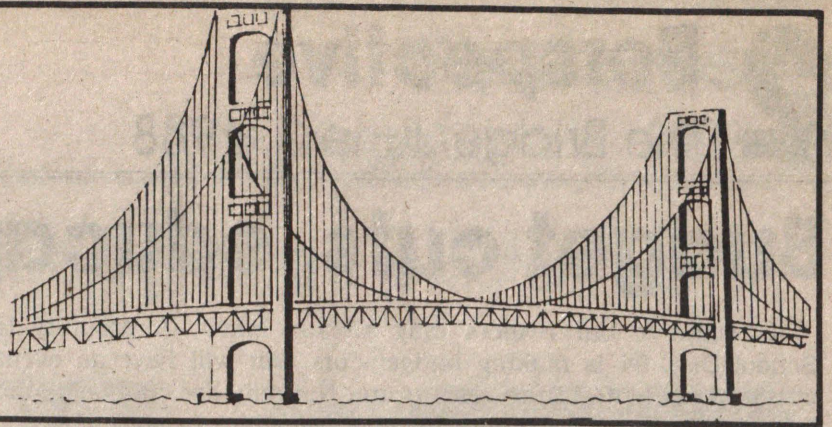


# The Bridge

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## Budget cuts defray expenses

by Dana Netzel

The WCCHS board of education is making cuts in many areas, including academic and athletic programs, to reduce the deficit.

Superintendent Richard Kamm said that they aren't really cutting positions, they are just not replacing the positions of people who are retiring or leaving.

These positions include three assistant coaches, a special education aide, a cafeteria staff member, a paraprofessional, a part-time custodian, and an assistant class sponsor. They are also re-organizing the data processing staff.

Staff travel and summer curriculum was reduced to \$2,000, and substitute teaching and in-service curriculum \$1,000. \$24,000 was taken from supplies and contracts, which handles legal fees along with the heating and cooling system. Money spent on developing tests was decreased by \$35,000. The board reduced the money for out of state travel by one half also.

Along with cutting money, there will be

fees that will be collected, such as a \$5 parking sticker, \$30 fee for drivers education, and \$15 fee for extracurricular activities which include athletics, drama and cheerleading. The school store will add on a 5% increase and the hot lunch will be increased by 5 cents. The activity pass will be raised \$5 from \$10 to \$15 for a student activity pass, and \$30 to \$35 for a family activity pass. An admission fee for music concerts has been introduced, but the price is still under consideration.

At a recent board meeting the board was questioned on why they cut three assistant track coaches. Board member Richard Sackett said, "The board didn't cut the track coach, the athletic department did."

The board cut \$1,800 in the assistant coaches expenses, but claims that there wasn't any favoritism involved and that if they had money they'd help. Raymond Blackledge said, "We just don't have the money, and the state doesn't give us money." Sackett said that the board is trying to make cuts gradually, to make the students, parents and taxpayers

happy. The board is trying to pay the teachers a decent salary and to do that they have to cut some positions.

Head coach of the boys' track team Doug Juraska felt that the positions that were cut were "not fair." He also said that the goal is to get the kids involved in athletics and not deprive them of coaching. Pole-vaulter Tom McDonald agreed with Juraska, and said that the board can't tell the kids that it's okay if they don't get the specific attention from the assistant coaches.

Rose McDonald accused the board of being more concerned with money than with human development. President of the board Lawrence Hapgood said there's "only so much money, and you can only spread it so thin."

Another issue that came up was Kamm's company car. Hapgood said that if the board payed Kamm on a mileage basis, they'd be paying him more than what the car is worth. Kamm uses the car for Davea meetings and superintendent meetings between districts. He spends roughly two to two and a half days a week

at these types of meetings.

In the May 12 issue of the **West Chicago Press** LaVora Singleton, teachers association president, said that Principal Alan Jones received a \$7,000 pay raise at the same time the cuts were made.

Singleton also said, "It's not frustrating that people get a salary for doing a good job, but when you are talking about cutting supplies, programs, and kids' learning and see all these dollars going for administrative costs it raises some real questions—like who comes first."

In the May 19 issue of the **Press**, Hapgood said, "We saved a net of \$43,000 by eliminating department chairpeople. We are not cutting teachers to pay administrators. We are cutting administration to afford the pay."

Kamm said that most of the money is state aid which is categorized and designated for specific reasons. He used the example of using the transportation fund for coaching salaries, but it can't be done because the money in those areas are specified and designated.

## Mandatory tests for juniors

by Taretta Arnold

Recently another mandatory test has been added to the school's curriculum. The state passed a new law reporting that students in third, fourth, sixth, eighth and eleventh grades will be required to take an exam testing them in math, science, social studies, and English. The

subjects such as mechanical drawing and health. The state hopes to add a new subject each year.

Mary Hafertepe, a junior English teacher, said the test was given because the state and school district were "curious to see if the curriculum helps students meet basic skills."

"curious to see if the curriculum helps students meet basic skills." —Mary Hafertepe

test, designed by the state and school district, was given on May 4 to juniors. A group of staff members from the elementary junior high and high school created the questions.

Because this is West Chicago's first year of this type of testing, juniors were only tested on their literary skills. In years to come they will be tested in other

The test is beneficial in that teachers can determine how much their students are learning and comprehending. This will help them discover if the teaching system has any inefficient points that need correcting. The test should be beneficial for students by helping them to determine where their weak spots are so they can improve in later years.

## Religion debated in graduation ceremony

by Brandi Winquist

Diplomas, speeches, and cap and gown are a traditional part of a high school graduation. But should a graduation prayer be included in this list? According to the California Supreme Court it should not be.

According to a recent article in YNS news, this court refused to hear appeals from a lower court ruling that banned religious invocations at public high school commencements.

School officials in Liverpool, California argued that the usual student-written prayers at commencement should be allowed under state and federal constitutions. But the Supreme Court did not agree, because it violated the First Amendment, separation of church and state. Margaret C. Crosby, an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California said, "School prayer

is school prayer. The courts are saying that if prayer is unconstitutional in the classrooms or on the playing field, it is unconstitutional at graduation ceremonies."

In another ruling similar to this, Stein v. Plainwell Community Schools, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the sixth circuit banned sectarian invocations at public high school commencements because the separation of state and church was violated. As Art Spitzer, legal director of American Civil Liberties Union, in Washington D.C. said this ruling still allows prayers to be said at graduation ceremonies, but they must be non-sectarian.

When asked how WCCHS felt about the use of religious invocations at government-sponsored organizations, such as school, Superintendent Richard Kamm said he agrees with the courts' ruling, saying, "Graduation prayer is appropriate, as long as it is non-denominational."

## Inkspots McMullen awarded

Junior Shelia McMullen was awarded the scholarship established in memory of Missy McAllister, who passed away last fall. The scholarship will pay for the expense of cheerleading camp the squads are attending at the end of June. McMullen received this scholarship after writing an essay which was read by the Booster Club.

## Playing music with ability

Tom Hall and Dave Andrews were the recipients of the band and orchestra award. Tom Hall a senior played the drums and alto saxophone in band. He won the John Phillip's Sousa award May 24, he gave most of his credit to his deceased grandfather who taught him the most of what he knows. Dave Andrews, a senior, also won the orchestra award. The qualifications for both these awards are good attitude, good leadership qualities and outstanding playing abilities.

