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LRC staff becomes multi-cultured

by Margaret Walen

West Chicago Community High School's Learning Resource Center has two new staff members from around the world this year.

Linda Lin found her way to West Chicago by answering a librarian wanted ad for the high school that she saw on a western suburbs bulletin board.

Lin is originally from Southern China. She has been living in the States since December, 1988. After graduating from the University of Beijing where she received her undergraduate in English and studied one year of international law, she came to the University of Wisconsin to study library science.

Lin finds that WCCHS is different from the schools in China. "I think the teaching methods are the main difference. Here, there are better facilities and the students are more mature," said Lin.

Lin also finds WCCHS to have a more vast education. "It's very good for me to stay here for several years so I can practice English. It will be fun to learn a different culture," Lin said.

Kathryn Duerr came up to the states from "down under." She is from the outskirts of Auckland, New Zealand.

"Five years ago, I backpacked around the states with a girlfriend on a bus trip that



Linda Lin and Kathryn Duerr are the two new additions to the Learning Resource Center staff this year. (Photo by Gina Lipscomb).

started in L.A. and took us through New York," said Duerr.

Before moving on to tour Europe, Duerr found her way to West Chicago and ended up working at Dunkin' Donuts. This is where she met her husband. "He came in for coffee and donuts every morning. His grandfather set us up," she said.

After a wedding in New Zealand, the Duerr's came back here in 1986 to reside four blocks from WCCHS.

Duerr would like to go back and live in her native country. "There is a different way of life in New Zealand," said Duerr. In New Zealand, there are only three T.V. channels. Sports, going to the beach and camping are more popular activities. She also said that, "America is so big and New Zealand is so small." In New Zealand, traveling by car for eight hours covers two-thirds of the country. She is hoping to move back in five to 10 years.

Duerr likes working at WCCHS because "it's close to home and the hours are great." She also finds the students amusing.

Charlotte Barsema enjoys working with the two new librarians. "They are two very charming and interesting young ladies. I think we learn from each other. We share our views and experiences. They will be an asset to our L.R.C.," said Barsema.

East and West officially unite

by Christine Pomeroy

On October 3, East Germany officially merged with West Germany, less than a year after the revolt against the Communist regime.

The reunification resulted in a country with: A population of about 76.9 million. This is larger than the combined populations of California, New York, Texas and Florida. The combined area is 137,743 square miles. This is larger than the combined area of Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. They have a gross national product of about 1.1 trillion, about one-fifth of the United States' GNP.

With a reunified Germany in NATO, Europe is reverting to its centuries-old pre-occupation with the balance of power.

The current fear is how Germany will use its economic and political muscle. Furthermore, Germany will remain a regional, not a world power and a stalwart member of the NATO team. Unification and detente with Moscow will inevitably make the new Germany more eastward-oriented than the old Federal Republic ever was, and perhaps much more assertive, according to West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

France and Britain will be forced to accommodate German wishes, or end up drifting into grumbling isolation. In Brussels, there is a barely concealed anxiety that the drive for European Community will weaken and stall, overtaken by the breathless pace of events in Germany. To the east, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary, once the Soviets' cordon sanitaire, will have to come to terms with the eastward extension of NATO.

Editors' note: Since this event had not yet taken place when the Bridge was meeting deadline, facts were taken from the Chicago Tribune and U.S. News and World Report.

Inkspots College visits

The following colleges will have representatives at WCCHS in October:

- October 15: Tri State College
- October 18: Ripon College and Mt. St. Clare College
- October 22: Illinois Institute of Technology
- October 23: Augustana College
- October 25: University of Iowa and Loyola University
- October 29: University of Hartford

See your counselor for more details or to make an appointment.

College fair

The eighth annual College Fair will be held at the College of DuPage from 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, October 18. Representatives from over 200 colleges and universities will be present. See your counselor for more information.

Free help

DePauw University, Greencastle, IN has developed two, eight-page brochures to help students with their college selection plans. One brochure is on "Planning Your High School Academic Program" and the other is on, "Planning Your College Search."

There is also an additional brochure on how to write the college admissions essay. These materials are free and available to all students regardless of their college selection plans. To receive these materials, call the DePauw admissions office toll-free at 1-800-447-2495 or write to the Director of Admissions, DePauw University, Greencastle, IN 46135.

Choir concert

There will be a choir concert at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 23 in Weyrauch Auditorium. Performing will be the Choirs, Orchestra, Swing Choir and Madrigals.

Orchestra in Europe

In June, Orchestra members Kim Smith, Vanessa Talbot and Dayna Voder toured France, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, Germany, Holland and England with other students from various schools in the Chicagoland area.

The musicians gave concerts with a chamber orchestra while touring these countries.

Fermilab project

The Fermilab Prairie Restoration Project will be harvesting on Sunday, October 28 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Fermilab. If interested in helping, follow the signs starting from the intersection of Eola and Batavia Roads. Wear field clothing and gloves. For more information, call the Fermilab public information office at 840-3351.

Bridge receives national awards

by Jeanine Murphy

After being in publication for 20 years, the Bridge is again ranked first place nationally.

So far this year, the Bridge has won two awards. The first was from the National Scholastic Association, and the second was from the Quill and Scroll. Both awards gave the Bridge a first.

To enter these contests, the Bridge submitted six issues from last year. Some of the items judges rated were, the paper's content, coverage and headings.

The judges commented on the Bridge's strengths and weaknesses. One judge from the Quill and Scroll wrote, "the Bridge staff submits their work with great pride and effort which sometimes exceeds their own expectations."

Chris Seper, a returning editor for the Bridge said one of his goals for this year "is to go past Indianapolis (where regionals are) to nationals. I would also like the Bridge to win the same amount of awards as last year."

Liza Lenertz, business manager for the Bridge would like to see the paper excel in all areas of competition.

Tim Courtney, who has advised the Bridge for 10 years said, "I would like to put out a quality newspaper."



Members of the 1989-90 Bridge staff with adviser Tim Courtney (photo courtesy of the Challenge).

Pleasure while parking?

If you happen to see students running into school right before the final bell rings, it might be because they just had to run four blocks from that "wonderful" car. Why bother? The bus at least drops you off in front of the school but who wants to take the bus? The city had come up with yet another great idea... No Parking signs four blocks all around the school.

The students who are complaining to the deans are being sent to the city's board meetings.

Apparently residents are complaining that students are tearing up lawns, littering and anything else they can come up with.

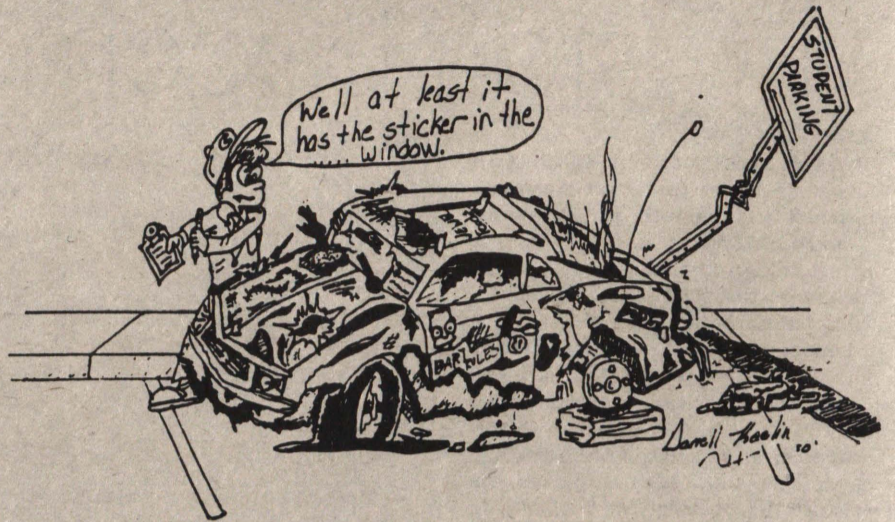
So now students without parking stickers are finding themselves at school at least one hour before school just to get a parking space behind the school.

