. After receiving a letter telling him nothing could be done about the problem, he then proceeded to write the vicepresident of the company. Two months after doing so, he received a phone call and was told he would be sent $\$ 400$ to help cover some of the repair costs.
He traded in the car, received the $\$ 400$, and now feels good about the situation. He feels he was dealt with openly, and that it was worthwhile to complain.

## Dear Gabby

I recently received a letter from a guy who found something out the hard way and he wanted to tell about it so it may not happen to anyone else. Here is the letter:
I'd just like to give some advice to the guys. When you get a girl that you really like, don't break up with her because you're interested in something else too. I got involved with football. I dropped her. Now, I realize what I lost and I want her back. She won't come back to me. I can't really blame her though.
So guys, before you give her up, look to see what you would be losing first. I lost a lot.

Lost the best one ever, Big Ape
Dear Ape,
Thanks for your letter. I hope it helps.
Luv, Gabby
Dear Gabby,
I have this problem. My boyfriend is very kinky. I'd like to know what I can do with him. His name is Tom but he likes to be called Tommy. What can I do?

Signed, JS

Dear JS,
I really don't think being called Tommy is very kinky. Things could be worse. He could want to be called Tina.

Luv, Gabby

## Personals

Menagerie,
In only 8 days, count 'Em 8 ! Equillibrium

Scott,
Remember your Saturday nite strip show?

Your fans
Deanne,
Love your approach.
Eager
Dritte Stunde,
Ich will Euch fur die Geschenke danken, aber Ihr musst immer noch punktlick ankommen und Deutsch sprechen!

Eure Frau
Mark,
After you.
Watch my watch
Colette,
Hey we'd give you a ride but Hey no room!

Blue Eyes, (Walt)
Your foxy. I'm still waiting for
us to go out! You name the time!
C.G.

Barb " 81 "
Your a teaser.
Death Angel
Colleen " 81 "
Keep your personals in your own purse.

Bigger thank you
Gates,
When are you gonna bring your four eyes into 6th hour?

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## "It's a job someone's got to do"'

## Every coach needs a Ruben <br> by Tom Nelson <br> fine working teams, but he feels that this

Someone once said, "Behind every man there is a woman." The same holds true for the West Chicago sports scene.
Behind every team there is a manager, and when it comes to managers, Ruben Alcazar is one of the best.
Ruben, a modest one, stated simply, "it's a job someone's got to do," and what a job it is.
What Ruben termed as "preventative maintenance,"consumes much of his time. This usually includes things like checking on certain equipment and making sure it's in working order.
Besides the so called "preventative maintenance," Ruben's tasks include set ting up for games, both basketball and football, sweep the basketball courts at half time, get towels, water, make sure the first aid kit is full of supplies, get the clock and nameboard ready, and make sure of ficials have a place to change. Just to name a few things.
Included on this list would be the hours he spends at practice, and other odd jobs he does for the coaches.
Rube started his high school managing career as an unfortunate, but in some ways fortunate accident. During his freshman year, Ruben got hurt playing football. But his injury turned out to be a big help to the coaches. Being injured those two weeks, Ruben started helping the coaches and every since then it's been manager Ruben instead of tackle Ruben.
Over the years, Ruben has seen many
year "the teams are better in both fields, football and basketball." Ruben has high acclaim for the coaches too, and remarked, "They know what they are doing" and are "always willing to help me out as much as I help them out."
The coaches also feel highly about Ruben too. Coach Paul Netzel stated, "He's to the coaches what Radar is to $M^{*} A^{*} S^{*} H$." He added, "every coach should have one." If that's not enough,

Ruben Alcazar with his trusty floor sweep. (photo by Murphy)

## Grapplers to face conference foes

by Jeff Lisewski
The Varsity Conference Wrestling meet will be held at Wheaton Warrenville High School on February 2-3. The Wildcats will be entering with three wins and eight losses.
When coach Hein was asked who he expected to do well in this meet he replied, "Wheaton North and Glenbard North are very tough." He feels that WeGo as a team is lacking in a few areas, but that there are individuals who he expects to do well.
These wrestlers are Mike Urban, who has 18 wins and 0 losses at 98 pounds. Mike has also won the Hinsdale Central Tournament, where 16 schools participated. Coach Hein stated, "Mike would have to be one of the heavy favorites in the upcoming meet," After Mike Urban, coach Hein will be looking to 167 pound senior Jeff Smothers, who choach Hein feels should
work on wrestling constantly. Hein will also be lpoking for good things from Dave Blasen.
Before any meet Hein stresses the importance of going after the takedown. Hein remarked, "It is critical, psychologically as well as from the standpoint of stamina, because if you can get the takedown you've already established superiority over your opponent. Not to mention that your opponent will be down by two points."
Coach Hein also stated that in order for us to do well, we must move well on the mat, and keep the score close so we can capitalize on any mistakes.
The only time he would change his strategy is if he knows the way the other wrestler wrestles.
"I've only been here a short while. I really don't know other teams that well yet, but it's not as important as it is in other sports to know what your opponent does,


Coach Hein uses Jim Stephens to demonstrate moves to the other wrestlers.

Sylvester Villela, his assistant, com mented on Rube by saying, "he's a good worker and he's taught me everything about basketball managing.'
Right now Ruben has no plans for the future or college. But he hinted about a secret desire to work for the Dallas Cowboys.
Coach Larry Parker gave Ruben one of the greatest tributes ever, "He's like a computer everything program, just push the button and he takes care of it."

because you do your own thing. You wrestle your style and make him adapt to that style."
"Overall I don't feel the team will do that well. I feel that our team is at least a year or two away from going into a meet, and doing extremely well," stated Hein.
Coach Dale Pierre of Wheaton North, said, "I will be relying on my returning varsity members." Mike Howard, who took first place in the meet last year, at 132 pounds, Dave Richardson, who also placed first at 138 pounds, Johnny Duncan and Nick Rajnic took seconds at 112 and 119 pounds, and Howie Laycock placing third at 185 pounds are his returning team.

Coach Pierre feels that they will definitely be in the top three near Wheaton Central, Glenbard North, and Naperville Central. Right now Wheaton North, the defending champions, are rated number wo behind Glenbard North in the conference.

## We-Go Scoreboard

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(H) Home

- Conference Games

OT Overtime

## Skiing's

 flying high
## by Judy Progo

 Skiing is a sport that is catching on fast. "The skiing trips really have been popular," pointed out Mr. Arnold.This year the Park District through Mr. Arnold, is sponsoring six ski trips. There are three types of trips. The evening week day trips, after school, leaving at 3:40 p.m. and returning at 12:15 p.m., Saturday trips (which are not over night), and the three-day-weekend trip to Colorado.
The evening trips are to Alpine Valley and Wilmont. The Saturday trips are to Chestnut Mountain and Devil's Head.
Transportation is on coach buses.
The ticket for the evening trips includes: transportation, lesson, lifting and rental, which is approximately $\$ 17.50$ having to rent equipment, and $\$ 13.50$ if you have your own.
The 1979 ski schedule is as follows: January 23 - evening - Alpine Valley January 30 - evening - Alpine Valley February 6-evening - Wilmont February 10-12 weekend-Colorado February 17 - Saturday - Chestnut Mountain
March 3-Saturday - Devil's Head

## Rhyme Jhymes

by Dee Rouse

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