

# The Bridge

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## FBLA hosts a night of well-known celebrities

by Julia Hill

"Variety is the spice of life."

If you believe in this statement go to the Variety Show/Celebrity Auction that the Future Business Leaders of America is sponsoring tonight in Weyrauch Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Registration for the auction begins at 6:45 p.m.

The proceeds are going to the mission, March of Dimes, which helps with birth defects. FBLA Adviser, Donald Zabelin said that the goal of \$1000, to raise for the March of Dimes "is a reality"

Zabelin said that the March of Dimes was the charity chosen by WCCHS's FBLA since it is the charity that the state FBLA sponsors.

The Celebrity Auction is a new event here at WCCHS. "It is a first," Zabelin said. FBLA Secretary and Celebrity Auction Coordinator Margaret Walen commented that she hopes it will work. "It is something different. The community hasn't seen this before," she said.

There will be over 30 autographed items up for auction. This will include a Steve Allen Book, a Michael Jordan poster, a L.A. Law t-shirt and script, an Orel Herscheiser Picture, a Chicago Bears program, a M\*A\*S\*H Script-autographed by Alan Alda, a script from the

Bill Cosby Show and a Grateful Dead Tapes-try.

Walen said that FBLA has sent out over 300 letters to celebrities asking for donations for the auction and that they are very pleased with the responses they have had.

About bringing the auction into reality, Walen said, "It's been a hard time, a lot of energy....and frustrating at times." She continued to say, "It should be fun. We've got such a variety of items to auction-it will be an interesting night."

For the performance end of the evening, there will be a variety of dances, songs and skits.

Jennifer Walters, Variety Show Coordinator, said that she had a "hard time deciding on who to pick" for the show and "everyone (who auditioned) was really good."

However, Walters was concerned about the people whom she did not choose for the show. "These people are going to hate me," Walters said.

Even though Zabelin thought that "each of these projects could be successful separately, the two events "compliment the other." Also, "It is more efficient to have two big projects on the same evening," Zabelin said.

## WCCHS students prepare for armed forces

by Brian Levake

What are you doing after high school? Junior Jamie McDole and seniors Pat Quane and Brian Jarmy are joining our country's armed forces despite the on-going war in the Middle East.

Quane is joining the Marines because of a "strong family background," having both his father and his grandfather in the marines.

Quane went on to say that although it will be tough to leave his friends as well as baseball behind, he'll be glad to leave so he "won't have to see Matt Purdom or his sister Fiona."

"We've been in every war since World War I," he said. Quane went on to say that although it will be tough to leave his friends as well as baseball behind, he'll be glad to leave so he "won't have to see Matt Purdom or his sister Fiona." Quane is anticipating a U.S. victory

on the current war.

The reason for Jarmy (who enlisted for the Army on December 5) "is for the college money mainly." He hopes to "learn something" from the Army like leadership qualities, but also anticipates "some adventures." The only thing he fears about joining up is that he could get shot. Jarmy does not expect to participate in the on-going war. His feelings about the progress of the war is that although "Saddam Hussein still has a lot of experience, our air superiority should come through and we'll win."

McDole is entering the Air Force Academy after graduation. His inspiration was the movie, *Top Gun*. "I love flying, its awesome," McDole said. McDole's long term plans are to be in the Air Force for 20 years, collect a large pension, then make more money by flying for American or United Airlines. Instead of seeing it as a negative experience, he sees it as "life time experience you can't get anywhere else." McDole's only fear is to be shot down in an F-16. McDole is willing to go to war. "I hope so, I hope I go to war," he said.



Junior Jamie McDole and Seniors Pat Quane and Brian Jarmy are planning to serve in the United States military forces after completing high school. (photo by Gina Lipscomb)

## Inkspots

Musical auditions

by Elisa Biancalana, Julie Loek and Jeanine Murphy

Auditions, for the musical *Anything Goes*, by Cole Porter, will be held March 5 and 6. See Ms. Hafertepe for more information.

Loek and Yoder are state winners

Choir to contest

Musicians Julie Loek (clarinet) and Dayna Yoder (cello) competed in the All-State Music Festival on January 31, February 1 and 2. Loek placed 14 in the All-State Band while Yoder placed eighth in the Honors Orchestra.

West Chicago Community High School's chorus, orchestra and band will be performing at the Solo and Ensemble contest on March 2 at Fenton High School.

## March Calendar

March 1: Institute day

No school

March 4: Pulaski's Birthday

No school

March 5-8: Spring Musical Auditions

March 7: Winter Sports Award Night

March 11: Scholastic Bowl meet

March 12: Foreign Language National Honor Society induction

March 15: German Plays

March 18: Scholastic Bowl meet

March 19: Band Concert; 7:30 pm.; Weyrauch Auditorium

March 21-23: Future Business Leaders of America state conference in Springfield.

March 23: Cheerleading state competition

March 25: Spring Break begins

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### Why were the bathroom doors locked?

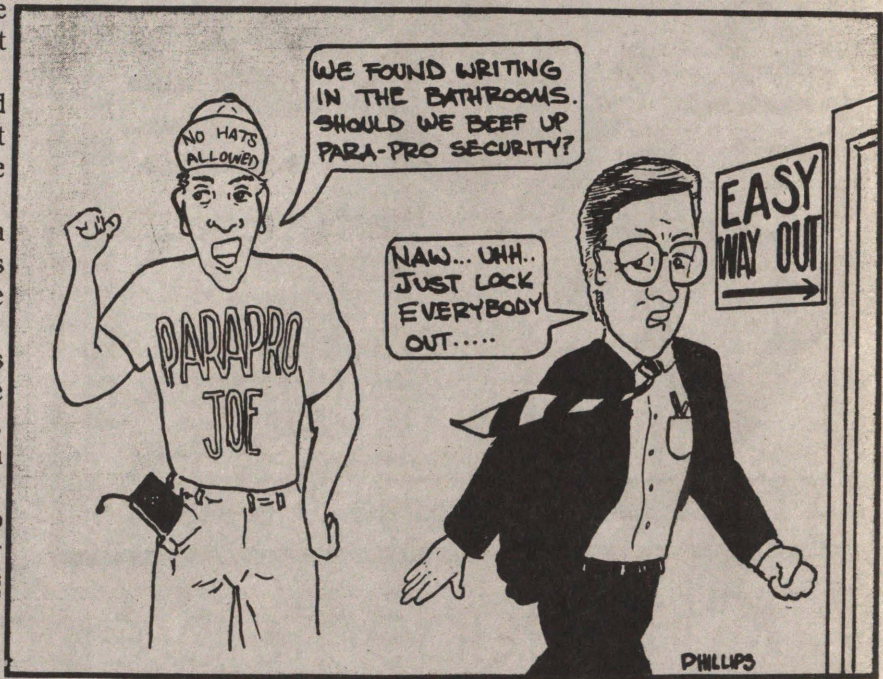
Why are the bathroom doors locked? That was the expression of some people a few weeks ago when the bathrooms were locked. Why weren't they open in the first place?

According to principal Alan Jones, the bathrooms have been closed due to vandalism at the beginning of the year. They were closed the last few years because according to Jones, "I didn't know that they were locked."

The vandalism in the bathrooms consisted of a damaged sink and a large amount of writing on the walls. According to Jones, the bathrooms were shut down after this because he wanted to preserve any evidence of the vandalism.

The Bridge editors feel that it is about time that the bathroom doors have been opened. Having to run down to the first floor to go to the bathrooms when you are on the third floor just doesn't seem logical. When you want to relieve yourself, racing down stairs is the last thing you want to do.

With the doors open, students don't have to run a marathon to get to the restrooms. Now they can just take a brisk walk to the facilities of their choice. Having the bathroom doors locked sure was a good way of getting the students in shape.



### Snow days become school daze

by Kim Derby

Not many people like going to school when the temperature is near the zero mark. Even fewer like going to school for five additional days at the end of the year.

When the weather becomes frosty and white, going outdoors to warm up a car is not a fun idea for Denise Kogut. "We could get three feet of snow on a Tuesday, and we'd still be in school on Wednesday."

Principal Alan Jones feels that a sufficient amount of snow days are taken during the year. He wants us to have as many days as possible in school.

The Math Department agrees that the amount of days taken as snow days are satisfactory. They don't believe, though, that there should be an extra week at the end of the year. "Our year should be set up like the Junior High," one Math instructor said, re-

'Our school should be set up like the junior high'

ferring to the West Chicago Junior High School. (They do not go to school any supplementary days unless they use snow days.)

The length of our school year is greatly disputed among the population in the school. According to Jones, length of the average school year in America (180 days) is the shortest in the industrial world. One way to remedy that situation is to use those five days. "We need 20 more days," Jones said.

Because we cannot add on a few more weeks of school, Jones feels the only way to incorporate more learning time is to extend the school year. "I know it's not popular," Jones revealed, "but if we don't [add on the days], we're short-changing the students."

Students have other ideas about spending an extra week in school when they could be enjoying summer of making money. "If we don't use them, we should not have five extra days at the end of the year," Sophomore Betty Staniels explained.

Science teacher Deborah Musgrave feels it interferes with her time with her children. "It's not that we shouldn't go to school, it's just that my kids are already out of school."

Freshman Scott Wetts is displeased with spending more time in classes than other area schools. He feels that the school should "just take them off at the end of the year."

Jones is not surprised students complain

about snow days. "It is natural to think that way when other schools in the area have shorter years." He believes, though, that being in school is the most valuable thing teenagers can be doing.

Kogut is anxious to be graduating, and therefore is displeased with an additional week. "I want to get out of here as soon as I can."

The snow day dispute will go on as long as there are other schools with fewer days. Jun-

ior Laura Bozidarevic said, "We have the

"...What's five days?"

longest day and the longest year. What's five

### Parking shortage

by Julie Loek

Parking Shortage.

Not enough parking permits.

People have to park four blocks away from school.

Ask anyone on any given day about the parking problem here at school and you can be pretty sure one of those phrases will come out of their mouths.

Is driving to school really that important? Granted, I understand that some people have only half a day of school and they go to work in the after-noon, but what about those people

who drive to school "just so I don't have to take the bus"?

Is walking four blocks in the cold at 7:30 in the morning really that much better than taking the bus?

Not in my mind.

Maybe I'm just lucky. I have been taking the bus for the better part of my high school career, and for the most part, my bus service is okay. It's generally on time, it's always heated in the winter and cooled off in the summer. Now as far as the drivers go... well, we won't get into that today.

### America by themselves

by Michelle May

America has always been the world's white knight, but now the armor is a little tarnished and the horse a little grey.

Bush wants Iraq back in their own country but don't you think a lot of people want us back in ours? We have pushed our noses in other countries problems forever. In South America we even teach torture, and no one is kicking us out.

Yes, it is wrong, very wrong, what Saddam Hussein is doing to the people of Kuwait... Stealing incubators, leaving babies to die, bringing prisoners home just to be identified and then shot in front of family and friends. Yes, he should be stopped, but not by the U.S. alone. What's the point of having a United Nations when the only one that stands up for their decisions is the United States. We even support the UN's economy.

Putting thousands of troops in the Gulf before making an honest effort to negotiate with Hussein was a big mistake. All we did was push him (and his ego) into a corner, where he couldn't do anything but strike back. We never even gave him a chance.

I have received a lot of anti-war paraphernalia lately. Some of these efforts seem really naive. No Blood for Oil is one major campaign. They seem to forget that the whole problem is not that of oil. America gets less than seven percent of its oil from Kuwait. But maybe this

oil "scare" will get people thinking about conservation. America uses 25 percent of the world's oil and only accounts for six percent of its population.

This concept of glory in war is starting all over again. The Home Shopping Club is even selling Operation Desert Shield T-shirts. I talked to a recruit who is leaving this month for Kuwait. He told me he would do anything for a medal. I don't think he really meant this, but told me what I expected to hear. He has already become part of the feeling that they aren't men but troops. This is what gives Bush the idea that human lives are so dispensable. The only solution is to wait for some other members of the United Nation to take a stand. It's about time for Canada, Japan, and other nations to return more than money

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to society. If we take our stand as a unifying force it would be a symbol to the rest of the world and to Hussein himself. Maybe then the United Nations will be a strong force in the world.

### Debate time

by Soren Johnson

"What Debate Team?"

