

West Chicago still glows

by Rosa Snell

Issues pertaining to radioactive chemicals contaminating Kerr-McGee facilities in West Chicago have not yet been resolved.

"The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has not decided on an alternative. All alternatives are still open," says Donna McFarland, Corporate Communication Officer for Kerr-McGee in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

There are five million cubic feet of nuclear waste material and there is no location that will take all of this material. Kerr-McGee proposed six alternatives, but they favor alternatives I and II. Under the proposed plan for alternative I, all inorganic rubble, contaminated soil, and contaminated equipment from the factory site would be moved to the disposal storage site. These wastes would be placed in a disposal cell and completely encapsulated

with low-permeability soil. There would be sand gravel drain within the cell, and one above the top clay layer of the cell to divert surface water from the capsule. Alternative III proposes the licensed storage on-site, for an undetermined period, of materials in to but more secure than alternative I.

The Kerr-McGee license would be renewed and amended to permit the stabilization activities to be performed. The renewed license would have no fixed termination date, and could be terminated under specific conditions.

Alternative II is similar to alternative I except that the materials would be segregated into three adjacent areas. Alternative IV would allow all radioactive materials to be hauled to a private disposal/storage site within the state of Illinois. Alternative V would package and ship all radioactive materials to a licensed burial site at Beatty, Nevada; Hanford,

Washington; or Barnwell, South Carolina. And alternative VI, the factory site would be covered with a layer of asphalt to reduce airborne emissions and provide protection for the groundwater.

Presently, Kerr-McGee is cleaning up the factory site (taking down the building) which had to be approved by the NRC.

Taking down the factory has been going on for four and a half years and cost Kerr-McGee 10 million dollars, and they are not yet completed. The process consists of taking down the building piece by piece, making sure that no dust particles fly around.

The 43 acre-site is contaminated with a low-level radioactive chemical called thorium. Thorium is a metallic element present in monazite (principal ore of thorium). An atomic fuel used in gas purification, vacuum systems, and a scavenger with other metals.

Studies have shown by the NRC, and the

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that the radioactivity is too low for any immediate or future harm. McFarland stated, "This is a naturally occurring thing, just like sunlight ... People who had lived in West Chicago for 30-40 years have proven that they are in good shape through tests.

Since the factory was built in 1931, thorium has been used by the Lindsay Light and Chemical Company. It was used for the extraction of thorium and non-radioactive elements from such ores as monazite. During World War II, hydrofluoric acids, mesothorium, and gaslight mantles also contained thorium. American Potash and Chemical took charge of the site from 1958 until 1967 when Kerr-McGee took over. In 1973 the plant was shut down.

For now, the people will have to wait for a solution before Kerr-McGee finally takes action. Who knows how long this will go on?

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Commencement notes from Dr. Renner

by Dr. William Renner

As most of you know, many people have been working very hard to make our 1984 graduation ceremony a dignified occasion for seniors, their families, the faculty, and the community in general. Graduation is an event which people use to judge the quality of a student body and the type of school which we operate. I am proud of our seniors and look forward to presenting the Class of 1984 to family members and members of our community who will be attending this year's graduation ceremony.

We have done a number of things this year to give seniors a voice in decisions relative to the graduation ceremony. For example, seniors overwhelmingly stated that they would prefer a graduation speaker whom they knew and who was a recent graduate of Community High School. I believe that the class is genuinely enthused that R. Scott Hall will serve as our 1984 Commencement speaker. Mr. Hall graduated from Community High School in 1975 and from Wheaton College in 1979. He was the

starting quarterback on our 1974 state championship football team; a fine wrestler, and a good student. Mr. Hall majored in political science and minored in history at Wheaton College where he was also the starting quarterback for four years. During the 1979-1980 school year, Mr. Hall taught history, geography, and social studies here at Community High School. Very involved in church work, Mr. Hall continues to work actively with a number of Community High School students. We are indeed very fortunate and very honored to have an individual like Scott Hall, a graduate of our high school and a resident of our community, speak to the Class of 1984 at this year's Commencement ceremony.

There are a number of other important graduation details of which students should be aware. Commencement will begin at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, June 3. The family of each senior will be mailed two tickets. Parents desiring additional tickets may pick them up in the office after May 20. A limit of six

tickets per family has been established. No tickets will be available at the door, and no one will be admitted without a ticket. We are handling tickets in this fashion to ensure that families of seniors receive top priority in obtaining tickets.

To ensure that the graduation ceremony honors the achievements of the graduates, strict behavioral standards will be in effect for members of the audience and the graduating class. The Board of Education has specifically authorized the removal of any member of the audience or the graduating class who disrupts the ceremony.

Seniors and their parents have been made aware that this year's ceremony will be formal and that graduation is a "dress-up occasion". To add to the formality of the ceremony, each graduating senior will wear or carry a flower presented to them prior to the ceremony. Further, the women of the senior class will wear white robes this year. To add to the formality of the occasion, a faculty honor guard will lead the graduates

in and will be prominently seated by the front stage.

In the past, individuals crowding around the stage to take pictures of graduates have detracted from the dignity of the ceremony. Therefore, we have informed seniors and their families that those wishing to photograph graduates should do so outside of the gymnasium either before or after the ceremony. In addition, we have retained a professional photographer who will photograph each graduate as he or she crosses the stage. These photographs will be made available to seniors at a reasonable cost.

I personally believe that the kind of graduation ceremony we are putting together will truly honor the achievements of the members of the Class of 1984. Although seniors will continue to receive additional graduation details in the coming weeks, I would be delighted to answer any of your immediate questions or provide whatever information I can at any time. Just stop me in the halls or drop in to see me. Thank you.

Teachers moving on and moving up

by Julie James

There will be some faces missing from WCCHS next year. Teachers Marjorie Appel and Jeffrey Stewart, along with Counselor Esther Nelson are taking a one-year leave of absence. Marla Rakerd had resigned and William Sargent is retiring.

Appel, French teacher, will have an unusual year away from home. She will be in Paris, either teaching French students English, or studying French herself. She currently has no plans to make France her permanent home, as she intends to return to West Chicago the following year.

