# The Bridge 

# New year yields Wishing you a Bali Ha' <br> Yes, the rumors are true! John Watanabe <br> finally get the wonderful ... West Chicago 

new faces
is Mr. Announcements
In a recent intervew Watanabe stated why he puts so much effort into the second hour announcements. He replied, "No offense to the people who have read the announcements in the past, but several listeners including yours truly, have listeners including yours truly, have of boring: and therefore some people wouldn't listen to them. So this got the wheels in my head turning and I came up with the helpful solution. I decided to do the announcements in a different manner ... to grab their (the students) attention and

## Join girls football

By Lisa Cavin
What has a hundred legs and can be used to powder your nose? The We-go Girls Powder Puff Football Team, of course. Student Council has planned a girls touch football game as an addition to the Homecoming Schedule. Any junior or senior girl who is interested in participating and willing to put in the time, is encouraged to join. The game between the juniors and seniors will be held Wednesday, October 14 on the football field.
kiddies to listen to these classic kick donkey announcements."
John, one of the "Bridge's" very own Editorial editors, was quite surprised to find anyone interested in doing a story on him . Even though the interview was spur of the moment. his sense of humor lasted him through.

In conclusion he added "I decided to have two different formats each week with dif ferent guest celebrities. So far Ive booked Cheech and Chong and Lily Tomlin and maybe I can even ... even bring the Beatles back together again.'


John Watanabe, disc jockey on WCHS' (photo by Mike Sitarz)

## Students in exchange

by Bill Recchia
This summer, eight West Chicago students visited Germany for a three and a half week exchange program. The group included Silvia Belicke, Jeff Berka, Jim Horn, cluded Silvia Belicke, Jeff Berka, Jim Horn, Steve Hemby, Mike Sosulski, Tim Swett,
Tedd Termunde, Deidre O'Malley and Terry Tedd Termunde, Deid
Each student lived with a host family in the town of Gunzenhausen. According to Mrs. Strohm, they were "wonderful people. They accepted us with open arms.
With the student hosts, Wego students attended six days of school. Each student from W.C.C.H.S. prepared a topic to talk about in the German classes.
While in Germany, the group visited the city of Munich and learned about their

## Plans promote school spirit

## by Sue Lindenmeie

Lack of school spirit is an issue being discussed among students, teachers and administration.

At a recent meeting. pep assemblies and spirit in general were reviewed by Richard Waterhouse and a group of concerned students and teachers.
They decided the plan would be to use the letter A assembly 'schedule as shown in the student handbook. Using this schedule, the assemblies would begin after third lunch, at 12.20 and last until 12.45. The idea behind 12:20, and last unli 12.45. Thuld be behind it is that more students would be likely to attend.

Mr. Waterhouse feels that the whole student body should participate in these assemblies, and not rely on a few people to carry the load. He also believes less emphasis should be placed on who is leading the cheers.
To further stress this point, teacher, Terry Lemberg, feels that the crowd, pep band, cheerleadering and pom pon squads should join together in supporting their teams. One of Lemberg's ideas was to have a pep song that everyone in the audience could sing along with

The new assembly schedule is a plan which could very well decide the fate or future of pep assemblies. Either assemblies will be put back at the end of the day or cancelled altogether. The hope of many is that students' apathy won't end one of our
students apathy school's traditions.
government. "It was very interesting," said Mrs. Strohm. They also visited two different alties.
Famous castles and churches were also toured. "They were truly astonishing." exclaimed Strohm.
Then she added, "It was an excellent experience for us. We learned how to cope with a culture very different than ours."

## And in France . . .

by Amy Zurawski
This summer Angie Perez, Sue Sloan, Tina Weatherford and Stephie Wienecke ventured to France from July 3-29.

Tina Weatherford stayed in the southern part of France in a small town called Aix. Stephie Wienecke stayed in Marseilla.

