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Seniors cast their first vote

by Jennee Caligiuri

For the seniors, the upcoming Presidential election will be the first time students will be able to exercise their right to vote.

Senior Rebecca Baker said, "Even though my vote is only one of many, I feel it counts, and not to vote would be irresponsible." Baker is upset by the amount of voters who do not vote in the Presidential elections. "Especially the younger voters, ages 18-25. We need to change that and take an active part in the November elections."

Jason Rudiger agrees with Baker and adds, "Voters need to take part in both the primaries and November elections. We need to realize this is our chance to change the future and the fate of our country."

Senior Samantha Newby's response was "Wow! I can't believe I'm old enough to vote. It makes me feel like I have this responsibility to make an educated decision. All of a sudden I'm interested in what's going on inside of high school, and the tight little circles it creates around you."

Senior Tom Kiesler has different feelings about participating in the pending election. "I am not registered and I feel if my vote is only a small percentage of the total vote, I don't believe it will make a difference in the out-

come of the election."

Not all 1974 babies are able to cast a vote this November, and for some of them this is a disappointment. For Senior Karen Slusar, being born late in the year means she can't express her vote on the ballot. Slusar said, "I'm not old enough to vote, because my birthday is November 25, 1974. I'll miss the Presidential election by a few weeks! I think this is unfair, because I am as informed as my classmates who'll be able to vote! The election will affect me as much as every other American and I won't be a part of the decision."

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Baker feels that the decision of our country's leader is a very serious and very mature decision. She hopes the vote she casts in November will make a difference in the President that is elected. Newby adds, "To think, I'll be able to make a difference in the laws and policies I believe to be unfair."

Pep assemblies cancelled due to lack of school spirit

by Elisa Biancalana

Pep assemblies- a thing of the past?

The pep assemblies were scheduled for the whole year but were cancelled after the Christmas pep assembly. According to Assistant Principal John Highland, this was done because "students wouldn't participate in the cheers."

Pep Club President Dee Calderini replied, "The reason why we haven't been having pep assemblies is because of the lack of school spirit and the lack of attendance. Angie Chavez and I are both very disappointed and upset because we are not having pep assemblies. I think if people would just give it a try and look at the sports and the ones putting the assemblies together, they would see the hard work that everyone is trying to do."

Co-president Angie Chavez replied, "Pep club officers do all we can to promote school spirit with games and new ideas but the crowd

doesn't seem to cooperate with cheers and less people show up every time. I feel like pep club officers work hard to get the pep assemblies together and then when not enough people show up or cooperate it makes us feel like it's us who are doing something wrong."

Calderini wishes pep assemblies would help boost the confidence of sports teams but "the coaches are ashamed to speak to the crowd at pep assemblies. I don't know if it's because they feel they get booed or if it's because they just don't want to. We're trying to get the students to not only attend pep assemblies but the games as well. If we can't have the faculty spirited, how can we get the students spirited?"

Highland replied, "It is impossible to create school spirit where there is none. We need to get the students interested." Highland felt that the girls' swim team winning third place

at state got the students interested and excited because of their accomplishment.

Chavez said, "I think that pep assemblies help boost up the confidence of sports teams. I think that the teams get very happy when we get together for pep assemblies and actually recognize them and call their names or talk about players and previous games."

While pep assemblies are scheduled to promote school spirit and cheer on sports teams Highland feels, "Sometimes they do but sometimes they hinder. If 300 out of 1500 students show up, it could be detrimental, not helpful."

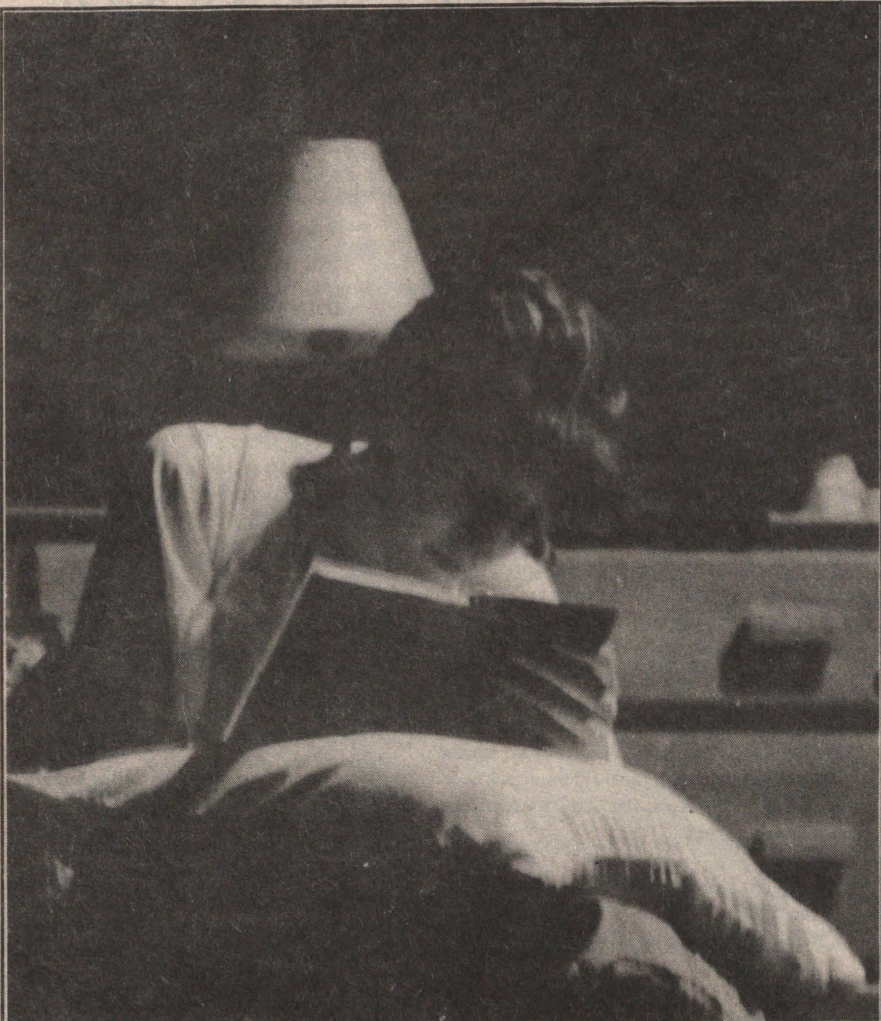
Promoting school spirit at West Chicago is the problem Calderini and Pep Club have been facing. Calderini said, "We need more fun and exciting ideas on how to promote school spirit. I think if the students and staff come together a lot of spirit can become of

West Chicago."

Chavez replied, "I feel that West Chicago lacks school spirit. I feel like people just don't want to be here anymore. I think there should be more pep assemblies this year. If we can't get a lot of people, then we will have a small pep assembly. It's too bad for our school size not to have these awesome big pep assemblies."

Highland feels it "needs to become important to the boys. Girls are in charge of everything-pep assemblies, school spirit. It needs to be important to all people."

As for next year, pep assemblies have been scheduled. Highland hopes "to get more people involved." Calderini replied, "I really hope they have as many assemblies as they can. We may need new ideas and suggestions. Hopefully we'll have a more spirited school as well and more people involved."



