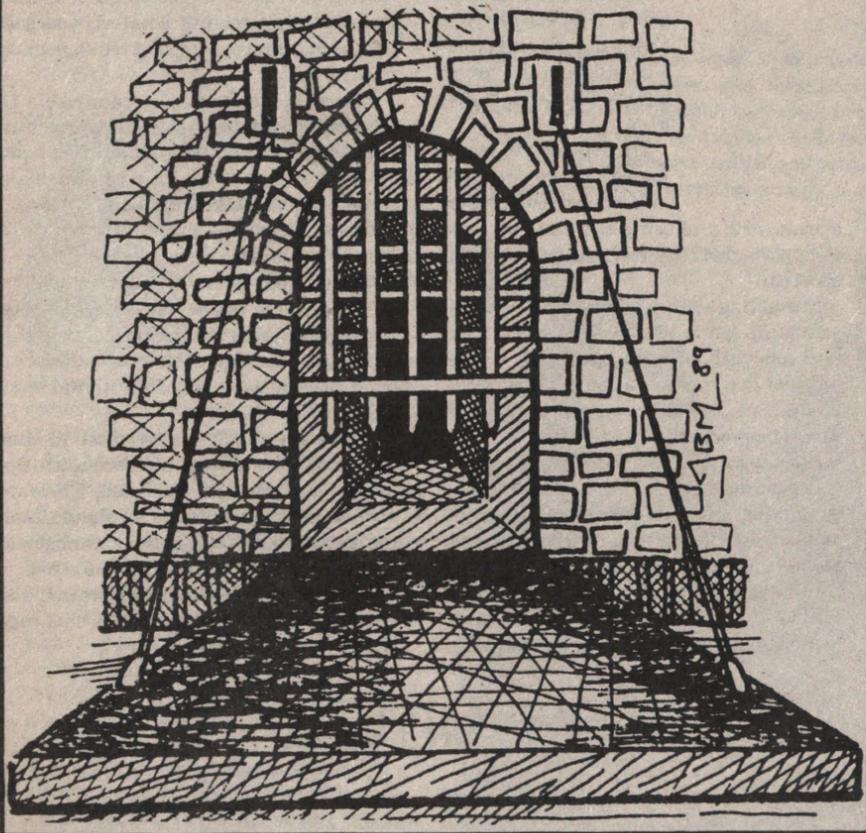


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## Child Find helps handicapped

The state Board of Education and the Illinois Public School Systems are organizing the Child Find service throughout the state. Child Find is designed to identify handicapped children so they can receive the help they need. These children are any age from birth to 21 years old.

Cathy Hill of the School Association for Special Education in DuPage (SASED) is an operator on the organizations hotline who analyzes data when someone calls in. Hill says, "Anyone who calls in and has identified a problem with a child is directed to the special co-organizations in the area."

This state wide effort to inform people of the child find program began when Governor James Thompson proclaimed January "Child Find Month" in Illinois. During the month of January awareness campaign materials, including brochures growth and development charts, immunization records and direct mailings, were available in ele-

mentary schools and through mail throughout the state.

Illinois State Board of Education Assistant Superintendent, Edward Sontag says, "We'll be encouraging people to call if they know a youngster who is not exactly the same as others the same age." These children may have trouble walking, talking or hearing. They also may have behavior problems.

Child Find helps these children by arranging testing to determine if the child has a handicap. Many times children at the same age will have differences in learning abilities, but according to Sontag, "for one child in ten, the differences can be related to a handicap."

Once these handicapped children are identified, the parents are notified and help is located in the area near their home. Many times the public school system has programs available for impaired children. For more information call the Child Find organization at 1-800-851-6197 or the SASED organization at 495-2442.

## Snow days not free days

by Danielle Caffarello

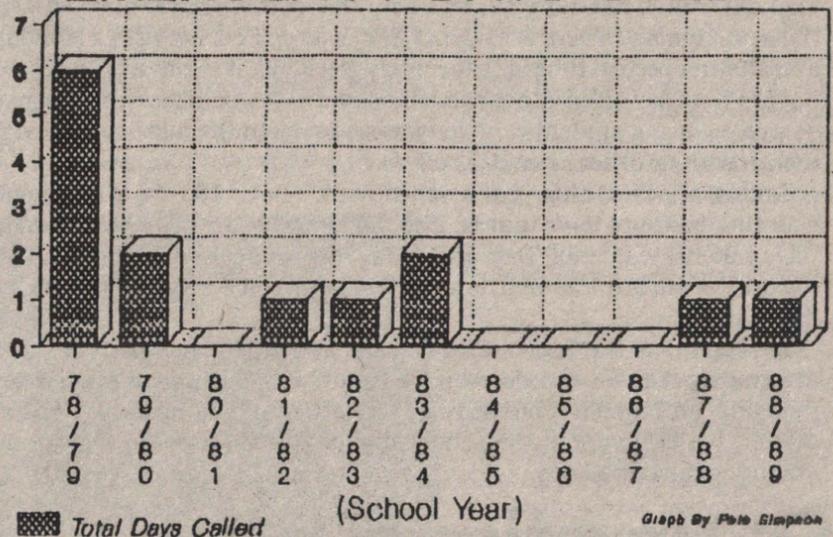
"It is simply a question of policy," replied Dr. Richard Kamm, Superintendent, when asked about emergency days.

The law requires five emergency days per school year. There are many steps taken in the decision of using an emergency day.

enough time to get the word out to T.V. and radio stations.

At the end of the school year if the emergency days are not all used we do not get those days omitted from the end of the year. "We don't use them because we go to school, the days are set aside for emergencies, if there is no emergency, we go to school,"

### EMERGENCY DAYS USED



When dealing with emergency days for snow the question is asked can people get to school safely. To answer that, the school contacts the highway department, the township road commission and the bus company. The decision is usually made by 5:30 a.m. It is made so early so that there is

stated Kamm.

Another reason the days are not omitted if not used is because it would cause a lot of problems in scheduling events such as graduation and exams. "Look at it this way," says Kamm, "you get more education for the money."

## Newspaper battles authority

by Bill Hein

The Subterranean News Service is a network of Underground, or "alternative press" newspapers. Members freely exchange material and support. One such local paper is the *Roosevelt*, run by Bethany Rybandt of Wheaton Central. The *Renegade* is another underground newspaper created by David Carpenter at Addison Trail High School.

One of the stated goals of the Subterranean News Service is to "assist other members in their conflicts with authority."

found in a school paper. Carpenter says that they try and stay away from headlines like "Spanish Club goes to Taco Bell" or a features about the newest Drivers Education teacher. Recently, articles on socialism and communism were printed in *Renegade*. Rybandt characterizes the *Roosevelt* as a cross between *Rolling Stone* and *Mad Magazine* with more entertainment oriented articles.

Rybandt was editor of the Wheaton Central newspaper for this year. Under her directions, an article about the schools' obsession with the football team was printed.

## 'Spanish Club goes to Taco Bell'

If the school administration decided to suspend the staff of an underground paper, Carpenter said that the editors and staff of the other SNS papers would organize a protest and notify the local media. The Student Press Law Center and the American Civil Liberties Union also would be contacted for legal help. In short, they would make a "big deal" out of it. Rybandt adds that "nobody goes into the business cold" that is, without knowing their rights. In any situation all the editors would stick together.