Esther Nelson, guidance counselor, is enrolling in Northern Illinois University's graduate program. She is to study Human Learning and Development. She wants to have "a better understanding of the special needs student." She is concerned with how counselors can facilitate learning, especially in students with difficulties. She hopes that having to be in class, writing papers and meeting deadlines will refresh her memory on how it is to be a student, so that she can better relate to the students she counsels.

Jeffrey Stewart, football, basketball, and baseball coach; P.E. teacher; and health education teacher, is leaving West Chicago

to head south. It is still unclear where he will be, but he wants to go to Eastern Kentucky or Mississippi State. He will be teaching, coaching, and finishing his Master's Degree in Health Education. He eventually, in his own words, wants to "coach college baseball!"

Marla Rakerd, although a newcomer to West Chicago, is returning to the University of Illinois to finish her Master's Degree. She sums up her three semesters here by saying, "As it's been my first teaching job, it's been a big learning experience for me." And she will "miss the students greatly." Rakerd has been very involved with the students in the short time she has been here. She is the

for the fall play, and did choreography, publicity and assistant directed the spring musical. She joked: "The main reason for my going to U. of I. is to get better season football tickets than Mr. Leitner."

William Sargent, director of bands, is opting for early retirement at the end of this year. He came to West Chicago in 1960, and taught seven years prior to that, for a total of 31 years teaching. He has won many awards as the director of Cadet, Concert, Marching and Pep bands. He will stay in West Chicago and work "semi-full time" as a bartender at St. Andrew's Country Club. He wants to travel with his wife who is also a teacher.

Student Council visits Fenger High School in Chicago

by Sophie Morandini

WCCHS chose Fenger High School from downtown Chicago for the annual student council exchange on April 24 and May 2.

It is the fifth year in a row that such an experience is realized "to see the differences between two schools, just to see how the other schools run," says Thomas Aviles, president of the WCCHS student council. They chose the 2000 student Fenger High School because they thought there would be a great difference between this inner-city school and our suburban High School.

On April 24, four seniors and a junior arrived from Chicago in WCCHS at 10:30. The five "exchange students" attended a fourth hour class and had a tour in the whole school during fifth and sixth hour. "Big, pretty and different" were the first

impressions of one of the Chicago students about WCCHS. Another said: "It looks like a college. It's so pretty in here!" "I had the impression to be welcome," concluded another.

As a souvenir, they received a handbook and a booklet from the WCCHS student council, and some gifts from the Booster Club before leaving at 2:30.

On May 2, eight members of WCCHS student council — two students of each grade — visited Fenger High School.

"It is a neat school, a lot bigger than ours," Aviles says. Senior Steve Balhmann's first impression was completely different. "I had the impression that I was going to be attacked," comments Balhmann, "It is an older building with graffiti and I saw about two white people in the whole school."

They received breakfast and attended a debate between the candidates for next year's executive board. "They are more dedicated than we are," Aviles comments, "they are more anxious to be part of the school activities than some people in the school here."

We-Go students also had a tour of the High School. According to Balhmann, it was very interesting. "My first impression was completely wiped out. They are great people!" he comments. "The people were so nice," says Aviles, "they were really friendly!"

The We-Go student council members left at about 2:15, apparently very satisfied with their trip. "We really didn't want to leave when we left," says Aviles. Balhmann comments: "It's a great experience. I wish everyone could do it!"

Ink Spot

by Stephanie Espig

Barbara Sered-Zabelin has recently resigned as Dean of Students.

She is leaving next year on a maternity leave and the year after will be teaching at the DuPage County Youth home where she previously worked before becoming Dean of Students.

Senior terror to begin

by Robin Marvin

Sigh. The end is near but the worse is yet to come. Administrators, teachers, and students are breathing sighs of relief as the Class of 84 prepares for Commencement (that's fancy for Graduation). Although the year is not over yet, next Monday begins the ever popular week of "Senior Terror" as the Class of 84 plays its pranks within these walls.

Yet, for future generations let us preserve the school. Let them suffer the referrals, classes failed, the passes, rooms with no windows, ISS, para-pros, forgotten I.D.'s overdue fines, homework misplaced, call slips, term papers, final exams, bathrooms minus toilet paper, the lovely odor of reefer permeating the halls from the boys bathroom, fire drills, football in the mud, Greek mythology, vocab cards, PE uniforms, the break ups, the suspensions, and air conditioning in January and heat in May. These being only memories we will have from high school, let's force them upon everyone else.

No, the seniors believe that these walls deserve what's coming. For all the games played, dances held, tests passed, plays performed, concerts sung, contests won, pep assemblies cheered, homecoming, Prom, pep pals, kissing in the corner, the conventions and conferences, the blood and food drives, birthday cakes, punk fashions, Kamikazes, driving for the first time, the parties, the clubs, class projects, FUBAR, the vacations, the teachers who laughed and understood and all the friends we've made, the laughter and the tears, this school deserves to be demolished, abolished, blown up and destroyed.

So seniors, come Monday think of all these things and then prepare your final salutes. Just remember Vaseline on the bannisters is out of date. Why not try draining the pool or something? That's more original.

The docile earn diplomas

by Robin Marvin

Graduation was a year long joint effort by the administration, parents, faculty, and seniors. It was another time in which a school system worked together to accomplish something. As of now, that work looks as if it will be rather successful. Not everyone was happy, but no matter what the end result someone would have ended up indifferent because you can't please everyone all the time.

Still in question is how the ceremony will be conducted. Since September it was drilled into Senior minds that "commencement should be dignified and improper behavior will not be tolerated." This threat seems to push more students into rebellion. After being instructed time after time, threatened, lectured, scolded and advised, students who would have acted dignified may not, because of the repetition of the threat.

The unwritten catch is that seniors will not be holding their diplomas after they descend the stage. Just a ceremony, the diplomas will be passed out after robes are turned in — caps and all. But it comes to mind that if someone misbehaves during "our dignified ceremony" will it just be a matter of turning in their cap and gown before receiving their diploma?

A foreign farewell

by Pia Sundman

Only a few days left of school. Days are getting warmer and brighter. Summer is coming. For the exchange students the summer isn't just going to be time for laughter and smiles. For us it is time to say good-bye! Bye!

The year has gone so fast for me. It seems that I just stepped out of the airplane and yet I have been here for over nine months. Within two months I'll step into an airplane again, but now heading back, to my own country.

