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It's the end of the world as we know it

by Margaret Walen

"...West Chicago's here to stay. Keep our air and water clean. Don't pollute it or we'll get mean." West Chicago Thorium Action Group (TAG) members and other concerned citizens have been chanting this at rallies for their fight against Kerr-McGee burying its nuclear waste permanently in West Chicago.

On February 13, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board gave Kerr-McGee approval to bury the thorium here. About 10 days later, the permit was actually issued to them.

Thorium is a low-level radioactive material. It is a gray, sand-like substance that gives off radon which is the second leading cause of lung cancer.

Thorium is a by-product that was produced by Lindsay Light Chemical Co. (now the site of Kerr-McGee) 40 years ago. It wasn't until 1976 that the hazards this material is causing became known.

If buried here, the 500,000 cubic feet of thorium will be stored in a 46 foot high, 27 square acre clay cell. The ground will be dug up, and they will put it in a clay base. Then, the mound will be covered with clay, grass and weeds; anything that will grow on it.

TAG co-founder, Dan Balocca said, "The NRC is going against their own criteria." The Code of Federal Regulations has three criteria in disposing the waste, "the site must be remote from populated areas, the ground water must be protected, (West Chicago's ground water supply is 90 feet below this site), and the below grade storage is the "prime option" for nuclear waste to reduce

erosion. Kerr-McGee does not want to comply with these regulations because it is an already existing site.

Mayor Paul Netzel said, "We have several prongs of attack." The city is appealing the decision along with the Illinois Attorney General's office. They have also asked Governor James Thompson to intercede with the NRC, talking to congressman and

the President's officials of government affairs and lobbying senators to tell their story in Washington.

TAG has been continually working too. They circulated a petition opposing the burial, and collected 4,500 signatures. They have attended political fundraisers, talked with Senator Paul Simon and Representative Dennis Hastert and held rallies at the

factory site to fight the decision. TAG also meets at 7:30 pm every Thursday at the Wayne and Helen Fox Community Center.

City Alderman, Colin Perry said that thorium is affecting residents physically and economically. Radioactive materials cause cancer. Studies done by the Department of Health have stated that lung and colon cancer are twice as high in West Chicago than in surrounding communities. Besides cancer, the material can cause birth defects and other side effects.

"Burying the thorium here will lower housing here and cause loss of industry," said Perry. He continued, "Industries that would locate here do not, because of the need of a good water supply." Bigger industries that are here now face the possibility of leaving because of their dependency on water for their industry.

Merrion said, "I'd like to see high school students out here. Students should accept responsibility and learn that you do count and can make a difference in your community."

Perry thinks this is the most important single issue that is facing this community and will ever face it. "West Chicago's future is at stake," he said.

"A lot of people don't realize what's going on. People become weary after a 15 year battle," said Balocca. Perry agreed, "It's extremely important that the public stay involved and get more involved to stop Kerr-McGee."

With a note of determination, Balocca stated, "Our last recourse will be to stand in front of Kerr-McGee trucks if we have to."



Voicing his opinion, this protestor is one of many working to stop Kerr-McGee (photo by Kelly Howard).

Bon voyage French students

by Margaret Walen

Yesterday, 12 WCCHS French students boarded an American Airline 747 for a 12 day exchange to Grenoble, France.

While in Grenoble, the students will reside with home-stay families and go to school. Marjorie Appel, the French teacher chaperoning the students on the trip said, "Grenoble is famous for its gondola rides up the Isère River. We will be taking one of those. We also will visit Léon, the third largest city in France, which is a large silk weaving center."

At the end of the trip, the students will spend two days in Paris sight-seeing. "First we will take a sight-seeing trip around Paris to get an idea of what Paris is like. Then we will visit the Louvre, the Eiffel Tower and the Pompidou Center (a modern art museum)," said Appel.

Some students are interested on increasing their speaking skills while on the exchange. Sophomore Beth Villareal said, "I want to be able to make it through the school day speaking French." Jackie Mari, a senior

who went on the exchange two years ago remarked, "Taking the train with a friend on the exchange to go shopping was my best experience. It tested us on how well we knew our French."

Students will learn a lot about life in France on this trip according to Appel. "Living with a family, the students will see what they eat and what their houses are like," said Appel. Students will get a taste of what schools, museums, stores, and cafés are like.

"I hope I stay with an open-minded family who I will not be afraid to ask questions to," said Junior Amy Schultze. She continued, "I am excited. It is going to be a culture shock." Appel added that the students will be surprised by the lifestyles and how the teenagers act.

Junior Karen Saad, as well as being excited to learn the language better, would also like to learn "how French guys are different." "I want to tour Paris and see what the streets are like. I want to see everything. I want to make all my dreams about France come true," summed up Saad.

New pool making 'waves'

by Michele Rittorno

The West Chicago Park District is planning to build a swimming pool and recreation center to replace the old Reed-Kepler site.

Dave Thomas, Park District Director, says that the plans are in the beginning stages. Thomas says that it should be completed by the summer of 1992. The Park District is working to establish the contractor. They have narrowed it down to four builders.

The Park District will entirely fund and operate the new pool. There will be no increase in taxes for West Chicago residents.

The recreation center plans to have many facilities. The center plans to have a gymnasium, weightroom, a health fitness multi-purpose room, and a dance studio. There will be programs for the senior citizens, teenagers, and pre-schoolers.

During the construction of the pool, the

Park District will operate at West Chicago Community High School's pool. The Park District currently has programs at We-go's pool.

Some West Chicago students are enthused about the new pool development. Cheryl Wilcox, senior, says, "It's a great idea. It gives people a variety of things to do; not just swimming." Elisa Biancalana, sophomore, says, "I think it's a good idea because I think a lot of people will enjoy going to the pool during the summer. And to have other activities year round." Nancy Nolan, senior, comments, "I think it is a very good idea. It will be something to do because there's not that much to do in West Chicago. It's a great way to keep in shape and have fun doing it." Colleen Nourie, sophomore, thinks it is a good idea but will have its drawbacks. Nourie says, "I think it's a good idea but there will be too much stuff. And not many people will go to some of the things."

Inkspots Important dates

All juniors and seniors preparing to go to college should be aware of some important dates coming up. The SAT will be given March 31, May 5, and June 2. Registration deadline for the May 5 testing date is March 30, and for the June 2 date it is April 27. In addition, the ACT will be given April 7 and June 9. The registration deadline for the June 9 test is May 11. Any students with college interests should plan to write these tests.

FBLA statebound

Thirty four members of the Future Business Leaders of America left for the State Leadership Conference in Springfield yesterday. FBLA will try to capture first in state for the second year in a row. Highlights include West Chicago going for largest state chapter with 124 members, and FBLA President Claire Broido running for State Vice-President.

Cosgrove honored

Senior Chris Cosgrove was nationally recognized in the March 5 issue of the YNS. (Youth News Service), newsletter. A picture Cosgrove drew for in-depth that was published in the November 16 issue of The Bridge appeared in YNS.

Spanish exchange

Students taking Spanish may soon have the opportunity to take place in an exchange program with Costa Rica. The school board gave approval for a three week exchange with this Latin America country. Both the French and German classes already have established exchange programs.

Cheerleading tryouts

An informational meeting will be held after school on April 3 at 3:45 for all girls interested in trying out for cheerleading. There will also be clinics for tryouts on April 9 and 10 from 6-8 pm. Final tryouts will be held on April 11 and 12 from 6-9 pm.

Board member disappears

by Margaret Walen

Missing: One West Chicago Community High School Board of Education Member; have you seen Gertrude Pendzialek?

Pendzialek was elected last November to the 1989-1993 board. No one on the board has been in touch with her since she filed for the position in July. She was not present to answer questions by the media during election time or give a speech on Candidates Night.

The board has been working for four months without her presence. In January, they became aware that she was in Germany taking care of her sick mother. The board has since then sent her a letter asking her of her intentions.

Regional Superintendent, Berardo "Dee" DeSimone stated, "We do not want to make

any presumptuous decisions. Everyone is trying to be kind, sensitive and caring to what is going on if it's a sickness."