Articles written within the "alternative press" vary from paper to paper, although they cover issues that normally are not

The ensuing controversy proved too much, and so she formed her own publication.

Problems with the above ground newspaper at Addison Trail made Carpenter start an underground newspaper. Since certain aspects of school policy could not be challenged and format changes in the paper itself could not be made, he decided to "beat the system" and form his own.

Carpenter hopes to combat low school spirit at his high school through the use of the *Renegade*. Some support has recently been received, when a Student Council representative came to see if they could work together to accomplish mutual goals.

## Inkspots ...

### Ballroom masquerade

Ballroom Masquerade is the theme for this year's Turnabout. The dance will be held in the cafeteria on Saturday, April 22 from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

### French are coming

The French Club will be sponsoring French exchange students to stay at homes of French Club students and attend WCCHS starting April 29. The exchange students will stay for two weeks.

### Bears and Bengals at assembly

Five members of the Chicago Bears and Cincinnati Bengals will be featured at an assembly the week of April 10-14. SADD is sponsoring the event which will put the pro-football players against our athletes in volleyball, sit-ups, relay race, tug-of-war, and basketball. In between events, the players will talk about their solutions for the drug and alcohol problem.

### Seniors graduate early

There has been a rumor circulating around the halls that should be cleared up. Seniors are going to graduate a week earlier as in the past years. Seniors finish school on June 8, 1989 where as the underclassmen's last day is on June 14. Couple of years ago the Board of Education was talking about changing the seniors last day to get out early as an option. The teachers have to make-up two different final exams and the board was trying to think of a way to avoid this. But the end results concluded in not changing this tradition. "The board decided that the seniors deserved to get out earlier," says Principal Alan Jones.

### February student

Student of the month for February was Kelly Pierce. Pierce is involved in Challenge and is the yearbook's editor. She is a part of the In-Touch Clown Team, Student Council, and FBLA. In the spring, Pierce will be a baseball manager. She plans to attend ISU in Bloomington-Normal, Illinois.

### FBLA takes first

The West Chicago Chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) won first place at the Northern Area Leadership Conference on February 18, 1989 at Warren Township High School. This is the second consecutive year that WCCHS has won this competition.

### Music department excels

The music department accumulated 228 points in the solo and ensemble state music contest on March 4. Points are scored according to which place each event receives: first is the highest, fifth is the lowest. Out of 26 events, the choir received 18 firsts, 12 seconds, and six thirds out of 21 events. Orchestra received three firsts, eight seconds and six thirds out of 12 events.

Organizational contest for state will be held at WCCHS on April 8. In this contest choir, band, and orchestra compete as a group rather than on solo levels.

## School calendar

School begins	August 28
Institute day	August 28
Institute day	August 29
Labor Day	September 4
Columbus Day	October 9
Thanksgiving Day	November 23
Legal holiday	November 24
Christmas break	December 20-January 1
Martin Luther King	January 15
Institute day	January 19
Lincoln birthday	February 12
Institute day	March 2
Casmir Pulaski Day	March 5
Spring Break	March 26-30
Good Friday	April 13
Memorial Day	May 28
School closes	June 13

## Why no day off?

February is a big enough drag with only one day off of the regular school schedule. This year, however, we didn't get anything off. Lincoln's birthday was on February 12, a Sunday, but we could have observed it on the next Monday. Then, Presidents' Day was on February 20, a Monday and another perfect time for a three day weekend. It seems as if we could have taken a day off on either one of those dates. It would have made sense as well as giving students and teachers a break in the middle of a "long" month with no other extra days off.

Taking a look at this year's schedule, we have 181 days of school, counting institute days that is. Usually, we have 180. We could easily have taken Presidents' Day or the day after Lincoln's birthday off. A majority of students as well as some teachers would be glad for an extra day to rest.

We hope that the School Board would give this consideration when drawing up the new schedules in the future. If this situation ever comes up again on Lincoln's birthday or any other school holiday, for that matter, we believe that the school should still observe the holiday on another, convenient day.

## Springtime blues

by Kurt Duvall



Howdy! Que pasa? Is your life dragging at this time of year? All I seem to be doing now-a-days is school, work, rest, and hockey on the weekends till the ice melts. School is slow at this point. Not much is happening that we can look forward to.

Homework is too dull to finish all of the time. I find myself sliding and doing the work on the surface, but not really thinking about it. We're kind of at an all time low as far as activities go, as well. Basketball is ending and baseball is beginning, which is what Mr. Zimmerman might say, "Those of you from Medieval will recognize as a period of interregnum," of sports.

Parties on weekends keep your pulse at a close to normal rate, but that five day week at school really brings you down. Now is the time when we count down the weeks or days to Spring Break. Hopefully, you can look forward to a trip to say Florida, or California, or maybe even Europe. Then again, you could be headed for your relative's house in Hoboken, New Jersey.

Whatever the case, there has to be some way to put some excitement into your life up until you've got some time off. Well, I've got a suggestion for you: Go to see a Blackhawks

game or a Bulls game. Get off of your duff, pry yourself away from those T.V. re-runs, and get the mothballs out of your wallet or purse. You only have to go to Sears at Fox Valley Shopping Center to their Ticketron counter. You can pay as little as \$10.50 for second balcony tickets, and no matter what people say about it being the nose bleed section, it's great. You can go to your gate, up the stairs, and to your seats. The concession stands are right behind you, and there are always plenty of souvenir vendors working the crowd. The view from up there is fine. The corners on the first balcony are bad news, however, because you can't see the scoreboard. Besides, the most important aspect is the \$10.50 ticket price. If you work for your money and buy your own tickets, it's more practical. You can pay \$7 to park in the stadium lots, but only \$5 if you park a small walk to the west on Madison Avenue. It's at a small alarms business with a parking lot.

You can't beat the feeling when Dirk Graham makes a short-handed goal, when Michael Jordan dunks, or just yelling, "Dino stinks!" along with 18,000 other people during a Hawks-North Stars game. You feel like you're a part of something big and you're excited for days before and after. When March has got you down and out, try turning to that great, big city just an hour to the east. The entertainment bill there is "quite substantial."

which nobody really listens to, but that's why there's a ditto of the announcements in every room. We think you need to get to know who's on the committee and make sure everyone is informed about the meetings, maybe by sending out letters or announcing them over the loud speaker again.

