

# The Bridge

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## Inkspots

by Kristin Bedow, Elisa Biancalana, and Jennee Calliguri

### Choir concert to be held

The final concert of the year will be held on June 2 in Weyrauch Auditorium at 7:30 pm. The concert will include Madrigals, Swing Choir, Concert Choir, Freshman Choir, Sophomore Choir, and Boys Octet.

### Student Council executive board selected

The following people will be on the Student Council executive board for the 1992-1993 school year. President will be Dina Bascharon, Vice-President will be Candy Katrys, Treasurer will be Ann Shim, and Secretary will be Thea Hopkins.



### VICA results

The results for the Vica Skill Olympics held in Springfield April 9-11 are as follows  
Jenni Blontarz - Job Interview 2nd Place State, Gerardo Del Rio - Full Service Auto 3rd Place State, Sherrie Kirby - Job Skill Demonstration 3rd Place State, Christine Lipske - Suitcase and essay 1st Place State, Extemporaneous Speaking 2nd Place State, Pamela Toner - Job Interview 1st Place State, Extemporaneous Speaking 4th Place State, Leticia Vargas - Safety Presentation 2nd Place State, Ken Westerhausen - Fast Food Service 2nd Place State, Safety Presentation 1st Place State

## Parking causes problems for West Chicago students

by Elisa Biancalana and Jennee Calliguri

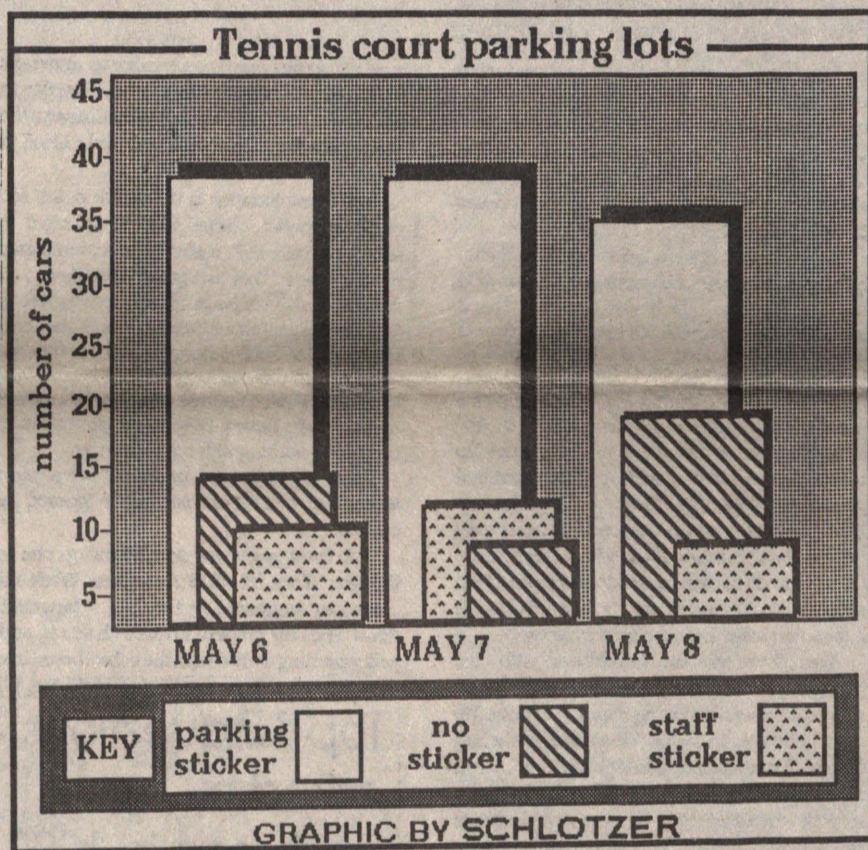
For many West Chicago Community High School students, parking their cars on campus has become as difficult as an obstacle as passing the classes.

According to paraprofessional Paul McLeland, "Parking has always been a problem at We-go, but since parking on the side streets around the high school was eliminated it has become a major problem."

Two years ago parking on the streets around the high school was eliminated. According to Assistant Dean Stephen Kimery, "The homeowners around their cars, parking in their drive ways, cutting through their yards, and on some occasions harassing their children, so the city put a ban on parking around the high school." The city decided to leave the Kerr-McGee area out of the ban, because the streets are not that used.

According to Kimery, there are still ways that students can get around the parking ban, so the problem is still not eliminated completely. If a student lives in the West Chicago city limits, they can obtain a parking sticker from the city that would allow them to park their car in the restricted area.

This added to the parking problem at We-go. According to Kimery, the consequences for parking a car in the parking lot can vary. For a first time offense the student is asked to move the car, and can have a conference with the dean, at which time the parents may be notified. The second time the student will be



asked to move the car, and may lose a privilege such as unscheduled or off campus. And if they are a junior there is the possible threat of not getting a parking sticker as a senior. After a third time the student will be asked to move the car, can lose privileges and may possibly receive detentions.

According to Kimery, a problem is finding the owners of the illegally parked cars. Although there is a paraprofessional monitoring the lots before school, some of the students come to school late, and quickly park their cars, and then when they leave they exit the lots quickly.

By law, the school is required to provide the faculty and administrators parking along with students who participate in the work studies program. According to Kimery, after those spaces are full the parking is offered to senior students. According to Kimery, "For the past couple of years all the seniors have gotten parking spaces." After all the stickers are handed out all the lots are surveyed to see how many empty spaces are left, and according to what is found more stickers are passed out to the juniors. Kimery said, "We want to maximize the use of the lots as efficiently as possible."

Next year the price of parking stickers is to increase from \$5 to \$20. This was a decision that the School Board made.

According to McLeland a possible solution would be to tow a couple of the illegally parked cars, McLeland said, "When it comes to the pocketbook things will change."

## Seniors look to future lives

by Anna Berendson, Jennee Calliguri, and Karen Slusar

Twenty years from now...

When the seniors were asked the question: "Where do you see yourself twenty years from now?" The answers were some what varied. Some students imagined themselves as successful citizens. Tanida Suwanaath said, "I hope to be a successful cardiologist working at Cedar Sinai in Los Angeles. In my spare time I want to help with research to find a cure for AIDS, especially the victims that are children."

Other students have high hopes to find a spouse. "I want to be married to some rich lawyer. I want three kids, a dog named Rover and a big house with a BMW in the driveway." Beth Villareal said when faced with the question. John Mazzola said, "I plan to be a movie star and have a lot of money, everything I want, a beautiful house, three kids, and a white picket fence."

As for Kristyn Schwab, "I see myself showing up at the reunion with 7,300 pieces of gum in the back of my classic el camino for Andy Johnson for the 20 years I missed." And Andy Johnson saw himself, "Pulling up in my chauffeured driven personalized 1934 Packard limo with a black tie and tails and a Cubs hat."

Dave Siers replied, "I'll be in Italy making a million playing soccer." And Marnie Preuss imagined, "I'll be a successful, professional artist." Mike Zelman simply answered, "Rich." And Porsche Willenbring answered, "Married and rich, with a Porsche."

Most seniors had high expectations for the future, but one unusual answer was Tom Phipps. "I'll be in a big, pink, frilly dress."

## AIDS Awareness Week a success

by Julianne Graczyk

Student Council sponsored AIDS Awareness Week on May 11-15. They hoped to educate students on how to avoid contracting AIDS (Acquired Immuned Deficiency Syndrome), what AIDS is, and also what AIDS could do to you.

Assistant principal, John Highland, said, "Student Council did a great job planning and they made the week important to the student body." During the week, announcements were provided each day on the subject of AIDS. Informative posters on AIDS were placed on the high school walls. Literature on AIDS was also passed out at the assembly and to second hour classes.

Approximately 450 students attended the assembly on AIDS on Wednesday, May 13 at 3 p.m. Student Council adviser Robert H. Hein believes that, considering the weather, it was a good turnout. Hein said, "The assembly was the key thing and the speakers had a real impact." Highland said that speakers John Laveck and Vikki were very inciteful. He also decided that

since Vikki has the HIV virus, she educated the students on things they had not been aware of. The overall message was to use good judgment and make good decisions.

