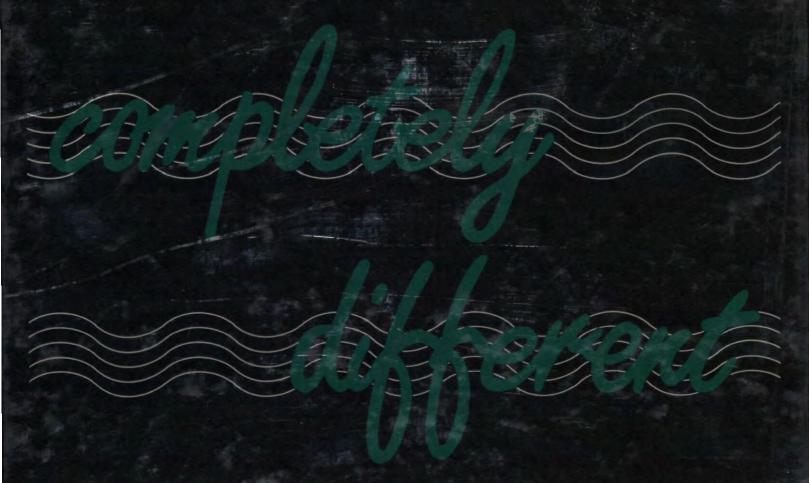


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# Completely Different!

CHALLENGE '92

# A Slew of CHANGES Make for a Unique Year

West Chicago said goodbye to many things this year, including the face of the school, the class of '91, and superintendent Dr.
Richard Kamm. With those losses came several gains like the renovations on the building, the addition of the class of '95, and the new superintendent, Dr. Joel Morris.

One of the biggest changes in the school is its appearance. Renovations started last year, and ended a couple weeks after school started this year. The front of the building received all new windows. Room 108 was converted from a Home Economics room into math

teacher John Carter's class-room.

The class of '91 is gone, but the class of '95 has more than made up for the loss. There are 416 freshmen this year, making them our largest class. Trends for the future indicate that the average class size will keep increasing.

The only thing WeGo has left of Dr. Richard Kamm is our renamed library. Our new superintendent, Dr. Joel Morris, is trying to improve communication between the school board and parents and between the teachers and administration.

These changes helped make the '91-'92 school year unique.



Junior Betty Staniels is surprised to find that her junior brother Jimmy, with a little help from junior Eric Heerwagen, relocated her bedroom

to the garage this summer. Jimmy then attempted to sell Betty's things in a garage sale.



Not being able to wait until next year to become a member of royalty, junior

Ed Cortez hams it up during the Homecoming pep assembly.

check out the '90-'91 yearbook.

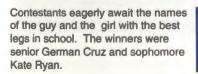
Pom pon Nikki Giammanco, a senior, aims for the crowd at the end of a routine. An improved sound system

helped make for successful pep assemblies.









Senior Jamie McDole shows off his Wildcat pride.



## STUDENT LIFE

The words "student" and "life" may not sound like they belong together, let alone in the same sentence. However, students here at WeGo proved that the two not only go together, but also fit with other words like "party," "friends," and "Chicago."

Most Wildcats enjoyed going out with their friends over the weekend. Said Angie Chavez, "I go out with my friends in a big group, but one good place to go is Rob Rivan's house and have a big dance party." Most other students just gave the simple statement "Party!" without any more elaboration.

Going to Chicago was also a popular pastime for WeGo students. Valerie Lund said she likes to, "go to Chicago (and) eat at exotic restaurants." Chavez suggested going, "downtown to Buckingham Fountain. Walk under the water so you can get all wet and have all the yuppies look at you like you are some kind of nerd," as something fun to do.

Karla Sosulski knew exactly what two words to reply to the question of what she did for fun. They were, "my homework."

Some students were less specific. Becky Baker said she'd do, "anything that gets me out of the house," over the weekend. It was Rob Rivan who came up with the answer that defined the life of the Wildcat outside of school. He replied, "What don't I do would be a better question."



Junior Amy Bridgeforth has a bite to eat at a Peer Tutor lunch.



Dee Calderini shows pride in being a member of the class of '92.



Junior Jim Donovan takes a break in the LRC to read the comics.



Editors — Sandy Dawson Kelly MacAdam Melissa Klaster Juniors Sherrie Kirby and Sara Allen build up school spirit at the pep rally.

#### Summer Rules!

If you ask a typical high school student what the best part of the school year is, they're most likely to answer, 'SUMMER VACA-TION!" With the incredibly hot weather, this summer was a perfect opportunity to get out and have some fun.

Many students this year went on a trip. Junior Tanya Keen went to Door County with her family, and remembers the time she went, "horseback riding and my dad fell off." Christina Nimmo, a freshman, recalls seeing, "all the interesting people at the beaches," near Los Angeles. Junior Sherrie Kirby cites, "laying in the sun and frying!" and, "seeing the Smoky Mountains," as the most memorable parts of her vacation to Gatlinburg, Tennessee and Pinehurst. North Carolina. Freshman Chris Brown vacationed in Japan, and says that the most memorable part was, "seeing my friends. I lived there eight years before my dad was transferred."

Summer was not all play, however. Students also spent their time working. Junior Jill Westrom worked at Sports Med and, "loved the job!" Chris Freeman, a freshman, earned his money working at the West Chicago Bible Church. Keen said, "I worked at the Carol Stream Water park as a lifeguard."

The typical student didn't do much over the summer, except sleep and eat. Junior John Sosulski said that a typical day for him was to, "Get up. Mow the lawn. Play golf or go to the driving range. Come home and go to bed. Eat at various

In any case, most students would agree that summer makes the school year worthwhile!

times during the day."

Sophomore Abel Espinal demonstrates a law of physics at the Museum of Science and Industry during a summer school field trip.



While visiting Arcola, Illinois, senior John Prusko makes a jump rope in Rockome Gardens. The Pruskos also went searching for UFO's during their





Sophomore Helio Juarez relaxes and reads the Chicago Tribune as Dave summer school day begins.

Augustine enjoys a joke before the



Enjoying a day in a friend's pool are sophomores Amy Brunsen, Sarah MacNerland, Becky Garza, Bree Hen-

sel, Carie Mielke, John Rakow and Julie VanWallingaham.



Seniors Mike Luers and Dave Vaillancourt spend an evening hanging out in Luers' car.





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Another popular summertime activity is attending workshops. Juniors Mary Jo Prusko and Kelly MacAdam work on the Macintosh during a yearbook camp in Rockford. Says MacAdam, "I

learned how to put our pages on the computer and I liked being with all the yearbook people because we got to know each other."

Advisor Nancy Blume and juniors Scott Klosowski and Maria Mendoza pause for a picture during a summer leadership conference for FBLA.



#### Rip-Roarin' Fun

Round 'em up and gallop to the "Wild, Wild West." "The theme reminds me of my days at Nashville," replied junior Jim Donovan.

There were many different and crazy events during the fun-filled week of the "Wild, Wild West." The bean eating contest was an original and completely different idea. Senior Sybil Ruiz claims, "I felt like throwing up after eating those cold disgusting beans!" Corn on the cob eating, licorice eating, and coffee drinking contests were a few more off-thewall events.

Homecoming week brought forth another win for the seniors. Juniors received second place with freshmen following closely behind and sophomores received last place. First place event results were as follows: window painting — seniors; float building — freshmen; somersaults — seniors; egg toss — sophomores; chubby bunny — seniors; tugo-war — juniors; wheel barrow — sophomores; spirit stick — seniors; colors — seniors; licorice eating contest — juniors; bean eating contest — freshmen; coffee drinking contest — seniors; corn eating contest — juniors.

The Homecoming game was intense. The team gave West Chicago a victory of 9-6 over Glenbard South. Senior Zach Hoffman felt the best part of Homecoming was, "the win against Glenbard South because everyone was

there cheering us on!"

Participation during Homecoming Week was an outstanding phenomenon. Junior Ann Shim states, "The freshmen are really getting into it this year." The majority of the students participated in some of the following: float building, western dress up day, window painting, color day, events throughout the week, and at the pep rally. Junior Veronica Chavez remembers, "It's great that so many people were psyched with school spirit and got involved with all of the exciting activities!" Overall, Wildcat pride was an incredible success throughout this exciting but hectic week.

- Sandy Dawson

"Dinner was a blast because we made everyone eat with chopsticks!" — Erin Myers



After eating the beans, "which was such an interesting and gooey feeling that I had to run the mile!" senior Jamie McDole was prepared for western dress up day.



"Going out to eat before the dance was awesome because our cook sang 'You Can't Touch This" — Brandon McCauley





"The beans were so disgusting I thought I was going to throw up!" exclaimed senior Sybil Ruiz with her

puckered face as Samantha Newby and Ann Shim smile with disbelief.







These seniors: Sybil Ruiz, Kelly Roy, Angie Chavez, Kristie Spielman, Dee Calderini, Joe Wagenaar, and Kelly Coler show their Wildcat spirit on western dress up day.

Juniors Gina Clifford, Liz Blenkle, Candi Kairys, Megan Korbel, and Amy Barnes support Wildcat pride day.







Freshmen Vladi Slapak chows the beans down in a remarkable time to get the freshmen a first place win.



"As I was being fed, my mouth was so stuffed, I could barely breathe!" exclaimed Liz Blenkle as Kelly Roy "stuffs her face".

Juniors Jill Westrom and Tanya Keen said, "The dance was a lot of fun and it was cool to see people all dressed up. And no, we weren't wearing the same dress!"



Juniors Mike Christopher, Ed Ingram, Jimmy Briggs, Shannon Mason, Dana Sabol, and Susanna Ruiz take control over the tug-o-war and earn a first place title.



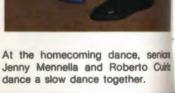


Freshmen Tina Hanson, Heather Havaty, Melissa Pagnozzi, Todd Lindley, Candy Campbell, Jenny Calliere, and Susie Kochniarczyk gready for the homecoming paradion their float.



Homecoming Finalists. Front: Karen Tyranowski, Sybil Ruiz, Kelly Roy, Jorie Peterson, Cherie Oskerka, Jenny Mennella, Julianne Graczyk, Lynn Ellerbruch, Jessica DiBella, Sandy Daw-

son, Kelly Coler, Angie Chavez, Trista Chalupa, Dee Calderini, Nikki Brockman. **Back:** Pat Kuhn, Aaron Owens, Jason Spohn, Tom Phipps, Jeremy Mayhorn, Doug Campbell, Erin Porter, Clay Turner, Josh Urban, Brian Schulz, German Cruz, Dave Siers, Matt Filippo, Joe Wagenaar, Bryan Gall.





Homecoming Court. Front: Nikki Brockman, Angie Chavez, Lindsay Mason, Trista Chalupa, Jacob Brandstedter, Sandy Dawson, Cherle Oskerka. **Back:** Clay Turner, German Cruz, Aaron Owens, Erin Porter, Doug Campbell.

#### Shake It Up!

Homecoming was a great success. Senior, Student Council President, Lynn Ellerbruch states, "This homecoming dance had the biggest turn out in the history of this school." Obviously, people felt the homecoming dance was an important event not to be missed.

Many people believed this homecoming dance was one not to be forgotten. Sophomore Peggy Kosman states, "This was my first time going to the homecoming dance and I had an awesome time. I'll never forget it."

A completely different ap-

proach to not having a date was to attend the dance stag. Senior Tonya Kotajarvi attended the dance stag and she remembers, "Going stag to homecoming was a blast because I had a great time just being with all my friends and it didn't matter to me at all that I didn't have a date." Senior Pat Kuhn replies, "Going to homecoming stag was most 'bueno' and the mosh pit was most 'bu-ia'." Going stag seems to have been the "in" thing to do when not attending with a date.

- Sandy Dawson

Freshmen Katie Brosseau and Todd Lindsley enjoy themselves together at the dance. Sophomores Dana McKenzie, Cathy Carroll, Sheri Daleiden, Monique Cleminson, Tiina Martin, Raven Moore, Heather Adams, and Laurie Suhr ride their fourth place float in the homecoming parade.





Sophomores Sheri Daleiden and Heather Adams have a blast at the dance as sophomore Rich Clark looks on in amazement.

### Halloween Madness

For Halloween some people had different kinds of fun. Paul Schwartz said, "I trick or treated and caused ruckus, I also did some pumpkin smashing but not stealing any candy from little kids because that is mean." Some people like Becky Jaffe just "Hung out at a friend's house." Whether hanging out or causing ruckus there was a lot to do on Halloween.

Some students were less fortunate and had to work and miss out on their yearly round of trick or treating. Nicky Thomas

said, "I worked with Carrie Vanbuskirk and they wanted to be little kids again so they could trick or treat."

The most interesting story that was told was when Gretchen Haggenjos and a couple of her friends went to trick or treat at a haunted garage. "We said trick or treat to this guy and he said trick. We started singing 'Express Yourself' by Madonna. He liked it."

People seemed to have a great time going out in the area, but what did people wear? Schwartz had two costumes. "I had a dead guy mask on and under that mask I

was a mix between Alice Cooper, Scott Ian (Anthrax) and Zorro." Lisa Aguilar was a guy and went trick or treating with ten friends.

Erin Fessler's Halloween fun had a quite different twist. "I made a pumpkin barricade on Ingelton Avenue with Chad Merritt, Keri Jones and Taryn Burlison. After this we got chased by Chris Cascio and Louie Veneziano on Thunderbird Trail. He drove up beside us with police lights on the top of his car."

It was apparent that there were a lot of fun things to do on Halloween, but some Wildcats decided to do their own thing and be a little different.

Lobster Man Jamie McDole is caugh in a picture trap before reading the students anouncements.





Hollywood agent Derek Barton gives pumpkin April Hart some Hollywood advice before English.

Eric Strandboe, all punked out, catches up with the z's that he missed because of the preparation of his "do."





Flapper Laura Rapinchuk and genie Thea Hopkins have their picture taken

by their locker before they dance away.



Flavor Flave Jabaar Murray and "Harley Mama" Michelle Reiner show their Halloween spirit in lunch.

Tiger Kathy Kalvig ventures forth on her daily stalk.



Vampire Ana Espino says, "The best part of Halloween to me is the fun of dressing up and going to parties."



Dance Production members Nikki Thomas, Monika Mende, Elisa Biancalana, Patty Parra, Dawn Zylinski, and Barb Giese dance to the beat during their "Livin' in a Dream World" presentation. Junior Amy Mastro and senior Jason Sheppard watch the brides and grooms during the wedding ceremony.







The wedding party includes Wendy Byrne, Jason Sheppard, Amy Mastro, Valerie Cirone, Tim Lindstrand, Twee Kong, Melissa Mullany, Travaris Sullivan, Gina Clifford, Chris Murphy, Dave Anderson, Ann Diomedes, Raymond

Braunshausen, Shelley Holtan, Josh Urban, Julie Wireman, and Rick Palma



Kim Prescott, Tim Lindstrand, Heather Beckett, Roger Rollo, Avan Rami, Travaris Sullivan, Elizabeth Carmona, Willie Guillen, Ehrin Arimura, and Chau Truong made and model their clothes for the fashion show.



Tim Lindstrand and Twee Kong listen to the wedding vows being exchanged between the brides and grooms during the wedding ceremony.



Travaris Sullivan and Melissa Mullany make a toast to their future together at the wedding reception.



#### Home Ec. Night A Dream Come True

Home Economics night was "a dream come true" for the brides and grooms in this double ceremony. Ann Diomedes and Dave Anderson and Melissa Mullany and Travaris Sullivan exchanged their vows and were united in bliss.

The total number of students involved in this event was an ironic number of 189. The performances consisted of the reading of poems, a choir ensemble, a solo, the dreamer skit, fashion show performed by the clothing classes, dance production, park district dance, a slide show, and of course the wedding ceremony. Mrs. Koz-lowski enjoyed, "the variety and thought the students had. which made the performance exciting and sharp." She also remembers the performance

being, "hectic before because teenagers work on a crisis basis. It all pulls together at the last minute."

There were many best and funniest moments throughout the show. The best moments according to Mrs. K, "are those in which shy people perform and gain self confidence." She also remarks on the funniest moment as being "when Chris Murphy was the priest and asked the groom—"Do you take Ann for your lawful, wedded husband?"

This night brought forth many memories for everyone involved and the people who came to see the show. The mock wedding is a tradition within our school which will last many years into our future.



Omar Guzman walks his "daughter", Ann Diomedes, down the aisle and gives her away.



#### NHS Awards Excellence

To be nominated into the National Honor Society there are four characteristics sought after. One of these things is your academic performance — you need to have a high grade point average. Leadership qualities are important also. Being involved in student government and extra-curricular activities sets examples for others and shows leadership. Another characteristic is to be an exemplary and moral person. Finally, your service to the school and/or community is noticed.

Once a student is recognized for having these four characteristics, the faculty then votes for the inductees and a twelve person committee makes the big decision. The committee's choice

making can be easy sometimes but also hard because the teachers have to make personal decisions.

With all the choices the list narrowed down to the sixty inducted. The ceremony took place on November 14th in the Richard M. Kamm Library and Resource Center. Quite a few people showed up and filled the seats of the LRC.

NHS means different things to different students. To Matt Pheneger it means, "Something else I can put on my college applications that looks good." To Laura Bozidarevic it means, "It proves to me that the people (teachers) I am around at school think of me as a conscientious student and a well rounded person." For

Sarah Bant the best part of the ceremony was, "The guy taking our picture and saying 'You, here!"

Speaking at the NHS night for the first time was English teacher Tom McCann, who came to West Chicago three years ago. McCann previously taught at Morton East where he spoke at NHS nights for seven years. This must explain why so many people enjoyed his speech. "Mr. McCann's speech was inspiring, funny and down to earth. He was a great speaker," Tanya Brooks.

"Everyone worked hard and equally earned the NHS membership," said McCann.

Melissa Kloster

Jabaar Murray receives his certification Dr. Alan Jones at NHS night.



"I enjoyed the speeches—it's nice to know a little about our teachers a they think and feel outside of class, says Eric Reffett of English teache Tom McCann.



National Honor Society. Front: Josefina Pasillas, Jason Spinelli, Dave Siers, Kelly Roy, Carlo Herrero, Tom Fox, Laura Bozidarevic, Mike Zelman, German Cruz, Gustavo Nieto, Matt Pheneger. Row 2: Doug Campbell, Laura Cruz, Karina Bite, Amy Szwajkowski, Regina Viscogliosi, Jennifer Vavrek, Jeanne Newton, Karla Sosulski, Kirsten Bopp, Sarah Bant, Andy Johnson. Row 3: Julianne Graczyk, Alicia Garceau, Tanya Brooks, Samantha Newby, Vanessa Price, Karen Slusar, Lynn Ellerbruch, Rebecca Baker, Angie Spalo, Elisa Biancalana. Row 4: Jason Blenkle, Jessica Bridge, Duane Belniak, Eric Reffett, Olaf Birkholz, Gretchen Austgen, Erin Myers, Elizabeth Gernand, Natalie Baker, Malia Leck.

Back: Claudia Montes, Tom Kiesler, Andy Srachta, Vicky Smith, Shaun Cronin, Jason Rudiger, Jamie McDole, Matt Haverty, Courtney Adams, Sean Odell, Jabaar Murray.



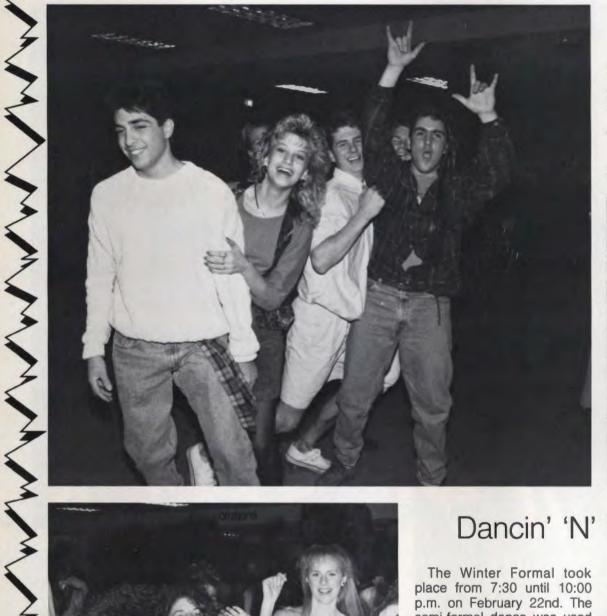
Karina Bite says her certificate she received is on the waiting list to be framed—here she proudly accepts her pin.

Shawn Cronin says, "It was nice to be recognized academically".



The audience sits patiently as Dr. Alan Jones gives his speech.





Junior Rick Palma, along with senio Tonya Kotajarvi, Collin Szewczyk, a Josh Urban decided to come to t Winter Formal in casual attire "boogie down" more comfortably.

Junior Richie Fikis "iacks it up" w his newest dancing techniques.



Junior Candi Kairys gets a bit crazy while Lis Blenkle dances to the

#### Dancin' 'N' Romancin'

The Winter Formal took place from 7:30 until 10:00 p.m. on February 22nd. The semi-formal dance was used as a fundraiser for the Junior-Senior Prom. It brought in approximately eight hundred and fifty dollars. This was considered a great success because the number of people who arrived was greater than expected.

The attire worn at the Winter Formal ranged from jeans to semi-formal dresses to formal dresses. Junior Veronica Chavez remembers "The D.J. played really great music and everyone didn't have to totally dress up because it was a semi-formal dance."

This night brought for many memorable experience for most people. Senior Nik Giammanco will never forg "watching Joe do his thing the dance floor." Senior Ton Kotajarvi remarked, "My be moment at the Winter Form was dancing with the man my dreams, Kuhner himse Senior Sam Newby remet bers her post dance excit ment as "having the be brownies ever at Tany Brooks house. Gotta lot 'em!''

This dance brought for some "completely differed memories that will stay with for a lifetime.

Sandy Dawson



Junior Alan Warrington practices his "groovin' and movin'" on the dance floor.

Junior Denise Nance shows a lot of excitement with the expression of her face.





Junior Taryn Burlison patiently awaits in a corner for a frank suave to approach her.





Freshman Mark Bosman accompanied by his girlfriend Amy Langemack decide to take time away from the excitement for a slow dance together.

Juniors Shelley Halfpenny, Richie Fikis, Cory Christiansen, Amy Mastro, Shannon Mason, and Amy Barnes attend the dance in casual clothing, but still have an awesome time.





Freshman Jessica Burn, Betsy Thuer, and Diana Herzer take time out from their heavy duty dancing to chit-chat with seniors Joe Wagenaar and Nikki Giammanco.

Juniors Ned Miller, Brett Siglin, J.J. Schwan, and Derek Barton entertain the Variety Show audience with a stunning impersonation of the Jackson-5. The marshmallow hair was a convincing extra touch.





After their lip sync performance of "You Don't Own Me," juniors Denise Nance, Vicky Thomas and Dina Bascharon wait for their score before leaving the stage.

Senior Michelle Macek gets down to the beat to "The Church of KLF" at the Variety Show.



### Great Imaginations!

Great imagination was obvious in both the Fashion and Variety Show. This was due to the hard work of all those involved. Said Senior Sandy Dawson, "It was very stressful, but I had a good time getting to know everyone." Dawson was the driving force behind the fashion show. She devised the idea, obtained permission from the administration to run with her idea, and put in a majority of the leg work.

The show had clothes for the conservative as well as the wild at heart, having been supplied by Contempo, Chaps, Casual Corner, Gap, County Seat, Express, Mary Go Round, 5-7-9, Dejaiz, and Structure.

Fashion was not the only thing on display that evening, either. The crowd was also entertained by four lip sync acts. These brave members of the student body "sang" popular songs of the past and present in a competition after the show. Michael Jackson's "Black Or White", performed by sophomores Monique Cleminson, Tiina Martin, and Betsy Co captured first place. Said Cleminson, (who played the role of Michael), "When I popped out of the curtain, I couldn't stop laughing because everyone started screaming. And then they did again when I did the moonwalk.." For their efforts,

they were awarded gift certificates to an area record store.

The show was memorable for many participants because of a little mess-- Diana Herz and Betsy Theur toppled over each other, causing mass confusion. Models came out on stage in the wrong order, and Pat Kuhn was not able to unbutton his jacket.

FBLA's annual variety show also offered a chance for students to express themselves. Said FBLA president Dan Yonan, "The best part of the show was judging the tryouts and finding an overwhelming amount of talent as well as creativity."

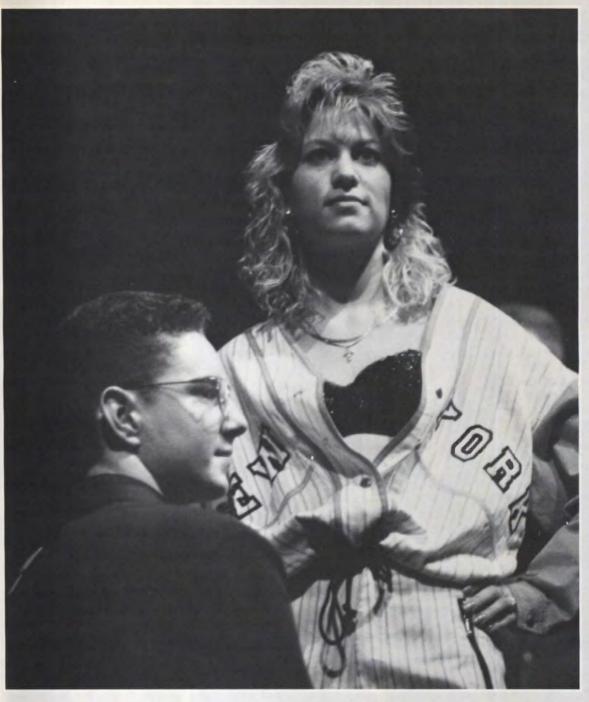
The Jackson-5 act, performed by Ned Miller, Derek Barton, J.J. Schwan, and Brett Siglin was the highlight of the evening because Barton's pants accidently fell down.

In spite of a few minor mishaps in both shows, students agree they were we worth the time and hassle. Said Yonan, "The variety show seemed like a bottom less pit during the organization stage. Yet as a matter of fact it all was worthwhile who I saw the auditorium packed the night of the performance It's a tremendous feeling of accomplishment. I'd do it again without any thought."

--Kelly MacAdam



Soren Johnson gives a powerful performance on the piano at the Variety Show



Seniors Joe Wagnenaar and Tonya Kotajarvi give their final pose in the Fashion Show. Says Tonya, "It's memories like these with my friends that I'm truly going to miss at high school."



Freshman Diana Herzer shows off her style in a white floppy fishing hat and accesories from Express.



Sophomores Betsy Co, Monique Cleminson, and Tiina Martin successfully complete their dance to

"Black or White" even though it was done without Tiina's flip.



Senior Brandon McCauley shows his heavy metal mentality as he lip syncs to one of his favorite songs.



Check out these "hippie chics" Melis sa Kloster, Amy Garceau, and Lyn Ellerbruch.

Freshmen Stacy Nicoletti and Ch Lacour take time away from the heavy duty dancing for a quick sna





Sophomores Monique Cleminson, Sherri Daleiden, Dana McKenzie, Zora Slapak, Sam Bauer, and Betsy Co enjoy themselves immensely at the dance.



Juniors Betty Staniels and Eric Heerwagen converse with one another during a slow dance.



Senior Jody Burns and sophomore Donta Norwood show off their pearly whites.



Sophomore Tom Suess and junior Ju lia Rodenkirch look into each other eyes.

Seniors Tom Phipps and Aaron Owens slam dance to disco music.





Sophomore Grant Speros and senior Monika Mende decide to take time away from their dates and dance to-



#### Disco Inferno! Stayin' Alive At Turn-About

It's the end of the school year and many guys felt that it was about time the dating roles got switched. It was time for the girls to ask the guys. The turn-a-bout dance took place on Saturday, April 11. The out of the ordinary theme was disco inferno.

The dance brought forth a wide range of different dancing techniques. Some included were: moshing, hip house, disco, and slow dancing. There was a disco contest which made public the best disco dancer on the floor, which was junior Paula Nelson.

Many memories became of this night. Junior, Melissa Kloster remembers, "It was different because at my old school no one got into dances and when people actually went, there was no dancing done." This goes along with what freshman Jackie Robie had to say, "It was awesome because everyone danced and had a good time." Senior Brandon McCauley remembers, "It was so great doing the M.C. Hammer shuffle with Jenny Weigand." This night was all in all very unusual. It must've been the disco music.

- Sandy Dawson



Nikki Giammanco, Kevin Course (Glenbard North), Rick Palma, Tonya Kotajarvi, Kristie Spielman, Erin

Myers, Paula Nelson, Angie Chavez, and Trista Chalupa take time away from their dancing for a quick snap-

shot.

Prom Court. Front: Candi Kairys, Dina Bascharon, Thea Hopkins, Stacy Matthews, Back: Steve Broido, Kevin Baldus, Prom King Richie Fikis, Prom Queen Amy Mastro, Jimmy Briggs, Rick Palma.



#### Never Tear Us Apart

Prom was held at the Seville in Steamwood at 6:00 pm. The food choices were either prime rib, chicken, or the ever popular vegetarian platter.

The Prom party favors consist-

ed of a great plastic cup with

green and silver confetti lav-

ered in the bottom and the tra-

Prom was special to the stu-

ditional picture key chain.

Rob Rivan and Gretchen Austrapose for a glamorous picture at Pro-

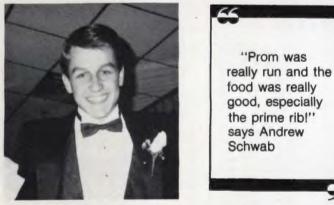


"Another year together and another Prom together," says Andy Johnson and Angie Spalo.

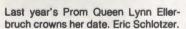


dents at WeGo. When the students were asked to describe the magical night, Scott Weber remarked that, "All I have to say is Monkey!" Derek Barton said, "The best part of Prom was when I got up and danced."

For some the best part of



For some the best part of the Prom was the dance itself. "When I hit the dance floor the rhythm and the beat jumped inside me and caused me to slither across the dance floor as smooth as a wild banshee," said Erin Fessler.





For the seniors, Prom was the last moment for everyone to be together. "Seeing all my friends at prom and sharing those everlasting beautiful memories of that ever special weekend filled my heart with joy," sighed Sandy Dawson.

— Kelly MacAdam



Yvette Alfaro stops and grins at the camera before picking up her Profavors.





Mike Chistopher, Jimmy Briggs, Brian Metcalf, and Scott Westman take a

break to show off their stylin' promattire.



Randy Duvall in the midst of Prom .excitement stops to Hammer Time: you can't touch him.