Sherry Dillner  
Mandy Bon  
Michelle Rittorno

## Committee meetings are bogus

Dear Prom Committee members,

At registration, we joined Prom Committee because we thought it would be fun to help plan one of the most memorable times in our lives, prom. We went to all the meetings up until the committees were assigned. After that, we never heard about any more meetings. I talked to some other people only to find they were having the same problem. Before, the meetings were announced over the loud speaker second hour,

## Censorship

Dear Editor,

When reading the February 24, 1989 issue of *The Bridge* I was appalled. When editing articles you should pay more attention. In the article called, "Aming High in Sports" I was quoted as saying, "A lot of people like to be conference champs... (and) That way the whole team benefits plus there is a lot more chances for ppeople to be at conference." Not only did I not say this, but just by reading the article you should have been able to tell that something didn't sound right. What I did say was, "A lot of people like to be all-conference and yes, that would be nice... That way the whole team benefits plus there is a lot more chances for people to be all-conference." Now read the article, it makes a lot more sense doesn't it? To top all of that off I found that my article was not in the paper about boys' basketball. Why? Probably because it has "personal views" in it, right? Well, I thought you were all fighting

against censorship in the paper, but how could this be? I can't even write an article about my own teammates, that is really sad. We have had a great season (the best this school has seen since 1960), but no one knows because I can't even write an article (and get it published - that is the trick) that brags a bit about the team's season. Do you call this "Freedom of the Press"? Ha, what a joke! I have a suggestion... practice what you preach! It is very hard to believe what I read when I am not allowed to give a "personal" opinion. I have never made any derogatory remarks against anyone, all I was ever trying to do was to promote school spirit. Well, here is your big chance to edit my letter, go ahead and do it, make yourselves feel really good because you can rip it apart, but whether this letter is published or not, my point is well-taken.  
Christopher Nippert

## Join a sport

by Bill Hein



The benefits of joining a sport are overlooked by many. They can give you both a mental and physical advantage over others who aren't athletes.

There is only so much knowledge you can learn in a classroom. Shakespeare, 2+2, and Lewis and Clark all have their place, but they don't teach you what a sport can.

Interacting with your teammates is essential in sports like football, basketball, and volleyball. A team that doesn't work together doesn't have a chance to succeed. Businesses only want workers who can fit in and be productive.

An invaluable personal skill is being able to depend on yourself. Track, wrestling, and swimming all teach you to reach inside yourself for strength to reach your goal. Mental ability is crucial - if you can't concentrate you've lost.

They also teach you to set goals. Maybe you want to be the best; state champion.

Others want to set a personal best time or lead the team in scoring. Whatever your goal may be, it helps you by giving you something to shoot for.

There is no feeling comparable to winning. You have gone face-to-face with an opponent and defeated them. It can build up your self-confidence tremendously. Losing is just as important. It helps you deal with defeat, as everything you do in life will not be a success.

What's your excuse? A job? You'll be working for the rest of your life. Enjoy your high school years and make the most of it while you still can. If necessary, you can arrange your work schedule around practice.

Education should be foremost in your mind - that leads you to a decent job. But James Truslow Adams once said, "There are obviously two educations. One should teach us how to make a living and the other how to live." That's what a sport can do for you.

Nobody ever said being in a sport would be easy. Take a chance, consider it a challenge to be the best that you can be.

## Offensive article

Dear Editors,

The article written in the February 24 edition of the *Bridge*, entitled "I was a runaway," was partly composed of inaccurate information and was seriously offensive and defamatory. Even though our proper names weren't used, we do believe that the majority of the *Bridge* readers knew the true identity of "Dick and Larry."

This article concerns our personal lives and we believe Julie Mastro had no right to reveal this to the entire population of the West Chicago Community High School. We feel a written and published apology from Ms. Mastro is in order. Thank you for your valuable time.

Sincerely,  
Robb Farmer  
Roger Radkiewicz

## That's not defamatory

Dear Roger and Rob,

Something defamatory is a false communication which damages a person's reputation. We do not believe the article to be defamatory. We stand by our original article as accurate.

## Hold your tongue

Dear Bridge Writers,

After reading the Feb. 8 issue of the *Bridge*, we came away with negative feelings. It seems many of the articles contained too many references to illegal substances as well as profanity, and it is degrading to some of the people mentioned. While the writers are trying to be funny, it is sometimes sarcasm in disguise.

Such quotes as, "the unintentional result of swallowing whatever pills and beverages thoughtful Dance production groupies would hand me," and, "as long as he supplied

me with clean needles, I didn't argue." References to homosexuals were made more than once on the second page. While this may be commonplace to some people, others may find it offensive. We understand writing newspaper stories is not an easy task, and don't mean to discourage the writers in any way. It is just that many readers find some of these references very degrading. We appreciate taking others' feelings into a "little" more consideration.

Thanks much,  
Terra Brooks  
Roxane Rose

## Sorry 'bout that

Dear Concerned Students,

I'd say you're dead right. We have had some writing that would be deemed offensive to some of our readers. I even wrote some of it. After that issue and the more recent one, we editors talked about word choice at our meetings and also discussed it

with Principal Alan Jones and Superintendent Richard Kamm. I believe that we've sorted the situation out and some changes will probably be made. I'm sorry if I or my colleagues have offended you in our writings as it was not our intent.

Kurt Duvall

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## The highs and lows of morning radio

by Brian Stieglitz



Your alarm goes off at some horrible time Monday morning. After taking care of this disturbance, you decide to actually make an effort to rise and shine. Good luck. What you need is something that will wake you up and get you going into your daily routine. For some reason, rather than grabbing that bottle of Vivarin, you switch on the radio.

But there is a problem. Which station should you listen to? Ask ten people the question and you'll get ten different answers. So in an attempt to help you, the listener, decide (or maybe even help someone try a new station), I have spent the past few weeks listening to various programs each morning. Taking into consideration the fact that many people listen to many different types of music, you'll see that there is something here for everyone.

We'll begin with the programs that, in my opinion, don't really belong on the radio. I mean, come on, a college radio show has got to be better than this trash. Which is why I have given these programs a special category.

**THE outhouse:** Let's start with a guy you have all seen on a TV commercial which is about as bad as his show. Yes, it's Robert Murphy from Q-101, the idiot in the strait-jacket who runs around asking people if they listen to the station to hear him. I think the answer to that question is pretty obvious. Murphy tries pretty hard to be funny but usually fails to succeed. It doesn't help that his callers are often bored out of their minds and are just clinging on the hope that he will play the latest Phil Collins' song. Murphy tries his funny bit of the hour and then plays about five songs, hoping that the listeners will forget the hilarious piece of comedy which preceded the music. Overall, "Murphy in the Morning" should be flushed from the radio dial.

Another member of the Outhouse crew is someone who is actually on in the afternoon. He is Tom Joyner, the self proclaimed "Hardest Working Man in Radio" found on WGCI (107.5 FM). The reason for adding Joyner to the morning list is the fact that he begins his day in Dallas with a morning program. When he finishes in Texas, Joyner flies up to Chicago for the afternoon show on WGCI. But listening to the show, I don't see (or hear) where the "hard work" comes in. The big part of the program is the music, at

least 50 minutes every hour. This leaves time for traffic, weather, and some commercials, and after this we've got about five minutes for our hard working man to do his thing. I think any moron can fill five minutes with something that resembles comedy, but

music is pretty good. I don't know about you, but I'd take a twenty-year-old Rolling Stones song over the new release from the Pet Shop Boys.

The other show is Paul Barsky's "Morning Zoo" found on Z-95. Barsky barely made it

and music. Brandmeier's "showgram" can be found on the Loop. WLUP (FM 98 and AM 1000). Johnny B is very talented, in both music and comedy, and he utilizes this in a set of parody songs he has written. These songs have become so popular that he has sold out concerts with his band, the Leisure Suits, at Poplar Creek in a matter of hours. Titles include *Party Animals*, *We're All Crazy in Chicago*, and *You Won't See Me on MTV*.