Hein suggested that the idea of AIDS Awareness Week was successful enough to be continued. If it could not be organized every year, than it should take place every other year. Senior class president Alicia Garceau commented, "I think it should be implemented in the yearly curriculum, and given more attention."

According to Student Council President Lynn Ellerbruch, it is hard to measure the effectiveness of the week without future research and figures. Both Ellerbruch and Garceau agreed that the event went "very well."

Hein concluded, "I was quite pleased. It was clearly a controversial area. I think we did a good job of getting the information out."

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## Policy and Personnel meeting does little for the Bridge

The Policy and Personnel Committee meeting on May 5 brought to the attention of the **Bridge** just how much the student newspaper policy and freedom of the press mean to the administration: Not much.

According to Principal Alan C. Jones, neither the administration or the School Board want to censor the school newspaper, the **Bridge**, but rather to be informed of the controversial articles to be printed in upcoming issues. This way Jones feels that he will better be able to field questions, or "complaints" from the community concerning the articles. In-depth editor Alicia Garceau, features editor Brian Levake, and writer Kristin Bedow were in attendance at the board meeting to display their views and concerns about the administration wanting to be informed of the articles before they are printed.

That is, after all, why the **Bridge** has editors and an adviser. However the administration and the School Board seemed to have their minds set on what they wanted and it was apparent to the **Bridge** staff attending the meeting that we were there for no reason other than to make them look good. In fact one administrator was so intensely interested in what went on in the board meeting this person sketched a wonderfully artistic picture of a mountain range. The **Bridge** staff was able to convey their views on the matter, however the meeting was ended without any decisions made, nor did the **Bridge** feel the discussion was brought to a proper close.

We were left with a lot of "legal concerns" from the administration and the School Board which appeared to be sensationalized quite a bit. The School Board is concerned about the legality of some of the more controversial issues recently printed in the **Bridge**, claiming the newspaper is an extension of the School Board and some of the articles printed

in the **Bridge** are not appropriate for students to read. The School Board policy statement of the newspaper states: "The **Bridge** will be a forum for the exchange of comment and criticism, open to students and others interested in Community High School." Articles discussing such topics as abortion, AIDS, and teen pregnancy are all issues that students and others involved with Community High School do need to be aware of. The School Board policy on the coverage involved in the **Bridge** states: "The **Bridge** will strive to report accurately and fairly the news which is important, interesting and relevant to the students of Community High School." The Board members feel that the articles in the **Bridge** could cause problems in issues to come. Jones says his main concern is the quality of the paper and making sure it is well written. If there is a problem with the quality of the paper, why has the **Bridge** won 45 national awards, 21 state awards, and 26 local awards in the past 15 years. Perhaps it was because of the quality of the paper. Have the administration or members of the School Board ever had a problem concerning the legality of any of the articles written in the **Bridge**? No. "But what if a problem does arise?" they ask. Why be so concerned with problems arising in the future when there have never been any problems in the past? Shouldn't you cross that "Bridge" when you come to it?

The **Bridge** staff feels that the administration and the School Board are jumping the gun on their concern about what is printed in the **Bridge**. If the students are happy with their school paper then apparently the **Bridge** is not the one with the problem. After all, the student newspaper was intended to present the views of the students.

## Bang!!!



by Jamie McDole

This is it! The last **Bridge**, my last column, so I figured instead of Pow, I would go out with a Bang!

And if I am going out with a Bang, of course this column is going to deal with the administration.

Administration is an interesting word. I think it means someone who is suppose to take ideas and administer them to the school.

Well, the administration at We-go can be considered beautiful in my opinion. Let's look at the ideas that the **Bridge** has offered them in the past and what they have done with them.

The first suggestion the **Bridge** had was to stop construction while school was in progress. The ongoing construction made it hard for students to study and concentrate on their studies. The administration just sort of said that the contractors didn't get the job done on time so the students would have to suffer.

Now the second issue came out. The excitement of thortum on our campus was published in the newspaper, and the **Bridge** suggested that it should be cleaned up quickly to keep the students safe. Our superintendent, Joel Morris, says he was misquoted in this article, but he has never been able to make a strong case for his claim. One reason might be because he was read issues in the article that had to deal with him before it went to the printer. Maybe he was just a little upset that people were finding out the truth. The thortum hasn't been cleaned up, and one question I have now is, "Was the inside of the school ever tested?" I wanted to do the test myself and write an article about the results, but it was sort of hard to locate a radiation tester because of its expense.

Then there was the controversy with the School Board President Lawrence Hapgood. Our suggestion was not to hang Hapgood in issue five but to promote the good at We-go and not the bad things. The administration and the School Board sure blew it at the policy meeting with the **Bridge** recently when they made themselves look very bad in front of numerous reporters converging the

meeting. In fact one reporter came up to me after the meeting and said that for a School Board trying not to promote bad things at West Chicago, they sure made themselves look very bad. Good job guys!

The administration is 0-3 at this point, soon dropping to 0-4. Issue seven encouraged the school to make P.E. count on a students grade point average. They just ignored that one.

The very next issue we suggested that the Student Council should join forces with the School Board. The School Board voted on this at a meeting and unanimously decided it was a good idea and it should be done. That's is far as it went though. The School Board and administration have done nothing with the idea so far.

"How about more counselors?" we asked in issue nine, but the administration ignored that one too.

I do have to give the administration one win though. They let AIDS Awareness Week take place, our suggestion in issue 11. Congratulations! The only problem I have with this is, at the policy meeting we had with the school board lately they discussed how the **Bridge** could not take

sides on certain subjects like planned parenthood or just safe sex. They said we could not take sides because we were an extension of the School Board and they couldn't take sides on subjects like that. Therefore, they say we cannot print things about using condoms and exciting things like that.

If the School Board can't take sides on the subject, how can Student Council stress abstinence on their AIDS Awareness posters hanging all over the school. Isn't that taking sides? Maybe the School Board should think about their contradictory positions!

So through the year the **Bridge** had received little support from the administration. Maybe a little positive reinforcement would help instead of the constant feuds between us.

Even though the School Board and administration are two separate bodies, they both need to be willing to compromise.

See ya!

## Letter to the editor

Quisiera aplaudir al **Bridge** por su cobertura a fondo en los artículos de "interracial dating," racismo, y sobre todo la diversidad cultural.

Durante todo el año, hemos usado el **Bridge** en nuestro programa ESL de lectura. No solo ofrece la oportunidad a nuestros estudiantes de leer algo significativo en Inglés; sino también nos da una idea acerca de la vida de los estudiantes Americanos de la high school - un intercambio cultural (para bueno o malo) se podría decir.

Aunque siempre los encontramos informativos e interesantes, esta ultima serie de artículos nos llegó muy cerca. Anticipo con gusto las discusiones, ideas e intercambios culturales que vamos a compartir en nuestra comunidad escolar. A pesar de que la Sra. Aviles y el Club Internacional trabajan mucho para promover esto, aun así podrían aprovechar de nuestra ayuda. ¿Y porque parar con el estudiante? ¿Que tal si hubiese una noche internacional para los maestros? Explorar nuestra propia cultura puede ser una experiencia instructiva y divertida (si no, preguntenles a los maestros de ESL para Adultos, ¿Verdad, Manny?).

Seis años como maestra de ESL me han puesto en contacto con varias culturas, incluyendo la Mexicana, Puerto Riquena, Polaca, Indonesa, Yugoslava, Danesa, Colombiana, y mas. No solo me he enriquecido por esta experiencia, sino me he animado a ver más de cerca mi propia descendencia Alemana - Irlandés. Aun en salones donde los alumnos hablaban poco Inglés, los "Idiomas

## Top 15 questions asked by Freshman in 1992

by Jason Mummert

15. "Can I sit here?"
14. "Wasn't I the first to say Da' Bulls?"
13. "Is Bryan Gall really the Mafia Godfather of the suburbs?"
12. "How much does a copy of the **Bridge** cost?"
11. "How does that lady's voice go over every supermarket intercom in the country at the same time?"
10. "Did our football team win any last year?"
09. "So, where are these famed pep assemblies?"
08. "Is that Dr. Jones shopping at DeJatz?"
07. "Is that professional scout going to come to the freshman game too?"
06. "Which bus is mine, Coolie Monster or Darkwing Duck?"
05. "So, buddy, when's this party going to be?"
04. "Can I major in pimpology in high school?"
03. "Hey babe, don't I remember you from elementary school?"
02. "How can I be more like you, Jabaar?"
01. "Is Freshman hell week on yet, or what?"