This unfortunately has been the answer we West Chicago students have answered when our friends from surrounding areas ask us how well our debate team is doing. The truth of the matter is, two years ago it quit and is now just a legend of our past.

Rich Clark, a freshman, recently did some inquiring of his own. What he found out was that it would take a lot of work to get a team off the ground. First, some students would have to get a petition with at least 150 names on it to prove there is indeed interest. The next and last requirement is probably the toughest to meet. We would need one teacher to lead the group and be responsible for meets, debates, etc...

So how about it? One of the many benefits is giving students the chance to look at the different sides on issues, and then test their skills when they debate another school on an issue.

It would give the ordinary student a chance to go further than just talking about an issue. They would have to research it and be well-prepared to deliver their side of the argument. These are just a few of the benefits that a debate team for our high school has to offer.

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## Is it the players or the coaches?

by Jamie McDole

Why is West Chicago considered to be a blow off team in the DVC? Who's fault is it? Is it the players or the coaches or just lack of participation?

Is it that West Chicago has no skill or is it because of another factor, one that is commonly overlooked in sports, the coach.

Sometimes it may be skill in individual sports such as golf or swimming that makes a team look good or bad. Some team sports though have enough skill to beat the opposition but not the proper coaching to give them advice on how to beat them.

Could it possibly be that some West Chicago athletes don't have enough heart to win? Is it that they never practice hard enough to win? Or is that the coaches don't care enough to make the athletes practice hard?

I have found through talking to athletes from West Chicago that a lot of them believe that it is the coaches fault that they are losing. They believe that they deserve better coaching. Would this improve our teams? The coaches might

prove it but it isn't all the coaches fault. If the athletes at West Chicago would dedicate themselves to a sport and work hard at it, the teams at West Chicago would get a lot better. I believe that West Chicago athletes are lazy. I see athletes screwing around thinking that it doesn't matter if they win or lose. Once at a baseball game we had been beat by slaughter rule. After the game some of the players didn't even care that they lost. They just didn't care. One senior baseball player recalled an incident during a game versus Naperville North. After being beaten badly people screwed around on the bus and laughed as if nothing had happened. That was also the game, second baseman, Chad Landis was injured. "It seemed like nobody even cared that he was hurt," explained the senior baseball player.

Then when I watched baseball and football practices I saw people screwing around doing what ever they wanted which wasn't practicing.

Another reason we lose is because of the lack of participation in the school. People just will not go out for the teams. Other teams are just outnumbering us.

It isn't solely because the coaches don't know anything and lack of participation though, it is because the athletes don't care enough to win. All coaches have to start somewhere and they learn through experience. What they need though is a team willing to learn with them and to try as hard as they can.

I don't believe for one second that the athletes at We-go will change either. It is dead set in their mind that high school sports are somewhere you can screw around and have a good time with your friends. Maybe once the athletes realize that they have to work hard to win, in about five years, we will start to win.

Athletes are also to stuck on themselves to let someone teach them something. If a coach goes and tries to tell them the right way to do something they will listen and the blow them off once that person leaves. The only thing I can say to that is, how far will you get in life if you can't take criticism or learn anything. Absolutely nowhere. You'll be in the gutter, washed up, hung out to dry. So learn now and take the criticism and put it to good use. Learn from it.

I applaud the few who work hard but if

you think your one of those people, your not. These people are rare at West Chicago and they never think that they work hard

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enough. They are continuously working to make themselves better. So if you think you work hard, your wrong.

If you work hard at something you can do good at it. If you do something for glory don't expect much in return. Remember though, the only thing that will get you somewhere in life is hard work, something most West Chicago athlete are not willing to do.

## Girls at West Chicago have a problem with hair

by Pat Guane

Mom I can't go to school today I only have a can and a half of hair spray and a tube of gel.

Does this sound familiar?

If it does you just might have what Junior Brian Levake considers, "Cement head."

This article is not just directed to girls who use a lot of hair tonic ("cement heads"), but also girls with high hair, and girls who wake up before the sun rises.

By the way what kind of gook do girls use in their hair?

"Oh, probably just some glue and paste and of course I almost forgot the rubber cement," said senior Jim Gayton.

"I use gel and hair spray and sometimes I use Mousse in the back," said junior

Shonda Sticlsal.

What time do these people wake up at? I mean personally if I wake up before 7a.m. I'm wrecked for the day.

"I usually get up around 5:15 take my shower, get dressed and then I do my hair," responded Junior Michelle Reiner. She's definitely up before the sun rises!

How long do they spend on their hair? "I don't think the average girl spends to much time on her hair, I mean what two to three hours at best. That's not to long is it?" Said Levake.

Well I highly doubt two to three hours Brian but hey you might be right.

"It usually takes me around forty minutes (including shampooing and conditioning) to defy gravity," replied Reiner.

What do guys consider to be high hair? "I think anything over 2 inches is high,

but I see some girls with hair as high as

## ...to watch a chick's hair go up in flames...

Minute Bol's (7'6" NBA basketball player) legs", jokingly said Gayton.

What do you think scares girls who use a lot of hair spray

"These girls are fearless except when it comes to blow torches and matches," said junior Jamie McDole.

Hey Jamie they have a right to be scared of flames haven't you ever read the back of a hair spray can it does say its extremely flammable. I bet you probably think it would be pretty cool to watch a chicks hair go up in flames! Well now that I think about it it probably would be kind of cool.

What embarrass girls with high hair? "A mirror," jokingly replied Levake. That wasn't to nice Brian but it was funny!

## Students speak out to Saddam Hussein

Dear Saddam Hussein,

I am a person in high school wondering what you are thinking. Why are you taking over the whole world? Do you possibly think you can win?

The only thing we want is the liberation of Kuwait, so we will more than gladly stop the war if you leave them alone. We may be kind, but we are not weak. We are prepared to fight until we are utterly used up. We do not want war, for we are a country who loves peace. Our moral is high, though, and we will be the victors. Dumping oil in

the Gulf was a gutless move. What good did you possibly hope to get out of it? You hurt the environment, not us. Let the Kuwaities live in peace again.

Saddam, go back to Baghdad if you're not already there, and bring your troops with you. Prolonging this war is only going to hurt you. Do something you're not used to; save some lives instead of taking them. The United States will prevail.

Sincerely,  
An American  
(Jamie McDole)

Dear Saddam Hussein,

I do not understand why it has to be this way. You moved in on a seemingly vulnerable country and tried to take it over. You did this without any hesitation or regret.

We tried to speak peacefully with you, because after all, we are a peace-loving nation. We are also a freedom-loving nation. When you refused to pull your men out of Kuwait, we took necessary action.

You don't seem to realize how hard we will fight for our freedom and the freedom of our allies. We won all but one war, and that one was a dirty, cruel fight that effects families even today. A lot of us didn't agree with it for certain reasons, but times have changed. We miss our friends and family members over there in the desert. Still, we support them all the way and pray that you will be driven out of Kuwait as peacefully as possible.

You see, Mr. Hussein, you will not win.

## America is a proud country...

America is a proud country, and we will help our friends live in freedom and serenity. I suggest you leave now while you still have a chance.

Sincerely,  
A proud American

Dear Saddam, you've really got guts.

OK, OK, so maybe the S.C.U.D. Missile attacks aren't all they're cracked up to be. And maybe you didn't totally get your jollies from manipulating proud allied POWs. And yeah, I guess it wasn't enough to kill members of your own family for less than intelligent reasons, but what's the deal with the oil spill?

I can see why you wouldn't care, because its obvious that you're gonna get your butt kicked, but if you think you're going to take it all down with you, choose again.

Be a martyr somewhere else, friend. We don't need any more heroes in this war. It's pretty evident that your case is lost when your own soldiers are leaving you for a warm meal. I don't think got the gut to give up like a man, but if you do, it would be the smartest thing

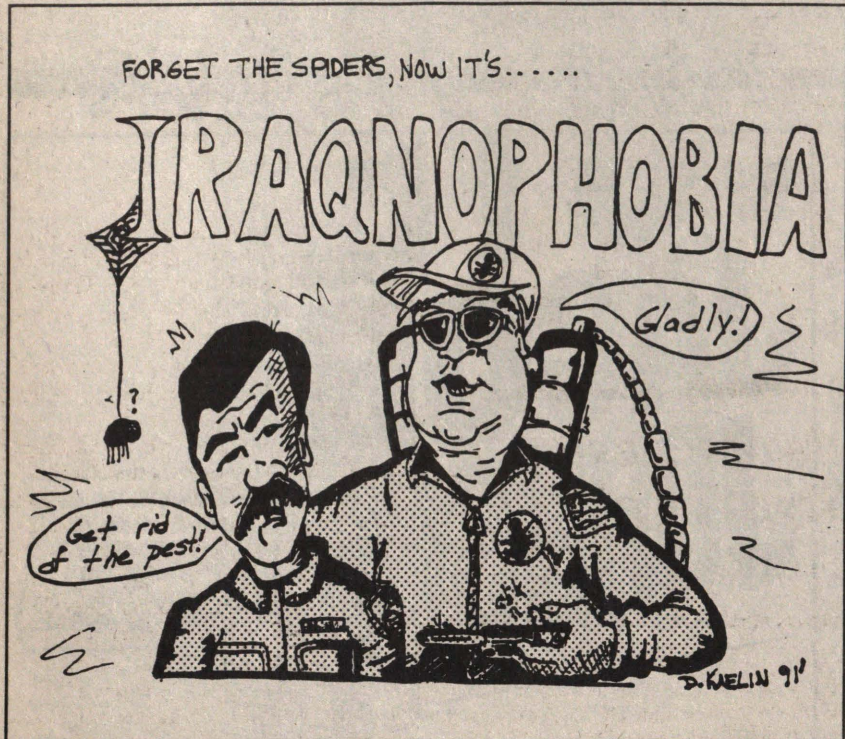
## Be a martyr somewhere else, friend.

you've done since August.

Maybe you should reestablish your position in the world, or take a little reality break, because you've stepped in it this time, pal.

Sincerely,

A sheep herder  
(Brian Levake)



## For 40 years, rock 'n roll has stood the test of time

by Brian Levake

Needless to say, fans of rock 'n roll have their own tastes or favorite musicians. For example, Junior Matt Fillipo said, "as far as I'm concerned, Living Colour and Guns 'n Roses are the only bands that came out since Thin Lizzy." How on earth did this come about?

It all started back in the fifties, when music was just starting to get more popular on the radio than story programs. Household names were the likes of Buddy Holly, Richie Valens, and The Big Bopper, all of whom died in a freak airplane accident. And then there was the "King", Elvis Presley, who caught national attention with his original, blues sounding, singing style, his looks and the ever famous gyrations of his hips on national T.V. This outraged viewers and because of this "indecent" gesture, T.V. producers only shot him from the waist up, preventing any future incidents with hip gyrations. Jerry Lee Lewis also electrified his audiences with his wild "devil may care" stage antics (such as setting pianos on fire) and the hard driving rhythms of his songs. He also shocked, disgusted, and subsequently lost fans when he married his thirteen-year-old cousin. The funny thing about looking back at the fifties is that things that were considered satanic by parents back then can be found on a station that most of our parents listen to now, Magic 104 FM.

The sixties were arguably the most creative and explosive period of rock. It brought forth such blockbuster groups and artists such as Led Zeppelin, the Yardbirds, The Who, Grateful Dead, and the Beatles. It also gave us some "one hit wonders" and nobodys such as Quill, Iron Butterfly, Keef Hartley, and Ten Years After. The sixties also staged a music event onto which all others are compared, the Woodstock Music and Arts Festival, which was held August 15-17, 1969, on the 600-acre dairy farm of Max Yasgur. Known simply as Woodstock, it brought together a collection of some of the finest musicians of the time, such as Joan Baez, Canned Heat, Janis Joplin, Jefferson Airplane (later to become Jefferson Starship, then just plain Starship, etc.), Sly and the Family Stone, The Who, Joe Cocker, Crosby, Stills, and Nash, and last but not least, Jimi Hendrix, who was known for his tendency to treat the guitar as if it was a living extension of his body, writhing as in agony from the fat, freaky noises that shrieked from his walls of amps, then finishing it off by smashing it, burning it or both. His playing of the "Star Spangled Banner" at Woodstock, as well as his 1967 breakthrough album, **Are you Experienced?**, will remain great moments in rock history.

Although the theme of the sixties seemed to be more concerned with the idea of "Peace, man", and "No war" at times, the seventies were almost exactly the opposite.