Carol Houston and Terry Ferro will be giving private lessons to those who want them over the summer.

## New clear experience

Edward Coronel and Casimir Bamberger will be sent to the University of Wisconsin in Whitewater to attend the World Affairs Seminar. Over one thousand students will congregate there from around the U.S. and foreign nations to discuss issues such as Disarmament of Nuclear arms, the Central American Crisis and other political issues occurring in the world today. The seminar will be held June 19 to 24.

## Fritz awarded Sallie Mae

Tammy Fritz, math teacher at WCCHS received the Sallie Mae Award. This award is for outstanding classroom teaching performance as a first-year teacher. The American Association of School Administrators sponsor this award, and it is given to 100 teachers in the U.S. To accompany the award is a check for \$1,000.

## Listening group in progress

A peer listening group is being started at WCCHS as an extension of the counseling department. The program will train students to listen and support students who are struggling with difficult times.

The objective of the program is to provide a friendly atmosphere, establish positive relationships, develop trust and discuss problems or issues within the group.

Students have been nominated for this group and will undergo training in July. During the 1988-1989 school year the students will counsel other students under the supervision of the counseling department.

## Give the wheel a turn

The 1988 Summer School session will meet from June 17 to July 29 for all credit courses. Drivers Education will meet from June 13 to July 15.

Students interested in registering for courses should see their counselor as soon as possible.

Tuition for 1/2 credit courses is \$65. Drivers Education students must pay \$20. to the Secretary of State for a permit.

## Election results

### Class representatives for student council

**Class of 91**  
Kim Aigner  
Dana Billick  
Jeni Dispensa  
Kim LaBette  
Aml Patrick  
Sharron Volpe

**Class of 90**  
Jamie Christopher  
Alicia Hubert  
Chad Landis  
Kirsten Nelson  
Stephanie Payton  
Lisa Riegart

**Class of 89**  
Tracy Brockman  
Heather Campbell  
Kurt Duvall  
Sara Langellier  
Jerry Madsen  
Kristen Myers  
Belte Purnell

### Class officers for 1988-1989 school year

**President**  
Class of 91 Ben Seaver  
Class of 90 Randa Boscharon  
Class of 89 Traci Knutson

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Erika Noble  
Margaret Shim  
Theresa Romero

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Sarah Ognie  
Alyssa Gall  
Jane Ebenroth

**Treasurer**  
Gina Laforia  
Gregg Lemkau  
Kate Donovan



## Budget cuts, education is expensive

As some of our readers may already know, Community High School Dist. 94 is making budget cuts that will have an eventual effect on students in the near future. Not only are cuts being made, but various fees that students are charged will be increased.

At first, it seemed the cuts and increases were drastic. Staff positions are being eliminated; assistant coaches, teacher's aides, one paraprofessional, one cafeteria worker, and one part-time custodial position will be gone next year. Curriculum will suffer with the cuts that are being made: field trips, projects, in-service programs, and substitutes will all be reduced. Student travel finances are being cut by 50%. Not only are we being denied these extra enrichment programs in our curriculum, but we're going to have to pay more just to be a part of our school. We will have to pay more to get into athletic events, and other activities. Students will have to pay a \$15 participation fee for extra-curricular activities. We get to pay more for books, supplies, cafeteria food, student-parking stickers, and our yearbook.

What brought about these changes in budget was the cut in state aid to education, 17.5%, a drastic cut and a projected decrease in

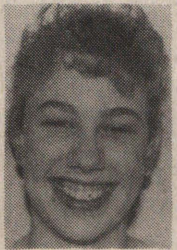
enrollment. Our School Board actually made quite moderate changes, when compared with changes in other districts. The Board needed to rearrange the budget to increase revenue because of the loss of state revenue. In all, the Board saved \$150,000-\$200,000. When the total operational cost of our school alone is considered, \$7,700,000, the cuts seem minimal.

Specific areas of education, such as Drivers' Ed., Vocational Ed., and then transportation of students, will see quite noticeable changes. Students will have to pay more for Drivers' Ed., and Vocational Ed. could decline in enrollment because of higher costs. Transportation could become even less reliable and safe because those bus companies also have to make cost cuts.

When all is said and done, our district, as compared with others, are making cuts and upping student fees that other districts have done long ago. Yes, these cuts, that were as minimal as could be made, were necessary. Education is expensive, the cost of running a school steadily increases, but finances supporting our public schools are being cut, money cannot be pulled out of the air, but it would be nice.

## We-go changes curriculum, for the better?

by Dana Netzel



WCCHS Board of Education has some changes in mind. These changes are in the curriculum which will go into effect during the 1989-90 school year.

The board approved a change in the Social Studies graduation requirements. The Social Studies Department recommended that the requirements increase from two and one-half credits, to three credits. That means another semester of social studies. The reason for this change is the need to meet state mandated learning goals.

Beginning in the spring of 1992 all Illinois students will be required to take a state-developed social studies test at the end of their junior year.

According to Superintendent Richard Kamm the Social Studies curriculum will consist of a year long geography course for freshmen, two semesters of western civilization or one semester of topics in modern history for sophomores, a year of

American History for juniors and a semester of American Government for seniors.

Kamm said that they are also trying to free up semesters so students will be able to take electives. To do this, the board has agreed to move health education to the freshmen level, still replacing a semester of PE. The state is interested in having health as soon as possible, so students can study drug, sex and AIDS education. Some members of the board questioned if freshmen are old enough, but Kamm thinks that freshmen have the same problem with these issues, and it's not just the other classes.

Drivers Education will be taken sophomore year, but in place of a semester of PE. This will free up some time for students, but that will be filled with social studies.

Well, I guess the good news is PE is cut down once again, for a semester freshmen year, and the bad news is the semester that drivers ed. would have occupied will have social studies instead.

## Jackson, the final chapter

Dear Editor,

I would like to conclude the Jessie Jackson issue by saying "only in America can we argue, discuss, disagree and debate issues that can stir the minds, disturb the home, warm the heart (or not) yet remain on friendly terms."

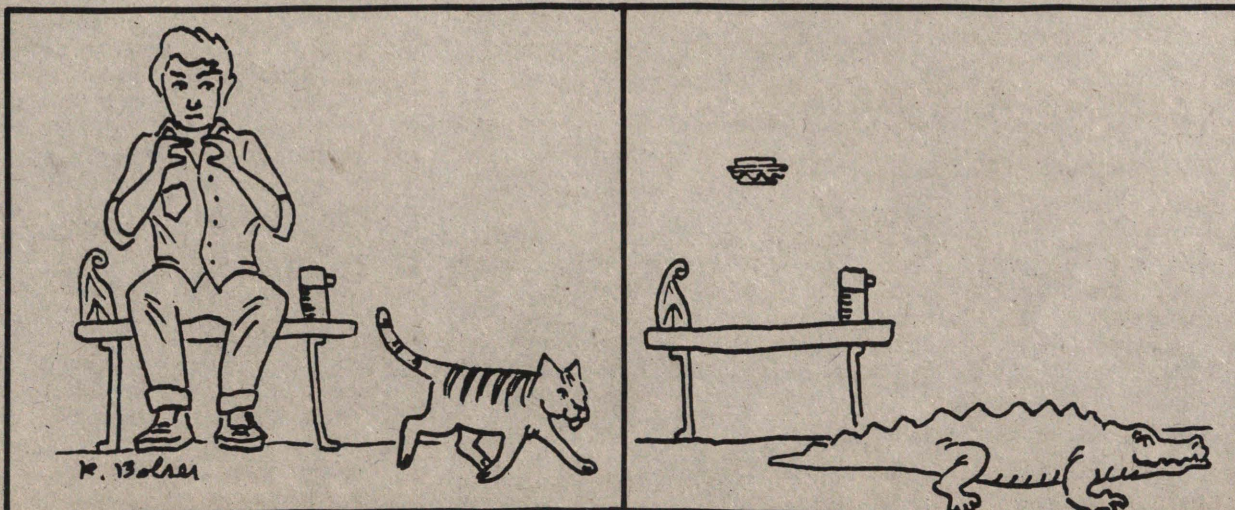
I hope that our dialogue has at least helped some of you appreciate what a great country America can be.