Lawrence Hapgood, the Board President said the board's concern was that, "people voted for her, and obviously their voice isn't being heard."

DeSimone agreed, "She has a responsibility to the board, the community and the students of West Chicago, and she should fill that."

Other concerns of the board is what would happen if they had a stand-still vote. So far, the board has carried on their responsibilities without having a tie. Hapgood said, "The law says you need seven to make a decision."

The board will give Pendzialek six weeks to respond, and then discuss any possible alternatives to resolve the situation.

Library referendum fails

West Chicago: the city with an image problem. Thorium tailings pile up blocks from the high school. A downtown area is riddled with burned-out storefronts. U.S. marshals have seized two drug houses here in less than a year.

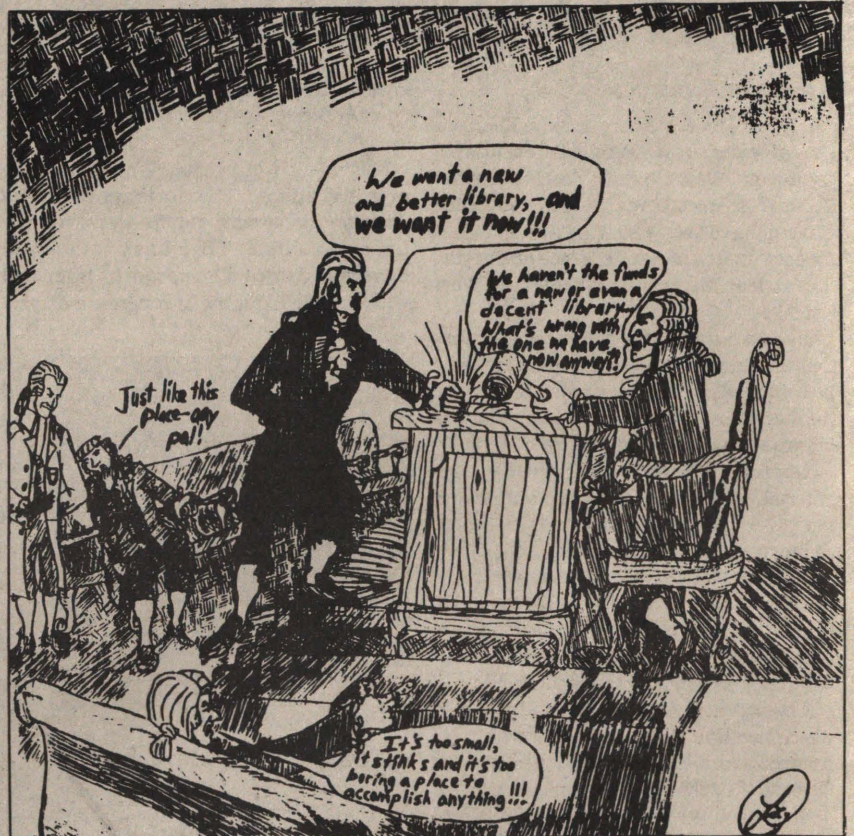
It would seem that the citizens of West Chicago could care less about changing the image of the town. A referendum to build a new and attractive library failed. People were more concerned with the cost, which would add about \$40 to the yearly tax bill, than they were about increasing the prestige of the city.

The current facility is sorely lacking. Built in 1953, the shortage of space is so acute that if a new book is purchased, an old one has to be removed to make room for the new arrival. In addition, no new staff can be hired because there is simply not enough room for them to work. The 37 year-old building was designed to serve 4,500 residents. Now it is available to 20,000 citizens with 10,000 more expected to be added within ten years. Plans are underway for a revitalization of downtown under a railroad theme. A new railroad station will be built. The new library would have been built near the Casa Rios Bridal Boutique on a deserted 4.5 acre parcel of land. It would have been a substantial help in the refurbishment, getting a start on the development and showing how much better the area could look.

The new two-story facility would have had handicap access, meeting facilities, group study space, computer and typing areas, and room for youth services.

A lot could have been gained from passage of this referendum. An outdated library could have been replaced, the quality of services there would have been increased, and a little bit of prestige would have been added to this town. A relative bargain for an extra forty bucks a year.

It seems that people were too selfish and were more concerned with their pocketbooks than they were about the city. So next time you have a research paper to do, you can go to the library and start to work... if there's room.



An ounce of common sense is worth more than a pound of gibberish...

What pep club?

by Dave Smith



1990: the year outrageousness returned to the Wildcat fans, and what a chance to capitalize on this occurrence. The booster club has. Just take a look at the We-go student body, which on any given day can be seen sporting Wildcat Pride sweatshirts or other articles from the new Wildcat fashion line. Or what about Coach Maciejewski? He sponsored a pep bus to a Glenbard East game to employ the fans as motivators for the team.

However, not all people have tried to cash in on the return of phenomenal school spirit. Who could this be but the people who'd you most expect to be enjoying Wildcat Pride, the Pep Club. Yes, the Pep Club which managed to turn this year's pep assemblies into true redefinitions of the words unimaginative, routine, and boring. Yes, that same club which never offered to pay for a pep bus to a game. Yes, that same club of which it is almost impossible to name of something memorable they did this year.

Oh, they did do things, though. They decorated lockers! "Go We-go", or "You're #1, fight hard on that field tonight!" This event has become so routine that every Friday morning you can hear Pep Club members complaining that they have to decorate lockers again.

Hey, and what about those pep assemblies? Ones at which you can hear the Pep Club President politely ask the crowd to cheer along, or scream to the Freshman that even they can do it because, after all, they do

know how to scream don't they? Now, if you were a freshman, wouldn't that note of encouragement make you want to stand up and cheer?

And what about those class competitions? What is more school spirited than shouting at your classmates as they pass oranges between their necks? And I think we have all had enough of seeing what cheerleaders can pull out of players' rooms to embarrass them at the assemblies.

Is it possible to name a memorable experience from this year's pep assemblies? Maybe. The pom routine with the guy jocks was good, but that is done every year, and isn't even thought up by the pep club.

It's easier to name off the past years' memories of pep assemblies. Seniors, who can forget Joel Mains "David Letterman Skit", or the Risky Business dancers? What about blindfolding last year's football players and having their moms kiss them? Or, what about the year that they raffled off turkeys?

What this club needs is a good strong leader, a new advisor, a president that listens to ideas, and members who are willing to put forth some effort. What about sponsoring a powder puff football game? How about inviting more bands to play at the assemblies? These assemblies need to be planned in advance, and should follow a theme or idea.

Three cheers for the Wildcat Fans, while bad marks for the Pep Club. As school spirit has filled the air, we've seen game attendance reach an all time high, yet pep assembly attendance has reached an all time low! Seem strange? If the club can get its act together, maybe they'll aid rather than work against school spirit.

Letters to the editor

Dissection article 'revolting'

Dear Editor:

Concerning the article, "Ribbit, Ribbit, Rip it....", dated February 9, by Chris Seper, we felt it was important to set the record straight. The student discussed stated that her teacher told her that there was no alternative to dissection. However, she was given an alternative method for completing the assignment by working with her lab partner, and observing the dissection, completing the written component and taking the test. This is what she actually chose to do. The Bridge article stated that she "chose to fail". She did not fail.

In response to the reference of using fetal pigs for dissections purposes, the student's comments were erroneous. The fetus' are normally disposed of as a waste product by the meat processing industry, and therefore our use for the purpose of studying mammalian anatomy does not remove food from those in needed.

The purpose of this letter is to clarify, not to criticize. The student discussed was allowed to express her feelings regarding dissection, and a suitable compromise was agreed upon by all parties concerned. We encourage students to find an appropriate time to express their feelings to teachers and counselors regarding classroom concerns.

Sincerely,
Ms. Gossen
Ms. Kettler

Dear Ms. Gossen and Ms. Kettler,

I apologize for not getting your side of the story. The facts that I got about Michelle May's experience were from Michelle May, and I made a mistake not getting your sides of the story. We obviously have conflicting views on what happened, and the record will probably never be set straight.