The seventies were a time of self-indulgent

guitar players, as well as continued experimentation of the music they already had. So many fly-by-night groups, as well as many bands that had or still have prosperous careers came out that it's almost impossible to sort them all out. The development of what we know today as "heavy metal" came about in the early seventies by such groups as Black Sabbath and Led Zeppelin. Guitarists prospered by the use of their instruments being the main attraction of the song instead of piano, bass, or the singer. This wasn't true in all cases, but sometimes it was carried to the extreme, such as Jimmy Page's twenty-plus minute guitar solo on Led Zeppelin's live album, **The Song Remains the Same**. The birth of one of the most hated forms of music war formed in the seventies, known as Disco. Under this, many groups became the toast of the town, such as The Village People and Average White Band. A relief to many, Disco died out soon thereafter in the early eighties. Another form of rock was formed, known as punk. The main goal of punk acts was to play as hard and fast as possible. Songs were often less than one or two minutes long. Early punk bands included the Ramones, The Descendents, The Sex Pistols, and The Damned. While the trend of plaid polyester bell-bottom pants and extra wide ties went out in the seventies, the musical influences it laid didn't.

To many, (including me), the eighties is known as the "worst decade in history", likely due to the fact that many bands weren't really

doing anything new, rather rehashing old acts. The ill fated band Kingdom Come was under constant persecution in its short history for sounding a lot like Led Zeppelin. Many bands even simply admitted trying to bring seventies rock back into the limelight. The leader of the pack (which included such others) was Guns'n Roses, who probably sold a lot more records than their influences that they were trying to revive. Even some of the original bands were back, more popular than they were before, such as Aerosmith, Kiss, and the Rolling Stones. While all of this was going on, there were some new styles created, such as Rap, House, Hardcore and Alternative, which chiefly bands that don't fit anywhere else. The most current trend in music these days is to incorporate socially and environmental lyrics into the songs. Groups like Janes Addiction, Public Enemy, Soup Dragons, R.E.M., and Living Colour can often be heard on the radio, spreading their messages to the world.

With a history like this, it's hard to predict what the nineties in going to introduce to the scene. Is it going to be another decade of revival? Perhaps some incredible new brand of culture bonding music can share? Or hey, maybe all music will be banned, kind of like the 2 Live Crew trials last year? But I think there is only one question that needs to be answered.

Does anybody remember the Knack?

## Drug testing in schools

by Dina Bascharon

"Under the Fourth Amendment, the government can't search someone, innocent or guilty, to find out if they are guilty. The Fourth Amendment protects people against intrusive or degrading bodily searches," says Given Osborne of the American Civil Liberties Union in Chicago (ACLU). Then why is there always the question of drug testing?

Drug testing mostly involves athletes. It is a test of 10 drugs; marijuana, amphetamines, opiates, and cocaine being amongst the 10. The test is done through a urinalysis. No blood tests are involved, and testing for alcohol is too hard because it enters the bloodstream too quickly. So the testing is strictly drug related.

The only school in this area that does require drug testing for all their athletes is Homewood-Flossmoor (H-F) High School District 233. They devised a plan to take their athletes and put them into groups of 20. Every person in that group gets a number, and once a month the school chooses a number and that person is tested for drugs.

While H-F is the only school that actually has a drug testing program, other schools in the area are trying to make themselves as drug free as possible. For instance, students at Willowbrook and Addison Trail High Schools

only test if there is a "reasonable cause" that the rules are being broken.

Although there are schools in favor of the drug testing program, there are other schools that think it's unjust. The athletic director at New Trier High School, Bob Naughton, stated his strong opinion. "I don't think drug testing will work. It isn't feasible. It's a waste of revenue, and going out and questioning a lot of guiltless people in an attempt to catch a few guilty people isn't right. Random testing isn't the way to go. Mistakes can be made (in the process of testing) and kids can be labeled."

Naughton isn't the only athletic director not in favor of drug testing. Athletic directors from Lyons Township, Hinsdale Central, and Glenbard West high schools basically agreed with what Naughton said. They also agreed that there are better ways of solving the drug problems in high schools. "Education is the way to go," said the athletic director of Glenbard West.

So what does West Chicago think about all this? When Ron Hansen was asked if WCCHS had a drug testing program, he said no. In fact, Hansen said, "In order to have a drug testing program, we would need a lot of money. Also, the idea has never even been brought before the board, and no committee has ever been formed to look into the subject." There is no drug testing in the future for WCCHS. At least for now!

## Top ten weekend ideas

by Brian York

10. Savor your favorite hot beverage for a day
9. Build that addiction you've been meaning to put on
8. Get up at 6:30, stay in the same place for over 8 hours, then go home and reflect on what you learned on paper to turn in the next day  
(Whoops, that's "Top Ten things to do during the week")
7. Formulate and perfect your new "Letter To the Editor" for Chris Seper
6. Memorize the phonebook skipping guys named Bill
5. Party!!!!
4. Set up a shrine for a Bridge editor
3. Dig a hole in your backyard for a possible UFO launchpad
2. Eat, sleep, and perform other daily functions
1. Rest up for an exiting school week

## That will be the day!

by Brian York

That'll be the day. Some things in this blue orb called earth don't exactly make the most sense. You might be pondering right now what the two sentences above have to do with each other. Well, they're things that don't make sense and I thought would never occur in my lifetime. (Basically things that I think are strange on this earth without giving my opinion. Well I'll at least try really hard).

1. The world has been pestered by a leader named Saddam? Saddam? This one I'm sure has been pondered quite a bit. However I won't waste any more space on the overdrawn, over commercialized fact that the world has a new tick. That'll be the day!

2. Pom of the week? Really now. Isn't there a law? I'm sure they (poms) work hard and deserve recognition, but Pom of the Week? But thanks anyway, you gave me something to write about. That'll be the day!

3. Doogie Howser M.D. First of all, where does he get off with a name like "Doogie". Your name is Douglas, o.k snapperhead. Second, the guy is living with his parents and is a doctor. Doug must make at least 60,000 - 80,000 a year, yet he seems to never have money. What's he saving it for..... college? Sorry but, Douglas, you went to college when you were ten, remember. That'll be the day!

4. Madonna has cluttered the screen with, basically, nothing but filth. From her new video to Shanghai Surprise, Madonna seems to

be the key ingredient to a sure box-office flop. Yet the production of her new film starts soon. What a crazy world. That'll be the day!

5. Bo Jackson. I have personally great respect for someone that could become an all-star in both baseball and football. With his millions upon millions of bucks, I have one thing to say - get a nose job! Your public awaits the thin nosed athlete in you. That'll be the day!

6. Army Recruiters. Underclassman, it may be hard to imagine, but the United States will, very shortly, want your body very bad. It may sound exciting, but you'll learn to loathe it as I do. I must have been called by every force imaginable. Airforce, Navy, Army, Marines, Guys with guns, guys without guns, The National Banana Lovers of America. You name it, they hunted me down. It's just that I become sceptical when recruiters have the next 70 years of my life planned out. That'll be the day!

Rules to live by or ignore. You be the judge. However I would like to apologize to any one that I've offended, but they probably haven't even read this far, so someone else tell them for me. Some may ask why I did this article? Some may frown after reading this and say "Is the Bridge that desperate?" Now this article is not intended to get letters to the editor. It's all in sick demented fun. No one was intended to get hurt (well possibly Doogie, but that's it). It could have been worse, Seper could have written it.

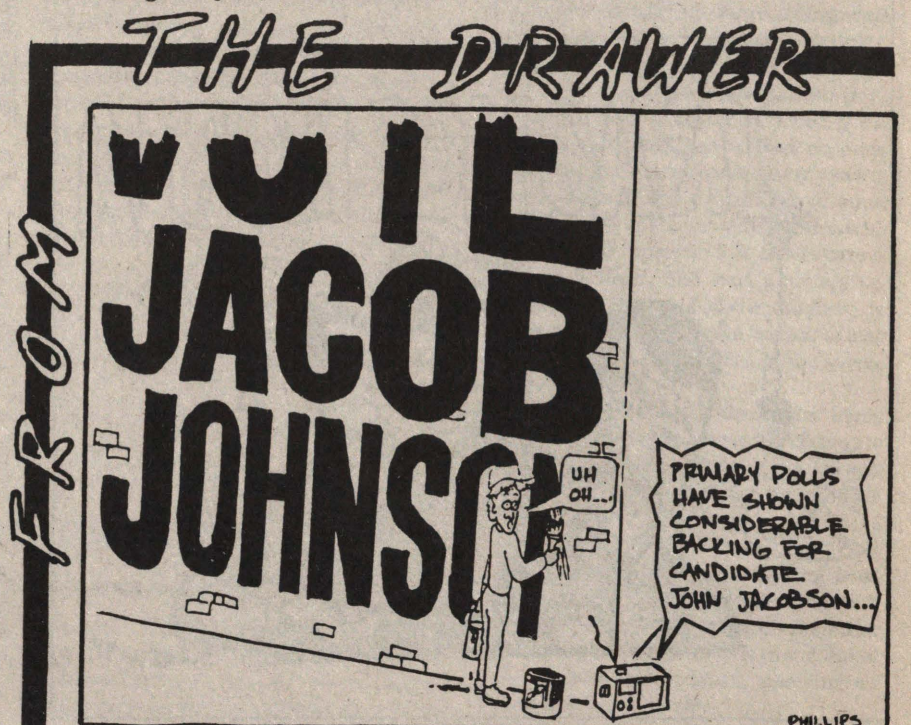
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### Backstage, all groups work together

by Abigail Hutchins

Applause filled the tightly packed auditorium as the actors bowed again and again. Finally, the curtain fell for the last time, the house lights reappeared, and the audience slowly made its way into the night.

The closing-night performance of the winter play *Fools* would be the subject of discussion for several days to come. They would speak glowingly of the excellent jobs the actors had done in bringing to life the play's characters.

However, one group of people who had toiled long and hard to make this production a success would not be spoken of. These dedicated students are the crew members of the play, and their job is to make it all possible. So let's take a look at these "unsung heroes" of the Drama Department and at what goes into producing a play.

Work begins long before the first performance with the auditions. For *Fools*, they took place just before Christmas break. Students hoping to get a part in the play checked out scripts, studied them, and then went in to give it their best shots. Mary Hafertepe,

She is aided by student director Lori Schuerman. Schuerman helps spot anything that isn't quite right, and provides additional input. In a way, she is Hafertepe's second set of eyes and ears.

Stage manager Jeannie Brockman is also an important part of the production. She helps Hafertepe during rehearsals and takes charge of the stage during the performances.

No play would be quite the same without

If no one knew that a play was being staged, no one would come to see it and there would be little point in performing it. This is why the publicity crew is so important. It is their job to get the word out everywhere about the play. They put up posters, tell the newspapers, and make sure news of the play gets into the announcements.

Have you ever considered how essential the actor's costumes are? They can set the

time and place of the play, and each character's costume helps to reveal his personality and distinguish him from all other characters. The costume crew buys, rents, borrows, or makes all the costumes for every production.

Finally the make-up and hair crew are in charge of preparing each actor to go onstage. This crew makes sure that the actors don't glow under the bright lights, as well as customizing each actor's make-up and hair-do to fit the personality of the character. These students help the actors to really look the part.

Putting on a play isn't all hard work, though. At least once



Play crews and cast members such as Steve Broido, Skye Studabaker, and Amy Shultz all come together to produce a successful show. (photo by Gina Lipscomb)

Kim Austin, and Brad Larson spent two afternoons listening attentively to auditioning students. The next day, there were callbacks. These are used when competition between two students is stiff, or when the teachers couldn't decide whether a certain student should be in the play.

Immediately after the cast is chosen, rehearsals begin. The cast meets and works diligently for several hours each day. When the performance days arrive, the cast is ready to go. They give one matinee performance and three evening performances. After each showing, Hafertepe gives positive feedback, praising what they've done well and identifying what needs improvement.

the appropriate setting, which is what Larson and the set construction and decoration crew see to. Together, they design, build, and paint the set for the play. This crew is so important that several times are set aside when everyone involved in the play comes to help build and paint the set.