Amanda Shemezis portrayed Anne Frank in the play *Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl* which was presented on February 13-15. (photo by Gina Lipscomb)

Students portray life of Anne Frank

by Elisa Biancalana and Gina Lipscomb

The play *Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl* was presented on February 13-15. It was directed by Mary Hafertepe and Kim Austin. The cast included sophomore Chris Leck as Mr. Frank, senior Samantha Newby as Miep Gies, junior Lisa Gray as Mrs. Van Daan, freshman Joe Guetler as Peter Van Daan, senior Jessica Bridge as Mrs. Frank, senior Karina Bite as Margot Frank, freshman Amanda Shemezis as Anne Frank, junior Andrew Schwab as Mr. Kraler, and junior Steve Broido as Mr. Dussel.

The play was about the Frank family going into hiding with another family, the Van Daan's, and also a man named Mr. Dussel, who always thought he was Dutch and not Jewish. Miep Gies and Mr. Kraler were the ones who were hiding the families. It took place during the years of World War II in Amsterdam. It was about the problems the families faced while going into hiding to avoid the concentration camps.

The true story of Anne Frank is told through what was written in her diary entries. She began the diary when her father gave it to her when they went into hiding. She wrote in it many times and captured the feelings of a young girl during the hard times of the war while in hiding.

Inkspots

by Kristin Bedow, Jennee Caligiuri, and Gina Lipscomb

FBLA places in conference

The FBLA Chapter placed third at the Northern Area Conference. Sarah Bant placed second for Ms. Future Business Leader, Carolyn Mertz placed fourth in Business English, J.J. Schwan placed first in Office Procedures and Skye Studabaker placed first in Public Speaking.

VICA places at regionals

VICA competed at the Regional Skill Competition at DAVEA Center on February 7. In the Extemporaneous Speech division Chrissy Lipske placed first, Rob Cutriz placed second and Pamm Toner placed third. In the Computer Aided Drafting division John Keyser placed first. In the Job Interview category Tammy Magnuson placed first and Jenny Bloniarz placed second. In the Suitcase competition Chrissy Lipske placed second and in the Interview Competencies division Ken Westerhausen placed third.

Tryouts to be held

Tryouts for the spring musical *Cinderella*, by Richard Roger, are expected to be held March 9, 10, and 11.

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Student Council joins forces with School Board?

The School Board represents the people of West Chicago and the students at WCCHS, well maybe.

When the School Board makes its decisions they are advised by Superintendent Joel Morris. He advises the board on what the school wants and tries to make sure everything is going well. But who does he represent? The administration.

The students are not represented at the School Board meetings. Yes, students are allowed to speak at the public speaking part of the meeting, but that really isn't enough.

In states such as California, Florida, Hawaii, Maryland, and both Carolinas, the school authorities have gone to the students to find out what the problems are in the school. These states put a student on the School Board, to represent the students point of view.

These states made a wise choice in doing this. The students are the ones who know what is going on in the school, not the School Board. Our perspective is the one that should be most valued, because we are the people who know what is actually happening in the school. We practically live in the school, so we should know what is going on.

We are not saying we should select a student into the School Board to vote at the sessions, but to utilize a student or students as advisors like Morris to tell the board what is going on and how the students feel about certain things.

Until the board asks the students how they feel and what is happening in the school, not much will be accomplished. The board may think they know what is going on in the school, but we should face the facts, the only people who can really tell what is going on in the school are the students and the teachers.

Assistant Principal John Highland said, "I have no objections to it. It's a good idea."

Student Council President, Lynn Ellerbruch feels, "...a student representative would help give the school board a broader perspective when making decisions that mainly involve students."

Highland thinks that it will give the student body a more direct line to the School Board, and also the student body will be informed what decisions the School Board will make and why they are making the decision.

If the School Board is representing the students shouldn't the students views be considered?

The students are the key to making the school work. Let the students be more involved in our school by putting a member of the Student Council on the School Board.



An overwhelming abundance of letters to the editor

More schedule difficulties plague West Chicago

Dear Jamie,

I had a problem similar to yours. I tried to enroll in Mr. Arnold's fifth hour sociology class. I too waited after "D" day to change my schedule, because I had to wait to see what classes I could register for at C.O.D. All the classes I wanted to take were either full or not at a convenient time, so this would

allow me to take more classes here at West Chicago. Believe it or not I actually wanted to take an added course here at our own institute for "EDUCATION." I too was denied by Ms. McDaniels saying it was too late; even though his (Mr. Arnold) class was not full and it was still two weeks before second semester. Correct me if I am wrong but aren't we supposed to be encouraged to learn, maybe this is why West Chicago's ACT's fell .8 points last year (the highest fall in Illinois and two times the average fall in Dupage County) Dr. Jones may say ACT's are no way of judging a school. Well I beg to differ. Maybe if students interests were the first priority of the administration instead of stupid bureaucratic rules, we would see a difference. Maybe this new rule will cut down on the guidance department's paperwork but I think in my four years (along with the rest of my peers) have gotten minimal (if any) help and guidance from the counselors. Just ask the seniors. FAF's aren't explained, applications have been lost, transcripts forgotten to be sent in, ACT's aren't encouraged or even publicized. These are some examples of our guidance department's inadequacies. I know some students who actually hired outside guidance help. If they can't help us with our college plans at least they should have time to make schedule changes.

Michelle May

Bridge editors receive more criticism

To the Bridge Staff:

It has come to the attention of West Chicago, three students have died this year alone. I feel they deserve more than an INKSPOT! True Jenny Ortyl got more than anyone else but she did more than die at West Chicago. She had many friends and did a lot since her freshman

Athletes speak

To Jason Mummert concerning Feb. 14 article, "A Lack of Love, Dedication in Athletics."

We wonder why we should be expected to consider any of your statements when we have never seen you participate in a varsity sport. You try to speak out for us athletes when you have truly no idea what is going on. Well, as athletes, we think we can speak a lot better for ourselves. You put in parenthesis that you are an outsider and that is truly all you are. Why don't you speak to more of the people who like their coaches, or even some of those who don't like their coaches but still play the sport with dedication and enthusiasm? Then you will hear the facts. You have never been coached by any of them. You don't have the slightest ideal. You shouldn't judge other people, until you face the challenges of playing on a varsity team, that we and the rest of the athletes face everyday. We work very hard and receive very little appreciation from our school. It gets frustrating, but most stick with it. So until we see you on the field, keep your stories about dedication to yourself. By the way, it's too bad only five people can sign this because many others would like to.

Very Proud We-go Athletes,
Richie Filkis
Carolyn Cinquegrani
Raul Serrato
Jori Peterson
Jim Briggs

Molly Statz

Where is the turning lane at 38 and Gary's Mill Road?

To whom it may concern:

We, the students at Community High School in West Chicago are upset and angry at the senseless deaths of a student and her mother on February 7, 1992. We are outraged and mourn the loss of our classmate and friend Jennifer Ortyl. We feel that if there had been a stoplight or turn lane at the very dangerous intersection of Route 38 and Gary's Mill Road, this tragedy might have been prevented. Jennifer and her mother

The hazardous turn from 38 to Gary's Mill Road is difficult, even under the best of circumstances.

have not been the only victims of their perilous intersection. After talking amongst ourselves, we realize that a number of us have come seconds away from the fate of Jenny and her mother. We are incredulous that nothing has been done to make this intersection more safe for motorists. The hazardous turn from 38 to Gary's Mill Road is difficult, even in the best of circumstances, not to mention in rush hour traffic at dusk. We hope that other citizens will join us in our fight to make this intersection safer for all of us. We are planning to write letters to our government officials demanding that they take action and we encourage you to do the same.