#### Great Achievements

The following awards and honors were given at the Honors Convocation on June 4:

National Merit Letters of Commendation: T. Fox. B. Gall

Illinois State Scholars: C. Adams, N. Baker, R. Baker, S. Bant, A. Berendson, E. Biancalana, O. Birkholz, J. Blenkle, K. Bopp, J. Bridge, L. Ellerbruch, M. Filippo, T. Fox, B. Gall, M. Haverty, J. Heath, M. Leck, J. Murray, S. Newby, S. Odell, M. Pheneger, S. Power, E. Reffett, R. Rivan, K. Slusar, N. Streams, J. Vavrek, M. Zelman

College-University Scholarship: N. Baker (Univ. of Illinois), S. Bant (Marquette Univ.), A. Berendson (Purdue Univ.), K. Bopp (Quincy Coll.), L. Bozidarevic (Carthage Coll.), S. Cronin (Valparaiso Univ.) German Cruz (Univ. Of Illinois), N. Eaton (St. Norbert Coll.), E. Fernandez (Lewis Univ.), J. Graczyk (North Central Coll.), J. Heath (North Central Coll.), C. Herrero (Northern Illinois Univ.), V. Miranda (Aurora Univ.), J. Murray (Michigan State Univ.), S. Newby (Drake Univ.), E. Papadakis (Carthage Coll.), M. Pheneger (Campbell Univ.), S. Power (Univ. of Iowa), R. Rivan (Univ. of Illinois), J. Rudigier (Coll. of Du-Page), D. Siers (Univ. of Wisconsin), V. Smith (Southern Illinois Univ.), M. Zelman (Univ. of Southern California)

Special Scholarships: E. Biancalana (W. Chicago Unit Delnor Comm. Hospital — Wally Schauer Schol.), L. Ellerbruch (Class of 1981 Schol.), S. Odell (U.S.M.C. Scholastic Excellence Award), E. Reffett (Winfield Junior Women's Club Schol.), K. Roy (Central DuPage Hospital Auxiliary Schol. — W. Chicago Unit Delnor Comm Hospital), K. Slusar (Winfield Junior Women's Club Schol.), K. Wright (Furnas Foundation Schol.), D. Yonan (Citizens Schol. Foundation)

Benjamin Trust Scholarship: S. Cronin, V. Miranda, A. Spalo

Academic Merit Award: C. Adams, G. Austgen, C. Baginski, N. Baker, R. Baker, S. Bant, D. Belniak, E. Biancalana, K. Bité, J. Blenkle, L. Bozidarevic, J. Bridge, T. Brooks, J. Cabrera, D. Campbell, T. Campbell, L. Chavez, K. Christopherson, C. Cinquegrani, Y. Contreras, S. Cronin, G. Cruz, L. Cruz, M. DeBenedictis, G. DelRio, N. Eaton, L. Ellerbruch, E. Fernandez, T. Fox, B. Fraser, J. Fuller, B. Gall, A. Garceau, E. Gernand, J. Graczyk, F. Grube, M.

Haverty, J. Heath, Z. Hoffman, A. Johnson, T. Kiesler, M. Leck, B. Levake, A. Lopez, V. Lund, T. Mabus, J. McDole, L. Mendoza, J. Menola, J. Mies, J. Murray, N. Nava, S. Newby, J. Newton, G. Nieto, P. Nieto, S. Odell, J. Ortiz-Arias, A. Owens, E. Papadakis, S. Patel, M. Pheneger, T. Phipps, S. Power, M. Preuss, V. Price, J. Prusko, E. Reffett, J. Rose, K. Roy, J. Rudigier, S. Russell, E. Schlotzer, M. Siers, K. Slusar, V. Smith, C. Sosulski, A. Spalo, J. Spinelli, B. Stewart, V. Talbott, C. Turner, D. Vaillancourt, J. Vavrek, M. Velazquez, E. Villarreal, R. Viscogliosi, D. Yonan, D. Zylinski

Presidential Academic Fitness Award: C. Adams, G. Austgen, C. Baginski, N. Baker, R. Baker, S. Bant, A. Berendson, E. Biancalana, O. Birkholz, K. Bité, J. Blenkle, K. Bopp, L. Boziadarevic, J. Bridge, D. Campbell, S. Cronin, L. Ellerbruch, M. Filippo, T. Fox, M. Haverty, J. Heath, P. Holloway, M. Leck, V. Miranda, J. Murray, E. Myers, J. Newton, S. Odell, M. Pheneger, S. Power, E. Reffett, R. Rivan, J. Rose, K. Roy, J. Rudigier, K. Slusar, V. Smith, A. Spalo, J. Spinelli, N. Streams, J. Vavrek, R. Viscogliosi, M. Zelman

National Honor Society: C. Adams, G. Austgen, C. Baginski, N. Baker, R. Baker, S. Bant, D. Belniak, A. Berendson, E. Biancalana, O. Birkholz, K. Bité, J. Blenkle, K. Bopp, L. Bozidarevic, J. Bridge, T. Brooks, D. Campbell, K. Christopherson, S. Cronin, G. Cruz, L. Ellerbruch, T. Fox, A. Garceau, E. Gernand, J. Graczyk, M. Haverty, J. Heath, C. Herrero, A. Johnson, T. Kiesler, M. Leck, J. Macias, J. McDole, V. Miranda, C. Montes, J. Murray, E. Myers, S. Newby, J. Newton, G. Nieto, S. Odell, J. Pasillas, M. Pheneger, S. Power, V. Price, E. Reffett, J. Rose, K. Roy, J. Rudigier, D. Siers, K. Slusar, V. Smith, C. Sosulski, A. Spalo, J. Spinelli, A. Srachta, A. Szwajkowski, J. Vavrek, R. Viscogliosi, M. Zelman

Perfect Attendance: M. Preuss, J. Prusko, J. Rudigier, B. Stewart, L. Gernand, G. Nieto, C. Herrero

**Athletics** 

Randy Jacob Memorial Award: V. Miranda

U.S. Army Reserve Scholar/Athlete Award: S. Bant, S. Odell
U.S. Marine Corps Distinguished
Athlete: E. Gernand

Cathy Devereux Memorial Scholarship: J. Vavrek

Lions Club Athletic Scholar Award: S. Odell Athlete of the Year Award: L. Gernand, S. Cronin

Bilingual Academic Achievement Award: Josefina Pasillas

Business Education

Business Student of the Year: Peter Holloway

Future Business Leaders of America Awards: S. Bant, T. Fox, M. Haverty, P. Holloway, J. McDole, J. Murray, N. Streams, D. Yonan

**L.A. Hapgood Scholarship:** P. Holloway

Challenge

Quill and Scroll Journalism Honor Society: C. Baginski, A. Berendson, S. Dawson, S. Newby

Yearbook Award: T. Hey, M. May

**Drama Achievement Award:** J. Bridge

Best Senior Writer: S. Power

Foreign Language
Outstanding Achievement

Outstanding Achievement: R. Baker, N. Baker, E. Biancalana, J., Rudigier

Highest Achievement Award: T. Fox

Home Economics/Industrial Arts/ IRO/CWT Students of the Year: B. Giese, J. Keyzer, D. Hernandez, K. Westerhausen

Journalism Awards: E. Biancalana, A. Garceau, J. Murphy

**Mathematics** 

ICTM/AHSME/AIME Mathematics Competition: S. Odell

ICTM Outstanding Performance in Mathematics Award: A. Berendson, E. Reffett

NCSM Excellence in Mathematics Award: S. Odell, J. Vavrek

Music

John Philip Sousa Band Award: N.

National School Choral Award: C.

National School Orchestra Award: V. Talbott

Semper Fidelis Award for Musical Excellence: J. Newton

Science

Bilingual Science: L. Cruz, M. Hernandez, J. Pasillas

Illinois Association of Chemistry Teachers Award: T. Fox

Illinois Science Teachers Association Science Award: E. Papadakis

American Legion Auxiliary Good

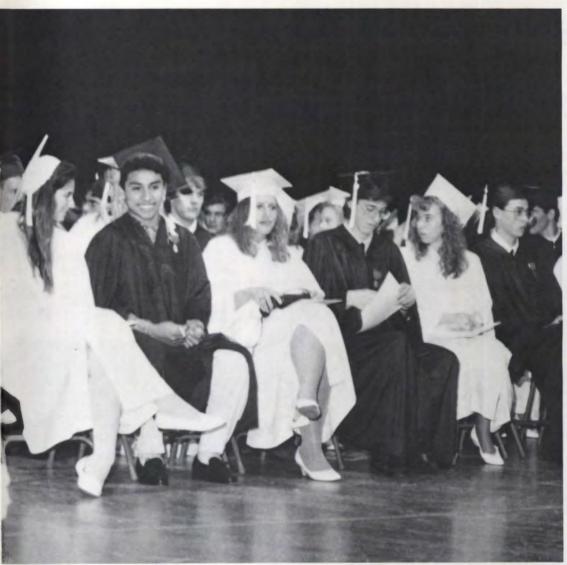
Citizen Award: E. Gernand Sons of the American Revoluti Good Citizen Award: S. Cronin Daughters of the American Rev lution Good Citizen Award: L. Elebruch

American Youth Foundation Dare You" Leadership Award: Ellerbruch, P. Holloway

Sharon L. Bokker Memorial Schoarship: L. Gernand

West Chicago/Winfield Wildo Booster Club Scholarship: S. Da son, J. Doggett, L. Ellerbruch, Spielman

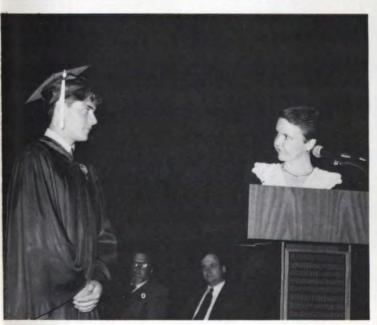
Foreign Exchange Students: Hey (Germany), T. Runge (German S. Wilson (Scotland)



Seniors eagerly await the presentation of awards and honors.

Liz Gernand is happy to accept the Sharon L. Bokker Memorial Scholarship for Education.





fom Fox listens patiently to Spanish teacher Lisa Black-Gomez's explana-

tion of his outstanding achievement in foreign language.



Eric Reffett introduces the honored seniors.



Josefina Pasillas poses with her husband after receiving the Bilingual Academic Achievement Award.

#### Seize The Future, Grads!

"Seize the Future" was the name of industrial arts teacher David Dean's Commencement Address. Dean spoke about how the world has changed and machines are replacing common laborers. He also emphasized how important it is to get a strong post-high school education and how luck we are to live in this community with all of its advantages.

Dean's speech was especially important as it marked the end of his career as a teacher. Although he was nervous about the speech, he gave it anyway because he said, "I felt I had a message."

The 87th Annual Commencement took place June 7 at 3 p.m.

- Kelly MacAdam

COMMENCEMENT: IS IT THE BEGIN-NING OR THE END?

"I see it as a new beginning of life. It's great to be getting out of here." — Elizabeth Villareal

"It's the logical end to high school, but I can't wait for college. It's a beginning to the real world." — Karen Slusar

"It's a new beginning to the rest of our lives." — Vanessa Talbott

"It's an end to four wonderful years in this great institution. Yeah right!" — Tanya Brooks

"It's a gateway to your other life." — Aaron Owens

"It's a beginning to life and an end of heck." — Eric Reffett

"It's the beginning of me becoming a millionaire." — Andy Johnson

"It's the beginning of living by mysel — Angie Spalo

"A chance to be your own person." Marnie Preuss

"It's the end of the beginning." — Ell Papadakis

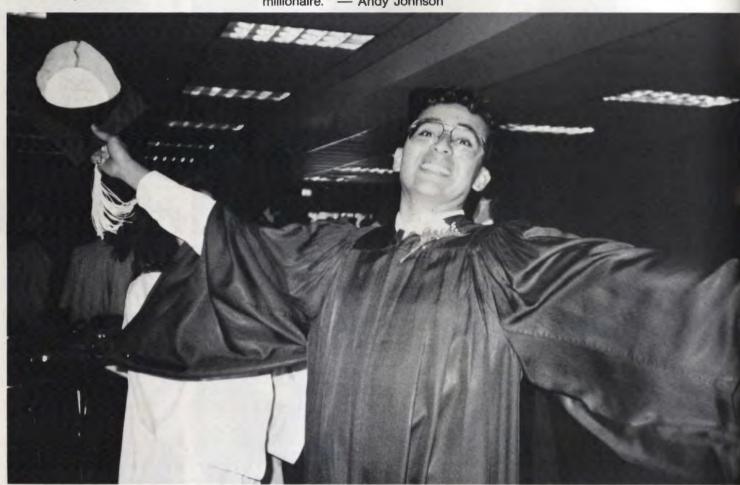
"A chance to put behind all your makes and start fresh." — Anna Beren son

"End of high school, beginning of a lege." — Jason Spinelli

"End of all the great memories, yet to beginning of new ones." — Patty Nie

"The beginning of new obstacles the will have to face in my future." — Sand Dawson

"It's called get the h-e-double hock sticks out of here." — Paul Hauserm



Gus Nieto reveals his emotions at the prospect of graduating after four years of hard work.

Jamie Mackert and Greg Juarez pause before lining up for the graduation processional.



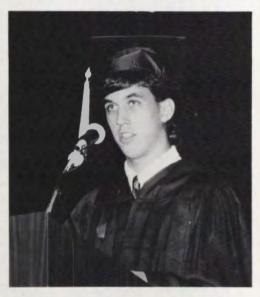
Waiting to march into the graduation ceremony takes patience, as Jeanine Goodman and Julianne Graczyk show.



Angie Spalo has that "I'm outta here!" smile.



Valedictorian Sean Odell introduces speaker David Dean.





flowers.

Trixie Kiehn and Beth Villarreal take their graduation



Sean Power and Jennifer Vavrek are eager to go through the Commencement ceremony.



# PEOPLE

Changing from one grade to another was a completely different experience. When becoming a freshman, you have to worry about different aspects of the school year. First, you need to worry about changing to a different school. Second of all, when you think you have finally gotten used to being a freshman, towards the end of the year, freshman hell week hit you. Sophomores change from being a rhiney, to the next higher level and more rights, like receiving their drivers license. Juniors are one year closer to graduating, but have to deal with tests like the PSAT-NMSQT, ACT, and SAT. Finally, the Seniors had to graduate after senioritis hits.

Seniors were mainly interested into sleeping and having a good time. Also, trying very hard to survive when Senioritis hits.

Juniors bought their class rings and fashion them around school. When not fashioning their rings around school, they are studying for one of their many tests.

Sophomores were full of more spirit than they were freshman year. But the question is "why?" Was it because they were on the verge of receiving their licenses and maybe a car? Who knows why, but they certainly made their sophomore year completely different.

Freshmen not only had to deal with entering this school for the first time, but entering this school with older brother and sisters already here. Sibling rivalry could explain why the freshmen had the wide variety of different ways of expressing their personalities.

Overall, this year, each class was introduced to different classes and new privileges, which helped to make a completely different year for all involved.

- Mary Jo Prusko



Freshman Kate Palczynski is showing off her layout for Horticulture.

Junior Erik Secker, senior Tom Phipps, and junior Derek Barton enjoy their sub sandwiches for Peer Writing Tutors.





Editors — Chris Baginski Mary Jo Prusko RaeAnn Dawson Chau Truong Freshmen Trina Chalupa and Andrea Bahr take a break from the hectic Student Council meeting.



John Prusko



Elisa Biancalana & Jennee Caligiuri

Brian Schulz







Rob Rivan & Regina Viscog



Bryan Gall





Carlo Herrero and Janice Mies



Trista Chalupa, Nikki Giammanco, Nikki Brockman, Angie Chavez & Gerri Cruz

# SENIORS



Senior Class Officers: Pres. Alicia Garceau, Vice-Pres. Aaron Owens, Treas. Lynn Ellerbruch, Sec. Sandy Dawson.

## We're Infected!

Sit back and relax ... you've entered your senior year. That's the way most of us feel in August of 1991 when we trudge back to We Go for the last year. It's the first and by no means the last symptom of senioritis.

After catching the dreaded disease, most of us experience the belief that we suddenly have more privileges. Said Courtney Adams, "We don't get any more privileges, but most of us tend to think we do." I did manage to find some things that we were able to get because of our seniority, though. "We get parking stickers first," pointed out Valerie Lund. "We can cut in the

lunch line. Who's going to say anything? The underclassmen?" asked Sybil Ruiz. My feelings are that as a senior, we get to experience one of the mysteries of high school life. We get to win Homecoming, no matter what.

The most important thing to remember about senioritis that THERE IS NO CURE. It provides the perfect excuse for anything. If you: forget to do your homework, cut class and get caught, or get nailed disobeying any other rules, simply tell the Administration that you've caught senioritis. I'm sure they'll understand.

-Chris Baginski

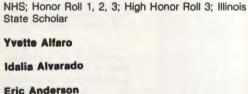
Courtney Adams: Ski Club 4; Badminton 1, 2, 3, 4;



















Andy Auer

Gretchen Austgen

Christine Baginski: Challenge 2, 3, Editor-in-Chief 4; Wrestling Manager 1, 2, 3, 4; NHS; French NHS; Quill and Scroll Honor Society; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Math Team 4; Fashion Show 4; PE Leader 4; Mock Trial Team 4.

Natalie Baker: Peer Writing Tutor 4; German Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; Fox Valley Honors Band 2, 3, 4; IMEA District Honors Band 4; Swimming 2, 3; NHS; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 3; Illinois State Scholar; German NHS.

Rebecca Baker: SADD 2; French Club 2, 3, 4; FBLA 4; NHS; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3; High Honor Roll 4; Illinois State Scholar; French NHS.

Sarah Bant: Peer Writing Tutor 4; SEAC 4; Spanish Club 3, 4; FBLA 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Solo and Ensemble Contest; Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 2; NHS; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3; Illinois State Scholar; Exchange Student Costa Rica 3; Student Ambassador to Eastern Europe; All Conference Swimming 2, 3, 4; Academic All Conference Swimming; Spanish NHS.

#### **Dayna Barnes**

**Andrea Barrientos** 

Claudia Beaugrand

**Duane Belniak** 

**David Bement** 

Anna Berendson: SADD 2; Challenge 4, Softball 2; Wrestling Manager 1, 2, 3, 4; NHS; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Illinois State Scholar.

Elisa Biancalana: Transferred from Resurrection High School 2; SADD 1; Ski Club 3, 4; SEAC 4; Spanish Club 4; FBLA 3; *Phoenix* 4; *Bridge* 3, 4; Cross Country 1; Swimming 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Dance Production 4; NHS; Honor Roll 3: High Honor Roll 1, 2, 4; Illinois State Scholar; Academic All Conference Swimming 2; Academic All Conference Track 3.

Karina Bite: SEAC 1, 2; German Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Phoenix 2, 3, 4; Bridge 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Winter Play 4, Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4, All Conference Academic 2, 3; National Honor Society; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Exchange Student to Germany Summer 3.

Jason Blenkle: NHS; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Illinois State Scholar; German NHS.

**Donald Bloomberg:** Choir 1, 2; Tennis 2; Golf 1; Swimming 3.

Tiffany Blum: Basketball 1, 2; Volleyball 1; Softball 1, 2.

Jeanine Bockman: Swimming 1; Fall Play 2, 3; Winter Play Crew 2, Stage Manager 3; Musical 3; Thespians 2, 3; Spanish Club 1; Yearbook 2; Badminton 2; Exchange Student to Scotland 4.

Kirstin Bopp: German Club 2; Math Club 1, 2, 3; NHS; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Illinois State Scholar; German NHS.

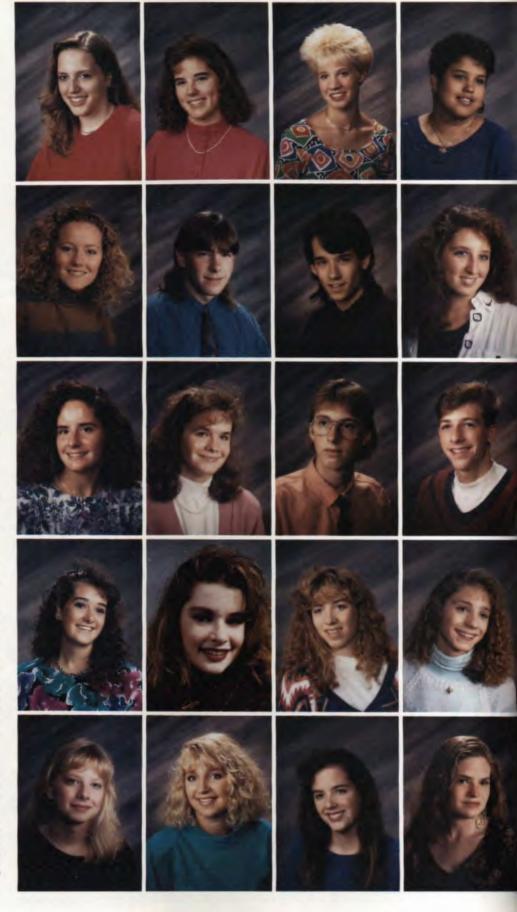
Laura Bozidarevic: German Club 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Musical Orchestra 3; Fox Valley Honors Band 2, 3, 4; Solo and Ensemble Contest 1, 2, 3, 4; Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4, State Qualifier 3, 4; Most Improved Swimming 3; Girls Sectional Bowling Team 2, 3, 4, State Qualifier 3; NHS; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 3; DuPage Academic All Conference 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All American 4.

#### Jessica Bridge

Nikki Brockman: Pep Club 3, 4, Vice President 3; Student Council 1, 2; Football Cheerleader 2; Basketball Cheerleader 2; Homecoming Court; Honor Roll 3.

Tanya Brooks: Peer Writing Tutor 4; Class Representative 1, 2; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Madrigals 4; First Place Solo and Ensemble Contest 3, 4; Tennis 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2; Softball 1; Track 4; Pom Pons 4; NHS; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Exchange Student to Australia 2; PE Leader 4.

Tricia Bryan



## I Remember

When Collin told us he saw a bear and the whole school laughed. -Brandon McCauley

Everyone leaving during sophomore year on that day that should have been a snow day. - Mike Zelman

Driving around in Sandy Dawson's beater. — Trista Chalupa

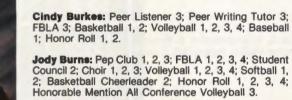






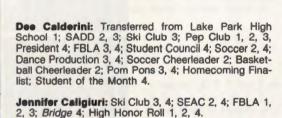






Honor Roll 1, 2.

James Cabrera: Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4;



Mike Callarman: Cross Country 1, 2, 3, Captain 4; Swimming 4; Track 1, 2, 4, Captain 3; Honor Roll 1.

Douglas Campbell: Peer Writing Tutors 3; FBLA 4; Mock Trial Team 3, 4; Class Officer President 2, Secretary 3; Choir 3, 4; Madrigals 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 3; Homecoming Finalist; NHS; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys Octet 3, 4; State Music Contest 3, 4.

Trista Chalupa: Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Student Council Representative 2, 3, 4; Homecoming Queen, Prom Court.

Angelica Chavez: French Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4; FBLA 2, 3, 4; Tennis 1; Dance Production 3, 4; Homecoming Court; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3; Prom Committee 3; Student Council Representative 2,

Kimberly Christensen

Kurt Christopherson: Football 1; Track 1; NHS; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.

Ruby Cielo: Bilingual Club 2, 3; Soccer 1, 2.

Caroline Cinquegrani: Spanish Club 1; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council Representative 1, 2; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2; Honor Roll 3, 4; Academic All-Conference Soccer 2, 3; Spanish Tutor.

**Kelly Coler:** Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Volleyball 1, 2; Homecoming Finalist; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3; Fashion Show 4.

#### **Crystal Coletti**

Yvette Contreras: French Club 2, 3, 4; Cross Country 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling Cheerleader 4; Soccer Cheerleader 4; Honor Roll 1, 2; Exchange Student to France 2; All-Conference Track 1, 2, Cross Country 2; Honorable Mention Cross Country 2.

#### John Cowling

**Shaun Cronin:** German Club 2, 3, 4; Soccer 1; Football 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; NHS, Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Student of the Month 4.

#### German Cruz

Laura Cruz: NHS; Honor Roll 2.

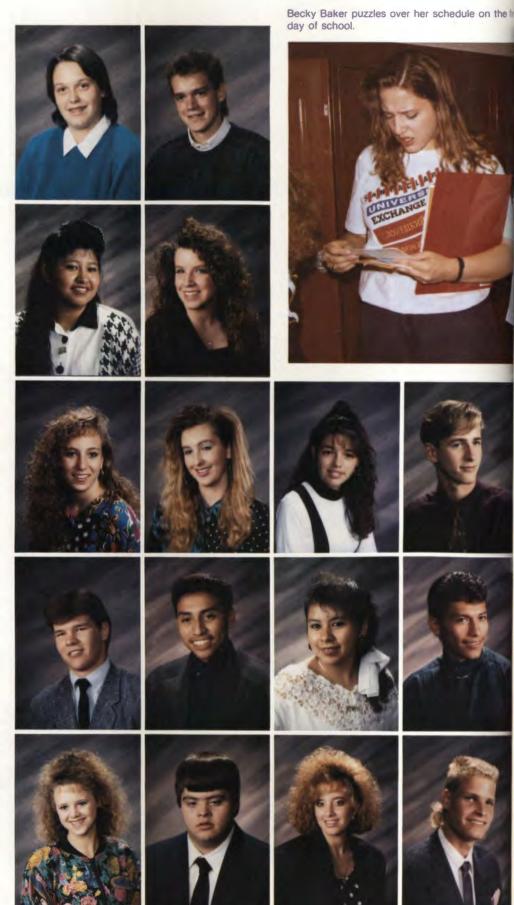
#### Roberto Cuiriz

Sandy Dawson: Peer Listening 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 4; Challenge 3, 4; Class Officer Representative 3, Secretary 4; Executive Board Treasurer 4; Soccer 1, 2; Homecoming Court; Honor Roll 2, 3, 4; Student Announcements 4; Fashion Show 4.

#### John Day

#### Michelle DeBenedictis

**Brandon DeBlecourt:** Swimming 1; Track 2; Varsity Baseball Manager 3.





Zenaido Diaz: Soccer 1, 2, 3, Soccer Captain 4; All Area Team; All Conference Team; Athlete of the Week.

Jessica DiBella

**Ann Diomedes** 

Jennifer Doggett: Peer Listeners 3, 4; Clowns 2, 3; SEAC 3; Pep Club 2, 3, 4; VICA 4; FBLA 3, 4, Reporter 4; Bridge 3; Class Officer 1, Freshman Class President; Fall Play 3, 4; Soccer Cheerleader 3, 4, Captain 4; Football Cheerleader 2; Basketball Cheerleader 2; High Honor Roll 2, 4.

Robert Dujmovic: Football 1; Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4.

James Dyl

Nancy Eaton: Peer Listener 4; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Jazz Band 1; P.E. Leader 4; Swimming 1, 2.

Matt Ebelt: Basketball 1, 2, 3.

Lynn Ellerbruch: Ski Club 3; German Club 3, 4; FBLA 3; Class Treasurer 2, 3, 4; Exec Board Treasurer 3; Exec Board President 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Queen; Homecoming Finalist; NHS; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 2, 3; Illinois State Scholar; German National Honor Society; Most Improved Volleyball 4.



**Anna Elliot** 



Jeffrey Everett

Karla Sosulski grins for the camera.

#### Kristen Farrell

Esmeralda Fernandez: Bilingual Club 1, 2, 3; International Club 4; Orchestra 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Solo and Ensemble Contest 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Marching Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4.

Gerardo Fernandez: Bilingual Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4.

#### **Matt Filippo**

#### **Angel Flores**

Tom Fox: Ski Club 3, 4; French Club 3, 4; German Club 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 1, 2, 4; Math Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FBLA 2, 3, 4; Bridge 4; NHS; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Illinois State Scholar; Spanish NHS; German NHS; National Merit Scholarship Commended Student.

Brian Fraser: Wrestling 1; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.

#### Jinnie Fuller

#### **Bryan Gall**

Alicia Garceau: Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4; Bridge 3, 4; Student Council 4, Class President 4; French Club 3, 3; SEAC 2; Track 1; NHS; Honor Roll

#### **Faviola Garcia**

#### **Nathan Garmatz**

#### **Mark Geisier**

Elizabeth Gernand: SEAC 4; Bridge 4; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, Co-Captain 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; NHS; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Honorable Mention All-Conference Softball 2; First Team All-Conference Softball 3; Honorable Mention All-Area Softball 3; Most Improved Player Softball 2, 3.

Michael Gervais: Cross Country 1, 2, 4; Track 1, 3; All-Conference Cross Country 1, 2.

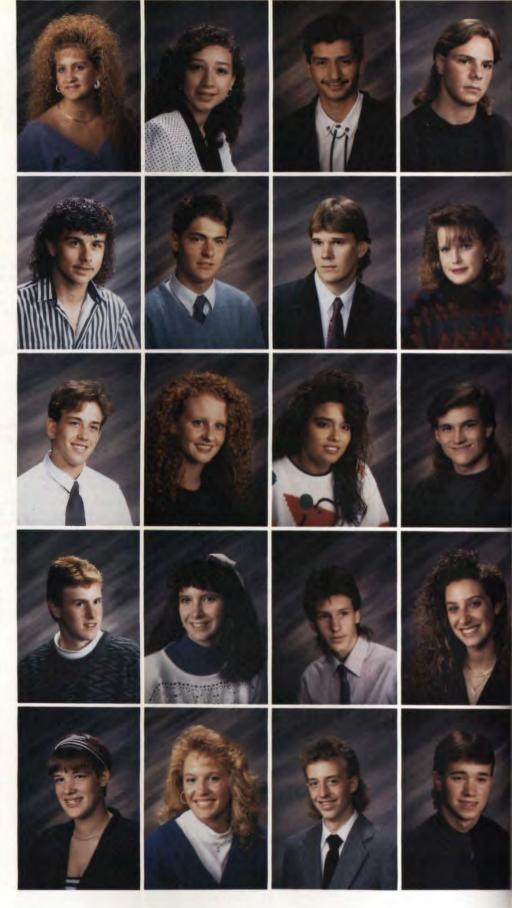
#### Nikki Giammanco

**Jeanine Goodman:** SEAC 3; German 1, 2, 3; *Challenge* 1; Fall Play Crew 4; Choir 2, 4; Basketball 2; Pom Pons 3, 4.

Julianne Graczyk: Peer Writing Tutor 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, Secretary 4; Bridge 4; Dance Production 4; Football Cheerleader 2, 3, Captain 4; Basketball Cheerleader 2, 3, Captain 4; Homecoming Court; NHS; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.

Mike Greene Golf 1, 2.

Steve Griffey



## Senior Advice

Try to be Mature.
- Karla Sosulski

Enjoy it while you can; it's over before you know it. - Valerie Lund

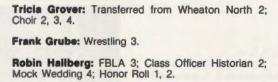


Amy Szwajkowski tries to pretend she's a morning person by putting on a big grin for school.



















**Debbie Hanlock** 

Paul Hausermann: Ski Club 4; VICA 3, 4.

Matthew Haverty: Ski Club 3, 4; German Club 3, 4; FBLA 4; Bridge 4; Fall Play 4; Winter Play Crew 4; Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4; Golf 3; Basketball 1, 2; NHS; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Illinois State Scholar; Student of the Month 4.







Jessica Heath Eric Heinz Parrish Heinz



Mauricio Hernandez: Bilingual Club 2, 3; Soccer 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 2, 3.

Carlo Herrero: German Club 4; Football 1, 2; Track 1; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; German NHS.

**Erick Herrero** 

Lisa Herzer

Thilo Hey: German Exchange Student 4; Ski Club 4; German Club 4; Challenge 4.

Zach Hoffman

Peter Holloway: FBLA 1, 2, 3, Historian 4; Football 1; Honor Roll 4.

Lisa Jarmy

Melissa Jasurda: VICA 3, 4.

Andrew Johnson: Peer Listener 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 4 Captain 2; NHS; Honor Roll.

Greg Juarez: Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 4.