Everything I leave done here will become just memories, but memories that will last forever. Never before has going away been so hard, but never before has it been so final. When I leave I will leave behind a way of life that I learned to love and respect, but throughout my life I will carry a piece of the U.S. in my heart. I will remember the good times I had and the wonderful people I met.

Some of the students tell me that you can always come back, but it could never be the same. The students in school change every year; seniors go away to college; some move away, some to form a family. After four years I wouldn't know a single student if I were to return.

I just want to keep my good memories about the school and the students and I want to thank you all; because it is you, the people here in West Chicago High School, that made my year in the United States so special. Thank you and good-bye.

A thanks to those exchange students who made our lives a bit more exciting, a little more fun, and who have taught many of us a thing or two about life outside the States. We in turn will hold those memories of you in our hearts; just as dearly as those you have of us. We will miss you.

Editor

Applause to the teachers,
Quite fair and just,

A thanks to the administrators,
Every school's must,
The books we drew in,
The ones we read,

The encouraging words,
Both written and said,

The lockers all decorated,
Both inside and out,

Behavior that some, of the
Faculty did doubt,

All of the goals, and all
of the dreams,

Being closer to our reach,
Or so they do seem,

The tenderness and brutality
Of those we call friends,

Those who were and in turn
Hand did lend,

For the lessons and growth

We'll forget never,

Keeping the memories, in
our hearts forever.

"Thanks"

graduation 84

Every senior eagerly waits for these few final weeks, to wallow in the feeling of finally getting free. The burden of high school is lifted June 3 and many feel life then begins. For many, that day will be filled with mixed emotions. Excitement of starting a life as a working adult or continuing their education fills them all. Yet, those of us who plan on leaving find fear and sadness. Friends made in these last few years will be just as hard to leave behind as those who we've known since pre-school times.

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What is Rainbow?

by Robin Marvin

What is a Rainbow? This is a question that has been asked by many of my friends. As the year progressed I promised myself I would write, explaining Rainbow as well as I could.

For those of you just introduced to this, Rainbow is a club, a club like no other, but not a club. Technically it is the International Order of Rainbow for Girls, an international fraternal organization for girls between the ages of 12 and 20.

The nearest assembly is in Wheaton, (Sunshine #114) situated in the Wheaton Masonic Temple. The organization practices the lessons of true womanhood and life of service. Girls learn responsibility, leadership, patriotism, love of home and family, poise and self reliance.

Symbolic of the seven colors of the rainbow (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet) the girls do ritual work, as that similar to Masons.

Everything done, whether social, for charity, or regular meetings are supervised by an adult board. As well as working with parents, girls meet from other schools and these friendships are like no other experienced in the normal school setting.

The group is not religiously orientated. Although members are asked to be identified with some church and the truths of the Holy Bible are impressed.

Rainbow can be a lifetime commitment. You get out of it what you put into it. As to describe the entire scope would be impossible. The girls can earn service bars, membership is by petition, and there is a definite dress code.

Besides these aspects Rainbow allows you to meet new people, and make friends. The formality teaches respect, patience and, that gives the feeling of maturity. Seeing as this is the best I can describe it I'll end by saying I keep my Rainbow friends close to my heart. If I could, I'd impress it upon any girl to join. West Chicago students who are presently members include Jeanine Lentini, Jill Piety, and Glenda Tipton.

He's got to go — now!

Dear Editor,

While I'm sitting here in my fifth hour class with my legs crossed, I would like you to know that I find it a little inconvenient for myself when the washrooms are always locked. For instance on the way to my class, up on the third floor, I stop at the boy's washroom on the second floor, by the Bridge office, only to find it locked! So, trying not to be late to my English class, I make my way to the third floor. And by

now I'm beginning to walk a little funny.

It's bad enough the not having doors on the washrooms on the first floor, why not let us use the doors on the other washrooms?

I am aware that this letter isn't well organized, but it is quite difficult to write while my bladder is ready to burst. I would like to request that the washrooms be unlocked more often so maybe some students could use them.

Jody Cvek

It huffed and puffed ...

Dear Editor,

A lot of the students are disturbed that school was in session on Monday April 30.

On this day we had very serious high winds. The record high 71 mph. These winds managed to blow over a brick wall, injuring one man. An oak tree that fell through a house came 3-feet away from a two-year-old's crib. The wind even managed to blow over someone's private plane.

Many of the students in Winfield had to get ready for school with no elec-

tricity and with these wind conditions it could be a long, hard walk for those who live a mile and a half away from the school.

We would appreciate it if you would take the weather a little more seriously and possibly have the students stay at home, where it might be a little safer.

P.S. Would you want to walk a mile and a half in those conditions?

Dave Weinmann
Jeff Illingsworth

Things I have learned ...

by Robin Marvin

Of all the times I've sat down to write, this is indeed the toughest to compose. While some talk about their future, others their memories, I think I'll just keep this short by writing about things I've learned in the last few years.

- 1) Never sell a car to a friend.
- 2) Maturity can't be measured by age.
- 3) There is a correct place and time to speak your mind.
- 4) True friends don't take sides.
- 5) If you love something dearly, stick with it.
- 6) Don't let your dreams cloud your senses.
- 7) While others are bent on revenge, don't lower yourself to those standards.
- 8) Christianity is not only a way of life, it is a

substance of life.

9) Life just isn't fair!

Quite an interesting list, but like many I owe it to a lot of people whom I should humble myself to. As for Julie, Stephanie, and Laura, they've become unforgettable friends. The "guys" will always be the "guys". Leslie and Candi have also been the two front runners in putting up with my crapola. Especially thanks to "the Beave" who's put up with the ranting and raving that occurred much too often. I could always throw in a thanks to my parents and to the Lord himself, but some readers might think it corny. Though corny as you might think I am, you'll think I'm crazy when I tell you it's going to be tough to leave it behind.



Where's my beef?

by Mark Hoffer

The long awaited time in a student's life has finally come — the end of senior year. I can't believe how fast the time flies and here I am looking back on my senior year, especially my position on the Bridge staff. For this honor, we senior editors have been given the chance to write a column about our experiences, so I'll give it my best shot.