Universales" de musica, baile y comida nos daban la oportunidad de compartir nuestra cultura sin escuchar ni una sola palabra.

De nuevo me gustaria encomendar al **Bridge** por su cobertura de este tema oportuno que nos llega y toca a cada uno. Espero que este sea el punto de principio para mas artículos y actividades

## ...and the seniors respond

by Jason Mummert, Jamie McDole, and other seniors.

15. "It depends, how suseptable to rashes are you? Tom Phipps
14. "Yeah, right. Shut up and leave." Eric Schlotzer
13. "No, he's just a weenie." Matt Fillipo
12. "I don't know, you're guess is as good as mine." Ann Bolmedes
11. "Who the flip are you anyway?" McDole
10. "What's Bruce Donash's career record? (5-31 at We-go) Josh Urban
09. "Look in the bathroom." Eric Schlotzer
08. "Of course it is, can't you tell by his hip-hop clothes? What a trend-setter." Alicia Garceau
07. "No, but the mascot might show—for a price." Mummert
06. "Neither because you're going to die." Matt Fillipo
05. "Yeah, right." Julieanne Graczyk
04. "Only if your name is T-DADDY-MACIII" Travaris Sullivan
03. "Yeah, aren't you that guy I saw hanging from the monkey bars by your underwear?" Sybil Ruiz
02. "Eat, drink, be merry and tomorrow we'll all go to the Park." Mummert
01. "Kid, this will be your last good weekend. See ya' Monday." Mummert

en el futuro. Con nuestros cambios demográficos, localmente e internacionalmente, este es un tema que nos llegará a todos nosotros.

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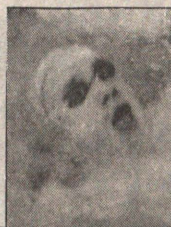
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Twelfth  
pack

by Brian Levake

I love you

## 4th year philosophy

This is an actual reprint of the Chicago Tribune Tempo section. You see, "Dear Abby" was ill yesterday and asked me to fill in, so I said "Why the hell not?" Enter "Dear Cakes."

Dear Cakes,

I've got a problem with my girlfriend. You see, she has this thing with nasal spray. She is always, always shooting nasal spray up her nose. Her daily habit is causing upwards of fifty dollars. I think she's even free-basing the stuff. The real problem is that she denies it completely. She thinks I'm insane, but then, maybe I am. I need a drink.

Sincerely,

Sprayed in Springfield

Dear Sprayed,

As far as I can tell, you have a very big problem. Maybe you should go and breath lots and lots of exhaust pipes. Just kidding. I once knew of a guy with this problem. His wife had this thing with rubbing stones between her fingers. One day he just went up to her and said, "I don't want you to do that crap anymore. Cut it out." She pulled out a small but powerful handgun and blew his head off in their own kitchen. So my advice to you is to leave her alone and let her inhale her own head off.

Dear Cakes,

You know, my husband and I have read your column for a whole lot of years now and I was wondering about something. How do you decide your standpoint on controversial topics and issues that you receive? And how do you relax after getting all those tough, tough cards and letters?

Toodles,

Devon

Dearest Devon,

(With a lisp) Well, my fine fellow, I've got to tell you. I have a couple different methods. One method is quite fun. I put several different coloured marbles into a candy dish. If the marble is Earth tone, I print the letter. If not, bye bye. Another is I just remove all the useful topics that all the kids like, like Planned Parenthood, but I guess you wouldn't have to worry about that, right? Hee hee. Anyway, we all know that topics like that are totally bogus and have no place in any publication, so let's not worry. Also try listening to a little jazz now and then.

Dear Cakes,

You've probably never ever heard of a problem like this before. You see, my real name is Garth Brooks. Really. But since the fake country star became big, I can't go out of the house anymore. I'm the butt of the same bad joke over and over again. I'm thinking of changing my name to "Spudnutts." What do you think? Do you have any suggestions?

Sincerely,

Garth Brooks

Dear Garth,

Your problem isn't that big of a deal. The problem is probably your address. Since you didn't give a return address, I'm going to assume that you live in a jumbo metropolitan area. Move to someplace like the desert or Arizona or Alaska or better yet, Tennessee. You will have women crawling over you like ants on a rotted tub of cotton candy. I think.

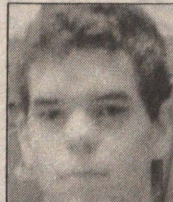
Love,

Cakes

I don't know. Maybe I wasn't cut out for this.

## Brand new stuff

by Paul Abella



- \*\*\*\*-Nifty
- \*\*\*-Spiffy
- \*\*-Boring
- \*-Save your cash

**Electric Love Hogs- \*\*\*\*-**This is the weirdest, loudest, and most interesting collection of songs since Faith No More. They're on tour with L.A. Guns right now and in Chicago, the Hogs blem them off the stage. The album includes a powerhouse rocker called *Tribal Monkeys*, and a song that sounds like something from *West Side Story*, called *Sittin' Pretty*.

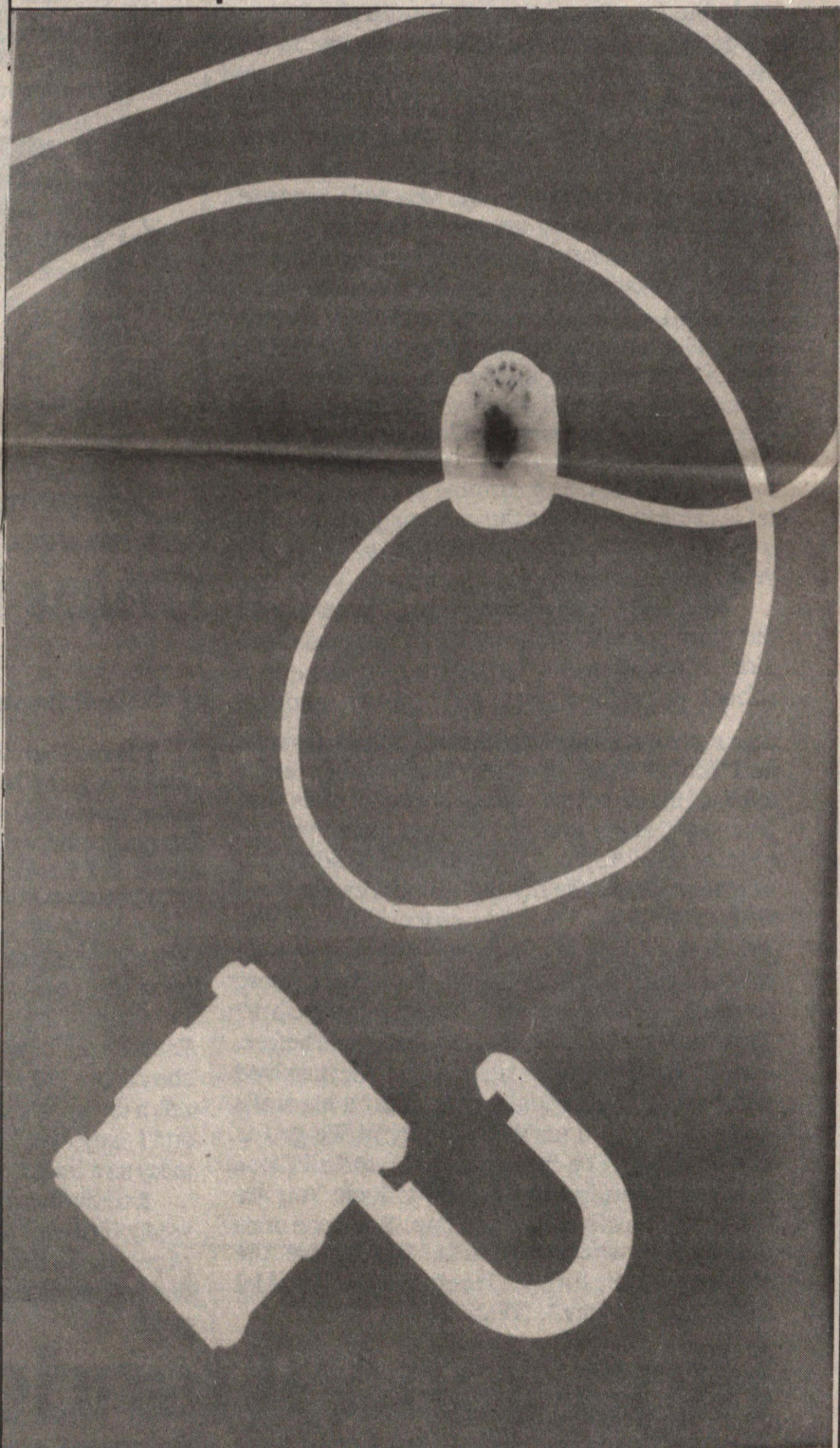
**Ugly Kid Joe; As Ugly as they Wanna be-\*\*\*\*-** Truly great stuff. By now, everyone's heard *Everything About You*, and that's