Cheri Karns

**John Keyzer:** VICA 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2; Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4.

**Thomas Kiesler:** SEAC 4; International Club 4; Football 2; NHS; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3.

Tonya Kotajarvi: Pep Club 3; Soccer 2, 3, 4; Fashion Show 4.

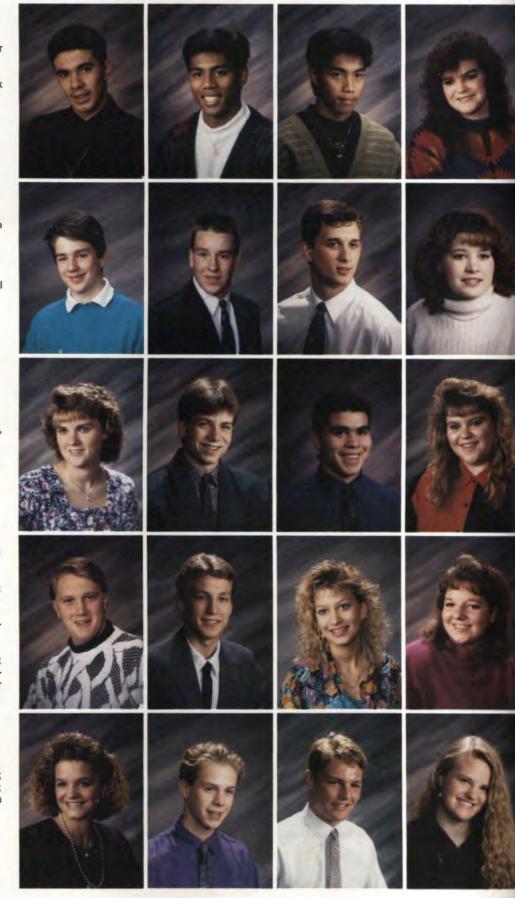
**Liea Kreznor:** Transferred St. Francis 3; VICA 4; Student Council 2; Basketball 1; Softball 1, 2; Football Cheerleader 3; Basketball Cheerleader 3; Honor Roll 1, 2.

Jennifer Kronkow: VICA 4; Choir 2, 3, 4.

Patrick Kuhn: Ski Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Peer Listeners 4; Bridge 4; Choir 3, 4; Swimming 1; Wrestling 1, 2; Homecoming Finalist; Honor Roll 1, 4; Fashion Show 4.

**Rob Kuhn** 

Malia Leck





Brian Levake: Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Bridge 3, 4; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Jazz Band 1, 2; Fall Play 4; Musical Orchestra 3, 4; Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4; Swimming Manager 1; Honor Roll 1.

**Gina Lipscomb:** SEAC 2; *Bridge* 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4.

Christine Lipske: Peer Writing Tutor 4; French Club 2, 3; VICA Historian 4; Mock Trial Team 2: Fall Play Crew 2.



Pilar Lopez: Bilingual Club 2.

Valerie Lund: Peer Writing Tutor 3; French Club 2; Pep Club 3, 4; Choir 4; Dance Production 3, 4; Pom Pons 3, 4; Honor Roll 2, 3, 4.



Jesus Macias: Football 1, 2; NHS; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3,

**Jamie Mackert** 

Tammy Magnusson: VICA 4; Soccer 1, 2, 3.



Christine Malouf Michelle May John Mazzola

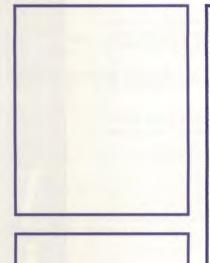


**Brandon McCauley:** Basketball 1, 2; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Court.

Michael McCluskey

Jamie McDole

## Reunion Predictions . . .



The guys will still be wearing their WARRANT tshirts. - Brandon McCauley

Two of us will be rich (me and someone else). - Mike Zelman

Sean Power will be a famous writer and the rest of us will be lining up to get his autograph. -Rebecca Baker

Monica Mende: Peer Listener 3, 4; Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Musical 3, 4; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Swing Choir 1; Fox Valley Honors Choir 1; Solo and Ensemble Contest 2, 3, 4; Organizational Contest 1, 3; Dance Production 3, 4; Football Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Basketball Cheerleader 2, 4.

Lilia Mendoza: French Club 2, 3, 4; FBLA 2, 4; Fall Play 4; Musical 3; P.E. Leader.

Jennifer Mennella: SADD 2; Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Pom Pons 3, 4; Homecoming Finalist.

Jaime Menola: Transferred St. Edward Central High School 3; Ski Club 3, 4; Pep Club 3, 4; FBLA 3; Tennis 3, 4; Honorable Mention All-Conference Tennis 4; Tennis Captain 4; Tennis Coaches Award 3, 4.

#### Russ Meza

Janice Mies: French Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 2, 3, 4; FBLA 4; Fall Play 2, 3, 4; Children's Play 4; Winter Play 4; Musical 4; Thespians 4; Tennis 1; Soccer Cheerleader 4; Honor Roll 3, 4; Exchange Student France 2.

Victor Hugo Miranda: Transferred from Wheaton North 3; Peer Writing Tutor 4; Bridge 4; Fall Play 2; Winter Play 2; Musical 2; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain 4; Wrestling 2, 4; NHS; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; All-Conference Special Mention Football 4; Academic All-Conference Team 3, 4; Physical Fitness Award 3.

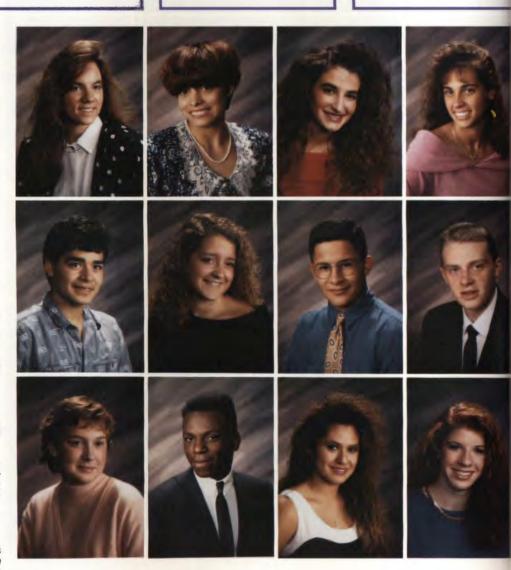
#### **Jason Mummert**

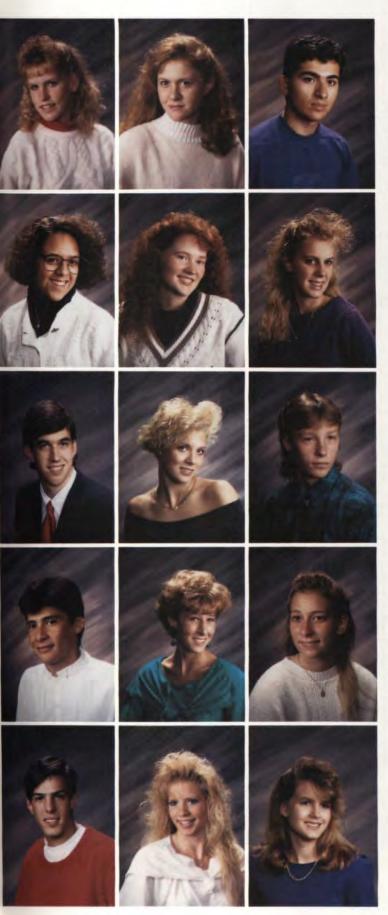
Jeanine Murphy: Peer Writing Tutor 3, 4; Bridge 3, 4; Volleyball Manager 1; Honor Roll 3; Second Place in JEA Contest.

Jabaar Murray: Peer Listener 4; FBLA 1, 2, 3, 4; International Club 4; Mock Trial Team 3; Junior Class President 3; Football 1, 2, 3; Track 1, 2, 4; Dance Production 4; NHS; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Illinois State Scholar; National Honor Society.

#### Luz Maria Munez

**Erin Myers:** Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Freshman Class Secretary; Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 4; Dance Production 3, 4; Basketball Cheerleader 3; NHS; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 3.





Samantha Newby: SADD 1, 2, 3; Peer Writing Tutor 4; Clown Team 1, 2; German Club 3, 4; Spanish Club 1, 2; FBLA 3; Bridge 4; Challenge 3, 4; Winter Play 4; Tennis 2; Cross Country 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4; NHS; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Illinois State Scholar; Academic All-Conference Track 3, Cross Country 3, 4; MVP Cross Country 4; German NHS; Quill and Scroll Award.

Jeanne Newton: Orchestra 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Fox Valley Honors Band 3, 4; Badminton 2, 3, 4; NHS; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; German NHS.

Gustavno Nieto: Peer Writing Tutor 4; International Club 4; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; NHS; Honor Roll 2, 3, 4; French NHS.

Patty Nieto: Honor Roll 1; Spanish NHS.

Colleen Nourie Roberta Nyman

Sean Odell: Math Club 4; Scholastic Bowl 4; Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4; Soccer 1, 2, 3; Wrestling 1; NHS; Illinois State Scholar; German National Honor Society; Tennis Academic All Conference 3.

Barb Oen Edward Organ

Jorge Ortiz

Jennifer Ortyl: Honor Roll 2, 3; First Place National French Contest.

Cherie Oskerka

**Aaron Owens:** Peer Listener 3; *Bridge* 3, 4; Student Council Vice President 4; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4 Captain 3; Homecoming King; Prom King; Honorable Mention All-Conference Soccer.

Elizabeth Owens: SADD 2; Pep Club 1; VICA 4.

**Danielle Pande** 

Elliot Papadakis: Transfer student from Mather, Chicago, IL, 2; FBLA 3, 4; Cross Country 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All Conference 3, 4; Basketball 2; Track 2, 3, 4; Academic All Conference 3, 4; P.E. Leader; Honor Roll 2, 3, 4.

#### Jose Pasindo

Seema Patel: SADD 1, 2; Peer Listener 3, 4; SEAC 1, 2; Fall Play 2, 3, 4; Winter Play 2, 3, 4; Thespians 3, 4; Swimming 1.

#### Michael Perez

Jorie Peterson

Matthew Pheneger

Thomas Phipps Band 1, 2.

**Erin Porter** 

Sean Power: Phoenix 2, 3; Bridge 4; Mock Trial Team 3, 4; Soccer 1; NHS; Honor Roll 2, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 3; Illinois State Scholar.

#### Marnie Preuss

Vanessa Price: Peer Writing Tutor 3; Badminton 2, 3, 4; NHS; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Most Improved Player Badminton 2; Academic All-Conference Badminton 3, 4.

John Prusko: SADD 2, 3, 4; SEAC 2,3, 4; Spanish Club 2, 3; International Club 4; Bridge 2, 3, 4; Challenge 1; Cross Country 3; Track 2; Honor Roll 2, 3, 4.

#### David Ragedale Michael Rakow

Heidi Ratliff

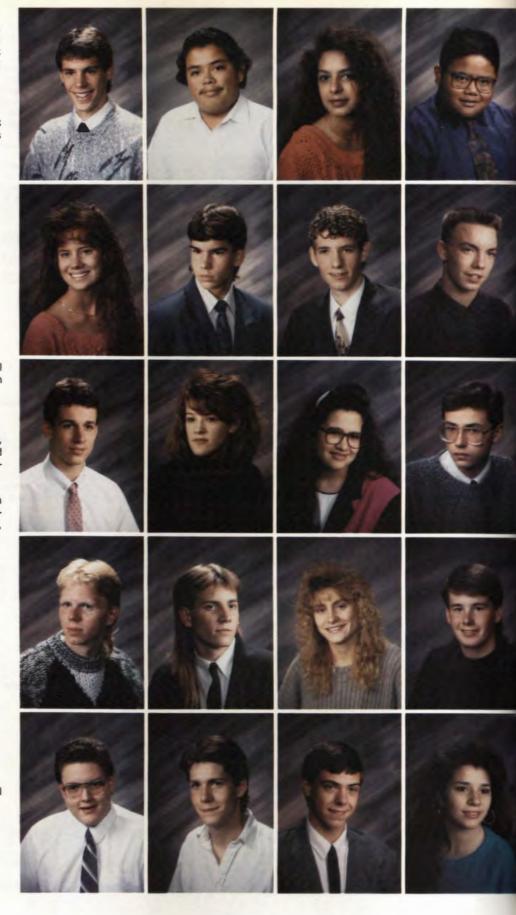
Kelly Reed: VICA 4; Tennis 1; Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4.

#### **Anthony Reedy**

**Brian Reese:** Transferred from Crystal Lake Central 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4.

**Eric Reffett** 

Michelle Reiner







Robert Rivan: German Club 1; FBLA 2, 3; Cross Country 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 2; Illinois State Scholar.

#### **Eric Roberts**

Roger Rollo: Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Wrestling 2, 3; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Honorable Mention All-Conference Football 4.

Eileen Romero: Bilingual Club 2, 3.

Jenny Rose: Orchestra 1; Choir 3; Swing Choir 1; Soccer 3; Basketball 2; Volleyball 4; Softball 2.

**Kelly Roy:** Ski Club 1; Class Officer, Representative 2,3, 4; Executive Board Parliamentarian 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, Captain 4; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Homecoming Finalist; National Honors Society; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; German National Honors Society.

Jason Rudigier: Ski Club 3, 4; Peer Listeners 4; SEAC 3, 4; International Club 4; National Honor Society.

**Sybil Ruiz:** Peer Writing Tutor 3, 4; Pep Club 2, 3, Vice President 4; Class Representative 2, 4, Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Dance Production 4; Manager Girls Basketball 1; Football and Basketball Cheerleader Captain 2; Pom Pons 3, 4; Prom Court; Homecoming Finalist; Honor Roll.

Torge Runge: Exchange Student from Bremen, Germany; German Club 4; Orchestra 4; Band 4; Choir 4; Swimming 4.

Shawn Russell
Juan Sanchez
Kurt Schellenberg

Eric Schlotzer: Ski Club 3, 4; SEAC 3; German Club 4; Spanish Club 2, 3; FBLA 1; Bridge 3, 4; Chorus 4; Fox Valley Honors Choir 4; Boys Octet, AATG German Exam Award; PE Leader 4.

**Derek Schoepf:** Audio Visual Team 2, 3, 4; Class Officer, Secretary 2, Representative 1, 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2.

**Brian Schulz** 

Karen Schuster: Peer Listener 1; Clowns 1; VICA 3; Audio Visual Aid 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1.

Kristyn Schwab: Basketball 1, 2; Volleyball 1.

**David Siers:** Ski Club 3, 4; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4, All Conference, All-Area; Baseball 1; Homecoming Finalist; National Honor Society.

Michelle Siers: VICA 4; Swimming 2.

Karen Slusar: Ski Club 3, 4; SEAC 2, 4; FBLA 2; Phoenix 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Badminton 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Illinois State Scholar; 1st Place State Music Contest for the Flute Trio.

John Smart: Football 1; Wrestling 1, 2, 3; Baseball 1.

**Victoria Smith** 

Karla Sosulski

**Angela Spalo:** Peer Listeners 2, 3, 4; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain 2, Academic All Conference 1, 3; National Honor Society; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.

Kristie Spielman: Ski Club 4; SEAC 4; Spanish Club 1; Pep Club 1, 4, Treasurer; FBLA 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, JV Captain; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Dance Production 4; Pom Pons 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.

Kelle Spoden: SEAC 4; Volleyball 1.

Jason Spohn

#### **Andy Srachta**

Brian Stewart: Ski Club 3, 4; German Club 3, 4; Orchestra 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Jazz Band 1; Musical Orchestra 3; Tennis 4; Football 1; Swimming 4; Honor Roll 1, 4.

Doug Stewart: SADD 4; VICA 3, 4.

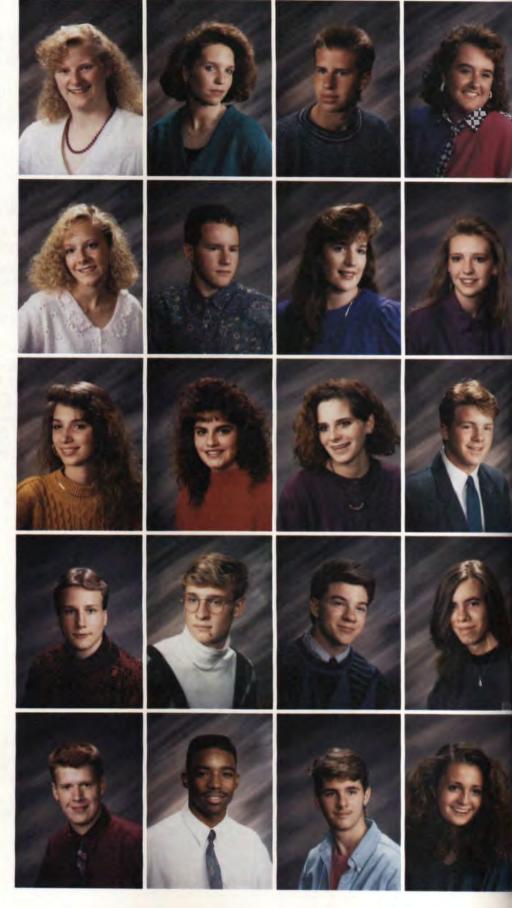
Eric Strandboe

Nick Streams: Ski Club 1, 2, 3, 4, President; SEAC 4; French Club 3, 4, Treasurer; Math Club 1, 2; FBLA 2, 3, 4; Bridge 4; Tennis 1, 2, 4; Golf 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1; Honor Roll 1, 4; High Honor Roll 2; Illinois State Scholar; Exchange Student to Australia 3.

#### Travaris Sullivan

Collin Szewczyk: Ski Club 2, 3, 4; Choir 4; Basketball 1.

Amy Szwaikowski



## **Favorite Teachers**

Trig with Mr.
Gimre. It was his
first year and he
proved himself to
be the ultimate
math wizard. Karla Sosulski

Mrs. Binkleycarpe diem! -Chris Baginski

Sean Power and Brian LeVake try out their directing skills by creating their own video yearbook.



















Chau Truong: Ski Club 3, 4; SEAC 3; FBLA 3; International Club 4; Challenge 2, 3, 4; Fall Play 3; Musical 3.

Clay Turner

**Karen Tyranoweki:** SADD 2; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, Secretary 3; Tennis 2; Track 1, 2; Prom Court; Homecoming Finalist.

Josh Urban: Ski Club 2, 3, 4; Football 1; Basketball 1, 2; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Homecoming Court; Fashion Show 4.

David Vaillancourt: SADD 1; Band 1; Soccer 1, 2, 4; Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2; Manager of Girls Diving

Jennifer Vavrek: German Club 2, 3, 4; Math Club 3, 4; Orchestra 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Musical Orchestra 3, 4; Fox Valley Honors Band and Orchestra 2; Solo Ensemble Contest First Place 2, 3; State Qualifier 1, 2, 3, 4; Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4, All State 2, 3, All American 3; National Honor Society; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Illinois State Scholar; Student of the Month 3; German National Honor Society.

Diana Vazquez: Bilingual Club 1.

Jeremy Velichkoff

Cheri Kams picks up her 1991 yearbook.



Angie Chavez and Valerie Lund show off their bond of friendship.



#### Elizabeth Villareal

Regina Viscogliosi: Ski Club 3; Peer Listeners 3; French Club 1, 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Jazz Band 1, 2, 3; Musical Orchestra 3; Fox Valley Honors Band 2; State Competitor Solo and Ensemble Contest 1,2, 3; Tennis 1; Swimming 2, 3, 4, Alternate State Swim Team 3, All Conference Academic 2, 3; National Honor Society, Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.

Joseph Wagenaar: Golf 2, 3, 4, Captain 4, MVP, All Conference; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain 4; Homecoming Finalist; Fashion Show 4.

#### Michelle Weber

#### **Vickie Wehrs**

**Ken Westerhausen:** VICA 3, 4; Audio Visual Aide 1, 2, 3; Fall Play 1, 2, 3; Children's Play 1, 2, 3; Winter Play 1, 2, 3; Thespians 1.

**Porsche Willenbring:** Transfer student from The Colony High School, The Colony, Texas; Soccer 1; Volleyball 1.

#### Samantha Wilson

#### Jill Woodward

#### Kristen Wright

Janine Wurm: Peer Writing Tutors 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Football Cheerleader 2, 3; Basketball Cheerleader 2 Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.

#### Ken Yanke

Dan Yonan: Ski Club 3, 4; French Club 3, 4; German Club 3; Math Club 1; FBLA 2, 3, 4; President 4; Mock Trial Team 3, 4; Tennis 2, 3, 4; Soccer 1, 3; Honor Roll 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1.

Mike Zelman: Cross Country 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2; Track 1, 2; NHS; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3; Illinois State Scholar.

**Dawn Zylinski:** Fall Play 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Dance Production 3, 4; Diving 1.



What were some of the worst things that happened to you during your four years here?

Not being student of the month--what an honor that would have been!--Karla Sosulski

The gossip that was always spread about everyone.--Trista

Chalupa

My Prom date getting arrested the day before my Junior Prom.—*Chris Baginski* 

Being the last one of my close friends to be asked to Prom junior year, and having my friends scream, "Sandy's going to Prom!" with him still standing there. I was so embar-rassed that my face was beet red and I was hiding in my locker.—Sandy Dawson

Having to get out of Erln Myers' car and pushing it by myself. The guys around were looking at me like I was some kind of weirdo.--Angie Chavez

#### What were your favorite classes and teachers?

Mme Appel for making me like goat cheese.--Angie Chavez

English 3 E with Mrs. Binkley.--Valerie Lund

Trig Enriched because Mrs. Carlson would always say the funnest things.—Natalie Baker

Those that included any mention of the words "field" and trips."-Rob Rivan

Conceptual Physics with Mr. Wiggin. Our study group would go to Cougars games and watch Strange Brew.—Mike Zelman

IF YOU COULD HAND SOME ADVICE DOWN TO THE UNDERCLASS-MEN, WHAT WOULD IT BE? IT HAS TO GET BET-

TER.--NANCY EATON
TRY TO DO EVERYTHING YOU CAN IN
YOUR FOUR YEARS
HERE.--ANN
DIOMEDES
GET OUT ASAP AND
CALM YOUR HAIR

CALM YOUR HAIR
DOWN!--KRIS WRIGHT
A MAN IS NOT TRULY A
MAN UNTIL HE HAS
EXPERIENCED INTRINSIC MOMENTUM.--ROB

RIVAN
ALWAYS LOOK AHEAD
OF YOU, AND BE READY
TO EXPERIENCE SOMETHING YOU HAVE
NEVER EXPERIENCED
BEFORE. OH, NEVER
BUY AN ELEVATOR
PASS.--ANGIE CHAVEZ

### What are your fondest memories of WCCHS?

Beating up Doug.--Collin Szewczyk Every Pom summer campespecially last summer with biscuits!--Jessica DiBella Getting kicked out of Business Law by Mrs. Farr .--Becky Baker Falling down in the middle of senior hall. I slipped on a peanut butter and jelly sandwich!--Sybil Ruiz The first time we went to Rockford for yearbook camp. A cockroach fell out of Samantha's napkin during the banquet dinner, and I got up and squished it.--Chris Baginski Hanging out at football games.--Karla Sosulski The power going out freshman year in the morning and school being cancelled .-- Mike Zelman Bowling films .-- Rob Rivan

# Words of Wisdom...

Where are you planning on going to school, and why? What do you plan on majoring in?

University of Illinois to major in Horticulture because I like saying the word "pulp."--Rob Rivan

University of Southern California-if I can afford it. I'll enter undecided and declare a major my sophomore year.--Mike Zelman

University of Wisconsin at Madison for International Relations--Nancy Eaton

Illinois Wesleyan for Biology. It's a good, small school.--Courtney Adams

Illinois State University to major in Biology or Chemistry for Pre-Med.—Sandy Dawson

lam probably going to COD because if I went to SIU (where I'd like to go) I'd party too much.—*Trista Chalupa* I will most likely be attending Illinois State University for Education. I want to be a grade school teacher.—*Valerie Lund* Either Northern Illinois or Purdue University to major in either Marketing or Building Contracting.—*Kris Wright* I'm going somewhere in California to get an education as well as a tan. My major will be Business Administration.—*Becky Baker* 

Iplan to go to a business school for two years and then go into travelling and become a flight attendant.—Angie Chavez

Iplan on going to the great College of DuPage to study to be a weather woman!--Karla Sosulski

#### What is the best thing about being a senior? Are there any privileges that you are aware of?

- Nothing really stands out, but it's like the locker room just smells a little sweeter and the Jell-O tastes a little jelloer.--
- Accidentally knocking into the underclassmen in the hallway.--Mike Zelman
- Being the party studs.--Collin Szweczyk
- Telling people what to do. Then you say "Hey, I'm a senior--do what I say." It worked well in my PE Leader class,-
  Nancy Eaton
- Being older than everyone else and not feeling inferior to anyone,-- Natalie Baker
- A privelege is to teach all the underclassmen all the good points you know and have learned.--Angie Chavez

# JUNIORS

# Workin' Hard

This year was completely different from last year for most juniors. It was also more difficult than last year. The juniors had to worry about filling out the ACT forms a day or two before they were due, writing a research paper before or during spring break, and raising money for Prom.

The research paper that is required by all juniors was a lot of fun. Abby Hutchins said that the research paper was an evil plot that the English department made up to punish the juniors. Others didn't say what they were feeling out loud, they just suffered in silence. Even though students at the time really didn't like it, they were relieved when it was finally over and handed in. Some felt that the evil

plot was over, until they heard that later in life they will need to do more papers like this.

Then came the ACT. Most students wanted to take it somewhere other than here, but needed to fill out the papers and send it to lowa in about a week. There were those students that wanted to take the test here in June, and missed out on the big rush to fill out the forms and answer if they liked or disliked repairing lawn mowers.

Over all, the juniors were able to make their junior year an enjoyable and memorable year, even though they had to deal with so many problems.

- Mary Jo Prusko



Advisor Rosalyn Carlson, President Soren Johnson, Vice-president Ana Treasurer Thea Hopkins and Advisor Lisa Black-Gomez stand in front disjunior Homecoming Float.

Paul Abella
John Acosta
John Adamo
Elizabeth Aguilar
Lizbeth Aguilar
Sully Aguilera
Michael Aigner

Thomas Aiken
Heather Albecker
Antonio Alfaro
Sara Allen
Victor Arellano
Carlos Ayala
Treece Begdonas

Wendy Bala Kevin Baldus Hilda Ballines Kimberly Barajas Amy Barnes Derek Barton Dina Bascharon

Kristin Bedow John Behling Mariana Benavides Katie Biros Elisabeth Blenkle Jenni Bloniarz Sheila Boduch





Dawn Borkowski Mike Brennan Amy Bridgeforth James Briggs Steven Broido Mark Brooks

Dana Brosseau Gregory Burke Taryn Burlison Barbara Bush Stephen Bush Kris Bussey

Wendy Byrne Alejandra Caballero Mario Caballero Daniel Cadena Michelle Caffarello Robert Camaro

Michael Campbell Teresa Carranza Rigoberto Castillo Israel Castro Francisco Chavez Veronica Chavez

George Chen Cory Christiansen Michael Christopher Beth Cinert Gina Clifford Rogelio Colorado

Ryan Conte Griselda Corral Eddie Cortez Fulgencio Cortez Martha Cortez Hugo Cuautle



Lisa Gray concentrates hard on a tough Pre-Eaculus problem.



Sara Allen raises her hand, in doubt of what her next move on the Macintosh is.



Layla Madi assuredly smiles, knowing the school day is almost over.

Carol Cusack Timothy Davis Michael Day Jeremy Deaton Erica Derby Shannon Derby Laura Doll

James Donovan Jon Dupuis Randy Duvall Danielle Ovorak Deborah Dvorak Ryan Evans Karla Fairbanks

Ryan Falkman Geoff Feinblatt Erin Fessler Richie Fikls Heather Fishbein David Flatter Michael Fraser

> Geoff Freeman Scott Fricke Shawn Gammill Amy Garceau Antonio Garcia Corrie Gilgallon Jenny Gill

Lisa Gray Stacy Gray Lisa Guarino Gretchen Haggenjos Julie Hahne Shellie Halfpenny Leon Hanson

> Rachael Harper April Hart Michael Hartigan Anna Hays





Anna Hays takes a quick break for doing her homework to laugh in the LRC.



Long time good friends Laura Rapinchuk and Corrie Gilgallon smile during a special lunch for the Peer Writers.



Erin Fessler leans across her desk to asl aumate if whall she is doing is right or not.

lessica Taylor, Richie Fikis, and Chris Murby find something amusing at the Winter formal that helped to raise money for Prom.



Katie Biros pays careful attention to fellow juniors explaining their point of view on a book during English class.



Friends Dana Brosseau and the bunny eared Derek Barton find time to have some fun in the LRC.

























Eric Heerwagen Erin Hennessy Irma Hernandez Christy Hesseling Kurt Hesterman Jane Hisey

Kenneth Hodgen Gregory Hofmann Jill Hohbein Thea Hopkins Michael Hunter Abigail Hutchins

Edward Ingram Annette Israel Rebecca Jaffe Raissa Jarosz Barbara Jasurda Nathan Jeppesen

Josue Jimenez Jenny Johnson Soren Johnson Keri Jones John Joy Darrell Kaelin













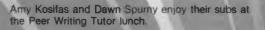






Mike Christopher, Brian-Metcall, and Scott Westmindiscuss the latest book they've read in English

Dayna Yoder and Mark Miller enjoy a slow dance during the Winter Formal.









Candace Kairys Tanya Keen Shpresa Kerimi Robert King Sherrie Kirby Melissa Klancir Scott Klosowski

Tate Knutson Twee Kong Megan Korbel Todd Kornoski Amy Kosifas Jay Kouba John Kovack

Kathleen Kruoch
James Kufer
Eric Lasky
Kelly Leonard
Mary Lester
Jennifer Lindsley
Tim Lindstrand

Kelly Little
Wendi Lofton
Shanon Logsdon
Kate Lootens
Ivonne Lopez
Arthur Ludwig
Kelly MacAdam

Mariel Malave Chancannica Mam Jeffrey Manring James Martin Jon Martin Kristin Martin Hanny Maschke

Hans Maschke Shannon Mason Amy Mastro Stacey Matthews Catherine Mattson Raymond McCarthy Tina McDermott



Sina Cifford talks on the phone at the Winter Formul as Julia Rodenkirch looks on



English teacher Mary Hafertepe helps out Ciara Walsh while writing her essay on the Macintosh



Kail Lootens and Lesley Ryan wave at the camera while up in the LRC.