Last year in my first issue as sports editor, I published a column entitled, "The changing of the guard," in which I stated my goals for the following year. I realize now that many of the goals, like covering all sports, guys and girls, and covering lower levels as well as higher levels, were accomplished fairly well. I realize now that the job of editor wasn't as easy as I thought it would be.

Last year my first impressions were that being an editor would be easy. I thought I'd write a couple of stories, assign some stories to writers, edit them, send them to the printer, and then finally lay out my page. Boy, I was never prepared for what happened. I was not expecting to get late stories, or stories not worthy of being printed. Then there were the problems of not having enough copy (stories) to fill two pages, and of course not having enough writers working for me.

I learned to adjust well, but I still griped here and there. For it is a lot of responsibility running a paper, and I had to live up to my title. One thing four sure is that my spelling and grammar has improved. Many times I have been approached by coaches, players, and fellow editors about inaccurate facts and misspelled names. That is probably carelessness on my part, but through it all I have learned to be thorough and precise.

This year was filled with good times and many memories that I will never forget. I was able to work with a great bunch of fellow editors who were great to get along with. We grew into a little family throughout the year, both at school and on trips like the journalism convention in St. Louis. I have made friendships that will not be forgotten. Tim Courtney, our advisor was with us through thick and thin. He was especially important to me, for he cracked down on my spelling, punctuation, and grammar.

I could write a book about my experiences of senior year, but why bore you with all the gory details? I just want to, in closing, wish the next year's editors the best of luck, and I hope that they will continue the great tradition we've upheld in the Bridge.

Farewell friends

by Julie Dollars

As my senior year comes to an end, I think back to my earlier years. I know all of my classmates know exactly what I'm talking about. It sure doesn't seem like I've spent four years in this school.

I feel as though it was just yesterday that I was cheering for our winning sophomore football team. I also began writing for the Bridge that year. It was OK, but seemed a bit boring to me. As a junior, though, I became more involved with the Bridge. I was still a reporter, but I was receiving bigger and better assignments.

This year I sat at the position of news editor. I found this job to be a bit difficult. My personal feeling is that news is boring; I think most high school students feel the same. It was very hard to come up with ideas for news, but someone on the staff always had a couple for me.

Our staff this year made my job well worth it. We formed into our own little family. Someone was always there to help and assure that all would be fine. They backed me through everything — both in and out of school. I would like to thank them for that. They all mean a great deal to me.

I wish the Bridge staff of '84-'85' all the best. I hope you all have as much fun as we all did. I would also like to wish a special good luck to Jenny Sheriff, our new news editor. I'm sure she will do a great job.

As much as I like and will miss this school, I'm ready to get out and start my life. As scared as I am, I'm ready, thanks to my parents, the administration, faculty, and students for their non-stop support.



Stephanie Espig was the 1983-84 editor-in-chief of the Bridge.

Final effort of '84

by Stephanie Espig

Oh Boy, the last BRIDGE of the year! We editors were asked to write 300 words on how the year went for us. I must say that I did enjoy working on the newspaper. I think that we accomplished a lot. We (I hope I speak for everyone) really had a lot of fun as well.

I would like to compliment the quick action taken on the bathrooms after Julie Dollars and I wrote that little article. It's nice to know that we were heard. Also, I was glad to see the Wizard of Oz banner hanging up. After all of the hard work put into it, it would have been a shame if it was never hung. (I didn't even see anyone hanging on it.)

I hope that Dr. Renner is happy that his commencement article was put in this issue.



Jim Austgen, in-depth editor



Julie Dollars, News editor

Austgen's view

by Jim Austgen

Four days left of school. It seemed like yesterday we were being herded through freshman registration. The Class of 1984 will vanish quickly into the past like all of the other graduating classes. Nobody remembers the class of 1975 or the truly spectacular class of 1968. Why should 1984 be any different? Time is the great equalizer.

Last year, all of the seniors seemed to be saying, "We don't want to go." It seemed crazy at the time. Speaking for myself, it was. There are four too many school days left in the school year. There are 30 hours to drag on. We have 1800 minutes left to endure. Seniors have only 108,000 seconds left, after today, so waste them wisely. Nine days from now, we will be enjoying our new-improved Commencement, complete with Polish riot police and water cannon. Just kidding, the Administration couldn't arrange the exit visas.

High school does have its moments, though. Working for the newspaper was a great experience. It gave me a chance to do and see many things that a student doesn't ordinarily get to see. It has also given me a chance to get a feel for all of the politics that go on among the infinitely wise and learned faculty and administration of our beloved school. The newspaper gives you an opportunity to meet people. Most people don't realize how many people are involved in putting out this eight-page potpourri of news, sports, features, and opinion. According to all of the school newspaper rating services, we do a pretty good job of it also. The Chicago Tribune we aren't, but we are one of the top high school newspapers. We have won many awards, and have continued a long-standing tradition of journalistic excellence.

One of the disadvantages of being on the paper is that it has made me a lot more cynical. If you hadn't figured that out by now, I am quite surprised. When you have people on your back because of a spelling error you didn't catch, or using the wrong tense of a verb, you do tend to lose a little of your optimism. But I suppose that is the price you pay. Well, to the rest of my fellow seniors and other inmates at West Chicago: Have a nice life.

Fighting sum

Forest Preserves offer summertime fun

by Louise Krone

DuPage County has many forest preserves, all of which have spots for picnics and some with facilities for fishing, boating and many other leisure activities. Many of these forest preserves are located on lakes and rivers and are home for many species of fish and water fowl. Some even have facilities for sledding, tobogganing, and ice skating in the winter.

The nearest of these forest preserves to WCCHS is West DuPage Woods on Route 59 just north of Roosevelt Road. Although it has picnic facilities, it is more for someone interested in studying nature than someone who wants organized recreation.

Another nearby forest preserve is Roy C. Blackwell Park on Butterfield Road just west of Route 59. As well as picnic and fishing facilities, Blackwell has boating, camping and tubing in the winter. Also located in Blackwell is an expanse of horse trails which continue across Mack Road into the undeveloped part of Blackwell. In the undeveloped area there is a newly built marsh through which many species of waterfowl migrate.