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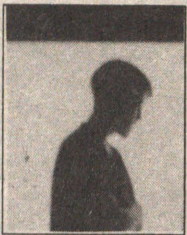
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4th year philosophy

by Brian Levake



In this school, a majority of people go to concerts, or places where live acts gather and play. A lot of people see the performers on stage but very few people actually know what it's like to be on stage. Onward with the audience review.

This is also a chance to plug my band (Sane Larry), so bear with me.

About a month ago we played at the Illinois Math and Science Academy. According to ACT scores, these are the smartest kids in the entire United States.

We got there and set up our stuff. We were to play in the semi-small commons area of a dormitory. By the time we got done setting up, it was about 8:30 p.m.. We were scheduled to start at 9 o'clock. There was nobody there.

At about 8:55 p.m., we looked out over the commons to find one or two locals sitting on the ground doing homework.

"Ok., this is probably normal, and surely there will be more people coming," I thought as the kids did homework. I was right.

At about 9 o'clock, about 10 to 15 IMSA kids piled in. I asked one of them why there wasn't anyone there. She then told me that another dormitory had scheduled a dance at the exact same time. I was amazed at how smart they were.

This was destined to be a long night.

We tumbled down the long stairway into the "stage" area. It was hard to keep from laughing at the pitiful crowd. It wasn't that they were hecklers or anything, it was just the size. Plus, half of them were looking at us hoping we would turn into a D.J. house-type thing.

It was a long night indeed. Fifteen people sat on the ground, listening to us. We crashed and burned through our set and finally, it was all over.

"Thank God," I thought to myself as I huddled by myself in a cold, dark corner. "I never want to do that again."

I don't think many of you understand how hard it is on an ego when you try to perform to the your best of your ability but your audience sits and stares at you like you've got a bug on your face.

But there is a happy ending to this saga. Sane Larry performed at the Baker House in St. Charles two weeks ago. We played with two other bands, T.D.F. (Tony Danza Foundation) and Limpspark.

I advise anyone to perform or see a show at the Baker for several reasons.

First, there are sure to be about a zillion people there. Second, there is almost always a slam pit. Third, the general admission situation (three bands for \$5) is ideal in our nation's state of economic depression.

T.D.F. opened the show. Without a doubt, they are the wierdest band I've ever seen. They came out dressed up as clowns (yuk!), executioners, hicks, and red-necks, and put on the funniest show I could imagine. Then came the thrashing and bashing Limpspark boys, who punished the crowd with sheer volume. We came on shortly thereafter and made our way through the exact same set that we did at IMSA. We played with the same intensity, the same moves and the same grim look of anger.

When I left that night, I was deaf, sweaty, tired and above else, pleased. For once, the crowd responded with the type of reaction that we always planned on.

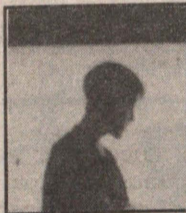
I learned one very important thing from those two experiences. A crowd in general can make or break the band that is playing. If the general crowd comes in with a "this band is gonna blow" attitude, chances are they will, because the energy that flows through live music is a communal one. You can't have one without the other. The more outgoing the audience is willing to be, the more willing the performer will be to perform, and vice-versa.

The Baker show was one of the greatest moments of my life, and I want to thank everyone who went. They know what I'm talking about. And hail America for the opportunity of the free plug.



Three albums you won't be able to live without

by Brian Levake



Even the subjects are freaky. On **Bungle** you will find songs about John Travolta, sex with food, an egg, a dog that won't die, an unsuccessful trip to the bathroom.

Not for the weak of heart, **Bungle** is an hour-plus ride into hairy depths of perverse yet genius musical creations.

A new group of alternative acts are popping up all over the place, similar to what Nirvana has done in the last six months. Here are three bands that are sure to break just as big or bigger in the rest of 1992:

Mr. Bungle- Mr. Bungle

Produced by John Zorn of **Naked City** fame, this is undoubtedly the wildest and most bizarre musical flight of the year. No poseurs, spandex, or lipstick here. Dubbed "arch-speedcore" by Mike Bordin of Faith No More, this is a band that definitely cannot be categorized.

Rumored to have played the *Welcome back Kotter* theme backwards and in Spanish while dressed up like carrots, these guys can clearly do anything they want. Too bad it's a mystery who they are.

Because they are disguised in concert, they have erected a shroud of mystery about themselves. The only thing for sure is that Faith No More frontman Mike Patton shreds vocals on the album. Other bandmates go by the names Heifetz, Scummy, Trevor Roy Dunn, Bar, and Theodore Brooks Lengyel. Patton even dubs himself "Vlad Drac."

Once you get past all the clowns and bizarre paintings that cover the album, the music is lush, challenging, and complex. On any given Mr. Bungle song, it isn't unusual to hear six or seven musical styles. Songs can go from funk to rap to perverse thrash-clown beats, to disharmonious melodies and back. As I found out, it is nearly impossible to make it through **Bungle** on the first sitting.

Pearl Jam-Ten

Featuring members of the group Mother Love Bone, the quintet of Seattle have put together a bag full of music souvenirs.

Proving to be quite a teaser, the album opens with its four of it's best songs: *Once, Even Flow, Alive, and Why Go*. After that the album seems rather dense except for a couple spots.

Nobody tells a story better than vocalist Eddie Vedder, providing illustrations of subjects that seem to have actually touched him at some time. A light of simple honesty in his voice gives the record an emotional fix even where the songs don't connect.

Much different than their Seattle comrades Soundgarden and Nirvana, they adopt more of a blues edge to their songs. Highlights from the album include *Alive, Even Flow, Jeremy, and Release*.

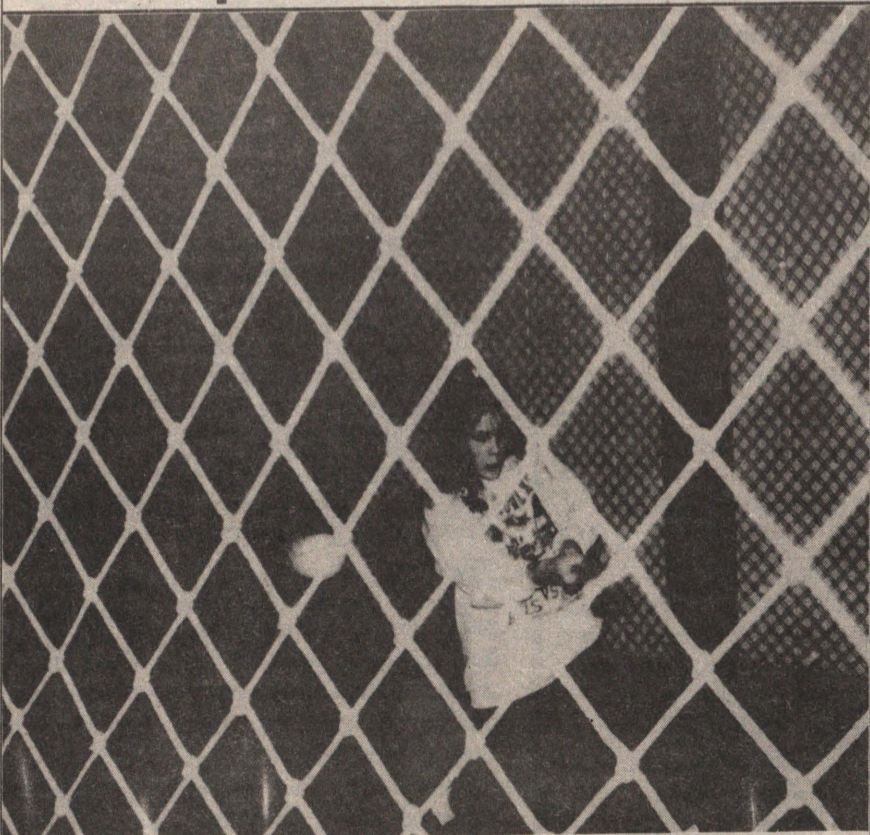
An easy album to listen to, **Ten** will surely find a home in many record collections soon.