What about the students who are involved in sports and have practice until it gets dark or later? The students are walking four blocks just to get to their car. It doesn't seem too safe. Has the school become concerned about this?

Last year the school came into Junior classes saying that the city was going to take down the No Parking signs around the school for a couple of days to see how that worked out. It never happened. What's the deal? Now students return this year to find out that instead of taking them down, they've added three more blocks full of no parking signs.

Maybe the residents are exaggerating about students' behavior. Are the students really that irresponsible? Do they have something against students?

Why not make new lots? With the school population increasing so will the amount of students who drive to school; there has to be somewhere to expand. The school needs to have so many acres of land, but can't there be an exception?



The teacher's parking lot is beginning to overflow as well so we all know parking is a problem at this school.

This has become a huge joke! Walking past Convenient to get to your car is really quite unnecessary. Something needs to be done before parents start getting involved because it's just not sane. Somewhere there has to be a compromise made so something can be done. Students are going to board meetings to express their feelings. Many students feel that they are going to have to do something about it to get it taken care of. So if you're one of the unfortunate without a sticker, don't forget to get up an hour earlier and don't forget anything in your car or you'll have to take a mile walk back! (Gee, they should substitute that for P.E. running.)

Gas explosions?

by Christine Pomeroy

Are you having problems with gas? Don't worry, all of the United States is being affected by the high price of gasoline; due to the crisis in the Middle East.

There probably would not be too much of a rise in gasoline prices if Exxon and other oil companies would stop with the oil spills. I'm beginning to think these spills are purposefully done to make more holes in the consumers pockets and the Economy happy. What is this world coming to? The prices of everything, including gas, keeps going up, while our salary still stays the same. The other day while I was at the gas station with my father, it cost \$24.25 for 15.94 gallons of gas, at \$1.52 a gallon. Wow, I bet the oil companies are smiling!

However, its the market force that controls gasoline prices. Here's how it works. When there is a sudden change in the oil supply, oil companies rush out to see if they can spot someone (the rest of us) to absorb any losses. This is called the "spot market". The spot market is affected by the "futures" market, as in: You'll be paying even more in the future (Chicago Sun-Times editorial page, September 6).

As for right now, I guess all that we can do is pay the high price of gas, or do without. Which ever you chose is your choice.

Does We-go have spirit?

by Tina McDermott

Spirit is "enthusiasm and loyalty" according to Webster's Dictionary, therefore; school spirit is the school joining together with "enthusiasm and loyalty." Well that's what Webster says, what about us?

Sophomore Jon Tutor, all around fan, "School spirit is one who comes to watch their team, week after week, and cheers for them with all their heart." Well put but according to sophomore cheerleader Nicki Thomas, West Chicago has no school spirit. "... The only people that have school spirit in this whole school are the juniors because they know how to yell and shout." Interesting coming from a sophomore!

"We come to watch our team win, every week after week after week. Win, Win, Win!!!" That's what school spirit is to class of '90 graduate John Jakubowski. Junior band member Brian Stewart feels "We could use a little more (school spirit) at the football games. With a football team that loses we can't really do much. Well we have the band."

Does sophomore pom, Gina Clifford, feel West Chicago has a lot of school spirit? "No, not really. I mean some of us act like we do, but we go to football and basketball games just for social events. That's not bad but nobody comes to actually watch the game."

There were actually three people who felt West Chicago had some school spirit. Jack Lewis, freshman football player points out, "there's a lot of the freshman football team up here, they care." True there were a lot of freshman football players but they were socializing just as much as anyone else. Sophomore cheerleader Missy Klancir has mutual feelings with Lewis. When asked if she felt West Chicago had a lot of school spirit, she replies, "Yes, I do. Varsity at least." Junior Pom Jeanine Goodman see We-Go displaying school spirit through

"Poms and People in the stands rooting for their team". In my opinion, rooting is very minimal. The only large amount of cheering is done when we do something extremely spectacular. Now is that really school spirit?

For our very own mascot, Rachel Sedlacek, school spirit is "dressing up as the mascot and just having a good old time and trying to keep their spirits up no matter how our team is doing. It's just having a ball."

Sophomore class president and cheerleader, Candi Kairy's has her own view on school spirit. According to her school spirit is "Being there for your teams and supporting all of the teams."

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Candi is completely right. Her feelings are very similar to mine. Most people forget about sports like golf, cross country, tennis, swimming, and track. Also freshman games are almost totally out of the question. Freshman can win. Just last year the girls freshman softball team placed second in the DVC. Okay so they may not always win but they're part of our school too!

I know it's hard to cheer for a school that gets looked down upon from all of the DVC and more, but it's our school. Maybe if you show the players you care they'll realize they have a chance. Come on out and support our teams. All of our teams. Show them that we care. Go Wildcats!!!

Letters to the editor

Dear Yearbook Editors:

I thought yearbooks were supposed to be good memories of high school to look back at in years to come. This year's yearbook was far from that, in the Sports Section, that is.

I'd like to bring to your attention that the most successful sport of the year got only one page, and a very small headline. The sport which I am referring to is cross-country. This was the first time in 15 years that any West Chicago team had made it to State Competition. And the Yearbook didn't even take the time to at least print the names of those who worked their hardest to make it downstate. And the fact that cross-country got only one page is just a little degrading.

I think if a yearbook is going to be made, it should be fair. At least give all sports the same amount of coverage because printing more about one sport, and less about another only makes the yearbook look bad. Please, give credit where credit is due. Sincerely,

Nicole Horyn

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A Chilean Connection

by Alicia Garceau

Claudia Pozas, 17, would like to go to Disneyland and the beaches of California, but for right now she is sticking with West Chicago, which she says, "...is a very nice place." Pozas is an exchange student from Punta Arenas, Chile. She made the decision to become an exchange student after a friend returned from Indiana last year.

Pozas is being hosted by Tammy Clark, also 17, a senior at W.C.C.H.S. With Clark, Pozas has already attended a home football game which she found "boring". She claims that American and Chilean teens are very similar. On the weekends, Chilean teens go to the movies and have parties just as Americans do. One difference that strikes her is the fact that all American dance clubs and fast food chains close so early. In Chile, most of these places begin to draw a crowd around 10:30 p.m. and do not close until 3 a.m.

In her home country, Pozas attended a Catholic girls school. Despite the fact that uniforms were required and classes were taught by nuns, the private school was "wild" as compared to W.C.C.H.S. One large difference in the two school systems is that Chilean students do not change classes. They remain in the same classroom all day while the teachers move from room to room. Pozas feels that this can become tiresome. Also, in Chile, students do not attend every

class five days a week. At West Chicago, she feels students are allowed to choose more of their classes. This year Pozas is studying drama, math, English, and American history, which is her favorite.

While at West Chicago, Pozas hopes to participate in many activities. She is already involved in student council and the swim team. She decided to join the swim team to improve her skills and is having a good time. In her spare time, Pozas plays guitar, which she taught herself. She explained that American and British music is very popular in Chile. Her favorite musicians are Depeche Mode and MC Hammer.

The only real difference Pozas could find between American and Chilean cultures was the food customs. In Chile, meals are more structured and people are stricter about manner than they are in America. Pozas is confused about American food, though. She explained it to be that Americans eat foods from so many different cultures. When asked what food she thought was typically American, she replied, "the hamburger".