not even the best stuff on the tape. Other songs include a cover of Black Sabbath's *Sweet Leaf*, and a Van Halen style tune called *Too Bad*.

**The Black Crowes; The Southern Harmony and Musical Companion-\*\*\*\*-**This is the absolute best album to come out this year. It's as good, if not better than their first album *Shake Your Money Maker*. Songs like *Hotel Illness* and *Remedy* are completely awesome and *Sometimes Salvation* is even prettier than *She Talks to Angels*.

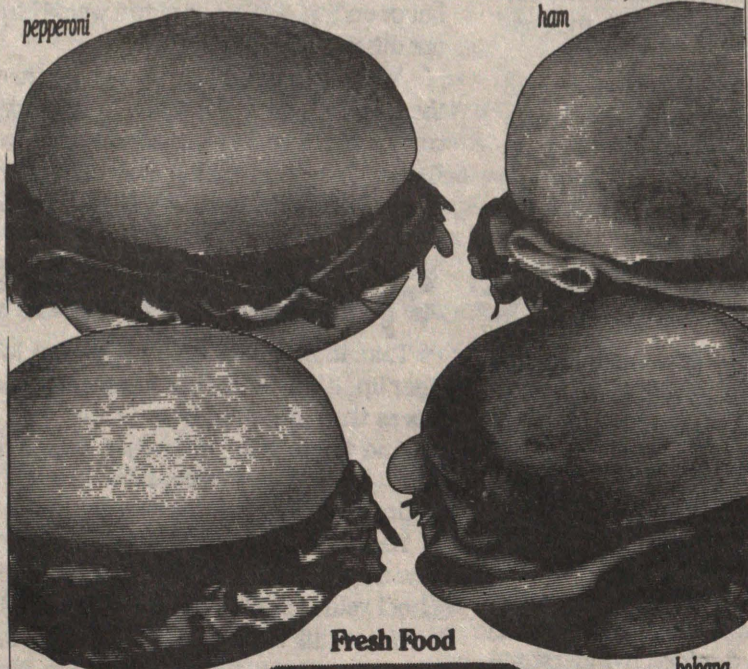
**The Grateful Dead- Infrared Roses-\*\*-** This disc just rambles on and on and on. Although it has it's moments, it's usually pretty boring. From a collection of the "Space Jam" sections of their concerts, it's the Dead's way of ushering in new keyboardists Vince Welnick and Bruce Hornsby.

## Weird photo of the month



Everyone, meet Gina Lipscomb's brain neckless and lock. (photo by Gina Lipscomb)

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# 4 In-depth

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## Eric believes the children are our future

by Eric Schlotzer

Ahh, look at me... I'm all grown up now and have finished my last year of high school. I've got some memories that will be with me all of my life, actually I'm probably emotionally scarred or something. I could ramble on about some of this school's infinite shortcomings and inadequacies in policy and administration, but I won't do that. I don't need to. I could just look around me in the hallway during any passing period and see it on the faces of hundreds of other students... **They know.** They see it to, we all do. To those of you who see We-go a place to abuse your authority by turning a school (learning institution) into a police state where the policy is to enforce discipline, proper attire, and promptness to class... **Be warned,** because we're not as ignorant as you try to make us.



But I'm not here to complain or use this last issue's farewell message to get a couple of cheap shots in. I'm through with West Chicago and it's walls can crumble down into the radioactive cesspool that it was built on for all I care. The point is that we're all going to get out for a while. Summer vacation is nearing and we all know what that means, don't we? That's right, no more homework, tests, and running to class. I have a lot of catching up to do this summer. There's still a bunch of sleep that I didn't get to during the year that I need to get to.

Well, I spent four years of my life here and I did make some friends and had a few good times along the way, so don't get the wrong idea. This school does have very good music and art departments, as well as other socially interactive and "fun" classes. I suggest that you register for a few of those not so college bound classes that you might enjoy and perhaps get more involved in some school sports and activities. I didn't, but maybe that's where my high school career went wrong. That's it. I just figured it out! It's not We-go's fault. I'm to blame for my unpleasant high school experience. I should have been more involved. Oh, why didn't I notice this before? Anyway, forget all of that nasty stuff I said before. Don't make the same mistakes I did. Get involved and have lots of school spirit. Wear a big smile on your face and make your stay at We-go the best it can be. To the class of '93 and all those following them I wish the best of luck, You are We-go's hope of a bright new day. Someone once put it best when they said, "...I believe the children are the future. Teach them well and let them lead the way."...Yeah right.

