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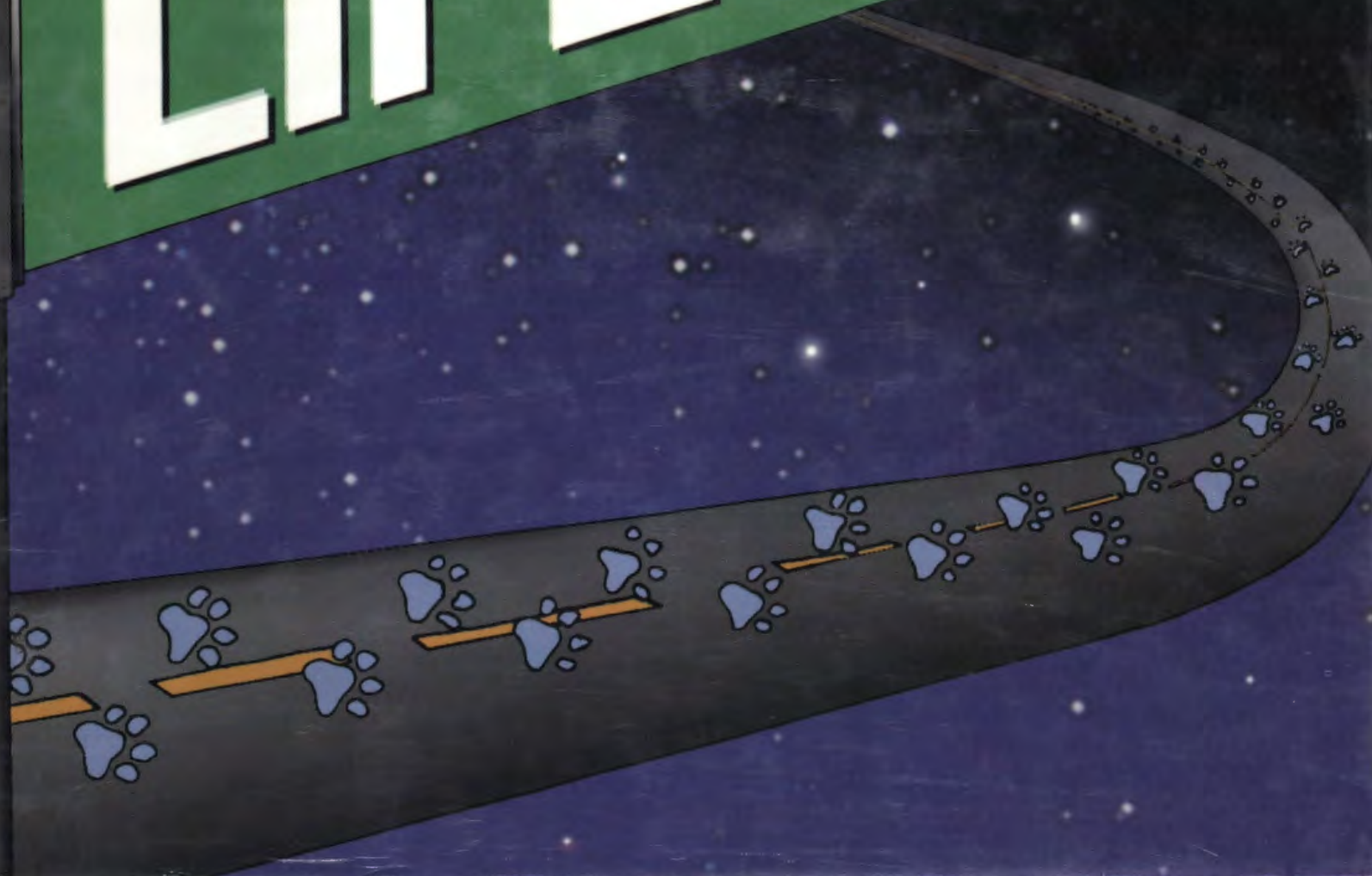
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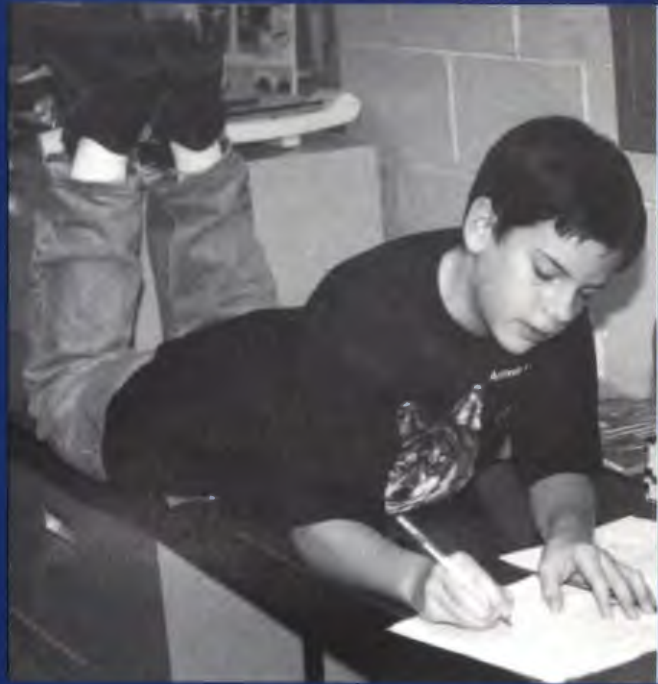
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Laying the Foundation

Pardon Our Dust



The football field that we used to know is transformed into a new addition that we have yet to experience.



The construction workers begin to build one of the twenty-eight rooms of the new addition.



The new eight lane track and concession stand sit just across the street from where the old track used to be.

Students at West Chicago started school a little later than usual this year. After the referendum of 1997 failed, students were able to persuade adults about the new addition, and thus the 1998 referendum succeeded, bringing students a new addition to the school. PLUS renovations to the main building. According to the head of the business department, James Mast, the three year long project would cost roughly 20 million dollars, money well worth it in the long run. The new addition, which was set to be finished by August '99, just in time for the new school year, included twenty eight new rooms, all equipped with TV monitors and access to the internet. The new football field and track would be equipped with brand new, state of the art high school bleachers, scoreboard, and press box and the baseball field was moved to Pioneer Park. Construction was under way for more parking spaces at Kerr McGowan and more were to be added around the new addition. Three new tennis courts were to be built right behind Lincoln school, next to the four original courts which remained untouched. What had been the back of the school was to become the second front of the school where the buses would be picking up and dropping off students. New heating and cooling vents were to be worked on and new electrical systems were to be wired in the existing building. Although the seniors of the school would not be able to experience the renovation, they took with them the wonderful memories they experienced during their four years in the main building.

Kim-Chau Chau & Edercy Abante

How has construction affected you this year?

"The construction workers remind me of the 'YMCA!'"

— Jon Mam

Working For Progress



After a hard day of float building, Chris Hendricks, Alex Corson, Amy Allison, Cathy Wilken, Sara Stevens, Mitch Strohm, Lesley Leary, and Shannon Sterne take a break and smile.



Phil Roberts does an excellent job serving food at his local job at Wyndemere Retirement Community.

What's the funniest thing that happened to you this year?

"Nishil Patel meant to squat and farted really loud at soccer practice one day. It was so loud that Julio looked over and he was about twenty feet away." -Gabe Cruz



Taking a moment away from her job, Jodi Ebert models a pair of shoes.



Andrea Garcia concentrates heavily on "glamming" up a customer at Allure One Ltd. in Charleston Mall.

"My friend was walking and she tripped over the curb. She did a somersault, her legs landed in a bush, and she got all muddy." - Jon Mam

**L I F E
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Becky Deutsch and Tom Doeseckle give each other a little hug before returning to the dance floor.



Before a day of tours, West Chicago and Bartlett student council members have a pizza party and get to know each other.

WEST CHICAGO WORLDWIDE

West Chicago High School has gone international. Recently, exchange student studies have become popular. Students from other countries, as well as the U.S., travel abroad to learn about the culture, language, and education. This year West Chicago had the privilege of having Lauren Belding represent our school in Germany. She got involved in an exchange program hosted by the German government called the Congress-Bundestag Scholarship. This program allows high school students to study in Germany for a school year. The credits Lauren earned there count towards graduation upon her return to West Chicago. Was it fun? She seemed to think so. In her first letter she wrote, "Germany is so great ... I hope that I

will be able to pick up some things. School should be a blast, as well as all other things here!" West Chicago was also proud to host three foreign students. Two students, Lev Burov and Mikhail Shemyakin, came over from Russia to study and possibly live in America. One major difference Mikhail noticed was, "People in America drive cars, while in Russia almost everyone uses public buses." Another student, Julie Vinatier, came to study in America for a year from France. She thought of WeGo as, "Pretty cool. You don't have a lot of homework, teachers are cool, and there are some really funny teenagers. I like all the people who pierce everywhere."
-Michelle Lasky



Julie Vinatier

FROM: Brive-La-Gaillarde, France
 SCHOOL NAME: Bossuet
 FAVORITE BAND: U2
 FUNNIEST EXPERIENCE: All of the stupid questions that people keep asking me. Yes, (In France) we have TV. Yes, we have video games. Yes, we have indoor plumbing. Yes, the leaves fall down. Yes, we are driving on the right side of the road. And YES, French girls do shave!



Lauren Belding

CURRENTLY STAYING: Siegen, Germany
 SCHOOL NAME: Gymnasium
 FAVORITE BAND: The Cure
 CRAZIEST EXPERIENCE: I was alone doing homework during 5th hour because everyone else was in Latin or French. The room had an overhead window that let the light in. There were some kids with their teacher on the roof installing solar panels and this boy sat down on the window thing and it suddenly came crashing down three meters. It hit the floor right before my eyes. It was so freaky but I think he was all right.



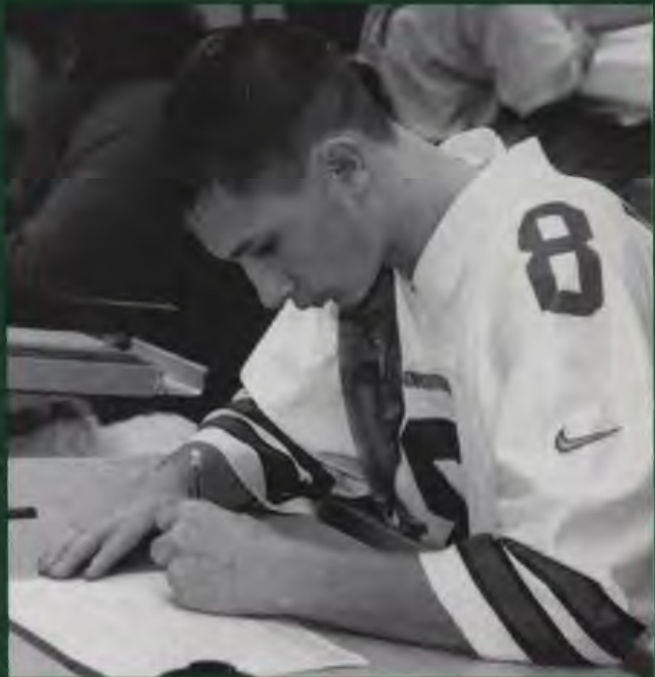
Lev A Burov

FROM: Nouisibirsk, Russia
 SCHOOL NAME: #102
 FAVORITE TV SHOW: The Simpsons
 FUNNIEST EXPERIENCE: I was asked to show my homework and I showed homework for the other class. Then I was supposed to put it on the board.



Mikhail Shemyakin

FROM: Novosibirsk, Russia
 SCHOOL NAME: #130
 FAVORITE BAND: Sublime
 IMPRESSION OF WEGO: The school is big, nice, and you can participate in sports. There are (also) many nice people here.



Framing Things In



Class of 2001



Left: Keven Brown climbs around in a crevasse on Washington's Mt. Baker during the summer of '98. Middle: Jon Brown climbs up the side of Mt. Appleton, WA while his brother Mike (class of 97) follows behind. The terrain was great, and nature mixed up the right ingredients for a soulful hike. Right: Keven Brown climbs on an ice fall on Mt. Baker. Physical strength and concentration is the key to making it to the top with no false moves. Too bad we don't have any mountains in Illinois! It's hard to find a way to go to the extreme on the Prairie Path!

Generation X-treme

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ear, danger, pain, and the glamour of being in the spotlight when craziness is at its peak. Thrill-seeking was on the rise, and our pop-culture had inflated to be a dangerous one. Aggressive bikers tore up

courses with only a bike between them and seconds from their fate of a safe landing or a mouth full of snow.

This new way of living on the edge fired up great publicity

for these limitless artists creating shows such as MTV's "Sports and Music Festival" where in-line skaters collaborated with music performed for an exhilarating show, and ESPN's "Winter X Games" where skiers twined through the air as if they would never land. The fed was even picked up by Hollywood, which produced such films as "Snowriders," "Aspen Extreme," and everyone's old school favorite, "Rad."

As these gutsy sports were noticed in the lime-light, more of us searched for that stomach sinking, heart pounding feeling. Whether it was skating, surfing, skydiving, bungee jumping, paint balling, snowboarding, cliff jumping, river rafting, biking, or any other radical sport, that unnerving

feeling became addictive. Your adrenaline started racing, your brain cleared, your muscles tensed, and you plunged right in, experiencing the ultimate rush, and then you were crazy enough to do it again.

Flying over the wake of boat, Toby Siefert, a wakeboard jockey, (center) got his thrills in the water. Balance was crucial during this stunt. If he didn't land with the precision and ease that is achieved almost unconsciously by a pro like him, Toby could have been thrown bouncing over the aqua like a skipping stone.

As this extremity became a more of a lifestyle, we saw clothing styles specially designed for these sports and hobbies. Evidence was proudly displayed of this adrenaline-high generation throughout our hallways on the very athletes that shaped it. "Pipe" legged Jans skaters wore for mobility, or the trendy lines of North Face jackets worn by snowriders to ward the biting cold were a few of the many name brands that evolved around that carefree way of life.

Skills that these extremists got didn't come naturally. Most of them had years of practice

and bruises to make what looked like the impossible become a reality. So don't go home and try to be an Evil Kenievil. Whichever way you decide to get your kicks, please do it safely and live in the days that will be known for the insanity of excitement.

-Jaime Puchalski & Liz Ribe



What do you think about when going to the extreme?

A pro tip!

-Nate Kalish

Nachos.

-Ryan Begg

Lucky Charms

especially the marshmallows.

-Bob Martin



A biker since seventh grade, Mike Bolt anxiously awaited the gun shot signaling the start of the Downers Grove Criterion. This six mile 115 minute race sped past spectator at 20mph as it twisted through the local downtown streets. Mike's boss had offered to sponsor \$50 entrance fee of this 1,000 participant race, landing Mike in his first official competition. He didn't consciously practice for the race, but he did ride all summer, and traveled 500 miles across scenic Pennsylvania. Finishing second to last, Mike had a lot to be proud of and said that he would do it again.



This Generation Was On An Adrenaline-High



These three aggressive skaters, Kyle Smith (left), Jason Aramboro (middle), and Adam Berry (right), all feel the thrill of a dangerous sport. While Kyle and Adam concentrated on balancing their weight grinding rails, Jason flew through the air, defying gravity as we know it. Skating is banned in a lot of places, so many go where the cops aren't, said Julio Gomez, a skater since October of his sophomore year, and most of the time they skate in prohibited parking lots despite the posted signs.