As for your second paragraph, the quote I got about the farmers selling them to the schools was said by you, Ms. Gossen, when I asked you this question last year. I also got that information from different pamphlets about dissection.

Again, please accept my apology for not getting your sides of the story and thank you for your input on my article.

Chris Seper
Sports Editor

Three cheers for the We-go fans

Dear Fans,

I am writing this letter to thank all the fans that supported the basketball team this past season. It felt very good being on the sidelines looking up and seeing a tremendous crowd. Even though the administration set some road blocks, you still found ways to cheer and have a good time. And we showed other schools that we have the best crowd in the DVC, with games like Glenbard East away, and the Wheaton Central parent night at home. I have been the mascot for three years, this being my last, it was definitely the best. Once again thanks for the support and the encouragement.

Sincerely,
Chris "Twig" Wicklund

Bridge editors botch again

To Bridge Editors:

I was rather disappointed upon reading the letter that appeared with my name in the March 1 edition of the Bridge. Had parts of it not been vaguely familiar, my conclusion would have likely been that the author was, at best, semi-literate. I suspect that many people who read your version of the letter may have concluded the same thing. This makes me rather uncomfortable. I must say, as printed, the letter made very little sense.

As such, please allow me to point out to readers that what was printed was not exactly the letter as I had submitted. One entire line was left out and in three other paragraphs words were omitted which significantly changed the meaning from the original.

I trust that such a slip was merely an isolated incident, and that Bridge editors will, in the future, maintain the standards that have brought the Bridge national recognition. In the meantime, I remain misunderstood (along with the Teachers' Association, which I was representing), but willing to grant the editors a second chance.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Terry F. Zimmermann

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Interplanetary weiners invade We-go

by Chris Seper

You have probably noticed it a thousand times. Right across the street from McDonalds, the big sign with the hot dog on it. The place is Marz Red Hots, and it is soon to become the new teen oasis.

The first thing that gets your attention is just the overall atmosphere of the place. Unlike the Frankies Red Hots that came before Marz, this place is clean with a capital "C", along with being brightly lit.

Pictures of Marilyn Monroe and James Dean on the wall are the main eye catchers, as well as "Cruisin' at Marz" T-shirts, some great video games and a juke box that gives the place a kind of modern 50's teen hang out mystique. The person who owns Marz, Marion Fiejo along with partner Dorothy Lipinski, thought of the idea of the James Dean/50's look.

"It's gotten to the point where you need a theme," Fiejo said. "There's hot dog joints all over the place. In the city there's one on every corner. You want to be different."

"People like the decorations, they like the car shows, they like the shirts, everything that goes with it," Fiejo continued. "It's a fun place to be." Last year, Marz held a classic car show for the general public which turned out to be a great success.

There are other hot dog places in West Chicago, but Marz beats them all, hands down.

Now don't get me wrong, Marz is not just a straight up hot dog joint. Along with their corn dogs, hot dogs, salad dogs, polish dogs, chili dogs, chili cheese dogs, cheese dogs, double dogs, and jumbo dogs (all hot dogs lovers' delights), Marz offers nachos, half pound hamburgers and cheeseburgers, Italian beef, Italian sausage, meatball sandwiches, chili, pitas, gyros, chicken and perch sandwiches, and a three foot long



This one in a million sign is the Marz trademark, which succeeded Frankie's Red Hots. Check them out at 310 Neltor Avenue.

submarine that will make your mouth water.

I won't even go into their side orders.

Marz also plans to, and hang onto your hats, get an ice cream parlor installed with the help of another teen hang out, Colonial Ice Cream. It should be ready from anywhere to late spring or the middle of summer.

Fiejo was not shy in sharing the pride he has in his establishment and in the food he sells. "The quality is primo, A-number-one," Fiejo said.

I tend to agree. My personal favorite is the chicken sandwich. The tender breast meat will blast any chicken sandwich in the area to the real Mars. As a test, I let the sandwich sit for a couple of minutes to see if it was one of those, "steams when they serve it, freeze when you eat it" jobs. It wasn't. The chicken was still piping hot and tasted great.

Junior Jennifer Kramer, a regular at Marz, tended to agree. "The food there is warm unlike other places," she said. "I like the hot dogs," added junior Jennifer Pastorelli. "They're really good."

The hot dogs are the specialty and for a good reason. All hot dogs are actually longer than the bun. Plus, the condiments they use look and taste fresh, and they are in no way chincy in their helpings. I ordered a hot dog with just mustard once, and was on my way to bring it back because I thought they gave me a cheese dog! That is how much mustard they use!

Marz also makes their own chili and meatballs, and it is great!

Another credit that places like McDonalds will never have is that the team of Fiejo and Lipinski treat you with respect, like friends.

"When you come in, we talk to you," Fiejo said. "We make you feel like you're a part of this. Which is great. You go to McDonalds,

you think they care? They got so much volume, it's a computer franchise."

"There are a lot of other owners who say, 'I don't know you. All I want is your dollar'." Fiejo said.

Fiejo and the people there seem to have reinvented the term service with a smile. No matter who you are, a smile, and usually a conversation, is what you'll get at Marz. When is the last time the manager at McDonalds took time out just to talk to you? Fiejo is attempting to extend his community spirit towards high school students. Fiejo is working with the American Legion Hall to sponsor a dance with a "say no to drugs" theme.

"It should go well," Fiejo said. "The thing behind that is say no to drugs and alcohol. Teach the kids that there's no need to go partying Friday night. You can get together without beer, without the pot and have a good time." Fiejo feels that a dance would be able to give high school students some place to go. He also sees the big problem with West Chicago...

"What's there to do around here?" Fiejo asked. "(For the dance) You figure five, six dollars a head. You dance from seven til midnight. You have a good time."

The only problem with Marz is that they are a bit pricey. But to Fiejo, you get what you pay for.

"Everything here is quality," Fiejo said. "We do charge a little bit more. But in reality, we're cheaper. You go into the city you can't find a beef sandwich for under three dollars."

Right now, Marz's main problem is that nobody knows they are there. "A lot of people, we've been here a year, they say 'Hey I don't know what you guys serve'. That's hard on us (advertising wise)."

Check it out! You will not be disappointed.

A Oaxacacan in West Chicago

by Zoila Galvan

Zoila Galvan is a senior at West Chicago and in the second level of the bilingual program. As a Mexican student, she was asked to describe her experiences adjusting to high school life in the United States.

Because the article was originally written in Spanish, given the content, and in recognition of the Spanish speaking population at West Chicago, the decision was made to print the following in both English and Spanish.

I was born in a town in the state of Oaxaca, Mexico. There I grew up and developed my social life among my community and family.

I have lived the United States for two years. I came to this country because my father had lived here a long time, and my family wanted to be together like we had been in Mexico. Another reason I find myself here is that I used to have many dreams of knowing this country, and I thought learning English would be very good for me. So I forged the objective of staying here until I had learned English and had found something better for my life.

When I left my home, I used to think all would be easy; that going to a foreign country was like going to whatever state in my country- but I was mistaken. Everything was very difficult, principally because I couldn't communicate with anyone. It was as if I were mute, without knowing what was said to me, what to say, or even anyone to communicate with.

Upon arriving at West Chicago, the first thing I did was to come to the high school. Later I saw the necessity for a job, and I started to work. I didn't think to return to the school, but I realized upon working that school and learning English were very important.

In addition, in the factory where I was working, there were some people, two or three, who treated me like something insignificant, as if I had to be at their service whenever they wanted.

But all this I forgot the instant when I found myself with the rest of the people that work here and offered me friendship. They

urged me to continue advancing and because of this, I returned to school to start the next year.

My life in the school has been good. I have had support from all my teachers and from my friends as well, and I have made many friendships. But something has happened as well to make me feel bad.

There was an American girl in my P.E. class last year. I don't think she liked me very well because she would always avoid me. That wasn't so bad, but what made a strong impression on me was that one time as I was walking down the hallway I met her. Upon seeing me, she came straight toward me and pushed me. My books fell, and she smiled as I recovered my things.