Even though many of us are uncomfortable being around certain groups, we have managed to survive and will continue to do so.

It appears that the majority has spoken. Dukakis will represent the Democratic Party and Jessie Jackson will have made history, but rest assure the chapter is not closed on Rev. J.J.

Wilbert Walters

## Robin's neighborhood



Quick as a wink, the sly cat had eaten Monroe's cheese sandwich.

Quick as a wink, the sly alligator had eaten Monroe.

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## Guidance problems

Dear Editors of the *Bridge*,

I am writing this to address one of the most serious problems I believe the school has: the guidance counselors. I have noticed the severity of the situation my senior year. I have found this counseling department to be nearly impossible to contact, irresponsible and often too busy to talk with students in depth about their important decisions. As probably many juniors and seniors here already know, counselors need to fill out many forms, recommendations, etc. for college bound students. Counselors also give help and guidance to people wondering about their future, both during and, even more importantly, after high school. This is what I thought they were supposed to do.

I often would have to come into the guidance office during my class time to have a better chance at talking with someone. I do not like missing class, and my teachers liked it even less. I would go to the guidance office before school (7:35 am) and the door would be locked. I had seventh hour off, as do most seniors, but the counselors usually had meetings. Mostly, I would just have a quick question, but it is terribly frustrating not being able to reach someone who is supposed to be at the school to help.

Twice, I asked a counselor to check on

something for me. One of them was regarding my application to a few colleges, and the other was about the achievement tests. I was given the standard "I'll get back to you" and that was all I ever heard. Luckily, I was able to search and finally find solutions to the problems. These incidents occurred in the beginning of the year, and I learned that it made more sense to call the colleges (long distance) than to ask the counselors to check something out for me.

I have talked to one of the counselors about my feelings on the department. He acknowledged there was a problem, and said it was mainly due to the heavy work load expected of counselors. He also said that a few years ago a counselor quit and another was never rehired in his or her place.

I am not just writing to complain and get this off my chest. For the sake of next year's seniors, I really hope this will be looked into. I have heard horror stories about counselors missing deadlines, or not reading college requirements carefully enough. I would not be at all surprised if they were true. I know many of my peers feel the same way as I do.

With the district's financial problems, hiring another counselor is probably not an option. But perhaps some of the attendance records or the computer work could be done by other secretaries. I think it would greatly help if students were encouraged to make appointments to see their counselors. Overall, my opinion is that the counselors need to have less menial work, be available seventh hour, spend more time talking to a student about his/her many options after school (more *counseling*), and be better educated about colleges and the whole application process. I hope to talk to Dr. Jones or Mr. Highland about this, and I sincerely hope something positive comes of this letter and my conversations.

In conclusion, I want to say that I did not intend to insult any of the counselors; I just wanted to present what I view as the facts, the problem, and some possible solutions.

Thank you.  
Elizabeth Lach



## The voice of fiche and other thoughts on existence

by Andy Behrens

"Money- it's a gas."  
-Pink Floyd, *Money*

It's summertime. By all means, bring out the Corona attire. Shed your school supplies - your mechanical pencils, your Yogi Bear lunch box. Imagine my kids finding a picture of me in Jams. Remember bellbottoms? Like I said, it's summer. I have no school supplies. I have no anxieties. I have no morals.

School hasn't been all bad, though. We did it all. Shooting up. Arson. Cannibalism. That's what secondary education is all about. We've got to get a new school song. Maybe then we'd consider singing it at assemblies from time to time.

"Be odd and play ball well."  
-Glenn O'Brien

The class of '88 is going off to college. Good luck. It should be different. Start buying your Ziggy Marley albums now. Forget Whitney Houston. Forget Richard Marx. Dorm food. Rush week. Eating goldfish. Sounds like fun to me.

I accidentally ran into some female-headbanger-zombie in freshman hall the other day. She nearly broke a heel, so she invited me to do the anatomically impossible. Oops. I can't stand those over-make-uped frizz-heads.

"I have a theory but I think it's wrong. My theory is that to the black population Pee Wee Herman is the ultimate wish projection of what a white guy is like. Like a geek."  
-Pee Wee Herman

Some of you seniors, because you're stupid or whatever, won't go to college. Work. Playing hardball. The real world, where telling your boss that you didn't get the account because you got "really wasted" is not a viable excuse. Sounds pretty scary, huh? Sigmund Freud said



Ernst, Martin, and Sigmund Freud sit around the igloo and discuss brains.

that true happiness can only come from work or love, so neither one is all bad. Then again, Freud was an opium addict

"Holy hip-boots, Batman! That sounds like the Penguin!"  
-Robin(Dick Grayson)

"America," laughed Gore Vidal sometime in the sixties. "Love it or leave it." Gore has lived in Italy for 25 years.

So good luck to you graduating people. Have fun Sue, Rebecca, Glen, Todd, Pat, Vince, Geri, Heather, Sharon, Miriam, Shari, Marya, Steve, Bo, James, Corey, and all the 300-or-so odd seniors. Be popular. Be mobile. Try not to kill anybody.

For all you people staying a WCCHS for at least another semester, don't be too sad.

Until next year, count your fingers, 'cause I'll be back.

"No matter how thin you slice it, it's still baloney."  
-TV commercial

### 'Freshmen to maim.'

who wrote about sex. You decide.

To the rest of us, next year will bring many things. New freshmen to maim, set on fire, and step on. Registration. Handbooks. Scholastic Bowl. I can hardly wait.

I'm going to miss the microfiche machine in the library. "Fiche!" Fall will be here pretty soon, though. Penny loafers and Forenza/Generra clothing. Leaving football games after three quarters. And people still saying "Dude." That's something to say if your fingers get stuck in a bowling ball or if you're teaching a bird to talk. It is not meant for general conversation.

That's just one reason to believe that people are stupid. There are more: the dog named after a potato. David Copperfield specials. Debbie Gibson. Attendance at White Sox games. Dick Tracy.

What can I say? People are dumb.

## Final curtain comes for Swing Choir

by Steve Yuroff

On Thursday, May 12, West Chicago Swing Choir gave their final performance of the year outside of school. They performed 3 numbers for the Womens Auxiliary of Central DuPage Hospital. "Take These Wings," a ballad. "Powerhouse," a number performed for the State Music

Contest, and a collection of Beach Boys songs at the Geneva on the Dam Restaurant. When asked about her feelings on the next to final performance, senior Kara Nelson said, "It was great to perform for such a responsive audience." Swing Choir's final performance was Tuesday, June 1.