Pozas has already visited Chicago, but would like to get a more in-depth look at the city. She enjoyed the Art Institute and the Rock n'Roll McDonalds. She was also able to see the Sears Tower, but only from the outside. In the year that she will be living here, Pozas would like to make several trips to the city to view all of the things she has only heard about.



Johnny Mozetti myth or legend?

by Brian York

Jonny Mozetti is a mystery to most students at this school. Unbeknownst to many, Jonny Mozetti is a cafeteria dish.

I searched for days on end to find some sort of explanation of why Jonny is called so. Looking into every cooking source from *Italian Dishes* to *Wayne's Down Home Country Cookbook*. I found nothing on our "Jonny".

Determined to find the truth, I went straight to the source: Alice Tinnes, Cafeteria Manager.

To my astonishment, Jonny Mozetti is not made out of leftovers from the last month. Instead, they make Jonny fresh on the day it is served. All ingredients, noodles, ground beef, tomato soup, cheese, salt, pepper, onions, and celery flakes are added together to create, with a special dash of love, Jonny Mozetti.

However, Tinnes was unhelpful in my true quest. As I headed out the door, I could tell she was aching to say something else.

"It's not really Italian... even though it has an Italian name." Tinnes revealed.

That was it, the point, where every last shred of my existence hung upon, was crushed by Tinnes. Not Italian! We've been fooled all these years. Astonished, I took my story to the streets and talked with some of the students.

The natives are restless. The students seem to have a bad opinion of Jonny Mozetti. Most comments can't be published. How-

ever, out of 100 students, 71% have never tried Jonny, yet they form opinions. Why is that so?

None of the students could help me. They either threw stuff at me or just plain ignored me.

I need help. If there was one person who could help me, it was W.C.C.H.S. graduate and former features editor, Jeremy Mains.

"Jer, what can I do to find the truth about Jonny Mozetti?" I pleaded.

"If you build it, he will come," was heard in the background.

"Jer, did you hear that?"

"No, goofball, you're hearing things," he scorned.

For days, all I heard was "if you build it, he will come." It was driving me insane. Suddenly, it stopped. But as quickly as it ended, another grim voice stated, "go the distance". What? This was not helping me in the least.

"Voice," I said aloud, "what do you want me to do?"

"Enter the contest and you may win."

Click. Click. Click.

Whoa, here we go. Something started to click inside my head. I'll have a contest.

Write a creative ending to this story and it might get published. Just submit your entry in to Mr. Courtney in room 216 and say, "I know who Jonny Mozetti is!" Or, if you bump into me, Brian York, in the halls, 1) say you're sorry and 2) give me your entry. Make sure you include your name and where I can contact you. Help me find out where this guy is from.

Singing their way to the top

by Dana Billick

"It's a bunch of people singing and dancing and loving what they're doing." That's how swing choir captain Kim LaBelle feels about the group this year.

The group of 20 students hopes to accomplish a lot this year. Christine Miller feels "we have a lot of fun and we put in a lot of work. We want to go farther this year than we've ever gone before." The enthusiasts include at first soprano, LaBelle, Miller, and Jill Westrom; at second soprano Bonnie Croyl, Gayle Hofmann, Malia Leck, and Liza Lenertz; altos Debbie Hahn, Rachael Owens, and Lori Schuermann; tenors Doug Campbell, Rich Clark, Clay Turner, and Dave Vish; baritones Eric Heerwagon, Matt Moran, and Andy Runyan; and bass Luis Barros, Alex Ballinas, and Ken Buchholz.

The group practices hard three times a week for about 50 minutes and LaBelle feels they really accomplish a lot. One of the groups goals for the year is to perform in the first concert, which will be held on October 23. They hope to perform *Fire Up* and *Soon it's Gonna Rain*. The group, in past years,

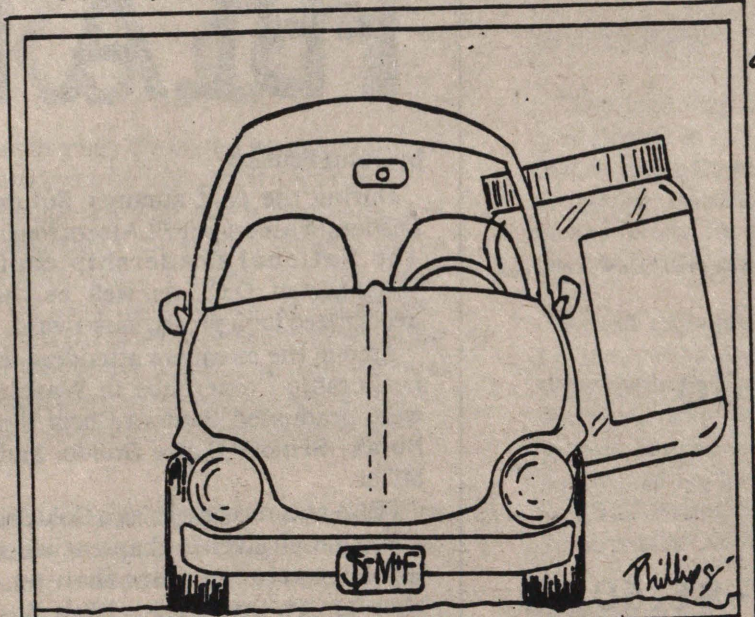
has never been ready to perform at the beginning of the season and is excited about doing so this year.

On a different note, another prominent musical group at West Chicago is madrigals which is well on its way to a successful season as well. Captain Amy Schultze defines the group as a musical ensemble of 16 people without accompaniment, singing music from the medieval and renaissance time periods.

The group includes sopranos Anna Elliot, Hofmann, LaBelle, Miller, and Dayna Yoder; altos Schultze, Schuermann, and Carla Sosulski; tenors Campbell, Chao Troung, Turner, and Vish; and bass Barros, Brian Gall, John Mazola and Runyan.

Madrigals also practices hard before school twice a week and will perform *Eyes of my Beloved* and *My Heart Doth Beg You Not Forget* at the October concert. The group hopes to pursue a first place in the I.H.S.A. musical ensemble competition in the spring. Overall, Schultze says, "I think the group this year has a lot of potential and we'll reach as well as go beyond all of our goals."

FROM THE



"Your door is ajar."

THE TOP 40

The top 40 isn't tops at WCCHS

by Molly Statz

Isn't it strange how a four hour show, once a week, can tell us what the favorite songs are? The **Top 40 Count Down** tells the hits as well as the ones on the way out. The song at the top of the charts are played the most and the ones near the end, hardly at all. The number one song is often played too much to the point where people get tired of it.

It upsets many students that they can't participate in the surveys for Billboard. The way in which billboard actually reaches it's tallies is by taking a count of the number of record copies sold as well as the request on the radio to find the weekly Top 40.

Out of 100 students surveyed, the top 10 songs for West Chicago are 10) *Joey*, by Concrete Blond, 9) *Blaze of Glory* by Jon Bon Jovi, 8) *Personal Jesus* by Depeche Mode, 7) *U Can't Touch This* by M.C. Hammer, 6) *King of Wishful Thinking* by Go West, 5) *Power* by Snap, 4) *If Wishes Came True* by Sweet Sensation,

3) *Unchained Melody* by the Righteous Brothers, 2) *Love and Affection* by Nelson, and 1) *Do Me* by Bel Biv Devoc.

Billboards top 10 from September 23 is as follows: Maxi Priest and *Close to You* is at number 10. Number 9 is *Something Happened on the Way to Heaven* by Phil Collins. Yet another New Kids song is in the top 10 as *Tonight* slides to number 8. *Love and Affection* is at number 7 and Prince's *Theives in the Temple* is at number 6. At number 5 is *Unskinny Bop* by Poison. Our number one is only number four on Billboard charts. M.C. Hammer wants to know *Have You Seen Her?* at number 3. Jon Bon Jovi is in a *Blaze of Glory* at number 2 and Wilson Phillips is at the top again with *Release Me*.