It hurt a lot and I felt bad because I didn't understand why she did that. Well, I am no longer worried because she left last June. Now if I find myself with someone who doesn't like me, I keep away and try not to bother them. I am happy to be a member of this school although I have many difficulties with the language.

Because I have to study and work at the same time, it's very difficult to stay awake and active in my classes. There are times, although I don't want this, that I can't pay attention because I'm too tired. Also, I don't have time to do the homework well. It's difficult, but I like to do it. Already I've gotten accustomed, and the most beautiful thing is to feel the satisfaction that you are trying to do well.

I would like to say that though there are times I don't feel like going to school anymore, there's something that makes me think about all the good that I have learned. This makes my desire to return to my classes every day strong and forget the bad that has happened, and so I try to continue forward.

It is difficult for us, the Hispanics, to get accustomed to another culture, but little by little we are learning. Now I feel happy to be in the school, and I like being in this country although I really miss the place where I was born.

For all the kids in the school and especially my friends, I want to tell them to stick to school, think of the future, and to make their parents proud of them. All is difficult, but not impossible.

por Zoila Galvan

Zoila Galvan es una estudiante en West Chicago, es una senior, y esta en el segundo nivel de las clases bilingues. Como una estudiante hispana, se le pidio que describiera sus experiencias y su vida en la escuela de los EEUU.

Porque el articulo fue originalmente escrito en espanol, dando el contenido, y en reconocimiento de la poblacion hispana en West Chicago, se tomo la decision de imprimir este articulo en ingles y espanol.

Naci en un pueblo del estado de Oaxaca, Mexico. Ahi creci, estude y desarolle mi vida social entre mi comunidad y mi familia.

Hace dos anos que vivo en EEUU. Vine a este pais porque mi papa tiene mucho tiempo de vivir aqui y queriamos estar juntos como estabamos en Mexico. Otra razon porque me encuentro aqui es que tenia muchas ilusiones de conocer este pais y pense que aprender ingles era muy bueno para mi. Asi me forje el objetivo de estar aqui hasta que aprenda ingles y encontrar algo mejor para mi vida.

Al salir de mi lugar de origen, creia que todo era facil; que llegar a un lugar extrano era como ir a cualquier estado de mi pais, pero me equivoque. Todo fue muy dificil, principalmente porque no me podia comunicar con nadie. Era como si estuviera muda, sin saber que me decian y sin saber que decir y sin conocer a nadie con quien comunicarse.

Al llegar a West Chicago, lo primero que hice fue venir a WCCHS. Despues vi la necesidad que tenia de trabajar y emece a trabajar. No pensaba regresar a la escuela, pero me di cuenta al estar trabajando que era muy importante la escuela y aprender ingles. Ademas, en la fabrica donde trabajaba, habia algunas personas, dos o tres, que yo sentia que me trataban como algo insignificante y que tenia que estar a su servicio en cualquier momento.

Pero todo esto se me olvidaba al instante cuando me encontraba con la demas gente que trabaja ahi y me brindaba amistad. Ellos me impulsaban a seguir adelante, y por eso regrese a la escuela al empezar el curso es-

colar.

Mi vida en la escuela ha sido buena. He tenido apoyo de todos de todos mis profesores y tambien de mis companeros, y me hecho de muchas amistades. Pero tambien pase por algo algo que me hizo sentir mal.

Habia una companera norteamericana en mi clase de educacion fisica el ano pasado. Creo que no le caia bien porque siempre me evadia. Eso no fue tan malo, pero lo que me impresiono fue que una vez caminando por el pasillo, me encuentre con ella. Al verme, se vino directamente hacia mi y me empujo. Mis libros se cayeron, ella se fue sonriendo y yo recogi mis cosas.

Tenia mucha pena y me senti mal porque no comprendia el porque ella hizo eso. Buenol Ya no me preocupo porque ella se fue el junio pasado. Ahora si me encuentro con alguien a quien no le cigo bien, me alejo y trato de no molestar. Estoy feliz de ser miembro de esta escuela aunque aun tengo muchas dificultades con el idioma.

Debido a que tengo que estudiar y trabajar al mismo tiempo, es muy dificil estar despierta y activa en mis clases. Hay veces que aunque quiera, no puedo prestar atencion, porque me siento cansada. Ademas, no me queda tiempo para hacer bien la tarea. Es dificil pero me gusta hacerlo. Ya me he acostumbrado y lo mas bonito es sentir la satisfaccion de que estas tratando de hacerlo bien.

Quisiera decir que aunque siento ganas de no seguir en la escuelas, hay algo que me hace meditar y pensar en todo lo bueno que he aprendido. Eso me hace fuerte para regresar cada dia a clases y olvidarme de lo malo que ha pasado y asi trato de seguir adelante.

Es dificil para nosotros los hispanos acostumbrarnos a otra cultura pero a poco a poco vamos aprendiendo. Ahora yo me siento feliz de estar en la escuela y me gusta estar en este pais aunque extrano mucho el lugar donde naci.

Para todos los muchachos en la escuela y especialmente a mis companeros, quiero decirles que se mantengan en la escuela, que piensen en el futuro y que hagan que sus padres se sientan orgullosos de ellos. Todo es dificil, pero no imposible.

Freshmen: The new kids in school

EVO

What was your worst experience as a freshman?

by Kim Kosatka

"Taking the bus," Virginia Blake, senior.

"Giving a speech on hiccups, made a complete fool of myself and then got the hiccups," Karen Saad, junior.

"Getting hit with an apple in the hallway," Patrick Murzyn, junior.

"Being taped up all the way to the knees with duct tape and having to walk three blocks like that," Derek Schoepf, sophomore.

"Taking ten minutes to open my locker and three trips to the office for help," Ben Penaflor, junior.

"The first day- I walked into sophomore English class, sat down and the teacher lectured how class should act like sophomores because they weren't freshmen anymore, so I raised my hand and told her I was a freshman, everyone chanted "rhiney" and when I was leaving the class, there were three doors and I picked the door to the closet. Everyone died laughing," Barb Vlach, senior.

"Having my name put under a cartoon picture for the Photo Opinion because they didn't have my picture," Art Ludwig, freshman.

"Went to my sixth hour class when it was really fifth hour. I didn't know anyone in there," Dee Calderini, sophomore.

"I was a slave for a freshman guy for a week and he made me roll down freshman hall," Nikki Brockman, sophomore.

"Walked upstairs, tripped and slid all the way down the stairs," Kathy Hulst, freshman.

"Getting hit with a balloon filled with Kool-Aid," Chad Hansen, junior.

"Five minutes before class was over I realized I wasn't in biology," Gretchen Matthews, senior.

"First day of school," Andy Johnson, sophomore.

"Running into a guy and him falling over," Carrie Peterson, freshman.

'Seeing a cockroach on the water fountain when going to get a drink.'
Wendy Haugh, senior.

"Having my pants almost pulled off on my way to gym," Chriss Trevino, senior.

"On the first day I waited outside of the study hall room for a half an hour until the doors were opened at 8 a.m. I thought school started at 7:30 a.m.," Cheryl Wilcox, senior.

"When six seniors gave me a swirly in the bathroom," Ben Seaver, junior.

"Swimming," Cathy Mattson, freshman.

"Getting vaseline on my fingertips when I held onto the railing," Heidi Deal, senior.

"Looking for the bathrooms," Cher freshman.

"Walking through the gates in the lib setting off the beeper," Dee Hessling, s

"Seeing a cockroach on the water when going to get a drink," Wendy Haugh, senior.

"Spilling my drink all over the fro pants," Matt Haverty, sophomore.

"When looking for my class, a senior sent me the wrong way," Mandy Bon, senior.



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The first year is the worst year

by Melissa King

Is there any solution to making freshman year easier? The stereotypical afflictions associated with it still exist. Getting lost, harrassed, confused, frustrated. It wouldn't be freshman year if you didn't get lost, picked on by someone much larger than you, (or didn't it seem that way?), and if you opened your locker on the first try?