Smashing Pumkin-Gish

This Chicago based quartet seems to be ready to replace Jane's Addiction in the hearts of many Lollapalozzers. Their lush yet angry songs are the brainchild of songwriter, guitarist, and singer Billy Corgan. But what is a Gish?

Produced by Butch Vig (who also handled Nirvana's *Nevermind*) the album pushes the listener's mind to a far off place that was once traveled. Or on a dark night with a full moon and a northward wind. The album should be listened to with lights off.

Weird photo of the month



Cages are always fun (photo by Steve Broido)

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Know that no means 'NO'!

by Julianne Graczyk

When most people hear the word rape, they think of a stranger in the dark jumping out of the bushes to attack someone. But most rapes are not committed by strangers, but by those who know their victims. This is called "acquaintance" or "date" rape. According to **Teen** magazine, what many people don't realize is that being raped by a stranger makes up just one out of every five attacks. That means that 80 percent of the time a female is raped, she knows the attacker.

Andre Parrot, PH.D, claims one in four women will be raped in her lifetime. Most victims of acquaintance rape are between the ages of 15 and 24. This is the time when young women are most likely to date and be most vulnerable to date rape. This is also true because many young women lack practice in dealing with sexual encounters. Because teenagers have more social freedom than their mothers did, young women are facing pressures in dating situations their mothers did not have to deal with at such early ages.

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In Parrot's book *Coping with Date Rape*, she explained that if a girl starts to feel uncomfortable around a guy, she must trust her instincts. If a guy starts coming on too strong, if he forces himself on the girl sexually, she must make it very clear that she is not interested. If the girl puts herself in difficult positions or gives her date mixed signals, he may think she is playing hard to get.

In a survey of about 100 students at We-go, 50 percent of sexually active females say they have been pressured into having sex. If a guy puts pressure on a girl or tries to convince her to

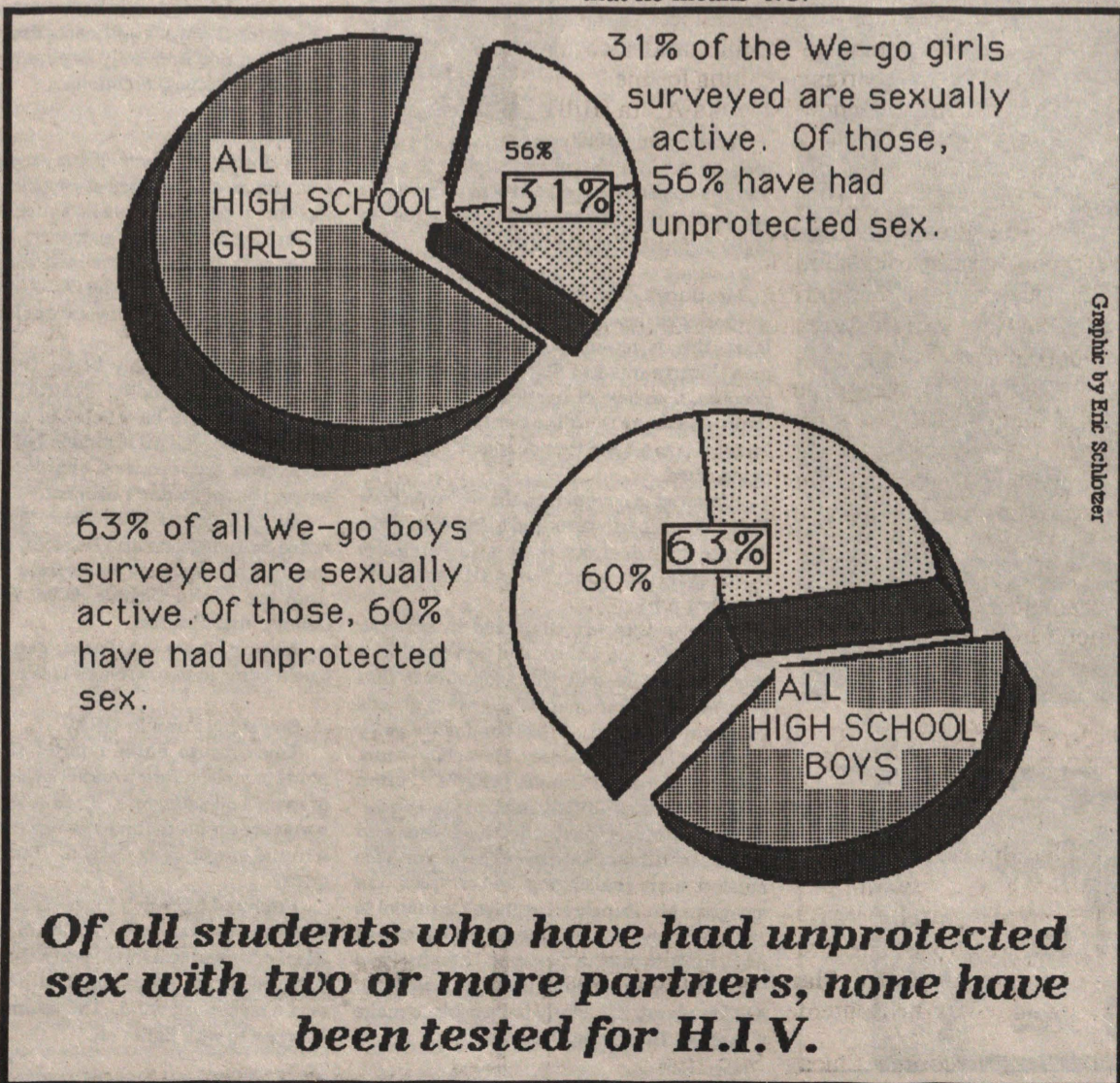
have sex with him, he may be forcing her to do something she doesn't want to do; this is rape. Dr. Melitta J. Cutright emphasized, "When a girl says no it means no." She also said that desires may be beyond your control, but actions are within your control. Sexual excitement does not justify forced sex. It must never be assumed that a date's desire for affection is a desire for intercourse.