From left to right: Andy Runyan, Amy Noffsinger, Kevin Krumwedie, Shannon Juziwak, Jeff Amour, Jeni McCann, Chris Kent, and Kara Nelson busy doing Swing Choir types of things in front of lots and lots of people. Later on they did some Beach Boys stuff. No really -Beach Boys. Brian Wilson was dancing in his grave.  
(photo by Steve Yuroff)



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## Pollastrini for president

by Julie Pollastrini

What ever happens to the people that seniors in high school vote "Most Likely to Succeed" or "Most Involved in School Activities" or even "Most Likely to Become President"? All these descriptions describe the four years of high school of a 1985 graduate of WCCHS, Laura Pollastrini.

Pollastrini held many prestigious positions in high school. Some of these were editor-in-chief of the Bridge and president of Student Council. Wilbert Walters remembered her, "She went through this school like a bolt of lightning!"

Life in college hasn't put any damper on Pollastrini's interest in numerous activities. She has been attending Loyola University for the past three years and has once again made a name for herself. Sophomore year she became social director of her high-rise dormitory, a member of the building's Conduct Board, and pledged the Delta Chi Omega Sorority.

Pollastrini's junior year was also rewarding. Shortly after becoming a sister in the sorority, she was elected its president. Throughout this year, Pollastrini developed the sorority to its "highest potential." It became the "hottest sorority on campus." Along with being president of the sorority, she was also elected junior class president. This was still only the beginning of her involvement with the university during this year. She was a member of the University Government, a founding member of the Greek Council and Republican Club, and spent the year working on a political internship with a state representative.

Pollastrini has already started working on her plans for her activities for senior year. She has already achieved the position of senior class president and selected as a resi-

dent assistant of a high-rise dormitory.

Do these activities sound politically oriented? Well, they should. Pollastrini plans to become involved in politics. "I am interested in government, and I would like to get into the executive branch." Pollastrini hopes to get into Congress and gradually work in her way up to president of the USA.



# WCCHS Graduates carrying out their dreams

## Almost out ...

by Julie Pollastrini

While sitting in math class face to face with an authentic polynomial equation, you can't help but to wonder "When am I ever going to use this?" After a few moments of pondering thoughts, you then begin to question the entire idea of four long years of high school. "How are four years of math, science, and English going to mold my life?"

Well, every year some 200 seniors graduate from WCCHS to make room for a new shipment of freshmen. What happens to all those seniors? Do they just vanish off the face of the earth? Of course they don't. Many recent WCCHS graduates have done some exciting things since they have graduated. Bridge reporters were sent out to hunt them down.

## Dedera doesn't just clown around

by Julie Pollastrini

Running away to join the circus sounds absurd to some people, but to others it is the dream of a lifetime. Many people want to become doctors and lawyers. Not too many people consider becoming a clown. This is good because not everyone is cut out to be a clown. Dave Dedera happens to be not just anyone. He is a 1986 graduate of WCCHS, and now a clown for Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus.

Dedera's parents used to take him to the circus when he was a child. He has always loved the circus, according to his mother. He is also an artist. Drawing clowns was his specialty. After attending College of DuPage for about a year, Dedera decided to apply to Clown College. He sent away for an application in March of 87. He was sent back a ten page personality form. Five thousand people applied, but there were only 50 chosen. Dedera was one of those 50.

All 50 attended Clown College in Venice Florida, run by the circus in August. Venice is also where the Big Top is located. At the same time Dedera was attending the college, Dick Van Dyke was filming an NBC special at the college (which aired February 17, 1988 at 7 p.m.) Clown College taught Dedera all the fundamentals of being a clown. He learned make-up, fire eating, stilt walking, juggling, etc. Dedera graduated 11 weeks later, at the top of his class. Only 14 of the 50 were given contracts. Dedera was one of the first people to receive one.

Dedera performed on the White House front lawn the day after Easter this year for

the annual Easter Egg Roll.

He is excellent at stilt walking. He walks on eleven foot stilts, and would like to advance to the twelve foot. Twelve foot stilts have been discontinued because they are too dangerous. Dedera's mother remarked, "It's not like skiing. When you fall, you fall straight down." Dedera is now negotiating with the circus to bring back the twelve foot



stilts anyway.

Dedera is also a proficient fire eater. He spits and eats fire very well. He also does acrobatic routines, and high wire acts. Dedera is involved in every act the circus performs.

Dedera lives on a mile long train. When the circus travels, they take all their supplies, along with all the animals. The train, however, has to stop, when traveling, every three to four hours to water, exercise, and feed all the animals. The circus takes a long time to travel because of this reason.

Each clown is required to have a trunk to store their supplies. The trunks go with the clowns whenever they travel. To keep in shape, Dedera helps load and unload all the trunks. He needs to stay in shape. One of his acts involves twirling a rope which is haltered to a showgirl's neck. As Dedera twirls the rope the girl spins round and round in mid-air.

The circus has performed in many states throughout the country. This year's tour ends in November, and an all new show will be beginning on New Year's Day at Madison Square Garden (This show is usually sold-out). Next year, Dedera might be traveling with the circus to Japan and Australia, but for now, he will be performing in the southern states. The closest performance to West Chicago will be in Indiana around September.

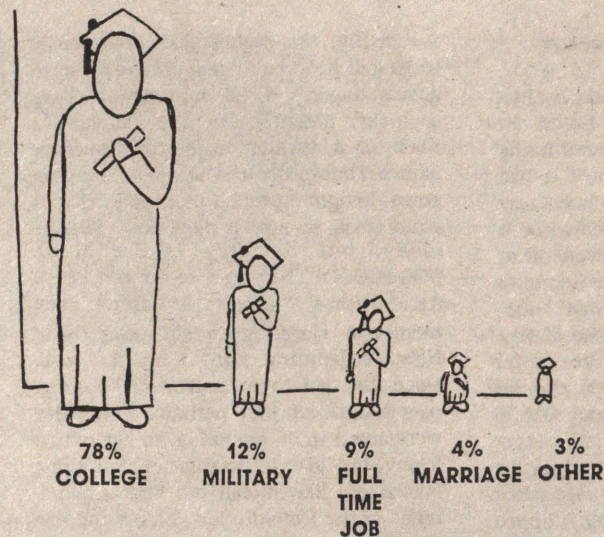
The job isn't all fun. It is also a lot of work and involves long hours each day. There isn't much time for a social life, but according to Dedera's mother, "He's having a great time!"



# Don't forget... Seniors are free at last

1. Fake I.D. (to uh..uh..get into McDonalds—you know! That's the ticket!).
2. Your parent's credit cards (and anything else you can get your hands on).
3. Lots of substances with caffiene (to help you cram in those extra studying hours.).
4. Plenty of change and tissues—to phone home whenever you get too homesick and miss your friends.