The girls had many interesting ex

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S.S.P.... a freshman experience
a group to help
freshman handle
everyday situations

## by Jackie Thomason

During the freshman registration assembly, a representative of Student Support Project talked with students about West Chicago Community High School. A handout was distributed during registration explaining some aspects of S.S.P.
Student Support Project (S.S.P.) deals with self-awareness, communication skills, problem solving and group process. These skills will enable freshmen to handle everyday situations that may occur. With these day situations that may skills, a student will have a posilve seif image, will be able to enjoy life naturally, and will be able to fashion a meaningful future. If anyone is interested in being a member of S.S.P., watch for a S.S.P. leader when he visits study halls around September 28. At this time he will hand out a parent permission slip and another informational handout that will inform students when and where the meetings will be held. The permission slip has to be signed and returned. After this is accomplished, students may participate in small group meetings.

Kim Armbrust
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## Preamble for new school year

We, the BRIDGE staff, in order to form a more perfect paper, establish free expressions, ensure accurate news, provide for the student body, promote the school spirit and secure the blessings of our readers to ourselves and our community, do ordain and establish this first edition of the West Chicago Community High School Bridge.


The BRIDGE staff, from left to right, back row: Debbie Hookham, Debbie Rathjen, Silvia Bellcke, Bill Recchia, and Dave Bary. Middle row: John Watanabe, Lauren Vogt, Kim Hook, Delanie Jenkins, and Henry Byan. Front row: Robin Mavin, Debbie Dastych and Sue Lindenmeier. Not pictured: Sheila Hodges, Jackie Thomason, and Mike Sitarz. (photo by Mike Sitarz)

## Back the Cats

by Robin Marvin
In a recent discussion with Assistant Dean John Highland, it was brought to my attention that records were set in attendance last year. Each month, new highs in student attendance were being made. I myself saw this as a rather commendable event.

Last year students attended sports matches, even missing a day of school when West Chicago played Wheaton Christian in a soccer match. You cheered West Chicago on, win or lose. I found it most admirable on your part.

But yet, when a plea was made to you by Pep Club for your cooperation and your participation at short pep assemblies, in my opinion, you let your faculty and your fellow students down.

With a new year filled with sports coming up, you should take some time to realize that there are teams, people you know, out there trying to put West Chicago on the top where it belongs. These athletes need your help and support. Don't take advantage of them by letting them take you to the top by themselves. They ll remember the ones who were there yelling and the ones who cheered "Battle Cry". It wouldn't be right for you to cut in after they're at the top, would it?

Pep assemblies will be held at different times this year. They are still on a voluntary basis. Make the faculty and the community proud of you again. Have fun this year and remember to "Back the Cats" in " 81

## Letter to the Editor

## Are you a Pepper?

## Dear Editor,

I'd like to write in concern to the pep assemblies. We have heard many times that the cheerleaders and pom pon girls are no longer going to be in the assemblies. Well, the problem with our school is that not enough people have spirit. They need to be motivated, and the cheerleaders are the ones that are supposed to motivate us! True, they do get boring after a while, but that's because they do the same thing every time! That's the problem. It isn't that they're there, it's what they do there. And the band really should learn some new music. When we go to an assembly there's nothing new, no surprises. We could probably recite everything from beginning to end! I know it's hard work to make up and practice new cheers and routines and to learn new music. But we know that the band, cheerleaders, and pom pon girls are the "main events." Well, if the assembly doesn't go well, those are the people that are blamed and called "boring." But they aren't boring, they just need variety! They don't need to be excluded, just revised.

Jeane Murray

Photopinion
What surprised you most about high school?


Rick Nickelson - "How expensive the lunches are."

Paul Bunge - "The size of the school."

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periences in France including a trip to the Eiffel Tower. "The view from the tower was spectacular," said Weahterford, "we were only allowed to go to the second floor but we could see for miles and miles."
They visited many other famous places such as Le Louvre Art Museum which houses such famous paintings as the "Mona Lisa" and "Winged Victory."
Versaillies impressed the girls. It is a castle built by Louis the XIV. He used this magnificent castle as a hunting lodge.
They visited some of the churches that France is famous for, including Notre Dama. Tina loved the back part of the church She said it seemed to be more modern then the rest of the church with a type of arch proecting from the back. There was a beautiful lecting from the back. stained glass window called the Rose Win dow that Wenecke remered. It is huge circle of stained glass high on the wall. Another church that impressed the French travelers in "Notre Dama De La Grande" was a gold statue of Mary on the hill.


Rosie Cruz - "How strict the classes are."

Terri Bailey - "The strictness in the rules."