Besides his music, Brandmeier has a great following of listeners who often do crazy acts for prizes. For example, two young women climbed on top of a beer truck on Lake Shore Drive last summer and stripped to their underwear for tickets to the Monsters of Rock concert. Johnny has also done some strange things himself, most recently riding a Brahma bull named Bubba down Michigan Avenue to Bloomingdale's. In addition, Brandmeier had a complaint a few weeks ago about the fact that Metallica didn't win Best Heavy Metal Album at this year's Grammy Awards. He went so far as to call



Johnny B's favorite metal band, Metallica, before their Grammy disgrace (photo courtesy of Rolling Stone)

Joyner seems unable to say anything remotely interesting — but who needs it with 50 minutes of music an hour?

Joyner can't even accomplish this. He must be using all of his good material in Dallas. Handcuff him to Murphy and have the both of them take a long walk off a short pier.

Okay, I got that off of my chest. Not all of the shows are that bad. The following programs have a few qualities, but as a whole are not the ones that I would wake up with. Sticking with the house theme, these two move up a notch.

**THE LOBBY:** Our next program is the only one consisting of a team. Miller and Howell of WCKG (105.9 FM) play a lot of classic rock, but unfortunately don't have anything good to say. They try a skit, and when it fails, a long set of music follows (a la "Murphy in the Morning"). The only reason the show escaped from the outhouse is the fact that the

into this category on the basis of his comedy, although he is really only funny about one in every three times. What drags him down is the newsman, Wayne Messmer. Put simply, the man is not funny. Stick to being the public address announcer at Wrigley Field, Wayne. Comedy just isn't your thing. Barsky's show is also hurt by the music they play. Just when he says something mildly humorous, a load of Top 40 garbage follows. If I wanted to listen to this I would get up Sunday morning and catch Casey Kasem.

This leaves only one show, or in this case a "showgram." No, it's not Uncle Bobby Collins on WGN. Sorry to break your heart.

**THE PENTHOUSE:** Jonathon Brandmeier gets top honors for his mix of comedy

the *Chicago Sun-Times* music critic (who was in Los Angeles) and did his best Metallica impression for him while playing the tape of the band's performance of *One* at the Awards show in the background.

So, as you can see, there are a variety of programs available for you to listen to during your attempt to get to school. These five aren't the only ones on the air, but are just an example of the different shows people of various ages and musical preferences tune in to. You've seen an overview of morning programs, and the decision is yours. If you don't like any of them, you can always go back to sleep.



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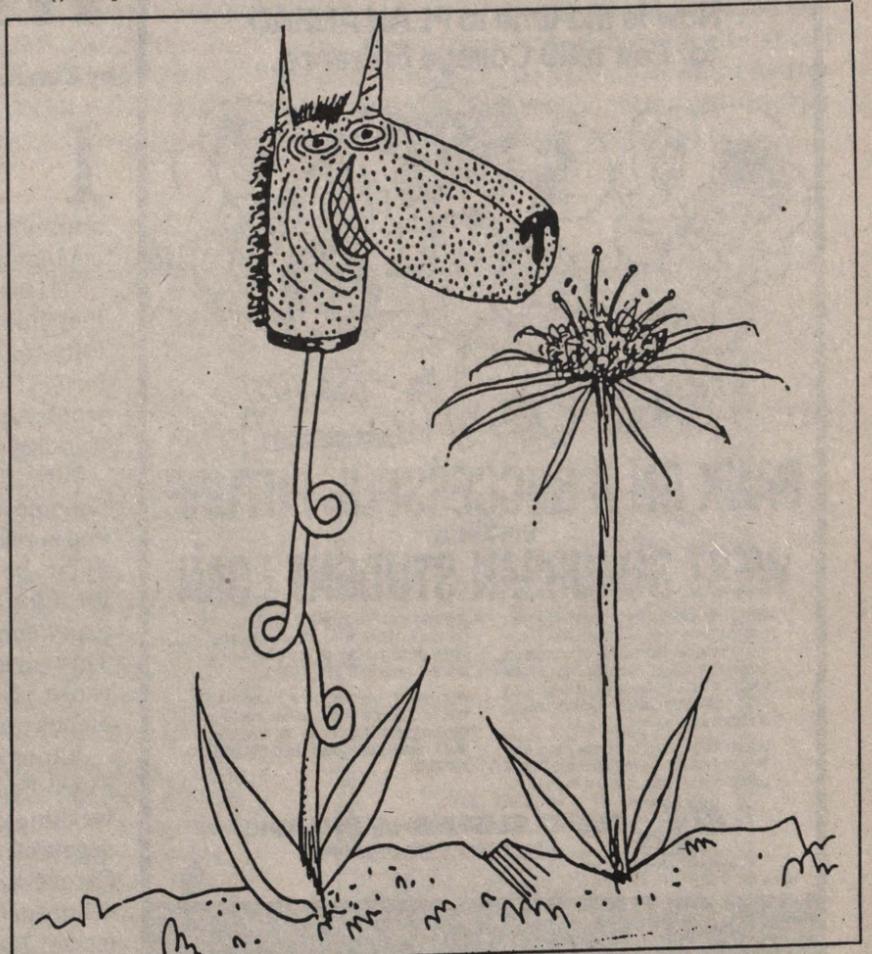
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The stupidest drawing in the whole world (by Heather McAdams)

# 'Career' at We-go

## Getting paid in school

by Peg Osterman

**B**y now, you've probably read all about student jobs outside school. But what about jobs in school? What are students doing, and how did they get started?

Most students employed by the school are in Pre-Vocational Training, an elective course taught by Cynthia Bedford. Sophomores in the basic skills program may enroll with consent of their basic skills instructor. They receive one credit toward graduation, are supervised by a faculty member, and paid by the hour.

Supervisors grade the students weekly based

school level course, pay is not legally bound to minimum wage and starts at \$1.35 per hour. "Sounds like slave labor doesn't it?" jokes Bedford. She explains that in place of being paid, student receive other benefits and training. According to Bedford, students are "encouraged to work out problems," taught about having interviews, and "the responsibility of having a job; Our teachers depend on having these kids every day."

Supervisor Tim Courtney, for example, depends on his student worker to do clerical work such as filing, mailing, and preparing materials

About 15 students are currently enrolled and work in many aspects of the school.

on attendance, attitude, appearance, effort, and work accomplished. This grade is "strictly a performance grade" according to Bedford, and counts toward the student's grade point average.