Kelly McGloon Teresa McGriff Maria Mendoza Carolyn Mertz Brian Metcalf Danny Meyer

Sarah Meyers Brian Mila Mark Miller Ned Miller Sherri Miller Maria Morales

Jason Morgan Javad Morrow Eileen Mueller Christine Murphy Christine Murphy Jonathan Murphy

Denise Nance Hopie Napier Carlos Nava Yancy Neiswanger Derek Nelson Kirsten Nelson

Valerie Newman Leticia Nieves Miguel Ortiz Dainis Osis Gina Pace Rick Palma

Joe Palzer
Patricia Parra
Victoria Patalakha
Frank Paulin
Candelario Pena
Julianne Perciante



Enrique Perez Manuel Perez Richard Perez Joshua Pester Carrie Peterson Neill Power Desiree Prehn

Mary Jo Trusko
Fidel Ramirez
Osbaldo Ramos
Laura Rapinchuk
Matthew Reid
Azucena Resendiz
Jorge Resendiz

Ana Rincon Claudia Rincon Adrian Rios Julia Rodenkirch Michael Rogers Yobani Romero Ray Ruberte

Christopher Ruchala Lesley Ryan Dawn Sabathne Mark Sabatino Dana Sabol Joseph Sachse Pablo Salinas

> Maria Sanders Shilo Santiago Matthew Schlick Daniel Schultz Andrew Schwab J.J Schwan Paul Schwartz

Daniel Schwendeman
Erik Secker
John Seper
Manuel Serna
Raul Serrato
Ann Shim
Brett Siglin

Cesar Silva Joseph Slawa Paul Sleboda

Michael Smith Tiffany Smith Michele Sokolowski

> Megan Sollis John Sosulski Alejandro Sotelo

> > Javier Sotelo









Joseph Spinelli Dawn Spurny Betty Staniels James Staniels Molly Statz Benjamin Stieglitz

Jon Stoffels Rob Stromek Wallace Sullivan Emily Szesny Alejandro Tapia Jessica Taylor

Leigh Taylor Bridget Terry April Thomas Mike Thomas Nichole Thomas Victoria Thomas

Robert Thuer Pamela Toner Elizabeth Towater Heather Treudt Kristen Utley Carrie VanBuskirk

Carrie Vandercreek Leticia Vargas Louie Veneziano Guillermo Villafuerte Ciara Walsh Steve Walski

Nick Wandt Alan Warrington Jason Weihofen Ryan Weihofen Scott Westman Jill Westrom

Michael Williams Julie Wireman Jennifer Woods

Amy Woodward Gitte Worbye Dayna Yoder

Adrienne Yule Ann Zimmer Trina Zwicker

# SOPHOMORES

## We're Not Rhineys!

This year meant a lot to the class of 1994.

For one, they were no longer subject to the harsh tortures that go along with being a freshman. Freshmen no longer, they could not dish out what they had received as first year students here at WeGo, leaving many a rhiney with an overwhelming sense of apprehension. Todd Reffett said, "Wrestling was the most exciting time of my life, because I got to beat up on all the freshmen! I paid my dues last year; this year was my chance to get even!"

Most of the class of '94 took Driver's Ed this year, as well. This was a big source of excitement, and a step up for many. Said Felipe Hernandez, "I begged everyone to let me drive their car, and when Anna (Berendson) finally let me drive home from wrestling practice, I was so nervous that I didn't go above 25 the whole time. I was scared of getting pulled over, because all I owned was my permit, and that wasn't even with me! I hadn't been issued my blue slip yet, and Ann hadn't even had her license for more than a year. On top of that, she was on court supervision for driving with her lights off at about 10:00 p.m. during Homecoming Week. I was so relieved when I pulled in my driveway!"

The switch in status from freshman to sophomore had many privileges, and made 1992 a year to remember.

- Chris Baginski



Sophomore Class Officers: Kate Ryan, Treasurer; Cathy Carroll, Secretary; Raven Moore, President

Rachel Owens, Vice-President. Pictured: Brad Larson, advisor.

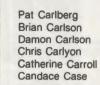
Alejandro Acosta Heather Adams Jason Adams Julio Aguilar Liliana Aguilar Ricardo Alfaro Jennie Au

Jen Ault Denise Babcock Jonathan Barrett Anton Barton Samantha Bauer Heather Beckett John Benavides

Douglas Berry Chris Bopp John Breen Jennifer Brosh Steven Brown Jeffrey Brumbaugh Amy Brunsen

James Bundy Courtney Burandt Heather Burleigh Jesse Byrne Craig Caffarello David Cappadora Jim Carbone







Verenice Castro Mark Centanni Karuna Chavda Joshua Chiaravelle Hollie Chicoine Steve Chytry

Stacy Ciombor Rich Clark Monique Cleminson Elizabeth Co Craig Combs Stephanie Combs

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Don Denges Christin Dibiase Brian Dieckmann Joie Dierenfield Samantha Dolen Ana Dominguez

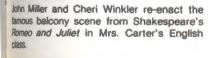


Rob Scott gets ready to march in the Homecoming parade.



In a race to clean off a cob of corn, Firas

Madi gnaws away.



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A group of proud sophomores show their school spirit by participating in the Homecoming parade.

Paul Johnson John Jovanovich Jessica Shinofield is caught in the act of reading a '90-'91 edition of the Challenge.

Steve Chytry as Lord Capulet orders Luisa Hernandez as Juliet to marry Paris as Rebecca Guzman (Nurse) and Diana Hanlock (Lady Capulet) look on.















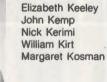






















































Peter Malave

Letty Pena models her formal dress which she wore for her Quinceñera last summer. A Quinceñera is the Mexican celebration of a girl's fifteenth birthday.



Typing, a topic learned in high school that is actually used later on in life, isn as easy as it looks.



Rich Marmolejo Tiina Martin Gustavo Martinez Nichole Martinez Dan Matejka Erin McCann Mindy McCormick

Dana McKenzie Darcy McLeod Sarah MacNerland Alfonso Medina Nirav Mehta Mark Mendralla Anthony Mennella

> **Chad Merritt** Amy Mertz Carie Mielke John Miller Perry Miller Katie Mitchell Jesse Montaivo

Raven Moore Merle Morris Vesta Mueller Vanessa Muhlberger Kristan Mulley Jeff Mummert Jose Munoz

































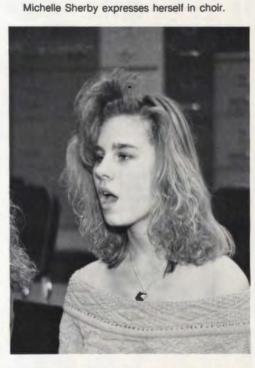




Sophomores show off their Wildcat apparel.









Nathan Navarre Matthew Nelson Carey Netzel

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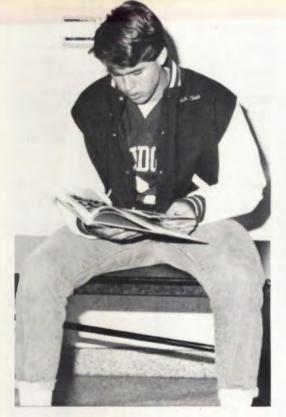


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Mrs. Austin helps Perry Miller in the Mac lab.



Rich Clark takes a look at the '90-'91 edition of the yearbook, Setting the Trend.



Deborah Perno Dustin Perry Tammy Pheneger Marie Pierce



John Rakow Avani Rami Juan Ramos Jennifer Ray



























John Jovanovich asks a question during a Student Council meeting while Skye Studebaker and Cathy Card listen in.









Kate Ryan Chris Sauber Melissa Saunders Melissa Schlenger



Dan Schoenberger Jeff Schopp Rebecca Schuster Sara Schwalm



Robert Soot Maria Senne Bhavini Shah Manali Shah







Jessica Sheppard Michelle Sherby Jessica Shinofield **Bridget Shockey** 







Fabricio Silva Jennifer Slagel Zora Slapak Jim Smiley





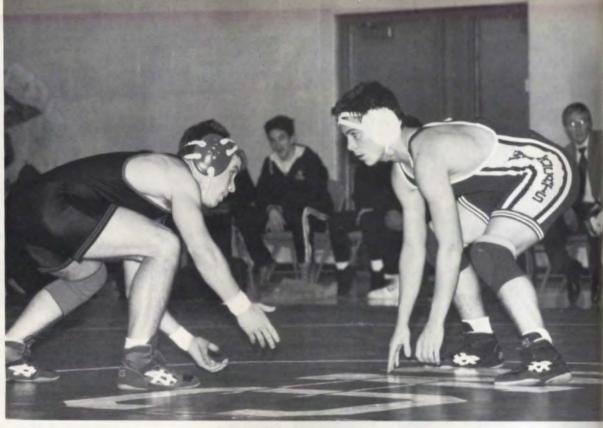
Dana Smith Jennifer Smith



Sophomores get into the Homecoming spirit by painting their faces.



Wrestler Todd Reffett works for a takedown during a match against Glenbard North.



Grant Speros Daniel Strandboe Steve Stephen Matthew Stewart

Skye Studebaker Rebecca Suerth Tom Suess Laurie Suhr

Megan Sullivan Rick Swanson Michael Tancula Nathan Tapp

Alicia Terry Adam Trejo William Tuma Matt Usterbowski

Julie Van Wallingham Dan Ventrelle Laura Vigsnes David Vingren









Wanessa Vovola Shannon Walkoe Scott Weber Bill Wehr



Jennifer Weigand Scott Weiss Matthew White Mike Wiesbrook



Cheri Winkler Eric Winkler Brittany Winquist Michael Winterhalder





Nicole Ybarra Caroline Yong Greg Yourek Brian Zeisler



Denise Ziemer

# FRESHMEN

# Making Waves '95 Takes Second Place

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For some freshmen, our first day of high school was scary. Some of us even got lost. However, it wasn't like that for all of us. Our first day at WeGo was a step toward a new and better future. More and more of us got involved in extracurricular activities such as sports, clubs, student council and other endeavors.

Homecoming was the first major event we organized. It gave us a chance to get to know each other and work together towards a common goal. And because of our hard work, we did well. Either we participated in the eating contests, helped build the float, or just wore black to the Homecoming pep assembly. In any case, we did our part and won a phenomenal second place! Not too bad for a bunch of rhineys! Next year we're sure to be NUMBER ONE!

We can be proud of what we've accomplished and what we've yet to do! The class of '95 is ready to make some waves and set some new standards for all other freshman classes to follow!

—RaeAnn Dawson



Freshman Class Officers. Front: Lisa Ellerbruch, secretary, Suzy Kochniarczyk, vice president Back:

Monica Novak, treasurer, Andre Bahr, president, Mary Ellen Daneels advisor.

Brian Adamo Guadalupe Aguilar Joel Alfaro Sarah Allred Chris Altman Aleia Anderson Raechel Anderson

> Mary Aragon Javier Arce Ehrin Arimura Aixell Arroyo Giovanni Arroyo Jodi Askin Rick Au

David Augustine Maria Ayala Erich Bachman Andrea Bahr Manuel Balmes Casey Balsitis Jessica Bartsch

































while Jesse Knaak, Heather Hlavaty look on.

Katie Nolan looks for a quote to use in her English paper.

### Inquiring Minds . . .

Kelly Vanbuskirk, Suzy Kochniarcyzk, Betsy Thuer and Trina Chalupa stop dancing at the Winter Formal to chat with the camera man.



Freshman guys and girls have two questions they most want to know — "Why don't freshman guys just tell us the truth about how they feel?" and "Why do freshman girls always go for the older guys?" To satisfy their curiosity I went out to find the answers.

First, why don't freshman guys just tell us how they feel? Andrea Bahr gave perhaps the best answer when she said, "They're afraid of us. They fear REAL women." Guys avoided the question. "We are too busy playing basketball," Dylan Biros, Jason Rhodes and Jeff Sterling jokingly replied. Real funny guys!

The next question most wanted to know is, "Why do freshman girls always go for older guys?" This question got even better replies than the first one. Expert Katie Brosseau answered truthfully, "I have to admit it. Older guys are sexier, older, can drive, and really know how to party!" Brandon Fantozzi pondered the question, too, and replied with an inquisitive look on his face, "They think they're more mature?"

I hope we pretty much answered your questions freshmen, and thanks for the answers!

- RaeAnn Dawson

Jeffrey Catalano Jennifer Cavaliere Trina Chalupa Vijay Chavda Dawn Chorobik Maribel Cielo Shawn Clark

Barbara Conaway Maria Cordero Mariano Cordero Alicia Cox Adam Crews Julio Cruz Joseph Czernik

Ajit Dadlani Eric Danek Joel Daniel Alejandro Darquea Christopher Davidson RaeAnn Dawson Jason Day

Lisa Debenedictis
Carrie DeBlecourt
Sandra Delatorre
Jason Delaurentis
Ben Delgado
Lisa Desalvo
Daniel Dibble

Deborah Dilley Andy Dvorak Nick Dye Tony Dye Matthew Dyl Lindsay Eichman Rachel Ekstrom







Alberto Garcia Armando Garcia Leilani Garcia Martha Garcia Natalia Garcia Michael Genovesi

Shawn Gervais Noelle Giammanco Kelly Gleason Lena Goering Kristie Goldbach Luis Gonzalez

Susan Grant Glenn Gray Andy Grotto Tara Grunwald Osvaldo Guajardo Anthony Guarino





Tony Klingberg shows off his freshly done homework in World Geography.



Monica Novak has fun at the Winter Formal.



While waiting in line to sharpen their pencils, Becky Manning and Ryan Brockway psyche themselves up for their English



Heather Hlavaty smiles proudly as the judges look at the Freshman float.



Noelle Giamannoo and Karen Hesterman read up in Health de for the final.

Laura Guevara Willie Guillen



Erick Harris Jennifer Hauger Tracy Haugh Tricia Hayes Christopher Hays Jennifer Henle Diana Herzer

Karen Hesterman Heather Hlavaty Steve Hohbein Anne Holloway Jamie Howieson Jessica Hubbs David Hubert

Matthew Hunter Dainyal Imbordino Rochelle Jackson Michael Jacobus Jean Jansen Adam Jardis Brenda Jeppesen

Corey Johnson Derek Johnson Matthew Johson Bryan Johnston Robert Kaczmarek Adam Kaelin Jennifer Kammes



















































Shawn Redding double checks his work in the Mac lab. Most English students found writing their papers on the Mac easier and more fun.

















Jesse Knaak









































**Todd Lindsley** Lisa Lipscomb Mike Lipske Kevin Lloyd Adrian Loftus Bergen Mack Joel Madden

Kathy Madison Chancanarith Mam Alexander Mamikonian Rebecca Manning Christopher Marcelle Saundra Marcellis Debbie Marrero

> Melissa Martinez Jonathan Mayhorn Mary Merrick Jeff Merritt Amy Meyer Amy Meyers Jennifer Miller

**Brian Mims** Melissa Missbach Kyle Molloy Josephine Montalvo Mike Moore Fabian Moreno Juan Moreno

> Vanessa Mueller Joshua Murphy Fran Napier Mandy Navarre Terry Nelson Ben Newitt John Newton































Carrie Deblecourt — The best thing about high school was that I got to meet so many different people.



John Newton and Carrie Deblecourt are eager to get in the swing of things at the Homecoming Dance.

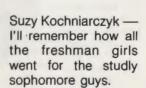


Joe Nicoloff and Andy Grotto do the last minute touches the Freshman float.



Suzy Kochniarczyk brilliantly smiles in the school parking lot.







Joseph Nicoloff Christina Nimmo Katie Nolan Monica Novak Jeff Nyman Andrea Ohins

Peter Oldharn Krista Oleksiak Greg Opaczewski Marisol Ortiz Chris Ortyl Valdis Osis

Melissa Pagnozzi Sara Palczynski John Palmer Sapna Patel Pedro Perez Lisa Petrik

Lila Petty Steven Petusky Joe Pietsch Derek Porter Rachel Power Michael Powers

Owain Price Shawn Price Joseph Progar Shawn Redding Dave Reed Nicole Revello

Sean Rhoads Jason Rhodes Candice Rieser Blanca Rios Jonathan Roberts Jacqueline Robie Arturo Rodriguez

> Jaime Rouse David Sabatino Sherri Sabieraj Karissa Saville Kim Scullion Jaime Seil Serena Shadle

Stacy Shannon Daniel Sheahan Amanda Shemezis Clint Singletary Corey Slager Vladi Slapak Clement Slone

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> Earnest Stanford Jessica Statz Jeffrey Sterling Michael Stone **Eve Strege** Christine Stuart Jodi Sutenbach













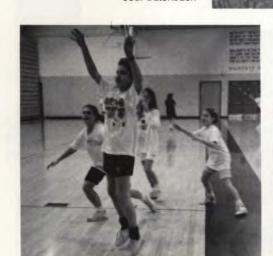












Rachel Ekstrom, Holli Zimmermann and Amy Aita jump for the ball while Nicole Revello yawns in the background.



Dennis Koliath catches up on his sleep while Elizabeth Carmona and Adam Carlson wait for class to begin.



Gio Arroyo cuts out models of DNA and RNA in biology,



Jaime Symowicz Rebecca Szesny Carlos Talbott Tavia Tawney Matthew Taylor Michelle Taylor

Regina Tena Megan Terry Elizabeth Thuer Tim Tillson Laura Torrey / Brenda Trejo

Amy Turkot Jill Turley Kelly VanBuskirk Chris Vandercreek Doraluz Vargas Juan Vargas

David Ventrelle Christina Verchota Tony Villa Daniel Vock Bridgette Wage Robert Wagner

Heather Wakefield Declan Walsh Sara Watson Adam Webb Matthew Wehling Robin Westrom

Jennifer Whitehead Matthew Wingstedt George Witkowski Wendy Woodward Phillip Worel Christopher Wyer

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#### **MQUOTE**

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#### UNQUOTE 99

mmon class among freshmis World Geography.





# FACULTY/STAFF



Board of Education. Front: Richard E. Sackett, Lawrence C. Hapgood. Norma Wienecke Back: Michael J.

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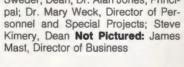


Administration. Front: Gregg Schrage, Assistant Principal; Dr. Joel Morris, Superintendent; John Highland, Assistant Principal Back: Ronald Hansen, Director of Athletics; Carol

Sweder, Dean; Dr. Alan Jones, Princi-Mast, Director of Business

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Ursula Baker, Foreign Lang. Patty Ballines, Aide Charlotte Barsema, LRC Diane Bathje, Math Judy Bauers, Cafeteria Ronald Benner, Choirs Carol Binkley, English





### WeGo Working

WeGo acquired several new faculty members, including Carmen Aviles, Mary McCarter, Brian Meyers, Monica Cousins, Jane Wesner, Thomas Minelli, Kimberly Malone, and Virginia Siska. These fresh faces brought new life and energy to the classroom. Old and new faculty and staff members kept busy planning lessons, attending meetings, speaking at conferences and anything else needed to keep education alive and well at WeGo. Furthermore, custodial and maintenance kept our school looking neat and clean, and cafeteria staff members were always ready to serve us with a smile.

Teachers enjoyed working

here for a variety of reason Said Spanish teacher Lis Black-Gomez, "The faculty dedicated and genuine cares about the students. In my department we are encoun aged to be creative and to new things, I enjoy the free dom I have at WCCHS to tead my way."

Plenty of time has been de voted to observing the study habits of the Wildcat student Math teacher Frank Burzyn noted, "Many students are to cused on short term goals They are interested in 'getting it done' but not on "Why dos this work?" In any case teachers remain dedicated to working with students.

- Chau Truong

























Secretaries show their Halloween spirit! Front: "Sister" Ruth Mosson Back: Hard workin' Pauline Heinz, bewitching Mary Quinlan, snowmobiler Jolanta Mikutis, and webby Sherry Zulkowski.



























Lisa Black-Gomez, Foreign Lang Nancy Blume, Business Maryanne Brown, Registrar Beverly Burke, Science Frank Burzynski, Math Rosalyn Carlson, Math

Susan Carney, LRC

Dorothy Carter, English John Carter, Math Tim Courtney, English Monica Cousins, Soc. Studies Joseph Crickard, Business Jodi Cudden, S.A.S.E.D. Mary Ellen Daneels, Soc. Studies

David Dean, Industrial Arts

Julio Del Real, E.O.P.

Loane Dierking, Custodial



Dr. Alan Jones checks on the progress of the yearbook during first hour Challenge class.

Bruce Donash, P.E. Ron Dow, Social Worker Kathryn Duerr, LRC David Exner, Art Allan Fickau, Science Richard Flowers, Maintenance Suzanne Fox, Foreign Lang







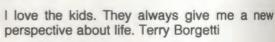


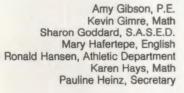




Linda Fuller, Bilingual Gail George, P.E.



















David Hiller, Aide Patricia Hogan, S.A.S.E.D.

Deborah Jefferies, Secretary Dan Johnson, P.E.





















English teacher Mary Hafertepe supports her favorite team, the Minneson Twins. Says Hafertepe of the Twins World Series victory, "Twins win!"

Math teachers Kevin Gimre and Pali Arnold dress up as the typical math geek and a hippie, respectively. Says Gimre, "I always wanted to know what it felt like to be a geek."



Susan Junkroski, Foreign Lang. Carol Kierzyk, Band Stephen Kimery, Driver's Ed. Wayne Kosek, English Patti Kozlowski, Home Ec. Pat Kroger, Aide

Brad Larson, English Steven Lehman, Aide Terry Lemberg, Resource Linda Lin, LRC Roger Lincoln, Ind. Arts Kim Malone, Home Ec.

Susan Macukas, S.A.S.E.D. Ann MacDonald, English

Tom McCann, English Paul McLeland, Para-Pro.







Teachers are not the enemy. We really want students to succeed, but many students reject our assistance. — Wayne Kosek







English department chairperson Tom McCann smiles before beginning another day at WeGo. McCann's sense of humor keeps his students interested and his classes lively.

You'd think she'd get tired of holding her arms this way, but band director Carol Kierzyk never fails to lead her students to music magic.



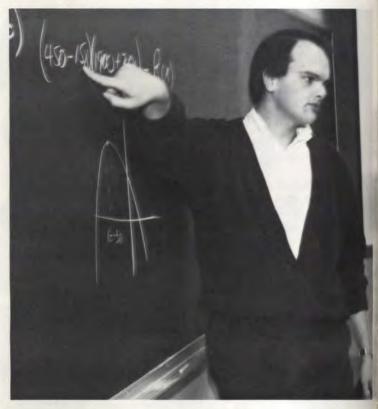
Orchestra director Lori Rollins checks the music before inspiring her students to perform their hearts

Math teacher John Carter makes a point for his students.



Always ready to greet students with a smile, LRC aide Char Barsema takes her post in the Richard M. Kamm Learning and Resource Center.

Who do you think has a good sense of humor? Mr. Stark (He is a secret member of the Mickey Mouse Club) -Ginger A. Siska



Kay Engel, Cafeteria Nancy Hahn, Cafeteria Lucy Haugh, Cafeteria Robert Hein, Guidance Ginger Hennessy, Cafeteria Mary McCarter, Bilingual Robert McCollum, Math

Gayle McDaniel Guidance Vicky McGregory, Cafeteria Lawrence McNamara, English Brian Meyers, Bilingual

Jolanta Mikutis, Secretary Thomas Minelli, Driver's Ed. Susan Nelson, S.A.S.E.D. Robert Newman, So. Studies

> Sarah Olsen, LRC Robert Owens, P.E. Carol Parks, Science Peggy Peach, Business

Gene Peterson, Guidance Carolyn Pinney, Nurse Patricia Procuniar, Resource Anita Psaute, Aide Mary Quinlan, Secretary David Ream, So. Studies Emmanuel Reyes, Guidance

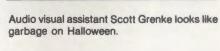






























Office staff members show their appreciation to the teachers by lawing a "holiday treat day." Teachers hope this becomes a yearly tradition! Pauline Heinz, Mary Quinlan, Jolanta Mikutis, Ruth Mosson and Kitty Youngberg pose in front of their delicious creations.





Basketball coach Kim Wallner offers words of inspiration to her team.





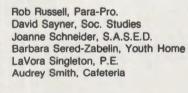












Clark Richardson, S.A.S.E.D. Lori Rollins, Orchestra Karen Rubini, Secretary James Rumberger, English





























Vera Sorenson, Math Lawrence Stark, Soc. Studies Rosemary Steuer, Cafeteria Terry Strohm, Foreign Lang. Marianne Swanson, Project VISA Alice Tinnes, Cafeteria

JoAnn Tunt, Science Wilbert Walters, Para-Pro. Jane Wesner, Soc. Studies Al Wiggin, Science Carol Wolf, English Myra Woodson, Para-Pro.

Sheryl Yoder, LRC Lee Yunker, Math Donald Zabelin, Business Terry Zimmerman, Soc. Studies Helen Zmrhal, P.E. Sherry Zulkowski, Secretary

## ACADEMICS

Academics — the foundation for every school. They're why we're here, why we stay, and why we go on to get good jobs or further our education in college. Kind of like we came, we saw, we conquered. (Vini, vedi, vici.) We look for the silver linings in the cloud of classrooms. What other cliche can we put in here to make you read this and say, "Oh no, too many cliches!"? (Mr. Leitner would cringe!)

WeGo has a lot to offer in the classroom. Teachers use a variety of methods to attempt to educate us, including the ever-popular cooperative groups. Who doesn't prefer working with others rather than by yourself? (Thank you, Mr. Sayner, Ms. Daneels, Mr. Strecker and Mr. Arnold! "Get in your groups now!" "Mr. Arnold has his hand up - everyone quiet!") There's also the world famous song, "The Quadratic Equation," sung by Mrs. Carlson and accompanied by Mr. Carter on the recorder to the tune of the Notre Dame Fight Song, "X equals opposite B, plus or minus the square root of: B squared minus four AC, divided by two times A.") By the way, this can also be sung to "Amazing Grace."

But there's more to life than just social studies and math — there's ENGLISH! (Mrs. Carter made us write that.) We loved My Antonia and The Pearl, but our favorite was To Kill a Mockingbird. ("What the heck, Tate?" and Boo Radley — "Uhhhhhhh, he looks like Young Frankenstein!") Of course, there's always Fahrenheit 451 — the movie, not the book. ("Isn't that right, LINDA?") And never forget Hamlet, with Mel Gibson.

Science — Mr. Wiggin and Physics. What more do we need to say? (Thank you for the fifty extra credit points on senior ditch day!) Mrs. Turn and MOLE BUCKS! ("Be careful not to burn your transparencies during your demonstration!" "Quch, my attendance cards are on fire!") We're still waiting for her to use that fire blanket! And never forget, and always remember, SAFETY! ("I'm a little chemist, short and stout. Here are my goggles, here are my eyes. (Where's the rhyme in that line?) When my teacher gets all steamed up, (We've lost the rhythm!)

then she shouts, 'Put them on, or get out!'') (And why isn't there a curtain on the safety shower? I'm so sure!)

And let's sweat a minute — P.E. The best way to get through it is to be a P.E. leader. Or become allergic to chlorine. And don't forget an extra pair of underwear in case you fall down on a wet field

But of course, the most popular classes are ELECTIVES! (Like Yearbook.) Get a life, or analyze your life in Psychology. Analyze others in Sociology. Analyze your family in Contemporary Life. Analyze those little kids and their little bodily functions in Child Development. Buy furniture in House and Home Furnishings. Eat weird food in French, German, or Spanish class. Or dance the flamenco. Or to the beat of a different drummer. (Oops, another cliche! Sorry Mr. Leitner - Mary Jo made me do it. Anyways, Mrs. Binkley says never be ashamed of anything you've done. It's that whole non-conformity thing, you know.) Get a job in business. Learn to type, or to account. (Or whatever you do in accounting!) (By the way, Consumer Ed isn't an elective, but if you take the test and pass it, you can have time for an elective.) There's also that other publication, and its production class, and all its awards. (no rivalry here!) Make an ashtray in Ceramics, draw pretty pictures, or just be cool and hang out with Mr. Exner in Art. Fry your neighbor in Electronics, or draw a building in Drafting. (Or just carry around big sheets of paper to make it look like you're on Yearbook.) Learn to act like a Yearbook player in Drama, or dance like a Yearbooker in Dance Production. Finally, be musical and sing or carry a tuba in Choir, Band or Orcheetra. (We love those formations!)

In conclusion, (Sorry again, Mr. Leitner, but really, how else do you conclude?) all classes are great, but Yearbook is the best! (and our sincerest apologies to those we did mention. And to those who feel the slightest bit left out because we didn't mention you be thankfull)

Anna Berendson Mary Jo Prusko Chris Baginski



Junior Mimi Mejia contemplates a weighty problem in math.

Junior Mike Christopher raises his hand, unsure of what to do next on the Mac in English class.

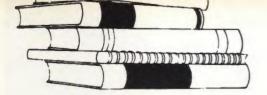




Freshmen work on an infamous word web in Sayner's Geography class.



Editors — Denise Nance Keri Jones Many Jo Prusko Freshman Monica Novak carefully marks a hem for a project in Clothing class.



Geography teacher Dave Sayner joins two of his students, Rich Berendson and Kevin Keith, as the work on a project.

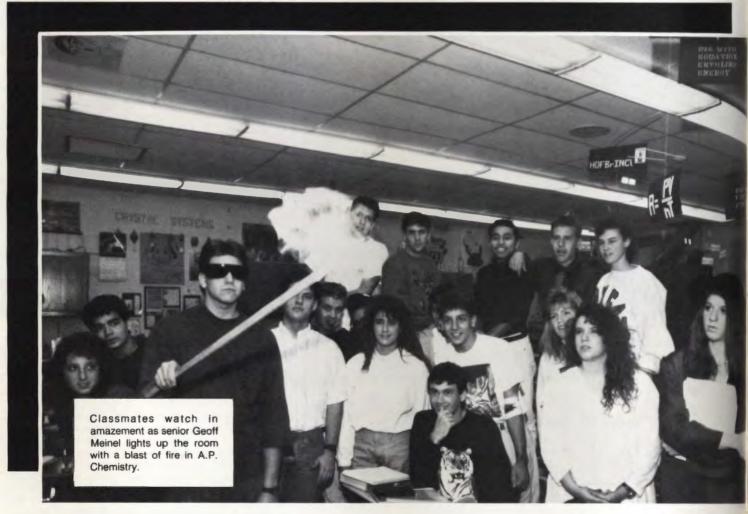
### Tech It Out!

Required courses are nothing completely different, but the advances in technology are. With all the new advances today, such as computers, calculators, television, and video machines it makes everything more interesting and exciting, especially when it comes to learning. In the past everything had to be thought out by hand or written on a blackboard; times are completely different, all we have to do is sit down in front of a computer and punch a few buttons. Or how about sitting at a desk and instead of pulling out a pencil and paper to do math problem, we pull out our com-

puters to do the work? The hardest part is reading what's on the screen. "I enjoy sitting at my desk and instead of watching the teacher write on the blackboard she pulls out a video for us to watch," says junior Gina Clifford. Most everyone knows that there is nothing like watching television so why not watch our homework too. "It sure beats writing and reading," replies Dina Bascharon.

In today's world we have it a lot easier because of our advancements, and because of this many of our young adults are becoming more interested in learning and receiving a better education.







Junior Shellie Halfpenny takes time out of her work to help her classmate Erin Fessler with a question she has on the Macintosh.









Candi Kairys searches her brain for the answer to her math problem.

English teacher Wayne Kosek gives a word of advice to Amy Kosifas on her paper.

P.E. Leaders: Front: Eric Schlotzer, Sean Odell, Eric Reffett, Elliot Papadakis Back: Rebecca Baker, Lilia Mendoza, Tanya Brooks, Courtney Adams, Nancy Eaton, Elizabeth Gernand, Esmeralda Fernandez, Kurt Christopherson Not Pictured: Caroline Cinquegrani, Christine Baginski, Colleen Nourie, Derek Schoepf, Jessica Bridge, Tiffany Blum.

Jessica Dibella and Val Lund dance a duet at the dance production show "Express Yourself."