From the two lists, only a few songs are the same and none of them are ranked in the same spot. It's clear that West Chicago has it's own opinions and should somehow be included in the Billboard Top 40.

Before and after hours

From the Editor

by Jamee Taylor

The main idea of this In-Depth Section was to give a short preview of some of the clubs available at the school. Many people feel that the students just do not realize what kinds of activities go on. No matter if you are a freshman or a senior, it is not too late to become involved. We are very fortunate that here at West Chicago Community High School, there is a wide variety of clubs, there seems to be one for everyone.

When getting involved there are many advantages.

When getting involved there are many advantages. You get to meet other students in the school that maybe you wouldn't have gotten the chance to meet. You get to know the advisors of each club. Many of the clubs throw parties, and take field trips. Some clubs even go to new cities to attend conventions like FBLA.

I hope that this second issue can convince you to go attend some meetings and make an effort to get involved. You may even learn new things from these clubs.

Remember, sports are also an option. Keep in mind that in your senior yearbook you have to list all the activities you were involved in, and maybe you don't just want your name printed.

Action on

by Amy Schultze



Thespians are very unique people. They share a common love for theater. The Thespians are trying to make West Chicago High School's drama department more enjoyable.

To become a Thespian, one must work on two of the school plays or musicals and then go through an initiation week in the

spring.

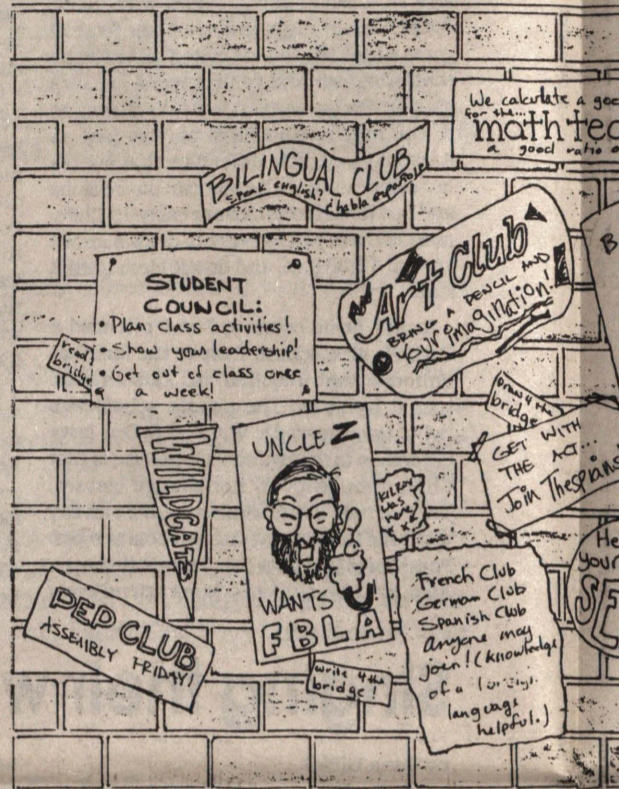
The Thespians hope to attend the Illinois Theater Festival from January 3 through January 5. This festival is a favorite of many because the Thespians get a chance to see other high school productions and attend workshops like stage combat and creative dance. The goal for the Thespians this year, is to get the fall One Act plays chosen as one of the Showcase plays at the Theater Festival.

The thespians are trying to make West Chicago High School's drama department more enjoyable.

The officers are as follows: Amy Schultze, President; Andy Runyan, Vice President; Lori Schuermann, Secretary; and, Chris Seper, Treasurer.

As the President of this club, I would like to encourage all to join our secluded group by getting involved in our Drama Club.

Involvement



Pep Club seeks

by Jamee Taylor

Do you wanna help promote school spirit? Join Pep Club.

Pep Club is in need of new members with new ideas. Pep Club decorates the lockers of the varsity football players and the varsity soccer players. They spend a lot of time being artistic by writing catchy slogans for posters for each of their pep pals. Many give candy and homemade baked goods.

Along with decorating the halls, Pep Club also finds time to prepare the assemblies. They plan the agenda, organize the activities, and publicize the events.

FBLA ro

by John Prusko

During the past summer Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) sent four members to the National Leadership conference in Washington D.C., as well as, having been recognized for a prestigious award.

Among the members attending the National Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. were graduated Seniors Chris Nippert, Tom Novak, Seniors Claire Broido, and Christine Miller.

FBLA was recognized as a Gold Seal Chapter, a recognition given to chapters which are in the top 10 percent of more than ten thousand chapters in the nation. With this in mind, Chapter advisor Donald Zabelin stated, "We hope to be at least as successful as last year. We have a tremendous number of returning

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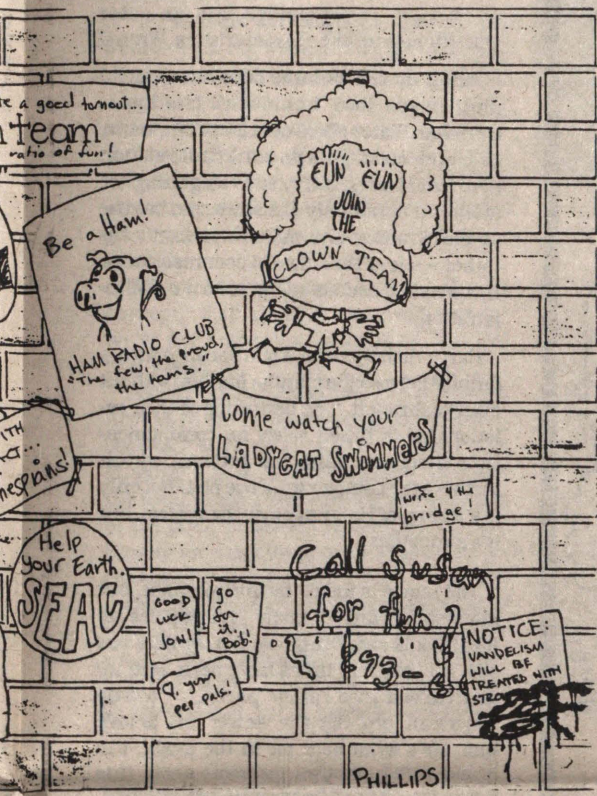
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Additions wanted

by Sarah Rohr

West Chicago Community High School has a club for people who like practicing math. It's called Math Club. The students compete with other schools in tournaments.

The club has competed in the DuPage Valley Math Conference for the past two years, and they have also competed in the ICTM State Math Regionals.

Any student who is currently enrolled in a math class- Math One through Pascal- can join and are encouraged to. All members seem to compete for fun, but at the same time, they also get a chance to enhance their math backgrounds. The Math Club will soon be formed and practice will begin around January 31.

SADD

by John Kufer

Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) has been trying to have students think about the problems of under age drinking and drinking and driving; since advisor Robert Hein and a few students started a chapter in our school in 1985.

Hein, who was a health teacher at the time received an invitation to attend a convention at Glenbard West. Hein asked members of his health classes if they wanted to attend. The sophomore students who attended liked the idea of a SADD chapter and started one that fall.

Now SADD holds dances, attends conferences, and conducts mock drunk driving arrests. "We do a lot for the school that goes unnoticed," says Senior John Duval, "We don't get a lot of recognition." Senior Christian Lukavsky feels "Our activities are not as good as they could be, because the student body doesn't give us much support."