Another crew that serves to make the production more realistic is the lights and sound crew. Working with Andy Glowatt, videotape the play and take charge of microphones when those are used. In addition, they play recorded sound effects and recorded music to help set the scene and the mood. They also control the house lights, the stage lights, spotlights, and colored lights.

during the production of the play, there is a cast party thrown at someone's house. The cast and crew spend an evening talking, eating, drinking, dancing, playing loud music, and having a great time. The party on the last night is a celebration of the wonderful job they have done and the fun they have had.

*Fools* was about a small Russian town cursed with stupidity. The hilarious comedy was about how the curse started, life with the curse, and how the inhabitants were finally freed from the bonds of stupidity. When you see any We-go production, be sure that you think about all the people who have worked so hard backstage. The crews deserve a round of applause, too.

### Just who was Samuel D. Bishop?

by Brian York

"Tonight in the Bishop Gym there will be a.....meet in the Bishop Gym.....the attendance will be taken in the Bishop Gym."

These words to the average student mean no more than a place to go when there are assemblies, games or other sporting event.

Bishop means something to West Chicago and its faculty. He was a man, a principal. In fact, principal of this very school long ago.

Let's go back. The year is 1926. Times were good. There was a new high school being built and job applications were being handed out and taken quickly. That's when Samuel D. Bishop stepped in as a young physics teacher and assistant principal.

Time progressed and this young physics teacher became a principal and basic utility man of West Chicago Community High School. "He did everything in the school. He was the principal, superintendent, dean, and physics teacher," then student (1960) but current Athletic Director Ronald Hansen said about Bishop. "He was a strict disciplinarian, but he was pleasant to talk to." Hansen continued. David Dean remembers "a very business-like" Bishop. Dean was a teacher at the time Bishop was principal. "He had a dry sense of humor," Dean stated of Bishop's personality.

Then this utility man was struck down by cancer and was unable to fulfill his duties as principal. He died in late 1960 and was remembered by American Legion Post #300 as "a man who devoted his energies in service to the youth of this community and who served his nation honorably in time of need."

When you hear those student announcements saying to Bishop Gym this or Bishop Gym that, you'll know why it's called so. Besides, it's a great conversation starter.

### Former WCCHS student is truly loveable

by Jenny Doggett

Time on the clock is running out, it's almost halftime and Courtney Baker is nervous on the sidelines.

A former West Chicago student is a Loveable, for the Chicago Bulls.

Baker heard about the audition from a friend. She tried out for the squad at Ditka's Restaurant. "There were about 230 girls trying out.. from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. The whole day they kept cutting girls. Then we had a month long try out. And it came from there," she commented on the audition.

Baker graduated from WCCHS in 1988. She was in poms and dance production. Baker was also in Prom Court and she was Homecoming Queen.

"I love being in front of people and dancing. It's really exciting," said Baker when asked

what it was like to perform in front of crowds. Dancing isn't hard for Baker either who has been doing so for 11 years. Baker has taken such dance classes as ballet, jazz, and tap.



1988 grad, Courtney Baker, in Bulls attire.

Baker has met many of the Bulls players. "I remember at Christmas time, Stacey King went around giving the ball boys presents. Michael Jordan is really nice too," stated Baker.

Baker had a word of advice to the students at WCCHS. "Don't give up on something you are good at. I regret quitting dancing for poms," stated Baker.

Baker is hoping to land a modeling or acting job in the future.

### Soviet surprise visits U.S.

by Dana Billick

"I like everything!" exclaimed Victoria Patalahka about America. Visiting the States from the U.S.S.R. for the year, Patalahka is so far enjoying her stay.

"Veka", as she is called, is here with her family from a small town near Moscow. Her father, a physicist, is on assignment at Fermilab. Her mother a younger sister Polina, 3, are also staying in America.

Patalahka is a sophomore at WCCHS and finds school here very different than in Russia. "In my country, classes are harder." Classes such as Ceramics, which she enjoys, are not found in Russian schools. She remains in one classroom all day with the same students, while teachers move from room to room.

The entire school system is also varied in Russia. Children are required to attend school from the age of seven to sixteen. When Patalahka returns to the Soviet Union, she will have one more year of secondary school and will then attend the University of Moscow to study computers.

Patalahka has many interests other than studying. She loves sports such as volleyball, tennis, and swimming.

and she enjoys cooking. "I like cakes," she commented with a burst of laughter.

Patalahka likes all kinds of music, especially rock and classical. She plays the piano and plans to continue studying music.

American movies are one of Patalahka's favorite aspects of the country. Her favorite actor is Arnold Schwarzenegger. "I like the Terminator. It's wonderful!" She also enjoys westerns with such actors as John Wayne, Clint Eastwood, and Michael J. Fox.

Patalahka looks forward to the rest of her stay in the United States because "everyone is very friendly here."



Victoria Patalahka loves everything in the U.S. (photo by Gina Lipscomb)

# What's hot and what's not

## Happenin' weekend activities

by Elisa Biancalana

What do you like to do over the weekend? The most popular things to do are go shopping, go to the movies, spend time with boyfriends and girlfriends, play sports, and go to basketball games.

The freshmen guys like to spend their weekends playing sports, watching sports on TV and going to parties.

On the other hand, the freshmen girls like to go shopping at Fox Valley or Stratford Square Mall, go to basketball games, go to movies, and go out with their friends. Freshman Ruby Romero said, "I like going to the Underground."

The sophomore guys like to play sports, go to parties, watch sports on TV, and spend time with their girlfriends.

The most popular things to do over the weekend for sophomore girls are sleep, going out with friends, go shopping, and go to friends' houses.

The junior guys like to play hockey, play

sports, go to parties, watch sports on TV, and spend time with their girlfriends.

On the other hand, the junior girls like to go out with friends, go to the movies, "veg out", go out with their boyfriends and go dancing. Junior Vicki Wehrs said, "I enjoy going out dancing on the weekends because I have a lot of fun and get to see and meet a lot of new people."

The senior girls like to spend time with their boyfriends, go to the movies, go dancing, and go shopping.

The senior guys like spending their weekends playing sports, resting, going out with friends, going to the movies, and spending time with their girlfriends. Senior Steve Majerus said, "I like to take the ladies out to show them a meaningful, respectful evening."

*Editor's note: The "most popular" answers were determined by a survey of five people from each group.*

## Rad and bad radio tunes

by Jenny Doggett

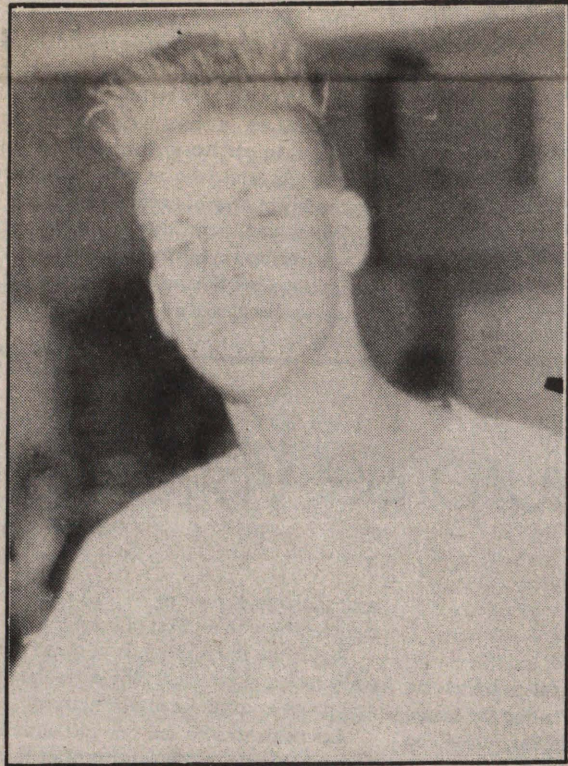
Turn up the radio, you hear your favorite song, turn it up!

Many teenagers at West Chicago High School prefer different kinds of music. It varies from heavy metal to rap. "I like Guns-N-Roses, Metallica, and Van Halen," stated senior Vince Caputi. Sophomore Eric Lippman prefers more of the mix rap type of music. Lippman's favorite singer is Vanilla Ice.

Over the years, many groups have come and gone. One group which most people would agree with is New Kids On The Block, also Bobby Brown, and Bon Jovi, have left the lime light. While they leave, many new artist are coming up, such as Nelson, Maria Carey, and Damn Yankees.

Many people at WCCHS prefer certain kinds of music that aren't heard that often on the radio. Junior Matt Haverty's favorite group, Jane's Addiction is not found often on many radio stations. In the rap scene Public Enemy is tops on Junior Erin Porters list, however freshman Steve Chytry prefers NWA over Public Enemy.

So, if you get a chance, turn up the radio and listen to what is coming up.



This picture is Bobby Coates who's hair and style reflect that of the rapper Vanilla Ice. (photo by Gina Lipscomb)

## Good night rude dudes and you losers...psyche

by Jamee Taylor

"Loser, good night, duuhhh, rude, dude, and psyche" seem to be the cool things to say when with your peers.

"Loser," is yelled down the halls constantly here at WCCHS. It is many times accompanied by the rather famous "L" formed with your right hand, using your pointer finger and your thumb. Another not as famous word represented with a hand signal is "Weak" which a person can make a "W" using their thumbs and pointers. So now, if you didn't know before what these hand signals meant, you can now act cool and "go with the flow." Senior Claire Broido says, "I use loser because it is a total put down and no one wants to be a loser."

"Good night" is a pretty popular saying that

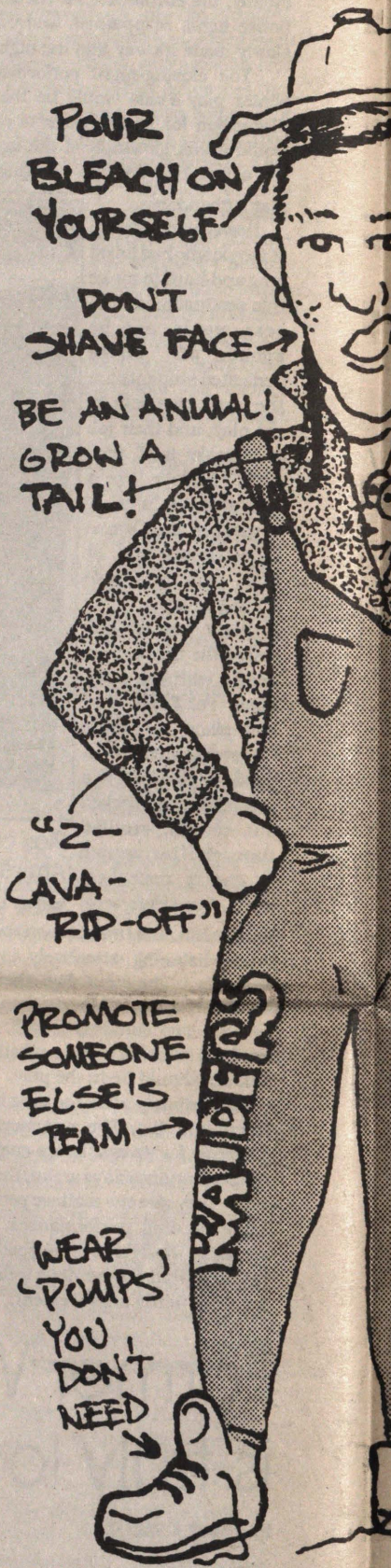
mainly the senior guys state along with "Duuhhhh." When weird things happen they seem to find themselves saying these colorful statements. Joe Snaldauf of Jones Intercable seems to be the originator of "good night." Who really knows the meaning of "Duuhhhh"? Senior Brian York uses the phrase "good night" instead of the phrase "Oh man!"

"Rude," is also said quite often. When used correctly, one must make the word carry on for several syllables. Its mainly used when a person wants another to know that he/she feels that they were impolite and mean. Senior Dana Billick says, "I use the word 'rude' because everyone else does, and because I am rude."

"Dude" seems to have been around for a couple of years yet people are still saying it. Nowadays it's "dude-this", and "lude-that."

"Psyche" is used when you say something and you really don't mean it. Today, it seems to be replacing "Just joshin." A really ruddde thing to do, on a cold day is to drive to the mall and act like you are leaving the mall to walk to your car. But instead of walking to your car at the end of the lot, wqk to a car that is really close to the door. Then, as a car is waiting for you to get into that close spot, and as they are thinking "Wow I really got a great spot" yell "Psyche!" Be quick so the driver can't hit you with his/her car. Senior Karen Saad says, "I use 'psyche' because it sounds stupid and people expect me to."