Clay Turner, Val Lund, German Cruiz, Jessica Dibella, Dee Calderini, Joe Wagenaar, Erin Myers, and Jabaar Murray pose for a romantic dance production number.



**Front:** Angie Chavez, Candi Kairys, Monica Mende, Dee Calderini, Michelle Reiner **Back:** Julianne Graczyk, Sybil Ruiz, Melissa Mullany, Kristi Speilman, and Julia Rodenkirch go back to the fifties in their dance.





Zenaido Diaz, Janice Mies, Dan Yonan, and Trist Chalupa are shooting hoops during P.E.

Randy Duvall is working on his clay sculpture dunit art class.



### **Expressing Yourself**

Three courses which let students express themselves in different ways are P.E., Art, and Dance Production.

P.E. students and P.E. leaders express themselves by sports. They accomplish many goals by using their physical abilities, and meeting their own personal standards. P.E. leader Nancy Eaton expresses, "Being a P.E. leader gave me a chance to meet some people who are really fun to be with."

Students who are in Art express themselves with creativity using paintbrushes, pencils, and their imagination. Junior Melissa Kloster feels. "When art is displayed it shows the characteristics of the artist and their own individuality."

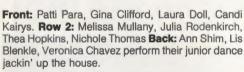
Dance Production is another way students express themselves through dance. They express their talent by making dance routines, and putting on a show. Junior Candi Kairys says, "Dance Production was fun and gave me experience with dancing and working with people."

Expressing yourself by using these three course and others can help you find your way through high school with creativity.

-Keri Jones



Jenny Lindlsey and Victor Arellano are putting deep thought into their artwork.







# A Step Into The Future

DAVEA, CWT, and IRO are some of the opportunities to get you started in the "new world." As high school students we look for the one break into adulthood, and these three will give you a big start!

DAVEA has a variety of classes, anywhere from cosmetology to auto mechanics. Many students take DAVEA because this is where they begin their career. DAVEA is offered to juniors and seniors and can be taken in the mornings or afternoons. Students are given vocational and technical training in many fields. It is located in Addison and all work is done there at school.

CWT and IRO are a little different than DAVEA. Students in CWT and IRO are preparing for the future by actually going out and working at a regular job. CWT and IRO provide students with support and job strategies to better prepare them for their "new world" after graduation.

DAVEA, CWT, and IRO all offer excel-

DAVEA, CWT, and IRO all offer excellent opportunities for hands on experience in working in the real world.



Lisa Jarmy gets help from an instructor at DAVEA.

CWT. Front: Maria Morales, Advisor Paul Junkroski, Susana Ruiz. Row 2: John Prehn, Jesus Vargas. Back: Nathan Jeppesen, Pedro Vigil, David Brown, Ken Westerhausen, Leticia Pena, Jan. Hisey.





Mark Daniels carefully works on a car engine in an auto mechanics course.





Robecca Jaffe smiles for the camera as she works manew style for her mannequin.



IRO. Front: Melissa Jasurda, Monica Krawczyk, Liz Dulceak. Row 2: Advisor Cass Streicher, Roberto Cuiriz, Christine Lipske, Diana Hernandez, Jenni Bloniarz. Row 3: Lisa Kreznor, Michelle Siers, Danielle Pande, Omar Guzman, Chris Obrochta, Beth Owens, Tammy Magnusson. Row 4: Pamela Toner, Gerardo DelRio, Jenny Bogar, Kelly Reed. Back: Brandon Deblecourt, Paul Hausermann, Kevin Otto.



Pat Kerrigan and Eric Roberts work with DAVEA's studio equipment.

### Going For The Gold

While orchestra only performs four

concerts a year, many of the students

competed outside of school. Juniors Ned Miller and Dayna Yoder were

accepted to the District VII Illinois Edu-

cators Association Orchestra. They

also along with junior Ann Shim took first place medals in the Solo and

Ensemble competition. Dayna Yoder also went to the All-State Music Festi-

val and took first chair cello in All State

Orchestra. While all this was going on

outside of the school, juniors Abigail

Hutchins, Dayna Yoder and senior

Vanessa Talbott performed in the We-

Go String Quartet, Open House, Home

Ec. Night, the Art Show Opening and many other community functions.

Band members also had a great

year both in and out of school. On

Saturday March 7, in New Lennox

Illinois, the band members earned 13

Gold Medals at the Illinois High School Association Solo and Ensemble Con-

The following earned a superior rat-

ing and a gold medal. Jeanne Newton

and Jennifer Vavrek for Flute Solo,

Natalie Baker- Clarinet Solo, Kristin Martin- Piano Solo, Jeanne Newton, Jennifer Vavrek, and Marnie Preuss-Flute Trio, Natalie Baker and Laura Bozidarevic- Clarinet Duet, Karina Bite and Malia Leck- Clarinet Duet. Jennifer Vavrek and Laura Bozidarevic earned a perfect score on their Flute/Clarinet Duet. Many other

students went on to win excellent and

good ratings.

Seniors Natalie Baker on clarinet and Jeanne Newton on flute were selected after auditioning for the Illinois Music Educator Association District 7 High School Honors Band. Natalie Baker, Laura Bozidarevic, Erich Gernand, Jeanne Newton, Marnie Preuss, Betty Staniels, Brian Stewart, and Jennifer Vavrek were chosen to perform at the Fox Valley Music Festival on April 27.

Band was invited to perform at the Northern Illinois University Wind and Percussion Festival on February 27. They also did an outstanding performance and had a great experience.

- Mary Jo Prusko

Junior Abigail Hutchins has performed in the West Chicago String Quartet, for Open House, Home Ec. Night, the Art Show Opening and many other community functions.





Senior Band members get together for one last parting shot. **Front:** Natalie Baker, Jessica Bridge, Marnie Preuss, Esmeralda Fernandez, Karen Slusar, Clay Turner, Sarah Bant, and Karina Bite **Back:** Torge Runge, Regina Viscogliosi, John Keyzer, Nancy Eaton, Eric Reffett, Malia Leck, Brian Levake, Brian Stewart, Jeanne Newton, Jennifer Vavrek, and Laura Bozidarevic



Gina Pace concentrates on playing her cello to perfection.

Band: Front: Natalie Baker, Laura Inzidarevic, Kristin Martin, Jessica Minofield, Esmeralda Fernandez, Beth Keeley, Cathy Mattson, Marnie Preuss, Jennifer Vavrek, Jeanne New-Inn Row 2: Trina Zwicker, Regina Miccigliosi, Joe Guetler, Karina Bite, Hugo Lopez, Brandon Fantozzi, Ryan Falkman, Jessica Bridge, Ken Modgen, Scott Weiss, Annie Isreal,

Becky Manning, Jodi Askin, Katie Nolan, Katie Brosseau, Carrie DeBlecourt, Barb Conaway, Jen Ault, Karen Slusar Row 3: Malia Leck, Carrie Peterson, John Keyzer, Sarah Bant, Rachel Harper, Betty Staniels, Scott Fricke, Erich Gernand, Rob Scott, Matt Stewart, Clay Turner, Mark Miller, Chris Leck, John Rakow, John Sosulski, Chris Brown, Jason Smith,

Kevin Keyzer, Kevin Gervais Back: Mrs. Kierzyk, John Newton, Jill Loek, Torge Runge, Chris Mueller, Brian Stewart, Josh Murphy, Amy Aita, Nancy Eaton, Ryan Tokarek, Chris Carlyon, Osualdo Guajardo, Meg Breiseth Not Pictured: Brian Levake, Nicole Ybarra, Shilo Santiago





Cathy Mattson and Karen Slusar practice to perfection on their flutes during band





Vay Turner and Brian Levake give such other support during a home totball game.





Orchestra: Front: Abigail Hutchins, Liz Gernand, Jennifer Smith, Vanessa Talbott, Gina Pace, Dayna Yoder Row 2: Jennifer Kammes, Esmeralda Fernandez, Jennifer Vavrek, Jeanne Newton, Jessica Shinofield, Natalie Baker, Laura Bozidarevic, Betty Staniels, Chris Mueller, Ken Hodgen, Ann Shim, Ned Miller Row 3: Becky Manning, Annie Israel, Scott Weiss, Erich Gernand, Rob Scott, Matt Stewart, Nancy Eaton, Brian Stewart, Josh Murphy, Hallie Grant, Jaime Symowicz **Back:** Mrs. Rollins, Jill Loek, Torge Runge, Jay Hunn, Meg Breiseth **Not Pictured:** Val Birtcher, John Newton, Brian Levake



**Boys Quartet:** John Mazzola, Yancy Neiswanger, Clay Turner, Steve Broido.

### Once In A Lifetime Choirs Sing With The Stars

Mr. Benner shows them the way as the choirs of WEGO hit the road.

This year was a special year for Concert Choir. They headed down town to sing their hearts out with Ann Jillian. Specially invited and picked over many other schools, the Concert Choir sang songs to entertain a large audience. "As we were waiting we all sat on a hotel floor. We were then called down to perform and we had to wait in the kitchen behind the stage. "It was a long, but exciting night," said Gina

Clifford.

The WEGO choir and musical groups were also specially invited to record at a state of the art facilities through a program called "The Recording Studio." In down town Chicago, where many famous people have been recorded, they would have professional technicians mixing, balancing, and organizing while being recorded. River North Studios is a once in a life time experience. Good Luck chorus and musical groups!

- Denise Nance





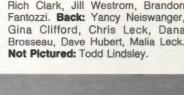


Freshmen Heather Hlavaty and Lisa Desolvo practice their duet for state competition which took place on Saturday, March 7.

Madrigals: Front: Karla Sosulski, Jessica Shinofield, Anna Elliot. Row 2: Doug Camphell, Clay Turner, Malia Leck, John Mazzola, Bryan Gall, Back: Tanya Brooks, Eric Heerwagen, Rich Clark, Chris Leck, Vicki Smith, Jessica Bridge, Dayna Yoder. Not pictured: Yancy Neiswanger.

wing Choir: Front: Chris La Cour, erri Harper, Jessica Shinofield, arey Netzel, Clay Turner, Melissa agnozzi, Debbie Hanlock, Eric wwagon. Row 2: Rachel Owens.

Rich Clark, Jill Westrom, Brandon Fantozzi. Back: Yancy Neiswanger, Gina Clifford, Chris Leck, Dana Brosseau, Dave Hubert, Malia Leck.





Garcia, Terry Harper, Carey Netzel, Brittany Winquist, Michelle Sherby, Amy Mertz, Julie Kramer, Rachel Owens. **Not pictured:** Denise Babcock, Bridget Radigan.





reshman Debbie Marrero waits paintly for her instructor to give a cue



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Girls Sophomore Choir: Front: Amy

Brunsen, Jeremy Johnson, Joie Dierenfield, Mary Limburger, Olivia Flores, Jenna Little, Teresa Velasquez, Jessica Shinofield,

Tomica Pirela. Row 2: Catalina



### Courses With Personality Electives Broaden The Mind

Skip Stanford is learning some techniques on the typewriter with the help of Peggy Peach.

Elective courses are as unique as the people who take them. People who are on the deeper side of school, like psychology students, are shown the way to open their minds, look through different lenses, and grow in a spiritual sense. Cherie Oskerka. senior, said, "Mr. Arnold helped strengthen my belief in benign popcorn."

In basic foods, students experienced new tastes, but especially new smells. As Heather Burleigh, sophomore, said, "If there was ever any burning smell, it always came from our kitchen."

Students who have taken business courses, such as typing, have become masters of organization, speed, and clear thinking. Erin Fessler, junior, said, "The

skills which I have acquired in Typing 1 and 2 are sure to help me prosper when I am striving for my degree in the hotel management business.'

People who speak their mind speak out in contemporary life. Students do everything from an abortion debate to the eggparenting project. Tanya Keen, junior, recalled, "The best part was when you walked in class late and had to sing Happy Trails with Josh (Urban) and Collin (Szewczyk) humming the beat."

These electives and others help broaden the creative and fun side of school.

- Keri Jones





Dave Anderson, Alejandra Caballero, and Colleen Litterst are one side of the panel while debating about abortion in contemporary life.

Home economics teacher Patti Kozlowski aids Michelle Weber during a sewing class.



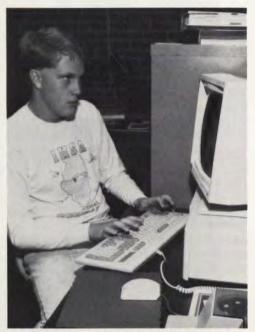


Dave Anderson is amazed by the opinion of his other classmates



Samantha Wilson, Gabriella Cruz, and Jason Smith are working together in Spanish and English-as-a-Second-Language classes sharing ideas.

John Keyzer works on the computer-aided drafting program for industrial arts.





uking Clothing 1 first semester wade me want to get up and come to whool despite the fact I was always the.— Avani Rami (sophomore)

Child development lets me know it's okay to be a kid again. — Amy Mastro (junior)







### Rockin' In The Weyrauch Auditorium Students Make A Statement

To see a governor signing a bill is definitely history, and WeGo students got a chance to experience this. On Governor Edgar's fall agenda was a visit here for the signing of two bills. The first was a bill stating all residue in Kerr McGee is to be shipped out of West Chicago and out of Illinois, which seemingly brought an end to the debate regarding thorium levels at the Kerr McGee site. The second bill was one introduced to the Illinois legislature by students and members of SEAC regarding recycled paper. It requires all schools to buy 50% recycled paper of all paper used by the school by the year 2001. It was started by the students with the concern that the people in the U.S. are using up all of the country's natural resources.

The arrival of Governor Edgar definitely caused a commotion. Those who could finagle their way into the assembly did so. The excitement in the auditorium was both visible and audible as the student body eagerly welcomed the Governor, but this excitement was short lived. As Edgar left, there were feelings of disappointment that we had been cheated. The bills were not as generous as was hoped, as was best put by SEAC advisor Steve Arnold, "It's not the bill we wanted, it's not the bill the students wanted, but it's a start." Perhaps the real stars of the day were those students who introduced the recycling bill-'91 graduates Dave Vish, Matt Moran, and Kelly Howard. Claire Broido was unable to attend. The students said the bill was due to Arnold, while Arnold credits the students. Said Moran, "Mr. Arnold deserves every ounce of credit," to which Arnold replied, "If anyone deserves ap-

plause, it's these students."

Another special moment in the Weyrauch Auditorium as foreign language classes acted in skits. The French and German plays roared with laughter as students from first year to fourth year performed skits and commercials. Participating in these plays did not only give students experience in a language, but allowed them to express themselves on stage while having fun. Junior Lis Blenkle, a German student, said, "I liked acting like a different person and acting out in front of people." Each play was judged by creativity, best actor/actress, costumes plot, dialect, etc. These performance brought fun and pure excitement to our school.

-Samantha Newby and Keri Jones



like Garceau shows his dream woman as he plays the weakling in the GNC commercial at the French plays.





Other Austgen primps up Dan Yonan before their Werly Hills 90210" skit in the French plays.



Zora Slapak portrays Dorothy in her play "Le Magicien D'Oz" during the French Plays.



What is your character like?





"Pat originated from Saturday Night Live but I possessed her." -Amy Garceau





"I'm the ugly distorted wicked witch." -Addie Panveno



Governor Edgar smiles while he signs House Bill 94 originated by WeGo students to mandate schools to buy recycled paper.

## Clubs

The Club Rap

Pep Club will decorate your locker

whether its football, basketball or soccer.

They will deliver your T.V. because of the guys on the A.V.

French Club and German Club put on a play

hope you didn't miss them that day.

IRO and CWT will find a job for you eventually!

The Phoenix is a literary magazine for you, stories photos and poems

stories, photos and poems too.

Just say "no" because the in-Touch Clown Team says so.

From Perry Mason to L.A. Law, the mock trial was a ball.

Covering the school like never before news to sports the *Bridge* re-

ally soars.

Drinking and driving should make you mad so put an end to it, and join SADD.

The Peer Listeners will listen to you

even when you are feeling blue.

From community service to square dance

join Student Council, give them a chance.

From country to country from sea to sea

the International Club is for you and me.

VICA holds a food drive and wins at state

the surrounding community thinks they are first rate.

All business leaders join FBLA have a job and go somewhere ... some day ...

The Yearbook staff makes your books for you

they can even do a little rhyming too.

Michelle May Kelly MacAdam

Junior Susana Rulz counts cans during the VICA food drive.



Junior Derek Barton and senior Sarah Bant get feedback from English teacher Kim Austin during Peer Writing Tutor orientation. Says Barton, "I got a sense of accomplishment by helping others (as a writing tutor)."

Freshman RaeAnn Dawson decorates a locker for Pep Club. RaeAnn is in Pep Club because she "feels good about building up school spirit and doing things for the people in sports."







Editori — Keri Jones Michelle May Thilo Hey Sophomores Kate Ryan and Jenny Ray are cooking up a good time for Student Council's visit to the nursing home.

#### Drama In Action

Two plays, a melodrama and a tragedy, stole the hearts and laughter of the audience in the Weyrauch auditorium.

The fall play "Egad, the Woman in White" by Tim Kelly is an astonishing melodrama set before the turn of the century. The play included audience participation and an active cast. A unique quality about the production was that it was double casted. Freshman Deidre Kellens who played Countess Fosco expresses, "The fall play was fun because there was two people for each part and it made things more competitive."

The winter play "The Diary

Fall Play Cast and Crew. Front: Mark Slusar, Jeanine Goodman, Dawn Zylinski, Clay Turner, Lilia Mendoza, Amanda Shemezis, Nichole Cordin, Blanca Rios Row 2: Rob Scott, Janice Mies, Chris Leck, Rachel Owens, Debbie Hanlock, Vanessa Talbott, Skye Studebaker, Keri Jones, Jenny Doggett, Jenny Little, Katherine Kalvig Row 3: Laura Torrey, Jessica Shinofield, Bryan Gall, Diedre Kellens,

of Anne Frank" dramatized by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett is a tragedy during the years of World War 2 and immediately thereafter in Amsterdam. The play shows the life of Jewish families in hiding through a young Jewish girl's eyes. Junior Lisa Gray feels, "Having such a small cast was fun because we all became such great friends and the cast party at Ned Miller's was a great way to end it."

Both plays were directed by Mary Hafertepe with the assistance of Ralph Zaffino and Kim Austin.

-Keri Jones

Addie Panveno, Karla Sosulski, Melissa Pagnozzi, Jessica Statz Row 4: Ray Steele, Jenny Johnson, Becki Schuster, Steve Broido, Jenny Johnson, Eric Heerwagen, Matt Haverty, Ned Miller, Jessica Bridge, Adrienne Yule, Andrew Schwab, Katie Pricilla, Monica Novak Back: Scott Grenke, Brian Levake, Andrea Barrientos, Christine Hansen, Dana Brosseau.







Deidre Kellens (Countess Fosco) and Jenny Doggett (Mrs. Catherick) in



Winter Play Cast and Crew. Front: Jenny Little, Betty Staniels, Melissa Borek, Kelly Gleason, Jessica Hubbs, Ray Steele Row 2: Samantha Newby, Karina Bite, Joe Guetler, Heather Adams, Rachel Owens Row 3: Steve

Diedre Kellens (Countess Fosco) and Eric Heerwagen (Sir Percival Glyde) are persuading Bryan Gall (Fredericksburg Fairly) in "Egad The Woman in White." Broido, Amanda Shemezis, Mary Hafertepe, Rob Scott, Lisa Gray, Illi Hansen, Nicole Cordin, Ski Studebaker, Dana Brosseau, Dan Yonan, Wendy Kovacs, Nick Strean, Mark Slusar, Scott Grenke Back Chris Leck, Andrew Schwab, Jessia Bridge, Katie Brosseau, Heath Hlavaty, Jenny Johnson, Eric Heerwagen, Jenny Johnson, Diana Yonan.



Jessica Bridge (Mrs. Frank) and Karina Bite (Margot Frank) confront Lisa Gray (Mrs. Van Daan) that she will have to find a new hiding place in "Diary of Anne Frank."

Rob Scott (Mr. Van Daan) voices his opinion in "Diary of Anne Frank."

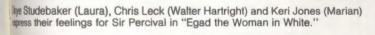


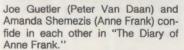


The most memorable moment for me was when snow was caught in my mustache and I turned around and the crowd was laughing. — Steve Broido















Cinderella Cast and Crew: Vocal Director Peg Ortega, Accompanist Debra Pauls, Set Construction Ralph Zaffino, Light Andy Glowaty, Stage Mangers Lisa Gray and Jenny L. Johnson, Assistant Director Kim Austin, Director Mary Hafertepe, Eric Heerwagen, Vanessa Talbott, Jennifer Little, Rachel Owens, Karla Sosulski, Rob Scott, Jessica Bridge, Rich Clark, Chris Leck, John Mazzola, Dayna Yoder, Joe Guetler, Karina Bité, Dana Brosseau, Gina Clifford, Dan Guerrero, Jenny A. Johnson, Twee Kong, Malia Leck, Todd Lindsley, Sarah MacNerland, Caroyln Mertz, Monica

Novak, Melissa Pagnozzi, Blanca Rios, Jessica Shinofield, Jason Smith, Victoria Smith, Ami Sparkman, Betty Staniels, Laura Torrey, Jeff Catalano, Kevin Gervais, Diedre Kellens, Chris Kurzhals, Bergen Mack, Sapna Patel, Matt Wingstedt, Brian Ziesler, Wendy Kovacs, Eileen Mueller, Valerie Newman, Emily Szesny, Brandy Harris, Kathryn Kalvig, Sara Schwalm, Mark Slusar, Ray Steele, Nicole Cordin, Lisa DeSalvo, Ana Espino, Tina Hansen, Christi Rehmus, Jennifer Smith, Lilia Mendoza, Marie Pierce, Skye Studebaker, Jessica Hubbs, Cathy Mattson, Becky Szesny



Queen Jessica Bridge and King Rob Scott discuss the enjoyable banquet for the ball.

Wicked stepmother Vanessa Talbott, escorted by footman Joe Guetler, enters



**Thespians. Front:** Jessica Shinofield, Betty Staniels, Kathryn Kalvig, Jen Johnson, Janice Mies, Seema Patel, Jenny Johnson. **Row 2:** Vice president Karla Sosulski, Clay Turner, Skye Studebaker, President Steve Broido,

Lisa Gray, Dayna Yoder. Back: Jessica Bridge, Eric Heerwagen, Ned Miller, Rich Clark, Treasurer Keri Jones. Not Pictured: Rachel Owens, Secretary Meg Korbel, Bryan Gall, Sara Allen, Adrienr Yule



The best play of the year was Cinderella. Throughout the play a theme of two-dimensional props was used for a childlike production. A surprise ending of the cast going out into the crowd was a thrill for many of the young children. — Matt Johnson



Chris Leck and Tina Hanson scoot down stairs at the mall during Thespian initiation.



iny godmother Dayna Yoder tells inderella that it's no use hoping to go the ball, even while she makes it spible.

# Fairy Tales Do Come True!

Thespians, WeGo's own drama club, had an exciting year. Their annual Initiation Week allowed experience members to give newcomers a taste of what drama really is. Activities during the week included a candy and bedtime story day, acting out different animals, and a scavenger hunt at the mall, including many wild stunts. Thespians also kept busy by hosting an "Evening of Acts," which included performances by many Thespian members, and performing Magic Theater at the children's Christmas party in December. Many Thespian members attended perfor-

mances throughout the year such as West Side Story.

The highlight of the theater group at WeGo is always the musical, and this year was no different. The Rodgers and Hammerstein play was big hit among young and old audience members and the cast and crew, too. Said townsperson Jessica Shinofield, "I had a lot of fun doing the play because it's such a magical story. Also, it took me back to when I was a kid. I used to love fairy tales."

In WeGo's fairy tale, Karla Sosulski stole the show as the poor mistreated Cinderella. Fortunately her fairy godmother (played by Dayna Yoder) saved the day and the dance. Of course, Prince John Mazzola appreciated the godmother's intervention!

The play, under the direction of Mary Hafertepe, Kim Austin and Peg Ortega, gave four performances, allowing many children and adults of the area to enjoy the magic. "We really had some great times I know I'll always remember. Cinderella was a worthwhile experience." summarized Mellissa Pagnozzi.

- Keri Jones

## Helping Hands

Three organizations that have high goals are making big steps. Peer Writing Tutors, Peer Listening and the In Touch Clown Team are three groups out to help others.

Peer Writing Tutors are students who have the ability to help others in essay and other English writing. They are selected by recommendations from English teachers. Tutors give an hour of their time to help underclassmen achieve English goals. Mariel Malave, junior, feels, "Being a peer tutor has given me a different perspective on English writing."

Peer Listening is a group of students who participate in an active program which interacts with other students. These students are chosen by five student nominations and two teacher recommendations. After this an interview is required for the final decision. Peer Listeners have forty hours of training to prepare for working with others. Candi Kairys, junior, expressed, "Peer Listening taught me to relate to others and myself."

The In Touch Clown Team are students who promote a drug free environment. These students work with elementary schools giving performances which teach children about staying drug free. A usual appearance for these members during one of their performances is clown faces and clown attire. "I feel teaching younger children about being drug free will help our society," junior Jenny Johnson explained.

These groups help to achieve the goals and accomplishments for everyone.

- Keri Jones









Little, Dee Dee Judson, Kim Barajas. Back: Wendy Kovacs, Amy Aita, Leanne Hubbard, Mindy McCormick, Wendy Byrne, Kathy Kalvig.



Peer Writing Tutors: Front: English teacher Wayne Kosek, Hugo Miranda, English teacher Kim Austin, Griselda Corral. Row 2: Jeanine Murphy, Amy Kosifas, Erik Secker, Mariel Malave. Row 3: Sarah Bant, Katie Lootens, Jessica Heath, Jill Hohbein. Back: Dawn Spurny, Heather Fishbein, Corrie Gilgallon, Natalie Baker.



Homecoming week.

Peer Writing Tutors. Front: English teacher Tim Courtney, Danielle Dvorak, Julianne Graczck, Laura Rapinchuk, English teacher Dorothy Carter, Lesley Ryan. Row 2: Janine Wurm, Tiffany Smith, Derek Barton, Christine Lipske, Debby DeMaria. Row 3: Samantha Newby, Tanya Brooks, Vicki Smith, Gus Nieto. Back: Dan Schultz, Amy Bridgeforth, Tom Phipps.



selda Corral helps Patty Parra durg peer writing tutor training in the ummer.



Peer Listening. Front: Lisa Hood, Molly Statz, Todd Reffett, Candi Kairys, Sandy Dawson. Row 2: Advisor Ron Dow, Keri Jones, Erin Fessler, Jenny Doggett, Kaiti Lootens, Shellie Halfpenny, Seema Patel, Lisa Gray. Back: Jabaar Murray, Jason Rudigier, Steve Broido, Jolena Kovalik, Nancy Eaton. Not Pictured: Kristin Bedow, Dana Brosseau, Andy Johnson, Sherrie Kirby, Monica Mende, Cherie Oskerka, Julia Rodenkirch, J.J. Schwan, Angie Spalo, April Thomas, Maria Velazquez.



# Mind Games Teams Turn Up The DVC Heat

Winter usually brings up memories of hot chocolate and fireplaces; but it is also a time for heated competition for Scholastic Bowl, Math Team, and Mock Trial.

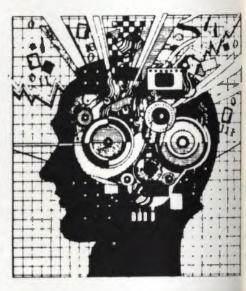
"Scholastic Bowl was a lot of fun an it stimulated my mind," said Matt Haverty. "We practiced once or twice a week and had matches on every other Monday. The practices were fun because everyone cracked jokes and Miss Cousins was well, very entertaining." Their hard work paid off by having the best record in the school's history. Matt Haverty went on to explain, "A lot of teams were surprised by our performance, because in the last couple of years we sometimes never won a match." They ended with four wins and seven losses, not enough to qualify for state. "We had a very strong team. We could have gone a lot further if we had more time to develop," said Tom Fox, the team's captain.

Math team competed in the D.V.C.

competition and Regionals. Sean Odell placed fifth in the region which qualified him for state. He was unable to attend because of his commitment to the high school's tennis team. Sean decided to go out for the Math Team because, "I got extra credit in my math class." Eric Reffet added, "It was also a chance for Sean to show how smart he was, ha ha ha."

Mock Trial competed in the county and the state competition, which was sponsored by the Illinois State Bar Association. For each competition they were delivered a case which was to be memorized. They then had to pick six witnesses that they could use for their case. "We had to prepare for the prosecution and the defense because we were not told what side we were taking until we arrived at the competition," explained Chris Baginski.

- Michelle May



# Do They Really Bowl? -Keri Jones



Courtney Adams and Chris Baginski contemplate a problem at a Math Team practice.



Mock Trial. Front: Lisa Lipscomb, Denice Nance. Back: Advisor Mary Ellen Daneels, John Prusko, Sam Newby.

Sean Odell, Rich Berendson, and George Chen take a break at the DVC

math competition.





th Team: Front: Skye Studebaker, |ay| Murzyn, Anna Berendson. |w 2: Kristi Oen, Jill Hohbein, Jolena |kalik, Rich Berendson, Erik Cappa-

dora, Sean Odell. **Back Row:** Chris Altman, Derek Nelson, Monika Novak, Abigail Hutchins, Paul Johnson, Scott Weiss, Eric Reffett, George Chen.



Scholastic Bowl: Front: Abigail Hutchins, Sean Power, Tom Fox, Nick Streams, Skye Studebaker, Cathy Mattson. Back Row: Advisor Monica

Cousins, Ryan Tokarek, Monica Novak, Eric Reffett, Sean Odell, Jenny Vavrek, Paul Johnson, Advisor Carol Sweder.



# Leading The Way

Student Council and FBLA have expanded their horizons by going into the community and addressing more important topics.

FBLA made some changes by canceling the annual Career Day in the hopes of planning a more organized event for next year. They decided to bring their leadership out into the community. President Dan Yonan said, "We tried to expand our horizons by doing more community service projects." During the holiday season FBLA adopted a needy family in West Chicago. They provided them with groceries

and Christmas presents for their children. They also held a spaghetti dinner for the surrounding community and gave a percentage to the March of Dimes. Other changes include the new addition of Nancy Blume (advisor) and Kim Malone (assistant). FBLA's membership had decreased but to some this could be for the better. Nick Streams commented, "This year we might not have the quantity but we have the quality." The future looks bright after a third place performance at the Area Conference from a team consisting mostly of freshmen and sophomores.

Student Council had a busy schedule sponsoring more activities for the community and the school. The first annual Winter Fashion Show was a big hit. Sandy Dawson said. "I enjoyed working with the store managers to pick out the hippest clothes and doing the commentary." Student Council went to the West Chicago Terrace to spread the holiday cheer. "We painted the window, and passed out cookies and Homecoming t-shirts to all the residents," said Alicia Garceau. "I felt the holiday spirit." For Earth Day, the council cleaned up the community by picking up litter. The Council also sponsored Homecoming week and dance, Winter Formal, and Turnabout. In an attempt to better educate students about the HIV virus Student Council sponsored an AIDS Awareness Week in May. They passed out literature which was talked about everyday in class and brought in a speaker for a school assembly.

FBLA and Student Council combined new ideas and traditional activities to make the year a success.

- Michelle May



Student Council's Executive Board (Sandy Dawson, Michelle May, and Kelly Roy) try to conduct a meeting.