Teenagers must stay in control of their senses. If you use drugs or alcohol, your judgment can become clouded, and you may have a harder time getting out of an unsafe situation. Alcohol and sex are a dangerous combination. **Seventeen** magazine wrote that more than half of the teenagers studied said they later regretted engaging in sexual activity while intoxicated.

A man can also be a victim of sexual assault. **Seventeen** magazine reported, "In a recent study by researchers at Texas A & M University, in College Station, more than three out of five men surveyed reported that they'd had sexual intercourse when they really didn't want to, and 93 percent of them said they'd felt coerced into some form of sexual activity." Most of these men admitted that they were only living up to masculine stereotypes of sexual aggressiveness. This kind of sexual assault happens much less frequently than men forcing women, which makes it hard for a male victim to talk about his problems. Even though people hear so little about male rape victims, they still exist.

In **Redbook** magazine, only one out of every ten rape victims reports the crime. Victims of rape must face many difficult decisions. They must decide whether or not to press charges. It is also vital that they take care of both their medical and emotional needs caused from the rape.

The victim may not know the rapist well—he/she might just be a friend of a friend or someone that works where the victim shops. Or the attacker could be someone closer—a current or former boyfriend or girlfriend. Regardless of the relationship, if someone you know does something against your will, you have been violated. Protect yourself from dangerous situations, and know that no means "NO!"



Do teens lack

by Alicia Garceau

When it comes to AIDS and pregnancy, Liz Johnson of the DuPage health clinic believes, "Teenagers have the three i's. They think they are invincible, infertile, and infallible."

Statistics are proving Johnson's theory correct. A recent study showed 21 percent of all AIDS cases occurred in people between the ages of 20 to 29. It takes up to ten years for symptoms of the disease to surface. This means that many of these people became infected as teenagers.

In a random survey of over one hundred students at West Chicago, approximately thirty-one percent of female students reported being sexually active. Of those sexually active girls fifty-six percent reported to have two or more sexual partners. Fifty-six percent also reported risking the chance of a sexually transmitted disease and pregnancy by having unprotected sex.

According to that same survey sixty-three percent of male students reported being sexually active. Sixty percent of those who were sexually active reported having two or more sexual partners and sixty percent also reported having unprotected sex.

None of the male West Chicago students who reported being sexually active had ever been tested for the H.I.V. Virus. But, according to a survey taken at UCLA and California State University at Northridge, 20 percent of all males surveyed said they would lie to a woman about whether they'd had an AIDS test.

Could teenagers' irresponsibility and feelings of immortality stem from a lack of education concerning topics like pregnancy and AIDS? One female senior said, "Health classes make AIDS, diseases and pregnancy seem unreal, but they are very much a reality today. They need to make kids understand the consequences of sex are very

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Students report sexual harassment

by Karina Bite

Imagine a friend of the opposite sex telling you that your name is defamed on the school's bathroom stalls with obscene words and suggestions. You'd be infuriated and at the same time embarrassed, but what could you do about it?

Get a lawyer.

That's what Katy Lyle from Minnesota did when she found out her name was scrawled on the boy's bathroom walls in her high school. According to the November 10 issue of the **Chicago Tribune**, schools officials did nothing about the incident until Lyle took them to court. She won the case. This was a milestone in sexual harassment cases which involved students only.

If graffiti is considered sexual harassment, then what else qualifies? This leads to the question, what is sexual harassment?

The State Board of Education defines it as: unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature.

Even Lyle herself fell victim to the common excuse of ignoring the situation. She said, "I was too embarrassed. I thought I could take care of it myself." The **Chicago Tribune** reported that only 3 percent of sexual harassment victims press charges.

In a random survey of We-go students, 31 percent claimed that they had been sexually harassed, and a staggering 89 percent of those harassed did not report the harassment. Why is it difficult for victims of sexual harassment to speak out about the violation of their personal morals, rights, and values?

In a random survey of We-go students, 31 percent claimed that they had been sexually harassed, and a staggering 89 percent of those harassed did not report the harassment.

One female senior said, "Because I figured that I'd get the person in trouble, and also it would be a very embarrassing thing for me."

The recent Clarence Thomas-Anita Hill decision against Hill doesn't encourage many girls to seek justice. Two more senior females also lacked the will to report.

"I was already feeling bad enough without everyone else hearing about it."

"I feel the person would cause problems in my life that were unnecessary and harmful to me if I reported it."

Would these girls rather carry this burden with them for the rest of their lives than to bring it to the awareness of the public that this is happening in schools throughout the nation and it will continue to happen until it is exposed and dealt with accordingly?

If you or anyone you know has been the victim of sexual harassment at school or anywhere else, don't hesitate to contact your school officials or the Department of Human Rights.

Editor's Note

On February 26, 1992 The Supreme Court ruled that school officials can be made to pay damages to sexually harassed students. Supreme Court judges ruled 9-0 in favor of the case, which was the first sexual harassment case since Justice Clarence Thomas was appointed to the Supreme Court.

*source Chicago Sun-Times

Aids infects teens, too

by Tom Fox

Believe it or not, there are still some teenagers who do not realize the threat that AIDS poses. AIDS is not only a problem, but a worldwide crisis. Teens sometimes think that AIDS is just an "adult" disease and that they are not at risk. AIDS is everyone's problem and teens must be just as cautious.

Although commonly associated with homosexuality and intravenous drug use, AIDS is also being spread among heterosexuals as well. Sexually active teens are part of this group. Most people "have no conception of how huge a danger AIDS is to teenagers," said Ann Northrop, an AIDS educator at the Hettruck-Martin Institute in New York.

Northrop also said that approximately seventy percent of girls and eighty percent of boys are sexually active by the time they are twenty years old. With all these sexually active teens, the AIDS virus is a possible consequence. Everyday AIDS becomes more and more everyone's problem and that definitely includes teenagers.

The number of teenagers that have been diagnosed with AIDS is fairly small, but it is a sign of bigger things to come. It can be up to 10 years for an infected person to show symptoms of the disease. During these 10 years the infected person could unknowingly be spreading the disease. The potential dangers, not the statistics, are what is so alarming.

Considering that the result of this disease is most often death, any spread of the disease should be frightening. About twenty-five percent of ten thousand women who have been diagnosed with the AIDS virus and twenty percent of one hundred thousand men are in their twenties. What this means is that most of these people were infected while they were teenagers.

It is perfectly clear that the way to avoid the AIDS virus is to not be sexually promiscuous, but it is difficult to tell this to teenagers. Just remember that no one is invulnerable and the AIDS virus has a tragic way of making people realize this.

Sex education?

real, and could happen to anyone—even them. Another sophomore felt, "It was a one day topic."

Principal Alan Jones said that three years ago AIDS hadn't broken yet. Since then there have been a few changes in the health curriculum. Health teachers Bruce Donash and Amy Gibson have attended conferences concerning AIDS. There was consideration of purchasing a new health textbook, but the administration decided to wait until more comprehensive studies could be done. Jones also said that if students had questions they could visit the school nurse, Carol Pinney, who was properly trained to field questions.

But are these informational services enough? One senior feels they are not. She said, "The school's health classes briefly discussed sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancy, but didn't stress their dangers and where to go if you need help with any of them. The school should have machines where condoms could be purchased to prevent sexually active students from endangering themselves and others."

... "They think they are invincible, infertile, and infallible."

When asked about increasing awareness, Jones said he would be willing to take a look at and pursue different angles.