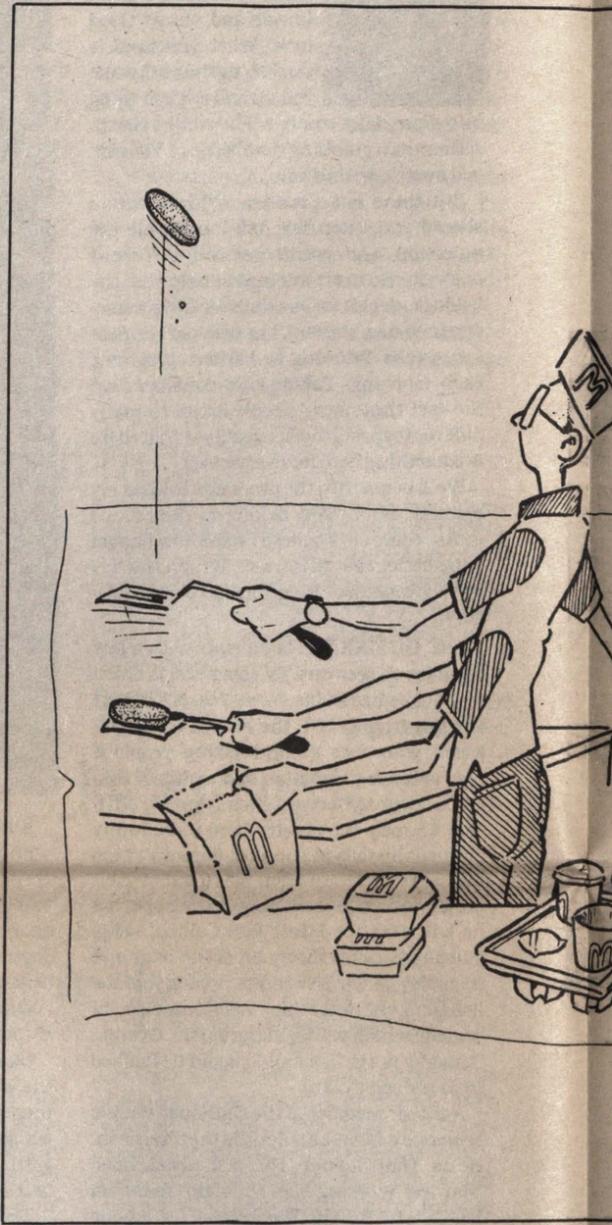
About 15 students are currently enrolled, and work in many aspects of the school, such as the LRC, maintenance, for different departments, and for individual teachers. "We find them a job where they're interested and where their skills fit in," says Bedford.

Since Pre-Vocational Training is a high-

for classes. He said that having a student "helps save some time for other things."

Pre-Vocational training may also be used as a reference source for future employment. Bedford says she has recommended students for jobs and considers the class to be an asset on applications.

Bedford says that, overall, students are satisfied with the class and the work they're doing. She feels the class gives students an edge on the work world, and says "It's an opportunity, and available for those who want it."



## Where WCCHS stud

by Kerri Spoden

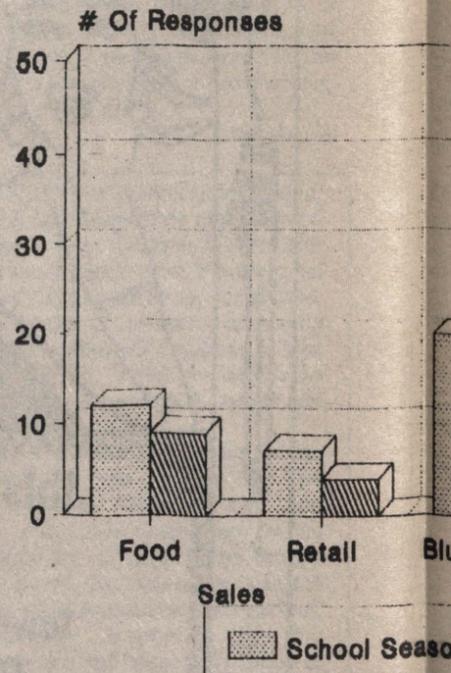
**I**f you were asked the question "What did you do this past summer?", what would your response be? Vacation? Sunbathing? Attending summer school? Contrary to popular belief, many people replied, "I had a job."

Of 105 people who were asked, 104 said that they had some type of a job over the summer. Fifty-four said they still have the same jobs today. The kind of jobs people held varied anywhere from working in a supermarket to working at a convalescent center.

Junior Sheila Hutchins works at the DuPage Convalescent Center. Her job is to make trays for and serve the patients. Hutchins says, "It is not a job to be embarrassed about because when you get a job like this, you are lucky. They want experienced people because the pay is high. This job is good for someone in high school because you can make some really good extra money and have as many hours as you want."

Junior Steve Ligenfelter works at Frank's Finer Foods in the deli. His job consists of washing dishes, wrapping salads, and cutting vegetables. Senior Steve Geick worked at the Carol Stream Pet Shop. His job consisted of selling pets, and cleaning up after them. Senior Ismael Rios worked at WCCHS in the greenhouse. "I cultivated the gardens and watered the

plants. It got boring after a while." Other places people worked were banks,



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# MOVES



## Dumb jobs that work

by Julie Mastro

**D**UMB JOBS! Starting pay at over \$4 an hour. No qualifications needed except a good sense of humor and not a lot of ambition.

Have you ever felt as though your job fits the description above? Junior Michelle Perry says, "There are a lot of jobs out there that don't require a lot of work. You just have to be lucky enough to find one." Luck or not you may feel as though your "dumb job" insults your intelligence.

Some West Chicago students interviewed had a few amusing stories of their own to tell. So don't be ashamed of your job, just sit back and laugh after all, the jokes not on you.

"When I worked for my dad's company I used to put promotional labels into plastic bags. I got paid \$50 per 1,000 labels." Michele Rittorno '90

"I was getting paid \$5 an hour to sit around and

watch sprinklers run during the summer." Mike Moffat '89

"I got \$4.50 an hour to hand a guy that laid under a tractor tools while my friend, Mike Tamkus, got the same amount for digging ditches and mowing lawns." Brian Roy '90

"I was a popcorn girl at E.G. Home Center. I got \$2.85 an hour. All these old men used to come up and flirt with me." Teri Blum '89

"I was the costume designer for the Invisible Man. I got paid \$10 an hour. It was great!!" Barb Vlach '90

"I had to watch these dogs. I got paid \$5 an hour to sit there and do nothing, because I locked the dogs in the basement." Erin Berry '89

"I washed dishes in a Japanese restaurant because all they knew how to say was 'wash dish.' I got paid \$5 an hour, spent five hours there each night, and worked for about 15 minutes each time." Andy Behrens '89

## Wages of working

by Sheila Hutchins

**Y**ou want a new car, new clothes, spending money, and other necessities teens dream of. You confront your parents with your brilliant ideas on what's fair and unfair. But after your traumatic speech they end up saying, "Are you crazy? Go get a job!"

Getting a job may sound like your youth has gone and left you, but don't worry, it hasn't. If you need the money and your parents won't budge, this is a solution. Not only is the work and what it consists of important; so are wages.

Today minimum wage is \$3.35. Some jobs vary in salary depending on the type of job. Here

dolores'."

Mike Moffatt, a senior, works at Ingram Market Research Firm. He makes \$5 an hour. It may sound like Moffatt makes 'mega bucks' but it's different to him. "Whenever they have work for me to do, I work. This job is not dependable." Moffatt works twice a month or, if he is lucky, twice every two weeks. "I need a new job!"