Foreign fun

by Michelle May

How often is it that a student at WCCHS can experience another culture? Well, that's what our Spanish, French and German clubs try to do. Another club is bilingual club. This club is designated for fluent Spanish speaking students. The three language clubs' goal is to expand people's understanding about other countries. Sounds boring? Well, it's not. People from all three groups said it's more like a social club than anything else. They meet a couple of times a month to discuss that month's activity. Some activities include: pot-luck dinners, fondue parties and homecoming events. Each club tries to plan at least one big activity for the year, like going downtown to a play, or dinner at an ethnic restaurant. French club is talking about a possible trip to Canada, but that's only in their dreams right now.

Try something new-go to the next meeting. That's all you have to do to join, - oh and somewhat speak the language!

"We do a lot for the school that goes unnoticed," says Senior John Duval.

Hein thinks the most successful activity was a mock accident in 1989. The accident involved off-duty West Chicago, Winfield, and Geneva; Police officers and Fire Fighters. Hein said "We had a lot of students, teachers, and Administrators thinking it was real." Plus the the accident attracted a lot of press coverage. Another successful activity was: a dance to which the proceeds went to the Flores family whose daughter was in accident and two Coca-Cola video parties.

This year SADD has 11 members. Hein was very encouraged with the turnout. Lukavsky who's been a member for three years is because "I believe in the cause. People who drink and drive should not have a license." Duval who's been a member since he was a freshman joined "Because my Mom was killed in a drunk driving crash."

SADD is always looking for new members and they meet on Wednesdays at 7:30 in the LRC classroom.

ks New Students

Pep Club's advisor is Robert Hein. Hein stated, "In the future we want to do what we can to improve school spirit, the pep assemblies, and the pep pal situation."

Pep Club hopes to do many fund-raising projects, in order to make money because in past years, Pep Club has been running low on money.

The meeting time is not scheduled for any specific day or time. The announcements tell the details a few days ahead of time.

The 1990-91 officers are as follows: Kim LaBelle, President, Nikki Brockman, Vice-President, Karen Tyranowski, Secretary, and Gina Latoria, Treasurer.

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members this year. We have a very experienced group of students which makes a difference."

Even though last year saw a membership of 124, making them the largest chapter in the state, Zabelin said, "I'd like to raise membership. We have the potential to get bigger." They received the Gold Seal award, but Zabelin said he'd like to get more local and national awards and place first in state again this year. In the past two years FBLA placed second and first respectively.

FBLA will be attending a Fall Leadership Conference in St. Louis, MO November 2-4.

Anyone interested in becoming a member can do so by attending a meeting on any Thursday in Room 302. There is a one time membership fee of \$10 which makes you a member of the National, State, and Local chapter of FBLA.

The Club that Clowns around

by John Kufer

"The best way not to get addicted to drugs and alcohol is not to get started." That is why the In-Touch Clown Team is "Helping students in grades Kindergarten thru 6 develop the desire to say no to drugs and alcohol," says advisor Gail Arnoff.

Arnoff started the team at the request of former Assistant Principal Richard Waterhouse. When Waterhouse heard that the state was putting aside money to give schools to fight drugs and alcohol he contacted Arnoff to form an In-Touch program at WCCHS. Arnoff chose clowning which is an acronym for Children Learn Other Ways Naturally because, "little kids look at clowns as 'good people.'"

The clowns themselves also set an example. "They look up to us because we're High School

students," says Senior Chris Pomeroy, who's been a clown for two years. Vanessa Muhiberger whose five year old sister looks up to her, says that it's important to let little kids know not to use drugs.

The team delivers its anti-drug message along with messages of building good self-esteem, feeling good about yourself, and finding other fun activities to do besides drugs and alcohol; by doing skits and classroom presentations.

All In-Touch programs vary from school to school. Some schools set up hot lines, others start support groups, and St. Charles also has a clown team. As for the West Chicago clown team: It is the largest team since its formation in 1988. Currently, the clowns are writing new skits which will be used when the team starts performing later this year. The team is also upgrading costumes, and finding new schools to perform at in addition to the schools in District #33.

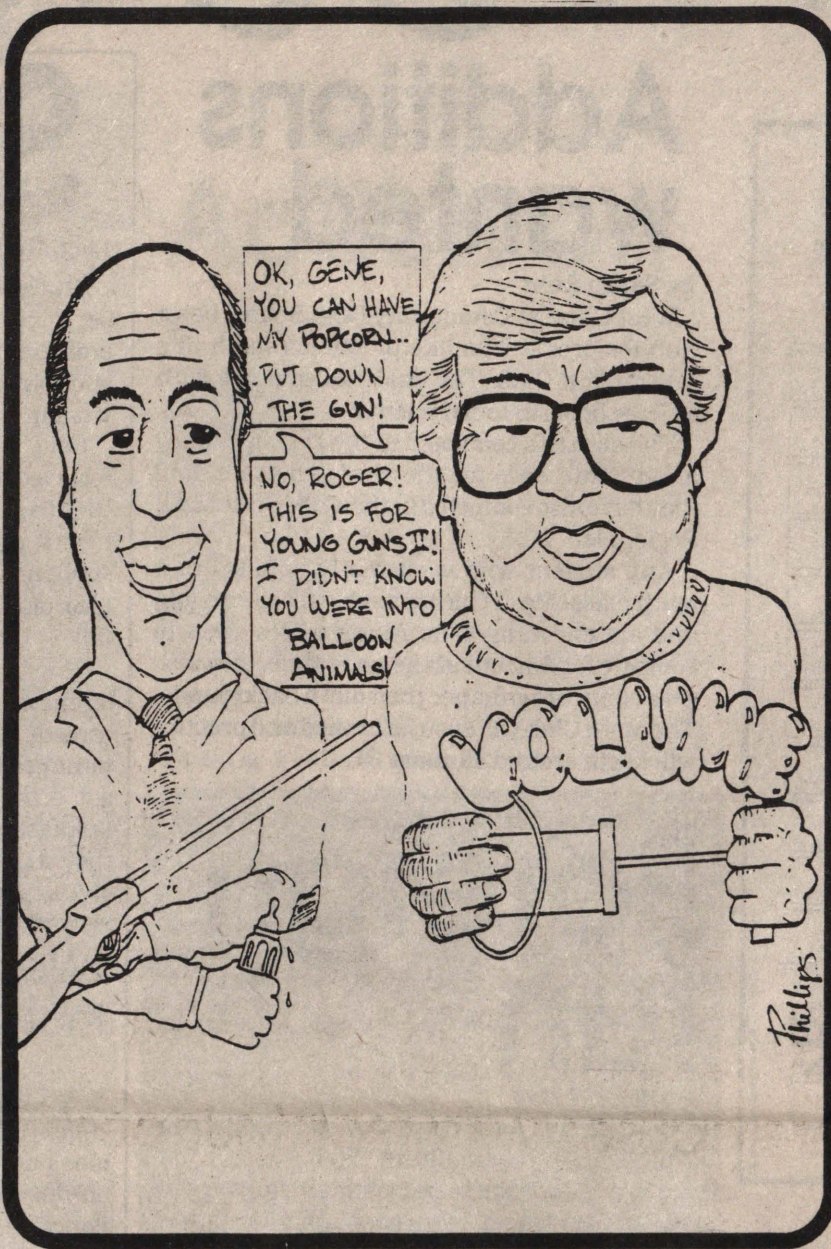
Adventure ... vs. romance?

by Tanida Suwanaath



This sequel to *Young Guns* is an entertaining and modest movie. Fans of the former Brat Pack will enjoy this flick as it continues on with the saga of Billy the Kid (played by Emilio Estevez). The movie keeps the viewers mind in motion. The beautiful southwest scenery is, to say the least, awesome. A few humorous moments can be found to lighten up the tense atmosphere. Although some scenes are predictable and cliché, the movie is still likeable.