Many will agree that everyone seemed out to get them. (Sometimes it appears even other freshmen). Sophomore Brian Levake would have had less problems if he could "carry a light handgun". He also suggested to "just get rid of sophomores, juniors, and seniors." Freshman Dave Flatter narrowed it down to "no seniors". Junior Jennifer Walters was scared of seniors. "We looked up to Varsity when I was on volleyball."

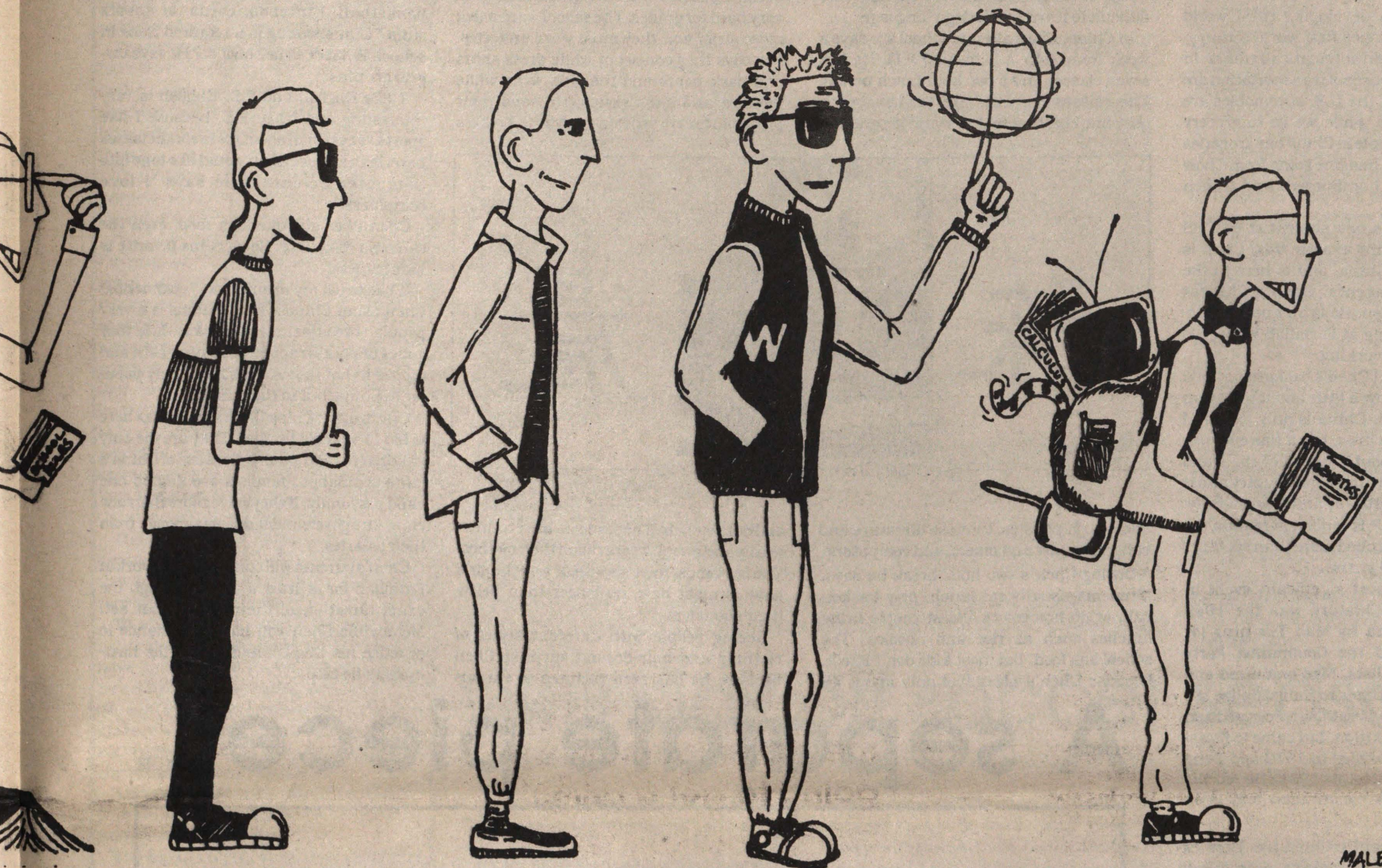
Otherwise, the same worries still exist. It's hard to find your class, much less get there on time. Freshman Kathy Mattson would have had an easier time if "the school wasn't so big, and being able to find more bathrooms than the one downstairs." Freshman Cherie Gale also agrees she needed "more time to get from one class to

another."

Not only is it a problem going to but if you don't know where you're hopeless. Senior Dee Hessling said the school better, where she was not worrying if she was "walking wrong corridor," freshman year been easier for her. Junior Erin G crowded stairways. "Put a banister to make one side up/one side down Ragsdale feels if he would have known his classes where instead of "walking like an idiot," he would have had a crisis with you, it makes every bearable. Senior Paul Bullard feels he have known more people ... and would have been afraid of getting involved; dancing games, etc.," he would have had more Junior Ben Penaflor agrees, "If I had known more people I would have been comfortable."

Everyone seems to survive the freshman year. Too bad it takes nine months of hell.

EVOLUTION of the FRESHMAN



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Same name different year

by Julie Mastro



College or high school. There really is no difference—a freshman is a freshman.

Being a freshman means realizing the fact that you're the newest addition to a school, and accepting the idea that you have to live with that

fact for a year. Unfortunately, it's not the easiest thing in the world. But then again, it usually isn't as bad as it's cracked up to be. When you're starting school as a freshman, terrible stories of freshman torture passed down from generation to generation haunt your mind. You don't even bother to hope for the best. Instead, you just accept the worst and those horror stories become more terrifying the closer the first day of school comes.

I can remember all of the nightmares I had about starting high school. I was no longer a "big shot" eighth grader and I wasn't exactly very fond of that. I dreamt of hours spent

wandering aimlessly around the intimidating hallways of WCCHS and still never being able to find my classes. I had a recurring nightmare about missing my bus after school and being taunted and teased by a group of seniors for my freshman-like looks as they cruised by in their sports cars while I was walking home. My only hope to survive this first year of hell was the wish that I would somehow learn to keep my mouth shut, and disappear into the shadows along with most of the other freshmen.

Now that I'm getting closer to starting another year of being a freshman, this time in college, I think back to my fears as a high school freshman and realize how stupid they were. However, of course I do still have some apprehensions about being a freshman once again. It is going to be very hard from going to good ol' familiar We-go to a school which I know absolutely nothing about. No longer will I be able to recognize everybody I pass in the halls, and know where every classroom is without a doubt. I do not dream of being teased anymore because I am a freshman, but new thoughts

replace the old. I worry about never meeting any interesting people and not being able to resist the always present invitation to party.

Starting college means accepting responsibilities, taking care of my future as an adult, and not being treated as a kid anymore. There are many differences between a high school freshman and a college freshman, but both go along with fears and doubts. The one thing that I keep in mind to make my first year of college a little easier is that I survived it once, and I can do it again.

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From Chow Mein to Johnny Mozetti

by Ann Shim

Imagine what it would be like to be from China and come to the U.S. There you'd be living where the culture is totally different from your own.

Coming from a developing third world country to a developed first world country, the way of life would automatically differ. In China the main source of transportation are bicycles, when in the U.S. automobiles are mostly used. And while we go to grocery stores for food, people in China buy groceries at street markets. Imagine going from Chow Mein noodles to hamburgers and french fries!

George Chen is a new student at WCCHS who is experiencing exactly this. Chen is from Shanghai, China, and is here in the U.S. with his parents. Chen's Chinese name is Chen Chen. He is 15 and a sophomore. He is staying at Fermilab where his parents are now working.

To give an idea of Chen's background, you would have to know a little about his Asian homeland as well. China is only the third largest country in area, but it has over one billion people, about a fourth of the world population. It is a third world country and is still growing industrially and economically. Its per capital GNP is much lower than the U.S. but has multiplied more than six times within the last 30 years.