In What Do You Believe?

We saw it broadcast on every news channel, it was the topic of many discussions, there were countless articles about it on the internet, and it caused a shock wave of devastation that rolled across America. A small prayer circle was worshipping in a high school's commons, the students' songs and prayers a whisper under the commotion of weekend gossip between friends as they entered the school. Blending in with the environment, the circle was indistinguishable from the other groups of students gathered around tables playing cards or doing last minute homework ... until thundering gunshots singled out the prayer circle, leaving three students wounded and five wounded. This plot was a reality in December of '97 at a high school in West Paduchah, K.Y. Ironically, instead of youth groups being banned from schools, this tragedy brought out many students who wanted to start youth groups in memory of the incident. Student-led religious groups, which had been quickly growing already, became as common as pep club or student council in the daily life of public schools. The Equal Access Act of 1984 granted freedom to students, stating that student-led religious clubs that are not linked to the curriculum and do not interfere with the school's operation are allowed in federal-funded secondary schools. This freedom was a powerful tool for many students to use in spreading the word of their chosen belief.

At W.C.C.H.S., Christian groups such as Campus Life, The Cause, Shine, OMEGA, and The Salteens sprouted up due to student interest. Of course, Christianity was not the only faith represented by students in our school. Jewish, Buddhist, Muslim, Hindu, and Mormon religions are a few of the many faiths that students follow. On Sept. 16, '98 these religions came together in harmony at the Lincoln annex flag pole and pole across the nation. "See you at the pole" is a world-wide event (28 countries are involved) where students gather annually on one particular morning to pray, sing, and meditate for 45 minutes. About forty students and faculty were seen at the '98 observance.

So what about those students who don't attend youth groups? No one could assume that this great number of students didn't have a faith, but after passing out surveys asking students their opinions regarding religious groups, only 6 out of 100 came back. 4 of those students were involved in youth groups and 2 had the courage to stand out from this majority. Their responses questioned the strong opinions that some students in youth groups hold, and they suggested being in a youth group is like being brain washed. Bob Garkow said that he likes his youth group Shine because it is a place for him to be free of the pressure that she isn't involved in youth groups because they never really interested her enough to go. According to the Oct. '98 issue of Teen Magazine, brawls have broken out in other schools across the U.S. between the followers of religious groups and fans of bands such as Marilyn Manson. When talking with Jason Lowe the Youth for Christ Ministry Coordinator of the area and the Campus Life director for West Chicago, he described youth groups as non-threatening, and said that tension among kids is normal and it doesn't surprise him. "I think that people get the most upset about Christianity because it is the truth," said Lowe.

The discussions of religion's place don't only happen in the hallways. Nearly every year students in government class write a bill to separate church and state. This is a lucky subject among many students and leads to many heated debates. In the Fall, '98 sessions, HB-5 wanted to prevent religious groups from forming in public schools thus eliminating the peer pressure students might feel to join. This bill also stated that religious groups make other students feel inferior and insecure about their religious beliefs. The bill used the first amendment to try and support the idea. Samir Patel agreed with this bill. "If you want to pray in school you should really consider going to a religious school," said Patel. In the other corner, Sarah Blank didn't understand how the first amendment could support this bill because in the first amendment it states that Americans have the right to peacefully assemble and that is exactly what religious groups do. There will always be two sides to subjects that have so much controversy. While the practice of religion hadn't yet brought about any huge controversy in West Chicago, it was evidenced every day in our halls, classrooms, and community centers.

- Jaime Puchalski

Jeff Tilson, a student leader of Omega, is the guitarist in the worship band his youth group started. In the past few years this band has doubled the group's attendance. "I have stopped being friends with people who don't have a desire for God. I want to live with friends that encourage me, talk to me, and pray with me," said Tilson.

Bessy Czernik, Janine Barajas, and Corinne Mackmiskas socialize after an uplifting Wednesday night session with Omega. Students are encouraged to bring friends, and nearly all the people that attend this youth group are from W.C.C.H.S.

God hungry students of Omega sing soulfully along with the band at the West Chicago Bible Church. Bessy Czernik, Teresa Visser, Nate Kalish, Michelle Brady, and Andy Sinetos are a few of the forty students regularly involved with his high-energy youth group.



Justin Kallas, covered in the tarp, holds the bottle steady while his teammate concentrates on pouring the water accurately into the bottle. Games and activities before worship are like ice-breakers to get everyone loosened up and comfortable.

During a game at Shine, Ryan Dorn races to pour water in a gatoraid bottle balancing on his brave teammate's chest. Waiting in line, Bryan Kelsey, Peter Milauskas, and Greg Wheaton anticipate their turns in the friendly competition to fill the bottle first.



Heather Hendricks and Ryan Fuoss, part of the human net, are determined to capture their opponents. As well as fun and games, Omega does a lot of intense worship. Some goals this youth group has for it's students are to mainly turn their world upside down for Christ and to reach out to others with the comfort of God.

Ashley Link isn't prepared with a rain hat as she gets surprised with a splash of water in the face. Shine, a youth group (through Evangel Baptist Church), is described by students as having amazing unity under the body of Christ.



Trying to create a loving and accepting environment, Bart Visser, Becky Watson and Ed Bruening (class of '98) interact in the unifying game.

Catching people with the human net they made by holding hands and running around, students of Omega play a game similar to Red Rover. Games are usually followed by worship and then Bible study. A majority of students say that their favorite part of youth group is worship.



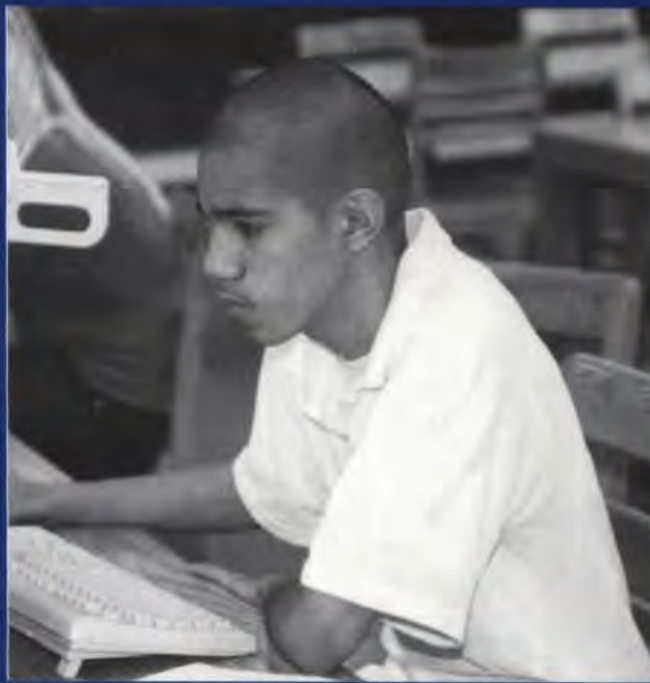
“ Youth Group Encourages me to keep on track with school, friends, dating, and God, -Dave Pande Salteens @ St. Andrew Lutheran ”

“ I guess youth groups are good for those who are in them, but I don't like how youth groups make people think they are better than others. - Anthony Castiglia ”

“ I think the WWJD trademark has turned into another commercial Jesus product. It doesn't give people an idea of who Jesus really is or what he is about. - Justin Birchard The Cause @ First Baptist Church of Wheaton ”

“ Part of being a Christian is to share the good news of Jesus Christ with as many people as possible. - Rachel Baker Shine @ Evangel Baptist in Wheaton ”

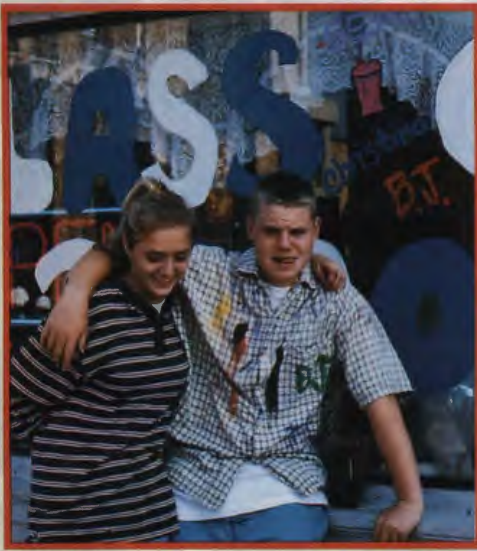
“ I am not in youth group because I am not very religious. There is absolutely no outside influence on where my beliefs come from. I say, think, and do what I want. - Jeff Belokin ”



Building the Infrastructure

Class of 2000

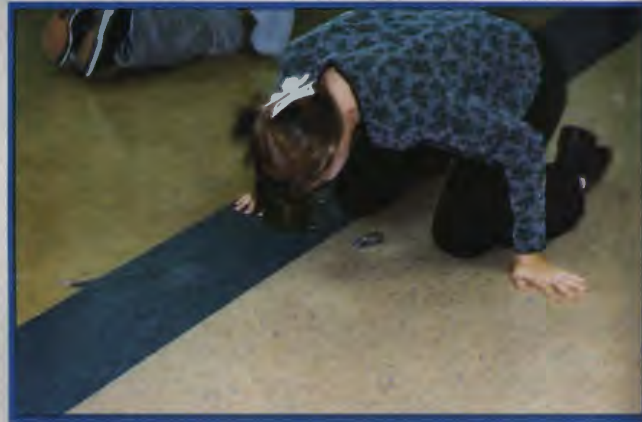
Brian Jones and Crystal Adams dance joyfully in front of the St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store, hoping their artistic talent pays off to win the window painting contest. "It was very interesting and allowed me to show my friends my creative skills in painting. I think I did a great job at showing off some school spirit, but I never thought the art would turn out this great," said Brian Jones.



Molly Saul, Abigail Brown, Melissa Acker, Maggie McPike, Kerry Herbert, Autumn Planeck, Kim Ellis, Jeremy Schmidt, Rachel Baker, and Cassandra Mitchell. The seniors work hard, making sure that their Gilligan's Island window has a good chance of winning, which it does. "We all teamed up together and showed our school and athletes our big spirit," Maggie McPike said.



The class of 2002 has some fun on their Brady Bunch float as they cruise down Joliet Street. The Brady kids sing the all-time classic theme song as some dreamy guys and groovy chicks look on.



Andray Castiglia helps lead the gymettes to victory in the Test 'n'ote Push. The game consists of a large marshall car that students had to get across the finish line by using their nose. Castiglia exclaimed, "I fell so stupid, but at least we won!"



Alex Corson sure is having fun helping build the sophomore float. It kept everyone who helped busy all week, but was worth it when the Taxi float was named the best one in the parade.



All the hours of practicing pay off as Anthony Castiglia, Andre Garcia, and Jeff Callahan are supported by their fellow cheerleaders. They performed their routine perfectly, but Callahan worried, "I sure hope Chris Weston wasn't looking up my skirt!"

Franchesca Smith, Nathaniel Stonequist, Pamela Lopez, Leena Patel, Chris Wiemold, and (sitting) Jessica Loftus clown around as they set up for the parade. They threw candy to the crowd as they walked what seemed like forever, but Smith said, "It was a great clown experience."



"We-Go Through the Tubes" turned back the clock of entertainment, celebrating shows such as the Brady Bunch, which was the Freshman Theme; Taxi, the sophomore theme; Happy Days, the junior theme; and Gilligan's Island, the senior theme. Kicking off homecoming week, the traditional window painting contest on Main St. in downtown West Chicago commenced the battle of the classes on Saturday, September 26, 1998. Painters, Magdalena Orta and Brandon Lanners, made their artistic efforts stand out on the Peer Listeners' window. "It was fun! I didn't know what I was going to paint, but it turned out good at the end," said Lanners. Also working hard on the Thespian's window were Lisa Amett, Heidi Fuoss, and Melissa Birch. They painted a vibrant collage of the previous year's performances. "All our hard work paid off after won first place in the clubs category," said Amett. Seniors adorned windows of the True Value hardware store with a colorful scene from Gilligan's Island, earning them first place early on, but tougher competition awaited the class in the festive week to come. Float Building also began on Saturday, continuing rivalry between the classes until Friday, when the judges decided which float contained the most pizzazz.

During the week, morning games were played, giving each class an opportunity to earn points in the brutal battle. Ready, set, hop! Contestants of the Brady Bunch potato sack race were ready to take off Monday morning. An all girls junior team consisting of Angie Miorro, Claudia Gentile, Ashley Arlington, and Aubry Ham tried to beat the senior stallions, Jeff Strogis paired with Jeff Powell, the sophomore studs, Brain Alegard, Adam Fritz, and Kyle Hempel, and the freshmen's finest, Mike Smith and Tom Armstrong. In the final dash victory was achieved by the girls. "I love this game! This is the best school ever!" said Mike Smith. Games such as the shake drinking contest

"I like to get down with my bad self!" Robbie Rohrback explains as he demonstrates his dancing skills on the dance floor of the juniors' Happy Days float.



and the limbo competition likewise received rave reviews from the players. "The limbo contest was the most attended event, and the best ranked by the students," said Maggie McPike. Towards the middle of the week seniors tried to hit the school with an unexpected tee-peeing on Tuesday night. Despite their efforts to be stealthy, seniors were caught by passing officers. Still, they didn't give up. The officers had to call police liaison officer Tony Quarto, and Assistant Principal John Highland. Seniors then negotiated with them, ending up tee-peeing one tree in spite of the school's resent banning of the spirited activity.

The next morning students came to the toilet paper decorated school dress and up as characters from their classes' theme TV shows. Concluding the week, Friday was packed with a slew of activities, hall decorating, the pep assembly, the food fest, and the parade created a day bringing everyone together to celebrate before the big football game. The junior class earned first place in hall decorating by placing balloons all over their halls. Seniors wore Hawaiian necklaces showing a different kind of spirit for the hall decorating contest. During the pep assembly Ms. Daneels, Mrs. Lammins, and Mr. Kellner voted on which class was the loudest. It was a close call, but the sophomores came in first. Victory E. Wildcat ran around the gym stirring up the crowd, the cheerleaders and poms performed to their best, fall sports team captains announced their goals, and the tug of war contest showed the real strength of each class. "The funniest things that I saw during homecoming week was someone pulling the wildcat's tail, and

The Homecoming court: Anthony Castiglia with Rachel Baker, Cathal Walsh and Abby Brown, Jeff Callahan with Maggie McPike, Mike Chapin with Molly Saul, and Kevin Rugaard with Collette Taylor wait in anticipation as the 1998 Homecoming King and Queen are about to be announced at the pep assembly.



Queen Rachel Baker and King Cathal Walsh



the guy cheerleaders," said Kimberly Fiowni. Food fest filled everyone's stomach. Students enjoyed hot off the grill hamburgers and hot dogs. Crepes were served by the French Club, tostadas by the International Club, and snow cones by the cheerleaders. Finalizing the week, the parade went on in spite of the rainy weather. Homecoming week '98 was a big success.

-Hans Trujillo,
Julietta Favela, &
Jaime Puchalski

Mr. Garcia's first hour class is very much awake and ready to learn.



With his backpack flung over this shoulder, Jose Ramirez is ready to go to class.



Maria Mendez takes a little break from her homework to look up at the camera.



A New Way Of Living

New immigrants come to this country every year in search of new life. Many of them come to work and make money. But while they're here, their kids are going to school and learning a lot of new things, and many of them come to the West Chicago High School. There are a couple of obstacles an immigrant has to overcome. The most obvious is speaking English; another one is adjusting to a new educational system.