The cast (including Estevez as the Kid and rambunctious leader; Lou Diamond Phillips as Chavez, the quiet, omen bearing Mexican Indian; and gentle hearted Doc, played by Keifer Sutherland) is well rounded and a part of what makes the movie. New comers are Baltazar Getty (*Lord of the Flies*), who plays Tommy, a 14 year old orphan who longs to, and eventually does, travel with the gang, and Christian Slater who plays Dave Rudabough, an eager young man who acts as if he's the leader of the gang. I highly recommend the action packed adventure.



by Brian York



Pump up the Volume is an offensive, rude, perverted, and outspoken film. I loved it. From all the hype this film has generated you may think all the film has as a backbone is language, a righteous pirate dj, and a few degrading remarks slopped up all together into an actor with Nicholson-like characteristics. Wrong!

Pump up the Volume does have a good plot, if you look behind all the hype. Christian Slater plays nerd Mark Hunter by day, and moonlights as punk radio station hero Hard Harry. Harry ends up getting the attention of not only the students, but the administration, and more importantly his father - one of the school's commissioners, by unveiling secrets of the school's administration.

Harry then spawns a relationship with a faithful listener (Samantha Mathis) without even realizing it. The beginning of their relationship is based solely on communication through radio and letters, which furthers the complexity of the plot. Not only is it a story of Harry against the system, but it's a romance.

The movie is fueled by this romance, but more so by Harry's many philosophies on life. "Sex is out. Drugs are out. Politics are out. All the great times have been used up and turned into theme parks." - a true American, eh? But the viewer has to love him. He's what kept me in the movie. I'm afraid with any other mediocre actor, this movie would have been simply de-pumped.

I strongly recommend seeing this movie, not for the gimmicks, but for the strong stand it makes about the system and what's wrong with it.

Sportscaster Snaidauf loves Spooooorts

by Chris Seper

From one of the most famous party colleges in Illinois, Southern Illinois University, Jones Intercable Sportscaster Joe Snaidauf has taken cable sports enthusiasts by storm.

"I don't want to be Joe Sportscaster," the 24-year old S.I.U. graduate explained. "I want to be Joe Snaidauf"

Snaidauf is one of the team of three that is in the sports department on channel six Jones Intercable News at 10:30 p.m. every weekday. Covering the local high school teams, Snaidauf has developed a persona of enthusiastic voice inflections.

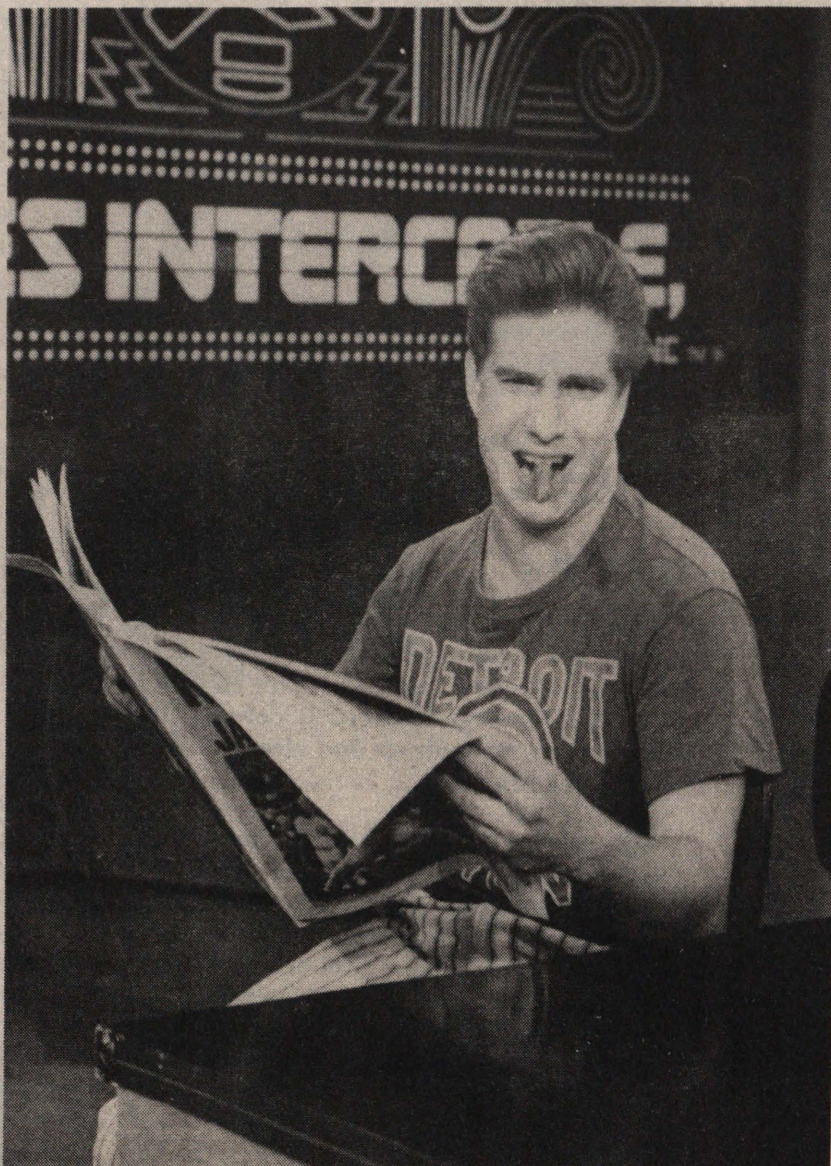
"When I'm out there doing the sports, that's the way I speak all the time," Snaidauf explained, "whether it's to my Grandma or to a guy walking down the street. Hey, if you want to talk some sports, lets talk some sports. That's just me out there. I'm a sports freak, plain and simple."

But, it's his memorable outro, "Joe Snaidauf. Jones! Intercable Spooooorts!" that has made him one of the most interesting personalities that covers high school athletics today.

"I first started here when this was originally Centel. I was like, 'Joe Snaidauf, channel six sports.' It was like, hey? Are you into it man, or not? Are you into this ballgame? Are you into this feature story? Are you into this team and their players and this practice? Everything I do comes from the heart. When I rip out that outro, it flows. I dig stuff that flows."

Snaidauf, who grew up on the south side of Chicago, has flowed his way through a year and a half on the cable sports scene, something the young sportscaster credits towards a rigorous sports lifestyle. At St. Rita high school, he worked as sports editor of the *Ritan*, and at Southern Illinois, continued to work on the radio and television stations.

"Everything's been sports. I've been raised on sports. I eat, sleep, and breathe



The man himself, Jones Intercable sportscaster Joe Snaidauf. (Photo by Chris Seper)

sports. Matter of fact, I had a dream I was in the Raider huddle last night."

Snaidauf is religious about his love of sports. He claims he bleeds Raider "silver and black", he loves the White Sox, hates the Cubs, loves the Pistons, and, believe it or not, does not like Michael Jordan.

"I used to like the Bulls, but once they got Michael Jordan I said, 'I want out'. I'm not a Michael Jordan fan. I like guys like Bill Laimbeer, Like Ricky Mahorn, guys that do damage. I love guys that do damage."

Damage must be at a premium in this area because Snaidauf was not shy on praise of almost all the sport teams in the area.

"Since I've been working here at Jones Intercable, following the Wheatons, the Napervilles, the Auroras, the Elgins, St. Charles, Geneva, all of them. All the people here are very good. It's great and you can go out and talk to the players, and even some of the fans, and here them say, 'I'm glad you're here taking a look at us.'" Snaidauf also gave his opinion on the Wildcat football team. "It has a good program. I think it's on the way up. I talked to Bruce Donash earlier in the year. There's a lot of heart in West Chicago. There's a lot of kids busting their fannies trying to make it to the top where the Wheatons are, where the Napervilles are. They're on the bottom, trying to make it to the top. It's just determination.