Probably the most significant event in modern Chinese history was the 1949 takeover of China by Mao Tse-tung (or Mao Zedong) and the Communist Party from the Nationalists. Mao organized and attempted many times to industrialize the country, as in the Great Leap Forward and the Cultural Revolution, but came to disaster each time. Mao died in 1976 and Deng Xiaoping took control in 1981. He led the country to a new constitution and more practical policies.

Now, more recently China has been experiencing internal problems, especially in light of the global shift to democratic reform. One is the student demonstrations that took place last June. Most recently, the students have been using quotes by Mao, whose teachings called for "continuous revolution", against the government. Because of the reports of repression against the students by the government, including many deaths. Human rights is an area highly criticized by foreign countries about China.

In China the way of life differs in many ways from that in the U.S. Driving a car instead of riding a bicycle can be considered a luxury in China. Household jobs, food shopping, and cooking is done together by all members of the family, including men. In a Chinese apartment, a separate kitchen can be called a luxury. Even the bathrooms are in the hall and are shared with the neighbors. While in China a calculator is used as a prized tool, here in the U.S. students tend to take this, as well as many other things, for granted.

When Chen heard he was to visit the U.S. he wanted to come. When asked why,

he replied, "I thought I'd learn more knowledge in America and know about the things here that are better than in China." In China, Chen only thought school in the U.S. would be different in that it would be more difficult to learn in a foreign language.

In China, Chen attends school six days a week from 7:45 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. He has seven classes and a two hour lunch period. The classes he takes are English, math (Algebra 2), Chinese and world geography,

students, he was surprised at this school's size and the number of students.

According to Chen, the major contrast between students here and in China is that in China they are more behaved and all work very hard for grades. The school's are much more strict and they must wear uniforms. For boys they consist of white dress shirts and dark pants and the girls wear white blouses and dark skirts. He says their principal is very strict in the way they dress

styles before. He found it very unusual to see students in the halls kissing or holding hands because his school would never allow anything like that.

In Chen's extra time he, "Studies, plays basketball, Nintendo, cards, or shoots guns." Gun shooting is a required class in school. What does he shoot at? He says targets are pins.

"I like English and P.E. English is very interesting and I like P.E. because I like sports." says Chen about his favorite classes here. In the future Chen would like to go into Computer Sciences. He says "I love computers!"

Chen likes all American food, even the cafeteria food here. He says his favorite is hamburgers.

"I like to eat my mom's food," commented Chen about Chinese food. Shimal is a very popular breakfast meal he likes. It is four cubes of pork wrapped in wonton skin and dipped in hot spices. This is not only popular in China, but in the U.S. too.

One thing in China Chen wishes was here is his 11 year old brother. They are the only children in their family. Because of China's large population, families are limited one child per family. If they have more than one child, the government deducts money from their salaries.

Chen's parents will continue their work at Fermilab for at least a year, although the exact duration of their stay is not set. Meanwhile Chen will have the chance to practice his English and eat all the hamburgers he can.



George Chen plays a little pong.

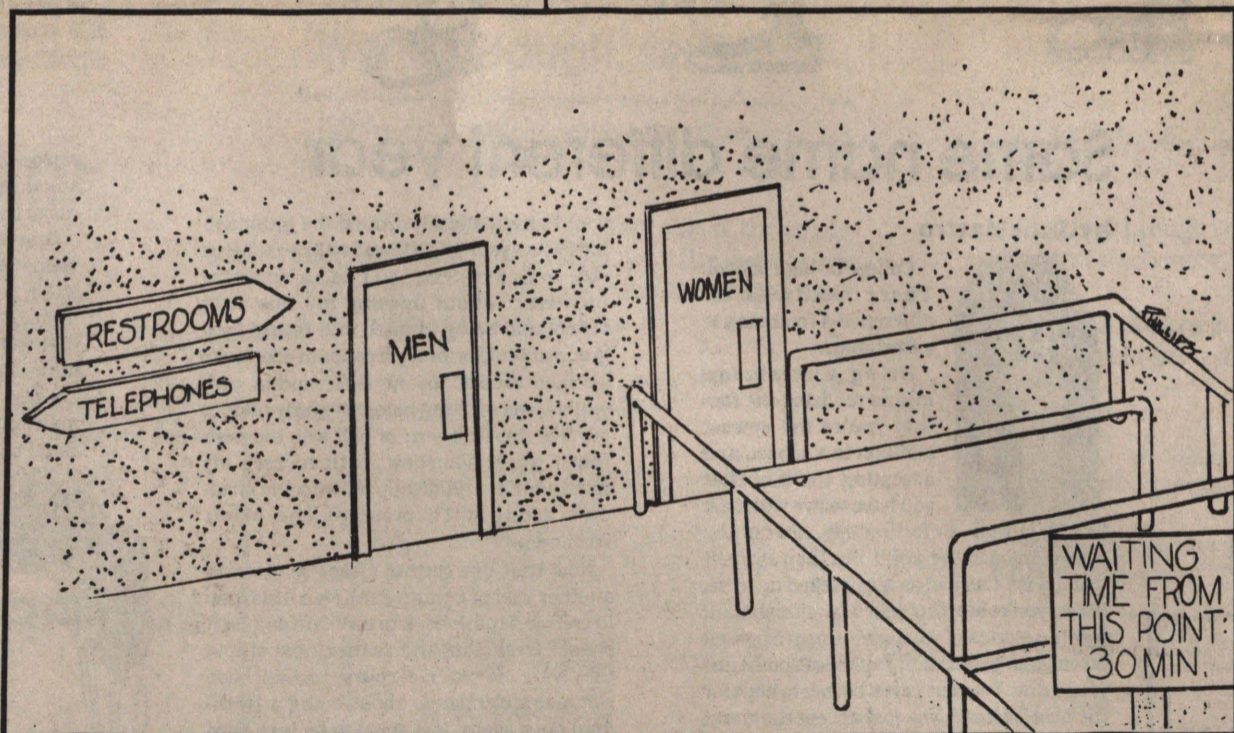
chemistry, physics, Chinese literature and calligraphy, art and music, and computers.

During Chen's two hour break he says, "Students usually eat lunch, play basketball, or do homework." Most people bring lunches such as rice and noodles. The school has food, but most kids don't like it. Because Chen's class has only about 40

and do their hair. The students have to dress neatly and no one wears rips in their clothes. The boys must have short hair and the girls have straight hair, no longer than below their shoulders.

Seeing people with different styles of clothing and hair doesn't surprise Chen because he has seen pictures of various

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Freshmen boost Lady Cat track

by Chris Seper

The Lady Wildcat track team got a couple belated Christmas gifts this year. There names are Sarah Myers and Adrienne Yule.

The freshmen tandem of Myers and Yule have been tearing up the track as of late, each running sub six minute miles and have given the Cats two extra distance runners to bring the total sub six minute runners to three.

The third is junior Heather Jardis, who last year, was the only girl who could achieve the sub-six mark.

"We're very excited about having them in the program," Coach Wilbert Walters said about Lady Cat newcomers. "They're quality runners. That's what you need to build a quality program."

Walters club has already improved in the points scored in a track meet. In only their first meet, the four-team Glenbard North Invitational, where they finished second behind Glenbard North, the Lady Cats scored 51 points, higher than any points scored last year. In the next meet where the Cats beat Oswego and St. Viator, the Lady Cats topped that, scoring 57.

The Cats also took second in the six-team Fenton Invitational, an invitational that they have been placing last in for the past three years. They missed first by one point.

To add to the new found distance dominance the Lady Cats received, the Cats still have junior Nicole Horyn and sophomore Dawn Zylinski dominating their events. In the first meet of the season, Horyn immediately set fieldhouse records in the 800-meter run along with Zylinski setting one in the 55-meter hurdles.

"Dawn Zylinski is our premier sprinter," Walters said. "Although Nicole Horyn is our best all-around runner."

The depth is also powerful in the distance as Walters said that three other runners, freshmen Kelly McGlooin, Ann Zimmer and Amy Kosifas, all have talent.

The Lady Cat squad has run into some problems, however, with the depth of the sprinters and tracksters in the field events. The Lady Cats have only three varsity sprinters to put in three events.