New immigrants' main goal is to learn to speak English. Many of them have achieved speaking it through a lot of practice, and many of them are still learning. But one thing is for sure, it isn't easy to learn a new language and a new culture from one day to the next. Many say English is the hardest language to learn. There are vowels that can be pronounced in many different ways. There are words that can be spelled different ways but sound exactly the same and mean different things.

Then there's adjusting to a new educational system. For example, in Mexico the teachers are the ones that change classrooms, not the students. It's also customary for the students to invite their teachers over for dinner to show gratitude and appreciation towards them. A difference in the American school system is that everything around here is kind of hectic. Everybody has his or her own thing going on. In Mexico, since the schools are small, everybody knows each other.

It takes a lot practice and time to learn a new language and adjust to a new school system, but if you put your mind to it you can succeed and do anything.

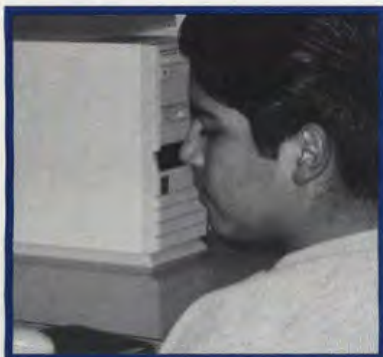
-Isabel Guerrero



Francisco Ramirez anxiously gets his things to go home after a long day of school.



Nancy Duran looks very interested in learning the English language.



Getting ready to do research, Jose Mata logs onto the web.



Mario Yivaldo is doing his homework in the school library.



Edith Cielo and Ana Garcia concentrate on getting their research done on the computer.

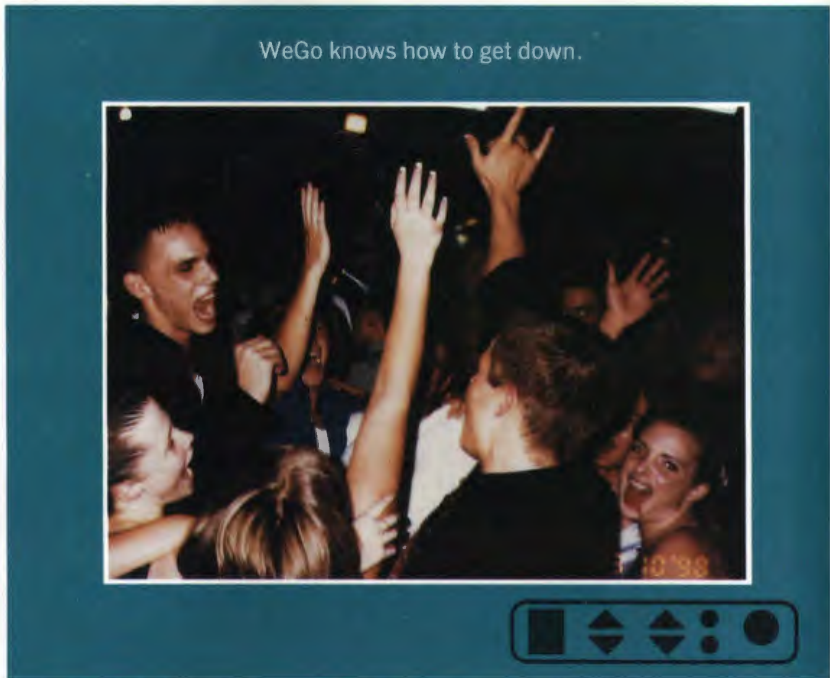


The Finishing Touches

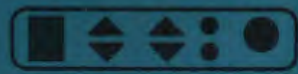
Class of 1999



Homecoming Queen Rachel Baker dances with court member Kevin Rugaard



WeGo knows how to get down.



What did you do to get ready for the dance?
 "Ran around the school three times ... naked. Oh! I'm sorry you missed it."
 -Melissa Soper

"The dance was like a bad dream with all of the 80's music!"
 -Andre Garcia

Karrie Latoria shows her cheer-leading spirit at the homecoming game.



Anthony Castiglia, Adam Mertes, Nick Hanson, and Bryan Shelly pose for a pre-dance photo.

The 1998 Homecoming celebration fell on the weekend of October 3. Since WeGo was under construction, the football team didn't have a home stadium to play at. The traditional schedule that WeGo usually follows was not at all the schedule used this year. The big football game was on Friday north instead of on Saturday afternoon. Our football team battled Naperville North on that rainy Friday night, and despite the rain and distance from the home field, WeGo Supporters and alumni still showed up in great numbers to cheer WeGo on. Even though the schedule was changed, students still anticipated the dance on Saturday night.

After a rough, competitive week, students showed up on Saturday night in style and ready to have a good time. When asked what he did to get ready for the dance, Sean Morris said, "I really didn't have to do much; I looked in the mirror and saw myself and thought, 'Wow! I am a stud!'" Kim Ellis said, "This was the best dance yet. I jumped from group to group socializing with everyone!" Everyone agreed that the music was basically the same as every other dance. Music from the *Grease* soundtrack, especially popular after the recent re-release of the blockbuster movie, was featured at the dance, along with the *Electric Slide*, so students were not surprised when they heard those songs. It was a great night to add to a collection of a great high school memories.

-Jenny Evans,
 Jamie Weisse,
 Lynn Jensen



Jerry Evans looks to see what's going on.

Mike Chapin and Josh Slattery take the line at the homecoming game.



The Wildcats huddle up to get ready to make the mud fly again.

Homecoming Day

Joe Leli and Sylviana Cordero pose for a picture to remember their last homecoming dance.



WeGo Through the Tube.



Adam Morrissey looks over at his coach for the signs.



Chris Grin and Mike Lockett smile big at the homecoming dance.

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High school is filled with memories that will never be forgotten. West Chicago High School is a place we all came to know very well. We shared good times, bad times, new experiences, and friendships to last a lifetime. With the changes that have taken place, West Chicago will never be quite the same as when we knew it. The changes that had already taken place by the '98-'99 school year affected many of the students at West Chicago. Some of them for the better, and some for worse. Missy Hahn said, "Because of the parking problem due to the construction, I got to school everyday before zero hour, and most of the time I still had to park at Kerr McGee." Addie Shreeram said "I am glad that the school is getting enlarged, but it is too bad that I won't be here for it." Not everybody looked at the negative side of the work that was in progress at West Chicago. Some students looked forward to the improvements in the school, and some were amused with the chaos that the construction brought. Justin Yager said, "It didn't affect me too much, but I had fun laughing at all of the people who drove around in the mornings looking for a place to park."

While some people were working to change the school, others were working to change themselves. When asked, "If you could change anything about yourself, what would it be?" Nicole Sullivan replied, "Nothing. People today have to stop being so critical of themselves and just have fun without worries." We also asked some students, "What does works in progress mean to you?" Danfelle Davis said, "To me works in progress means working toward your goals for the future." Kael Powers said, "Works in progress for me is getting used to the freedom in high school as well as all of the responsibilities." Works are always in progress at West Chicago High School, whether they be additions and renovations to the building or to the people within. So, dive into each day with adventure and leave behind your fears. No need to worry, change is good, from beginning to end!

-Stacey Hansen & Jaime Buchalski

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West Chicago, IL 60185



Class of 2002

Class of 2001

Class of 1999



Edward Abante
Vianet Acosta



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Shawn Adams



Rosario Aguilár
Monica Aguirre
Ryan Aita
Claudia Alcantar



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Juventino Alfaro
Julio Allende
Fidelia Alvarado
Carly Anderson



Javier Antonino
Mike Aponte
Joshua Arambura
Gonzalo Arancibia
Heather Arancibia
Fernando Arellano
Elisa Arevalo



Tom Armstrong
Jamie Arnold
Christine Austin
Sean Baier
Daniel Bajor



What is Freshman Year? Is it the end of our youth and innocence, the beginning of responsibility and work, and the time of our lives when we are thrown into an inferno of upperclassmen who try to taunt and scare us with their chanting of "FRESHMAN!?" Or is it the dawning of a new life of freedom and equality where we no longer have things done for us, but we learn how to do things we always wanted to know? We believed it was the latter, and with this sense of understanding came a sense of pride and achievement that was unmatched anywhere in this world. We felt this way then, but we hadn't always felt this way. When our class of 2002 came to this school, most of us were intimidated by the chanting and rumors, we were scared of our teachers because we had been falsely warned that they were a lot more strict, harsh, and full of discipline than they really were. Before we had time to consider these problems of ours, we had to learn our way through a huge building full of the faces of the upperclass,

John Baker
Jim Ballek
Carmen Barajas
Janine Barajas
Morris Barber
Nubia Barrera
Adam Barry



Andrew Barton
Shannon Battersby
Matt Baumurcker
Brandon Becker
Brian Becker
Tyler Belding
Edger Benitez





Marc Berry
Steven Berry



Lon Beutke
Nathan Birch



Andrew Birchard
Aaron Bjorklund
Hilary Blanchard
Jordan Blanck



Matthew Blette
Tommy Bloom
Timothy Bobik
Matthew Boes
Bradly Bolton



Derek Boorsma
George Bortolini
Jennifer Boyd
Rebekah Boyd
Pamela Boyle
Megan Brandstedter
Daniel Brenner



Jeremiah Briggs
Elizabeth Brouwer
Hillary Brown
Lori Brown
Mike Brown

men. We were afraid our lifestyles would be set aside and we would have to find a new way to live our lives. These were all unnecessary worries. Our class was able to find our niche in almost no time. We quickly gained equality in our new home. We learned how to play the game fully, from rules to rights, from student to teacher, from peer to peer. We were the beginners, but we earned the right to be above freshmen next year, thanks to our peers' friendship, our teachers' knowledge, and our school spirit to motivate us through it all.

-Jeff Raun



Carla Bucio
Nicholas Buscemi
Kimberly Burkes
Angelica Cabrera
Lisa Calabrese
Stella Calamia
Erik Calderon



Jose Calderon
Joseph Caniano
Humberto Cantu
Linnea Caputi
Anais Carballo
Gerardo Carmona
Daniel Carncross

Nicholas Carter
 Kimpha Chau
 Heather Christiansen
 Zoe Churan
 Anthony Ciolino
 Timothy Coffman
 Lyndsay Comitz



Luis Cordero
 Fabiola Correa
 Juana Correa



"I play football!"
 -Nate Aye

Arianna Cortez
 Miguel Cortez
 Vanessa Cortez
 Michelle Cosco
 Rogelio Costilla
 Johnathan Coulston



Tiffany Cunnally
 Elizabeth Czernik
 Erika Dauber
 Danielle Davis
 Micheal Davis
 Zachary Deaton



Dan Deickmann
 Daniel Delegge
 Darahlee DeLeon
 Justin DeLeon
 Lisa Dereadt



Agustus Detrick
 Elizabeth Deutsch
 Bobby Dieter
 Sean Dieter
 Tom Doeseckle



Rene Dominguez
 Kris Donovan
 Courtney Dorn
 Corinne Drake
 Scott Dunn



Erin Eberlein
 Heather Edminson
 Sarah Edwards
 Derek Ekstrom



Paul Elson
 Edger Escobedo
 Sandra Espinal





Christina Feistamel
Kurt Fener
Cindy Fernandez
Gabriel Fernandez
Marcos Fernandez
Maribel Ferrer
Jesse Fink

What was the funniest thing you have seen this year?
"People falling off the poorly made desks."
-Kory Kendziora



Melissa Fisher
Sam Fisher
Adam Flores



Anissa Flores
Daniel Flores
Kevin Franckowiak
Kathryn Frantzen
Austin Fuchs
Daniel Fugazzotto

"Somebody's skates fell apart while
they were roller skating!"
-Michelle Cosco



Ryan Fuoss
Antonio Gallegos
Ana Galvan
Yuleana Galvan



Alma Garcia
Ana Garcia
Angelica Garcia
Becky Garcia
Cesar Garcia



Christina Garcia
Moises Garcia
Omar Garcia
Vanessa Garcia
Ruby Garfias
Kim Gargula
Clayton Garlt



Christopher Gerber
Emilia Gerleve
Brandy Gibson
Eric Gibson



Stephanie Ginsburg
Daniel Godoy
Azeneth Gonzalez



William Gonzalez
Heather Goranson
Jill Grobe



Margaret Grossmayer
 Juana Guerrero
 Martha Guerrero
 Vanessa Guillen
 Jason Gunther
 Vanessa Guzman
 Sarah Gwynne



Kristi Hall
 James Hallbom
 Steven Hamrick
 Christopher Hansen
 Johnathan Hartigan
 Andrew Hein
 Alexander Hernandez



Jose Hernandez
 Marina Hernandez
 Jose Herrera
 Tim Herzberger
 Kris Hicks
 Daniel Hlotke
 Matthew Hofer



Ryene Hofmann
 Shannon Hogan
 Jordna Holmes
 Mark Hopkins
 Sirenia Huerta
 Edward Hughes
 Alice Hultquist



Adriana Humphries
 William Inch
 Matthew Infelise
 Timothy Jaffe
 Kassandra Jedlicka
 Joshua Jeffery
 Darcie Jones



Tiana Juarez
 Maria Jurado
 Nathan Kalish
 Mary-Megan Kalvig
 Kathryn Kammes
 Olga Karamysheve
 Shyerije Kashtanjeva



Ben Keller
 Kory Kendziora
 Blake Kennedy
 Kevin King
 Erin Kirby
 Crystal Kirschke
 Jon Klintworth

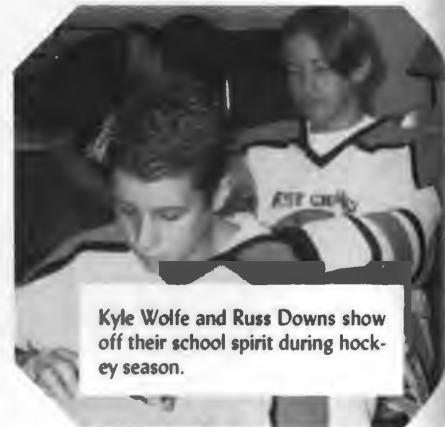


Arianna Cortez hits her books in Mechanical Drawing

Do the upperclassmen pick on you or threaten you?

"No, I'm too cool!"
 -Cerr
 Mackniskas

"No, my only problems are from people who have heard of me"
 John Pollman



Kyle Wolfe and Russ Downs show off their school spirit during hockey season.



Cindy Warner finishes off her mechanical drawing assignment.

What do you dislike about being a Freshman?

"Everything!"
-Guillermo Mendez

"When someone asks what year are you, having to reply I am a freshman."
-Bridget McPike

"We don't get recognized as much as the upper classes."
-Chris Hansen



Maggie Knaak
Stephen Knox
Alex Kochick
Brittany Kozlowski
Eugene Kozlowski
Joshua Kutilek
Heather Lakics

Ronald Langhans
Brian Lanners
Justin LaPrall
Alexander Lascau
Cris Lauver
Berenice Leal
Brian Leazenby

Crystal Leindecker
Laurie Lenertz
Tiffany Lillie
Jonathan Lim
Megan Llorens
Kevin Loewe
Jessica Loftus

Pamela Lopez
Richardo Lopez
Stephanie Ly
Thomas Macauley
Corinne Mackniskas
Eric Macorkel
Cody Macpherson

Eva Maldonado
Caterina Marcantonio
Carla Marrero
Laura Martin
JR Martinez
Sergio Martinez
Michael Marvan

Michael Masschelin
Pat McClusky
Crystal McGinnis
Bridget McPike
Sean McTighe
Brian Mehman
Amanda Meiborg

Cody Melbourn
Marcus Mendez
Marina Mendez
Estaban Mendoza
Sandra Mercado
Jonathan Merrick
Michael Merrion

Audrey Mertes
Kevin Mestek
Sarah Meyerholz
Megan Michalek
Lauren Migliorato
Peter Milauskas
Robin Jr Mildebrath



Sarah Miller
Shannon Mims
Ric Miner
Colleen Mitchell
Frank Mitchell



Guadalupe Montalvo
Dennis Montana
Noel Mereno

What
are
school
nights like
for you
now?