"There's a lot of good teams over at West Chicago. They have to keep putting out the gutty efforts. Let some people know that the Wildcats aren't just going to roll over and die."

And what's next for the wily cable sportscaster? According to Snaidauf, more sports and more cable.

"I love the cable industry. I think there's a little bit more freedom in that. My goal is ESPN or CNN. I want the 24-hour sports network if that's what I do for a living. I don't want to know anything about news."

Just imagine what he would be like if he did.

Soccer rolls through regular season

Arias, Romero lead teamwork oriented squad

by Chris Seper

A team still taken lightly by other teams and newspaper rankings, Wildcat soccer coach Robert Owens defends his team in one sentence.

"Just look at the record."

The Wildcat soccer team took everyone by storm, taking toppling one state-ranked team, tying another and losing to one. The loss came to top ranked Naperville North 3-0, while the tie came to number seven Wheaton Central 2-2 and the win against St. Charles, 4-1.

"The kids are working hard," Owens said. "They're getting wins as rewards." A streak of 12 games without a loss kicked off the Cat season, then they were hit with the loss to North, the only loss of the season.

"They kept us off balance all game," Owens said. "They deserved to win." But other than the loss to the Huskies, Owens game plan of a team concept has come through.

"We've always strived to have a team concept," the Cat coach continued. "I think we've got a group of individuals that are pretty good."

Seniors Gaspar Arias and Richie Romero have been the two shining individuals a top the rest. Working almost like a point and shooting guard in basketball, Arias leads the team in goals and Romero is way ahead of the pack in assists. At points, the two players have put three of their specialty on the board in one game.

Owens, however, feigns recognition of just two of his players. "Richie gets the assists, but the ball has to get up to Richie too. You've got David Seirs, Doug Sawyer, Zenaldo (Diaz), Craig Baldwin and all the



Junior Zenaldo Diaz brings the ball to the goal during the Cats' 3-0 win over Glenbard South. (Photo by Chris Seper)

defenders. All 11 players on that field are playing offense when we're on offense." The Wildcat O has tuned it up, scoring four goals a game regularly, being shut out and held to one goal one time each. "I think we've been able to adapt our system to the types of defenses that we've been coming across," Owens said. "We've been making adjustments as the season goes by."

The Cat defense has softened since DuPage Valley Conference play. The defense threesome and senior goalie Steve Majerus had allowed only .72 goals per game. Now, Majerus and company have recorded only one shutout, averaging two goals a game.

"Our defense is giving away too many goals," Owens admitted. "We've given about six goals away. Just like Christmas early."

Heading towards the DVC tournament and then on to regionals, where the Cats' path may cross with St. Charles. Owens has his mind focused on the second Saint-Cat match up.

"Since we've played St. Charles, they haven't lost a game. They've pretty much obliterated everyone they've played. They've made some adjustments in their attack and made some personnel changes that have made them a better team. For regional play, we need to look at them a few times before we play them again. I think the key is getting out of our regional."

Go stick your head in an oven

by Chris Seper



There is an old saying. If you can't stand the heat, get out of the oven.

So parents, when you come to a football game and sit on the student side of the bleachers, and then hear something you don't like, get out.

In the past year or so, I have been attending a lot of Wildcat football games. While sitting on the student side of the bleachers, I've noticed it's gotten pretty rude at times. Nothing more than a few dirty cheers and few names being hurled at opposing players and refs, but still some parent might find them annoying.

Actually, I've done a good part of them, but that is not the point.

Not to mention we all push and shove and basically move around way too much for any parent who wants to watch their son on the field.

But in the past years, I have noticed a few parents opt to sit on our side of the stands. Cool, anybody is welcome if they can take the heat.

Most of them can't.

Last year, during one of the home games, there was a chant that some parents could deem rude. About thirty or forty kids were yelling it out, and one of them had a mega-

Family atmosphere causes swimmers' success

by Chris Seper

Imagine having a family with 35 sisters, two dads and a mom.

That about sums up the Lady Cat swim team.

"We have a lot of social functions on weekends together," coach Dan Johnson,

but with Johnson, who as coached some of them since they were at age seven.

But Johnson also credits a light practice atmosphere to the success of the squad.

"We have a diverse group of personalities. We try to keep practice real light, but enjoyable. They can tend to get draggy, especially this time of the year. So we try to break

breaking four of those records twice. Three were broken by junior Erin Myers and two were broken by senior Carol Petusky.

"Erin has already broken her breast-stroke time from the state meet," Johnson said. "We expect all those people's (including Jennifer Vavrek and Corrie Gilgallon) times to really drop."

Along with improvement of Myers and Petusky individually, the medley relay time of the sophomore Gilgallon, Myers, Petusky and the junior Vavrek is right on last year's state time.

A sub-.500 record has greeted the swimmers this year for the first time in several. But, according to Johnson, there is no need to worry.

"We'll be lucky this year in duals to finish .500. But I wouldn't trade it for anything. So far we're ahead right now in where we were last year conditioningwise, times and all those things have just made us so much better." Johnson said that he hopes along with his top four swimmers last year, freshmen Jenny Weigand can make the trip down state.



A family atmosphere encompasses tough workouts for the Lady Cat swim team. (Photo by Gina Lipscomb)

dad number one before assistant coach Len Penkala and assistant coach mom Debbie Sheriff, explained. We get together and have dinners, things like that. We have a lot of talks, where everybody says things.

"Almost all the girls, swim summers Sharks if not summer/winter Sharks," Johnson continued. "They're together and train together and they're at meets all year round together. Most of these guys have known each other for five or six years already. They are tight, even before they come in." Not only are they tight with themselves,

it up with team meetings and take breaks in practice. Sometime we'll even take a joke-break where everyone has to tell a joke.

"If it gets stale, then the training gets stale," Johnson said of practices. "Everybody has their own input they can give. It's not a strict, highly disciplined run group."

So far the family-like atmosphere has paid off for the tankers, earning themselves seven new pool and school records,

'Excuse me, will you please shut up?'

phone. So one of these parents on our side of the stands decides to restore some law and order to the unruly half of the stands.

"Excuse me, will you please shut up," the lady said.

Nobody had the guts to tell her to get over to the parents' side if she had a problem with it. Nobody said if you can't stand the heat to get out of the oven. No one told her to go stick her head in an oven.

Why?! Why, I ask!?

The unwritten rule of the separation of the parents' stands and students' stands was there for a reason; we are obnoxious (or at least what parents deem obnoxious) and they might not want to deal with it while they watch a football game.

Sitting with a bunch of adults while trying to go nuts isn't a high school students dream either. That's why when kids are sick of screaming and yelling, they go to the parents' side of the stands to get a break.

Where it's nice and quiet.

Where there's no noise.

Not like the students' side.

So this year, if parents want to sit on the students side of bleachers, fine. But if you can't take the heat...

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WILDCAT SPORTS TRIVIA ANSWER

The golfers last winning season was 12 years ago in 1978.

The season that should have been, wasn't Only regional success can resurrect volleyballs

by James Smith

Life is not always how you want it to be. The Wildcat volleyball team, coming into the 1990 season, was supposedly the best team Lady Cat volleyball coach Gail George had ever coached. But the team struggled badly through the first seven games of the season, not winning a single contest. As of now, the team is still having its problems, winning only two DuPage Valley Conference games.

With the buildup and the letdown, you would almost have to suspect team desension, a loss of comradery in the We-go volleyball team. But the answer, in the words of Wayne Gretzky; no. Instead, it was just blending as a team.

"In the early part of the season, that was a big problem, along with communication. It's hard when you're down by so many points to communicate out there." As of Sept. 21, the Wildcats are 4-11, having gone .500 in their last eight contests. That gives George confidence about the character of her players.