Junior Anissa Garcia works at Doc's drug-store. She makes \$4 an hour, three days a week, 5 hours a night. "I have to work because I need money, it's all right."

Most working places for teens have their starting pay between \$3.25 to \$4.50. Where this reporter works the starting pay is \$5.19. My parents were that "Go get a job" type before I got a job. I'm a dietary aid and the job is really easy to me. Now I can afford things without feeling guilty by asking my parents for money. If I run short while I'm working, which happens frequently, "heaven forbid" if I ask my parents. Let's put it this way, I'll never hear the end of it.

Good luck if you're going to be getting a job soon or in the future. Not only do you look at what the job consists of, but also how much you will make. Many teens believe it is nice to afford instead of asking their parents. It's all a matter of opinion. Oh, don't worry, your youth has not left you, you're just accomplishing a task.

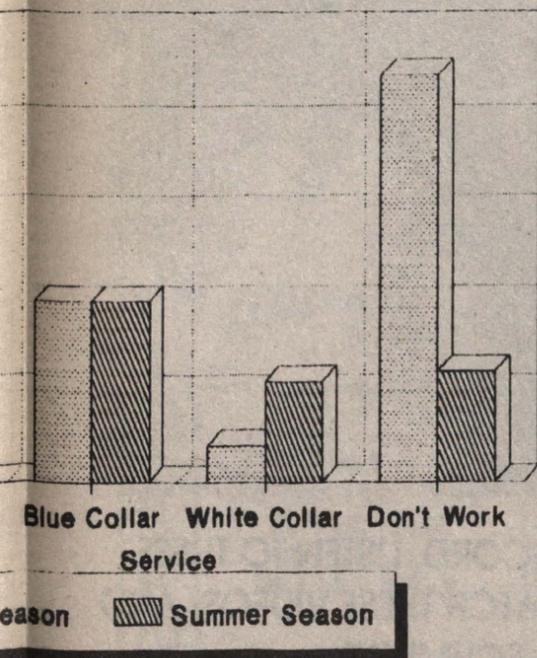
### "Are you crazy? Go get a job"

are some views and information on particular jobs from some teens here at WCCHS.

Junior Julie Mastro is a waitress at Cobble Stone Inn in Carol Stream. "My hourly wage is \$2.01 but with tips included I can make \$8 to \$12 an hour." The only problem with being a waitress, according to Mastro is that the tips are not dependable and they vary from night to night. Mastro went on to say that if the night is slow forget it. "Don't depend on those 'mucho

## Students work

construction companies, fast food chains, gas stations, or offices.



Graph by Pete Simpson

## Beware of new tax

by Kelly Day

**W**ith tax deadlines around the corner it may prove important to clear up some misleading information about student taxation.

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 states that anyone claimed as a dependent cannot claim personal exemption on their own return. Unearned income, such as interest is also taxable.

A student is exempt from tax on income up to \$3000, but is exempt from tax on interest to only \$500. Even some scholarships and grants are subject to taxation. Any scholarships or grants that pay for room and board or other things that do not relate directly to the course are taxable.

The W-4 form that you will probably fill out will contain more detailed information on these new tax laws. If you still have further questions, contact the IRS at 1-800-424-3676

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## Fear and loathing in Miami: spring break '89

by Mike Moffatt



Spring break: Party? Vacation? Complete and total boredom? For a few very lucky people, spring break means vacation, whether it is skiing or the beach. This spring break may be on of the last good times you don't have to pay for.

George Rapinchuk is spending four or five days skiing in Vermont. Another activity he has planned is "checking out the babes." Yes, there are still miracles; he is not going with his parents. Happy hunting, George!

My mind has been boggled by the possibility of having so much time on my hands. I am becoming listless in class. I stare out the window at a brick wall and have a cosmic vision: Virgin white snow on an empty mountain, waiting for my skis to glide through the fresh powder. Given my present condition, play along with me and let us pretend that I have two tickets to go anywhere (one for me and the other for that special someone). I will ask people where they are going so I know where to fly. I'm not going by way of United Airlines.

I found that small groups were congregating to take vacations. Kelly Roy, Lynn Ellerbruch, and Sybil Ruiz will take a "European vacation, like the Grizwalds." I smell a rat. Amazingly enough, the next group of people, Jennifer Vausek and Elizabeth Villarreal, were going to Wally World, "like the Grizwalds." I think Wally

Land is in Florida, and Wally World is in California, but I might be confused. This next guy is a real character. Brian Levake wants to "take a snowmobile to Alaska, build a land bridge and go to Russia to wipe out some Commies." Wow, lighten up, Bri! Haven't you heard, this is the era of Detente, Glasnost, goodwill, turn the other cheek and huggy, kissy, lovey dovey....go get 'em.

Kelly Pierce has a more realistic vacation plan. She will be camping with her parents in Florida's Disney World. (the usual Florida gig). But wait, that's not all; she will drop the dead weight (family) and drive her friend Tami Inis (who is a cutie) home from Florida to stay a week in Illinois. That is what I want to do; go to Disney World, I mean.

going to gamble, for high stakes I assume. Barsema plans to travel to Las Vegas with her two sisters. They agreed not to take any men! Whoa! She says that she is not a member of the Diner's Club and does not plan to spend any time with Telly Savalas. Among other things, her agenda includes "seeing the sights" and going to some shows.

Another person heading west is Chris Cosgrove. He will stay unchaperoned, in Arizona. There is nothing I'd rather do than spend a week in the desert alone. He feels the same way. Wouldn't it be better if his parents just sent him to Siberia?

Brownsville, Texas is in the same general area. This IS the place I'd rather be. Dan Ramirez will get out of the desert to the

Stubbing for me on the Love Boat. He will also go deep sea fishing. Please Pat, throw back

All these people have helped me to decide where to spend my two imaginary tickets; I was thinking of Wally World, but Arizona is the place.

Jaws if you catch him; I'm waiting for the next sequel.

All these people have helped me to decide where to spend my two imaginary tickets: I was thinking of Wally World, but Arizona is the place to be this Spring Break.

Librarian Charlotte Barsema is going to gamble, for high stakes I assume, with her two sisters — they agreed not to take any men! Whoa! She's not even in Diner's Club!