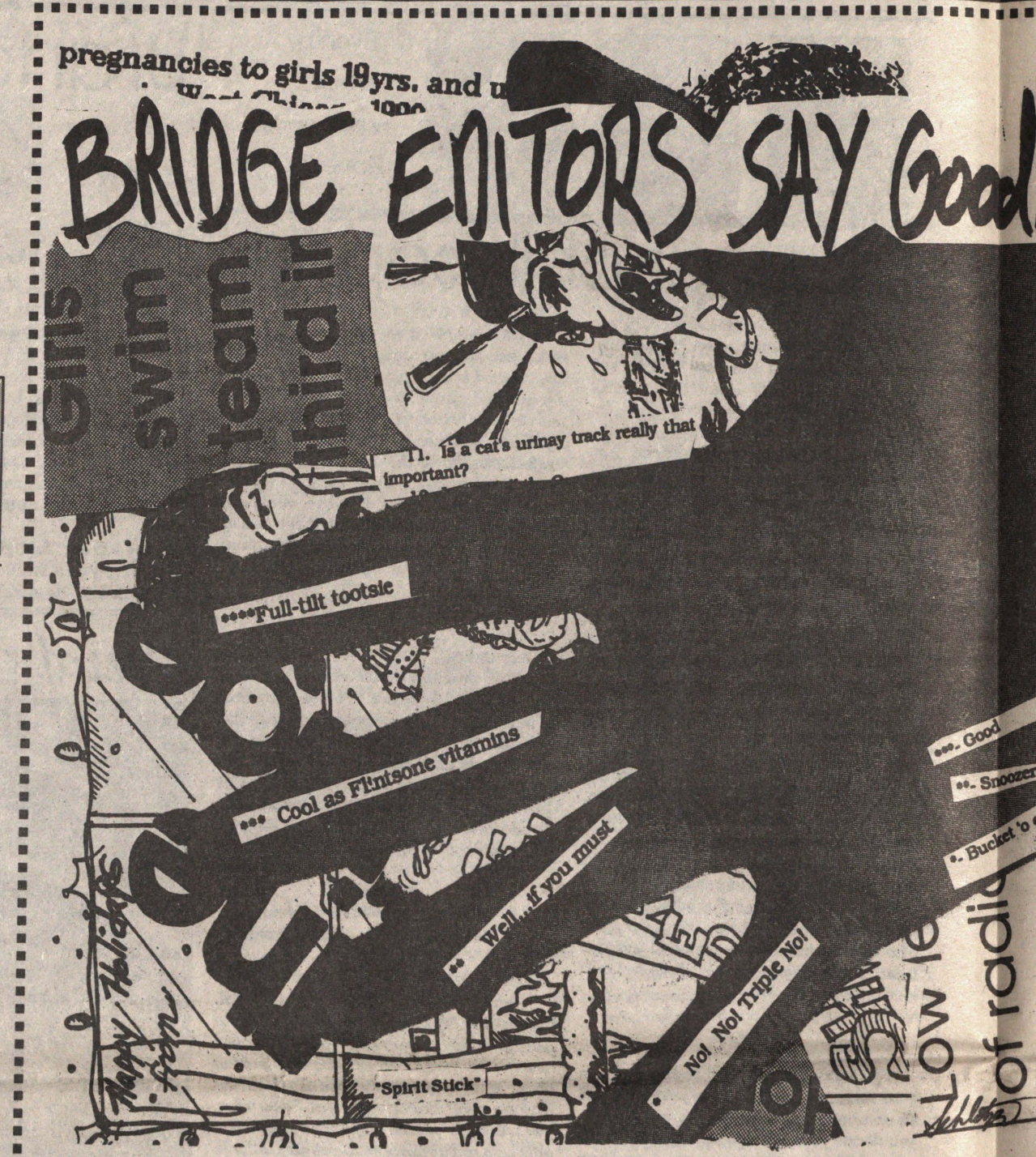
## High school renders Flake speechless

by Brian Levake

This, my friends and neighbors is my third draft of this story. The first one was practically blue, the second one a little less nasty, and this one, well, I don't know.



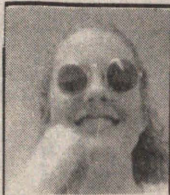
Oi. Anyway, I guess if I were to give advice to students left behind, it would be to say what you want to say and do what you want to do. If anyone tries to discipline you, laugh a little laugh



## Chips teaches a valuable lesson

by Alicia Garceau

I know I am supposed to be writing a really tear-jerking story about how much I am going to miss We-go or perhaps even attempt to get a few last minute jabs in at the administration, schoolboard, teachers, and students of this fine institution. But I'd rather write my last article about something that matters. *Chips*...and I'm not talking about the dipping kind, either.



*Chips*, that fine television program featuring Eric Estrada as a highway patrol officer, was a favorite show of mine when I was younger. And, believe it or not, a few episodes made a profound impact on me and I carry their haunting messages with me even today as a senior.

It seems the particular show that I can recall so vividly, has never been viewed by anyone else on this planet. I know some where out there there are people that have seen the show that scared the daylights out of me.

Of course, the show began with Ponch and John getting that ever familiar call for help over their radios. Then they did that ever familiar U-turn in the middle of the highway and just a few television seconds later they arrived at the mishap. It was a car full of teenagers. None were hurt to seriously, but they were all hysterical. It turns out there wasn't enough room in the car, and several of their friends had been crammed into the trunk of the vehicle. At which point the T.V. camera flashes to where the trunk used to be. Because the trunk was so compacted, those fine highway patrol officers had to rip out the back seat to get to the bloody, goopy mess of the teen-age sardines.

Like any other T.V. program, this one too, had a happy ending. I'm not so sure it would have turned out this way in real life.

With prom tonight and graduation just around the corner, I guess the moral to this story is: Be careful. And if you haven't seen this episode of *Chips*, I'm sure there is a suitable episode of *The Brady Bunch* or even *The Courtship of Eddie's Father* that can apply.

and remember that you have to be here because of law. They chose to be here.

When you are juniors, make as many friends as you can before the year ends, because after all the seniors graduate, you'll have about half as many friends as you did this year.

Never stick beans in your ears. Don't take any wooden nickels. Always avoid people who think they are very new wave and brilliant because they use big, big words that they don't even understand.

Take up a vegetarian lifestyle. Or don't. If your friends are real, their feelings toward you won't change.

Take lots of vitamins, and try not to bite your inner lip, it will cause canker sores. And Carmex proves that there really is a God.

And try to remember that salads, fruit, and firm cakes are very acceptable at the finger food parties that We-go is famous for.

High school relationships can be almost as lame as grade school relationships, accept grade school relationships are more physical.

Never talk with your mouth full of meatloaf or a gravy product, because it looks like you are eating a squirrel or something.

In case you haven't noticed, I have nothing to say, for once.

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## Aaron bids 'Adieu' to We-go

by Aaron Owens



School has been great to me. In high school I have learned so much, my teachers and friends have made me what I am.

I truly have a easy and great life because of my influences. They have shaped my life, and have given me standards to live by. When I entered school I was a very confused child. Through my school years I have matured slowly but steadily into an American. I went from a self conscious young kid, to a confident young man. The true power of this great school system, this curriculum that we are all so proud of, has shown it can work. The rest of my classmates and I are living proof. Thank you, West Chicago.

I want to take this space, in Alicia's section, to take the time to thank a few of these important people.

First, I will thank my teachers for teaching me to read and write among many other things. I have learned algebra, history, government, and journalism. My teachers have also taught me some important lessons in life. How to respect, how to work, and how to live in my society.

Second, I would like to thank my coaches. They have taught me how to catch, kick, run, and have a good time. They have also taught me about good sportsmanship, so I can take defeat in stride, and be modest in my victories. They have taught me the meaning of commitment and dedication, how to hurt for something you love, to accomplish you have to work.

The administration. I thank you for letting me participate in this fine institution. You are the reason I am what I am. It is you, who have changed my life, and have shaped it for the rest of my years.

Lastly, my friends. You have given me the most. I learned to have a good time, I have learned to party, and do things for me. I have learned how to respect you, and in turn you, respect me.

These are the material things, that I look at and thank you for. But there is so much more. Things, that I had to look real hard to realize. Not only do I thank all of you for the above, but the below also.

My teachers, I thank you for teaching me how to kiss up. This is the true way to make it through life. If I scratch your back, you'll scratch mine, right? You have made me a sycophant, you have helped make me an American.

My coaches, I thank you for making me selfish, and a liar. You say that I should accept loosing in stride, but your actions say I shouldn't. "It's all right to make a mistake," you say. Then why do you yell and scream. "I'm only trying to make you better." So you don't like me how I am? It is hard to accept losing because you make it that way. You frown on failure, you boast at success. It is true you are partly the reason we win, but are you hitting the ball? Are you making the baskets? Are you scoring the goals? Discipline, conditioning, failure, success, I have been a part of it for four years. Good memories, none. Bye sports, bye coaches, and good riddance.

Now for the administration. I thank you for making me aware of my rights, or the lack of them. I thank you for making me realize, just how helpless I am in this school. You are so powerful, you laugh at the Bill of Rights. Freedom of speech, you proved that does not apply. Innocent until proven guilty? Hi, Mrs. Sweder. What did I do? Out for 10 days? The list, it never existed, right? Isn't it funny how a few of the seniors actually saw it. "But they're lying."

And again my friends. You have taught me how to hurt. You have made me face reality, no matter if I was ready to or not. Is this good, now I think so. You are the only aspect of my high school life I respect. Too bad I probably will only see a few of you again. Too bad I only want to see a few of you again. For the one's I respect, you have all been quite the friends. I will be there.

High school has been the best years of my life...pretend. SEE YALATER, HASTALUAGO, BYE, and AUDI 5000.

## 'High school is what you make of it'

by Jeanine Murphy



After being in this school for five long years I think it's time to move on. I do have to admit that this last year has probably been my best year here.

I have accomplished many things this year that I never would have been able to do all my years in this school. I was able to be on the Bridge staff, I won a Journalism Education award and was able to go on to Denver to compete in another competition, I also was able to go to Spain for Christmas.

hamburgers at McDonald's for the rest of my life. This extra year in high has not killed me, in fact it has enriched me.