If students are in need of more information they can call Johnson at the DuPage County Clinic. She said that the clinic will provide services such as family planning and testing for sexually transmitted diseases. These tests are free of charge and require no parental consent for people 12 years of age and over.

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O'Hare, the airport of kings

by Brian Levake



The coolest place in Illinois?

Eric Schlotzer and I had been planning a story like this for a while. Our original plan was just to drive in separate directions and see what we could see. We scrapped that idea after realizing that there was a good chance of one of us ending up in Berwyn or even Wisconsin.

"Where could we go?" we thought to our-

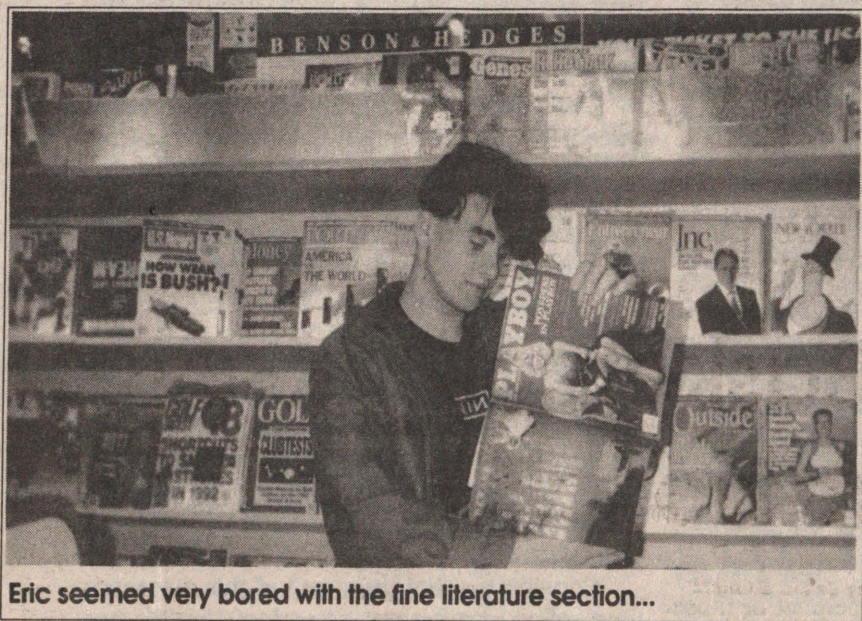
unlatched. This guy needed a bra.

I was laughing far too hard to play but Eric kept a pretty straight face. He stopped what he was doing and announced "Thank you very much. Our next song is a love song called 'Buffalo Gals.'"

I stared in disbelief. Eric was improvising a song called *Buffalo Gals* to a huge, huge man. I went something like this:

*Buffalo Gals
In my apartment
Wreaking the place
them Buffalo Gals
Buffalo Gals
eating my food,
I'm in the mood
for Buffalo Gals*

My eyes were red and my tummy hurt. The



Eric seemed very bored with the fine literature section...

selves. Then we got an idea.

Where do people from different countries come to every day? Where can you find several odd or psychotic religious groups that will be more than happy to give you a pamphlet or a lecture about their personal deity? Where is the mecca of international transportation? Where is a relatively easy place to get arrested?

O'Hare Airport.

We thought it would be extra fun to bring our guitars along, so we grabbed them along with a camera, dark sunglasses, our friend Mike, and some eggs.

After driving through miserable weather, we got to O'Hare. We agreed on a mutual game plan: cause as much havoc as possible. We also thought of a lot of fun airport games like "I'm lost and foreign," "I've really got to find the bathroom so if you can't describe to me where it is in less than five seconds, you will get a treat," "hide and run," "Terminal Tag," "Walk the opposite way on the moving walkway so it looks like you're standing still," "I've fallen and can't get up," and so on.

The first thing we did was play our guitars. We picked a mostly "cop-free" area in front of the ticket booths. We weren't ambitious enough nor did we have the money to get a permit, but we played anyway.

We played simple songs that we both knew while changing the lyrics to describe the people walking by. We tried to sound as serious as we could until a fat guy who was at least seven feet tall came up and started listening to us. The guy had a very hairy bellybutton. I knew that because he had a shirt that was about 35 sizes too small and polyester shorts that just happened to be

fat guy liked us so much, he threw a quarter in my guitar case, which was promptly stolen by a model citizen who must have really needed to make a phone call.

We got bored so we decided to play "I'm blind." We put dark glasses on and wandered throughout the place. This, too, was boring.

We got hungry so we hit the snack/souvenir shop. That was fun until we got kicked out for trying everything on.

The next place we hit was the United Terminal underpass. This place is really weird. In case you've never been there, it's like walking through an acid trip. This "acid place," as it got to be known, has these long skinny neon lights that flash on and off at random. The sides of the place had colorful windows that resembled a sunrise. Or a sunset. I couldn't tell.

There's also this odd music that reminded me of a really cheap "Muppet Babies" keyboard. It's just the coolest thing. You just stand on this thing and watch the lights and look at the walls. How cool. There's also this voice that comes on at the end of the walkway that tells you to watch your step. I'd like to see all the people that went down before the helpful voice was installed.

Upon leaving the acid place we left three eggs on the opposite walkway, hoping someone would step on one of them.

After leaving a couple signs in elevators and doing sprints down the hallways, we left. Although we didn't see much of the airport, me stepping on my own egg coming back seemed to be a fitting end.

So if you're bored, feeling creative, or actually have to fly somewhere, hit O'Hare, one of Illinois's coolest places.



...but found the elevator very interesting (photos by Brian Levake)



Cartoon Fun



Top thirteen tardy excuses

by Brian Levake

13. "What? I was here."
12. "Que?"
11. "I don't feel tardy."
10. "Yeah, right back at you."
9. "I'm actually early (Mountain time zone)."
8. "Ok, you caught me."
7. "I would've been on time, but the paraprof told me to walk."
6. "I, uh, well, um, geez, uh, gosh...."
5. "But they said I wouldn't need a pass."
4. "I love you."
3. "My pass is right around here somewhere."
2. "Oops."
1. "No, really, my parents care."

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In regional loss, Lady cat basketball expects lofty future

By Jason Mummert

The West Chicago Ladycat basketball team finished 13-13 in their 1991-92 campaign. The season ended in a 61-51 loss to Naperville Central in the regional final.

As Coach Kim Wallner looked back on the season, she said that she was disappointed with the overall fifth place tie (6-8, Naperville North), but that it could easily have been a 9-5 record, based on the fact that three of the 8 losses came by a total of six points (3, 2, and 1).

Wallner feels that a positive aspect of the season is "A lot of young kids gained a lot of experience playing at varsity level." Next years team will see four returning starters, including unanimous All-DuPage Valley Conference, Daily Herald All-Area, and, Sun-Times All-Area special Mention Amy Barnes, (small forward) honorable mention All-DVC Shannon Mason, (off guard), Christy Murphy, (forward) and Tiffany Smith (point guard). "I feel the year was successful in a lot of ways as far as going into the future," added Wallner. "We are looking to be conference champs. We need to use that experience."