France is that all of the beaches are topless. Of course our visitors didn't join in, but like Wienecke says, "Once you walk onto one of their beaches with a one piece bathing suit on, they know you're a tourist
The French have a lot of American television shows. They have programs like Little House On the Prairie and Mrs. Columbo, with French voices dubbed in.
Another thing they found odd is that in France they drive very fast since they have no speed limits. There are also no lines down the center of the roads.
The food in France is not as different as the girls expected it to be. Even though it's very rich, they loved it all. Their favorite was a pastry called "Pain au Chocolate." It is a very light pastry with a creamy chocolate filling. Mrs. Appel commented, that even though she didn't go to France with the students, "It was a wonderful experience for the giris to use the language and finally be able to see what we always talk about in class.

## Prosek's Greenhouse




## Super-summer

## flix in review

by John Watanabe

Hurray for Hollywood! Throughout the summer of 1981, the movie industry took in lotsa box office cash without giving us a whole lotta trash. It was a season filled with rowd-pleasing pictures, and the deaths and re-births of interesting trends.
As some of you may recall, 1980 was a pretty dullsville year for movies. But this summer, the whole movie industry turned around with the June releases of Raiders of the Lost Ark and Superman II, the biggest moneymakers and movie events of the season. At that point, movie fans were reminded of what exciting films and long box office lines were like - two factors that apparently took a year-long snooze. It is interesting to note that alongside these blockbuster action films, 20th Century Fox re-released The Empire Strikes Back rether youth oriented $\$ 100$ million hit $\$ 100$ million hi

Caddyshack, fell flat on his donkey at the ox office this time with Under the Rainow, the midget comedy that was short on laughs.
Perhaps the most notorious rotten smell f the hot weather season was The Cannonball Run. the car crash comedy that crashes nto the pits. The Cannonball Run opened the third biggest weekend business in inema history following Star Trek and Superman II), but vanished from theaters in a couple of weeks for a good reason: it's one hellava stinker.
Two highly-acclaimed show biz acts. The Muppets and Mel Brooks, came up with a couple of somewhat disappointing but decent offerings: The Great Muppet Caper, which wasn't as delightful and honestly unny as the first Muppet film vehicle: and Mel Brooks' History of the World, Part I. an

that turned out to be the only real smash hit of the summer of 80 .
Of course, what would this summer have been without a Bill Murray comedy? This hip Second City-trained performer has hip Second ciy-trained perform has ckied our funn bones wern three con
 yshack, and this year, Stripes. I's not very urprising that Stripes struck box office lightning. Teenagers, many of them devoted followers of Saturday Night Live and SCTV. naturally got into Stripes irreverant humo and went to see it again and again and again (this reviewer managed to see it four (imes). We should salute Stripes fo providing the summer's biggest laughs.
Hilarious comic Richard Pryor, whose ate-1980 release Stir Crazy became a \$100 million baby, used his box office status to make this summer's Bustin' Loose a mash. Apart from these simple-minded comedies, Alan Alda turned out a sleeper hit with his wise adult-oriented comedy The with his wise
On the dark side, comedies were also among the summer crop's duds. Cheech and Chong's Nice Dreams, starring the Bud and Lou of the quaalude generation, was pretty much of a downer (but somehow managed to gross \$31 million). George Hamilton would ve been funnier in Zorro, he Gay Blade, if he had played it a bit more traight. Chevy Chase, who appeared in the humorous past summer hits Foul Play and
uneven parody that used too much WCCHS bathroom wall humor.
The old 50 's fad of watching 3-D movies with those dark paper glasses came back at us with the release of Comin' at Ya!, a stupid 3-D western that has been packing houses everywhere. Former Sweathog John Travolta and director Brian DePalma received the loudest raves of their careers with the stylish. serious-minded thriller Blow Out.
A pack of werewolf pictures suddenly rushed out from nowhere and took a huge bite out of box office receipts. Those movies included The Howling, Wolfen, and An American Werewolf in London. My big question is: Why are all these wolf flicks suddenly making a comeback? Are some producers paying a sentimental tribute to Wolfman Jack after The Midnight Special got cancelled?
That horrible trend of mad-slasher movies gradually faded away during this summer, thanks to decreasing crowds, and a couple of parodies (not very good ones, ihough) entitled Student Bodies and Saturday the 14 th.
Overall, one can see that summer flicks are always pitched at teenagers and extreme escapist audiences. But the sudden high quality of films and rapid-selling of tickets this summer made the 1981 Movie Summer something very special.