"We can't do it (fill all three events full)," Walters said. "We can't run them because we're short two sprinters."

Walters said that a few good sprinters have decided to go on to other activities. "They seem to have made decisions about other things," commented Walters.

In the field events, sophomore Laura Emery has been able to hold her own in the shot put and discus while freshmen Rachael Harper and Julie Rodenkirch try to pick up the slack in the long and high jump.

But Walters said that although the freshmen have potential, competing at the varsity level may take a while, and Zylinski has been called on to help out.

"We're short on the field events," Walters said. "Dawn Zylinski is our high jumper and hurdler."

Walters does give credit to this team as the best track team he has ever coached as far as work ethic goes.

"They work hard," Walters said. "Never a whimper out of these kids. They believe in what they're doing and that's how you're going to win."

The Lady Cats next meet is April 3 at Glenbard South at 4:30 p.m.

Baseball sets to 'lockout' DVC

by Candi Sabol

The baseball team hopes and expects a better season this year.

Last year the season ended with an overall record of 10-19 and 5-16 in the DuPage Valley Conference. They finished seventh behind Wheaton Central. Head Coach Tim Courtney expects "a winning and contending team in the DVC." He also said they are "a team that never gives up."

As most teams, the Cats have their strengths and weaknesses for the season ahead. "Our pitching staff is our strong point," said Courtney.

Senior Jesus Blanco was a starting varsity pitcher last year. He had a record of 2-3 and an earned run average of 2.93. In the summer league he was 3-5 with an ERA of 3.50.

"His strengths are his ability to walk very few and strike out many batters," Courtney

said. "He will be a starting pitcher this year." Blanco sees the season ahead to be successful. "If our pitching holds up, we'll be good and surprise some people," Blanco said.

Other pitchers include junior Shelby Dean, who had a summer league record of 3-2 and an ERA of 1.84. Senior Scott Pold will also be a contender. He had a record of 1-3 last year with an ERA of 3.26 and two saves. The summer league was better for him with a record of 3-0 and a 1.94 ERA.

The uncertainty this year for the Cats will be in the outfield, according to Courtney. "Our only strong senior in the outfield is Dan Peterson," Courtney said. Another senior outfielder is ineligible because of first semester grades. Courtney hopes some juniors will be able to fill the holes.

Another disadvantage We-go faces is an unfamiliar coaching staff. Head Coach Ron Hansen retired and left the job to former sophomore coach Courtney. This, plus other vacancies, left two empty coaching spaces.

The freshmen coach is Scott Kaminsky, a paraprofessional at We-Go. Kaminsky is looking forward to a good and interesting season. "It's always interesting working with freshmen kids," Kaminsky said. This is his first time coaching.

Sophomore Coach Brent Heathcott, who is the sports editor for the Press Newspapers, and assistant varsity Coach Ernie Cameron are the other two coaches. Courtney is "satisfied with the coaching staff. They have the potential to be very good," Courtney said.



Junior Pat Quane shows perfect concentration in catching practice. Baseball's first game is 10 a.m. March 30 at St. Francis. (Photo by Joe Oliver)

Girls kick off soccer season

by Tricia Blum

The Lady Cats' soccer team is underway. They have been practicing for three weeks now.

Head Coach Steve Kimery predicted the season to be a fun season. "I want the girls to be as competitive as possible and to have fun," Kimery said.

"We have a very difficult schedule," Kimery said. "We play Downers Grove South, Glenbard West, Naperville Central, Naperville North, Rockford Boylan, St. Charles and Wheaton Central, they are all rated in state." Three of those teams, Naperville Central and North and Wheaton Central are in the Cats' conference.

One of the goals set by Kimery this season is to finish in the top half of the conference. There are eight teams this year, compared to last year's seven. The Ladycats finished fourth last year. "Naperville Central, Naperville North, and Wheaton Central will be the top three teams, then West Chicago and Wheaton North will follow, I think the team will end up in the middle group," Kimery said.

The team has many returning letter winners. A few of the team players, Yvette Alfaro, Jessica Andrews, Cheli Castro, Trinetta Co, Olga Perez and Cherie Oskerka,

had the chance to play soccer in Europe over the summer.

Three players were lost to graduation, forward Castro, forward Diana Cruz and forward Theresa Romero. Castro had eleven goals and Cruz had seven. Castro and Cruz were both high scorers for the team. Castro was voted most valuable offense player, all-conference first team and all-state honorable mention.

"Castro and Cruz will both be missed," Kimery said. "They both had a lot of ball skill."

The Lady Cats have lost goalie Cheryl Wilcox. Wilcox has not reported to any practice yet, and has not talked to Kimery about not playing. Kimery feels that West Chicago has the two top goalies. "They are both (Oskerka and Wilcox) equal in skill," Kimery said.

"We have a lot of strong players," Kimery said. "And we will do well against the other teams." Kimery thinks that the Lady Cats will do good because of the strong Park District program.

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Softball sets for DVC domination

by Chris Seper

Coach Lee Maciejewski does not care how good the other softball teams are in the DuPage Valley Conference, thank you very much.

"I never pay any attention to the other teams. I really don't," Maciejewski said. "I don't care how good the other teams are. I only care how we play."

But coach, how good is this year's softball team?

"This is the best team we've ever had."

Do not take this statement lightly. The Lady Cat softball team is no also-ran, 3-900 team, dead last in the DVC. They were last years conference champs, the only team at West Chicago to do such a thing. While achieving the DVC championship, the earned an overall record of 22-5, 12-2 in the DVC.

How could a team that good be even better? Well, by having six varsity letter-winners returning along with three all-conference players in juniors Melody Benson and Kelly Matthews and senior Angie Webb seems to be the main reason for Maciejewski's optimism.

"This is the best talent we ever had," Maciejewski reiterated. "If our program has progressed to that point (that I hope), we could go down state."

The Lady Cats will be coming out all guns blazing with the return of their star pitcher Matthews. Last year, Matthews pitched every single game for the Cats and may do it again this year. But, Maciejewski may couple his attack with last year's junior varsity star sophomore Gretchen Austgen.

"We're going to find out who are best pitcher is and how competitive our second pitcher is," Maciejewski said. "If our second pitcher can consistently win, then we'll go to two girls. If I don't feel that my second pitcher is competitive enough against the competition we play, then we'll go with one and use the other one as backup."

Maciejewski said that the decision will be made after the seven pre-season/non-DVC games the Lady Cats play.

Maciejewski also has confidence in his outfield. "Our outfield is air tight," Maciejewski said. Last years starting outfield, Benson, senior Missy Vega and sophomore

Teresa Wilson, are back again for the Cats.

The infield is another matter, not as much for their lack of strength but for the intensity of the competition to earn a spot. The tandem of Sue Thomas and Webb will be handling the duties at third base and shortstop.

Thomas may be hampered with a ligament injury she sustained during the basketball season. Maciejewski said that it may take time for her to get to full speed.

But on the other side of the infield, sophomores Liz Gernand and Chris Wright as well as freshmen Shannon Mason will be competing for a spot at second base.

"All the girls have talents, but they're all different talents," Maciejewski explained. "One has a better arm than the other, one's quicker than the other, one can field the ball better. Second base is a key position since we've got good pitching."

At first base, the competition is between juniors Rachel Sedlacek and Jessica Walters. But Maciejewski said that Sedlacek may get the designated hitter role. Catcher will be taken by junior Laurie Davidson.