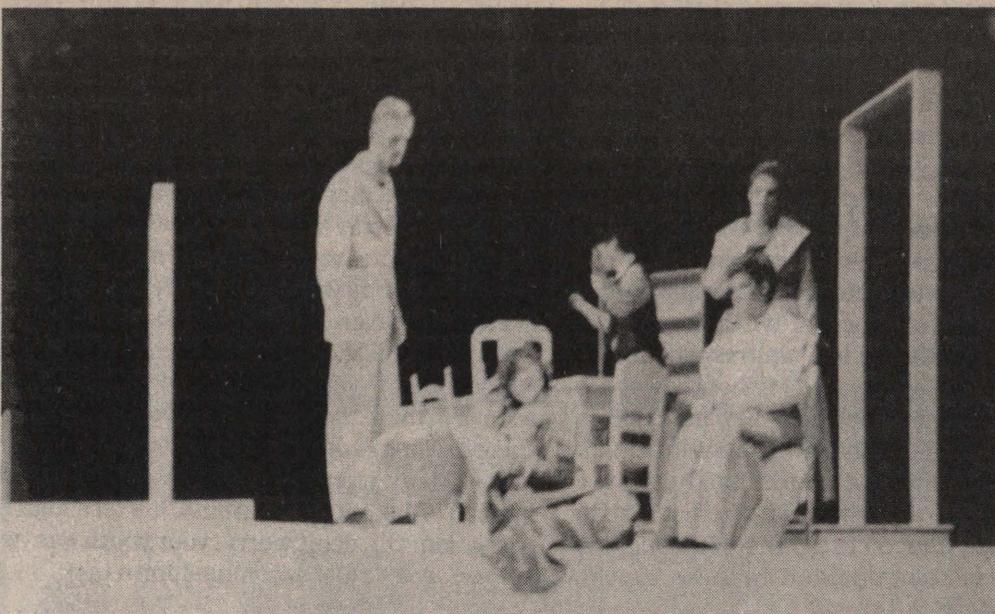
This next person is a librarian, but she counts too, even though she doesn't quite fit with the idea of the story.

Have you ever wondered, "Where is Charlotte Barsema going?" If you did, she is

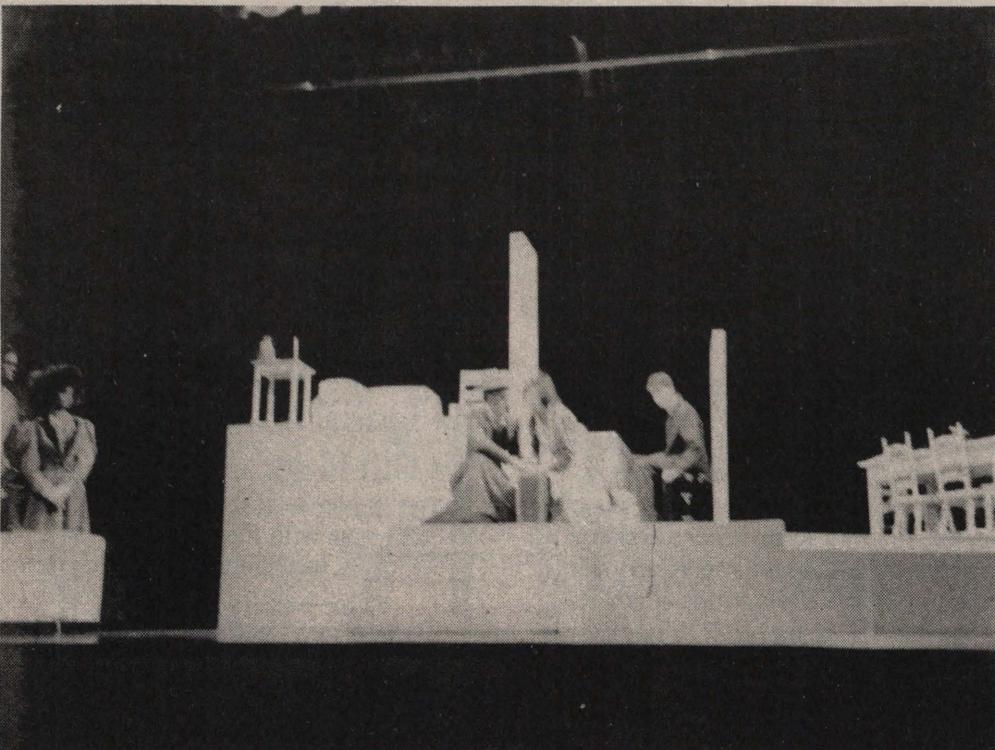
beautiful, bountiful beaches of the Gulf of Mexico at Brownsville.

Pat Quane is stepping off the beach for a cruise on the Carribbean to the Canary Islands. I told him to say "hi" to Captain

## The Miracle Worker leaves crowds speechless



Senior Andrea Miller, junior Peg Osterman, and sophomore Chris Seper, who cut his amazingly long dreadlocks for the performance, thrill a drama-hungry We-go crowd during The Miracle Worker, held February 16, 17, and 18 in the auditorium. (photo by Herald Campbell)

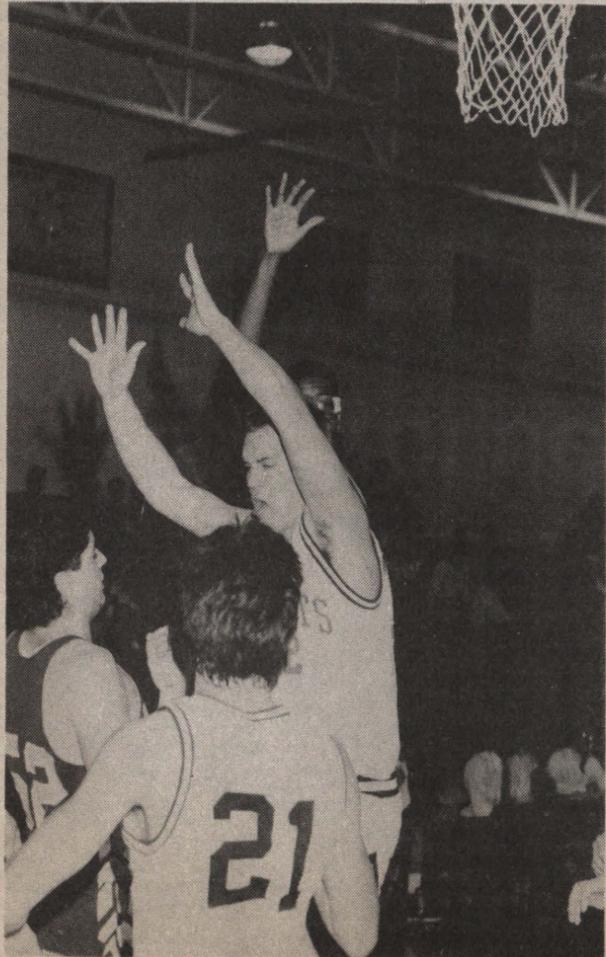


## Record Review



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## The end of one season, the beginning of another



Junior John Winterhalder jumps to block a shot by his Waubonsie Valley opponent. (photo courtesy of Challenge)



Tyrone Parks sets up for his shot in the game against the Warriors. The final score was 51-50. (photo courtesy of Challenge)

### Jocks shorts

- BOYS' TRACK WILL BE HAVING THEIR NEXT HOME MEET APRIL 25.
- BOYS' BASEBALL'S FIRST GAME IS MARCH 20 AT WAUBONSIE VALLEY
- GIRLS' SOCCER FIRST GAME WILL BE AT GLENBARD WEST MARCH 21.

### Boys' Volleyball?

by Sheila Hutchins

Did you ever imagine a boys' volleyball team here at We-go? Think it sounds strange? Well, in the near future, chances are that the schools in DVC might add a boy's team to their program.

A few problems arise though. First, you must have the individuals who would be interested in the sport. Gail George, varsity coach of the girls' volleyball team, said "It must be sanctioned by the state and is then up to individual schools." Then, the schools must have a way to finance the program and find the faculty to coach.