Student Council President Lynne Ellerbruch shows off her school spirit during Homecoming Week.



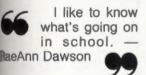
FBLA. Front: Dan Yonan, Scott Klosowski, Chancanarith Mam, Lilia Mendoza, Mary Merrick, Lisa Gray, Chancannica Mam, Diane Yonan, Pete Holloway, Scott Klosowski Row 2: Advisor Kim Malone, Ann Shim, Lynn Ellerbruch, Carolyn Mertz,

Nichole Cordin, Carrie Vanbuskirk, Dina Bascharon, Laura Rapinchuk, Skye Studebaker, Advisor Nancy Blum. **Back:** Julia Rodenkirch, Jill Westrom, Tom Suess, J.J. Schwan, Chris Altman, Dana Brosseau, Sarah Bant, Jenny Johnson.



FBLA's new advisor Nancy Blum offers words of encouragement to Dan Yonan and Scott Klosowski at the Area Conference.

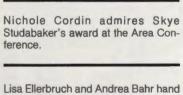








Howe and Kelly Roy bake Christmas cookies to spread the holiday spirit.



out tee shirts at the West Chicago Terrace for Student Council's winter

community service project.





Student Council. Front: Monica Novak, Jenny Ray, Lisa Lipscomb, Angie Chavez, Veronica Chavez, Mike Garceau, Trista Chalupa, Amy Mastro, Cathy Carroll. Row 2: Sapna Patel, Advisor Bob Hein, Dina Bascharon, Michelle May, Lynne Ellerbruch, Sandy Dawson, Kelly Roy, Dee Calderini, Racheal Owens, Zora

Slapak. **Back:** RaeAnn Dawson, Susie Kochniarczyk, John Jovanovich, Skye Studabaker, Danya Yoder, Soren Johnson, Alicia Garceau, Aaron Owens, Thea Hopkins, Geoff Freeman, Ann Shim, Trina Chalupa, Laura Rapinchuk, Kate Ryan, Tiina Martin, Andrea Bahr, Raven Moore, Sybll Ruiz.





Pep Club. Front: Lisa Gray, Carrie Vanbuskirk, Candy Kairys, Veronica Chavez, Ann Shim, Amy Kosifas. Row 2: Thea Hopkins, Advisor Bob Hein, Kristie Spielman, Sybil Ruiz, Dee Calderini, Angle Chavez, Julie Graczyk, Janine Wurm, Dana Sabol. Back:

Sandy Dawson, Paula Nelson, Michelle Reiner, Caroline Cinquegrani, Trista Chalupa, Jenny Mennella, Jenny Doggett, Anna Hayes, Jaime Menola, Janice Mies, Gina Clifford, Missy Klancir.





Pep Club. Front: Sapna Patel, Megan Sullivan, Zora Slapak, Sheri Daleiden, Amy Mertż, Jennifer Smith. Back: Becky Szesny, Anita Caste-

lano, Christina Nimmo, Trina Chalupa, RaeAnn Dawson, Tiina Martin, Tracy Howe.

RaeAnn Dawson decorates her Pep Pal's locker for Pep Club.



## Working To A New Dimension

For VICA, AV, SADD, and Pep Club this has proved to be an everchanging and exciting year.

VICA has always been an ternative to regular classcom learning. Paul Hauserman said, "I like it because I earn what the outside world is ke. We talk about my future bout how to succeed in the b world today." VICA's proram includes going to school fulfill the graduation requireents then students are alwed to leave to go to work. hey also participate in a class mere they talk about job reited problems and get supprt from their peers.

Pep Club was headed by wo presidents, Dee Calderini and Angie Chavez. Angie pugh this was helpful because, "It was easier to come with more ideas to raise thool spirit." One of these

new pep ideas was the revival of the spirit stick. This was used as a reward for the class that demonstrated the most "spirit" at pep assemblies. Only four pep assemblies were held because of lack of interest. Dee Calderini justified this by saying, "A lot of juniors and seniors leave after sixth or seventh hour; most don't want to stay the extra hour top support their teams because they have other interests." They are planning to extend Pep Club to support spring sports, but again the lack of interest held them back. "We wanted to decorate for baseball but we needed the support of the whole club in order to start such a new and big project," said Dee Calderini.

SADD activities revolved around the two big social functions; Prom and Homecoming. They hosted a "dangers of summer" program the week of Prom, and during Homecoming Week they made announcements and had a booth during lunches to warn students the dangers of drinking and driving.

Veteran A.V. man Derek Schoepf describes his duties as "Delivering the necessary audio visual material to classrooms and fix everything like minor defects with equipment." Derek first joined a.V. three years ago when, "Mrs. Barsema drafted me into it sophomore year. I decided to stay with it because I don't get anything accomplished in unscheduled so I might as well get paid for my off hour. We only get paid minimum wage but the big bucks are in the plays."

- Michelle May

Derek Schoepf shows us that he is head over heels about A.V. while Karen Schuster looks on.





ADD. Front: Jenny Johnson, Wendy me, Lesley Ryan, Monica Le-

pianka. Back: John Prusko, Kim Barajas, Joe Handley, Advisor Bob Hein.



VICA. Front: Christine Lipske, Roberto Cuiriz, Jenni Bloniarz, Diana Hernandez. Back: Mike Luers, Kevin Otto, Paul Hausermann, Advisor Paul Junkroski.



# Foreign Flavors!

A lot is new and different about the foreign language clubs this year. "We do a great deal more than last year," said Spanish club advisor Sue Junkroski. There are more members and more activities being done like the potluck dinner where everyone brought a Mexican dish, dessert, or drink. The club is also planning some interesting trips for the future.

The International Club represents twelve different cultures so far, and develops international understanding and cultural appreciation. The club helped needy families at the Thanksgiving food drive, in winter clothes donation, and collected toys for all minority community members during Christmas. They also had a Thanksgiving supper at the Main restaurant. In January they sponsored a guest speaker from the Chicago Health Department who discussed AIDS.

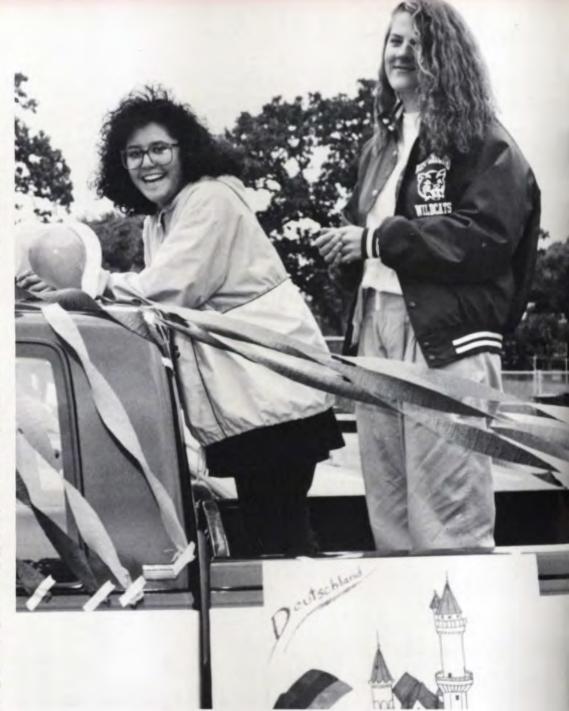
In the French Club, students took a field trip to the Chicago Art Institute to see French impressionist paintings.

The German Club has a weekly "Kaffeeklatsch," which is a get-together with coffee, cookies and conversation. They watched some German movies and organized an ice-skating night.

All three foreign language clubs had a super Christmas carol night where they sang international Christmas songs and feasted on cookies.

If you can, join one of these culturally-enriching clubs. You'll not only learn something, but you'll have a lot of fun, too!

- Thilo Hey



International Club. Front: George Chen, Wang Xiong, Selina Medina, Isabel Montoys, Ireri Tena, Chau Truong. Row 2: Lupe Serrato, Leilani Garcia, Chancannica Mam, Advisor Carmen Avilles, Israel Castro, Amparo Cortez, Claudia Castellanos, Gabriela Cruz Back: Claudia Beaugrand, Jabaar Murray, Andy Srachta, Roger Rollo, Jason Rudigier, Tom Kiesler, Gustavo Nieto, DeeDee Judson, Advisor David Hiller



Yanessa Muhlberger and Tara Yunwald decorate the German Club loat for the Homecoming parade. International Club Officers Chau Truong, teacher Brian Meyers, Jabaar Murray, Andrew Gamboa, Advisor Carmen Aviles, and George Chen play Santa Claus as they donate toys for needy families in West Chicago. French Club. Front: Michelle Caffarello, Kristin Martin, Angie Chavez, Veronica Chavez, Chancannica Mam, Karla Sosulski, Yvette Contreras, Lilia Mendoza Row 2: Blanca Rios, Rebecca Baker, Ivonne Lopez, Adrienne Panveno, Caroline Yong, Bridget Shockey,

Jennifer Smith, Advisor Marjorie Appeal **Row 3:** Hallie Grant, Lindsay Eichman, Ami Sparkman, Ana Espino, Licette Nieto, Tita Arroyo, Alicia Cox, Jody Askin **Back:** Eric Standboe, Nick Streams, Tom Fox, Dan Yonan, Jaime Symowicz, Pedro Perez









German Club. Front: Chris Altman, Thilo Hey, Rob Scott, Jennifer Vavrek, Craig Caffarello Row 2: Advisor Terry Mitchell Strohm, Karina Bite, Natalie Baker, Malia Leck, Laura Bozidarevic, Tom Fox Back: Shaun Cronin, Chris Leck, Brian Stewart, Eric Strandboe



rie Gilgallon, Julia Rodenkirch, Eric Strandboe, Dina Bascharon, Emily Szesny, Carolyn Mertz **Back:** Amy Turkot, Brandon Fantozzi, Mike Williams, Advisor Sue Junkroski, Nathan Garmatz



With our group, it is easy to feel comfortable speaking French even if you are only in first year. We help each other. -French Club Advisor Marjorie Appel



Extra, Extra . . .

Improved school publications proved to be eye opening with controversial topics, more participation, and creative ideas.

Students found an outlet to express their opinions in the Bridge, explaining the increased number of letters to the editor. Alicia Garceau, indepth-editor said, "I think the Bridge covered a lot of topics that opened up people's eyes to the real world. It burst the high school bubble . . . and it is so hard-core." Not all aspects of being involved in the Bridge was hard work. Brian Levake, features editor, said, "The best part of being involved in the **Bridge** was prowling around the school at late hours in the night trying to make deadlines." Aaron Owens liked picking up "the hot woman" at the Journalism Convention in Chicago. Eric Schlotzer winks in approval.

The **Phoenix** showed the students another way to be creative by publishing short stories, art work, and poems. They had a lot of new members ranging from freshman to seniors. Even with the lack

of funds they tried to put out a better looking magazine than past years. For Karina Bite, the best part of being involved in the **Phoenix** was, "The privilege of reading all the works submitted - even the ones that didn't get accepted - they were all worthwhile and together they reflected the student's hopes, feelings, and personalities."

Challenge drew a lot of new members who quickly became friends this summer at year-book camp and at the workshop in Champaign. Keri Jones had a good time at camp, "I had a hard core experience when I slammed to the beat of the song 1999 by Prince, and I also met a special friend." Newcomer Melissa Kloster looks forward to year-book class because, "First hour is fun, not sleepy, because everyone is wild and gets along and Mrs. Carter livens it up."

The **Phoenix, Bridge,** and **Challenge** are just another way to express yourself and let out your creative talent.

- Michelle May

Mary Jo Prusko and Anna Berendson bow to the superior Yearbook Editorin-Chief Chris Baginski.



The **Bridge's** features editor, Brian Levake, shows he has his writing in the palm of his hand.



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I enjoy being the Yearbook Editor because I get to give orders, oh yeah, and make fun of Mrs. Carter.

Chris Baginski





**Bridge Front:** Elisa Biancalana, Jennifer Caligiuri, Alicia Garceau, Jeanine Murphy, Julianne Graczyk.

**Back:** Advisor Tim Courtney, Eric Schlotzer, Matt Haverty, Brian Levake, Elizabeth Gernand.

# WriteStuff



Phoenix Front: Skye Studabaker, Karina Bite, Malia Leck, Elisa Biancalana. Second Row: Lindsey Eichman, Amanda Schmezis, Heather Beckett, Trina Szwicker, Jodi Sutenbach, Mike Powers, Advisor Am MacDonald. **Back:** Chris Leck, Joe Guetter, Paul Johnson, Rob Scott. Challenge. Front: Melissa Kloster, Keri Jones, Denise Nance, Anna Berendson. Row 2: Chau Truong, RaeAnn Dawson, Kelly MacAdam,

Samantha Newby, MaryJo Prusko, Thilo Hey. Back: Sandy Dawson, Christine Baginski.



"I think yearbook teaches about how to work with other people and it teaches responsibility," Kelly MacA- dam says. Here she helps with yearbook distribution.



How did the Bridge try to be different from last year?

We tried to focus more on interschool activities, as you can tell it stirs up a lot of controversy! Brian Levake





ldi Sutenbach, Lindsey Eichman, and Elisa Biancalana are hard at work

reading the Phoenix submissions.



# Sports

A year of change ... This may sound like a love peace thing from the sixties, but it isn't. I'm talking about West Chicago Sports. It was the year we had all been waiting for, and it began in June of '91. Summer practices for most sports are pretty common. Members of girls swimming, cross country, and golf all devoted valuable time over the years practicing throughout the break. Football decided to give it a try, and it seems as if it really did benefit. After all, the team won two games this year, and homecoming was one of them. Then girls swimming knocked everyone on their behinds. Kate Ryan, Corrie Gilgallon, Erin Myers, and Becky Manning won two relays in state, and Gilgallon, Manning, and Myers qualified in individual events as well. The girls placed third overall, bringing back a state trophy for the first time in any sport since 1974, and boy, does it look nice on display. Everyone was thrilled, not only because they were proud of the team's accomplishments, but also because we got to show our pride at a pep assembly. It was true motivation for all other teams to do well at state. Basketball, both boys and girls, also amazed the fans. As of this writing, both the boys and girls were in contention for first place in conference. Quite an accomplishment considering our conference is one of the toughest of the state in all sports. And we can't forget the fans. Fan support has been overwhelming, but I regret to

say, there have been no bread throwing incidents. I kind of miss that. Wrestling is forever troubled by the number problems- there just are not enough wrestlers. Yet the team still gave 110%, and their hard work did pay off. Individuals such as Israel Castro and Russ Guerrero had a chance to qualify for state due to the support of others. Then there are teams which did not win first in conference. and did not qualify for state, but tried their hardest. They too, are important, and perhaps learn that some things are more valuable than the joy of victory. WeGo sports teams began to learn a little bit more about teamwork, dedication, and hard work through not only their coaches, but other students as well. They found out what it means to win, but also what it means to lose. They discovered that they owe it to themselves and their team

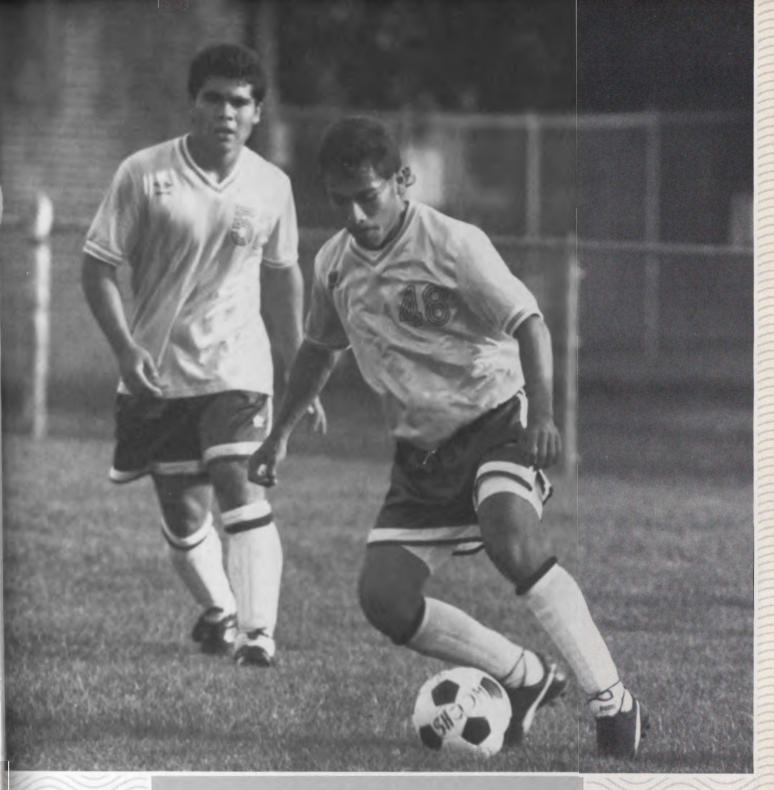
to give 110% to win, but that if they don't, life goes on. Losing the game does not mean losing pride. The teams have proven they are not a bunch of quitters. WeGo is well on the way to becoming a sports powerhouse in the conference if we continue the path we have begun, and I hope we do. We have a shot at being the best, if only it can be capitalized on. After being at the bottom for so long, don't we deserve it?

Samantha Newby

Junior Chris Murphy serves up a volleyball victory.

State alternate Jennifer Vavrek looks to Coach Dan Johnson for tips to improve her time.





Editors —
Samantha Newby
Anna Berendson
Michelle May
Thilo Hey
Melissa Klaster
Denise Nance

Roberto Cuiriz concentrates on finding a hole in the defense while Greg Juare⊋ waits for a pass.

# Just Say Cats

"There is no other sport that asks more of a person. Each person must give 110% the whole time, but most important 110% as a team." This quote by Doug Campbell sums up the Wildcat football team. They finished the season with a 2-7 record, but it's not the number of wins that should be remembered, it's the time and effort they put forth.

Despite their record, the Wildcats walked away with a sense of accomplishment and memories to carry with them throughout the years. "My most memorable moment would have to be the game against Naperville Central. I got knocked out with a concussion on the first play and next thing I knew it was 10:30 and I was in the hospital, " recalled Rich Fikis. Derek Nelson felt the most memorable moment occured

"when Tate Knutson intercepted a Glenbard South pass at the end of the Homecoming game to preserve the 9-6 win."

In addition, Special Mention-All Conference Knutson was named Defensive Most Valuable Player along with fellow teammates Nelson and Gerardo Del Rio. Captain Hugo Miranda was also Special Mention-All Conference. Offensive Most Valuable Player was claimed by Ken Hodgen. The Most Improved Players of the Year were Jim Briggs, Dan Cadena, and Brian Metcalf.

Most players felt that the low turnout of athletes is what hurt the Wildcats, and agreed with Carlos Ayala when he said they need "to have more guys that think they are better than us to have the guts to join and prove it."

-- Anna Berendson



Varsity. Front:: M. Fraser, D. Schoepf, D. Campbell Row 2: J. Spohn, B. Metcalf, G. Del Rio, R. Rollo, J. Pester, S.Walski, J.Briggs, K.Hodgen Row 3: H.Miranda, D.Barton, J.Dupuis, M. Christopher, J. Cabrera, C.Ayala, R. Perez Row 4: E.Ingram, K. Bussey, M.Rogers,

M. Schlick, M. Hunter, B. Reese, W.Sullivan, D. Nelson **Back**: Coach B. Donash, R.Fikis, R. Serrato, T.Knutson, D. Cadena, M. Brennan, Coach R. Burgin **Not Pictured**: Coach J. Rotunno, Coach C. Burau, Manager C. Mielke, Manager B.Suerth, Z. Hoffman



Sophomore. Front: D. Perry, E. Winkler, M. Tancula, R. Clark, R.Kaelin, N. Mehta, T. Fijalkowski Row 2: J. Gabbard, D. Matejka, J. Carbone, J. Breen, D. Ventrelle, G. Yourek, M. Morris, A.Medina Row 3:

Coach D.Sayner, T. Suess, K.Gulbro, D. Denges, J. Lammers, C.Combs, C. Carlyon, M.Hager, Coach L.Adamchek Back: P.Flanagan, S.Murray, J.Smiley, J. Jovanovich, J. Miller, B.Wehr, S. Chytry, F. Silva, B. Kramer





Freshman. Front: N. Castellano, T. Lindsley, A. Grotto, M. Wehling Row 2: D. Guerrero, C. Wyer, T. Nelson, S.Halford, J.Czernik, S. Rhoads, B.Fantozzi, J. Rhodes Row 3: R. Berendson, A. Dvorak, K. Molloy, J. Bejarano, O. Guajardo, M.Genovesi, A. Webb,

T.Kanzia Row 4: Coach J. Schultz, E.Buenz, M.Hunter, D. Hubert, J. Daniel, S. Petusky, C. Johnson, J. Nicoloff, J. Planek, Coach T. Minelli Back: Coach R. McCollum, D. Ventrelle, T. Spurlock, E. Stanford, F. Trejo, M. Gentry, D. Porter, M.Dyl, M.Bosman Ken Hodgen, Most Valuable Player, leads Jason Spohn through the hole

while Quarterback Rich Fikis executes a perfect handoff.





first touchdown on varsity" is

at All Conference player Ken

ten remembers the most. Here

Pabrera kicks the game winning goal against Glenbard South.

en scores yet another touch-

What was the funniest thing that happened during the

season?
Diving in the mud on Memorial
Field after the last practice.

-Derek Schoepf

Eric Buenz's fumble recovery and touchdown run against Naperville Central. -Osvaldo Guajardo When Coach Burau beat Brian "Mouth" Reese in the 40 yard dash. -Jim Cabrera Pigeons would land right in the middle of where we were practicing and wouldn't go away. -Jason Spohn

When Matt Hunter took off his shirt and dove through the mud.

-Rich Berendson



Zach Hoffman goes airborne during a victorious Homecoming game. Says Hoffman, "If people start to believe in themselves and the Wildcats, we (as a team) could rip the DVC apart.

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0	WHEATON NORTH	28
0	GLENBARD NORTH	35
8	NAPERVILLE CENTRAL	. 41
14	GLENBARD EAST	47
0	NAPERVILLE NORTH	28

**FOOTBALL** 

Varsity Soccer. Front: Samuel Argomaniz, John Acosta, Ernesto Romero, Tony Alfaro, Carlos Nava, Miguel Ortiz Row 2: Roberto Cuiriz, German Cruz, Matt Pheneger, David Siers, Jorge Ortiz, Scott Klosowski, Juan Carrillo Row 3: Eddie Cortez, Gustavo Nieto, Duane Belniak, Geoff Freeman, Mike Aigner, Ryan Evans, Greg Juarez Back: Coach Bob Owens, Tamara Pheneger, Dainis Osis, Aaron Owens, Rachel Harper, Coach Bob Lee

Sophomore Soccer. Front: Miguel Perez, Dan Schoenberger, Matt Usterbowski, Joe Peach, Alejandro Acosta, Valdis Osis Row 2: Rick Swanson, Scott Weiss, Jose Munoz, Chad Merritt, Jay Hunn **Back**: Todd Reffett, Chris Perez, Felipe Hernandez, Bill Turna, Helio Juarez





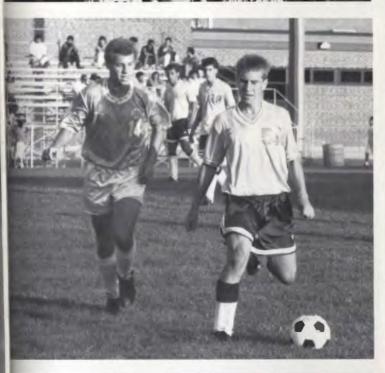


Miguel Cruz sacrifices his body for the sake of the team. He makes a fast

recovery and runs down field in order to protect the goal.

Freshman Soccer. Front: Julio Cruz, Chris Freeman, Mike Garceau Row 2: Ramon Nieto, Jeff Hadzima, Brent Busse, Joel Madden, Mark

Bullard, Daniel Menola **Back:** Edgardo Alfaro, Adam Czapiga, Carlos Rodriguez, Joel Alfaro, Fabian Moreno





nor Greg Juarez attempts to get the action as teammate Ernesto

Romero fights for the ball at a home game.

# Rebuilding...

#### Soccer nets a completely different season

"Playing in Geneva in the regional championship," was Greg Juarez's most lasting memory from Varsity soccer because, "we were playing in the mud and everybody was slipping and throwing mud at each other during the game." They won the game, making the memory even sweeter. After all, it gave them the chance to advance to sectionals and continue in their quest for state.

Everyone said it would be a rebuilding year. The guys were losing All-Stater Richie Romero, as well as nine other varsity players. It would be a year of hard work, which would hopefully pay off in two or three years. If this is rebuilding, then wait until next year. The overall record was 18-4-2, which is the best ever. Not bad for a group of "inexperienced" players.

Captain Dave Siers protects the ball from a defender as he sets up a goal.

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3	Bolingbrook	0
6	Plainfield	2
4	Willowbrook	1
0	St. Charles	1
5	Geneva	1
4	Rockford Guilford	1 1
1	Streamwood	0
3	Crystal Central	1
1	Wheaton North	0
1	Glenbard South	1
1	Lyons Township	0
5	Wheaton Central	4
2	Naperville North	2
6	Glenbard North	0
4	Glenbard East	0
6	Romeoville	3
1	Naperville Central	3
5	Glenbard South	0
0	Naperville North	2
2	Wheaton Central	1
6	Malta	0
4	Geneva	1
1	Batavia	2

Awards night reflected the upbeatness of the season. when those named to the All Conference and All Area teams were announced. Dave Siers, Zenaido Diaz, Omar Guzman, and Greg Juarez were All Area, while Siers and Guzman were both All Conference. Siers was named overall MVP, and Diaz recieved the MVP for offense. MVP on defense was a tie between Roberto Cuiriz and Juarez. MIP was awarded to Jorge Ortiz, and Gustavo Nieto recieved a special Coaches Award.

The team was led by seniors Dave Siers and Zenaido Diaz as well as junior Dainis Osis. They were tricaptains and helped the team win 9 games in a row, tying the record for most consecutive games won. The guvs placed third in conference with a record of 6-2-2, as well as winning regionals and the Bolingbrook tournament. Their season sadly came to an end when they lost to Batavia in super sectionals. Said Juarez, "It was the worst moment, losing to Batavia, 'cause we dominated the game. The momentum was in our favor, then they scored and destroyed us completely. If I could, I would take back those last two minutes."

- - Samantha Newby

Cross Country. Front: Ehrin Arimura, Ann Zimmer, Monique Cleminson, Amy Kosifas, Catalina Garcia, Bhavini Shah Row 2: Manali Shah, Mike Gervais, John Newton, Kevin Gervais, Bryan Johnston, Pat Carlberg, Ray Steele, Laura Vigsnes Back: Coach Paul McLeland, Phil Worel, Elliot Papadakis, Dan Schulz, Brett Siglin, Eric Gernand, Mike Callarman, Jim Staniels, Coach Bob Thomson



Sophomores Bhavini Shah and Laura Vigsnes give their best in a meet against Naperville North and

Wheaton North. At the moment, Shah and Vigsnes split up in order to pass their competitors.



Senior Mike Callarman runs alone, as he will do often in the '91 season. He is ahead of the pack, and will stay there in order to finish 1st in the home meet.



# Playing the

Murphy's Law: If anything can go wrong, it will. Murphy's Law definitely applied to the boys cross country team. It manifested itself in injuries, disciplinary difficulties, and untimely bouts with illness. Losing four seniors to graduation did not help much either. Despite the low number of returnees, the boys started off the season with high hopes. After all, their numbers one and two, Mike Callarman and Brett Siglin respectively, were both named as possible conference winners, as well as the team returning four state qualifiers. The sky was the limit. The boys placed third at the Cary Grove and Lisle Invites, second at Wauconda, and first at Belvidere. The season was going well, and the post season was approaching.

Then they met Murphy, and their luck changed. Senior Callarman was unable to compete at the Benet invitational or at the St. Charles

regional due to an injury. Morale dropped, and fast. Practice turnout decreased steadily, and at the regional, three j.v. runners were forced to run varsity. Consequently, the boys placed seventh, and did not qualify for sectionals, ending all hopes of team qualification for state. Junior Brett Siglin placed second and made it to the sectional. Then he contracted bronchitis, and never fully recovered before sectionals, where he placed 102. A bright spot of the season was Awards Night, where the team, both boys and girls, came together, and acted as a team should. Siglin received MVP, as well as being honored as an All Conference harrier. Sophomore Pat Carlberg was awarded MIP, and a Coaches Award was earned by senior Elliot Papadakis. However, it could not make up for the end of the season, which, needless to say, was a disappointment. Hopefully they can use this disappointment for motivation



## **Numbers Game**

n the future.

Numbers...there just were not mough. This problem has plagued cross country for years, but it may finally be changing, at least for the airls. Their were a record number of runners out for the team this year. In fact, there were enough girls to field both a junior varsity and varsity team at the invites. The varsity won the Belvidere, Benet and Lisle wites, as well as placing second at Cary Grove and third at Wauconda. The overall record was also the best nyears, at 108-25-1, and the WeGo harriers placed sixth in conference. This team was one of the best WeGo has ever seen. Said Coach Bob Thomson, "We may be small in jumbers, but our quality ranks among the top 20% in the state." In all rights, this team should have walified for state, and would have in past years. It just seems as if the entire conference improved as well. The team finished second at

regionals, in order to qualify for sectionals, where they placed 14th. Sophomore Monique Cleminson received MIP for the girls, and then the surprises began. Just as last year, numbers one and two received conference recognition for the efforts. Ann Zimmer and Catalina Garcia were awarded honorable mention All Conference. And also, just as 1990, there was a tie for the award of MVP, but instead of being shared by two people, it was shared three ways. Zimmer, Garcia, and senior Samantha Newby were all honored, to their delight, and to their surprise as well. It was a bittersweet year, but one which provided hope for the future. With six of the top seven returning, and some great future freshmen, the possibilities are endless. Next year may be the one that WeGo girls surprise them all, and break forth into the state scene.

--Samantha Newby





Ann Zimmer, Ehrin Arimura, Catalina Garcia, Samantha Newby, Amy Kosifas, and Laura Vigsnes gather together to give each other a pep talk in the hopes of eliminating starting line jitters.

#### **Girls Cross Country**

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23	Dundee Crown	33
17	Minooka	42
43	Naperville North	18
33	Wheaton North	24
38	Glenbard North	23
49	Wheaton Central	15
28	Naperville Central	28
30	Glenbard East	26
26	Glenbard South	33

Junior Brett Siglin does not slow down until he is sure he is past the timer and well into the chute. He ends up finishing 1st at this home meet.

#### **Boys Cross Country**

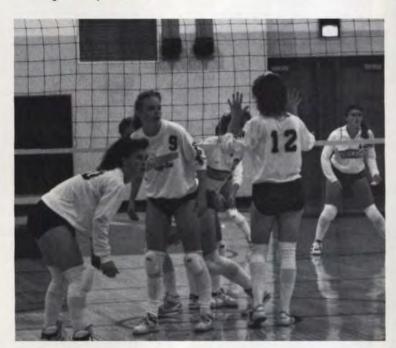
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35	Wheaton North	25
20	Glenbard North	37
36	Wheaton Central	25
20	Glenbard South	40
23	Glenbard East	32
36	Naperville Central	25





Julie Kramer and Kelly Roy await the incoming serve. They are poised and ready as the tension builds up in a match against Naperville North.