## We-go soccer still kicking

by Dave Barry
While the skill and potential of We-go's varsity soccer team appear great, one critical problem remains: whether the players have the experience or the "spirit" needed to succeed.
Steve Kimery, head coach of the varsity squad, feels they have "a lot of improvement quad Weire not passing with any cono do. We're not passy" we emphasized sistency or noted the loss of four critical imery also noted the loss of four critica players, particularly defenseman Arnold Kriegbaum.
Coach Kimery was extremely reluctant to make any comparison between this year's team and last year's team. "Last year is in the past," he stressed, "We can't just look back on that (success) and take it easy." Glenbard North's head coach, Bill Vuono, however, offered a rather dismal com parison. "They were much more organized last year," he commented. "The wings don't seem to know where to go." Kimery readily agreed with this observation. He pointed to the overall lack of experience, explaining, "The players just haven't worked together long enough."

Vuono, who watched West Chicago in their 1.0 overtime victory against Glenbard North, noted other changes. "The fullbacks are slower this year." he said. "They seem much less effective."
Though hesitant. Kimery did say this year's team was "similar in skill to last season." But he questions whether the same "strong desire to win" now exists. Last year's team was a "hungry ballclub," Kimery smiled. "I never know what to expect. They like to keep me guessing."
The team has one victory and one tie thus far. The tie came in an overtime game against Naperville North. The Wildcats had a $1-0$ lead until they were scored on late in the fourth quarter.
Coach Kimery feels that injuries must be avoided if they are to succeed. Sophomore. Dan Barry has been sidelined due to a back injury. Also, forward, Enrique Guzman has been played cautiously due to weak ankles. If the varsity can avoid further injury they should remain competitive.


Julio Delreal dribbles along for We-go's varsily soccer team.

## Rosati's Pizza

Mon., Sept. 28 All you can eat pizza! Includes: Baked Mostaciolli $\$ 3.25$ per person $\quad 5-9$ p.m.

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Senior, Mike Urcini smiles at the crowd as he tries for another Lifi-a-thon record.

Gary Hansen grits his teeth as he artempts the deadilift in the annual Wild cat Lift-a-thon.

## Golfers on the upswing

by Dave Bahlmann
It's tee off time again and the We-Go golf leam is swinging into action. Pat LeMaster has taken over the coaching position this year.
The team's success depends heavily on the veteran solfers. Brad Gary who last year won sectionals and qualified for state is won seetions and qualied for state, is brd like to win conference and place in Id like state," he announces. Returning with him is senior Scott Imenkus, who also has his eyes set on state
Brian Dean, Steve Lowell, Mike Malay, Mike Peterka and Jeff Weber round out the varsity squad, with Tom Butler in reserve.
"We have a chance at winning better than half our games," predicts coach LeMaster. "They're knowledgeable golfers and work well with each other."
As for competitiveness, "It will be difficult doing well. Other teams are more affluent. They work with each other over the summer." he slates. "Most of our players don't have that chance because they have iobs."
Since they use seven players and take the four best scores, there is a certain kind of
competition within the squad. "Most of them are consistent around the low forties," said LeMaster.
As for the team thus far, they are a five hundred club. They beat St. Francis in their first competition, but lost to Naperville North the next time around.
"We have to beat both Napervilles and Wheaton Central to have a chance," claims Immekus. He also feels that losing last year's players, Phil Stilin and Jim Gates, has cost the team greatly
The golfers had much to say about Coach LeMaster, who replaced former coach LeMaster, who replaced former coach
Robert Lemon. "He's a stricter coach," Robert Lemon. "He's a stricter coach." frowns Immekus. "But we need
and concentration," adds Gary.
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LeMaster also coaches the sophomore team. "He's nice, I like him a lot," smiles Betsy Foote, the only girl on either team. As for being the only girl she comments, "It doesn't bother me.
Putting it all together is one thing LeMaster has to do, as he is also a math teacher here. "It keeps me busy," he sighs, "but I enjoy it. The rewards are great."