There are many more popular sayings. Why not be your own person, create your own saying and give it the test. If in a week or so, you hear people saying it, you know that you were successful, and that you are a trend setter.



# "Snot at We-go in '91

## Do what you want to do

by Brian York

This is in, that is in. Do this, do that. DO WHAT YOU WANT TO DO!

My original article was supposed to be about the in and the out movies. Without thinking I started to write the article, saying what was going to be cool and what wasn't. Then it dawned on me — the reader won't care what movie is in, or what movie is out: if they want to see it they're going to see it. There's nothing I can say in a quarter page spot in the Bridge to change their minds.

If somebody wants to hear about what's cool, then actually does what he hears, that's his own choice. Choice? Choice? What choice has he made? Has he made the choice to become cool in his own mind, or has someone made the choice for him? Being cool is not doing what's fad. Coolness lies locked within yourself. However, for some people the door is locked, by society's standards. Society's standards? Is Bart Simpson a society standard? Society's standards mean as much as a solar-powered flashlight to me. Who

Obviously, we need the impressions of other people upon us to give us our "personality."

says that I should use, not Pacific, Mountain or Central, but Hammer Time? Who says that a label on my fly is cool? Who says that I should do "The Bartman"? (Who does "The Bartman"?)

The Constitution is a nearly perfect document. It has stood the test of time. However the framers should have included in the Constitution a freedom of thought amendment. Today's high school crowd should have enough experience to have freedom of thought. That doesn't seem to be the case. I walk around the halls and see two, three, sometimes four girls that look and act the same; with their similar boyfriends at their sides. This

is their decision. To go with the norm, flow with the stream, live in the fumes of someone else's hairspray. This is not life.

Obviously, we need the impressions of other people upon us to give us our "personality."

Being cool is not doing what's fad.

But once we reach an age in which we have seen enough of the "spectrum of personality" we must let go of the original mold, and develop a new one to make impressions on other people.

All that I say is my own opinion. The people who are described in this article may say that people that write for the Bridge are not cool, we write, that's no life: "Vanilla Ice is the way baby!" That's fine with me. I have nothing against Vanilla Ice. However my complaints start to ignite when the reason why is so wrong.

## Guys' clothing: The survey says

by John Prusko

What's the most popular styles of dress among the student body at WCHS?

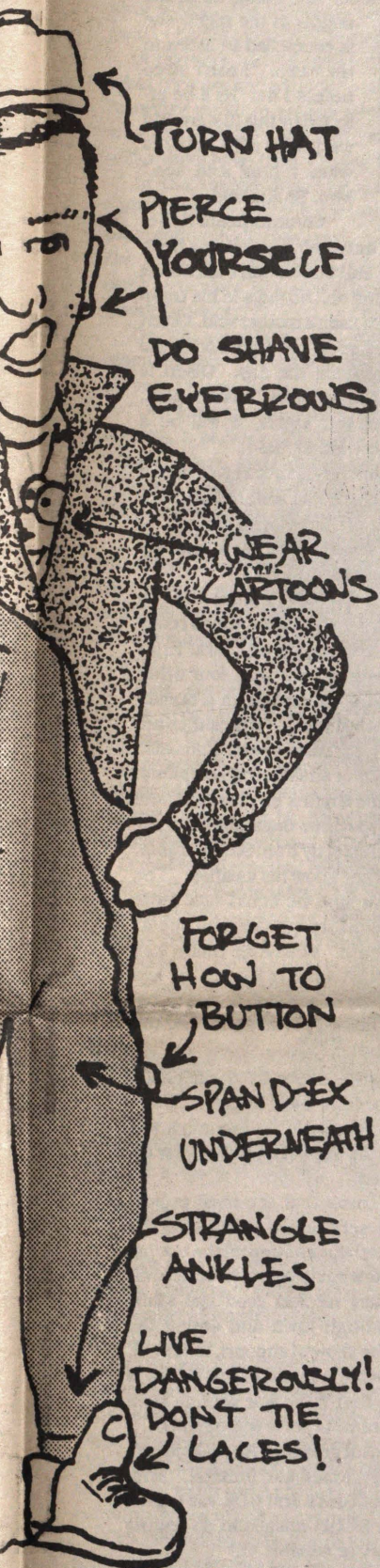
The most popular hat here at We-go is the ever-present baseball cap.

The most popular style of shoe among males are Michael Jordan's Nike Air and the Reebok Pump shoes.

Topping the list of favorite pants are Cavarricis, with jeans coming in a close second.

It is a toss-up among the favorite shirt style, IOU sweatshirts came out on top and next is the t-shirt.

Editor's note: These answers are based on a survey of 54 We-go students.



## Girls' fashion makes a real statement

by Jeanine Murphy

Girls find themselves buying clothes constantly, in order to keep up with the changing fads.

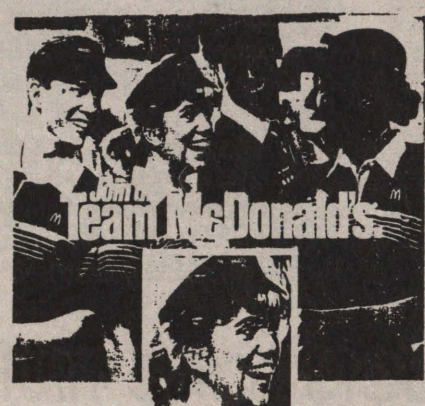
Lately, the most popular styles in girls clothing have been leggings with wild prints, colors, or solids. Guess jeans, overalls, tight pants, silk shirts, and leather jackets are in. Knee-high socks with shorts or a skirt is a newer style.

Accessories are probably the biggest part of outfits today. Mood rings, anything with the United States flag, peace symbols, and big belts are making a comeback.

Julie VanWallingham, a freshman, and Michelle Reiner, a junior, both agree that the casual look is in. Sybil Ruiz, a junior, prefers to wear shorts all year round. Debbie Hahn, a senior, would rather wear nice pants and a dressy top to school.

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# WCCHS graduates part of the desert storm

by Margaret Walen

"I hate it." "I'm really proud of him." "I'm very worried."

These are the reactions from WCCHS graduates Leroy Olsen, Tom Enos and Andy Smith's families on them being soldiers stationed in Saudi Arabia.

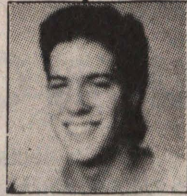
**Leroy Olsen**-Olsen graduated from WCCHS in 1988. He is an engineer, SPC (Specialist E-4 Class) in the Army. He joined the forces in August of 1988 and was sent to Saudi Arabia on February 8. Olsen was stationed in Germany before his departure to the desert.

**Tom Enos**-Enos is a 1990 graduate. He is an M-1 A-1 tank specialist, Army Private A-2. Enos joined the Army on July 5 after graduation. He was sent to Saudi Arabia on January 8.

**Andy Smith**-Smith joined the Army right after graduation in January of 1990. He is a Private First Class paratrooper with the 82 Airborne. Smith has been stationed in Saudi Arabia since last August.

While Enos was expecting to be part of this war, Olsen and Smith did not. "Yes, we had a pretty good idea he would," Enos' mother,

Pat Enos said. Enos spent 14 weeks at Fort Knox where they specialize in the new generation super tanks. He was then sent to Freidberg, Germany for additional training. "He knew when he went to Germany he would be in one of the first few batches who went to Saudi," Mrs. Enos continued.



Andy Smith

Mary Smith, Andy's mother said they did not expect him to be part of this situation. "However, it was explained to him in great detail what he was getting into," she said. Smith was ready to have his parents sign him up for the Army when he was 17, but his parents made him wait until he was 18.

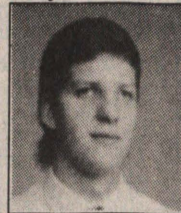
"I think he was really apprehensive but very prepared to go. He really enjoys what he's doing-he has that dare-devil quality about him," Mrs. Smith said.

Olsen's wife, Lisa (Turney) Olsen (she graduated from WCCHS in 1989), was not expecting the departure of her husband. "They told us there would be a support for Germany and he wouldn't have to go," she said.

This war has been hard on the three families. "It's a hard feeling to describe," Olsen's mother, Glenda Olsen said, "We're worried sick about him and all the guys and we just hope they'll get home."

One comfort for the Olsens has been Lisa's return from Germany. "Now that we have Lisa here with us, we're helping each other cope and get along," Glenda Olsen said. Olsen's wife is six months pregnant.

Enos' mother tries to keep herself occupied but said she "cries a lot." "It's hard for everyone in the family. It helps after I talk to him because I know up to that point he's O.K." Mrs. Enos thinks she would be able to handle the situation better if she knew her son would be gone for a year but never have to fight.

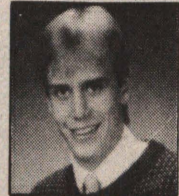


Tom Enos

"I have CNN syndrome," Mrs. Smith said, "I try to read everything I can get my hands on." She continued, "I have small children and I want them to lead normal lives and I know Andy would too." For this reason, Mrs. Smith goes everywhere with her stereo-headset instead of watching televi-

sion.

"I'm afraid to go to sleep because I don't know if something important is going on," Mrs. Smith said. When she wakes up in the middle of the night, she is compelled to listen to the radio. "I can't sleep unless I do. He'll be affected by this (the ground war), and all I know is what I hear and see," Mrs. Smith said.



Leroy Olsen

Communication between the soldiers and their families has been limited. "We got a call but he can't tell about anything that's going on. No guys in his troop have received mail," Olsen's mother said. Olsen told his family that it's cold at night and in the morning but hot during the day. Olsen is "sitting and waiting for vehicles," his wife said. "When the ground war starts, it will be a different story," his mother said.

Enos said her son has only received one of the boxes with food she has sent to him. "It's hard because he's on the move so much. I hope he still gets it while he's there and not home," Mrs. Enos said.

The Enos have received one letter and two phone calls from their son. "He sounds really good-talks about coming home," Mrs. Enos said. Enos sleeps in a tent with four other soldiers. He washes his clothes in a bucket and then lays them out to dry. "His clothes are layered with sand," Mrs. Enos said. Enos also said there were a lot of snakes and scorpions.

The last time the Smiths received a phone call from Andy was three days after Christmas. Smith called directly from Saudi Arabia, but the Smiths do not know his location. "The call was very clear and he could talk more freely than he could through the ham operator," Mrs. Smith said. Whenever Smith has called his family with a ham operator, he has instructions on what he can say, he has to say 'over' when he's finished his sentence and the connections are poor.

The main question in the Olsens minds is how to get the troops back home. "We're wondering if this goes on for 2-3 months, will people continue to support them," Olsen's mother questioned.

Mrs. Enos believes that the most important thing to the servicemen is knowing the people of the United States support the troops, the President and what is trying to be accomplished. "It makes me feel good and smile when driving through town and seeing the yellow ribbons; the show of support," she said. Mrs. Enos believes the moral of the troops is high, but thinks that if the war goes on for a prolonged amount of time, it will diminish.

"He's done a lot of growing. He realizes he's playing real war games-not pretend," Mrs. Enos said. "One of Tom's first jobs was to pick up pieces of the SCUD missile to do testing and see what they're capable of."

*Editor's Note: The Bridge acknowledges that not all WCCHS graduates who are now in Saudi Arabia are not covered in this story. Nevertheless, our thoughts are with them and the rest of the U.S. troops.*

*The background soldier was drawn by Darrel Kaelin.*

## This reporter's observation on war What it was like writing about soldiers/grads



by Margaret Walen

My story on the graduates who are now in Saudi Arabia began like any other story. First I had to find out who was there, how to get in touch with their family members and then make up my questions. I do not think I realized what an intense situation I was dealing with-this was war.

As I began my interviews, the realization slowly hit me. Even though this war is thousands of miles away, it really hits close to home.

The graduates who are over there now, were once sitting in the same classrooms I sit

Talking to their families, the pain that they are going through came through loud and clear to me.

In every day, following the same monotonous routine. Now they are being trained to drive tanks, fire missiles and shoot guns.

Talking to their families, the pain that they are going through came through loud and clear to me. I can not even begin to imagine how hard it would be to have someone I loved over there yet not know where they are or how they are doing. I also learned how important it is for us to show our support for the troops. By doing the small things like wearing a yellow ribbon or putting a sign in the window, "We support our troops," we are also supporting the families who have a loved-one involved in this crisis.