If others would do the same and stay in school instead of dropping out they will find that later on in life it is easier to get jobs, and the pay will be better.

High school is what you want to make of it. If you come to school hating it and

High school is what you want to make of it.

I'd also like to say thanks to the teachers who have helped me though out these 5 years especially Mr. Courtney without his help I probably wouldn't have gotten as far as I have.

thinking it is dumb and boring, that is what school will be to you; but, if you come to school with a positive attitude and try to be social, school will go much smoother for you. Try to join clubs and be involved with what school has to offer, I'm not saying school is always going to be nice and fluffy it's just what you make of it and the same goes for your life, "It's what you make of it."

Many people in my position probably would have given up and dropped out of school, but I am not interested in flinging hamburgers at McDonald's for the rest of my life.

Sure, I missed going on to college with my friends last year, but I would have never been able to accomplish the things I did this year if I had.

Many people in my position probably would have given up and dropped out of school, but I am not interested in flinging

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10. The cereal fights are a load of fun.
9. The new lights, need I say more?
8. There are never any fights.
7. It's a family night out.
6. Gosh, those new lights are bright.
5. The concession stand is really nice.
4. To see the new track gleam and glisten.
3. A Wildcat victory?
2. What a band!
1. Be on T.V.!

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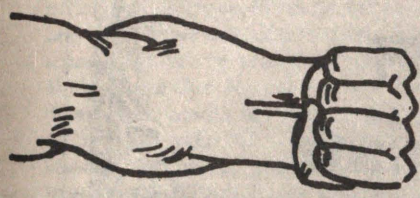
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## 10 wacky reasons to become a Bridge staffer

by Elisa Biancalana and Gina Lipscomb

For lack of a better topic we decided to list the top 10 reasons to why you should be on the Bridge staff.

1. Fun fieldtrips
2. exciting battles with censorship
3. No hassles with parapros
4. Get into any school related function (free).
5. Late night layout.
6. Deliver the **Bridge** to classrooms
7. Fun filled lectures with the administration.
8. Press releases from the administration
9. Rides in a suburban to fieldtrips.
10. You'll understand the jokes inside the Bridge.





# 6 Features

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## Spring musical *Cinderella* a success

by Rachel Owens

West Chicago Community High School performed Rodger's and Hammerstein's musical adaption of the popular fairy tale, *Cinderella*. Four performances of the musical comedy were presented in Weyrauch auditorium on May 15-17.

The leading roles of *Cinderella* and the Prince were performed by Karla Sosulski and John Mazzola, respectively. Vanessa Talbot played Beulah, the wicked step-mother, while Jenny Little and Rachel Owens portrayed her daughters, Portia and Joy. The Prince's parents were played by Rob Scott and Jessica Bridge.

The most magical character was the Fairy Godmother played Dayna Yoder. Through the use of special effects and magical tricks, the fairy Godmother appeared and disappeared, glowed in the dark, moved chairs, lit fires, and caused flowers to bloom instantly.

Targeted toward children, the show's spe-

cial effects, costuming, and exaggerated two-dimensional props were especially effective.

Following each performance, the cast, still in costume, mingled with the audience. The children's excitement and enthusiasm assured the cast that they had successfully enchanted their audience.

Mary Hafertepe directed the show, and was assisted by Kim Austin. The musical score was performed by Debra Paulsen with vocal direction by Peg Ortega. Ralph Zaffino was in charge of set construction while lighting was handled by Andy Glowaty. *Cinderella's* "Pumpkin Coach" along with all of the show's props were created by David Exner and his art students. Patty Kozlowski and her Clothing II students helped with the costumes.

*Cinderella* included a cast of 35 with a crew of 42. Food and fun was enjoyed by the cast and crew after each of the performances at the homes of Chris and Malia Leck, Rachel Owens, and Vanessa Talbot.



Prince Charming and Cinderella pucker up. (photo by Gina Lipscomb)

## Restaurant reviews-Sand Piper vs Corfu

by Brian Levake and Aaron Owens

### Sand Piper

Sand Piper was originally supposed to be a member of the doomed "JoJos" franchise, but when they finished the building, they ran out of money. Hence, Sand Piper.

Mainly a normal dining place, Piper is also a good place to get Greek food. This is very expensive, though.

The entree ordered was a Cesar salad. Actually very good. The problem is that their soft drinks aren't very large, so you tend to get very thirsty. Plus, you don't get refills, unlike Taco Bell and Denny's. Very good coffee, though.

Orders to look out for at Piper are any ice cream dish, most of the pies and cakes, any dish that costs over \$13, and the Mexican omelet. And beware of the Chicken

Parmesan. It is the evil twin of We-go's own Chicken P. but is very weak. Beware.

Other than that, most of the breakfast stuff is pretty good, as well as the salads and appetizers.

Another fine thing about Piper is that it's the closest all night place around. Not as fun as Wag's, but what is?

### Corfu

Corfu-Isn't everyone maybe a little hesitant to enter a Corfu? What is a Corfu anyway? Maybe Corfu was the name of the little boy that nobody liked, so he gave out free lemonade to everyone, hoping people would like him.

In restaurant sense, a Corfu is a place on North Avenue that tries a little too hard to be your best friend.

The first impression that Corfu tries to give is the "we are very clean and family like." The water, napkins, silverware, and coffee impressed.

The one entree ordered, pancakes, was seemingly indestructible. But what they really were was a chef's mad creation of about eight gallons of whipped cream and strawberries and syrup and sprinkles and chocolate syrup. Gag.

They probably figured that with all the extra treats, they'll be the world's best friend. Didn't work.

Try to stay away from the pancakes and other breakfast entrees, but try the coffee and other stuff. It's your best bet.

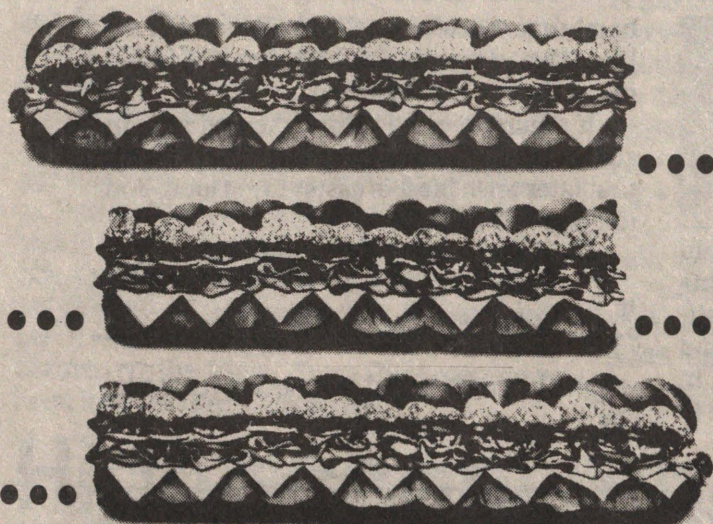
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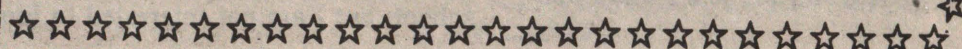
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# The year in review

by Aaron Owens, Liz Gernand, and Jason Mummert



## Fall Sports

It seems like only yesterday that we were in the heart of the 1991 Fall Sports season. Time flies when you're havin' fun!

Believe it or not it was exactly 7 days since the homecoming football game, it was so long ago. Think back to that game-winning field goal by Jim Cabrera to give We-go a 6-3 win over Glenbard South.

Ahhh, Memories. (That one is owed to stand-up comic Emo Phillips — god, I love Emo.)

Remember the times with that We-go Soccer team, that won regionals for the first time in eight years. But even though they were ranked in the top 10 in state, they were not even the winner in the tough DVC.

And then there was another successful team, the pride of We-go. Erin Meyers, Corrie Gillgallon, and Kate Ryan, among others, led the Girls swimming team to a third place finish in the state finals. Who says We-go never does well in sports, much less place in the state tournament

Ahhh, memories.