## Senior plans



by Ed Coronel and Julie Jakubowski

As though lightning struck you—KA-BOOM!—being a senior, you realize that in less than 48 hours you'll be out of West Chicago forever (Unless you're on the five year plan). Feelings of great jubilation comes across your mind just thinking about graduating on June 5. You picture yourself receiving your diploma from Dr. Jones—although they misspelled your name, you decide to complain later. Then you see yourself amongst your peers tossing your cap into the air (unless they ban cap tossing too). Familiar phrases suddenly come to mind: "I'm free at last! I'm free at last! God all mighty, I'm free at last!" Nevertheless you know where YOU are headed to for your future, but what will happen to your friends?

One hundred seniors were surveyed. Seventy-six percent plan to go to college, four percent plan to marry, nine percent will get full-time jobs, twelve percent will go into military services, and the remaining three percent have other plans for their immediate future.

As for Peta Riethmuller's immediate future, she says after graduation she plans to "Party hard" and plans to spend her time

seeing the American sites—other than what West Chicago has to offer.

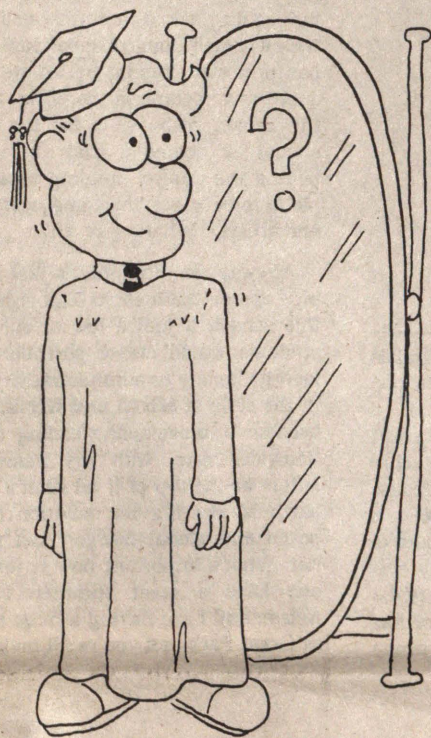
"I'm really excited. I can't wait to get out of here!" exclaims Rebecca Rivan. Rivan plans to get a teaching degree at Augustana College in math and physics. She already has a successful start with \$6000 in scholarships.

Tom McDonald has big plans for himself after graduation as well. To further his education, he plans to study business administration and his ultimate goal is to (yup you've guessed it) is to be in the 1992 Olympics.

"Let's do it!" says Kristin Gillespie about graduation. She plans to work all summer, yet find enough time for a vacation. Gillespie wants to attend COD and then transfer to another college to further her interest in being a social worker.

Glen Tepe advises the administration to have graduation early. Although his advice will take little effect, he plans to study business administration at Taylor University. For his summer, he plans to take time out from his ditch digging job for Urban Cable and go to Florida. "Does anyone want to come too?"

Most seniors feel that graduation will be an unforgettable event and a great achievement after struggling through four enduring years. For many seniors, the end signifies the beginning of their lives.



5. Pictures of Dr. Jones or Mrs. Barcema and your dart board.
6. Deodorant (you can never be too sure.)
7. Mace (especially if you meet mutants on the campus.).
8. An abundant supply of Pepto Bismo.

## Jemsek repeats cycle — striving for seniority

by Kelle Meza

What comes after high school? Many go off to college, some into trade schools, and others seek to begin a vocation. Whatever one does after high school, there is always the desire for success. Marla Jemsek has achieved that success.

Jemsek graduated from We-go last spring. She participated on the girls' basketball team all four years, and also on the golf team. She managed to keep a 3.5 grade point average throughout her scholastic career.

Jemsek now attends the College of St. Francis, on a basketball scholarship. She plays both basketball and golf at college, where she has certainly attained a substantial amount of success. She is also the first woman to play on the men's golf team in many years.

Jemsek was asked if anything she learned at WCCHS, about sports, has helped her in college. Jemsek responded by saying that as far as sports are concerned, they are similar to her freshman and sophomore years on the teams at WCCHS. "You have to pay your dues." When starting out on the basketball team at CSF, she averaged nine points and seven rebounds a game, but when the team's center came back, Jemsek was back to the bench. She said it was very similar to her early years on a basketball team, because you have to sit on the bench until you gain seniority.

None of her achievements have been easy. Jemsek has worked very hard for her recognition, especially on the gold team. Since she is the only woman on the team, she has to work two to three times harder than the guys because her swing is less powerful. Academics are also a challenge. Time has to be

organized. There is much more studying to be done, and this is in addition to the extra time she has to spend practicing and making road trips with the different teams.

Marla Jemsek is an excellent example for our seniors. She is living proof that success is attainable, if worked for.

## King working his way up

by Kelly Day

He's toured Russia, made a tape of his music in December and has a permanent place on the dean's list at DePaul University. He is a former WCCHS graduate class of '86 named Chris King and there's nothing he won't do for his music.

As far as King's influences at the high school, he said that band director Carol Houston pushed him to excel. She encouraged him to be the best he could be, frequently challenging him with competition. She also made him aware of things to broaden his studies. She made him work, grow and learn. He talked very highly of her.

King is a student at DePaul University and is a person who is very focused on the future. He says "I want to be rich and famous, not a starving artist." In his future he sees a career

as a professional musician. He learned a few things about himself through WCCHS. He learned that to succeed you have to provide for yourself. Quite frequently his mother had to cart around his equipment because the school's was old or not available. King said that it was a struggle to stay in the music program because of lack of fundamental support from the administration. He added that he had to overcome many obstacles to obtain his present status. He often had to deal with the lack of budget by working with old or broken equipment. King says he's "making progress" and hopes to do even better in the future.

Chris King was a kid who actually graduated from our school with a dream. He wanted to be a great musician and make a lot of money. Now he is well on his way to the top.



## 'His Honor The Mayor! Wearing a what!?' Off to the Institute!

by Matt Szesny



The art world is alive once again. David K. Nelson has given it the kick in the butt it has needed ever since Andy Warhol decided to be a machine and went off to live in a cave (imagine the Flintstones' surprise). For those of you not well acquainted with the better known works of Nelson, he is the art student who painted **Mirth and Girth**, that beautiful portrait of the late Mayor Harold Washington wearing a stunning bra-and-panties outfit which caused some city aldermen to get so angry they flipped a coin and went off to defy the constitution. Those crazy aldermen! Really, they're a pretty wild bunch, but they have

### 'Those crazy aldermen.'

to find better ways to let off steam. Maybe they could develop hobbies - I can just see Ed Burke doing needlepoint to vent his spleen, or Dorothy Tillman wearing grotesque hats in public.

What? She's already done that? Too bad. The only other alternatives to that I can see is being a responsible government official, but I think she has mixed feelings on that.

Actually, the raging aldermen should be glad to have had a mayor that looks so good in lingerie. Not all administrators are so lucky. Imagine New York Mayor Ed Koch in a leather teddy, or Governor James Thompson in a strapless evening gown. Imagining much more than that is plain gross, so stop it right now. They're lucky, but do they realize this? NOOOOOO! They have to burst into the Art Institute (I'll bet they aren't even members) planning to rip poor David Nelson's painting right from the wall. Once they got there, however, the alderpeople realized that perhaps what they were about to do amounted to not only a felony, but also a violation of that thing lawmakers like to call the First Amendment to the Constitution. That's the one that allows for free speech, so you can say things like "I think that painting of Harold Washington is disrespectful and should be taken down." OOPS. The alderpersons must have been in too much of a hurry to save the moral fiber of the city of Chicago to worry over something as inconsequential as the Constitution.