## Future leaders take first again at area competition

by Jon Turkot

Once again the West Chicago chapter of Future Business Leaders of America took home the first place trophy from the Northern Area FBLA Conference on February 16, 1991.

This was the fourth year in a row FBLA placed first at the conference, held at Bloomtrail High School in Chicago Heights. West Chicago won the first place title with fifty-five points, defeating second place Warren High School by twenty points.

"I was real proud of this group," Don Zabelin said. "With eleven first place victories, it makes this victory extra special."

The way the scoring is done, you receive three points for a first place finish, two for a second place, and one for a third. In addition

to that, the highest placing person in each event from each school qualifies for the State FBLA conference on March 21, 1991.

First place winners were: Dina Bascharon, Parliamentary Procedure; Claire Broido, Heather Jardis, Tony Standish, Entrepreneurship (Team); Kim Derby, Ms. Future Business Leader and qualified for State Battle of the Areas; Scott Klosowski, Information Processing; Ryan Grant, Computer Concepts; Dan Gray, Business Law; Jamie McDole, Keyboarding Applications Advanced; Christine Miller, Business Calculations and Who's Who in FBLA; Pat Murzyn, Office Procedures; Matt Phillips, Impromptu Speaking; Margaret Walen, Job Interview.

Second Place winners were as follows: Sarah Bant, Public Speaking; Amy Brigowatz, Job Interview; Lisa Childs, Parliamentary

Procedures; Rich Clark, Computer Concepts; Amy Dyba, Job Description Manual; Lisa Gray, Business Math; Cheryl Greenwalt, Office Procedures; Kim LaBelle, Keyboarding Applications; Karen Saad, Computer Applications for Business; Brian York, Mr. Future Business Leader.

Third Place winners were: Claire Broido, Who's Who in FBLA; Jim Gayton and Kai Martin, Entrepreneurship (Team); Heather Jardis, Entrepreneurship; Erika Noble, Business Law; Ann Shim, Business Math; Jennifer Walters, Parliamentary Procedure.

Both State Vice-President Broido and Chapter President Christine Miller placed in Who's Who in FBLA. "It works on a point system," Broido said. "You just list the chapter, state, and national offices held and they give you points on each one."

"There were a lot of people involved this year," Broido added. "They all worked hard to do well." "We have a strong Northern Area," Broido said. "I think there will be some first place finishers."

Brian York, who finished second in Mr. Future Business Leader, said he was in it for the fun. "I just wanted to have a good time," York said. "I just wanted to have fun with what I was doing."

"It was a personal let down for me," York continued. "Placing second just made work harder for state."

Zabelin's attitude toward state is a promising one. "I think we have a good chance," says Zabelin. "We have thirty kids going down state. There could be a number of individuals placing high. I think we'll have a respectable showing."



### Hispanic and African cultures in the high school Should history classes in these subjects be taught? Some observations on the issue

by Chris Seper

"It's up to you, to seek the truth, to know your history, the difference between me and you" - Living Colour's **History Lesson**.

A person's history- what they have been, what they are and what they are bound to be. Ancestry makes a person who they are and what they are- no matter where they are, they will always have their history.

In the United States of America, the so called "melting pot" of the world, histories are often compounded one upon the other, lost in the process of marriage, being away from one's birth place, or just by attempts to become "more American."

Do the schools of this nation have the responsibility to educate students of their personal history?

"Our kids are uninformed," claims Wilber Walters, a parapro, track coach and one of the few black employees at West Chicago. "They're unaware of their cultural background. They lack support of who they are."

At WCCHS, where more than 450 students are Hispanic (enough to easily fill 20 classrooms), and where there are over 15 black students (enough to fill one classroom), should there be education in both Mexican and African history?

"They should learn about the precious things this culture has to offer," Hector Espana, English and Spanish language teacher said. "I don't want to be recognized as a Mexican because I bring tortillas or eat chili peppers. I want to be recognized because Mexico has great heroes."

Out of the 20 percent Mexican population at WCCHS, it is estimated that 10 percent are first generation, meaning they were born in Mexico. Now in the United States, they must learn their newly inherited culture as well as attempt to hold on to the culture that they and their ancestors possess.

### Special students are no different from you and me

by Julia Hill

"I like my teachers in here. Sometimes I love my teachers." This is what SASED student Geoffery Everett has to say about why he likes his class.

Twenty-year old Everett is one of the 10 students currently enrolled in the Schools Association for Special Education for DuPage County (SASED) program at WCCHS. The program is designed to teach the students who are of multi-needs to integrate with the community and to learn basic practical skills.

The five full-time teachers who work at SASED said that they use teaching methods to "whatever meets the students needs."

Each morning, the students plan their schedule for the day. Everyday is different. Twice a week, in the morning, some students attend classes at College of DuPage.

A normal day for 20-year old Alicia Carvajal may be of this structure, she said, "math, COD, lunch, back to classroom for reading

"It would help more the ones who are third generation," Jerrardo Fernandez said of a history class. "They did not have a chance to study history in Mexico. Those kids study American history and become more Americanized." The fear most Hispanics and blacks seem to have had was the fear of "Americanization." Some felt that the longer they stayed in the country, the less they would pay attention to their ancestry.

Senior Richie Romero, the school's homecoming king and all-state soccer player, understood the chance of losing culture. "My parents tell me my culture so I have some idea of how it is," Romero explained. "I feel bad because I don't know how to speak (Spanish). I know a lot about the Mexican culture but some people don't know about their culture. It's a good idea, both Mexican and African."

"I'm not opposed to the idea," Principal Alan Jones said of the history classes. "It's most effective when done in the courses that we have to offer. Black history is so much more meaningful when it's done in the context of American history. I'm not sure high schools should get into the business of being so specialized."

At West Chicago, blacks seem to be the minority left out in the cold. The only recognition of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday was to have the holiday off. At no time during the week of January 21 were there special assemblies, posters, not even an announcement of King's birthday during school.

"My other school had it," junior Travaris Sullivan, a transfer student from Argo High School, referring to black history. "It was a big thing, especially around black history month. Here, it doesn't seem like the school is interested. I think it should be because there are a lot of good things to learn from black history."

"We probably haven't done a good job," Jones said. "I know we do something in the history classes, but I would like to do some-

thing more. The man was a great man. I liked his ideas. I would like to do something on that day. Not so much as the focus on the man, but what he stood for and his ideas. They are powerful ideas and ones that we in the school should be preaching every day."

The Hispanic population has been able to work their cultures into WCCHS. Last year a mock Quinciner and a Folkloric dance, each sponsored by the Bilingual Club, were put on at the school. But there is confusion this year about what has happened to that new found openness.

"Last year I was vice-president and they (administration) let us do different things," senior Felix Villa, Bilingual Club president, said. "The mock Quinciner- that was great. This year we want to do a Kuermes (sell Mexican food, have a dance, games). They wouldn't let us do it. I don't know if the administration is doing a good job or a bad job this year. I don't know what has changed. This year we haven't done much to recognize the Mexican culture."

"They have not been doing a good job," freshman Jaclin Kirkland explained. "Why should we learn about white Americans when we can learn about black Americans? Instead of learning about Christopher Columbus, we should learn about Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, Frederick Douglass and all kinds of black people. We need to learn more about our heritage."

"There was a period of time when there were many schools offering black history classes at the high school level," Jones said. "The school I come from, Thornton, had a black history class. What's evolved, what the educators are telling us, is that it's much more productive to teach that culture in the context of American History- and not lose it. What happens is that in the process of teaching American history they lose the sight of these cultures."

The idea of classes for Mexican history didn't receive the unanimous greeting the African history class did.

"We come from another country, we should learn this countries culture instead of ours," junior Marco Orosco said. "We still have to learn the culture we're living in."

"The basic history's enough," Sophomore Stephanie Cabrera said. "That's all we need."

"If they think about putting that class here because there are a lot of Mexicans here, that's wrong," Fernandez said.

What about the other cultures that are in WCCHS? There are Chinese, Japanese, Irish, Korean, Indian and many other countries and nationalities as well as the Mexican and African populations at this school. Does a person's culture and heritage get priority just because there are more of them or because of the color of their skin?

"Basically in the world today - I'm not saying everyone's prejudiced - but most people don't know the background the Afro-Americans had," senior Jermaine Bell said. "If there was a class they'd understand that. If they keep teaching people, this prejudiced society would be oppressed and gone." It was not only the opinions of the black students like Bell, but Mexican students felt that the classes may help ease the racial tension they experience at the high school.

Jones does have plans to start a "multi-cultural council" which would come together and attempt to make people more aware of other cultures.

But something that Jones said he would be interested in now is if it came forth from inside the school - especially the student government. "I'd be very interested if Student Council came forward - or if a department of the school came forward and would like to sponsor something."

Today is the last day of black history month. What have you learned?

### To work or not to work

by Jeanine Murphy

Do homework, sports, parents, or time keep you from having a job?

If any of these reasons hold you back, you're not alone.

Most teenagers would like to have jobs but find the hours are too long and too late at night, causing their grades to suffer.

Jill Woodward, a junior, said "I was hired to work at Franks Finer Foods but decided that school work meant more to me than having a job." She also said that she would have a job if money were a problem. Woodward's mother, Sandy, said "Kids today are more ambitious than when I was a teenager." Sandy Woodward did have a job as a teenager, it was car hopping. She said she car hopped because it was fun.

John Seper, a sophomore, also had the same reasons as Woodward for not having a job, but has applied for one in hopes that maybe he can make a little extra spending money. Seper's mother, Julia, worked on the farm when she was a teen but wasn't paid.

### 'Kids today aren't as ambitious as they used to be'

She said, "It was their way of living in Ireland back then." She also said that kids today are motivated more by school and school activities.

Kristen Utley, a sophomore, has applied for three jobs and hasn't had anyone hire her. Utley's mother says, "She hasn't looked hard enough for a job," and thinks that Utley probably needs to apply for a few more jobs before she finds one that will hire her. Mrs. Utley did have a job as a teenager making pizzas for some extra spending money. She also thinks, "Kids today aren't as ambitious as they used to be."

and writing." Carvajal continued to say that the ceramics class that she participates in at COD "is fun."

Everett attends a swimming class which he says is "good exercise"

If you go down to the SASED department during the afternoon, you probably will only find a couple of students there.

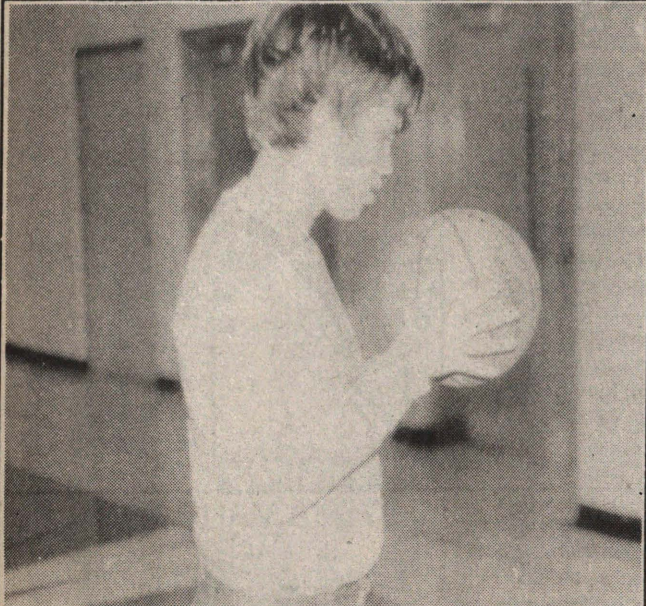
Most of them have a part-time job, either around the school, or out in the community. Even though 16-year old Mirna Lopez says, "I like it, the school," she enjoys working at the hospital, delivering cards, flowers, and gifts on Monday and Thursday afternoons, because she has to learn "how to work."

Everett is a bagger at Jewel and has made many friends there. "I knew some people in the store. Some people are really nice to me."

When the students have free-time, they all have something they enjoy to do. While at school Carvajal said, "Sometimes, I have free-time...I use the computer in the LRC." She especially enjoys listening to music, "most of the time I listen to the Romantics," (which are Carvajal's favorite), she said. Drawing cartoons is also another favorite activity of Carvajal's.