Let's explore new fall regions, now. Volleyball had a great season, too. Such players as Chris Murphy, Cindy Burke, and Katie Lootens led the squad to 19 wins. Liz didn't like the coaches. Liz takes back the comment about the coaches. Volleyball used many spree players to succeed in 1992.

Another sports that is supposedly a drag on life are cross-country and golf. They are not at all what you would call spectator sports, but the athletes still gave their all. The golf squad was led by senior clubbers Jamie McDole and Joe Wagenaar. Golf was a disappointing season, with varsity finishing 4-10, and 1-6 in the DVC. The Cross-country season was better, despite losing Rick Montalvo and Nicole Horyn from last year, and seeing some team members, such as Jim Staniels, were injured during the year. Combined, the boys and girls were 10-9-1.

The fall season was pretty much average for West Chicago. Football is still on the same scale it's been on for all the four years we've been here, as seniors. Soccer and Volleyball will simply be remembered as just another good team. The attitude here is and has been that the West Chicago Wildcats are not winners. Just look at the golf squad. But look at this, the fall sports was well over .500. And add a spectacular season by girls swimming, and it's something we can be proud of.

So while sports may still be a topic of practical jokes and rude slurs, as they were all throughout the last four years, there is a bright side. Unfortunately, until all sports win a DVC or State crown, we will have to be like a typical team with the name Chicago. Wait 'till next year.



## Winter Sports

The West Chicago Winter sports season learned to be a big learning lesson for most teams, the lone exception was Boy's Basketball.

The West Chicago hoopsters finished second in conference, behind Naperville North.

This was the highest finish for Head Coach Lee Maciejewski and the Wildcat team in a number of years. The squad was led by all-everything Eric Heinz. The senior transfer from St. Charles led the team, conference, and county in points. Before Heinz, West Chicago was an average team, with good players, but seemed to lack something. Heinz proved to be the differ-

ence for the Cats, as he turned around his play and the play of the team. He gave the Wildcats what they needed, a big man inside who consistently scored. Not to be out-done was the play of the guards, Erin Porter and Travaris Sullivan. Sullivan was first team all-conference, and was known for his slick play with the ball, their was a number of games where I wondered how he put the ball through the hoop. Porter was the un-sung hero of this club. He was the one who played the tough defense, and made the spectacular pass. When there was a three-point shot that needed to be made, Porter was the one the Cats would go to. The other starters consisted of utility man Rob Rivan and jumper Wallace Sullivan. Rivan always made the right pass, and could be counted on for two at the free throw line, Wallace was the spunk of the club, and always knocked down the jumpshot.

The Wildcat dream season came to an abrupt end in first round of the regionals against Downer Grove South in overtime. Through out the tight game, Heinz kept the Cats close, but they could not pull it out. Wildcat Basketball only returns one starter, Wallace, from this years team. The team will miss Heinz, Porter, Rivan, Sullivan and the rest of the graduating seniors, Shawn Cronin and Jeremy Velicheoff.

Boys swimming also graduated consistent star Brian Levake, who qualified for state in 200 Individual medley and the 100 breast-stroke. Levake led the team through the season which included practices before and after school as well as on weekends. West Chicago's other state qualifier, Dave Flatter who was a butterfly man.

New coach Mary Beth Eaton seemed to enjoy the season, and got more comfortable as the season progressed. She has a fine nucleus which in a few years may make quite a team. Freshman Corey Johnson and Steven Putusky were consistent performers on the Varsity squad. Putusky was a freestyle ace, and competed in mostly sprints. Johnson competed in the breast and back stroke. These four swam together to form all of the West Chicago relays. The senior graduates are LeVake, Bob Domovik, John Kieser, Matt Tracy, Brian Stewart, and diver Dave Vaillancourt. With Johnson and Putusky gaining experience, junior John Adamo back, and one full year of coaching under her belt, Eaton hopes to make a lot of waves next season.

If the West Chicago wrestling season was not measured in team success, but in the success of individuals, this year would have been a good one. Fact remains however, that when all the wins and losses were added up, the grapplers were on their backs. Top stars for the Cats were 2-time state place winner Isreal Castro, Tate Knutson and senior Aaron Owens. Castro placed 4th in the state at 112 pounds, after capturing sixth place at 103 last year. He finished second in the conference, behind state champ Mike Rennella, who defeated Castro 3 times. Castro was Regional champ, second in sectionals, before he wrestled to his fourth place finish down state. In the state championships, Castro beat Chad Red



The Sports Crew, left to right-Aaron Owens (supreme editor), Liz Gernand (pee-on writer), and Jason Mummert (pee-on writer). (photo by Gina Lipscomb)

before losing a tight bout to Derrik Noble. Noble went on to take second as Castro wrestled his way to the third place bout. Castro lost the third place match, 10-5 to Jacob Hey, the defending state champ at 103 pounds. Besides Castro, Head Coach Bob French has junior 160 pounder Tate Knutson, and 189 pounder Carlos Ayala to work with for next year. Both Knutson and Ayala had winning records for the Cats on the varsity level. Sophomores Richie Marmalejo, Dave McShane, and Greg Yourek are also expected to contribute next year. The lone senior, Aaron Owens enjoyed a fine season and career at West Chicago, he finished the year at 26-10, and will be missed.

Girls Basketball may also look to the future, after a average '91-'92 season in which they finished just above .500. Junior Amy Barnes was the scorer for the Cats, as she cruised to first team all-DVC honors, as well as many newspaper awards. Junior Shanon Mason leads the rest of the young Cats which graduates just one starter. With plenty of girls gaining experience this year, it looks as though the Lady Cats can only get better. Seniors Caroline Cinquegrani, Liz Gernand, Jorie Peterson, and Vicky Smith will be missed.

spectacular leaps ahead. The team has been lead by the strong junior class including such stars as Brett Siglin and Wallace Sullivan. Sullivan has rewritten the West Chicago record book this year breaking the 400 meter time of 50.7 (set by Rick Eberman) three times. Sullivan's final record was broken at the DVC meet On may 15 where he placed second.

Next year we expect the team to improve because of the twelve juniors that are expected to return. This would give next year's team a nucleus like the 1991 squad which is essential to any team.

Now let us take a look at this years baseball team. They have improved tremendously over last year. A major key to this year's success is the depth of the pitching staff.

Senior pitchers Jamie Mackert, Joe Wagenaar have done wonders for the team. Wagenaar has won three and lost only one. Mackert has also posted a winning record of four and one. Sophomore Ted Fjalkowski was a lifesaver when Mackert went down with a sore arm, posting a 2-1 record and filling a hole in the lineup. Senior Duane Belniak and junior Sophomore Westman have also done some work on the mound. Both have posted a 1-0 record.

Girls soccer has not fared well in a tough conference. The team was led by senior goalkeeper Cheri Oskerka. The ladycats are known for their relentless defense. They're offensive is what was lacking this year.

Early on the Ladycat track team was led by the speed of senior Dawn Zylinski who set numerous records. Next year we expect the team to improve over this year's 1-7 conference record.

This year's tennis team was led by Senior Clay Turner, Junior Jon Martin, and Junior Kurt Hesterman. The Wildcat tennis team posted a winning record of 20-10-1. Next year we expect Junior Martin and to lead the way for the Wildcats.

Badminton had some numbers this year which payed off in the end. Junior Corrie Gillgalon won conference, a first for the Cats. Adams also went to the state tournament. She did not fair well, but seeing the state tournament has inspired her teammates to join her next year. Next year we see the Wildcat team, led by Adams, breaking new ground.



## Spring Sports

This years boy's track team has done exactly what was expected of them. After losing last year's senior nucleus this years team has held their own weight, but also has not made any

## Wildcat Record

1991		1992
Wins	Losses	Ties
156	121	7

This is a combination of all Wildcat varsity team's records. Current as of May 26. (Volleyball not available.)