The Board of Directors is looking into building an eighteen hole golf course on the undeveloped side of Blackwell. This would make it necessary to allow liquor on the forest preserve premises, which is now against the rules. Due to this and concerns about what a golf course would do to the wild life of Blackwell, the project has met great resistance. As of now the plans for the golf course are uncertain.

Herrick Lake is also close to WCCHS. The 190 acre forest preserve is located at Herrick and Butterfield Road. Here, on one of the largest lakes in DuPage County people fish and boat. Crappies, blue gills, bass, and bullheads can be caught in season, and boats can be rented at the lake. In the winter, Herrick is open for the enjoyment of cross-country skiers.

In Wayne, there is Pratt Wayne Woods, located on Powis Road half a mile north of Army Trall Road. This 220 acre forest preserve has a well stocked fishing lake and picnic facilities. An added attraction to equestrians are the solid jumps of varying difficulty throughout the forest preserve.

For history buffs there is the Old Graue Mill in Fullersburg Park on York Road. Graue Mill is an

old grist mill that is still operating today. Visitors to Fullersburg Park can tour Graue Mill and buy fresh ground grain. All money made by the sale of this grain is used to keep Graue Mill operating in its original form.

There are some activities that require special permission or permits at DuPage County Forest Preserves. Camping: permit required. Permits granted only to recognized groups and families. Boating: annual permit or daily fee for launching and using watercraft. Horseback riding: annual required for use of areas designated as bridle trails. Snowmobiles: annual permit required for use of designated areas. Fishing: Illinois sport license required for those between the ages of 16 and 65. All District

Ordinances and State Laws apply. Collecting: collecting permits issued for educational use only. No metal detectors allowed.

Blackwell swimming beach closed

Forest Preserve District of DuPage County has announced that the Blackwell swimming beach will not be open this summer.

Volatile chemicals, such as household degreasers, have been found in the water wells surrounding the dump sites. The leakage has not reached the beach.

A private service will be hired to find the leak and repair it.

All other Blackwell facilities will be open as usual.

Summer - Chicago style

by Kyle Babcock

Summertime at the ballpark is like fish in water, one always comes with the other. Whether the sport be baseball or soccer, and whether it is professional or amateur there is always something happening during summer. Chicago is the key for fun in the sun with baseball from the White Sox and the Cubs, to football with the Blitz and soccer with the Sting.

Baseball, America's pastime, start throughout the summer and in Chicago, the White Sox look to repeat last year's dominance of the American League West. With players like Ron Kittle, Harold Baines, and LaMarr Hoyt, the White Sox are strong contenders for their second straight pennant. Speaking of pennants, the Cubs will try to win their first since 1945. The Cubs, who are off to their best start in several years, have added outstanding players to their line-up in the likes of Gary Matthews, Bob Denier, and Scott Sanderson to add to last year's line-up including Leon Durham and Jody Davis.

Turning to the fast-pace of soccer, the Sting opened their 1984 NASL outdoor season at Minnesota, and their home opener is May 19th against Minnesota. Trying to remember their championship season of 1980, the Sting bring back their all-star players Karl-Heinz Granitza,

and Pato Marjetic.

The Blitz will close down their disappointing season hopefully with a bang with a game remaining against the USFL champions, the Michigan Panthers. With the acquisition of ex-Bear Vince Evans, the Blitz were logical contenders for the USFL championship, but it didn't matter, the Blitz are in last place of their weak division.

Outside of Chicago, and outside of professional sports, the Los Angeles Summer Olympics are this summer. As the best in the world compete for a gold medal, and the title THE best in the world. Although the Soviets say they're not coming, this still will not take away from the American spirit towards the Olympics. Some well-known American athletes going for the gold are Mary Deckon Tobb, Carl Lewis, and Billy Olson, plus many more. The Olympics will run from July 28th to August 12th and will be televised by ABC.

Many other major sport titles will be decided: in tennis, Wimbledon; golf, the U.S. Open; basketball, the NBA champion. The Stanley Cup playoffs will wind up soon, and may crown the N.Y. Islanders for their fifth straight Stanley Cup championship.

Concerts brea

by Julie James

When you've "got it bad" this summer, there are many ways to make it better. Aside from concerts there is Summerfest, Taste of Chicago, and Ravinia. There are also the local events like Railroad Days and the County Fair. There is something for everyone because there is always something going on.

This Sunday, May 27, for instance, there is "Heavy Metal Heaven" at the Timber Ridge Ski Area in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Scheduled to appear are: Quiet Riot, Triumph, Ozzy Osbourne, Ratt, Accept, plus a surprise special guest (?). The starting time is 10 a.m.

The Wisconsin Summerfest is being held June 28-July 8 on the lakefront in Milwaukee. Acts scheduled so far include: Al Jarreau, Linda Ronstadt and the Nelson Riddle Orchestra, the Everly Brothers Reunion, and Huey Lewis and the News.

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can buy tickets and walk around booths "carnival style" and taste the restaurants' different foods. It will end with the traditional Independence Day Fireworks display.

Poplar Creek is one of the most popular concert sites during the summer, because of the proximity and the advantage of being "under the stars." Scheduled to appear are: Billy Idol, June 1; the Go-Go's, June 24; Huey Lewis and the News, July 7; .38 Special, July 14; Kool & the Gang, July 21; Rod Stewart, July 29; Air Supply, Aug. 5; Eurythmics, Aug. 11; Toto, Aug. 14; Pretenders, Aug. 17; Sheena Easton, Aug. 21. Also scheduled are Elvis Costello and Rick Springfield, the dates are to be announced.

As for local events, the Railroad Days are July 12-15 and the DuPage County Fair is July 26-29.

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The one who didn't escape says ...

by Laura Pollastrini

It seems as if everyone is getting a chance to speak their minds in this issue of the *Bridge*. I really didn't want to feel left out, so I have decided to try my hand at my last official "Features Editor's Column". I also didn't want to miss my last opportunity of the year to be able to contribute to the literal value of this newspaper.

A whole year has seemed to have gone by, and with it, a lot of memories. The Risky Business Bunch danced their way into our gym (as well as our hearts), and just as quickly they exited stage left. We also gained the opportunity to view our soccer players in cheerleaders' uniforms and our swimmers in women's bikinis. These antics seemed to have aroused the interests of many of We-go's students as well as faculty members.