"I have
less
time to have fun."
-Moises Garcia

"No time to see
the girls."
-Memo Mendez

Joanna Mosteller



Martha Mueller
Daniel Murphy
Jamie Nadolny
Amanda Nelson
Amy Nemoli
Tad Netzel
Matthew Neurmman



Thomas Newman
Tommy Newman
Desiree Nieto-Funegard
Rachel Noceda
Christopher Norman



Patrick Norton
John Nowicki
Michael Nubie

What are
weekends like
for you now?



"Ah well,
I have to keep up
with my two
hobbies."
-Oey Caniano

Eric Nussbaum



James O'Hara
LeAnn Olson
Michael Olson
Shane Olson
Stephanie Opel
Lauren Openshaw
Alejandro Ortiz





Jonathan Ortiz
Yolanda Ortiz
Michelle Ott
Stacey Pacini
Taimilka Padron
Geoffrey Palka
Tony Palombi



Aimee-Jasmin Paran
Joseph Park
Kelly Pastore
Nicole Patel
Nisha Patel



David Pater
Mike Pavone
Jamie Pawlak

Are the classes different from what you expected?

"Yeah, I can't suck up to the teachers
Just kidding."
- Jon Merrick

Jennifer Payton



Zayra Pedraza
Stella Peduzzi
Arnulfo Perez
Israel Perez
Mauricio Perez
Valeria Perez



Alex Perham
Amy Persino
Sarah Petersen
Rebecca Petrie
Dan Piet

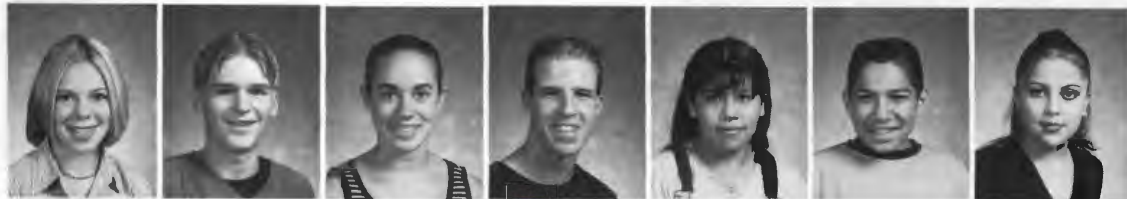


Gianna Pigoni
Andrew Pinto
Jeni Pinto

Does high school meet your expectations?

"I can't think right now, can I tell you later?"
- Mike Nubie

John Pollman



Jaclyn Prena
Carl Prill
Heather Prochnow
John Quadrizius
Jessica Ramirez
Joshua Ramirez
Araceli Ramos

Jeffrey Raun
Margot Reges
Janette Reveles
Kael Rewers
Christina Roberts
Claribel Robles
Bill Rocha



Madelyn Rodreguez
Patrick Rohde
Angela Rojas
Hector Romero
Allison Rovtar
Abad Rubio
Ben Rugaard



April Runions
Juan Salazar
Nancy Salgado
Alejandro Salinas
Peter Salinas
Jorge Sanchez
Lucy Sanroman



Agustin Saucedo
Javier Saucedo
Jason Schadeberg
Marina Savenok
Kevin Schaefer
Laura Shaefer
Kari Schmidt



Steven Schnieder
Craig Shuda
Billie Schultz
Alex Seaver
Adam Selcke
Jennifer Shanahan
Matthew Shelhamer



Brad Shelley
Mikhail Shemyakin
Kristina Shilling
John Skala
Steven Slattery
Michael Slusar
Jeff Smith



Kyle Smith
Lauren Smith
Michael Smith
Stephan Smith
Suzanne Smith
Jim Smolucha
Arlene Smothers



"I was almost taken down by the uncontrollable snow and freezing temperature walking to Lincoln. But I made it!"
-Ed Abante



Megan Brandstedter, LeAnn Olson, Nate Williams, and Tarah Sperando gather together in front of the building.

Sarah Gwynne and Hilary Blanchard participate in a French discussion.



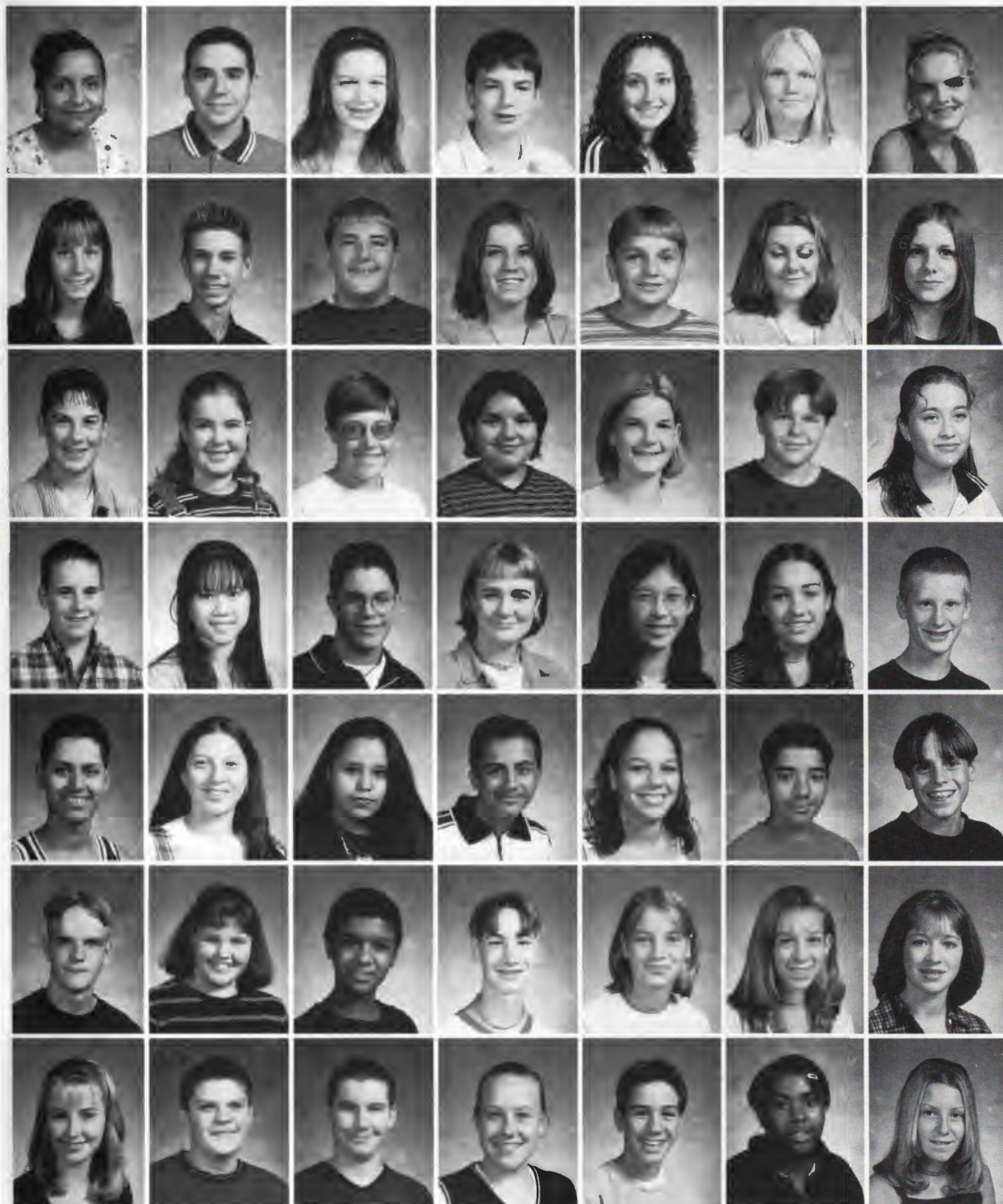


Tiana Juarez works on her new sewing project with her partner, Julie Henson.

Jeff Raun shows off his costume on Halloween.



"A man could not be in two places at the same time unless he were a bird."
- Sir Boyle Roche



Rebecca Soto
Brad Spata
Natalie Spelman
Tom Spencer
Tarah Sperando
Ashley Stern
Amanda Stone

Jessica Strock
Sean Suwalski
Michael Svast
Monika Szymoniak
Dariusz Szyszko
Caitlyn Tancl
Cynthia Tancl

Mike Tawney
Jennifer Taylor
Luke Taylor
Rocio Tena
Lisa Thomas
Brian Toms
Ana Tovar

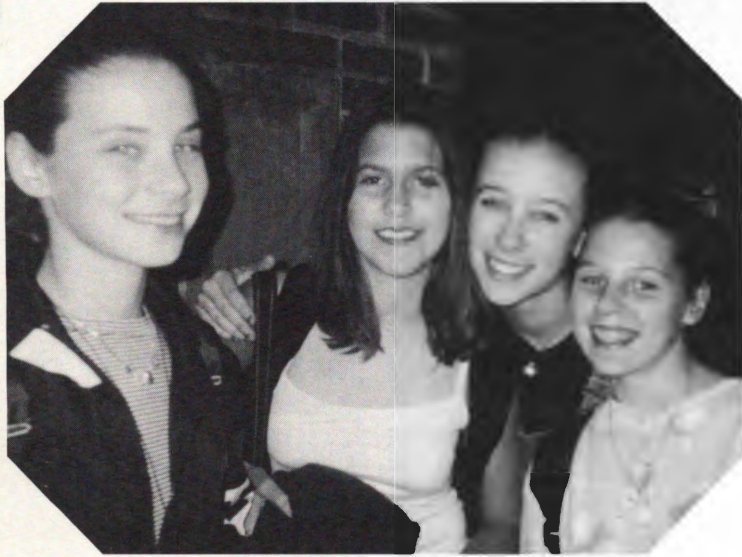
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Pham Truc
Matthew Trygar
Copper Tuma
Theresa Uy
Melissa Valentino
Steven Vandernaalt

Ismael Vargas
Lilia Vazquez
Denise Vigil
Mario Villa
Nancy Villarreal
Brando Villegas-Bae
Ryan Virnich

Harold Visser
Julie Volk
Tahir Vora
Douglas Walker
Kathleen Walker
Sarah Walter
Jacqueline Walters

Cindy Warner
Christopher Wasielewski
Matt Waterman
Rebecca Watson
Matt Weber
Falon Wesley
Julie Wiechert

Christina Wilbur
 Joshua Wilde
 Laura Wilken
 Logan Wilkening
 Latasha Williams
 Nate Williams
 Matt Wilson



Jeremiah Briggs sketches his favorite style of writing.



**What do you have to say to next year's freshmen?
 "Don't be offended by the upperclassmen. It's tradition."
 -Kristi Hall**

Joshua Winquist
 Thomas Wojcicki
 Kyle Wolfe
 Jill Wolter



Copper Tuma and Sarah Miller try on masks for drama.



High School is not as bad as people want you to think.
 -Moises Garcia



"FRESHMEN!!!"
 -Luke Taylor

Justin DeLeon spins and toils while showing the world his magic.

Jason Woodbury
 Jason Worel
 Candi Yanke
 Jason York
 Meghan Young
 Kristine Zefield
 Brandon Zenos





Aimee Paran, Nate Kalish, Ed Abante, Christina Wilbur, Stephanie Ly, and Desi Nieto party at a friend's house for the night.



Derek Boorsma and Jennifer Boyd show off their mad cooking skills.



Ricky Lopez and Steve Schneider talk with a classmate during a class discussion.



Mike Nubie is caught in the spotlight while waiting for his bus to arrive.

Heather Edminson gets comfortable while working on a project.



DRAWING UP THE

September

I remember the time,
When September was mine,
And the world lay spinning at my feet.

Life's fulfillment was all,
Laid simply to my call-
Where my dreams and wishes came
complete.

Now October is here,
With November so near-
All my views and feelings rearranged.

For the lesson that's taught,
Too priceless to be bought-
Is that life, like the seasons, will
change.

I remember a time,
When September was mine-
As December's wind blows cold through
my soul.

The things I'd wish to erase,
And lifetimes to change-
As I walk through my seasons alone.
Kevin Jennings



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BLUEPRINTS



Fall



The boys' soccer team had its share of disappointments but learned a lot for the '99-'00 season. The Wildcats were a young team undergoing changes and a rebuilding process that looked to be complete and set to go for next season. The season of struggles ended with an overall record of 6 and 10 and 3, with a conference record of 1 and 5 and 1. Their previous year was a major success in which the cats won a sectional championship but only six of those starters returned. Four of whom were seniors so the team hoped to start fresh, but young Juniors were overmatched throughout the year. Eight seniors overall returned to varsity, but injuries had plagued the team throughout the year. Two of the starting seniors were out a good part of the season, as well as a few juniors being affected from injury. 1999 looked to be bright for the now experienced seniors to be and the upcoming juniors which finished 11-3-5.



Mike Streams cocks up to throw a bomb down line.

Varsity. Front: Manager Brenda Bayard, Coach Steve Brugmann, Erick Munoz, Kevin Ruggard, Julio Gomez, Coach Robert Owens. Row 2: Joe Leli David Reser, Chris Cruz, Luis Herrera, Anthony Castiglia, Nishil Patel, Andy Spalo, Kenny Schuda. Row 3: Mike Kost, Mario Marrero, Eric Chrobik, Gabe Cruz, Alberto Perez, Brian Jones, Nick Haines. Row 4: Greg Wheaton, Daniel Santana, Mike Penaflor, Mauricio Resendiz, Aaron Busic, Larry Higdon. Back: Alex Ortiz, Jesse Salazar, Ryan Dorn, David Boyle, Mike Streams, Neil Fuchs, Kenny Dedic.



The varsity Co-Captains were Kevin Rugaard, Joe Leli, Alberto Perez and Dave Boyle. The varsity team was coached by Robert "Bruno" Owens and assistant Steve Brugmann. Most Improved Player was Eric Chorobik, Best Offensive player was Dave Boyle, while Best Defense went to Neil Fuchs and Best Overall player was Alberto Perez who was also given All-Conference. The Coaches Award was given to Andy Spalo.



Opposing players scatter for cover as Alberto Perez fires another shot.



Wildcats look on as superstar Nishil Patel heads the ball upward and onward.



Defensive stallion Anthony Castiglia carries the ball field.





SOCCER

Freshmen. Front: Tom Wojiski, Coach Julio DelReal, John Lim. **Row 2:** Jose Herrera, Jason Woodbary, Joey Park, Adam Selcke, Eddie Escobedo, Mario Villa. **Row 3:** Tad Netzel, Josh Aramburu, Javier Saucedo, Steve Knox, Robby Milddebrath. **Back:** Austin Fuchs, Nick Bushemile, Doug Walker, Tim Coffman, Andy Barton, Dan Bajor.