Senior Cheryl Greenwall knocks the ball over in the Lady Cats' three-game loss to Glenbard East. (Photo by Chris Seper)

"You can really tell a lot about a person when they're down, in some cases some will just stay down and will not even make an effort to get up. That's not the case with our girls. They're making every effort to get themselves where they want themselves to be."

That character goes along with the players maturity, with seven of the ten players, seniors Melody Benson, injured setter Cyndi Carrol, Cheryl Greenwall, Jennifer Kramer, Kelly Matthews, Sarah Ognie, Danielle Potts, all playing on last years team.

"The maturity has to do with experience," George said. "They have spent years learning how to deal with situations such as this." Along with senior Claire Broldo, George is happy with the two underclassmen players she has, junior Jody Burns and sophomore Chris Murphy.

In the tough DVC, many of the other teams have girls playing volleyball all year round. That is not the case with the Wildcats, most of the players are well rounded athletes and compete in a number of different sports.

But the season is not over yet, and George is looking forward to regionals at Batavia. "Regionals will be tough, the other teams competing are very good. Geneva and St. Charles usually have good teams, and Batavia is excited since they are hosting. But don't count us out because I think now we are starting to blend. "Another way I look at it is that when those regionals start, the records are thrown out the window," George continued. "That's what I tell the girls and I think they'll rise to the occasion."

The Batavia regional is October 22.

Cross Country sprints toward state Thomson hopes for four individual CAT qualifiers

by Ed Bachner

The boys' and girls' cross country teams started their season on the right foot. Now they will prove if they can see it through.

Tonight, the Cats will race in the DuPage Valley Conference at 3:30 p.m. and will venture on to regional competition on Saturday, Oct. 20.

Coach Bob Thomson said that the teams to beat in regionals are St. Charles, West Aurora and DVC rival Naperville North.

When asked about the power runners from those teams, Thomson said: "On the boys side, nobody's better than Rick Montalvo as far as I'm concerned. He can beat anybody that anybody's got." Montalvo will be shooting for his third straight regional championship.

However, there will be all-state caliber runners like Michael Bryan from Larkin, John Larusso from St. Charles and Nick Theil from Naperville North. Bryan is the only runner this season to beat Montalvo.

On the girls side, a lot of all-stater Nicole

that sophomore Mike Callarman, Horyn, senior Heather Jardis and Montalvo are very likely going to compete in Peoria whether the entire team makes it or not.

Thomson said, "Rick is the sixth best returning boys in state and is one of the favorites to win state this year. Callarman will probably rank very high at state. Horyn is the 20th best girl returning at state and will probably place in the top 25 spots. Jardis, despite this being her first year on the team, is running better than Horyn was last year and should run well at state."

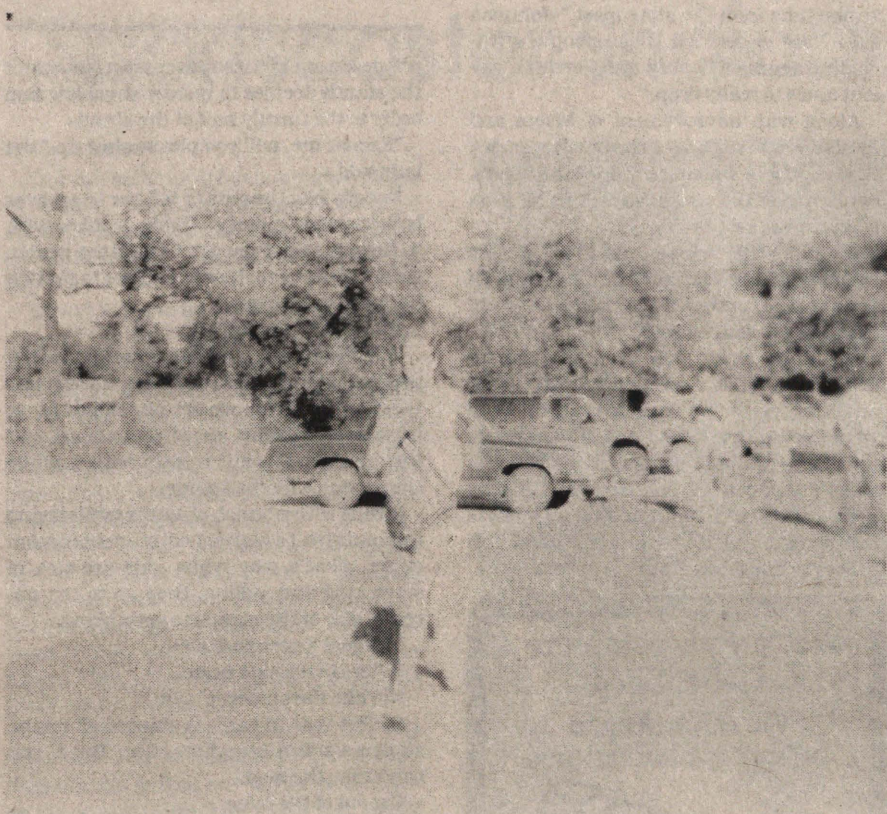
Also, he said that going to state looks promising for both teams since the boys team is one of the top eight sectional teams and the girls' team is one of the top 10 sectional teams.

Although both teams finished the regular season well, Thomson pointed out that both teams regularly place well in the first three positions, but are hurt by their four and five runners.

"That will affect whether the teams go to state or not," Thomson said. For the girls juniors Samantha Newby and Yvette Contreras are the Lady Cat hopefuls for strong four and five runners. The boys are counting on seniors Oliver Korloth and Dave Zeisler to do the job.

Wildcat Sports Standings in DVC

Cross Country	Fourth (boys and girls)
Football	Seventh
Golf	Fifth
Soccer	Second
Swimming	No Conference
Tennis	Fifth
Volleyball	Seventh



In the blinding heat of competition, senior Dave Zeisler finds his way through the course in the Cats' shutout loss to Wheaton North. (Photo by Jeanine Murphy)

WILDCAT SPORTS TRIVIA

This year, the golf team had a winning record (8-6), when was the last time that happened?

(Answer on page 7)

Horyn competition comes from Emily Vitek and Angela Nelson, both from Naperville Central, according to Thomson.

In the past three years, as long as West Chicago has had a full team, neither team has stopped at regionals.

At the sectional race, Thomson said that the powerhouse teams will be York, St. Charles, Naperville Central, Naperville North, Wheaton Central and Wheaton North. But due to the teams' successful records, Thomson doesn't appear to be very concerned about sectionals.

"We'll worry about sectionals the week we have to go," the fourth year head coach said. For the state meet, Thomson pointed out

Home Sports Schedule and Playoffs

Cross Country		
Oct. 12	DVC race at Northside Park	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	Regionals	TBA
Oct. 27	Sectionals	TBA
Football		
Oct. 19	Glenbard North-Sr. Parent Night	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	Playoffs	TBA
Golf		
Oct. 12-13	State Playoffs	8 a.m.
Boys' Soccer		
Oct. 13-16	DVC Tournament	TBA
Oct. 18-23	Regionals	TBA
Oct. 25-27	Sectionals	TBA
Oct. 30	Super Sectionals	TBA
Girls' Swimming		
Oct. 16	Morris, Crystal Lake So.	6 p.m.
Oct. 31	Rosary, Sr. Parent Night	6 p.m.
Tennis		
Oct. 12-13	Sectionals	TBA
Oct. 18-20	State Finals	TBA
Volleyball		
Oct. 18	Glenbard North-Sr. Parents Night	TBA
Oct. 23-27	Regionals	TBA
Oct. 30-Nov. 1	Sectionals	TBA