School spirit has definitely increased this past year, especially due to the "Rise of the Kamikazis." This spectacular group (which could be made an official West Chicago organization) has provided a lot of enthusiasm in our basketball team, as well as school pride for all. Throughout the DuPage Valley Conference, our Kamikazis have made themselves known, and even though many don't understand "that group of kids with the white bands with red dots on them", many people envy the unity it has brought our fans. It just wouldn't be the same without the Kamikazis.

As a junior, I cannot fail to mention the display of spirit that the class of '85 has shown this year. After two years of a "no-win situation" during Homecoming season, our class finally pulled ourselves together, with a little help from our advisers. Mary Hafertepe and Joe Dichtl, and we worked together as a team. This seems to have been the year that we gained a lot of pride in our class.

By getting involved with many (too many?) clubs and activities, I feel as if I have really

become a part of this high school. Contributing to the development of this school and its people makes it all the more easier to spend all those precious hours within the four walls of this institution.

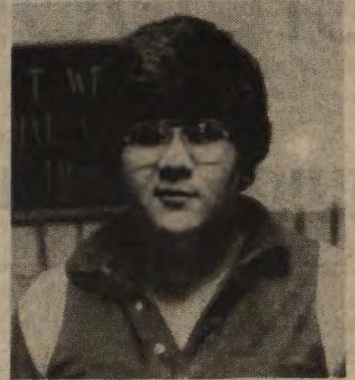


One particular organization that is quite meaningful to me is the *Bridge*. Many people may take this piece of paper for granted, but a lot of time and effort goes into its making. While working on the staff I gained a lot of good friends, and we all felt as if we were a family. This may have been due to our spectacular trip to St. Louis. It was there that I became very close to the other eight people that I went with. I gained a lot of great, unforgettable memories there, and also a few nicknames that are not supposed to be repeated. It's trips like these that can really bring people a lot closer together.

I can go on to mention how great this year's musical, *The Wizard of Oz* was, or how great our wrestlers did, but I should start to finish this. I could go on to talk about the grounding of our beloved Walkman, or the interesting Senior class, but those are topics that have been over used this year. So I'll end this on a happier note. It was a great year, and one that will not easily be forgotten, or lost in some giant history book that George Strecker will use on the gullible minds of future generations.

So long

by Tomas Aviles, Jr.



Well here it is, the end of another school year, but for some of us the end of our high school days. I will miss the students, my friends, and all the fun of being a student here at West Chicago.

As photo editor for *The Bridge* I was able to see the fun part about being a student. When I first became an editor I thought I would have a lot of work to do, and I did. After a while I learned how everything worked and was able to fit right in with the other editors.

As an editor I got to go to St. Louis with *The Bridge Staff*. All the editors got to go to a journalism conference where we went to sessions on making our paper a better one. While at the conference they had a dance for the students and we were able to see previews of some upcoming movies from Universal.

Being on the *Bridge* staff was one of the best things I did while in high school. I think that to have fun in high school you need to get involved in some kind of school activity. I had fun in all of the activities I was in. Meeting people is also important for that way you can make friends.



Praise the forgotten films

by Scott Grenke

What ever happened to those movies that seem to have been forgotten? Have they gone on to "Motion Picture Heaven?"

It is not uncommon to hear everyone talking about how great the big movies such as *Star Wars*, *Raiders*, or *E.T.* are, and this is not a false statement. Those are great movies — the very best. But there are many movies that have not received the praise they so truly deserve. Some movies have been underestimated, like *Psycho II*, *Conan The Barbarian*, and *Star Trek: The Motion Picture*.

If not for some unneeded gore in a couple of scenes, *Psycho II* could be called a human story. Besides some elements that both movies share, like mystery and suspense, *Psycho II* has something that *Psycho* doesn't. It has an in-depth investigation into the personality of Norman Bates. The audience did not get to know Norman very well in the first movie, but in its sequel, some very personal moments in Norman's life are shown. Anthony Perkins plays the part with such intensity and precision that some critics say that he was "born" to play the part.

In trying to express the good points of *Psycho II*, the idea of showing it as an independent movie may have been demolished after the frequent comparisons to *Psycho*. But as long as the fine points of this movie are expressed, it doesn't matter.

Another underestimated movie is *Conan The Barbarian*. One major complaint that the critics had is that Conan does not talk enough in the beginning. That may be true, but he did speak very well in the second half of the film. Some other critics complained that the Conan portrayed was not the Conan written about in the books. Blame that on the writers, because Arnold Schwarzenegger played the part very well.

Conan The Barbarian shows the sport of swordplay as an art, and shows us not a modern character with modern values in an ancient time, but an ancient character with ancient values in an ancient time. The movie accurately portrays the ideals, va-

lues, people, and living environments of that age.

The story starts when Conan's father tells him that steel is all you can trust. Then Conan's village is raided by the armies of Thulsa Doom, and only Conan and his mother are left. In a meaningful scene where no words are spoken, all of Thulsa Doom's men gather around Conan's mother while Thulsa approaches, holding the sword that Conan's father made, and cuts her head off. It is a story of a man who must first avenge his parents' death before he can get on with his life.

James Earl Jones, the voice of Darth Vader, plays Thulsa Doom with a lot of skill. *Conan The Barbarian* is a movie of high ideals and philosophy, which is even capable of teaching its audience something. An honorable mention should go to Max Von Sydow for his role as the King.

Star Trek: The Motion Picture was another forgotten film. Every one complained about the fact that it didn't have action and that it was too long, and that the secondary characters weren't shown enough. But action does not always make a movie. Action is great, but just because a movie doesn't have it doesn't mean that it isn't good.

This film had a very interesting and complex story. As far as the length of the movie, it was entertaining the entire time. Others also said that the emphasis of the movie was too much on special effects, and it was, but the beauty of the ship *V-ger* should not be overlooked. The effects were breathtaking and very artistic and should have received more appreciation.

As far as the secondary characters not being in there enough, this was compensated for by the substantial character growth that Spock undergoes. Spock finally learns who he is and he gains the answers to his questions from *V-ger*. In *Star Trek II*, Spock is already a man at peace with himself and a man who knows himself and it shows. All in all, *Star Trek: The Motion Picture* is a great, interesting film.