Sophomores. Front: Coach Antonio Del Real, Miguel Herrera, Oscar Cruz, Denis Janek, Mike Masschelin. **Row 2:** Cuit Beltran, Vladimar Reyes, Craig Schuda, Felipe Perez, Mario Vivaldo. **Row 3:** Jose Garcia, Jose Alejo, Chris Salutric, John Janelik, Greg Hernandez, Tony Ballines. **Back:** Anders Walker, Chris Hendricks, Daniel Hernandez, Kyle Lange, Steve Gilbert, Daniel Flores, Nick Romenelli.



Scared opponents try to stop the force of Isreal Pasillas but only contain him.



Is that Luis getting more water?



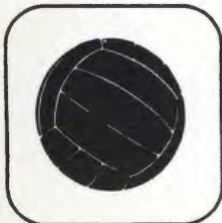
Coach Owens running things and trying to find out what is going on out there.



The team takes a water break and gets ready for the second half.

A Learning Experience

This season the volleyball team had to deal with the loss of some key players. Coach Hasty said they, "had to play more together as a team and rely on other people." Although they struggled in conference, they learned a lesson in teamwork. Setting was definitely a strong point. Melissa Acker received honorable mention for her setting, and Chrissy Dabbert was awarded MVP. Most Improved went to Natalia Sienkowiec, and the Coach's award was given to Jeanette Arroyo. This year the team hoped



to repeat it's regional title. After they won the first game of regionals, it seemed possible. Even though they lost the next match, Hasty was really happy with the team because they worked together and never gave up. She said, "the juniors really stepped up. They are a great group of student athletes and are very coachable." This tough season was a learning experience for everyone on the team.

-Ellen McLoughlin and Katie Saul



Varsity, Front: Jeanette Arroyo, Krista Varble. Row 2: Melissa Acker, Chrissy Dabbert, Natalia Sienkowiec, Ashley Arlington, Aubrey Hum. Back: Coach Sue Hempe, Kel Bolton, Jocelyn Schineller, Ana Fernandez, Kim Ellis, Michelle Grove, Coach Kris Hasty.



Captains Melissa Acker and Chrissy Dabbert meet with Coach Hasty and the refs before the match against Naperville Central.



Junior Varsity, Front: Megan Leston, Julie Fosco, Laura McQueen. Row 2: Julie Wiecher, Penny Payton, Nicole Morrissey, Megan Michalek. Back: Natalie Spelman, Lindsay Cartiglia, Lindsay Michael, Jaymie Schmidt, Shannon Flowers, Coach Sue Hempe.



Freshman A. Front: Liz Brouwer, Hilary Blanchard. Row 2: Linnea Caputi, Jacky Prena, Lauren Openshaw. Back: Courtney Dorn, Lauren Migliovato, Coach Beckwith, Lisa Thomas, Kim Burkes.



Freshman B. Front: Sarah Walters, Cory Drake, Jamie Arnold. Row 2: Kristy Hall, Lauri Lenertz, Johanna Mosteller, Danielle Davis. Back: Audrey Mertes, Tara Sperando, Coach Wooley, Carrie Schmidt, Megan Branseter.

The Wildcats watch intently as they root on their team.



Melissa Acker sets the ball as Chrissy Dabbert starts her approach to hit.



Jeanette Arroyo concentrates as she prepares to serve.



Starters Ana Fernandez, Jocelyn Schineller, Melissa Acker, Chrissy Dabbert, Jeanette Arroyo and Ashley Arlington, huddle together to pump each other up.



A cheerful Chrissy Dabbert slaps hands with the other team before the game.



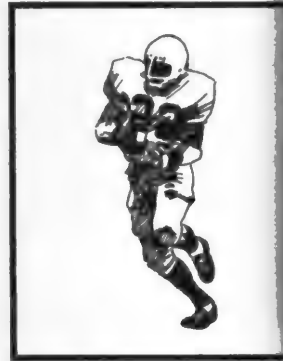
The Wildcats show team unity by holding hands during the National Anthem during the game.

The Road Warriors



Andre Garcia looks for an open path.

Let go of my leg, please!



As the West Chicago football team spent their whole season on the road, their unity became admirably strong. Their schedule of all away games was due to the construction turning our old football field into a sandbox. The players took this all and turned it into a challenge. It's always tougher to prepare mentally for an away game but they were ready for it. At game time, the players came out very confident. Win or loss, good or bad, they kept their heads up and played harder. Everyone wanted to get in there and play no matter what the score was. They didn't just play the game, they felt it. Their anger and pain were easily seen when they knew they could have done better. Their power and pride were readily visible when they made a great play. They put their whole heart in and gave one hundred and ten percent. Leading the team was MVP Brian Raymond. Receiving All-Conference 1st team was Mike Schneider. The most improved player was John Malone. Tim Harwood was given the Wildcat Award, and Mike Chapin the Randy Jacobs Award. Off the field, the team was like a family. They all got along and stuck up for each other. The night before the Glenbard North game, over half the team shaved their heads. Wednesdays were pride days when the players were all in football t-shirts. On Thursdays, the coaches awarded t-shirts to outstanding players in practice, defense, and special teams. All the players walked around in their t-shirts, proud to be a part of the family. They got together on Thursday nights before a game at someone's house for their weekly Thursday night dinner. Our team was slowly building and earning more respect. They were becoming a much stronger team and were starting to challenge the DVC. Coach Stone said they were "starting to see the corner" and they'd soon be turning it all around.

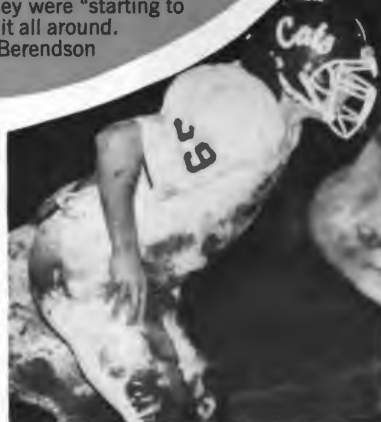
-Brenda Lee Berendson

Brian Raymond punts another 60 yards.



Chris Weston gets ready to pounce.

Chris Grin is on the prowl.



Freshmen. Front: Pete Salinas, Kevin Cieslewski, Brandon Baermann, Shane Olson, Coach Ward Rau, Coach Randall Zeitler, Matt Blette, Bobby Dieter, Ryene Hoffman, Bill Rocha. Row 2: Mike Nubie, Matt Trygar, Nate Aye, Alex Kochick, Nate Williams, Adam Barry, Chris Holguin, Tommy Newman, Mike Olson. Row 3: Eric Nussbaum, Logan Wilkening, Rick Miner, Lon Beutke, Josh Winqvist, Brad Shelley, Tyler Belding, Jim O'Hara. Row 4: Dave Pater, Josh Kutielek, Brad Bolton, Mark Hopkins, Pat Rohde, Scott Kozlowski, Jason Gunther, Ron Langhans, Paul Elson. Row 5: Geoff Palka, Gus Detrick, Kory Kendziora, Jon Merrick, Tino Alfaro, Mike Brown, Jeff Raun, Tony Gallegos, Steve Smith. Back: Kurt Fener, Tim Jaffe, Peter Milauskas, Pat Norton, Mike Svast, Kevin Franckowiak, Jordan Blanck, Steve Slattery, Derek Boorsma. Not Pictured: Coach Bob Burns, Coach Scott Davidson, John Quadruzis.



Sophomores. Front: Dave Castillo, Javier Contreras, Dennis Kirschke, Coach Tony Newly, Coach Josh Chambers, Jeff Villarreal, Steve Taylor, Evan Mosley. Row 2: Scott Blanchard, Mike Pesola, Mike Mroz, Ken Yourek, James Jaffe, Nick Richardson, Paul Novak. Row 3: Brandon Brach, Justin Kallas, Sean Hannon, Sam Mashal, Kevin Stott, Carlos Perez, Dan Schneider, Mike Alderton. Row 4: John Kolodick, Tom Heun, Eddie Cruz, Jerry Coleman, Matt Raymond, Jamie Merlo, Brian Wakefield. Back: Alberto Chavez, Matt Jernstad, Tim Carstensen, Brett Dieter, Adam Mrugacz, Brian Campbell, Zach Pederson. Not Pictured: Erich Fries.



Varsity. Front: Pete Serrato, Eric Wood, Coach Greg Hansen, Coach Bob Stone, Coach John Walters, Coach Dick Howard, Nick Chapman, Andre Garcia. Row 2: Tim Harwood, Bobby Holguin, Ken Leonard, John Millner, Matt Shane, Pat Reynolds, Shawn Olson, John Melone. Row 3: Freddy Lopez, Matt Grogan, Erik Hansen, Manuel Mendoza, Jorge Alfaro Dan O'Hara, Mike Schneider, Ben Walter. Row 4: Brian Shelley, Jason Richardson, Nick Pray, Matt McKenney, Victor Osorio, Chris Batty, Mike Chapin, Jason Boswell. Row 5: Andrew Vock, Matt Strike, Sean Peterson, Jared Winquist, Adam Miller, Josh Slattery, Andrew Merrick, Bryan Kelsey, Brian Raymond. Back: Adam Buenz, Sean Morris, Jeff Griffin, Chris Grin, Robbie Rohrbach, Chris Weston, Adam Morrissey, Justin Hall. Not Pictured: Jerry Evans, Aldo Huerta.



The Wildcats wait to hear their next play.



"Who's your daddy? Rock's your daddy!"

-The entire Varsity Football Squad



Slattery and Peterson step up to the line.

"In life, as in a football game, the principal to follow is: Hit the line hard."
-Theodore Roosevelt



Captains Mike Schneider, Brian Raymond, and Mike Chapin.



Justin Hall fades back to make the pass.



"There were great strides made this year. This group of kids never lost their enthusiasm." -Coach Bob Stone



Dan O'Hara makes a run for it.

Swingin' On The Courts And Greens

While trying to overcome a low turnout and loss of players from last year, both the tennis and golf teams did their best this season. Girls' golf had only enough players for a varsity team. Most members didn't have a lot of experience and still tried their best throughout the season. Boys' also suffered losses from last year's team and looked to experienced players to pull the weight and lead the team. Boys' golf looked to captains Jeff Belokin and Jeff Powell, while girls golf looked toward seniors Ellen McLoughlin and Molly Saul. Even with a small number of players on the teams this year, the golf teams definitely achieved their goals. The boys placed in the top five at DVC, and the girls won more games than last year. Looking to Amanda Hallock and Theresa Visser, the girls' tennis team won a lot more games this year than the team did last year. Freshman Kim-Pha Chau and Vanessa Guillen became the MVPs of the year for tennis, while Jeff Powell, Molly Saul and Christy Palombi received their MVP awards for golf. Both golf and tennis did a terrific job this year and truly deserve their recognition of being great teams for our school.

— Kim-Chau Chau & Katie Oen

Rick Williams watches with eager eyes to see where his golf ball will land.



Boys' Varsity Golf. Front: Kyle Mulligan, Coach Tim Courtney, Jeff Belokin. Row 2: Tim Warren, Michael Wenz, Rich Williams, Chris Howell. Back: Jeff Callahan, Jeff Powell, Daniel Tobja.



Girls' Tennis. Front: Kim-Chau Chau, Kim-Pha Chau. Row 2: Theresa Visser, Coach Sione Moeaki, Nicole Patel. Back: Amanda Hallock, Maribel Benitez, Vanessa Guillen. Not Pictured: Kristine Cleveland, Julie Vinatier.



Girls' Golf. Front: Molly Saul, Coach Mike Cain, Christy Palombi. Row 2: Ellen McLoughlin, Angel Mullaney. Back: Beth Warren, Helen Walsh.



Boys' JV Golf. Front: Joe Caniano, Zach Deaton, Coach Tim Courtney, Dane Gilbertsen, Kevin McCarthy. Row 2: Jesse Fink, Justin Hoffmann, Matt Powell, Joe Lureau. Back: Tim Yormark, Matt Baumrucker, Tony Ciolino.



Moving into position and striking the tennis ball, Kim-Chau Chau shows her backhand.



Concentrating on his play, Jeff Belokin puts his golf ball into a hole.



Coach Seoni Moeaki discusses the tennis line up with the other coaches at a DVC match.



Coach Mike Cain gets caught sneaking a nap on his golf cart during a girls' golf match.



After a quick forehand shot, Maribel Benitez takes a win in her West Aurora match.



Returning her tennis ball in her awesome fisherman hat, Kim-Pha Chau takes a win in her West Aurora doubles match.



Squatting, Christy Palombi tries to decide how to play the next shot.



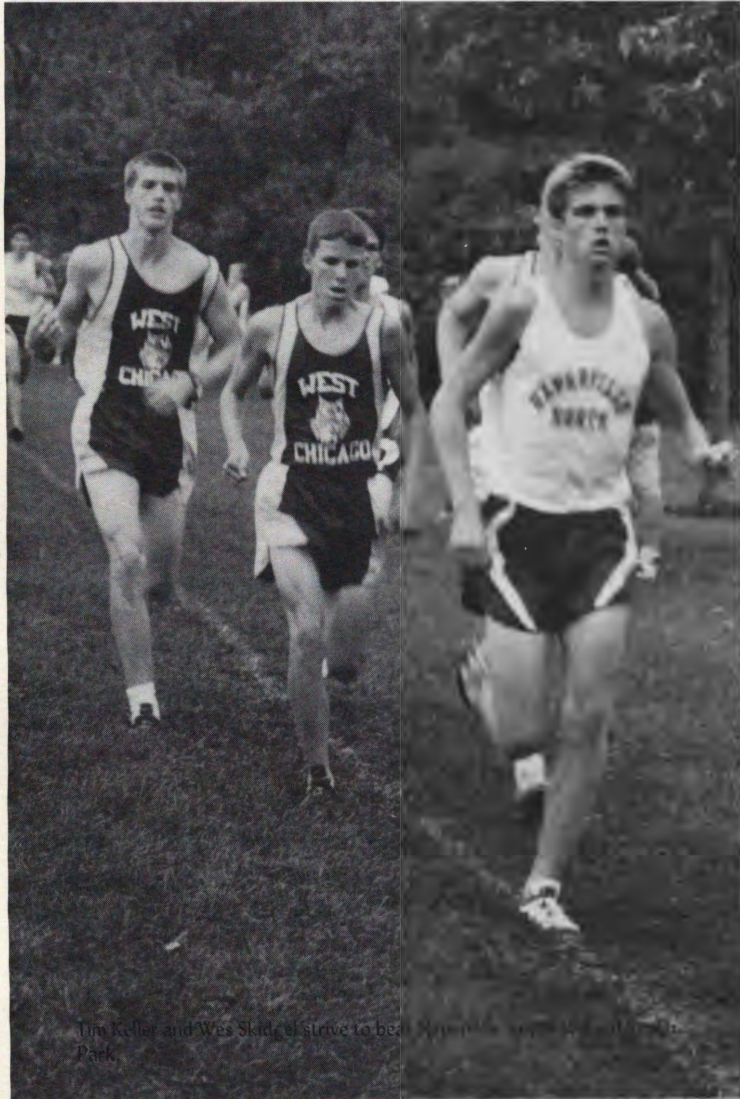
Members of the boys' golf team go fishing for a lost ball.



Girls cross country, Front Row: Erin Kirby, Zoe Churan, Jennifer Boyd, Heather Gorenson, Stephanie Opal. Row Two: Rachel Watson, Becky Watson, Michelle Lasky, Tracy Erickson, Jennifer Weichert, Missy Krueger. Back Row: Coach Kelly Kolasa, Meghan Young, Kathy Brinn, Beth Brinn, Tracy Yednock, Jessica Strock. Not Pictured: Katie Walker, Angelica Garcia, Terri Jensen.