Wallner thought that the team showed



Amy Barnes shoots her jumper against Wheaton Central. The Cats almost pulled a near upset. (photo by Gina Lipscomb)

improvement when they nearly upset Wheaton Central. Senior Liz Gernand also thought that the team played a lot better together as the year went on. The Ladycats started out

the year with a 2-1-2 zone, a trapping defense, but opted to change to man-to-man later in the season, because the other teams were taller and able to see the court too easily.

Gernand felt that this helped the team improve towards the end of the year. Gernand said that the Ladycats shot better when the offense worked, because they were "more organized." The offense used by the Ladycats was a 1-2-2 motion offense, which was used with the expectation of scoring an average of 50 points per game. However, they switched to a 50 offense again because of lack of height. "I think that it was successful," said junior Sarah Meyers about the switch. This seemed to have helped the Ladycats finish strongly.

Another thing that the team set goals for was rebounding. The Ladycats top rebounders are Amy Barnes and Christy Murphy, who together collected nearly 380 rebounds. With both these players back next year, the rebounding should stay consistent, especially if the help from JV and the sophomore team improve, it will be of great help to the Ladycats when it comes time for the 1992-'93 season.

"I think that next year the team has the experience to improve their record," Gernand said. The Ladycats will receive their individual awards on March 12 at the winter sports awards night.

Softball hopes to better last years "wonder season"

by Hugo Miranda

Soon the spring season will start and the girls' softball team will be after their fourth consecutive conference championship. It seems very hard to improve on a 27-6 record, but according to Coach Lee Maciejewski it's all very possible.

In the last three years the West Chicago girls' softball team has become the target for all other conference teams. Without singling anyone out, Maciejewski said, "Everyone thinks they're our toughest opponent." With the pitching of Gretchen Augsten and Kristie Spielman the lady Wildcats hope to keep that image.

As far as key players, Maciejewski mentioned six of the girls that he expects to play a big part in the success of the team. Third year starters, Shannon Mason and Liz Gernand are two players Maciejewski will look to for their experience on the field. Other key players are Fiona Quane, Katie Lootens, and pitchers Augsten and Spielman. One player who will not be returning for the entire season is junior catcher Tiffany Smith. She will be gone due to an injury sustained during the basketball season. Maciejewski added

that she will be "sorely missed."

According to Maciejewski, even though the team has a good chance of repeating the conference championship, there are still some areas where the team can improve. His main focus for the upcoming season will be to keep the hitting at a good constant average. The consistency of the team in the batting area has been "questionable in the past." However, Maciejewski is confident in the players he has to work with this season and says he will use the speed of the team to help improve some of the batting averages.

The record the team acquired last year is a school record, but that did not stop Maciejewski from making his predictions and setting goals for the spring. Without hesitation he responded by saying that his plans are to "Win 'em all...and have a good time doing it." He says the reason he can say this is because he is working with "kids that believe they can win...and have won."

Optimism is high for this team and only the season can tell if the team will live up to expectations and bring home one more trophy. On paper the team looks strong, but they must do it on the diamond in order for it to count.

Basketball looks to regionals

by Jason Mummert

It is March Madness.

The West Chicago boys' basketball team finished the regular season with a 12-12 record.

The final game of the season, at home vs. Wheaton North, (last Friday) resulted in an 51-48 win before a senior parent night crowd. Coach Lee Maciejewski felt that the season was a success because "We worked together and played hard."

The Wildcats use an offense that spreads the players all around the floor, in order to try to take advantage of height and allow for creativity. The defense used is a position defense. The Cats use minimal movement, in order not to take many chances, and cause the other teams to make mistakes. Maciejewski feels the team must execute well in both areas to be successful in the playoffs against Downers Grove North. Maciejewski's playoff expectations are, "We want to win as many games as we can."

The Wildcats are playing better recently. They started out the year winning the Oswego Tournament with a 20 point win over host Oswego and defeating Marmion after a 19 point loss to Yorkville.

After this fast start, the Cats fell into a slump, losing seven of their next nine games, but showed their talent by nearly beating Driscoll, who was ranked fifth in state (division 1A) at the time. However, the Wildcats finished the year strong. The

coach said that the seniors, Shaun Cronin, Eric Heinz, Erin Porter, Rob Rivin, Travaris Sullivan, and Jeremy Velichkoff all made a contribution to the team's success. "They knew it was their last year, and they wanted to do well."

The coach said that the players felt the highlight of the season was taking second in the DVC and finishing number one in the conference in total defense.

The future is also bright for the boys' team. Next year's team will miss the six seniors it will lose, but the talent is there to fill all of the positions. Though it is too early to know for sure, the Cats' top prospects are Kevin Baldus, Marty Gentry, Donta' Norwood, and Wallace Sullivan, among others. "We'll go far next year, we'll take it all the way," said Norwood.

"It was a good year, enjoyable. The kids were fun to be with," said Maciejewski. The Cats had their best season since 1988-'89 when the Cats finished 13-11 in the regular season, and 13-12 after an overtime loss to Glenbard North in the West Chicago regional. The Wildcats also tied that Tyrone Parks-led squad for the best conference finish in the school's history (second).

We-go played in the East Aurora sectional on Tuesday, March 3, against Downers Grove North. Other games in the sectional are Glenbard East vs. Batavia, Geneva vs. Naperville North, and Glenbard North at West Aurora.

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Wrestlers experience rocky road to state meet

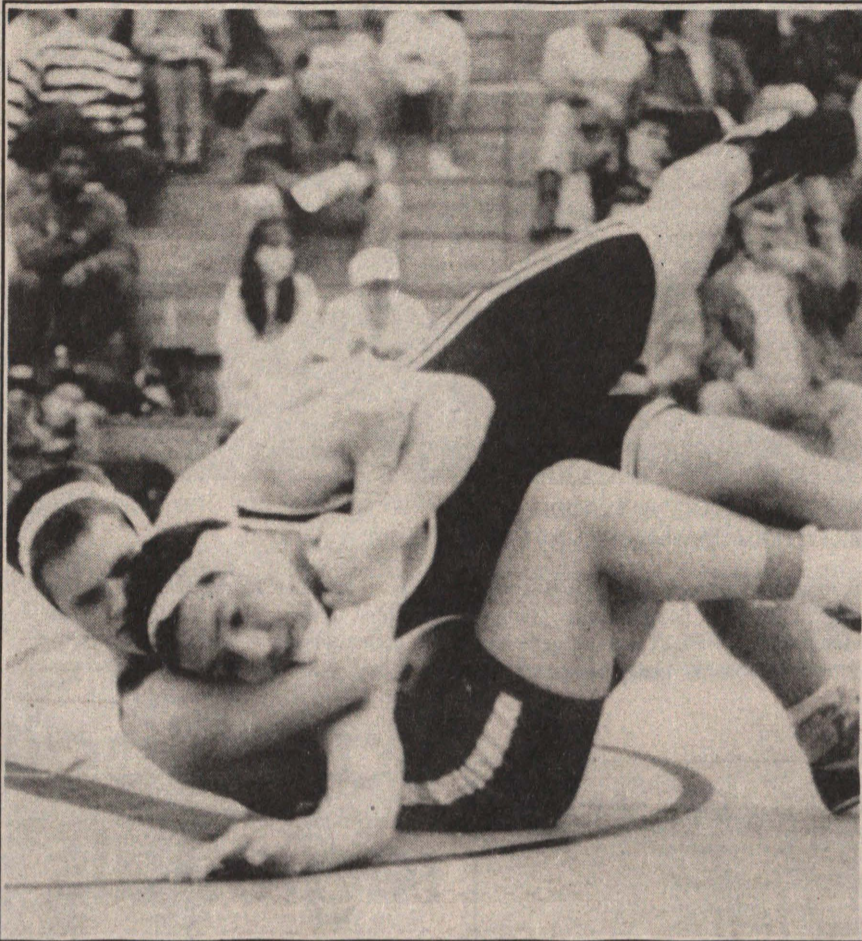
by Dan Ventrelle

As the winter sports season draws to its inevitable close, reflection upon the 1991-92 West Chicago wrestling team's successes and failures facilitates.