Lopez said that she, best of all, likes to watch basketball on T.V. because she enjoys "seeing the players shoot the ball into the net" and "for the scores."

The students in the SASED department are always doing activities of interest to them.



Geoffery Everett likes his teachers in the SASED department. (photo by Gina Lipscomb)

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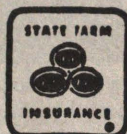
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## Bozidarevic pins down 25th at state

by Chris Seper

Take a look through all the West Chicago sports schedules and you'll be pressed to find bowling in any of them.

Nevertheless, Lady Wildcat junior Laura Bozidarevic, after winning the Lisle sectional, finished 25th out of 51 bowlers at the state tournament in Peoria in this relatively unheard of sport at West Chicago.

"It was pretty exciting," Bozidarevic said. "You get really nervous because state is a whole new experience. It's a lot more competitive."

Although not an official sport at West Chicago, schools all over the state do have bowling teams. Locally, both Aurora schools are top competitors in the sport. Bozidarevic plays regularly in the junior/major division at the leagues in the Bowling Green Sports Center. She also qualified for the Prairie State Games for bowling.

She got the idea for putting a bowling team together and making a run at the sectional

from her swim coach Dan Johnson. Bozidarevic is also a state-qualifier in swimming.

"We talked to (Athletic Director Ron) Hansen about it," Bozidarevic explained. "He looked into it real fast and got everything rolling." Bozidarevic and teammates freshmen Darcie McCleod and Vanessa Mulburger, senior Rachel Sedlacek and sophomore Dawn Spurny assembled in time to sign up for sectionals.

A basic team must have five girls in order to compete in sectionals. The top team and the top two individuals in the sectional will advance to the state tournament.

The sectional and state formats run the same way. There are two rounds of bowling with three 10-frame games each. In her second sectional appearance, Bozidarevic led from start to finish. "I was more prepared this year because I went to the bowling alley (in Lisle) and practiced," she said.

State saw Bozidarevic in 11th place after the end of the first round. But then in the

second three-game set, Bozidarevic ran into trouble and fell to 25th.

"I thought I was doing pretty well," Bozidarevic said. "The lane conditions were really difficult. I had no support from the school at all. Nobody came to support me while other girls had people there to cheer them on." Assistant Athletic Director Gail George, who accompanied Bozidarevic—playing the role of WCCHS representative, was the only one there from West Chicago.

Looking towards next year, Bozidarevic welcomes the chance to try again, but does realize the senior year pressure. She did say that it would be interesting to install a bowling team during the winter season—a season that only has one girls sport.

"I think it would be pretty cool," she said. "The only thing is how much turnout would there be for a bowling team? There are a lot of girls that I know that bowl in leagues. I don't think they'd make a full time commitment to it. They might not have much luck with a bowling team."

## Horyn, Jardis, Meyers, Yule lead small track team

by Aaron Owens

With returning state-qualifiers seniors Nicole Horyn and Heather Jardis and sophomores Sarah Meyers and Adrienne Yule, the Lady Wildcat track team has some returning stars in a small squad.

"We need to get more freshman and sprinters out," Girls' Track Coach Wilbert Walters said. "With track having so many events you need 45 kids out. Right now we have 31."

The strong point of the girls' team will once again be the distance runners. Along with members of the regional champion girls' cross country team, the 3200-meter relay team consisting of Horyn, Jardis, Meyers and Yule is looking for another trip

'If you're slacking off the clock will show it, and the clock never lies.'

downstate. But since Walters plans to run the four returning state-qualifiers in other events, Walters is looking to sophomore Amy Kosifas, junior Yvette Contreras and sophomore Ann Zimmer to contribute this season.

Junior Dawn Zylinski, the DuPage Valley Conference indoor record holder in the high jump, is looking to qualify for state in the hurdles and the high jump.

"We're going to have many junior varsity sprinters that can contribute in the varsity level," Walter said.

All-conference cross country star Jardis is the team captain and is slated to run a lot of two-mile runs but, according to Walters, is more apt to qualify with the two-mile relay team. The all-conference and state-qualifying harrier Horyn will run the 800-meter run as well as relay.

Walters said that the Lady Cats' many goals will be to improve on their sixth place DVC finish of last year. In addition, Walters would like his team to meet as many state-qualifying times as possible and to improve as a team.

"Track is different from other fall sports because you can't hide," Walters said. "If you're slacking off, you can't hide. If you're slacking off, the clock will show it and the clock never lies."

Despite having a team small in numbers, Walters' team beat East Aurora and Elgin-Larkin in their first meet of the season. Zylinski won the high jump and the 50-meter low hurdles, Horyn won in the 800-meter run and the 1500-meter and the two-mile relay of Contreras, Horyn, Kosifas and Zimmer also won. Neither Jardis, Meyers or Yule ran in this meet.

## Jock Shorts

by Chris Seper and Jon Turkot

### Benson and Jardis earn DVC honors

Wildcat seniors Melody Benson and Heather Jardis each earned DuPage Valley all-conference honorable mention in girls basketball for the 1990-91 season.

The forward/guard Jardis was the Lady Cat leading scorer, with her season high coming against Wheaton Central where she scored 19 points. Benson, who is a two-time recipient of the DVC award, was the Cats top rebounder as the pair both helped the team to a 11-14 overall and 6-8, fifth place finish in the DVC.

Nine honorable mention all-conference picks are chosen besides the 11 first-team selections. The voting is done by the eight DVC coaches.

### Winter sports awards night is on March 7

Winter sports awards night will be held Thursday, March 7 in the Bishop Gymnasium. After the opening when the Most Valuable Players, Most Improved Player and other awards of the like are announced, the four winter sports will split off to receive individual awards and their varsity, junior varsity and underclassmen letters.

Boys' basketball and its cheerleaders and poms will stay in the Bishop Gym. Girls' basketball will be in the auditorium, boys' swimming will be in room 226 and wrestling and its cheerleaders will meet in the small gym.

The awards are for all levels in each sport.



Junior guard Eugene Shelby, here in the 71-69 overtime win against Wheaton North, will be one of three junior guards back for the Wildcat basketball team. The boys finished 6-16, 3-11 in the DuPage Valley Conference. (photo by Chris Seper)

## Lack of numbers, promotions kick off both track seasons

by Chris Seper

**Boys' track**—Frosh/soph standouts like sophomores Brett Siglin and Wallace Sullivan will be moved up to the varsity level, depleting the 20-member frosh/soph team.

"It's definitely a growing year," Coach Paul MacLeland said. "Some of our best sophomores

as the best of the underclassmen group. "Andrew Schwab and Tate Knutsen at the high jump look pretty good," MacLeland said. In the Cats first meet of the season, a win over Larkin, Schwab high-jumped 5-6, the same height as the winning varsity jump.

MacLeland also pointed to sophomore Mark Sabatino as a strength in the hurdles and sophomore Alex Sotelo as a good middle distance runner.

**Girls' track**—Due to the size of the entire Wildcat track team, there will be no frosh/soph squad. There will only be junior varsity and varsity squads for the 12 Lady Cat tracksters to compete in.

"We're hurting," Head Coach Wilbert Walters said. "There will be a junior varsity team, but most of those girls will also run in the varsity races." There are no frosh/soph coaches or junior varsity coaches on either track team, only speciality coaches for certain events.

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get moved up to varsity. It's going to be a tough year for them probably. We have a majority of sophomores, not many freshman. Mostly it will be just building and getting experience." The sophomores make up 16 of the 20 lower level tracksters.

Unlike the varsity, where the running is the strength, MacLeland sees high jumpers

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## Boys' track looks to battle depth, again

by Patrick Guane

"The quality is here but not the depth," said boys' track Coach Bob Thompson. According to Thompson the team is not strong in numbers in any particular phase of track "yet".

However, Thomson feels the depth problem could change with the arrival of varsity basketball players junior Rick Ebberman, junior Travaris Sullivan and sophomore Wallace Sullivan.

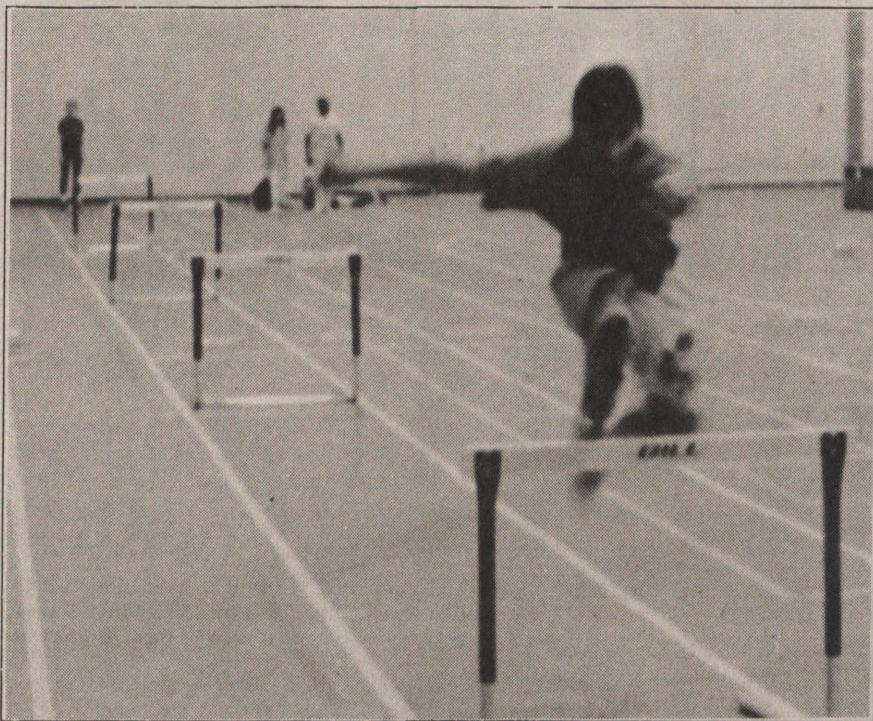
"They will all run sprints and maybe see action in the high and long jump," Thompson said. "With Ed Gonzales, Marvin McNeese and these three guys we could have a pretty strong group of sprinters

"Historically track teams are made up of 50% of the football team, this is not true at West Chicago," Thompson continued. "At West Chicago the track team is made out of a lot of cross country runners." Three-time state qualifying cross country runner senior Rick Montalvo and sophomore Brett Siglin will run the two-mile run. Thompson thinks that these two runners have a good chance of going one-two in the DuPage Valley Conference.

Montalvo will also run the 3200-meter run, while 800-meter state qualifier, senior Mark Benja will run the half-mile race. Junior Mike Callermen will also run distance races.

As well as running hurdles senior Marvin Mcneese will also do some long jumping with senior Brad Doerschuk who does the high and triple jump. Senior Charvey Snell is the teams only pole vaulter at this time because of state qualifying vaulter, senior Ed Gonzales' knee injury where he underwent arthoscopic reconstruction to his right knee.

Gonzales last year qualified for state in the



State qualifying pole vaulter, senior Eddie Gonzales will have to concentrate on hurdling and sprints until his knee injury is fully healed. (photo by Chris Seper)

pole vault with a height of 13-9.

"We lack the big guy who can go out and win first place for us in the shot and discus," said Thompson. Expected to be doing the shot and discus for the Cats this year are juniors Sean Cronin Jabar Murray and Roger Rollo as well as senior Ian Jaffe. "Anyone of them could improve enough to be the dominant guy we need in these events," said Thompson.

Thompson expects the three state-qualifiers Benja, Gonzales and Montalvo to be the leaders of the team and to be positive especially towards the younger runners on the team.

According to Thompson there are a lot of people who are on the edge of going down state like McNeese in the hurdles.

"They have to realize that to go down state there are no days off," concluded Thompson.

## Barnes looks beyond high school hoops

by Jon Turkot

For West Chicago Wildcat guard Gary Barnes, success has not always been easy for him.

"I started playing when I was 9 years old," Barnes said. "I just went out to the playground and started playing."

Although he started very young, Barnes admits that he was not always the 49 percent three-point shooter, 20 point per game scorer and possible all-conference player you see today. "I wasn't always good," he responded.



Southern-born senior Gary Barnes wants more than high school basketball. (photo by Chris Seper)

"I'm still not good. I still have a little bit of maturing to do."

Living in Memphis, TN before he moved to West Chicago in 1988, Barnes got a lot of experience with what he described as "street ball."