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Team work and mental concentration the key to the season

by Julie Kerbs

"If the team wants to try, I will keep them as much as I can," commented Dave GaNung the co-coach for boys varsity and JV shot put and discuss track team. GaNung has hopes of trying to get his guys to work like a team and improving their images weightmen.

According to assistant track coach Dan Benson, the strong events of the boys '83-'84 track team are the jumping events, and the sprinting and sprint relays. The senior strengths this year are Kyle Lucas, Fred Strotjohann and Jim Zak who are all sprinters along with Rich Vigsnes who is a distance runner. The jumping events are greatly strengthened by strong performances from juniors Juan Gonzales and Joe

Michalec.

Doug Juraska, the head track coach at We-Go is facing the problem of trying to improve some attitudes on his team. He admits that the teams attitude is by far better than its has been the past, but it still needs some work. Juraska would also like to improve the number of athletes that actually go out for track. By the time the team starts to get a taste of a real workout a lot of them quit, due to bad attitudes.

We-Go coaches are lucky to have such talented athletes as Scott Barton in pole-vault, vaulting around twelve feet. Greg Fuja in 800-meter run, Gonzales in long jump (twenty feet, six inches) and the 400-meter run, Lucas in the 4x100 relay, Michalec in high jump, Strotjohann in 4x100 relay and

low hurdles Mark Swiatek in 4x100 relay. Vigsnes (most valuable track member last year) in 3,200-meters run, Randy Weber in 800-meter relay, and Zak in high jump.

As for the sophomore team, Juraska believes that the following athletes are doing real well: Dave Anderson in shot put and discuss, Mark Evans in hurdles, Blair Satterfield in shot put and discuss, Scott Schechtel in the 100-yard dash and long jump, Chris Walker in the 800 and 100-yard dash and long jump, Chris Walker in the 800 and 1600-meter run, and Jorge Zamora in the 800 and 1600-meter run.

Due to a lot of the team being dominated by sophomores coach Juraska believes that it will be about three or four years yet before

We-Go really makes a step forward. As for next year's team, there will still be a lot of re-building to be done.

All of the coaches and co-coaches: Benson, GaNung, Juraska and Larry Price seem to agree that the Naperville teams along with Wheaton Central teams are the strongest competition because they are well balanced.

When Anderson, Strotjohann and Zak were asked what they believed was the main strength of this team they all seemed to come up with one name and it was Vigsnes. They believed that he is the best long distance runner they have.

The varsity 4x100 and 4x200 relay teams have been greatly weakened, by injuries from Lucas, Strotjohann, Swiatek and Zak.

Track team out of the blocks

by Julie Kerbs

"We need team work, desperately," commented varsity softball player Robyn Zurawski, "We lose most of our games because of mental errors and fielding."

According to Zurawski this softball season is one of re-building. This season's team consists of three seniors, three juniors, five sophomores, and one freshman but along with the new players came a new coach. When Zurawski was asked how the new coach was doing she replied, "You think you could get away with murder, with a new coach, but not with her. She handles us well."

When asked who some of the players were that are doing pretty well, Zurawski mentioned Kelly Chimiel hitting, Tracy Chimiel pitching and fielding, Brenda Hughes pitching, Karin Hensge first base and hitting, Jan Strayve short stop, hitting and base stealing.

Zurawski's final comment in regard to the softball team was, "We are improving a lot with each game."

"We have a pretty tough season ahead," remarked Kelly Chimiel a junior varsity softball player who was recently transferred up to the varsity level.

Also mentioned were several players who are doing well as returning players this year and they are; Tracy Chimiel pitcher, catcher and out-fielder; Charlotte Dalton right fielder; Karin Hensge first base; Danette Huiner second base, Jan Strayve short stop, and Jo Vega catcher.

As for the teams hitting so far, they have been helped along by Kelly Chimiel's three

triples, Karin Hensge, Jan Strayve and Robyn Zurawski, who have hit a home run and a triple so far.

According to coach Sandi Strock the varsity team has hopes of finishing close to five hundred this season. The team's over-all record is two and six as of this interview, but their conference record is 0-3. The coach believes that the outfield needs the most improvement.

Some players that are doing well in the coach's point of view would be Hensge who was All Conference last year at first base, Strayve at short stop and Vega a sophomore is doing a good job as catcher. The coach also added that Tracy Chimiel who is a junior is doing pretty good at pitching along with sophomore Hughes. The coach commented, "They are not fast, but they are consistent."

All of the team members asked and coach Strock agreed that the Wheaton Central team is pretty tough. Strock believes that the Wheaton team is so good, because they have an all around good program. She also added that the Wheaton Central team is rated second in the Chicagoland area. Some other teams that are on the stronger side would be Naperville Central whose strength is their hitting, and Naperville North which is rated twelfth in the Chicagoland area.

According to Kelly Chimiel and Zurawski, they seem to believe that the strength of the Wheaton Central team is their pitching. Zurawski commented that it was excellent while Chimiel added, "It is fast."

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Wildcat Sports Schedule

Boys' Baseball

May 22-29 Regionals

TBA

Boys' Tennis

May 24-26 State finals at Arlington Heights

Boys' Track & Field

Fri., Sat. May 25, 26 State Finals At Charleston TBA

Softball

May 18-29 Regionals

June 2-4 Sectionals

June 7-8 State Finals



Kurt Mosson checks his swing. photo by Thomas Aviles Jr.



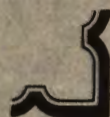
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Baseball season in play by play

by Mark Hoffer

The varsity baseball team raised its record to 8-5, tying for second place with Naperville Central, five games behind first place Naperville North (as of May 10).

The Wildcats split a double-header with Glenbard South on May 5, winning a 13-hit game 3-1 and losing the nightcap 3-2. In the opener, Rich Kerner went the distance, yielding only five hits, striking-out seven and walking two. It was his fourth win of the season. Scoring came early in the second inning when catcher Mike Rubino blasted a home run over the left field fence.

After tying the game in the bottom of the third, no team scored till the thirteenth inning when Lee Dungey scored on an error after reaching base on a single. Kurt Mossen scored the final run.

Dungey, Kerner, Rubino, and Bill Tijerina each had two hits, while Joe Ambrose led the way with four hits at six times at bat.