Kelly Roy and Chris Murphy look over to a teammate, wondering what is holding up the serve.



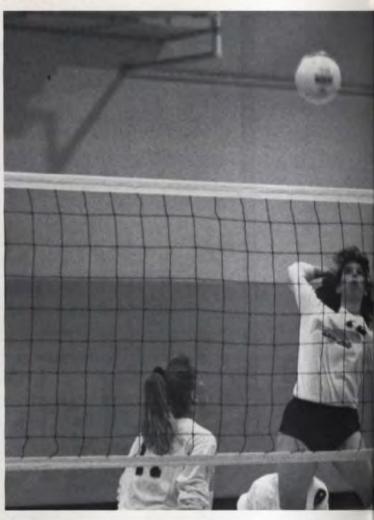


Serving Up

"Why are you here? What's going on?" asked Jen Ault on an early September morning. Senior Liz Gernand remembers these questions asked of her by Ault and Colleen Otto during varsity initiation as one of the seasons best moments. Ault and Otto were not the only players new to the varsity level, in fact there were only a couple of returners. This year's team had only the pressure they put on themselves to do well. That is not to say, however, that they did not place a lot of pressure on their

abilities. They did.

WeGo volleyball has a history of being one of the school's strongest sports, and the team wanted to keep it that way. They met at least two hours a day over the summer, with the goal of being the best. The players as well as the coaches began to learn what it was like to spend a great deal of time together. In fact, it could be said that they were one big family. They laughed, cried, and fought like a family, but most



J.V. Volleyball. Front: Amy Mertz, Thea Hopkins, Wendi Lofton, Lisa Gray, Stacy Ciombor, Alicia Terry.

Back: Colleen Otto, Brooke Logan, Jenny Ault, Dana McKenzie. hphomores. Front: Carrie Dedic, ana Hanlock, Diane Herzer, Jessica irns, Rachel Ekstrom, Karissa hille, Jeannie Au. Back: Jolena Kovalik, Darcy McLeod, Robin Westrom, Karen Hesterman, Kristi Oen, Sherrie Daleiden, Heather Adams, Coach Kim Wallner.

## **Victory!**

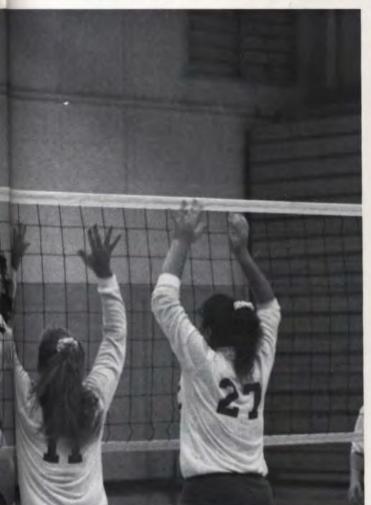
iportantly, they learned to ork together. Their first goal as accomplished.

Their next goal was to win, hich they did. They wanted to prove the previous year's cord, which they did. And bey wanted to improve their inference standing, which bey did. The overall record as 10-15, a definite improvement over the past year. They tished 5-9 in conference, uch better than last year's wenth place finish. Christirphy was named to the All-inference team, and both

Jenny Rose and Cathy Carroll were named to the Honorable Mention All-Conference team. Lynn Ellerbruch and Rose both received MIP, while Murphy received MVP.

And all this from a team which had never played together before, with coaches who had never coached at the high school level before. If only all beginning efforts could be this good. With eight returning varsity players, there is great hope for the future. Only time will tell . . .

- Samantha Newby



in, **shmen. Front:** Bridgette Wage, s Hansen, Beth Lemke, Tracey sh, Megan Terry, Michelle Taylor,

Candy Campbell. **Back:** Betsy Thuer, Jessica Statz, Amy Meyer, Jessica Bartsch, Katie Brosseau.





Always important is the cheering section - the bench supports their starters by shouting encouraging words as well as advice.

Kelly Roy practices returning serve and volleying with a partner before the game begins.





Boys Swimming. Front: Ryan Falkman, Brian Stewart, Mark Sabatino, Brian Levake, Corey Johnson, Bob Dujmovic Row 2: Steve Petusky, David Flatter, Joel Daniel, Matt Tracey, Dave Vaillancourt, John

Keyzer, John Cowling **Back:** Assistant Coach Bob Lee, Tony Villa, Mike Callarman, Torge Runge, Brandon Fantozzi, David Sabatino, Chris Brown, Andy Dvorak, Manager Beth Keeley, Coach Mary Beth Eaton





First time swimmer Mike Callarman gulps in some air as he finishes a practice lap. Callarman joined swimming to stay in shape for track and cross country, and then discovered being a swimming cat was not as easy as it looked.

Brian Levake- is he a human praying mantis? Levake demonstrates diving form as he models the fine school supplied swim suits. Aren't they attractive?



## A Surprising Success

They knew it was not going to be easy. They knew that losing their only state qualifier did not leave the name of West Chicago on the minds of many area coaches as contenders. And they knew that they did not have the numbers to compete, or at least that is what people tried to tell them. It is a good thing that the boys' swim team did not listen to what everyone said.

Losing T.J. Weigand to graduation seemed to be all that anyone could talk about. Where were the guys without their motivator and most recent success? Many people thought nowhere, but these people did not give enough credit to the power of desire. They did not realize how badly the team wanted to be good, how badly the team wanted to prove everyone wrong.

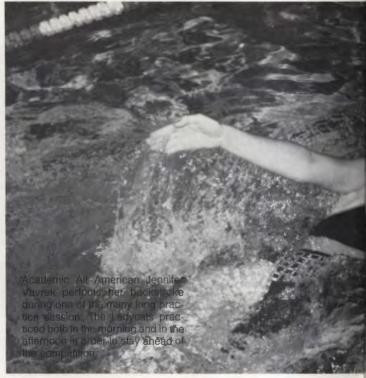
Despite the small number of guys who came out for the team, they still finished with a dual-triangular record of 6-4. The first winning record for the boys in years was achieved due to dedication of the few who swam. They filled in events which perhaps they could not win, but instead merely place in. There were exciting wins, such as the meet against IMSA and West Aurora and disappointing losses against teams such as Streamwood and Elgin. And then there were the

invitationals. The Wildcats received ninth at the Waubonsie Valley invite fifth at the Schamburg Relays, and fourth at the Wildcat Relays, hosted by (you guessed it) WeGo. All performances were good, but none truly rivaled last year's record. That is, untit the Riverside Brookfield Invitational which the guys won. And then they really began to shine.

For the first time ever, the boys swim team qualified two swimmers to state. Both Brian Levake and David Flatter reached that seemingly impossible goal, in helping their team to a seventh place finish at sectionals. Levake qualified in the 200 I.M. placing 33rd at state, as well as in the 100 Breaststroke, placing 28th. Flatter swam to 35th in the 100 Butterfly at the state meet. Both were honored for their hard work at Award's Night when Levake was named MVP, and Flatter received the award for Mos Improved. The famous Rookie Of the Year honor went to Corey Johnson.

And all this from a bunch of guys who were not supposed to do any thing much this year. A winning record, a first place invite trophy, and two state qualifiers ... Those guys were mighty busy doing nothing much.

- Samantha Newby



#### Taste Of Defeat

It all began on a cold September oming ... Girls stumbling into the ol locker room, rubbing sleep out of but how early it is. This scene re-tats time and time again, on morn-ps throughout the season. And then ere were practices that seem to last ever, and seem to be impossibly ueling and the girls are not sure if by can make it. But of course they That's what it takes to be good, nd they all know it. They all know hat it is to be dedicated, and so they Iffer, though not always silently. Said Jura Bozidarevic, "The morning ura Bozidarevic, "The morning ctices were about the worst thing It wasn't very fun to get to the hool at 5:45 a.m. and have to wait iting for the janitors to open up the ors." This sentiment is echoed by

the swimmers. twas not always easy, and they did always win. There were meets, ch as the St. Charles College Events tational, where the team finished low as fourth place. There were, wever, meets where the Ladycats some of their true potential shinthrough. They discovered they uld win at the Wildcat Quadranguthe Deerfield Invitational, and the merous dual meets. In fact, their al record was the best in years, at But the girls did not discover their ability until the sectional meet. til they had six sectional champi-There were two winning relays, Medley and 200m Free, and three ividual winners in the 50 Free, 100 ck, 100 Fly, 100 Breaststroke. (Erin ers, Corrie Gilgallon, and Becky nning, respectively) The Medley lay was composed of Myers, igallon, Manning, and Jennifer wek, while the 200 Free was made of Myers, Manning, Kate Ryan, and wra Bozidarevic. Qualifying as indituals were Gilgallon in the Back, an in the 50 and 100 Free, and

Manning in the I.M.
And then, the moment they were all waiting for .. STATE! Not only were the two relay teams sectional champions, they were also state champions, and recognized as All American athletes. "The best moment of the season was standing on the first place block and knowing that our relay swimmers were state champions, Gilgallon. In the individual events, Myers finished third in 100 back, and fourth in the 50 Free, while Gilgallon finished sixth in back and seventh in fly. Rvan placed ninth in the 50 and eleventh in the 100 free, while Manning fell ill, and was only able to swim to fourteenth in the I.M. and eighteenth in her event, the breaststroke. Said Manning later, "If I had the chance to change one thing, I would have not change one thing, I would have not gotten sick two days before state. And though it was no consolation at the time, Manning has three more years to improve on her performance. Despite Manning's illness, the team finished third overall at State, higher

than any previous year.

One of the saddest nights of the season was sports awards night, It meant the season was over. Myers was named MVP, and Manning was named Rookie Of the Year. Sophomore Heidi Herold was honored as the MIP. Rivaling the amount of tears shed was senior parent night, which many of the team recognized as the most memorable moment. Said Bozidarevic, "You could just feel the closeness of everyone on the team. We were all hugging and crying but I think it was the best moment of the

season

They accomplished a great deal more than anyone could have hoped. The season was one of hard work, devotion, defeat, and finally, success It is a season that will be remembered. We can only hope there will be many more of these seasons yet to come.

Up and down the lanes, time and time again. These Ladycat swimmers work on warming up in the cool water. Stretching out the muscles is as important in this sport as any.





Girls Swimming. Front: Amy Garceau, Angie Lowell, Jenny Weigand, Alicia Garceau, Stephanie Combs, Heidl Herold Row 2: Corrie Gilgallon, Elisa Biancalana, Sarah Bant, Amy Turkot, Karina Bite, Beth Cinert Row 3: Coach Dan Johnson, Lila Petty, Kate Ryan, Malia Leck, Jennifer Vavrek, Cheri

Winkler, Erin Myers, Laura Bozldarevic, Assistant Coach Mary Beth Eaton **Back:** Manager David Flatter, Beth Keeley, Becky Manning, Andrea Ohins, Carrie Peterson, Haley Grant, Deborah Dvorak, Megan Korbel





Girls Diving. Front: Carrie Vandercreek, Molly Statz, Samantha Dolen Back: Lisa Hood, Regina Viscogliosi, Laura Doll, Dana Smith

Freshman Basketball. Front: Laura Torrey, Lisa Lipscomb, Selina Medina, Carrie DeBlecourt, Hallie Grant Row 2: Jenny Cavaliere-Coleman, Jessica Bartsch, Christi Rehmus, Bridgette Wage, Megan Terry **Back:** Coach Paul McLeland, Suzie Kochniarczyk, Amy Meyers, Amy Turkot, Jennifer Hauger, Wendy Woodward

Sophomore Basketball. Front: Catalina Garcia, Shelia Herrero, Christina Nimmo Row 2: Kim Hack, Sheri

Daleiden, Shannon Walkoe, Betsy Co Back: Coach Dave Sayner, Samantha Bauer, Carie Mielke, Darcy McLeod

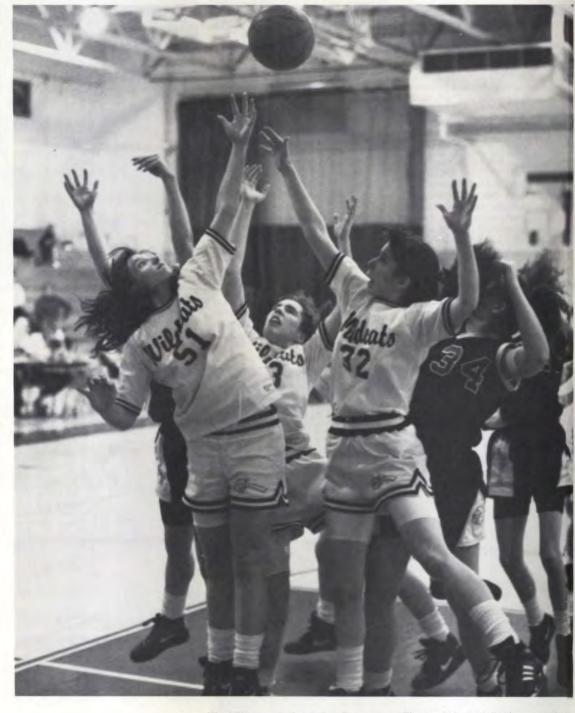






Amy Barnes dribbles downcourt as the rest of the Wildcats set up an offense and try to make themselves open for the pass which she considers.

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West Chicago obviously has the upper hand as three of the Wildcats try to grab the rebound and block out

J.V. Basketball. Front: Dawn orkowski, Deborah Dvorak, Sarah Meyers Row 2: Raven Moore, Carey letzel, Colleen Otto Back: Coach homas Rivan, Jenny Ault, Robin lestrom, Coach Kim Wallner





Proline Cinquegrani and Tiffany Smith study the game as they rest on te bench. Chris Murphy also watches begame as she endorses her favorite stort drink - Gatorade.



Shannon Mason attempts to cut around a Glenbard North Panther in a race to the basket where Mason will score.

#### Just Shoot It!

Losing four of seven varsity players to graduation was not an auspicious start to the season, but the girls did not let this faze them. Their goals included improving the past season's record, as well as advancing past the first round in post season play. They achieved each of these goals, and more.

They began by placing fifth in conference, with a record of 6-8. The team posted wins over conference greats Naperville North and Naperville Central. Their success continued in tournament play with second place finishes in both the Lyons Thanksgiving Tournament and the Lady Wildcat Holiday Classic. Then the post season, and the true excitement began. Said Coach Wallner, "The highlight of the season was the regional win over Naperville North." Not only did this se-

Elizabeth Gernand pivots while trying to avoid the Glenbard double team. Wait, isn't that illegal?



cure their advancement to the next round, it was also a confidence booster. The Ladycats avenged their early season loss to North in an exciting fourth quarter game, with a final score of 45-41. Disappointingly, their confidence and will to win was just not enough. They succumbed to the powerhouse Naperville Central in the next round, losing 51-61.

The team was not without its superstars, however. Junior Amy Barnes was a standout in a senior dominated game. She received unanimous All Conference honors, as well as All Area honors from the Daily Herald, Daily Journal, and Aurora Beacon. She was also selected honorable mention All Area by the Chicago Sun Times, and was named the team's most valuable player. This is the first time in years a junior has received this award. Another standout was junior Shannon Mason. Not only was she declared the team's defensive player of the year, she was also named to the honorable mention All Conference team, as well as honorable mention for the Daily Herald and Aurora Beacon All Area teams. Also named to the honorable mention Aurora Beacon All Area team was junior Christy Murphy. Other players receiving recognition for a job well done include sophomore Colleen Otto, the team's most improved player, and Liz Gernand, who was awarded the MXTE Senior award.

Samantha Newby

Varsity Basketball. Front: Caroline Cinquegrani, Shannon Mason, Tiffany Smith Row 2: Chris Murphy, Jorie Peterson, Amy Barnes, Julie Kramer Back: Coach Kim Wallner, Victoria Smith, Elizabeth Gernand, Coach Thomas Rivan

# A Recipe For Success Dunkin' Heinz

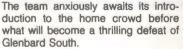
.. And now for your West Chicago Wildcats! The starting lineup was an experienced one that had played together in years past, as well as the previous summer. Then a new player invaded the camp, and he turned everything upside down. Instead of being rejected, however, he was welcomed with open arms. The name of this newcomer? Eric Heinz, a name which over the course of the season would become known in all Wildcat households. He was the slam dunk king and he wowed home crowds week in and week out. Heinz alone did not bring the Cats to their first conference victory, however. He has some help in the backcourt from the four other starters as well as those who came off the bench. The final conference record was 8-6, which was good enough for a second place finish overall. The Cats also won the Oswego Thanksgiving tournament and had one of their best records in recent history, 12-13.
All of the hard work had

All of the hard work had obviously paid off, and the DVC has recognized WeGo's improvement. Eric Heinz, Travaris Sullivan, and Erin Por-

ter were all named to All Conference teams — Heinz was selected unanimously. These three were also chosen to be members of the All Area teams. And Heinz received an honor new to WeGo basketball, he was named to the All State team. Other honors he was awarded include Best Team Rebounder as well as MVP. He competed in the State Slam Dunk Contest, where he placed 32nd. Travaris Sullivan also competed in a new exhibition meant to liven up state finals the three point shoot out. He won regionals and advanced to sectionals, out of which he unfortunately did not qualify. Other honors awarded at Winter Sports Night were the Charge Award to Shaun Cronin, MIP to Erin Porter, and Best Defender to Rob Rivan.

The basketball season was truly a rewarding experience—not only did the team finish with an impressive record, they gained some respect from other teams. The guys made sure that everyone knew WeGo was a team to contend with. After all, WeGo has a guy who can slam dunk.







Scott Weber gets a fast break and is airborne as he dribbles down the court. He is soon to be followed by teammate Jeremy Velichkoff.

Varsity Basketball. Front: Eric Lasky, Travaris Sullivan, Erin Porter, Martin Gentry, Row 2: Scott Weber, Wallace Sullivan, Jeremy Velichkoff, Ed Ingram, Rob Rivan **Back:** Coach Lee Maciejeski, Shaun Cronin, Kevin Baldus, Eric Heinz, Dainis Osis Shaun Cronin positions himself under the basket in case the foul shot taken by a Glenbard South Raider does not go in. Disappointingly it does, but WeGo will still go on to win the matchup.





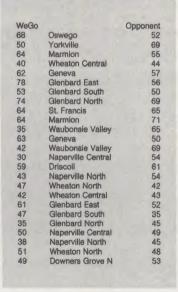
Sophomore Basketball. Front: Dustin Perry, Tim Murphy, Tom Suess, John Jovanovich, Nick Kerimi Row 2: Alex Hlier, Dave Vingren, Dave Cox, Bob O'Donnell, Rolando Chavez, Jason Furlong **Back:** Coach Ernie Cameron, Rene Castillo, Matt Stewart, John Lammers, Donba Norwood, Jesse Montalvo, Coach Bill Recchia



Freshman Basketball. Front: Juan Moreno, Luis Gonzalez, Jeff Sterling, Declan Walsh, Valdis Ossis, Mike Kiesler, Mike Garceau Row 2: Fabian Moreno, Felix Favela, Joe Czernik, Brent Busse, Jason Bucher, Tim

Landis, Mario Gentry **Back:** Coach Bruce Donash, Chad Erickson, Dylan Biros, Chris Altman, Kevin Keyzer, Dave Hubert, Jeff Nyman, Eric Buenz, Mark Bosman, Coach Larry Adamczyk





We had a great season. Ups and downs. We all had a lot of fun but man did the season go by fast. I only wish the season could have ended on a better note. — Erin Porter

## Wimps Need Not Apply

Erik Cappadora says the ideal wrestler is, "a person who gives 150% and is helpful and reliable. Not necessarily the absolute best wrestler." According to this definition every wrestler that finished the season is considered ideal.

The Wildcat Wrestling
Team started off strong with
large numbers, but as the
weeks went on their ranks
thinned. When looking back
on the season, Todd Reffett
replied, "We need more
wrestlers out next year that
aren't afraid of a hard 4
months of practice."

Despite their small numbers and young varsity team, consisting mainly of juniors and sophomores, the Wildcats finished the season strong under the lead of co-captain Israel Castro. Both Castro and Aaron Owens qualified for the sectional tournament at Downers Grove North, but after receiving a bad placement in his bracket Owens was knocked out. Castro placed second, losing in the finals to eventual two-time state champion Mike Renella from Naperville North.

Israel walked into the state tournament ranked 5th and came away the 4th best wrestler in the state at 112lbs, improving from his 6th place finish last year at 103lbs. Israel is looked up to by teammates Dan Matejka "because he is dedicated" and by Carlos Ayala "because he knows what it takes to be a CHAMPION." State Champion is what Isreal Castro's goal is for next season.

MVP Castro broke the school record of career takedowns, which is quite an accomplishment for a junior. Castro also finished the season with the most takedowns, major decisions, pins, match points, team points, and wins. He had the fastest Technical Fall in 2:51 and fastest pin in:15. MIP Carlos Ayala had the most escapes of the season, Tate Knutson had the most reversals, and Owens led the team in near fall points. Owens was also named "Assistant" Coach of the Year, Knutson the Most Courageous wrestler, and Ayala the Team Motivator. The "Quiz the Coach" award went to Dave McShane while Todd Reffett was voted the underdog winner of the year. -- Anna Berendson

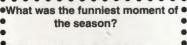
Co-Captain Carlos Ayala works to overturn his Glenbard East opponent.

Coach French gives last minute advice to his varsity team before

their conference duel meet against the Rams.







"When we doorknobbed Hugo (Miranda) at Fuddruckers and chased him for about a block."

#### **Tate Knutson**

•"When wrestlers ran in the street trying to catch Beef (Coach French) in the truck from Fuddruckers."

#### Carlos Ayala

"When Rich Perez danced."

#### **Matt Hunter**

"During Christmas break we all had
an all out brawl against Coach Beefo
(French)."

#### **Todd Reffett**

"When Tate Knutson walked in the egirls' locker room at HInsdale

Coach French

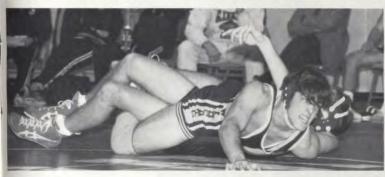


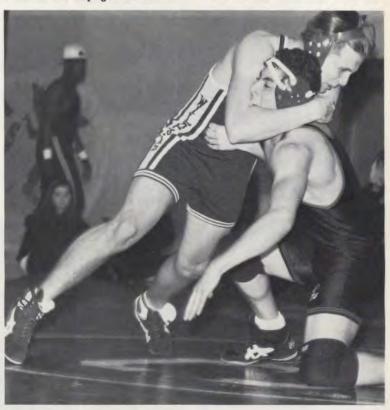
Front: Manual Serna, Rogelio Colorado, Adam Jardis, Mlke Genovesi, Greg Yourek, Tony Klingberg, John Breen, Rich Berendson, Julio Cruz Row 2: Manager Maria Ayala, Josh Murphy, Brian Carlson, Ray Ruberte, Nunzio Castellano, Matt Hunter, Zach Hoffman, Jerry Planek, Paul Abella, Dave McShane, Joe Cappetto, Alex Mamikonian, Manager Anna Berendson **Varsity Back:** Dan Matejka, Coach Bob Burgin, Israel Castro, V. Hugo Miranda, Tom Hisey, Felipe Hernandez, Tate Knutson, Aaron Owens, Dan Cadena, Todd Reffett, Carlos Ayala, Rich Perez, Rich Marmolejo, Coach Bob French, Coach Jack Hughes **Not Pictured:** Manager Chris Baginski, Vladimir Slapak, Chris Marcelle Fellow Teammate Matt Hunter describes Tate Knutson as the ideal wrestler "because he works hard, plays hard, and wants to win." Here Knutson works to break down his opponent.

Freshman Matt Hunter throws a mean crossface while trying to score a

takedown at a home meet against Glenbard East.





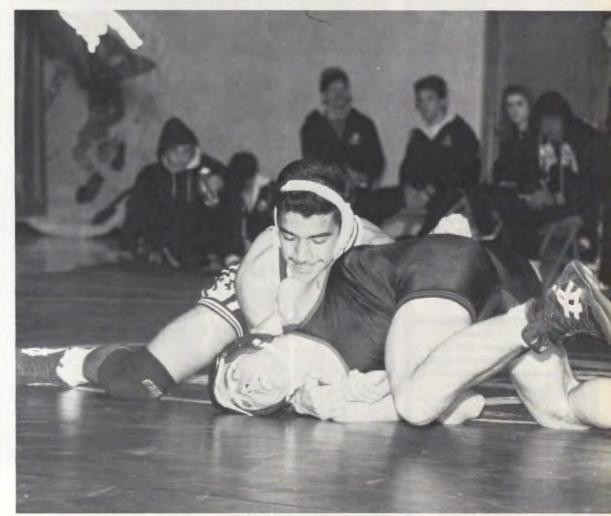


The Wildcat Wrestling Team's only penior, Aaron Owens, wrings up back points against Glenbard East.

Sophomore Felipe Hernandez works to pin his opponent from the Rams. Remandez joined wrestling because "it's a sport where when you mess up you have no one to blame but purself, and when you win you have no one to glorify but yourself."

Varsity	Dual	Meet	Results
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21	0	WEST AURORA	50
1	5	WHEATON CNT.	52
3	3	ELGIN	34
2	1	BATAVIA	48
4	2	HOFFMAN ESTATES	29
3	0	GLENBARD EAST	36
1	2	SYCAMORE	55
3	0	ST. CHARLES	43
6	6	EAST AURORA	9
1	1	GLENBARD NORTH	61
1	2	NAPERVILLE NORTH	53
9	9	PLAINFIELD	62
3	0	GENEVA	39
2	3	WESTMONT	42
4	7	AURORA C. CATHOLIC	30
2	9	NAPERVILLE CENTRAL	33
2	1	GLENBARD SOUTH	47
-	0	NAPERVILLE NORTH	65
23	36	WHEATON NORTH	36
2	29	YORK	36



21 HINSDALE SOUTH

JV. Front: Jason Fritz, Jim Smiley, Dan Ventrelle, Jim Carbone Row 2: Jay Hunn, John Miller, Ted Fijalkowski, Sean Murray, Dustin

Perry, Bill Tuma Back: Coach Kevin Gimre, Tim Murphy, Ed Ingram, Bob O'donnell, Scott Weber, Eric Winkler, Tony Mennella Freshman. Front: Dave Reed, Giovanni Arroyo, Chris Lacour, Shaun Campbell, Adam Bauler Row 2: Dave Ventrelle, Jeff Hadzima, Juan Figueroa, Owain Price, T.J. Brewer, Mike Jacobus Back: Coach Mike Kinser, Tim Landis, Adam Carlson, Dan Dibble, Jason Rhodes, Brandon Fantozzi, Coach Scott Kaminsky







Derek Nelson reaches third and goes on to score in the extra inning victory over Wheaton Central.

#### **RECORDS AND HONORS**

Unanimous All Conference: Jamie Mackert

Honorable Mention All Conference: Jamie McDole

Ken Hodgen Scott Westman

Most Valuable Player: Jamie Mackert

Most Improved Player: Ed Cortez Best Average: Jamie McDole (.357) Most Career Homeruns: Jamie

Mackert (7)
Most Career RBI's: Scott Westman

Most Runs (Career) Scored: Ken

Hodgen (51-Tie)
TEAM RECORDS SET

Most Hits: 227 Most Runs: 164

Most Doubles: 41 (Tie) Most RBI's: 139

Most Abis: 139

Most Stolen Bases: 51 (Tie)



Jamie McDole prepares for the throw from catcher Jim Cabrera.

# TEAM isn't spelled M-E

"This year we were a
"TEAM" and not just a bunch
of guys who went out to play,"
recalls Andy Johnson about
the Varsity Baseball season.
Duane Belniak adds "It'll hurt
when it ends." The Wildcats
had a successful season and
dealt well with the loss of
Jamie Mackert to a shoulder
injury.

Memories of baseball season range from Richie Fikis "having the winning hits in the final innings against both Napervile North and Wheaton Central" to Scott Weber recalling when he "slid into second base and I hit my

Jim Cabrera congratulates
Joe Wagenaar on his great

head on the shortstop's knee. I had a large gash on the bridge of my nose and they called an ambulance which took me to Central Dupage Hospital where I had three stitches in my nose."

Scott Westman felt the greatest accomplishment of the season was "beating Glenbard North for the coaches. They had never beat them before." Ken Hodgen also enjoyed beating Glenbard North because "we hadn't beat them for five years." Derek Nelson enjoyed beating Naperville North the most simply because

pitching in the Wildcat's victory over the Tigers.

"they're from Naperville."
Duane Belniak proudly admits
to pitching "three scoreless
innings against Naperville
North" to get the win.

The varsity squad fought hard up until the close of their season, which came in the second round of regional compitition. "It takes hard work to become a varsity baseball player, people just don't seem to understand that," complains Jamie McDole. To be an athlete takes a lot of hard work and dedication, with often little recognition. It takes more than one person to make a team successful and this squad proved they had what it takes.

-- Anna Berendson

# 16



Varsity. Front: Richie Fikis, Mike Campbell, Jamie Mackert, Steve Walski, Joe Wagenaar Row 2: Ken Hodgen, Ryan Evans, Duane Belniak, Paul Schwartz, Ted Fijalkowski, Ed Cortez Row 3: Jim

Cabrera, Andy Johnson, Carlos Ayala, Jorge Ortiz, Scott Westman, Greg Juarez, Coach Ernie Cameron Back: Coach Tim Courtney, Brandon McCauley, Derek Nelson, Jamie McDole, Ryan Falkman



Ken Hodgen looks for the bunt sign in the bottom of the 8th inning against Wheaton Central.

#### Who on your team is the ideal ballplayer and why?

Rich Fikis...clutch hitter, great baserunner, and solid glove.

#### **Derek Nelson** We have no ideal ballplayer,

we're all great ballplayers.

#### Duane Belniak

Jamie Mackert, he's a man among boys.

#### **Scott Westman**

Ken Hodgen...size, strength, speed, and power.

#### **Rich Fikis**

There isn't just one. We have a team full of ideal ballplayers.

Ken Hodgen
Jim Cabrera. Being the ideal ballplayer is not physical, but mental and Jim had to have been the most mentally prepared person on the entire team. If anyone is going to make it to the big leagues it is Jim.

# Andy Johnson Joe Wagenaar. He pitches, he can hit, and he can play the field. He always comes through when you need

**Jamie McDole** 



#### What word or phrase best describes this season?

"Never a dull moment."
Liz Gernand
"Challanging but fun."
Kristie Spielman
"Fun!"

Christy Murphy
"An experience, we had a lot of new varsity ball players and the other teams in conference wanted us bad."

Fiona Quane

JV. Front: Dana Smith, Vanessa Muhlberger, Jaclin Kirkland, Diana Hanlock, Stacy Ciombar Row 2: Candi Kairys, Tiina Martin, Thia Hopkins, Stacey Matthews, Dawn Spurny, Jenny Weigand Back: Coach Kim Wallner, Bridget Shockey, Amy Mertz, Darcy McLeod, Brittany Winquist, Alicia Terry, Cheryl Murzyn

Freshmen. Front: Lisa Lipscomb,
Aleia Anderson, Karissa Saville,
Michelle Taylor, Candy Campbell,
Debbie Dilley Row 2: Leanne
Hubbard, Lisa Ellerbruch, Jessica
Bartsch, Rachel Ekstrom, Tracy
Howe, Jessica Burns, Beth Lemke
Back: Coach Jim Schaudt, Jenny
Cavaliere, Susie Kochniarczyk, Karen
Hesterman, Robin Westrom, Meg
Breiseth, Tia Brooks, Diana Herzer









Gretchen Austgen leads the Wildcats to another victory, this time against Oswego.