Boys cross country, Front Row: Matt Wdowiarz, Kyle Hemple, Coach Paul McLealand, Tim Keller, Harold Visser. Row Two: Edward Abanto, David Toney, Nick Duffy, Ben Harkins, Doug Strock. Back Row: Jeff Stogis, Dan Young, Wes Skidgel, Bart Visser, Bryan Francowiak. Not Pictured: Javier Antonio.



Tim Keller and Wes Skidgel strive to beat Glenbard North at Park.

Running Down

The West Chicago cross country teams had contrasting seasons. The girls, despite numerous injuries, were able to pull through. The Frosh/Soph girls had some success in a few invitationals. They took second place at the Crystal Lake and Benet Invites thanks to outstanding efforts by freshmen Meghan Young, Jessica Strock, and MVP Erin Kirby. The Varsity girls often placed in the middle half, the team led by Junior Rachel Altergott and Michelle Lasky. The girls put forth an outstanding effort throughout the season. Overall, each runner showed improvement, and that's the key to cross country. As a team they accomplished the goal to establish a presence in the VV.

The boys varsity team had a successful season. They placed on top in every meet they competed in. Amazingly, they scored a perfect score at the Belvedere Invite, some of the best in cross country. In the JV, seniors took second, only one point behind Naperville Central. Juniors Tim Keller and Rich Belcher, and Seniors Dan Young and Wes Skidgel finished high enough at the DVC to be put on the first all-conference team. The guys went on to win a tough regional and advanced to sectionals. At sectionals, the team competed hard and took one of the five slots to state. In Peoria, where the state meet was held, the guys' team dug down deep and finished with seventh place in state, the best ever in the history of West Chicago cross country. Dan Young finished 31st, Tim Keller 34th, Wes Skidgel 38th, Bart Visser 70th, and Rich Belcher 112th. Finally, the 1998 dream season came to an end. All the teams found success through hard work and dedication that would certainly carry over into future seasons.

-Michelle Lasky

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Meghan Young pushes towards the chute to finish her race.



The state qualifying boys varsity prepare to run through the hoop.

"We be running embryo style."
- Terri Jensen

Michelle Lasky, Meghan Young, Rachel Altergott, and Jenny Boyd race against Glenbard North on their home course.



Swimming and Diving. Front: Page Powell. Coach Janet Culloton, Coach Chris Hall, Coach Mary Beth Zarndt, Gianna Pignoni. Row 2: Emily Mueller, Abby Grant, Christina Payton, Heather Prochnow, Rebecca Watson, Katalin Larm. Row 3: Laura Winter, Stephanie Shalek, Heather Lakis, Laura Wilken, Laura Martin, Erin Ryan, Donita Spaunhurst. Row 4: Michelle Skala, Nicole Watkins, Danielle Lureau, Tracey Drzal, Shannon Sterne, Jenny Cwaik. Row 5: Sara Knox, Katy Coffman, Manager Joe Hamlin, Cathy Wilken, Colleen Mitchel, Heidi Lakics, Jeannine Ogorek. Back: Elizabeth Ribe.



At practice, Katalin Larm does an excellent back dive.



Emily Mueller in starting crouch before front dive

Making Progress In

The Lady Wildcat swimmers and divers had an excellent season of hard work and improvement. The team took fifth place at DVC and third place at Sectionals. There were a few swimmers who stood out, such as Tracey Drzal who took first place at DVC for the five-hundred freestyle. At awards night, Danielle Lureau received MVP while Jennifer Cwaik received MVP. The special honor of Rookie of the Year went to Heather Prochnow. There were two swimmers who received All-Conference All-Star Team; Tracey Drzal and Abby Grant. Katy Coffman, Danielle Lureau, and Stephanie Shalek received All-Conference Honorable Mention. "Although our season didn't reflect the hard work we put in, I'm still really proud of all of us," said Katy Coffman, a Lady Wildcat swimmer.

As for the athletes, almost all of them achieved personal bests at DVC. Katalin Larm and Emily Mueller represented West Chicago at Sectionals and placed tenth and eleventh. The divers worked hard throughout the season and look forward to stronger seasons to come.

-Edercy Abante

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The "Wego Girls" gather together in the water to pep up the team before a meet.



Fall Play



Y2K? Not Quite Yet ...

This year's fall play, The Desk Set, starred senior Jessica Inch as Bunny Watson and senior Jon Fraser as Richard Sumner. A 1950's movie starring Katherine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy was based on the play. This 50's romantic comedy portrayed four liberated women fighting to keep their office jobs (seniors Lisa Arnett, Heidi Fuoss, and Jessica Inch, and freshman Copper Tuma). Meanwhile, the boss' nephew (Richard Sumner, played by Fraser) tried to prove that computers were the new-age "brain." Junior Beau Brown played Abe Cutler, Bunny's "beau." When Richard entered the picture, she discovered she was not so sure of her love for Abe. Besides causing Bunny to reevaluate her feelings, he tried to challenge her brain power, using Emmarac, a new, advanced computer. The play's director, Mary Hafertepe, was very pleased with the production and thought it went extremely well. She stressed that all were very complimentary in their responses to the show and enjoyed the spirit of the second act where the cast had a lot of fun. This act was set during a Christmas party where a congo line, led by senior Michael Petrik, aroused an enthusiastic reaction from the audience. Hafertepe said, "Everyone knew that the main goal was to put on the best show they could." And that's exactly what they did.

-Katie Saul and Meredith Moore



Jon Fraser strikes a pose and smiles for the camera.



Beau Brown grins as Jessica Inch lays one on him.



Kenny (junior Chris Radousky) works hard delivering messages.



"Blonde Bombshell" (junior Mercedes Koch) tries to seduce Fraser at office Christmas party ... to no avail.



Lisa Mendez almost has a nervous breakdown as Emmarac breaks down.



The party-goers live it up at the Christmas party.



Old lady (sophomore Amanda Brandt) borrows a book from the Reference Department.

Fall



Play



"An unpredictable experience, and a successful outcome ... I am nothing but grateful for the experience."
-Jessica Inch

"It's a good thing Inch got Fraser some ice, because the play would have been no fun without it ... PUSSONALLY!"
-Michael Petrik

"Petrik stacks and I went hard core on taking down the set ... Top Dawg Stallion!!!"
-Jon Fraser

"ELLLLLSSAAA-AAAAAAA!"
-Anders Walker

Bunny (senior Jessica Inch) exuberantly recites a poem.



Front Row (Seated): Arlene Smothers, Kimpha Chau, Stephanie Opel, Student Director Laura Gilbert, Stage Manager Emily Giermann, Annalisa Walker, Heidi Fuoss, Lisa Arnett, Copper Tuma. **Row 2 (Kneeling):** Tony Palombi, Steve Knox, Laya Ryan, Mercedes Koch, Chris Radousky, Melissa Birch, Beth Deutsch, Amanda Brandt, Lisa Mendez, Bryan Jones, Anders Walker, Deanna Volk. **Row 3 (Standing):** Maggie Grossmayer, Brandon Barclay, Kendra Norton, Meredith Moore, Jon Fraser, Lisa Calabrese, Mike Petrik, Darcie Jones, Matt Edwards, Sarah Edwards, Billy Inch, Carl Yolc, Rebekah Boyd, Beau Brown, Jessica Inch, Alexandra Patin, Mary-Megan Kalvig, Julie Volk, Allison Braunshausen.



Two young love birds, (freshman Sarah Edwards and sophomore Brandon Barclay) run out of Bunny's office after getting caught "making the season bright."



Man from downstairs, (senior Michael Petrik), warns Bunny of the "pussonel" files being checked.



The girls from the office gossip over the arrival of Sumner.



Abe and Bunny get into a little spat over his trip that interferes with her fantasy holiday plans of marriage.



The party-goers start up a congo line that gets everyone into the Christmas spirit.

"The best part of the play was when Jon Fraser was playing with the tape measure."
-Carl Yolc

"It's just the way I wear it."
-Beau Brown



Beginning Choir-Front: Julie Volk, Laurie Lenertz, Yolanda Ortiz, Vanessa Cortez, Marc Berry, Luke Taylor, Andrew Barton, Shawn Adams, Tony Palombi, Ryene Hofmann, Shannon Mims, Lauren Smith, Amy Koltz, Melissa Fisher, Carla Marrero. **Back:** Accompanist Ron Benner, Cassandra Jedlicka, Darcie Jones, Christine Austin, Kathryn Frantzen, Arianna Cortez, Sarah Edwards, Tim Coffman, Alex Seaver, Stephen Smith, Steve Slattery, Suzanne Smith, Kathleen Walker, Nelly Guerrero, Vanessen Guillen, Jenny Rodriguez, Director Lisa Smith. **Not Pictured:** Jessica Manos.

Intermediate Choir-Front: Cheryl Winter, Megan Smith, Christina Droho, Daniel Kogut, Nicole White, Wendie Slottke, Shannon Koehring, Lindsay Sewell, Lindsey Anderson, Heather Runions, Kim Fioroni, Vanessa Benavides, Director Lisa Smith. **Back:** Accompanist Ron Benner, Angela Hanson, Deanna Volk, Alba Salazar, Elissa Dupree, Lesley Leary, Kathy Winter, Jessica Gutierrez, Rocio Tovar, Jennifer Trygar, Ashley Gove, Jennifer Gregory, Laura McQueen, Tracy Yednock, Jessi Oliver, Melissa Garcia.



Beginning choir girls sing their hearts out at the fall concert.

Concert Choir: Front: Katie Vogan, Beth Nagel, Abigail Brown, Meredith Moore, Christie Palombi, Annalisa Walker, Vanessa Reutsche, Carl Volk, Javier Contreras, Matt Edwards, Anders Walker, Becky Smith, Kristen Opacewski, Emily Sewell, Devin Vassar, Director Lisa Smith. Row 2: Accompanist Ron Benner, Ann Outcalt, Rachel Baker, Amy Aiello, Andrea Enger, Tiffany Gove, Donna Walker, Tracey Drzal, Pat Scullion, Erich Fries, Lisa Mendez, Amanda Fitzenreider, Jenny Hahs, Anne Schullo, Ivory Flores, Emily Giemann, Maggie McPike. Back: Leah Bjorklund, Cheryl Pruett, Sara Blanck, Kendra Norton, Jessica Weiss, Jessica Inch, Jeff Tillson, Chris Thomas, Beau Brown, Michael Petrik, Brandon Barclay, Matt Grogan, Jon Fraser, Sara Knox, Sarah Kochniarczyk, Tracy Erickson, Ellen Matejka, Nicole Sullivan.

Fox Valley participants get together at Nequa Valley High School.



Girls' Ensemble-Front: Elissa Dupree, Annalisa Walker. **Back:** Cheryl Pruett, Cheryl Winter, Lesley Leary, Beth Nagel, Abigail Brown, Anne Schullo, Kendra Norton, Sara Knox, Andrea Enger.

Guys' Ensemble-Front: Andy Barton, Josh Winquist, Brandon Becker, Mike Masscher, Brandon Barclay. Row 2: Stephen Smith, Chris Thomas, Nate Aye, Luke Taylor, Carl Volk, Patrick Scullion. Back: Beau Brown, Matt Grogan, Mike Brown, Jeff Tillson, Josh Kutilek, Michael Petrik. **Not Pictured:** Shawn Adams, Chris Holguin, Anders Walker.

Madrigals-Front: Annalisa Walker, Michael Petrik. **Back:** Matt Edwards, Abigail Brown, Carl Volk, Cheryl Pruett, Patrick Scullion, Cheryl Winter, Chris Thomas, Kendra Norton, Sara Knox, Javier Contreras, Elissa Dupree, Anne Schullo, Anders Walker.



Intermediate girls show their dedication by watching Miss Smith's every instruction.



Seniors Abby Brown, Jon Fraser, and Michael Petrik shine their pearly whites on the bus to the Six Flags Music Festival.

We Are One Voice!

This year's choirs proclaimed their love for music, communicating that choir is not about what one can do individually, but about how they all sound and interact as a group. This year's choir cabinet consisted of Cheryl Pruett as President, Pat Scullion as V.P., Abby Brown as Secretary, and Annalisa Walker as Treasurer. Madrigals, jazz choir, girls' ensemble, and guys' ensemble were among extra-curricular groups. Concert choir went to the Sears' Tower to perform and also to the U of Illinois to be adjudicated. The intermediate girls' choir went to Elgin H.S. to sing with girls their age. Guys' ensemble went to Wheaton Warrenville South to see the University of Michigan's top mens' choir perform. Cheryl Pruett, leader of girls' ensemble, said "It has been so much fun being a part of Girls' Ensemble this year. Because it was a student directed group and the first to do this, each girl had to step up and become a leader. It will only get better in the future, and I can't wait to hear them next year!" Members of concert choir had a chance to go to the Millikin University Vocal Festival and to the Fox Valley Music Festival at Neuqua Valley H.S. In March, all choir members had the opportunity to compete in the Solo & Ensemble Contest at Hinsdale South H.S. where Wego came out with 36 superior ratings. At the Six Flags Music Festival, concert choir ended up winning first place with superior ratings. Intermediate choir won first place with excellent ratings, and beginning choir won second place. Miss Smith commented that "It has been an incredibly busy year with much activity, but each concert and extracurricular activity has brought about great growth in each of the choirs' overall musicianship and character! Each choir has developed its own unique personality and it has been fun to see it come out in the music they sing."



Lisa Smith, along with Ron Benner on piano, gets the choirs warmed up before their concert.



Senior Maggie McPike kisses choir goodbye.



Middle school kids join the concert choir for a big, fun song.





Blanca Tena asks her teacher, Mrs. Lyslo, a question about a web site she found on the internet.



John Brinn, Horacio Alvarez, and Leonel Alfaro think about what their new architectural design will look like in their mechanical drawing class.

Working Through The Year

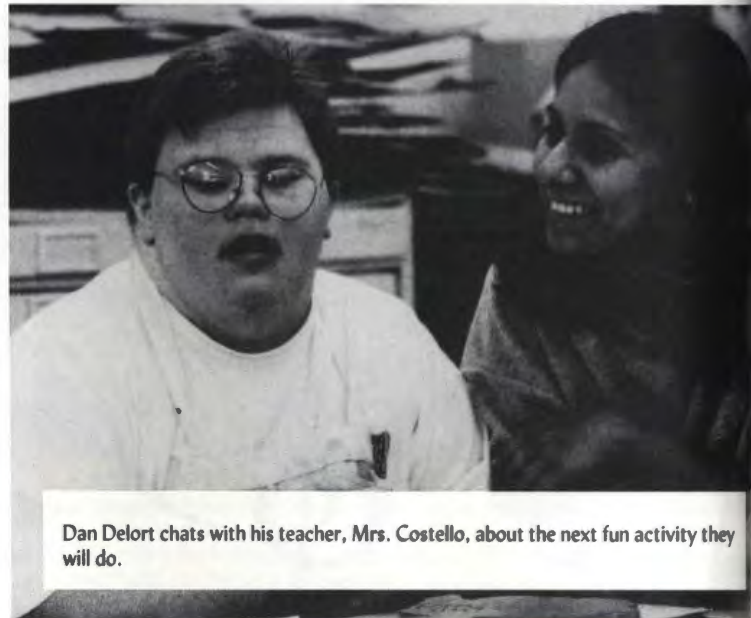
How would you best describe the year?
"Action Packed" -
Jeff Murell



Jake Reiner carefully carves out the bottom part of his clay container in Mr. Rumberger's ceramics class.