"The people there played different," Barnes said. "They played hard and they played fast. It was up-tempo and fast paced. It was a lot of fun."

Since Barnes moved to West Chicago, he says the biggest change was his attitude. In his first year with the Cats, Barnes said his

main focus was scoring points. As a result, Barnes was forced to watch some of the games from the bench.

"I had to change my attitude," Barnes said. "I know what it takes to play with a team now." He credits his coaches with teaching him how to play as a team.

"These are the best coaches I've had. They've taught me what it takes to make it," Barnes said of coaches Lee Mactejewski and Ernie Cameron. He also claimed that they (his coaches) taught him how to play defense, something Barnes said is invaluable to his play.

"Defense is the thing that we work on in practice," says Barnes. "That's the biggest thing I've worked on this year."

According to Barnes, summer is the time for him to work on his game. Barnes spent the summer months in basketball communities such as Lake Shore Drive in Chicago, Maywood, Oak Park, and Woodridge.

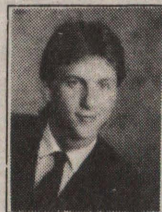
"It improved my game a lot," Barnes said. "It taught me how to make the right decision at the right time." Some of Barnes' other popular hangouts were right here in the West Chicago area. "I spent some time in summer camps," Barnes said. "I also played in a summer league with the rest of the team."

Barnes plans to attend a junior college in southern Mississippi or Odessa Junior College in Odessa, TX for two years and to go and play for a Division I college like Kentucky.

"I've talked to Odessa on the phone," Barnes said. "I'll just have to wait and see if they'll give me anything."

In the oven

by Chris Seper



## Final exam proves fatal for Cat Pride

The 1990 version of Wildcat Pride just took its final exam this past month. It confirmed what most onlookers expected—it failed miserably.

West Chicago's Bishop Gym was the place, and February 15 was the day. For never had there been a day that symbolized the state of Wildcat Pride than that day; it was the final assembly of the year.

The Wildcats 1991 mystique was in the air. The band was playing, the cheerleaders were talking to their friends and everyone was slowly but surely taking their places for this one scene, one act comedy entitled **School Spirit at West Chicago**.

It all started with the words, "This is the final assembly of the 1990-91 school year." Those words were in a way ironic—considering the assembly was over before it began.

A quick cheer from the enthusiasts in the crowd (all three of them), sent the assembly reeling into its first game—roll the grape. Here, the juniors showed their Wildcat hides by turning tail and not producing four people to compete.

Next, came one of the highlights of the assembly. Senior basketball player Vashon Hayes, who earned one of the few A's for school spirit on the evening, after introducing his team and predicting the 71-69 victory over Wheaton North that night followed up with, "You're all so dead, what's wrong with you."

Three people again clapped. Several events followed the already sad going's-on, but it was all a blur to the seemingly captive audience. And neither the senior cheer nor the Swing Choir was able to revive the comatose group.

The ending to an assembly that was far from over came with the playing and singing of the school song. The lumbering crowd somehow found the energy, rose up and mumbled through the old ditty. Rumor has it that they are going to change the school song to the theme song from the winter play **Fools**, considering it would be more appropriate, but nothing has been confirmed.

Question. Why didn't this assembly take place one day earlier so we could honor wrestling state-qualifiers Israel Castro and Doug Sawyer—two of the few individuals to do something this winter season? Why wasn't T.J. Weigand, a now two-time state qualifier in swimming, presented? What's the old saying? Winners make things happen, losers let things happen.

Maybe putting a couple of big-time winners would have made something happen to the small-time crowd?

What a way to end the first year of a new decade of Wildcat Pride.

### Home sports and invitational schedule

#### Badminton

March 15	East Aurora	4:30 p.m.
March 18	Riverside-Brookfield	4:30 p.m.
March 20	Streamwood	4:30 p.m.

#### Boys' track

March 16 DVC Invitational at Glenbard South 6 p.m.

#### Girls' track

March 9	Fenton Varsity Invitational	10 a.m.
March 15	DVC Invitational at GS	4:30 p.m.
March 19	Wheaton North, West Aurora	4:30 p.m.

## Castro, Sawyer close out wrestling season at state

### French reflects on first season as head coach

by Ed Bachner

Sophomore 103-pounder Israel Castro and 145-pound senior Doug Sawyer as West Chicago first-year wrestling Coach Bob French put it, "Wrestled their butts off" at the state meet in Champaign on February 15 and 16.

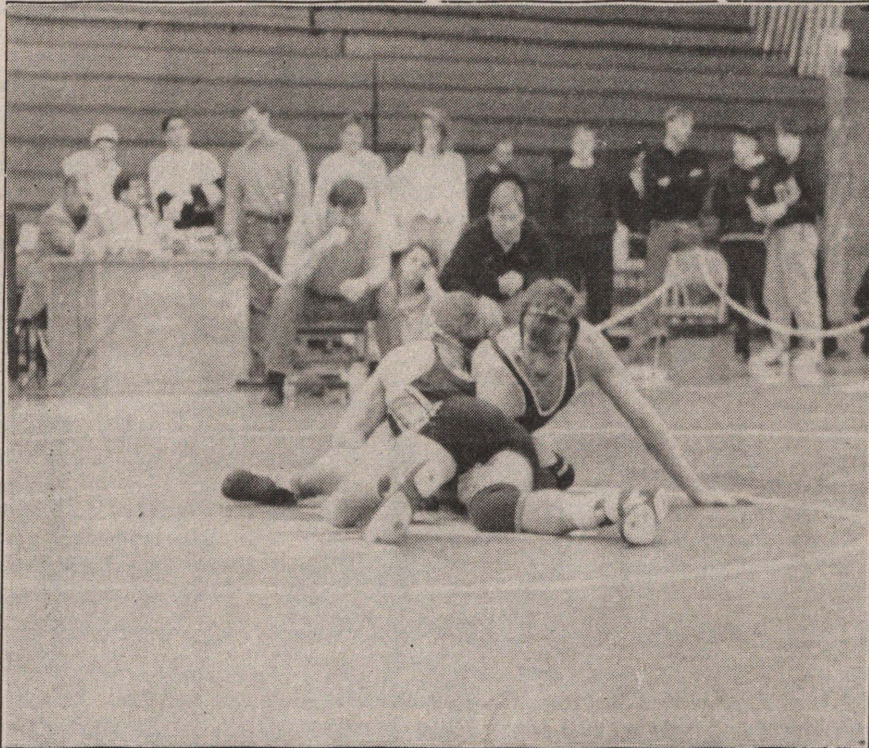
Castro won his first two matches, lost his third match to third-place finisher Keith McCoy from Providence, but then wrestled back to place sixth in state. Sawyer won his first round match but lost his second match to future fifth-place finisher Chad Woods from Morton.

"Castro had a fantastic performance," French said. "I would have liked him to take first, but when he lost the third match, he couldn't take first any more.

"I'm as proud of Doug as I am of Israel," French continued. "It's quite an honor to be one out of the 24 best kids at 145 pounds in the state of Illinois."

"I felt great making state," Castro said. "It was one of my goals. I was looking forward to it and practicing hard for it. I'm happy with myself."

Sectionals was the proving ground that decided who did and did not qualify for state. Both Castro and Sawyer placed third at the Wheaton North sectional—the final place that goes to state. French thought that 160-pound



Senior Doug Sawyer, seen here at the DuPage Valley Conference meet, won one out of two matches at the state wrestling tournament at the University of Illinois in Champaign. (photo by Chris Seper)

senior Jason Nourie, who was eliminated in the first round, was going to make state but, according to French, "it just didn't happen."

"The overall team effort was very high this year," French said of the entire year. "But the outcome wasn't high because there weren't enough kids." The Cats, who usually gave up

at least three forfeits a meet, finished with a record of 1-17, 0-7 in the DuPage Valley Conference. The team did finish seventh, however, in the eight team DVC meet.

"We had kids who were on the team for a week and quit but I don't know why," French went on. "The work ethic is installed in kids—

they want the car and the clothes and they're not willing to make the time to join wrestling.

"I don't think there are enough tough kids at West Chicago to hack the sport," French added.

Graduation will take seven wrestlers off this year's team. Seniors John Duval, Kris Furr, Val Graczyk, Ian Jaffe, Nourie, Bob Rasgaitis and Sawyer will all be gone.

"The team will lose some individual talent but we have some kids to fill the holes," French said. "They don't have as much talent as the graduating seniors, but there is a big growth spurt between a person's sophomore and junior years."

Varsity returnees along with Castro next year will be heavyweight Dan Cadena, DVC runner-up at 119-pounds Mauriceo Hernandez, 145-pound junior Aaron Owens and 125-pound junior Wayne Lofton. Other lower-level grapplers that saw varsity action this year were sophomores Paul Abella and Carlos Ayala, freshman Rich Marmelejo and junior Roger Rollo.

"The team will be real solid in the first four or five weights," French continued. "The kids will take a few lumps at first, but eventually they will be better off. The experience they have from previous matches is invaluable—you can't put a value on it. But you have to be willing to pay the price."

"I've paid the price by wrestling a lot and it's helped me a lot this year," Castro said. "I wrestle all summer long at the National Camp and every weekend at wrestling tournaments. Paying the price has paid off well in high school. I'm taking a three week break, and then I'm going to start wrestling again. That's paying the price."

## Three-sport star Jardis attempts tri-seasonal success

by Chris Seper

For Heather Jardis, sports have been a bittersweet thing.

The Lady Cat three-sport star has had success in both cross country and basketball



Senior Lady Cat Heather Jardis has had success in two of her three sports so far. Now, the all-conference star turns to her third and best sport—track. Jardis hopes to again qualify for state in the two-mile relay. (photo by Chris Seper)

this year—the most two sport success of any Lady Cat athlete so far. Jardis earned all-conference honors in her only year as a cross country runner as well as attaining sectional qualification.

As a basketball player, she was named to the all-conference special mention squad while leading the girls in scoring. At one point in the season, Jardis scored a career high 19 points against DuPage Valley Conference opponent Wheaton Central.

But in both seasons, Jardis has felt the sting of disappointment. Sectionals was short

of Jardis' goal to qualify for state. She missed the state meet by one place and one second.

"In cross country, I was disappointed. I just missed qualifying for state," Jardis said. "I think it helped. It made me do better in basketball." Despite Jardis having a success-

ful personal season, it was an untimely end to a semi-successful season, losing in the first round of regionals.

"I really wanted the team to win, to go far in regionals. I wanted the team to win regionals." But gloom of both seasons was not the main memories Jardis had.

"No one expected West Chicago to have a good cross country team. It felt good that our hard work paid off. Basketball was pretty good too. Everybody played hard." The highlight of the girls' basketball season came when the Lady Cats took second in their own Lady Wildcat Holiday Classic.

Now Jardis looks ahead to a third seasonal success in the sport she has had the most success in—track. "I guess track is my best sport—knock on wood," Jardis said.

This year tracksters Nicole Horyn, Sarah Myers and Adrienne Yule will once again be teaming up with Jardis in the two-mile relay in hopes of qualifying for state, a feat the foursome accomplished last year.

"It was exciting to qualify," she explained. "No one expected anyone to qualify from West Chicago. It was scary because it was so new. We were totally nervous. We didn't do our best because we were so nervous. If we make it downstate this year we'll be more prepared."

But running the two-mile relay is a privi-

lege, and not a thing taken for granted, to Jardis. So the Lady Cat star is prepared to make it downstate in the relay or turn to her cross country skills and run in the two-mile run.

"I will run the two-mile," Jardis said. "I'm hoping the two-mile relay will qualify for state and place higher than last year. If I don't run the two-mile relay I want to qualify in the two mile. I'll have to work hard." Although she admits that track is the mostly an individual sport, Jardis claimed to get more pleasure out of team rewards than the individual gains.

"In cross country and basketball those are even more team sports. (Cross country) is more individual than basketball. In basketball everyone works together. Basketball is totally team. You want to do well. You feel so much better when the whole team does well.

"I try to set my goal so I will help the team," she said.

"Heather is one of my most favorite people in all the universe," Lady Wildcat track Coach Wilbert Walters said. "She's a super young lady but not because she's a great runner. She's a good runner. Most of all, she has the character of a superstar. They come along once in a lifetime. She's caring, unbiased and a beautiful person. With Heather, the team comes first. She's a team player."

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