Upon embarking upon their new season in late November, coach Robert French set specific goals for his wrestlers. Among these goals were those concerning individual wrestlers and their possibilities of gaining entrance into the state tournament. French said, "I hoped we could get a handful of kids down state." Among this desired handful were lightweights Israel Castro and Russ Gurrero and 145 pound Aaron Owens. All three of these individuals advanced to the sectional tournament and shared measurable success at this level; however, all eventually experienced their share of hardships.

Owens, the lone senior wrestling at the varsity level, experienced great success throughout the season and ventured into the sectional tournament peaking. The dreams of state tournament victories diminished in the eyes of Owens and all those watching during a quarterfinal match against Jason Kuefler. This match would become Owen's eventual downfall when he was beaten by Kuefler. To the further dismay of Wildcat fans, Kuefler's loss in the next round excluded Owens from participation in the state tournament.

At the regional meet 103 pound Russ Gurrero finished second losing his first losing his first match of the year. This performance, while adequate for a chance at state was followed by disaster. Following his sectional success, Guerrero was noticeably absent from practices and team gatherings. Repeated attempts by French to reach Gurrero went unheeded and the situation was eventually



Carlos Ayala looks to the mat in his DuPage Valley Conference Tournament match against his Glenbard South opponent. (photo by Gina Lipscomb)

resolved through contact with a third party. "I got word through another kid that Russ had quit," said French regarding the situation.

Numerous speculations have been made regarding Gurrero's sudden departure from the sport. "A lot of kids have been telling me different reasons but nobody really knows why he quit," French said. French feels that the most probable cause for Gurrero's departure is his weight problem which has been an issue throughout the year. Sources have told French that Gurrero has "ballooned up" to around 120 pounds, well above his ideal wrestling weight.

Israel Castro has been the soul survivor in the wake of this all. Castro advanced to the state finals with a second place showing at sectionals. Castro was the only member of the team to successfully fulfill his expectations in achieving state tournament status. However, this was not the case in the tournament itself.

Castro, projected to fair well in the tournament was upset early and forced to wrestle for lesser awards. He fought back to acquire an opportunity to finish in third place. This; however, was not to be either. Jacob Hey of Dixon defeated Castro placing his finish at an unexpected fourth.

The overall performance of the team throughout the year, French feels, has been excellent. He feels that although it "would have been nice" to have a larger number of individuals, such as Owens, participate in the state tournament that the overall performance of the team has been exceptional. French feels that with the great youth of the present team will develop and as youth merges with experience, Wildcat wrestling has and excellent future.

West Chicago Wildcats vs. Chicago Bears

by Aaron Owens

The Chicago Bears will play a faculty basketball team, the Jones' Jocks. The showdown is set for March 14, at 7p.m. in the Bishop Gym.

The Bears' squad, which is known as "The Good News Bears," expected to contain such stars as Mark Bortz, Glen Koslowski, Tom Waddle, Jim Thornton, Peter Tom Willis, Shaun Gayle, Maurice Douglas, Anthony Morgan, Dante Jones, Ron Rivera,

'Good News Bears' vs. 'Jones' Jocks'

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and Wendel Davis. Assistant Principal John Highland said the final roster won't be known to just before the game.

Jones' Jocks will contain such players as District 94 Superintendent Joel Morris, Highland, and Principle Alan Jones, among others.

The consensus is the Jocks will not be that competitive, but in their first meeting in 1985 the Bears eeked out a one point win with a 99-98 victory. But in their last meeting the "Monsters of the Midway" rolled all over the faculty scoring a lopsided victory.

Highland expects to play two games against the Bears, one serious game, and one with antics. In addition to the game, there will be an autograph section, t-shirts, footballs, and other things for sale. The sophomore class at West Chicago High will be holding a raffle, the prize a 10-speed bike.

The tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students, and \$2 for children under 12 years of age. Proceeds from the game will go to the Junior class to help with financial needs for the 1992 Junior-Senior Prom.

Swim team sends two to state

by Liz Gernand

After a record setting year the boys' swim team placed seventh in sectionals.

The swim team's season was capped with five records. The relay team of John Adamo, Dave Flatter, John Keyzer, and Brian Levake set a school record in the 200 freestyle relay with a time of 1:36:76. Flatter also set a school record in the 100 butterfly with a time of 55:41. Levake set the Individual Medley Relay record with a time of 2:02:67.

The freshman class came up with a successful season for the team. Corey Johnson set freshman 200 Individual Medley (IM) record with a time of 2:07:74. Two freshman relay records were also broken this year. The relay team of John Adamo, Johnson, Steve Petusky, and Tony Villa set freshman records in both the 200 and 400 freestyle relays with times of 1:50:58 and 4:08:79 respectively.

Going into the sectional meet Coach Mary Beth Eaton said, "probably the biggest (advantage) is the home crowd-more supporters." She was looking to Flatter in the butterfly and Levake in the IM and breaststroke to move on to the February 28 and 29 state meet in New Trier.

She also looked to beat both Elgin and Streamwood because the team had close losses to both teams during the regular season. She said, "We hope to move up against them."

Hopes for a relay victory were set on the medley relay team of Adamo, Johnson, Flatter, and Levake, the 200 free relay team of Adamo, Flatter, Keyzer, and Levake, and the 400 free relay team of Bob Dujmovic, Keyzer, Johnson, and Petusky. Petusky was questionable for the sectional meet because of a broken finger which occurred while playing basketball. His cast was to come off the Friday before sectionals, but Eaton does not know how the layoff will effect him.

The relay teams all finished in the top ten. Freestyle relay team of Adamo, Keyzer, Flatter, and Levake finished seventh. Their

finish also set a school record. The 400 freestyle relay of Dujmovic, Johnson, Keyzer, and Petusky also placed seventh with a time of 3:41:49. The medley relay faired the best of the three relays finishing sixteenth place. The medley relay consisted of Adamo, Flatter, Johnson, and Levake.

The highlight of the sectional meet was the performances of Levake in the IM (third place and new team record) and the breaststroke (third place) and Flatter in the butterfly (fourth place and new team record) and backstroke (ninth place and personal best). Both will represent the Wildcat team at the state meet in New Trier.

The team also had top ten performances from diver Dave Valliancourt who placed ninth which was also his personal best. Johnson finished sixth in the IM which was also a new freshman record and a tenth place finish in the breaststroke. In the 500 freestyle Keyzer finished tenth.

Other members of the sectional team were swimmers Brian Stewart, Matt Tracy, and Tony Villa, and diver Mark Sabitton.

Sports Trivia

How many times has the Wildcat boys' swim team qualify two swimmers to the state meet?