Rosa Robedello looks through one of her books to try and explain to her friends about a problem.



Dan Delort chats with his teacher, Mrs. Costello, about the next fun activity they will do.



Shannon Seil looks over the shirt she's sewn in her class and checks it to make sure it came out all right.



Students spend some social time in the cafeteria before they are dismissed back to class.

5:45 a.m.: the alarm went off and another day had begun. Students rushed to their classes, preparing to spend the next seven hours learning. After school was just around the corner, filled with sweaty practices, club meetings, demanding jobs, and late-night studies. Lilli Szanranski said, "I had the hardest time trying to fit my overwhelming schedule into 24 hours."

The largest part of a young adult's life is preparing for the future. Robyn Leary stated, "I like the opportunities you get by being exposed to things that you can't learn on your own." There are others who would prefer to be somewhere else. Joe Mitchell yawned and exclaimed, "I had trouble just staying awake in class." He was among many other tired students who would've rather been asleep.

The second hand on the clock stretched towards the three and the final bell echoed through the halls; 3:15 at last. Students hurried to their club meetings, practices, or home. Homework was still left to be done and projects needed to be started. Time flew as the students finished their work.

Soon it was 11:00 p.m., time to hit the pillow. After all, it was a long but satisfying day. Then a ring shattered the silence: 5:45. A new day had begun yet again.

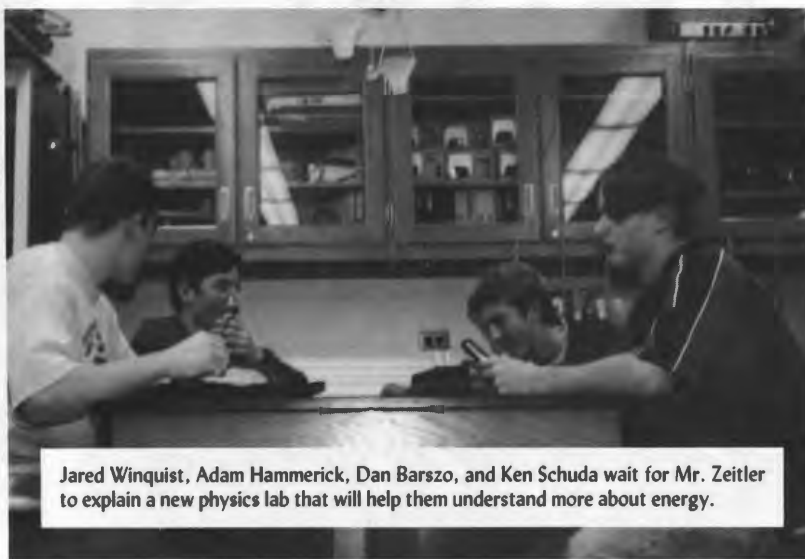
- Michelle Lasky and Hans Trujillo



Patty Correa slides on the gym floor with excitement as she skates through another P.E. class.



Speaker of the house Rick Williams, acting as chairperson of the appropriations committee, listens to testimony by his fellow legislators.



Jared Winqvist, Adam Hammerick, Dan Barszo, and Ken Schuda wait for Mr. Zeitler to explain a new physics lab that will help them understand more about energy.

Alex Patin smiles generously beside her locker.



When asked what she would do differently this year, Lesley Leary responded, "I won't fall down the stairs."



Shannon Sterne calmly poses in Chemistry class.



- Cory Abruzzese
- Erick Aguilar
- Brian Ahlgard
- Michael Alderton
- Jose Alejo
- Leonel Alfaro
- Amy Allison

- Alejandro Altamirano
- Sergio Altamirano
- Jessica Alvarado
- Horacio Alvarez
- Rick Amos
- Lindsey Anders
- Matthew Anderson

- Dave Arnett
- Amy Arroyo
- Jesse Askin
- Jamie Auchincloss
- Robert Austin
- Ricardo Avalos
- Jesus Avilla

- Tim Axelrod
- Michelle Ballard
- Antonio Ballines
- Susana Ballines
- Vincent Ballines
- Kris Baloy
- Araceli Barajas

- Brandon Barclay
- Thomas Barta
- Elizabeth Baumrucker
- Ryan Begy
- Ramon Bejarano
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- Vanessa Benavides





Nicole Benedetto
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Brooke Benzio
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Scott Blanchard
James Bobik

Danielle Botto
Thomas Boward
Tricia Bozich
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Jon Brown
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Elizabeth Bucio
Christopher Buckes-Haley

Meghan Burlison
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Amanda Campagnoni
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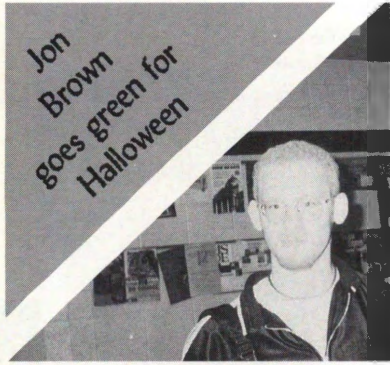
Jorge Castro
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Alberto Chavez
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Sarah Coiley



Far left: Kari Chase smiles casually in the commons area.

Left: Shannon Flowers, and Nicole Benedetto pause for a quickie.





Jerome Coleman
Justin Conrad
Javier Contreras
Janeth Correa
Rosie Correa
Alexandra Corson
Armando Cruz



Eddie Cruz
Jennifer Cwiak
Amanda Czech
Nicholas Czernek
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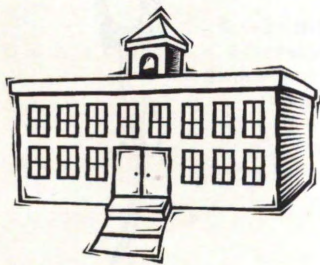
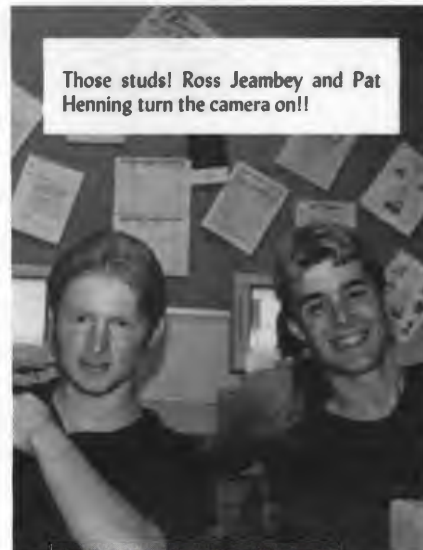
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 Kelly Frazier



Erich Fries
 Adam Fritz
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Cristina Garcia
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Amanda Czech and Jerry Coleman cuddle as their time together slowly fades.

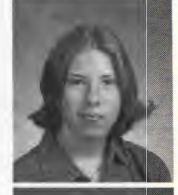
OPINIONS ON '02:
 "They're a deformed crop! They took all the normal freshmen and cut them in half, so we have twice as many short ones!" -Melissa Garcia



Gerardo Garcia
 Marisol Garcia



Melissa Garcia
 Miriam Garcia
 Rebecca Gary



Kathleen Gauldin
 Catherine Gehrett



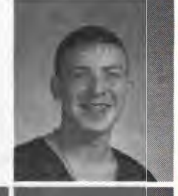
"They all used to be short-and today I noticed they're all taller than me. I think they grow fast!" -Joy Opal



Danielle Kogut and Mike Wenz made such a cute couple.



Chris Gehrke
 Brandon Gentile



Chris Gfrorer
 Steven Gilbert
 David Gilbertsen
 Annabelle Gonzalez
 Jessica Gutierrez
 Nicole Hadley
 Nicholas Haines



Joseph Hamlin
 Lecretia Hammond
 Charles Hancock
 Angela Hanson
 Deangelo Hanson
 Mark Harker
 Ondrew Hartigan



class of 2001

David Gilbertsen, Heather Runions, Tim Yormark, and Jessica Gutierrez wait for Ms. Mocariski's English class to start.



Katie Hedlof
Jeffrey Heinz
Kyle Hemple
Christopher Hendricks



Upper left: Jenny Brosseau and Maribel Benitez get all decked out for chemistry.
Upper right: Jenny Cwiak and Danielle Daru busy themselves during a lab.



Julie Hendron
Pat Henning
John Henry
Aaron Hernan
Daniel Hernandez Jr.
Erik Hernandez
Gregorio Hernandez



Magda Hernandez
Angela Herrera
Miguel Herrera
Thomas Heun



Justin Hilt
Jeffrey Hodge
Nicole Hood
Summer Horwitz
Vaness Hoskinson
Brian Howard
Marilu Huerta



Octavio Huerta
Christina Iannello
James Jaffe
Dennis Janek
Ross Jeambey



What's the worst thing you've done to a freshmen?
"I shoved one into his locker; he didn't fit!"
-James Jaffe



Jonathan Jelinek
Lynn Jensen
Matthew Jernstad
Marcos Jimenez
Sergio Jimenez
Bryan Jones
Justin Kallas



Malissa Kane
Mike Keeley
Theresa Kendziora
Jamie Kennedy
Brain Kerr
Tamara Ketelaar
Dennis Kirschke



Danielle Kogut shows off her muscles.



What's your favorite sport?
"Football; you get to hit people and get away with it!" -Scott Blanchard

Adam Fritz concentrates during the fall band concert.



Are you scared about graduating in the year 2001, when the world's supposed to end in the year 2000? "No. Who says I'm going to graduate in the year 2001 anyway?" -Lindsay Sewell



Michelle Landriault takes a trip to Locker-Land.



Class of 2001



Erika Kissel
Eddie Knopp
Shannon Koehring
Danielle Kogut
John Kolodick
Mark Kowal
Amy Kreml

Nick Kruegar
Ruth Kueker
Jeremy Kufer
Nicole Lancman
Michelle Landriault
Kyle Lange
Mark Lasky

Lesley Leary
Phillip Legorreta
Megan Leston
Ashley Link
Nicholas Logan
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Eduardo Lozada

Jason Lucas
Chris Lull
Joe Lureau
Samual Mackintos
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Sammy Mashal
Michelle Massa
Shannon Masschelin

Glenn McCants
Kevin McCarthy
Regina McEvoy
Rosa McGee
Gina McLaren
John McPheters
Laura McQueen



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Christine Melton
Maria Mendez
Jaime Merlo
Brian Meyers
Lindsay Michael
Alissa Mildebrath



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Adam Mrugacz



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Zachary Muse
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Shane Ness
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Tonia Pecoraro



Zachary Pederson
Alberto Perez
Bibiana Perez
Carlos Perez
Cindy Perez
David Perez
Felipe Perez



Mike Pesola
James Peterson
Phil Piemonte
Erick Ponce de Leon
Matthew Powell
Kelly Quarto
Chris Raethz





Don Raines
Alejandra Ramirez
Alma Ramirez
Ericka Ramirez
Oscar Ramirez
Jason Reardon
Brianne Rehmus



Vladimir Reyes
Nicholas Richardson
Brian Robertson
Marisela Robles
Hector Rodriguez
Joshua Rogers
Michael Rogus

"I think I'm becoming a vampire. I've bitten 7 people!"
Jason Reardon



The meanest thing you've done to a freshmen ...
"I taped one up on the wall on the first day!" Brandon Brach

Nicholas Romanelli
Adriana Romero
Cara Rosacker

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Kari Chase, Meagan Figiel, Ruth Kueker, Lilli Szafranski, Jess Willes, Meghan Burlicson, Christina Droho, Kathleen Gauldin, and Michelle Landriault.



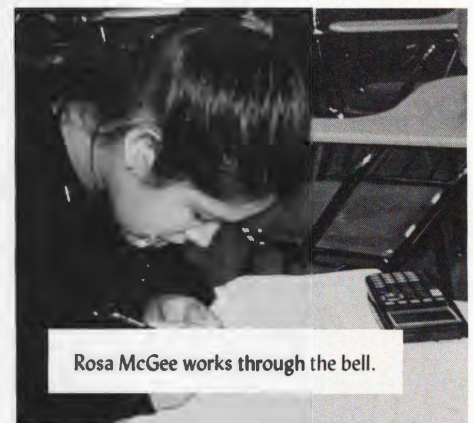
Cindy Perez, Lydia Cabral, Liz Bucio, Liz Ortiz, Annabelle Gonzalez, Amanda Campagnoni, and Amy Arroyo.



Left: Rosie Correa and Susana Ballines study in commons.



Above: Lynn Jensen-a serial killer?



Rosa McGee works through the bell.

According to Mike Wenz, "Golf, it's the only one."



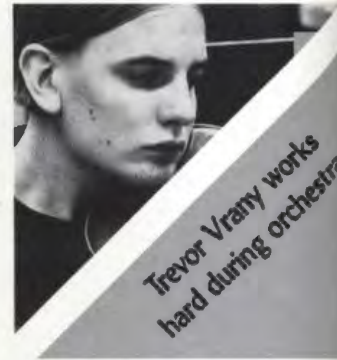
Devin Rosen
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Alba Salazar



John Kolodick gives an outstanding performance for all to see.



Lesley Leary, a woman of the 90's!



Trevor Vramy works hard during orchestra

- Jesse Salazar
- Christopher Salutric
- Eduardo Sanchez
- Elizabeth Sanchez
- Irsael Sanchez
- Steven Sanchez
- Jose Sanroman



- Daniel Santana
- Linda Santiago
- Jennifer Saylor
- Joshua Schild
- Jaymie Schmidt
- Dan Schneider
- Laura Schneider



- Jerry Schultz
- Laura Schulze
- Dustin Seelinger
- Robert Selga
- Lindsay Sewell
- Nadezhda Shemyakina
- Kimberly Silva



- Angela Skaggs
- Jennifer Skrzypczynski
- Wendie Slotte
- Megan Smith
- Todd Smith
- Nick Snell
- Candace Soper



- Vanessa Spencer
- Shannon Sterne
- Sara Stevens
- Kevin Stott
- Anthony Stover
- Mitchell Strohm
- Joshua Swanner



- Lilli Szafranski
- Joseph Taylor
- Steven Taylor
- Ana Tirado



Karin Vandernaalt and Jenny Brosseau play their hearts out!



Brad Olson and Mike Mroz work their hardest.



Becky Gary, Lindsay Castiglia, and Shannon Koehring are comfy in p.j.s and with their furry friends!



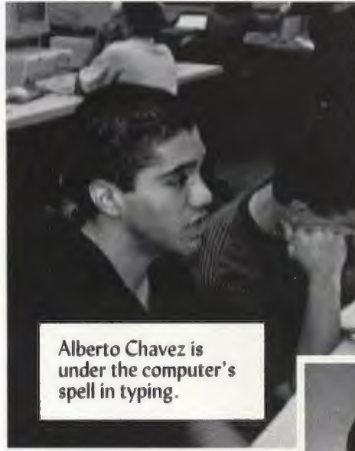
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William Vana
Sergio Vargas



Ida Vega
Casimiro Vela
Mario Velazquez
Rosalba Vera
Jeffrey Villarreal
Mario Vivaldo
Deanna Volk



Trevor Vraney
Brain Wakefield



Alberto Chavez is under the computer's spell in typing.



Amanda Millard plays her sax with style.



Anders Walker
Jamie Walsh



Timothy Warren
Joseph Wasiqi
Matthew Wdowiarz



Jamie Weisse
Adam Welch



Angela Hanson stares intently at her computer.