What to do to bridge these stormy seas, I ask naively, as if it matters what I think? (cynicism-catch it!) Just a simple exhibition, a showing of great artists interpreting the great leaders of the world in scanty outfits and compromising positions. Maybe then the alder-things would see the humor or the whole **Mirth and Girth** situation. I can see it now...(this is where you get to take part in my little dream world-isn't this a blast?)

Two birds were killed with one stone in Andy Warhol's recently unearthed masterpiece, **Byrne n' Bush**, featuring dayglo portraits of former Chicago Mayor Jane Byrne and Vice-President George Bush in what can only be called a tribute to the

Swag-master, Reverend Jimmy Swaggart. The work is praised mainly for making two of the twentieth century's most boring elected officials look excited. Maybe it's just gas that makes them smile that way, but I don't think so.

One of the more controversial exhibits of the showing was Charles Schultz' **Napping with Gorby**, depicting a leather-clad Mikhail Gorbachev sleeping atop a bizarre red doghouse in the com-

### 'Maybe it's just gas that makes them smile.'

pany of an oddly appealing girl in sandals some art critics have identified as one "Peppermint Patty."

Salvador Dalí made waves at the event when his tribute to Margaret Thatcher was unveiled. The famous Surrealist painter contributed **Mona Margeret**, a sketch of Thatcher in the famous pose of the **Mona Lisa** with comical bushy eyebrows, mustache, horn-rim glasses, and a big cigar in her mouth. So Salvador has slipped a little, it's still a damn funny picture.

Poster artist David Hockney drew attention with his **Sid and Nancy**, a bleak painting of late punk rocker Sid Vicious and, in the place of his similarly late girlfriend Nancy Spungen, our nation's First Chick, Nancy Reagan. Nancy hangs on Sid like a cheap suit, and the visible track marks on her arm are really gross. It looks as if old Bony Moronie had been Just Saying Yes too often.

The last work of the first exhibit (I plan for an annual event to be held at Navy Pier - what else is it used for?) is Jamie Wyeth's hilarious and frightening **Libotomy-Scar Face**. Its subject, Attorney General Edwin Meese, was reportedly not pleased with the huge mural depicting him rolling naked in confiscated cocaine with assorted Congressional pages. Meese has protested, saying he knows nothing about any cocaine in his office, and that the person responsible for the painting should be denied a trial and shot out behind the Capitol building as an example to those other "bleeding heart liberals and artists." Whatta guy, eh?

Anyway, for now, that's just my little pipe dream, but it could start right here in this school. If just a few of our fine art students would create portraits of their favorite faculty or administration member in the style of **Mirth and Girth**, it could become a movement, leading to a nationwide craze, with my name in big letters at the top of it all (that's the best part). Maybe it's the solution to world peace and global hunger, but probably not. What's important now is that everyone have a great summer. David K. Nelson and I are having a huge barbecue in Grant Park and you're all invited. Ribs for everyone!

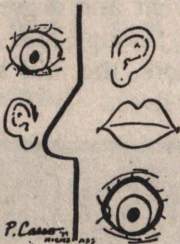
## Girls come-off as pathetic as guys at come-ons

by Suzanne Worthy

Ok, Ok. Fair is fair. Last issue I centered in on lines guys use on girls. Well, sometimes girls are just as bad (if not worse) when it comes to a confrontation with the opposite sex.

The female's approach is somewhat, ugh, shall we say...different. There are too many unlike people and too many unlike approaches to summarize them into one big mess, so we'll separate the one big mess into three big messes - we'll CATEGORIZE (big word, but hey, I'm a senior).

Our first approach will be made by the rude, loud-mouths. Most of us know them, but all of our hemisphere hears



them. These mouths sit nose to nose with their friends during gossip sessions, shrieking about some guy they gave the birdie to - loud enough for ole Uncle Joe the harem-hancho in Arabia to hear. By the end of the conversation, the friend has crossed-eyes, a pale face, and severe brain damage.

Now, these obnoxious girls have an all-around attitude very bluntly taught in the movie *Risky Business*, "What the \_\_\_\_\_." Obviously all people living by this commitment they'll say anything they feel - especially to guys.

The obnoxious will make her approach, roughly slap him on the shoulder and say, "Hey babe, like, how's it hangin'?" How any male responds to that - I don't know, and I don't want to.

Ok - our next category lies with the devil-eyed 'chicks.' These girls strut in front of thirty or so guys, gaining her

satisfaction by watching them stare until their eyeballs pop out of their skulls and fall onto the floor.

Instead of creating a meaningful conversation, all the devil-eyes do is look. No words, no facial expression, they just l-o-o-k. When they're spoken to it's almost as if there's some shield in front of her face - as if she can't comprehend that on this planet we communicate with vocabulary, not visual telepathy. So guys, if you're the type who enjoys dating girls who have personalities equivalent to that of a corpse, devil-eyes are just what you need.

Next in line, we have the (before you read on, point the tip of your nose towards the bugs on the ceiling) the stuck-ups. These fortunate souls act as if, instead of equipping them with a human mind and personality, God gave them several nice, big, clean mirrors.

Stuck-ups will not smile at those who

attempt to pick them up. There are two reasons for this, (1) he's human, and (2) her face will crack. However, the love-spud strikes his arrow when a stuck-up guy meets a stuck-up girl. Then they can compare nostrils. How neat.

Well, of course there are several other types of people to be picked up, but when

### 'Hey babe, like, how's it hangin'?'

the exciting moment of when a guy or girl lays a line on you comes, remember this story and our last issue's story if you read it. Then laugh an think of yourself, "Sue told me so." I'll bill ya later.

## 'Little Shop of Horrors' a success for cast and audience



Todd Fuja (right) prepares to romantically kiss the plant (left) played by Dave Andrews and Kevin Krumwedle. The musical was held May 17, 18, and 19 in the auditorium. It featured Todd Fuja (Seymoure), Chris Kent (Audrey), Amy Noffsinger (Mrs. Mushnik), Steve Getz (many things), along with Roxanne Rose, Sue Worthy, and Shannon Juziwak as three black doo-wop girls (imagine Roxanne chirping "sing it chiiiiilldd!"). 'Little Shop' survived fire hazards and plant flat problems to be one of the best shows in years.

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# Lady Cats achieve goal

by Randa Bascharon

As soon as winter time temperatures rose above their usual thirty below zero average, West Chicago softball players began warming up for their season. Hard work and dedication paid off, earning them a 15-10 record.

Most teams strive to do their best during their season. To do this they set goals so they can mark their progress. In the very beginning, the softball team set several goals for themselves, with every desire to fulfill them. According to Coach Maciejewski, the team's goals were to finish second in conference and to win fifteen games. These were the team goals, only one of which was accomplished, yet, many personal goals were also achieved.