In the nightcap the Wildcats were the first to score with a pair of runs in the sixth. The Raiders bounced back with three runs in the top of the sixth to pull out the victory. Wildcat generosity proved to be once again their downfall. An error, two walks and two hits provided three unearned runs.

Genaro Cabral experienced hard luck on the mound. He has pitched well enough to win every time out, posting an earned run average of .77 and a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 30 to nine. Cabral has yet to win a game, but has three saves.

Earlier in the season the Wildcats outlasted Wheaton Central in an 11 inning 14 run contest. They won 11-8. Cabral paced the offense with three hits in four at bats and driving in three runs. Ambrose, Scott Burandt and Barret Carlson all had two hits, while Mossen had one hit and two RBI's.

Carlson, the starting pitcher went seven innings, surrendering eight runs, striking out two and walking three. Kerner picked up the win in relief going the final three in-



Mike Rubino up at bat. (photo by Tomas Aviles Jr.)

nings, giving up one run but striking out one and walking one.

The Wildcats also swept a three game series with the Glenbard East Rams, winning the last game 8-6. Burandt picked up the win, giving up six runs on seven hits. He struck out five and walked four. Cabral came in the seventh to earn his fourth save of the year.

Dungey and Mossen were both two for four at the plate. Cabral singled in one run and

Kerner hit a solo run in the third. Ambrose doubled in two runs in the Cat's four-run first inning.

The sophomore baseball team won three of five exciting games to remain in the thick of the DVC race. The Wildcats, 10-5-1 (as of May 10), moved their DVC slate to 8-4 after breaking their five game winning streak to Wheaton Central. The team bounced back to defeat Glenbard North, and then swept a double header with Glenbard South, fol-

lowing a loss to Glenbard East.

In the Wheaton Central game the Tigers jumped to an early eight run lead and held on to win 9-2. Sean Gallagher and Brian Comparini each had two hits.

The next day against Glenbard North, the Kits overcame a 3-0 defeat to win 4-3. Mike Avino launched a game winning grand slam, a high drive into a stiff wind, in the bottom of the ninth inning, scoring Gallagher, Comparini and Scott Davidson. Mike Biros (2-2-2, 3.7 ERA), pitched the whole game to record the win.

Allan Steur absorbed his first loss against Glenbard East in a 5-4 loss. Biros and Andy Hahn pitched well in relief. Avino, Gallagher, and Steur each had two hits.

The first game of the double header with Glenbard South was a real pitcher duel with John Walsh coming out on the top of a 4-3 score. Walsh limited the opposing team to three hits and knocked in a run of his own. Catcher Gallagher gunned down two would-be basestealers and scored twice. Avino had two hits and an RBI while Biros had the winning RBI with a fourth inning single.

The second game was a wild one. We-go ran to an early 7-1 lead, only to have Glenbard come back to a 15-7 fourth inning lead of their own. The persistent Wildcats scored 12 times in the final three innings to win 19-17.

Avino, Gallagher, and Walsh each ripped three hits and three RBI's apiece in the slugfest. The trio pounded out two doubles apiece, a triple, (Gallagher) and a home run (Avino). Joe Ebenroth batted in three runs on two hits a single and a triple, while Steur stole three bases and had two RBI's and a single and a double. Davidson also had two RBI's.

Walsh earned his second win of the day with two innings of relief. He pitched after Biros, Hahn, Ted Pavlica and Gallagher tried in vain to stem the flood of Glenbard's runs.

Track teams in Review

by Mark Hoffer

The boys varsity track team finished seventh out of 10 teams in the DuPage County Meet. Juan Gonzales was the top wildcat finisher, placing second in the long jump and fourth in the 400 meter dash. Jim Zak was third in the high jump.

The four by 200 relay team of Zak, Fred Strojohann, Mark Swiatek, and Joe Michalec also took a third. Rich Vignes finished fourth in the 3,200 run, slowed by a sore foot.

In a tri-meet with Glenbard North and Naperville Central We-Go placed second with 52 points behind centrals 107 points. West Chicago placed first in eight events, the four by 100 team of Zak, Swiatek, Michalec and Strojohann and the save group captured the four by 200 race. The four by 800 team of Greg Fuja, Randy Weber, Chris Walker and Gonzales also placed first.

Vignes won the 3,200 meter run in 10 minutes, 22.1 seconds, Swiatek took the 100 dash in 11.4 seconds and Strojohann won the 200-meter dash in 23.5 seconds. Gonzales won the long jump with a 19-6 effort, while teammates Zak won the high jumping 6 feet 2 inches in front of third place Michalec.

The sophomore boys team placed second to Naperville Central in a DVC Tri-Meet. Winners include the four by 800 team of John Koke, John Dias, Rich Prittorno and Jorge Zamora, Kose in the 800 Rich Pewerts the 300 low hurdles and Tom Hunter in the 1,600. Scott Schectel won the long jump and Blair Satterfield the discus.

JV team

Four members of the girls varsity track team scored points in the DVC championship meet. Cindy Jakopcheck placed the highest of the four finishing third in the 3,200 meter run in 11 minutes 51.6 se-



H. Bitner goes up and over the hurdles. (photo by Tomas Aviles Jr.)

conds.

Liz Pollak placed fourteen in the long jump with a 15-3½ foot effort, while Cheryl Bestler was fifth in the shot with a throw of 30-7.

Brigitte Scheel came in sixth in the high jump (4-8) and the 100 low hurdles in a time of 18.0. The team finished seventh out of eight teams in the meet.

The junior/varsity team captured the DuPage Valley Conference Championship. They scored 86 points to claim the title and edge second place Wheaton North.

Dawn Herald set both a school and conference record in the 3,200 meter run with a time of 12 minutes, 26.2 seconds. Herald also won the 800 in 2:42.3. Vicki Christensen won the long jump with a jump of 14-7. Teammates Julie Genovesi captured the 400 dash in 1:08.0.

The Wildcats set a school mark in their 1,600 relay victory with a time of 4:34.9. The team includes Christensen, Genovesi, Jill Blenkle and Dawn Mende. Placing second with the 300 relay team of Chrisleush, Gwen Tate, Mary Wiens and Lisa Harris. This group also set a school mark with a time of 2:00.1.

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