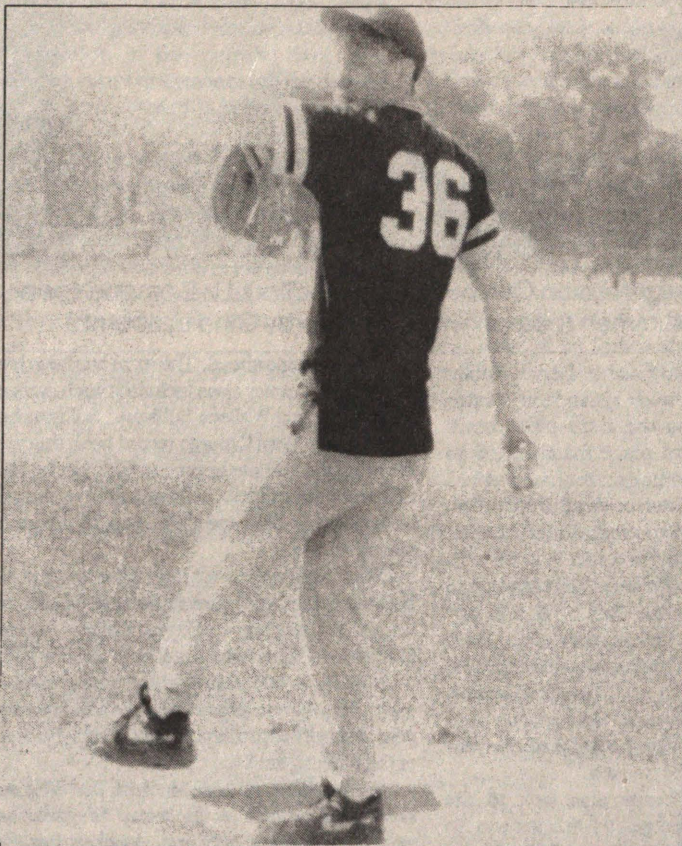
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A bizarre document compiled by *The Bridge* editors and friends.

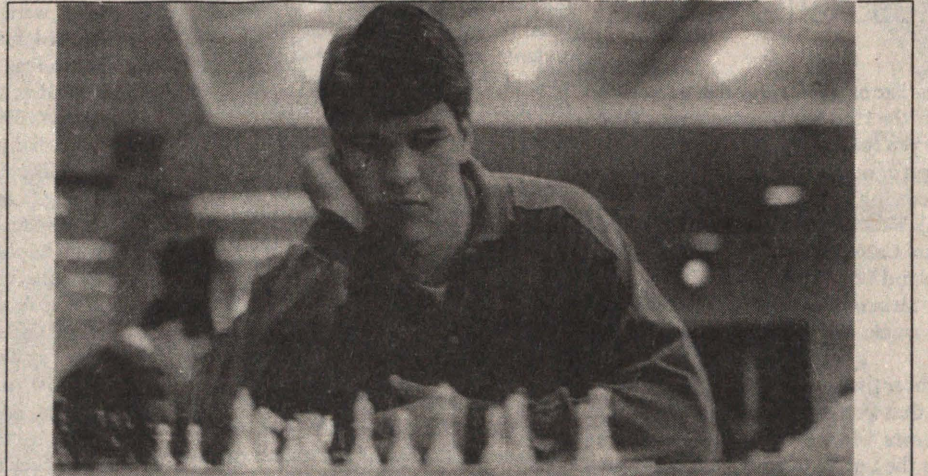
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A little look at Wildcat star athletes doing "different" things.



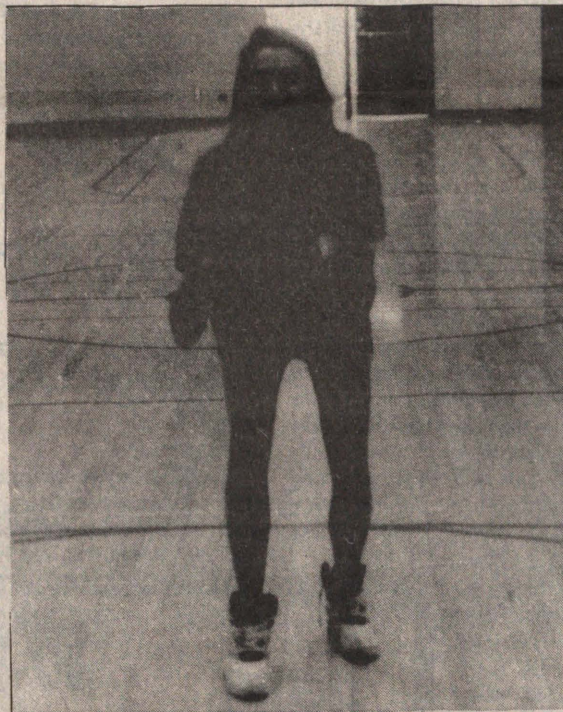
Swimming Guru (and Features editor) Brian LeVake participates in "America's favorite past time." (photo by Gina Lipscomb)



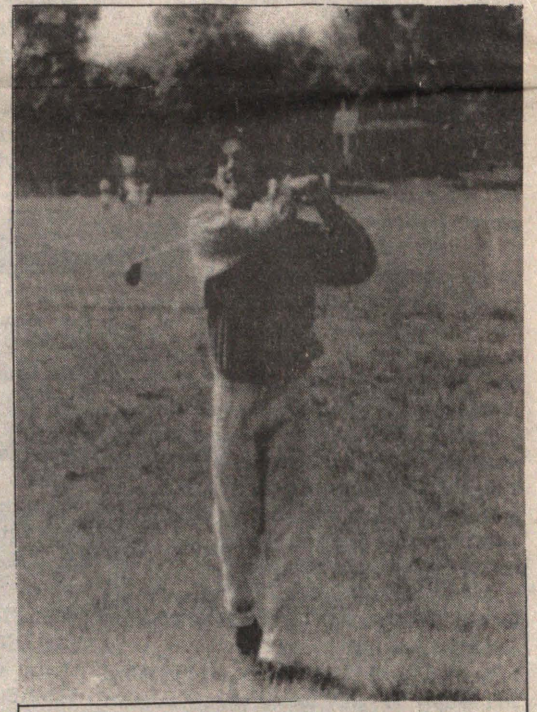
Trackman Shawn Cronin concentrates on a game of a different kind. (photo by Bryan Gall)



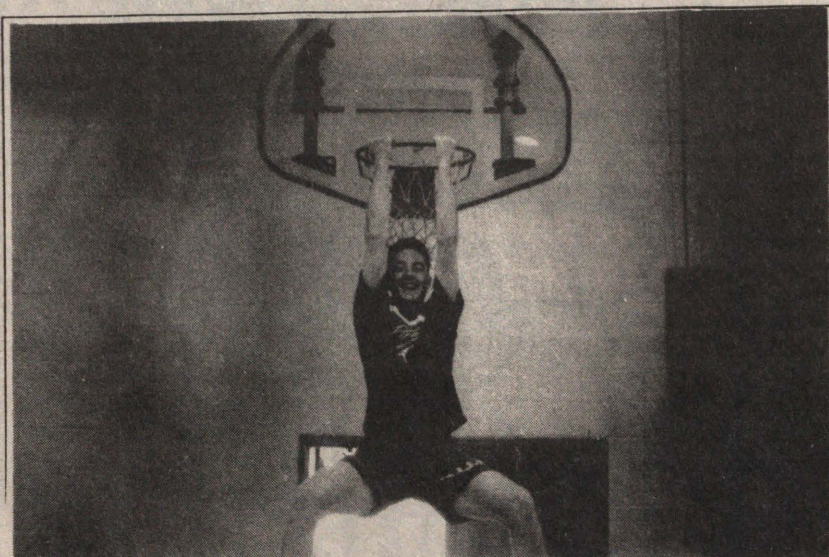
Soccer stud Cheri Oskerca shows us the finer points of her backhand. (photo by Gina Lipscomb)



Pitcher Gretchen Austgen concentrates on a free three throw...Airball??? (photo by Gina Lipscomb)



Wrestler Aaron Owens (and Sports editor) tees it up on the green...Fore!!! (photo by Gina Lipscomb)



Speedy tennis man Clay Turner shows us his hurdle form. (photo by Bryan Gall)



Golf star Joe Wagenaar makes a whole in one of a different kind. (photo by Aaron Owens)