The Wildcats put up a tough fight for every game they played, however they didn't place second as they would have liked to. Many of the games they lost were very close, emphasizing their competitiveness. When some of the varsity players were asked why they thought they lost some of their games there were various replies. Senior, Julie Jakubowski said, "Lots of times we just didn't have our heads in the game." Missy Vega, sophomore, and Kerry Matthews, junior, both agree that many games could have been won if the offense was a little more consistent. When freshman Melody Benson was asked what she thought the team lacked when they lost tight games, she replied, "I think we could have won some of those games if we had a little more when it came to the last inning." And then she came back saying, "We won against Naperville Central and Wheaton Central, which proves how successful we can be when we do everything right."

Usually the coach is more critical than the players, because he has more experience with the game. He can see where the team needs improvement or work. In this case, however, the tables are turned. Contrary to some of the players, Coach Maciejewski highly praised the efforts of the team. He claimed that they cut their errors in half and really worked on concentrating on the game. When he was asked about the team's defense and offense, he gave very straight forward answers. He noted that the



Senior Brenda Shockey warms up for the regional game against Elgin Larkin. The Ladycats were defeated with a final score of 11-1.

team had "solid infielders with a lot of players that can really throw." He also pointed out that the team has one of the top catchers in the league, junior, Kerry Matthews. Not to mention, pitcher Brenda Shockey, who he said "cut down on her walks and has increased her velocity." The team was aided by outfielders, senior, Krista Neal, sophomore, Missy Vega, and freshman Melody Benson. When questioned about hitting, he said, with a confident tone, "We can hit against anybody," especially batters.

After these great comments from the coach, refresh your memory with their two main goals, to be second in conference and win at least fifteen games. As mentioned

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before, they didn't reach the first one, but they have won 15 games so far, which gives them the best record that We-go has had in the past five years. This is due mostly to the talented team they had this year.

This year's team consisted of many seniors who have been working hard at softball for the past three or four years. The varsity team of 1988, was a team that has been developing for three years, leading up to this season's hard core team. Nevertheless, there are doubts that next year's core, which will be made up of mostly seniors won't be as comparable to that of this year. Head coach Maciejewski doesn't agree. He feels that "there are a lot of j.v. players with good athletic ability that gained experience and playing time, even though they weren't on varsity. If they want to win bad enough we'll do just as well next year! There are also some underclassmen who were strong players on varsity this year that will add to the tough foundation that makes West Chicago such a hard team to beat.

Just as in any game, it takes a lot of time and dedication, but they proved they could do a great job this year and it can be done again next season. Though some team unity and leadership will be lost without the seniors, the desire to win can bring all connecting bonds back for a super season in the future.

## Track experience enlightens

by Paul Bullard

Try imagining yourself sitting a top rickety, old bleachers, on a Saturday morning, in unbearable weather, watching people run around a track for three hours. I wouldn't bet that this is most peoples definition of a good time. For this reason track is not the candidate to draw a crowd. This is unfortunate because if more people did venture out and allow themselves to miss their Saturday morning cartoons they might find a track meet a little more exciting than they had anticipated. This is especially true this year, for the Boys' track team is doing exceptionally well and has a lot of quality talent.

The varsity squad has had the experience and determination needed to comprise an excellent record of 9-4. One of the teams strongest areas is the pole vault. Tom McDonald, a senior this year, has made outstanding accomplishments in this event, taking numerous first places with vaults such as the one which gave him the school record at 5'7". Tom will compete in sectionals and has his sights set for the state meet. A second area of strength lies in the high jump. Steve Thomas, also a senior, has the ability to place high as well. As a junior, he set the record at a height of 6'6". He hasn't surpassed that mark as of yet but is definitely capable of doing so at sectionals. Along with numerous other talented athletes making up the varsity squad, they pose a serious threat to all competitors.

The Frosh/Soph squad has also been doing very well and shown that they have

what it takes to get things done. They comprised a record of 7-6 and took second in the conference meet. This squad doesn't have a specific area of focus but relies on overall strength and determination. Some of the promising athletes include:

Don Chmiel, who set the school record in the high hurdles with a time of 15.6 Eddie Gonzalez, who took first place in the pole vault, long jump and low hurdles at the conference meet, Rick Montavo a promising distance runner who took fifth in the mile at the conference meet, James Stuart who placed fifth in the 800 at the conference meet and was also part of the mile relay with Mark Benja, Mark Purdom and Ken Buckeroity, who placed second. These are but a few of the many athletes that composed the squad, who without a doubt will make a great contribution to the varsity squad when the time comes.

Head Coach Doug Juraska commented on a very positive outlook for the future by explaining that there is a lot of young talent which he expects will help the varsity squad considerably. A second factor being that a good number of sophomores performed on the varsity squad all season so that experience will help them also.

One would have to be blind not to see the exciting talent that composes the Boys' track team.

I would hope that this excitement might influence a couple people to go and see what it's really like. Who knows, you might even add it to your definition of a good time.

## Many disappointments

by Alyssa Gall

The 1988 season has been a trying time for the girls' track team. The team lost many girls to soccer this year, and according to Coach Walters, this really hurt the team morale. Not only did the team lose many girls, but Able Perez, the assistant coach, also left. This, of course, affected the team, but Miss Scarpeli is now working hard as the new assistant coach.

The four seniors leaving this year are Robin Bolser, Lisa Chung, Cindy Crites, and Michelle Mailloux. Crites ran distance and the rest were sprinters. Bolser also ran hurdles this year. Walters is sorry to see these seniors leave and is disappointed that there will be only three

returning seniors next year.

While there were many disappointments this year, there were also some good moments, Walters was very pleased with the freshmen this year. Nichole Horn, a freshman, broke the school record for the 400 meter, Katie Jemsek and Heather Jardis are two other outstanding freshmen that Walters mentioned.

The highlight of the season was placing third in the We-go invitational. "Luther South came in second and we were only five points behind them, so we were really happy about that," Walters said.

Next year Walters hopes to see more girls come out for track. The team will be hard at work and Walters is sure that "we'll do the best we can do."

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# High expectations

by **Jamie Christopher**

West Chicago 1988 boys' tennis season is coming to an end along with the school year. The varsity team ended up placing eighth in their conference for the season. James Koop, a senior, ended the season high in the conference with a second place standing.

Wayne Kosek, the varsity tennis coach, doesn't feel that the team really met their number one goal, to place in the top half of their conference. He does feel, however, that there was a lot of individual improvement during the season.

Although the players did not meet their goal, they also felt satisfied by their self-improvement. Sophomore Gregg Lemkau felt he had a pretty good year on the varsity team. He brought his confidence level up and also became a more consist-

ent player. He feels that this was a harder year on tennis, and he already has more goals to meet next year.

John Winterhalder, also a sophomore is a newcomer to tennis. He always liked the sport and decided he wanted a change of pace from baseball. He went out for tennis, set some goals, and got moved up to varsity. He now plays second doubles. Winterhalder feels next year will be a good year for varsity because of the two sophomores and also freshman, Kai Martin, having some playing experience on varsity tennis.

Sectionals were on Friday and Saturday, May 20 and 21. Coach Kosek had high expectations for Koop to go through sectionals and advance to state. Koop took third place and is disappointed that one of his opponents lost a match by default.

# Jock shorts

by **Kelly Lee**

The 1988 Spring All Conference players have been awarded.

In Girls' Soccer, Otilia Perez was named first team, Araceli Castro was named second team, Jessica Andrews and Cheryl Wilcox were honorable mention.