When would this idea be put into effect? George said, "Not until next year. If there is enough interest generated, we can look maybe at the class of 1991 or 1992. Somewhere around then." Many juniors and seniors at We-go said that they would be interested in playing volleyball because it is different and looks challenging.

The only schools currently with boys' volleyball teams are: Glenbard East, Wheaton North, and some northern schools.

Who would coach this new team? George concluded, "I would love to coach, just get it started!"

## A lot of hard work and dedication

by Kelly Lee

"I was all fat and blah- and I felt wimpy," said Rich Bosh. That's one reason a lot of people like him weight lift.

"It was addicting and I felt I could not stop because I want it look the best I could," said Bosh. Weightlifting makes you feel strong and can make you feel better about yourself.

Bosh participated in four years of football, earning two varsity letters. He was in baseball for two years, freshman and sophomore years. Also wrestling three years earning one varsity letter. Bosh was a wide receiver and a defensive back on the football team at We-go and on baseball he played centerfield.

Wrestling freshman year at 98 pounds, sophomore year at 105, junior year at 119-132. When asked what do you like about weightlifting Bosh replied, "I like to make myself work and I like to get bigger and more definition to my body tone." Bosh lifts weights after school on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and in school in gym class on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Weekends is relaxation for his muscles.

**'I think steroids are bad but I can understand why people take them ... for money?'**

Motivation is a big essential in weight-

lifting. If you have no motivation then you tend to give up. Van Halen music is what gets Bosh in the motivated mood. "Good music really makes a difference in lifting," said Bosh.

"I also push myself to my limit extra hard," said Bosh. He plays sports because it is things to do after school then sit around the house and do nothing. It is also a self achievement knowing that you gave your best in something. "You also meet a lot of people," said Bosh.

Bosh's hobbies range from racketball, football, wrestling, baseball, weightlifting and a variety of sports. Also he likes to collect posters of athletes and he idolizes Willie Gault.

Northern Illinois University is where he

will be attending college in fall. He plans to work out and major in criminal justice.

When it comes to steroids "I think they are bad but I can understand why people take them ....for the money," said Bosh.

Bosh has three sisters and two brothers and he is 17 years old and has a grade point average of 3.0 and a class rank of 65.

When asked Bosh what he thinks about the sport program at West Chicago, he replied, "Good programs if everyone is willing to put the time and effort into it."

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## Heading for Western

by Kelly Lee

Getting ready to attend Western University in fall and majoring in hotel and restaurant management, Brian Radkiewicz still puts a lot of time and effort in sports at We-go.

He's been in wrestling four years, football four years, and track three years earning a total of four varsity letters.

Radkiewicz's hobbies are sports, camping, and biking. In free time he participates in his hobbies.

He wrestled freshman year at 167 pounds, sophomore 187, junior 187, and senior heavyweight. For football he was off tackle and defense tackle. In track he did the 200 sprint and 4 by 100, and 4 by 200. "I love a challenge to compete against others and to show my ability," said Radkiewicz. In 1988 he was "wrestler of the week" and in 1989 he

**'I think the worst thing is ... drugs ...'**

was wrestler of the week three times. For the 1988-1989 season of football he was captain four times. Junior and Senior year honorable mention.

Wrestling practices were long, tough intense and they would run before and after school. "My best move is the single leg tackledown." Doing my best I can and more is my goal in sports," said Radkiewicz.

There is alot of family support in family. Radkiewicz started competitive sports in junior high and had an athletic childhood. He has two brothers and is the middle child.

"I think the worst thing is drugs they are a bad example for other athletes and younger kids who are in sports," stated Radkiewicz.

## Athletes exchange to play sports

by Bill Hein

Sports For Understanding is an international, non-profit organization that allows students to train and compete in a foreign country for six to eight weeks during the summer.

To qualify, players must be between the ages of 14 and 19, have a GPA of 2.0 or better, and be active in their chosen sport. The cost for this program runs between \$2,000 and \$2,500.

Individuals are chosen from all over the United States to become a part of the 12 to 16 member teams. While in the foreign country, the athlete stays with a host family and trains two to four hours a day with a sponsoring team or club.

The emphasis of SFU is placed on learning about sportsmanship and foreign cultures. Winning and losing are not focused on at all. Still, there is a lot of competition. Some teams play in local, regional or national events.

An applicant generally chooses which sport he or she wants to join rather than the country because not all countries have that particular sport. Besides basketball, baseball, and track, sports such as fencing, lacrosse, riflery and rugby are offered. Exchanges are made with most countries in Europe and South America along with Australia and the Orient.

For further information on SFU, contact area representative Marge Rhodes in the LRC.

## Red Cross updates the system

by Trevett Blum

To be able to become a life guard, water safety instructor, or first aid certified instructor, one must go through the Red Cross. The Red Cross is a volunteer organization that runs these classes for people.

For the second time in 23 years, the Red Cross has decided to make everyone who is certified as some sort of instructor become re-certified. This is being done to weed out the people who really want to use their certification and the people who do not use it.

The goal of this is to be able to update the Red Cross system. Future expectations will change. For example, now to be certified in

lifesaving, one must have current first aid and CPR training. In the future, more difficult expectations will have to be met to stay certified.

LaVora Singleton says that it will be better and easier to re-train because it has to be done by everyone and so many places are offering classes. In result, traveling would not be a problem.

The Water Safety Instructor certification will expire on December 31, 1989 and the lifesaving certification on December 31, 1990. Anyone who has a new certification will still have to take first aid, CPR, and train to become certified again.

# Varsity Sports Schedule

### Badminton

Mar 23	Dekalb	H	4:30 p.m.
Apr 4	Wheaton North	A	4:30 p.m.
Apr 6	Glenbard South	H	4:30 p.m.
Apr 8	Bloom Invitational	A	TBA
Apr 11	Glenbard East	A	4:30 p.m.
Apr 12	East Aurora	H	4:30 p.m.
Apr 13	Wheaton Central	H	4:30 p.m.

### Baseball

Mar 30	Waubonsie Valley (doubleheader)	A	10 a.m.
Mar 31	St. Francis (doubleheader)	A	10 a.m.
Apr 3	Geneva	A	4:30 p.m.
Apr 4	St. Charles	H	4:30 p.m.
Apr 6	Oswego	H	4:30 p.m.
Apr 8	Batavia (doubleheader)	A	10 a.m.
Apr 11	Glenbard East	H	4:15 p.m.
Apr 13	Wheaton Central	H	4:15 p.m.

### Girls' Soccer

Mar 21	Glenbard West	A	4:30 p.m.
Mar 23	Lake Park	A	4:30 p.m.
Apr 4	Glenbard South	A	4:30 p.m.
Apr 6	Downers Grove South	H	4:30 p.m.
Apr 8	Rockford East	H	11 a.m.
Apr 11	Wheaton North	H	6 p.m.
Apr 13	Geneva	A	4:30 p.m.

# S p r i n g S p o r t s S c h e d u l e



Shotputter Dave Villarreal throws to his best against Larkin during their first indoor meet. (photo by Ismael Rios)



Coach LaVora Singleton shows her badminton team the finer points of the sport as junior Peg Osterman waits for the return. (photo by Ismael Rios)



# Spring Sports