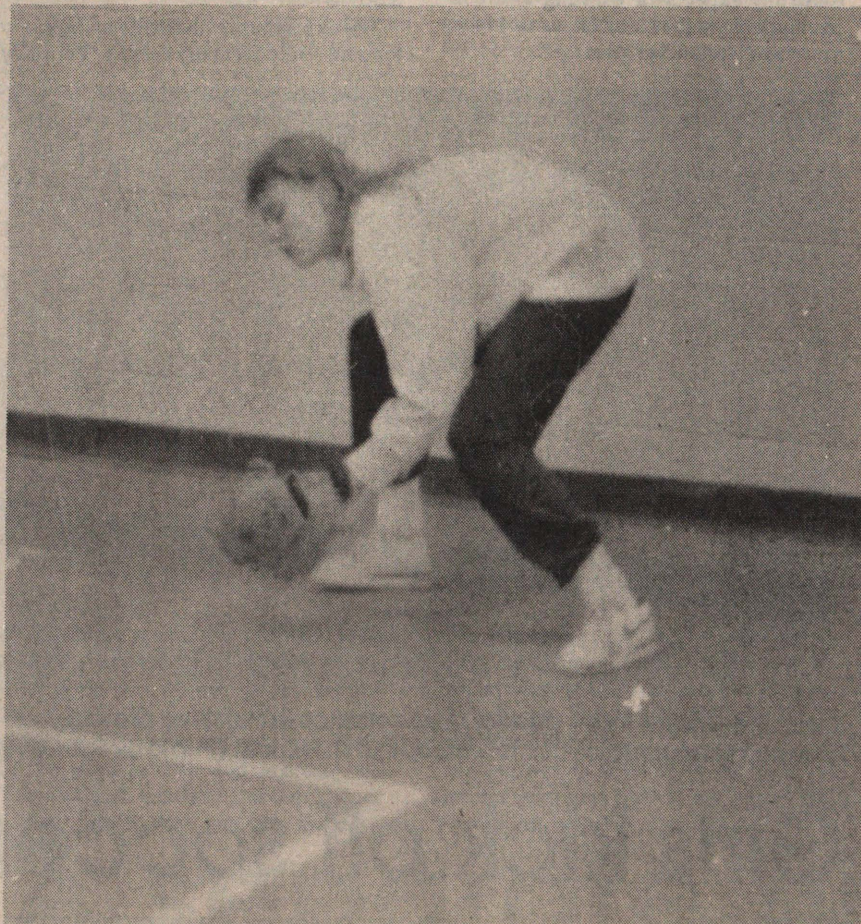
With the loss of last years number one slugger, Michele Lubinski, Maciejewski said that their offensive mindset may not be on power hitting, but that does not mean they do not have it.

"We'll try to nickel and dime you with single-bunt-single, but we'll have a little power to back it up," Maciejewski said. The power hitters Maciejewski said that he is looking toward are Sedlacek and Webb.

"I think Rachel Sedlacek can really hit the ball against the (pitching) machine," Maciejewski said. "I think Angie (Webb) is stronger this year and will be able to provide a little more power. The only thing about Angie is everybody knows her. Because of that they play her at depths that Babe Ruth would be played at."

As for another DVC crown, Maciejewski feels it may be a little tougher than last year to repeat. "People are going to be looking at us, trying to knock us off," Maciejewski said. "If we play up to our potential rather than other peoples potential we will be very hard to beat."

The Lady Cats first game of the season is a doubleheader March 29 at Downers Grove North at 10 a.m.



Junior Laurie Davidson works her technique during practice. Davidson will be behind the plate for the Ladycats this season. (Photo by Joe Oliver)

'Grape power' key for juiced-up starlette's success

by Margaret Walen

"We have the grape!" This is what senior Jessica Andrews says about how successful the girls soccer team will be this year.

Andrews takes soccer seriously. "I play soccer year round. I'm never out of it." Her accomplishments from her hard work were rewarded during last year's soccer season. Andrews won most valuable player defense and overall, all-conference and all-state honorable mention.

Andrews has been playing soccer for 11 years. "I played for AYSO," Andrews says. "My parents just signed me up. I became more interested when I joined Wheaton Wings because it was a traveling team and more competitive team."

During her freshmen year, Andrews played on the boys' freshmen soccer team because the girls' team had not begun yet.

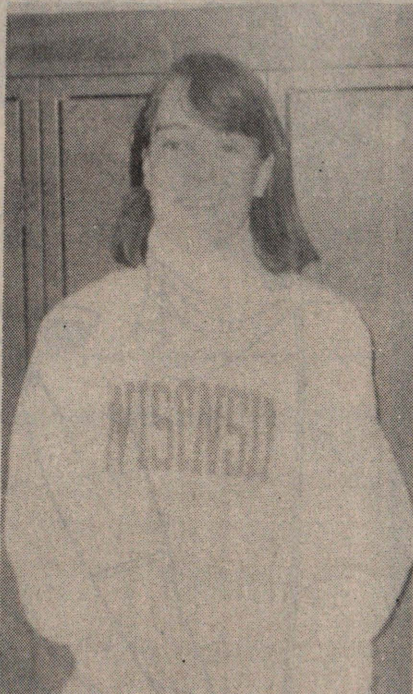
Andrews had played with many of the guys on the team in junior high, but it was uncomfortable when the team had their pep talks in the guys' locker room. Andrews also felt like she had to prove herself to the people who did not know she could play.

Since her freshmen year, Andrews has played on the girls' varsity team and is currently center midfielder. Andrews has also traveled to Europe twice with Sparta, a traveling team. On her first trip, the Sparta team won the Copenhagen tournament in Denmark.

Her last trip, this past summer, the team played for two weeks in West Germany.

Sweden and Denmark. They competed in two tournaments; the Dana Cup and the Gothia Cup.

"We made it to the semi-finals of the Gothia," Andrews says. "It was awesome. It's the biggest tournament in the world. We didn't feel bad because the team we lost to won the whole tournament."



Senior Jessica Andrews has a lot to smile about these days due to scholarship offers galour. (Photo by Chris Seper)

While in Sweden, Andrews picked up a necklace which is now known to her teammates and friends as "The Grape."

"It started out as a joke because it was kind of ugly," Andrews says. "The guy I brought it from said it would bring me good luck. When I got back in the United States, I unpacked and found it. I couldn't remember buying it, so I just started wearing it."

The "luck" of this necklace started rubbing off at a tournament in St. Louis after the team came back for Europe.

"We lost our first game 4-1," Andrews says. "So the next game everyone touched the grape and we won the next three games." Sparta ended the tournament winning the championship, 2-1 against the same team they lost to for the Gothia Cup. The trophies of the championship were grape color.

"I like soccer because it's a physical game that involves a lot of running," Andrews says. "I also like the fact that we work together as a team." Andrews thinks to succeed in a sport, people have to have a good attitude and have a lot of dedication.

When she was younger, Andrews looked up to Pele' because, "He is awesome." "Now I

look up to my dad more because he's been successful throughout his life," Andrews says.

Andrews thinks that this year's team is capable of finishing in the top three in the conference and should win regionals this year. Her personal goal is to make all-state.

Andrews long-term goal is to major in mechanical engineering. She wants to continue playing soccer. The University of Cincinnati has already offered a full-ride scholarship. Scholarships have also been offered to her by the University of Wisconsin and the University of Dayton.

Home Sports Schedule and playoffs

Badminton		
March 31	Fenton; East Aurora	10 a.m.
April 5	Naperville North	4:30 p.m.
April 11	Glenbard North	4:30 p.m.
April 17	Wheaton Central	4:30 p.m.
Baseball		
April 6	Geneva	4:30 p.m.
April 9	Batavia	4:30 p.m.
April 10	Wheaton Cental	4:15 p.m.
April 16	Glenbard North	4:15 p.m.
Girls' Soccer		
April 7	Rockford East	1 p.m.
April 17	Glenbard South	4:30 p.m.
Softball		
March 31	Waubonsie Valley (Double Header)	10 a.m.
April 2	St. Charles	4:30 p.m.
April 6	Glenbard West	4:30 p.m.
April 7	Sycamore (Double Header)	2 p.m.
April 12	Oswego	4:30 p.m.
Boys' tennis		
April 4	East Aurora	4 p.m.
April 14	Waubonsie Valley; Driscoll; Bolingbrook	8 p.m.
April 19	Glenbard South	4 p.m.
Boys' track		
April 3	Dekalb	4:30 p.m.
April 17	Naperville North; Glenbard North	4:30 p.m.
Girls' track		
April 10	Glenbard North; Wheaton North	4:30 p.m.

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Who holds the most high school track records, boy and girl, and how many do they hold? Junior varsity records are included. (Answer on page 7)