In boys' baseball, Rory Gallagher was named first team, Dan Modaff and Bill Vogel were honorable mention.

In girls' softball, Rebecca Rivan, Michele Burandt, and Angie Webb were named first team. Brenda Shockey and Jane Ebonroth were named second team All-Conference.

# Cost to play sports

by **Karen Getlinger**

Athletic participation fees have been held back this year. Next year, however, athletes will not be as lucky. It will cost \$15 to participate each year. On top of this, the admission prices will be increased.

Ron Hansen, director of athletics, physical education, and health, said, "It is actually an attempt to balance the school budget."

Revenues fill "one big pot of money" to operate the school. This is where taxes, state aid, financial aid, and fees go. Out of this "pot" come payments for officials (whose salaries have skyrocketed), coaches' salaries, transportation costs, facility maintenance, and equipment purchases for extra-curricular activities.

Lately, the expenses of the school have exceeded the revenues. It is impossible for a school to keep up with this sort of budgeting. Therefore, cuts have been made which affect all departments. One method of increasing revenue is to assess a fee to defray athletic expenses.

The burden falls on the athlete. After paying for proper accessories athletes have already paid a good chunk of money. Why pay more? Consider yourself lucky! West Chicago is one of the last schools in our conference to assess an athletic fee.

"We'd all rather not do it," says Hansen. "However, we do feel it is a nominal amount."

The fee is a once a year cost. Some schools have \$25-\$30 for participants. These schools require the money for each extra-curricular activity.

Gal George, assistant athletic director, varsity volleyball coach, and physical education teacher says, "I'd hate for it (participation fee) to come between an athlete and his participation." George feels the fee at West Chicago is low enough to let the student participate in sports.

West Chicago High School does not intend to make participation fees a deterrent to athletes. If you are having financial hardships see Hansen or Richard Waterhouse.

# Summer sports

by **Kelly Lee**

There are a variety of sports at West Chicago Community High School and along with sports, come sports camps. Camps main purpose are to help an individual in areas they need help in or to get the individual ready for the next season.

This summer at WCCHS there are many summer sport programs. Baseball begins June 10 til July 29 for sophomore, junior, and senior levels. The cost is 50 dollars. Football fundamentals starts June 20 til July 28 from 3:30 to 5 o'clock, Monday thru Friday. The cost is 35 dollars, and only for freshmen and sophomores. Advanced football is from June 20 til July 28, from 5:30 to 7:30, Monday thru Friday. The cost is 35 dollars for juniors and seniors.

Girls' and boys' swimming starts June 13 until July 29, Monday thru Friday. The time is from 6:30 to 8 a.m. and the cost is 15 dollars. Girls' and boys' weight lifting starts June 20 til July 28, from 3:30 to 6, Monday thru Friday. The cost is 10 dollars.

Boys' basketball starts June 20 to July 8, from 12:30 to 3 p.m., Monday thru Friday at a cost of 30 dollars. Girls' Basketball starts June 20 til July 22 from

1 to 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and is a 20 dollars cost.

Boys' and Girls' open gym stars July 20 til July 28 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. there is no charge. Open gym is Tuesday thru Thursday, any one welcome.

Boys' and girls' Soccer starts June 13 thru July 28 from 4 to 6 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Thursday at a 20 dollars cost.

Volleyball starts June 13 thru June 17, nine o'clock to noon, Monday thru Friday and there is a 20 dollar charge.

Cross Country begins July 5-29, from 7 to 8:30 a.m., Monday thru Friday and there is no charge.

Girls' Track will have a summer team in Aurora called the Sundowners, starting June 2 thru August 1, held Monday thru Thursdays at a cost of 20 dollars.

Pom Pons camp begins July 5 thru July 21 from 5:30 til 7:30, Monday thru Thursday at a cost of 25 dollars. Cheerleading starts June 14 thru July 17 from 4:30 til 6:30, Monday thru Friday at a 25 dollars cost.

If you are interested in any of these sport programs contact the coaches of the sports or go to the Athletic Office.

# Head over heels for We-go

by **Brenda Shockey**

A small percentage of West Chicago students are aware that gymnastics is a winter sport that most teams in our conference participate in. However, few of these even realize that two gymnasts represented WCCHS this year.

Todd Odell, a senior, has competed in the all-around competition for the last four years of his eight year career. The all-around includes feats on the high bar, parallel bars, vault, floor, rings, and pommel horse; he enjoys the floor routine most. Sophomore, Rick Hudmon, com-

petes on the parallel bars.

The boys are allowed to compete in the conference meet, as well as the regionals, sectionals, etc. Odell placed eighth out of 13 in conference and in the top 12 in regionals. This entitled him to advance to sectionals. Hudmon took 24th out of 26 at conference, showing determination and promise for next year.

Anyone else interested in gymnastic competition, male or female, should contact Mr. Hansen, in the athletic office, for more information.

# Ainsworth resigns to family time

by **Christopher Nippert**

Jeff Ainsworth has recently resigned as head varsity football coach at WCCHS. Ainsworth's reason for resigning is that it took too much time away from his family life. He said, "Football isn't everything" and he is quite correct. While hoping to stay on the coaching staff here, he received an even better offer.

He was asked to be a defensive line coach at Aurora University and he accepted the job. I asked him what he thought would be the biggest difference between high school and college football. He said that it would be much like coaching on the high school level, because Aurora University is a small college. However, he did say there would be a few differences. Most of the players will have played the game for at least four years, unlike high school where most players start from scratch their freshman year or those who come out for their first time senior year to be on the varsity team. Second, he noted that with being an assistant coach, he could give all of his players 100% of his time, whereas at the high school he had to worry about trainers, equipment, and managers, as well as

his team. He said, "Being a head coach really limited my time with the offensive and defensive line. I am disappointed that I could not give them all of my time as I could if I was an assistant. That is why I am looking forward to coaching at Aurora."

As Ainsworth moves on, Donash will be taking over as head coach. When I asked Ainsworth what he thought of the newly appointed coach, he said, "I am glad for him, I am sure he'll do a great job. He did a good job with the freshman last year, teaching them the fundamentals. His scouting reports were great and precise."

Over the summer, there will be two football clinics; one for all incoming freshmen and sophomores. The other for anyone interested in trying out for varsity. The varsity clinic will run from 5:30 - 7:30 Monday through Friday, starting June 20. Donash said the clinic will be split up into two parts, conditioning and weight training, and fundamentals with his new system. Things will not be that different; however, a specific goal for the summer is to get the terminology down.

Donash mentioned one goal, "Realistically, I want us to be a playoff team. To do that they must win at least six games. I think that goal is within our grasp."

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With rising college tuitions, many of us need help to finance higher education. West Suburban Banking can assist a student to realize the dream of a college education now, without having to start repaying the loan until six months after graduation or student's last day of attendance.

In order for the school to determine your eligibility for Financial Aid (A Guaranteed Student Loan is part of Financial Aid) a Financial Aid

Application *must be completed*. Check with the Financial Aid Office at the school you are planning to attend and they will let you know which form they prefer. (FAF, FFS, AFSSA)...

When you are completing the Financial Aid form, be sure to answer questions relating to the Guaranteed Student Loan and please use **WEST SUBURBAN BANK LENDER CODE #823353**.

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