Amy Barnes stands on second and awaits the steal

sign from coach Lee Maciejewski.

# Taking on the DVC

The team's greatest accomplishment "was beating Wheaton North in 9 innings because we didn't fall apart and we played together really well," says varsity veteran Liz Gernand. The Widcat Softball team didn't claim another DVC title, but the young varsity squad has a lot to be proud of.

With 7 seinors graduating last year, the varsity team had.

With 7 seinors graduating last year, the varsity team had to look to a lot of new faces. Senior pitchers Gretchen Austgen, Gina Lipscomb, and Kristie Spielman proved they could start where ace pitcher Kelly Matthews left off. These three led the team to a winning season. Austgen also played a major role offensively along with Gernand and juniors Katie Lootens and Shellie Halfpenny. Lootens and

Halfpenny will help lead the squad next year along with many underclassmen who are also returning varsity letter winners.

According to Fiona Quane "we are a good team but I don't think we played to our full potential." This in part has to do with the players having to adjust to each other and the new positions they took on.

Despite their youngness, the Wildcat's carried a winning record and showed the were still a force to be reckoned with. It's not always star players that make the team shine, it's the effort of all the players combined. This team did an outstanding job and all its members, the unsung heroes, deserve applause.

-- Anna Berendson



Liz Gernand assumes the bady position and anxiously

awaits a play.



Varsity. Front: Shannon Mason, Shellie Halfpenny, Kati Lootens, Fiona Quane, Dawn Borkowski Row 2: Lynn Ellerbruch, Kelly Roy, Liz Gernand, Amy Barnes, Gina

Lipscomb, April Hart **Back**: Coach Lootens, Christine Murphy, Coach Tom Rivan, Kristie Spielman, Coach Lee Maciejewski **Not Pictured**: Gretchen Austgen

#### Soccer Power!

"We are losing one of the best players in the state. My goal for the future is to build a stronger overall team so we don't have to rely on one player like this year." said Coach Julio Del Real of goalie Cherie Oskerka. Cherie was a unanimous decision All-Conference. All Area, and All State, She was also chosen as the Most Valuable Player, setting records for the most saves in one game (27) and for the most Shut-Outs in Career. Defender Luz Nunez was named Second Team All Conference and voted Most Valuable Defense. Porsche Willenbring was named Third Team All Conference and voted Most Valuable Offensive Player. Jenny Rose and Dana McKenzie were also named Third Team All Conference.

Julio DelReal enthusiastically took over the Girls Varsity coaching position. "I love

coaching. One of the goals I set when I graduated from West Chicago was that I wanted to come back here and work as a coach," he commented. He had worked as an assistant coach for Rockford High School and for Rockford College mens and womens teams. New coaches Antonio DelReal and Monica Cousins formed the first ever girls freshman team and continued the growing junior varsity team.

The girls varsity team ended with an overall record of four wins, ten losses, and four ties, and their conference record of two wins, three losses, and two ties; putting them in fifth place in the DuPage Valley Conference. With growing participation and fresh coaching strategies the Wildcats can look to a bright future.

- Michelle May

Porsche Willenbring fights to gain possession of the ball to pass to a fellow teammate.

Jorie Peterson looks to Coach DelReal for tips to improve her play.







Dayna McKenzie receives a pass and looks to score.



Freshman Soccer. Front: Selina Medina, Martha Garcia, Debbie Marrero, Rebecca Manning, Esmeralda Gonzalez. Row 2: Jennifer Henle, Noelle Giammanco, Brenda Jeppsen, Elizabeth Thuer, Kathryn Brosseau,

Leilani Garcia, Christine Hansen, Maria Ayala, Kelly Gleason. **Back:** Assistant Coach Antonio DelReal, Jessica Statz, Sarah Fear, Trina Chalupa, Josephine Montalvo, Andrea Bahr, Bridgette Wage, Coach Monica Cousins



Junior Varsity Soccer. Front: Selina Medina, Noelle Giammanco, Patricia Parra, Jennifer Ray, Nicole Ybarra, Carmen Gonzalez. Row 2: Jessica Statz, Elizabeth Theur, Betsy Co, Leticia Perez, Rebecca Szesny, Zora Slapak, Teresa Velazquez, Jenni-

ter Richards, Elizabeth Rodriguez. **Back:** Coach Antonio DelReal, Shannon Walkoe, Josephine Montalvo, Jennifer Ault, Trina Chalupa, Sheri Daleiden, Jolena Kovalik, Coach Monica Cousins





















Girls Varsity Soccer. Front: Suzana Ruiz, Jenny Rose, Cherie Oskerka, Porsche Willenbring, Angie Romero, Luz Nunez. Row 2: Ivonne Lopez, Caroline Cinquegrani, Christina Nimmo, Yvette Alfaro, Julie Rodenkirch, Bobbi Nyman, Kim Hack. **Back:** Coach Julio DelReal, Raven Moore, Tanya Kotajarvi, Samantha Bauer, Dayna McKenzie, Julie Kramer, Angie Spalo, Jorie Peterson



Ladycat soccer team shows support for their starting lineup.

Raven Moore concentrates on keeping the ball from her opponents.

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0	Wheaton Central	2	0	St. Charles	5
0	Naperville North	7	1	Bolingbrook	2
0	Geneva	3	3	Glenbard East	1
7	Glenbard South	2	0	Batavia	3
1	Wheaton North	1	1	Streamwood	1 .
2	Lake Park	1	0	Naperville Central	4
1	Fenton	1	0	Wheaton Central	4









#### **DVC** Respect!

"Varsity finished out of the cellar in the Dupage Valley Conference, definitely a highlight!" said coach Singleton. The team pulled itself out of the "coveted" last place position of the past years. They did so with help from sophomore sensation Heather Adams, as well as junior Corrie Gilgallon and a host of back court support.

This back court support came from the strong junior varsity team, which repeatedly challenged the varsity members. For those unfamiliar with the badminton way of thinking, challenges were set up repeatedly. Any seed could challenge a higher seed for their position. These matches set up at practice developed a sense of competition in all of the players, which other teams learned to fear. For the first time in years, WeGo badminton players were respected for their abilities.

This respect was well deserved, due to the hard work of many. Four of the Ladycats qualified to the semifinal round of play, two to the finals (in the conference tournament). Junior varsity qualified nine individuals to semis in their conference tournament, and three to finals. Among the bunch, their were two conference champions. On the varsity level, sophomore Heather Adams placed first at sixth singles, while opn the j.v. level, junior Deborah Dvorak won the ninth singles title. These accomplishments are only a few of many.

Also on the list belongs the season records. In conference play, the Ladycats earned a 3-4 record, while compiling a 9-5 overall record. A winning season for the first time in years. The J.V. record is equally impressive, with 4-3 in conference play, and 11-3 for an overall record. In post season play, Adams placed third at the DeKalb sectional, giving her a chance to play at the state meet. She helped the team to a 44th place. This may not seem impressive initially, but a team has to start somewhere.

Samantha Newby



Badminton. Front: Michelle Caffarello, Alicia Cox, Deborah Dvorak, Molly Statz, Michelle Klodic, Amanda Shemezis, Wendy Kovacs, Chancannica Mam. Row 2: Cathy Mattson, Heather Hlavaty, Kristin Martin, Danielle Dvorak, Vanessa Price, Maggie

Stammer, Gretchen Haggenjos, Corrie Gilgallon, Erin Hennessey. **Back:** Coach LaVora Singleton, Amy Woodward, Pamm Toner, Krista Alexia, Courtney Adams, Jennifer Wood, Jill Woodward, Heather Adams, Coach Lisa Black-Gomez

Senior Mark Geisler concentrates on his put at St. Andrews golf course. His hard work paid off, as he was awarded honorable mention. All Conference at the end of the season.



Cathy Mattson focuses on the birdie as doubles partner Michelle Caffarello backs her up. They play in a home match in good old Bishop gymnasium.





#### A Few Good Men

Said Mark Geisler, "This year was probably the most fun of my fours years on the team." It was also his most successful. Geisler was named to the honorable mention All Conference team, and never shot worse than a 48. And he was not the number one golfer.

The main difference between this team and teams from the past is the numbers. Not the overall scores, but rather the forces which joined the team. There were a much larger number of golfers, contributing to the improved season. The final record was 4-10, with a conference record of 1-6. This finish was good for 7th place in conference. The record, however, does not display the true quality of the play. There were several close matches, and one that even went to a 5th score tie break-

The team also placed high in invitational play, finishing eleventh in the Dundee Crown Invitational, and seventh at both the IHSA Boys' Regional and DVC Conference meets. Leaving hope for the future was the frosh-soph team. They finished with an 8-6 record, and placed fourth in the conference. The junior varsity team was one of the largest ever, as well as the most successful. Perhaps the two are inexorably linked.

Honors mentions at Awards Night included MVP, to Jamie McDole and Joe Wagenaar. Both were named All Conference, and Wagenaar was selected unanimously. Joe received an award for the best average, and junior Shawn Mulligan was named the most improved golfer.

Said Geisler, "If you enjoy the game and like competition, you should join the team." It is advice such as this that encouraged others to join in the past and has brought so much success. Success that could be continued in the future if only the same number of people could be encouraged to join.

- Samantha Newby



V. Golf. Front: Jeff Sterling, Dougis Berry, Thomas Brewer, Declan Valsh, Eric Danek, Jason Smith, Beorge Witkowki. Back: Coach Wil-

bert Walters, Robert O'Donnell, Jason Bucher, Scott Weber, Tim Murphy, Robert Centanni, Carlos Talbott, Josh Murphy



Varsity Golf. Front: Jon Martin, Clay Turner, Joe Wagenaar, Greg Burke, Chris Mueller. Back: Coach Tim Courtney, Mark Geisler, Jeremy Velichkoff, Shawn Mulligan, Jamie McDole, Chris Ruchala, James Martin, John Sosulski

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#### Goodbye Seniors!

Wait, let's hear it one more time. Okay, the girls track team lost both Nicole Horyn and Heather Jardis to graduation. Ask any of the girls, and they will tell you how sick they are of hearing this. Of how much they want to be recognized for their own efforts, rather than those of people from the past. So that's what we will do.

The season was not one of the best, admittedly, but it was a promising one. The girls were unable to compete successfully against conference powerhouses such as Wheaton Central and Naperville North, but held their own against non conference competitors. They placed highly at the Fenton Invitational, as well as the Oswego Coed Indoor Invite. The season looked promising throughout the indoor season with a strong showing at each of the prior mentioned invites, as well as the Downers Grove South meet. They culminated a successful indoor season with a seventh place finish at indoor conference. Than the outdoor season began, and problems galore soon followed.

Injuries, which in the past have been noticeably absent, were bountiful this year. There were also a severe problem with illness, probably as a result of the unseasonable cold. As usual, there were no nice invites. The rain, sleet and snow did not stop the girls, however, it just slowed them down a little. They scored in the middle of the pack against non conference teams, but still faced difficulties competing in the conference. The Ladycats only managed to place seventh in outdoor conference despite strong performances by freshman DeeDee Judson, and the Sprint Medley Relay (composed of Dawn Zylinski, Catalina Garcia, Carey Netzel, and Saray Mevers).

Though WeGo had no conference champions at this meet, there still was a lot of success. Personal bests abounded, and gave hope to the following week's sectional meet. Unfortunately, state qualification escaped all members of the team, with the Medley Relay team missing by three seconds. It was a disappointment to several members of the team, but it also gave them a desire which had been previously lacking. They learned what it was like to not be good enough, which will motivate them to try harder next year.

And try harder they will. With all but four members of the team returning, the team will be one of the strongest WeGo has seen in a long time.

- Samantha Newby





Girls Track. Front: DeeDee Judson, Elisa Biancalana, Carey Netzel, Sarah Meyers, Adrienne Yule, Tanya Brooks. Row 2: Ann Zimmer, Ehrin Arimura, Wendy Woodward, Peggy Kosman, Jody Sutenbach, Yvette Contreras, Amy Kosifas. Row 3: Manali Shah,

Monique Cleminson, Andrea Ohins, Mary Merrick, Christy Hessling, Bhavini Shah, Coach Kim Thurmond. Back: Coach Wilbert Walters, Jennifer Hauger, Samantha Newby, Carrie Mielke, Arny Turkot, Dawn Zylinski, Coach Amy Jarnes



Sophomore Carie Mielke concentrates on her shot put effort at a home meet against Glenbard East.



The fast heat of the 800m. run takes off upon the firing of the gun as junio Ann Zimmer competes for the early lead.

# Sophomore Carey Netzel carries the baton in the Sprint Medley Relav. The team, composed of Net-

#### Hello Freshmen!

The boys team - another bunch of people sick of hearing about departing seniors and the effect this departure had on the team. And rightfully so, they made their own mark. They did not need Rick Montalvo or Marvin McNeese to compete, which they proved time and time again throughout the season.

Despite the small numbers. the team managed to place fourth at outdoor conference. with three conference champions. Junior Brett Siglin won the 3200m run, senior Mike Callarman earned first in the 1600m, and sophomore Wallace Sullivan won the 200m and 400m. There were several boys who placed in the second, third and fourth place category as well, which gave the team the depth it required to place fourth in the Dupage Valley Conference meet. This placing was higher than most expected, including other teams in the DVC, but no higher than Coach Paul McLeland expected.

Following the conference meet was sectionals, where state hopes were high for Siglin, Sullivan, Ben Stieglitz, Mike Callarman, and Elliot Papadakis. These hopes were partially fulfilled, with Sullivan

qualifying in the 400m and 200m, and Siglin in the 3200m. Callarman wins the heartbreak award, missing by a couple of seconds. The support from other harriers also helped to lift the team to a fifth place finish, despite the loss of junior Ben Stieglitz and senior Elliot Papadakis. Stieglitz, who had been close on the heels of both Siglin and senior Mike Callarman, was unable to run in the final meets of the season. Papadakis sustained an injury while running at Sectionals, ruining his hopes for state qualification. At the state meet, though there were only two guys running, they still did their best. Sullivan placed 19th in the 200m and 9th in the 400m, missing a medal by one place. Siglin earned All State honor as he ran to a seventh place finish, though he did not post a P.B. Since several of the finishers in front of these two were seniors, it gives great hope for next year. With these two, a healthy Stieglitz, and the freshman base that has begun to develop, a fourth place finish could quickly move up to a second, or perhaps first. Only time will tell ...

- Samantha Newby





zel, Kosman, Zylinski, and Garcia,

had hopes to qualify for the state

meet, but missed the time by 3 seconds. With all legs except for

Zylinski returning, however, the fu-

ture holds great promise.

Freshman Joe Pietsch runs hard through the curve and extends his stride as he heads into the straightaway. With only 100 meters left in his race, he knows he has to give it his all.



Boys Track. Front: Alejandro Sotelo, Andrew Schwab, Mike Rakow, Roger Rollo, Brett Siglin, Dave Vallaincourt, Ray Kaelin. Row 2: Shilo Santiago, Mike Christopher, Jay Lentz, Ben Stieglitz, Jason Rehmus, Brent Busse, Mike Callarman, Yancy Neiswanger.

Row 3: Coach Bob Lee, Jim Staniels, Joe Pietsch, Chris Perez, Elliot Papadakis, Erick Herrero, Pat Carlberg, Coach Tom Minelli. Back: Coach Paul McLeland, Jon Murphy, Darryl Kaelin, Shaun Cronin, Wallace Sullivan, Raoul Serrato, Jeff Nyman

Girls Varsity Tennis. Front: Jill Woodward, Carey Netzel, Jamie Menola, Laura Rapinchuk. Back: Stacy Gray (manager), Victoria Patalakha,

Leigh Taylor, Sarah Meyers, Jill Westrom, Tiina Martin. Not Pictured: Coach Sione Moeaki

**Girls Junior Varsity Tennis. Front:** Amy Lanemack, Amy Hanson, Amber Calenberg, Amy Szwajkowski, Lena Goering, Alicia Cox, Lisa Lipscomb. Back: Coach Debbie Randozza, Kelly Little, Betty Staniels, Danielle Dvorak, Wendy Woodward, Lisa DeSalvo. Not Pictured: Jinnie Fuller



#### Moko Moko - Stay Cool

"We stayed cool on the court and concentrated on our matches. That's why we did much better than last year," said boy's tennis coach Sione Moeaki.

With an overall record of 20 wins, 10 losses and 1 tie, the Wildcat boy's tennis season was pretty successful, especially for singles player Clay Turner who won most of his matches and received this year's coaches award and also MVP. Junior Kurt Hesterman, playing second singles, was named MIP.

The girl's varsity team had an overall record of 9-10, finishing the DVC with 1-6 and placing 6th out of 8 teams. The sectionals position was 5th place out of 10. After losing the first two games against Batavia and Geneva, the Ladycats finally warmed up and took the next three games 5-0, losing only two sets in all their matches. Afterwards the Ladycats had a few very close matches and an up-and-down season. Sarah Meyers and Carey Netzel received MIP awards, and Jamie Menola received the coaches award. Tiina Martin was MVP.

- Thilo Hey



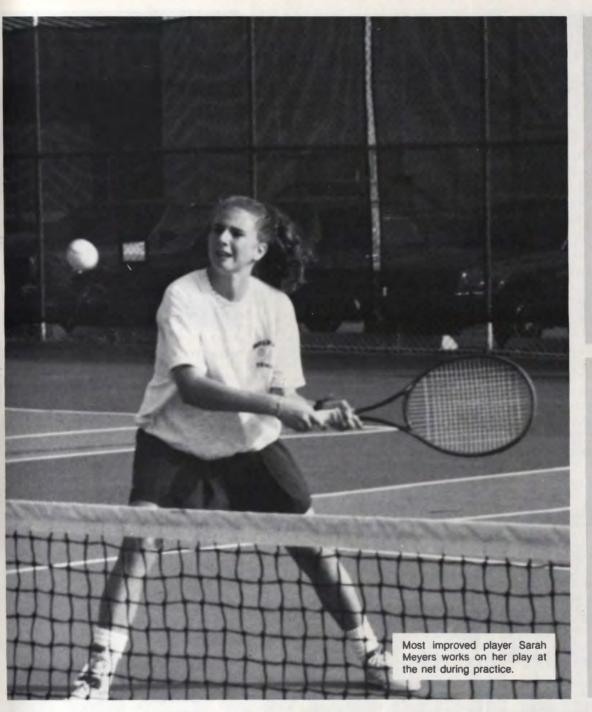


Jill Westrom hits a forehand during practice.



(Tennis) is a lot of fun. You learn a lot about tennis, life, friends, donuts and getting up at 7:30 a.m. on Saturdays. -**Stacy Gray** 

Nick Streams warms up for his match.



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3	Batavia	4
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4	Wheaton C.	1
2	Geneva	4
3	Glenbard S.	2
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3	Wheaton Christ.	3
5	Glenbard N.	0
3	Romeoville	2
4	C. Grove	1
4	Dundee	- 1
1	Naperville C.	4
5	Glenbard E.	0
6	St. Francis	0

WeGo	Girls Tennis	Орр
1	Batavia	4
0	Geneva	5
5	Wheaton Chris.	0
5	E. Aurora	0
5	Montini	0
1	Wheaton C.	4
3	Glenbard S.	2
2	Bolingbrook	3
4	Lisle	1
4	Driscoll	1
0	Naperville N.	5
0	Wheaton N.	5
2	St. Edwards	3
2	C. Grove	3
0	Naperville C.	5
2	Glenbard N.	3
2	Glenbard E.	3
4	St. Francis	2



Boys Junior Varsity Tennis. Front: Mike Garceau, Derek Johnson, Adam Crews, Jeff Sterling, Mark Slusar, Glenn Gray. Row 2: Mike Winterhalder, Andy Dvorak, Scott Everett, Joe Gurak, Chris Hays, Aaron Feinblatt, Scott Lindell. **Back:** Alex Mamikonian, Rick Swanson, Carlos Talbott, Andrey Terentiev, Ricky Shah, Jesse Knaak. **Not Pictured:** Joel Madden, Coach Terry Lamberg



Boys Varsity Tennis. Front: Steve Broido, Eric Reffett, Soren Johnson, Sean Odell, Clay Turner, Jon Martin. Back: J.J. Schwan, Brian Stewart, Ned Miller, Kurt Hesterman, Nick Streams, Thilo Hey, Torge Runge

#### Squads Get Closer

Being a part of the school is just one of the many rewards of cheerleading. The girls also represent their school and unify the classes greatly. During the pep assemblies the cheerleaders are a big part of school spirit as they lead the bleachers of students into a wild frenzy of excitement. Another reward of working together helps them grow together.

In the summer sponsor Barb Carney and the cheerleaders went down to ISU for camp. "Camp was a lot of fun. We met a lot of new people and it brought our squad closer," said Thea Hopkins. Then in September the football and basketball squads received a new coach, advisor Monica Cousins. This is her first year at West Chicago and in the spring she will be coaching girls soccer. In order to keep herself busy during the fall she decided to coach for the football and basketball

cheerleading squads as well. Even though she wasn't ever a cheerleader during high school or college she feels she is enthusiastic and likes to work with the girls to help them excel.

The goals of the squads are to have the students and faculty enjoy themselves and work together as much as possible. Taking initiative and being enthusiastic are very important also. Knowing the players and getting friends involved is a big step for getting everyone to work together.

On Saturday, February 15th a squad went to Naperville North to compete in regionals. The team consisted of girls chosen from the varsity football and basketball squads. The girls received third place with only being one point away from first place. The girls worked hard and will be going to state.



Soccer. Front: Janice Mies, Rachel Owens. Row 2: Yvette Contreras, Jenny Doggett. Back: Dana Brosseau, Lis Blenkle, Pamm Toner.



Basketball Varsity. Front: Thea Hopkins, Dayna Yoder. Row 2: Carrie Vanbuskirk, Ann Shim, Amy

Garceau. **Back:** Monica Mende, Julianne Graczyk, Nichole Thomas, Coach Monica Cousins.



The basketball squads cheer the team on as they run out to start the game.



Sophomore Basketball. Front: Erin Gilgallon, Kristan Mulley. Row 2: Zora Slapak, Melissa

Schlenger, Jenny Ray. Back: Jennifer Richards, Monique Cleminson, Rachel Keefe.



Carrie Vanbuskirk, Dana Sabol and Julianne Graczyk smile for the camera as they and the rest

ride with the top down during homecoming week-end.



The football cheerleaders put on one of their routines during half time to entertain the crowd.



Football Varsity. Front: Dana Sabol, Julianne Graczyk, Missy Klancir. Back: Nichole Thomas,

Kelly McGloon, Monica Mende.

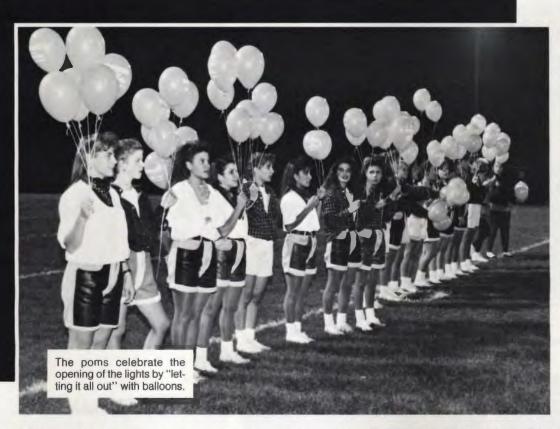


Football Sophomore. Front: Kristan Mulley. Row 2: Rachel Keefe, Zora Slapak. Back: Jenny

Richards, Erin Gilgallon, Melissa Schlenger, Jenny Ray.



Wrestling Front: Amy Kosifas. Row 2: Yvette Contreras, Rachel Owens. Back: Dana Brosseau, Laura Rapinchuk.



Angle Chavez and Val Lund wish each other good luck before the performance at the bears game.

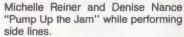




Have RESPECT and eat your 200 biscuits! — Gina Clifford



Kristy Spielman sports her "Rocky Look" while waiting to compete at camp.





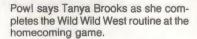






Angie Chavez, Sponsor Courtney Baker, Captain Jessica DiBella, Jenny Mennella, and Michelle Reiner say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and we will see you at the "Jingle Bell Rock."

Row 1: Anita Castellano, Angie Chavez, Jenny Mennella, Denise Nance, Michelle Reiner. Row 2: Captain Jessica DiBella, Val Lund, Dee Calderini, Jill Loek, Paula Nelson, Co-Captain Gina Clifford. Row 3: Sybil Ruiz, Nikki Giammanco, Kristy Spielman, Jeanine Goodman, Tanya Brooks, and Kristin Martin.





Nicki Giamonco and Jeanine Goodman give us a smile after a hard football routine.

#### Poms, Keep Jammin' On!!





It all begins with tryout — a full week of hard sweating. Many girls go out for the squad; learning one skills routine and one speed routine. If you get past that then the next step is making up your own one-minute routine. Only seventeen lucky girls make the squad. Then they're off to one long hot summer, just waiting for camp.

At Aurora University the Kickin Cats, better known as the poms, jammed their way to a third place victory over the summer. Here they sweated their "paws" off while learning up to three routines a day! This paid off, though, because the poms took first in all divisions of the daily routines. The poms

were awarded the Sunshine Squad Award, Outstanding Showmanship Award, and the Spirit board on the first night. Also, captain Jessica DiBella and Paula Nelson won the Super Star Award.

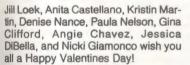
Over the summer the poms also held many fund raisers. Their specialty was washing cars, but the most exciting was the invitation for members of a younger group to join in and learn a two minute routine, which was then performed at railroad days.

Not only do the poms attend camp and hold fund raisers, but through the school year the squad performs at all home football and basketball games.

- Denise Nance



Gina Clifford, Denise Nance, Dee Calderini, and Cybil Ruiz say "Cheese" before they march down Main Street in the homecoming pa-





Howdy Ya-All! Kristin Martin struts her stuff at the home football game.





And they're off! Looking quite excited the poms start their march down Joliet Street for the homecoming parade.



Co-Captain Gina Clifford, Jill Loek, and Captain Jessica DiBella smile after a "Hard Days Work" at camp.



#### Yes, this is upside down. Do not adjust your book. It's meant to be this way.

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A merry pair of companions, juniors Dina Bascharon and Denise Nance pause for a picture.

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### And Now For The End . . . Deep Thoughts

After hours upon hours of brainstorming (an English teacher's favorite tool of torture), we finally hit on the theme of "And Now For Something Completely Different ... " for this year's edition of the Challenge. We tried to do things differently this year. Just take a look at the bottom righthand corner of every page in the Clubs section! These were courtesy of Michelle May, the yearbook womanthank you SO much! It you detect a hint of sarcasm, and you should, it's because I fought these all the way, but I do have to grudgingly admit it: they are different. I did win on one other argument we had in the incredibly small Room 317 (which I will never, ever, as long as I live, forget). I can't remember who it was (though I suspect the ideas originated with either Michelle, Kelly MacAdam, or Keri Jones), but someone wanted to be really different and put an upsidedown, dead, purple cow on the cover.

This year didn't see as many changes as last year did, but here at WeGo we had some pretty strange things happen. I'm sure we all noticed the increased attacks on the school in the Bridge. And to that I say, "Bravo!" to the staff for having enough guts to print the things they did and to defend them. (I won't say anymore about that one, because if I do, I'm sure Mrs. Carter will edit it out, and it won't end up in the book anyway.) There were the obvious changes such as new faculty members, and the face-lift the school got, but those were early in the year. Who can forget the threats of gang violence, and the locking of the doors towards the end of the year, or the firecrackers in senior hall? Other than that, things were pretty much the same, which made it hard for us to find subjects for our stories. I have now reached the part in this

copy where I thank all the people who have helped me throughout the year. If there were any, I would thank them; however, I can't think of a single person deserving of my eternal gratitude .. well, maybe a few. I would first and foremost like to thank each and every one of my teachers from way back freshman year up until right now. For the most part, I got along with all of you, except for when my nasty attitude popped up (which was quite often, as I recall). Oh, Mrs. Binkley, thanks for teaching me that I had to grow up, and be my own person. Out of all my teachers, you taught me the most useful lessons of all. I would next like to thank Jeanine Bockman, who even as I type this is off in Scotland. She is the one who persuaded me to sign up for the yearbook staff in the first place.

I would next like to thank this year's staff: Michelle, Kelly, Keri, Anna Berendson, Samantha Newby, Denise Nance, Sandy Dawson, Rae Ann Dawson, MaryJo Prusko, Chau Troung, Thilo Hey, and Mrs. Carter. You guys were absolutely the best when I came back from the hospital and literally couldn't see straight! Of course, I also have to thank Jostens (that's our publisher, and if I didn't include that, they would probably tear up our contract). I should also thank Mrs. Carter for being such a wonderful advisor, even though she got so mad at me for missing the first deadline by about three weeks or so. (I was sick!!) I do give you my heartfelt thanks for recommending me for those many scholarships I brought in for you to fill out. Lastly, I'd like to thank all the people who gave me quotes to use, and extend my apologies to the many I'm sure I ended up misquoting any-

As of today, there are 25 days left of school for us seniors (that's less than the rest of you! Rank does have its privileges). I'm kind of sad about that, though I will be the first to admit that I really don't like school all that much. (I know, big surprise, huh?) I am eager to get out of West Chicago, and do something with my life (cliché, I know). I'm going to miss all of my friends. I hope I'll keep in touch with them, but I'm such an awful letter-writer that I know I won't. That's why I can't wait until our reunion. The predictions I got were hysterical-all the guys will be bald, and the girls will all still look the same, we will end up eating at McDonalds, etc.

I guess it's time for me to wrap this up (though I bet most of you stopped reading long ago). MaryJo-I honestly wish I could say that I know you'll do a wonderful job next year as editor-inchief, but I can't. I'm just giving you a hard time-I'm sure you'll do a great job. Just remember, it's not as easy as it seems. Oh, I offer you some last

minute advice: START CHECKING THE INDEX BEFORE YOU TURN THE PAGE IN!!

I wish everyone the best that life has to offer. And now for some advice everyone can use: the most important thing that you can do is to remain true to yourself. (I learned that little gem from Mrs. Binkley) I hope you all remember that whatever happens to you is a result of your own actions. You have no one to blame but yourself when things go wrong. This may sound a bit harsh, but look at it this way: when things go right, you have no one to thank, congratulate, and share the glory with, except yourself.

Peace, Prosperity, Happiness, A Clean World, (and whatever else you would like to put in there)

-Christine Baginski

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Tonya Kotajarvi, Nikki Giammanco, Kelly Coler, and Sandy Dawson take a road stop in the mountains on the way to Virginia Beach during Spring Break.



Seniors Maria Velazquez, Jenny Doggett, and Angie Chavez are reminiscent of Saturday Night Live's Hans and Franz-except for the towel-turbans wound around their heads.



John Keyzer, a senior, contemplates the mysteries of life.



Keri Jones, Chris Baginski, Anna Berendson, Kelly MacAdam, MaryJo Prusko, Michelle May, and Dorothy Carter relax outside during a journalism porkshop at Rockford College over the summer.



Senior Jabaar Murray assumes his rappin' alter-ego for the Variety Show,.

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