Dennis Kirschke is ready to begin!



Michael Wenz
Robert Whitman



Catherine Wilken
Angela Wilkovich
Jess Willes
Jenny Wingstedt
Cheryl Winter
Jillian Wojcik
David Wood



Tracy Yednock
Bennet Yigzaw
Timothy Yormark
Kenneth Yourek
Michael Ziberna
Adam Zimmerman
Susana Zuniga



Baily and Sarah, from Party of Five
-Jennie Eagles

Donna and Eric Foreman, from That '70's Show.
-Ruth Kueker and Meghan Burlison

Pacey and Ms. Jacobs, from Dawson's Creek
-Nicole Morrissey

Tapanga and Corey, from Boy Meets World
-Adam Zimmerman



Stephanie Droho, Christina Droho, and Lynn Jensen get together for a kodak moment while Dana Mouring runs to get into the fun.

The J-E-L+L-000000
-Joanna Obrochta

The jiggle part of the jell-o.
-Lindsay Sewell

The horse hooves!
-Jason Reardon (with help from Manuel Mendoza)

After a while in my fridge it starts to walk on it's own!
-Becky Gary

Invisible rubber!
-Keegan Garber

To have as many cars as Tim Yormark.
-Adam Zimmerman

To grow the world's largest tomato and eat it too!
-Justin Kallas

To marry my boyfriend Mason.
-Meghan Burlison



Because he isn't cool enough to be yellow.
-Justin Kallas

Pokey sneezed on him one too many times.
-Becky Gary

He eats too much green food.
-Ana Tirado

He likes broccoli!
-Meghan Burlison



Christina Droho and Lindsay Michaels are fascinated by the scarves that they hold.



Ryan Begy
 Jenny Cwiak
 Danielle Daru
 Sara Donovan
 Jennifer Egels
 Adam Fritz
 Kyle Hempel

Jerry Coleman and Amanda Czech,
 -Joanna Obrochta

The two desks that look exactly alike in Biology!
 -Justin Kallas

Zach Peterson and Lindsay Sewell
 -Adam Zimmerman

Keegan Garber and Heather Rufions.
 -Keegan Garber

Real short, kinda like this year!
 -Linda Santiago

Very, 3 feet and under!
 -Keegan Garber

2'3"
 -Becky Gary

Very!
 -Lauren Nickelson

Shorter than me hopefully.
 -Lindsay Sewell



An unsharpened pencil, a bike with no chain, and an empty Mountain Dew can.
 -Justin Kallas

Food, Freddie Prince Jr, and a bathing suit. The food and the guy are the things I love. hmmm... Maybe I don't need a bathing suit!
 -Mandy Brandt

Joshua Jackson- b/c he is hot, Jonathan Jackson- b/c he is hot, and the Jackson 5- b/c we need some music!
 -Lynn Jensen

Women, women, and tree Taco Bell cuz that's all I need.
 -Jim Peterson

Food, men and all my friends.
 -Lilli Szafranski

Janet Perez, Bibiana Perez, Maribel Benitez, Mrs. Martin, and Julietta Favela, and Liz Garcia group together for a memorable picture, in 1st grade, at Gary School.



Jamie Jaffe
 Malissa Kane
 Phillip Legorreta
 Shannon Massschelin
 Kevin McCarthy



Laura McQueen
 Michael Nyman
 Sonal Patel
 Chris Raethz
 Laura Schulze
 Jillian Wojcik
 Adam Zimmerman

GATHERING

Missing Winter

**I miss the cold air biting on my nose
The way I'd run home after playing in the snow.**

**Mom would make hot chocolate to warm me up
I'd go back out after three, not just one!**

**Climbing the mountains of snow was just one
way to pass the time**

**Why I'd make up games and the snow would
come alive!**

**Bring back my winter I command
And I will make snow angels all over the land!**

- Edith Benedict

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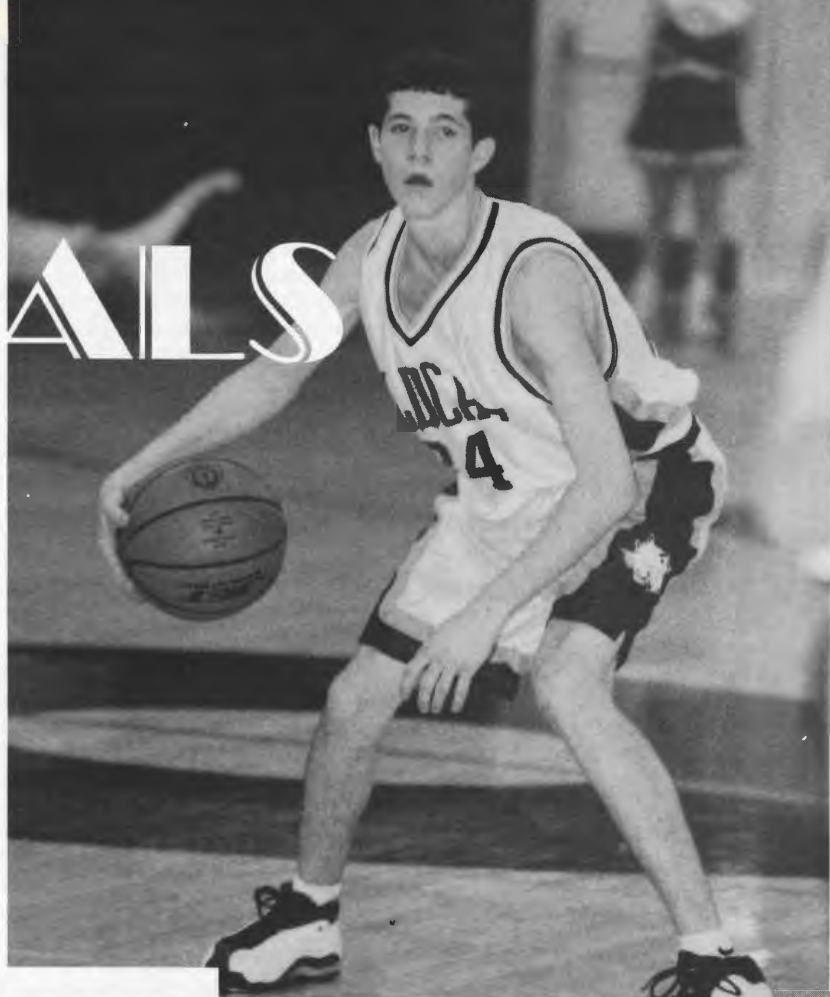
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MATERIALS



Winter



Bands And Hangouts

All high school students have had nights when they had no plans and ended up sitting around, wondering what to do. Some went out and made trouble for themselves, while others spent quality time with their friends. For those who always felt that the only option they had was to engage in illegal or potentially dangerous activities, there was an alternative. The coffee shops that had become so popular in the past few years were a great place to hang out. First of all, they were an option that got people out of their houses, and they were also a quiet place to get up close and personal with whomever they deemed worthy. The most popular coffee house was probably Starbuck's. (I mean **really**, how many of you don't recognize the name?) Other shops that sprang up in recent years included Caribou Coffee, where you could sit by the fire and enjoy your coffee; Borders, where you could shop for books and music and then drop in for a "drop" of Joe; and Gloria Jean's, the coffee accessory spot. In downtown Winfield, there was a quaint little coffee/ice cream/candy/gift shop, with a real homey feeling to it called T.J.'s Sweets and Coffee Emporium. Just this past summer, West Chicago acquired a coffee shop called The Sanctuary in downtown West Chicago, which even featured open mike nights. All high school students like to have fun, but we all had different ideas of what "fun" is. No one's idea is necessarily right or wrong, but one tends to think that his or her options are lacking, limited or boring. That's where coffee shops come in. They could even be described as a *Java refuge*.

Coffee shops are great places for bands to get started. They offer bands chances to play in front of crowds and have their music heard. "I play for the audience," said Bob Martin of the hardcore punk band Denied Self. "I hope to entertain and get a message across to them."

West Chicago, Illinois does have a music scene. At first glance, however, this may not be apparent. If you dig deeper into the heart of the high school, you will find the underground and the bands that dwell there. Their music is not "mainstream." They play the music they like and not the music that everyone else likes. "If I just keep on rockin' with attitude, talent doesn't matter," said Nate Kalesh. It's this excitement about their music that makes them something you should check out.

The school offered a few opportunities for these bands to bring their music to their peers. Events like the variety show, All Night Long, and even the Mr. Wildcat contest, were some of these opportunities. Bands such as Black Circle, Filthy Rhythm Pilgrim, the Flaming Jorges, the Poo Bears (R.I.P.), and Hip-hop group The Number Runners, all played at these events.

As for the Hip-hop scene, Joe Leli said, "Hip-hop has been making an impact at We-Go. It's well represented throughout the neighborhoods and through the high school. It's only getting stronger and gaining more popularity throughout the town each day."

In the years to come, if you are looking for something fresh and original in your music, check out some of the high school bands. From death metal to punk, ska to hardcore, the students at our high school offer a wide variety of music for your listening pleasure.

-Ryan Hammer and Meredith Moore



Taking comfort in Curious George, Janine Barajas takes a break from the routine of life.



Julio Gomez puts all of his throat into his bands' brand hardcore punk.



Nate Kalesh licks his lips, making sure to enjoy every bit of his cappucino shake.



Marc Doerr sets up the next play while waiting behind on the ice.



Front: Kyle Wolfe, Dan Fuggzotto, Tim Kouba, Matt Baumrucker, Russ Downs. Row 2: Hillary Brown, Justin Vajgert, Josh Wetzel, Justin DeLoen, Beth Baumrucker. Back: Head Coach Rick Hertz, Derek Dipietro, Marc Doerr, Kyle Westrom, Eric Mederich, Coach Fikis. Not pictured: Brandon Lanners.



Derek Dipietro congratulates Russ Downs after scoring a goal.

The first hockey club of West Chicago Community High School was inaugurated this year. They spent their season getting to know each other and celebrating their many victories. They ended the season with a great record while Derek Dipietro received MVP. When asked if the season was a fulfilling one, Marc Doerr replied, "Yes, we accomplished many of our goals and each learned how to be team players. For the very first time in the history of WCCHS, we congratulate our hockey club for making us proud."

On Ice

West Chicago



Russ Downs hammers the puck as it glides across the ice.



Marc Doerr dives as he tries to recover the puck.



Goalie Tim Kouba



HOCKEY



Jerry Evans rips down the rebound.



98-99 Boys



Jeff Belokin needles the pass through the defense.

"I'll remember beating Glenbard North on Senior Parent Night for our first conference win." - Jerry 'Rock' Evans

"What I'll remember most is Jerry 'Rock' Evans throwing up all over the court in a J.V. game." - John Brinn

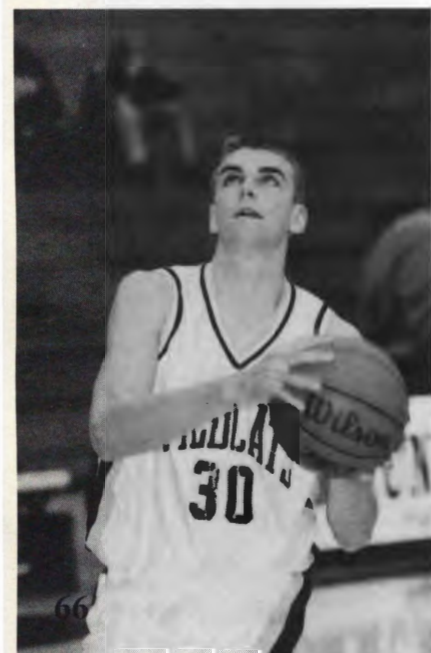


Conference Record: 1-13
Overall Record: 4-23
MVP: Jeff Callahan
MIP: Andrew Merrick
Coaches' Award: Mark Doeseckle
All-Conference: Jeff Callahan
Highlights: New DVC Record by Jeff Callahan — highest free throw percentage at 93%, Glenbard North Victory, IMSA Victory.



Coach Dan McCarthy shares his strategy during a time out.

Andrew Merrick goes up for the easy two.



The Man in the Glass

When you get what you want in your struggle for self and the world makes you king for a day, just go to the mirror and look at yourself and see what that man has to say.

For it isn't your father or mother or wife whose judgment upon you must pass. The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life is the one staring back from the glass.

You may be like Jack Horner and chisel a plum and think you're a wonderful guy. But the man in the glass says you're only a bum if you can't look him straight in the eye.

He's the fellow to please — never mind all the rest, for he's with you clear to the end. And you've passed your most dangerous, difficult test if the man in the glass is your friend.

You may fool the whole world down the pathway of years and get pats on the back as you pass. But your final reward will be heartache and tears if you've cheated the man in the glass.

-anonymous

Mark Doeseckle looks for the play inside while protecting the ball.



Varsity. Front: Jerry "Rock" Evans, Johnny Chavez, Jeff Belokin, John Melone. Row 2: Jacob Mrugacz, Andrew Merrick, Brian Raymond, Jeff Callahan, Dan O'Hara. Back: Mark Doeseckle, Chris Grin, Brad Olsen, John Brinn, Rob Rohrback. Not Pictured: Brian Howard, Justin Hall, Manager Tom Doeseckle.

Sophomores. Front: Nick Romanelli, Phil Legoretta, Adam Zimmerman. Row 2: Mike Nutall, Josh Rodgers, Phil Piemonte, Jerry Coleman, Carlos Perez. Row 3: Coach Dave Sayner, Mitch Strohm, Steve Gilbert, Adam Mrugacz, Tim Carstensen, Coach Maro Godinho. Back: Alberto Chavez, Matt Raymond, Brian Wakefield, Zach Pederson, Sean Dieter.



Team Captains

Brian Raymond

Jeff Callahan

Chris Grin



Freshman A. Front: Rob Mildebrath, Tom Newman, Jim O'Hara, Andy Obrachta. Row 2: Josh Kutilek, Ed Abante, John Merrick, Matt Wilson, Kevin Francowskiak. Back: Coach Sean Armstrong, Chris Norman, Andy Hein, Kevin Loewe.

Freshman B. Front: Tad Netzel, Jon Ortiz, John Coulston, Matt Weber. Row 2: Chris Holguin, Javier Saucedo, Javier Antonirio, Mike Tawney, Brad Bolton. Back: Coach Mark Peter, Dave Pater, Nick Carter, Pat Norton.

Boys' Basketball



Girls' Varsity. Front: Jeanette Arroyo, Molly Saul, Krista Varble. Row 2: Kathy Brinn, Kelly Bolton, Michelle Lasky, Alissa Mildebrath. Back: Coach Kim Wallner, Beth Brinn, Kristine Cleveland, Coach Tom Rivan.



Girls' JV. Front: Missy Krueger, Neha Soneji, Gabrielle Long, Kathleen Saul. Row 2: Natalia Sienkowiec, Chrissy Gonzalez, Jamie Schmidt. Back: Manager Lexie Seller, Michelle Grove, Lauren Nickelson, Coach Tom Rivan.



Girls' Sophomore. Front: Jennifer Saylor, Jessica Willis, Kelly Quarto, Meghan Young, Manager Tracy Yednock. Row 2: Laura McQueen, Shannon Masschelin, Angela Skaggs, Jillian Wojcik. Back: Melissa Barcia, Kathy Wilken, Shannon Flowers, Coach Laurie Davidson.



Girls' Freshman. Front: Jessica Strock, Nisha Patel, Erin Kirby, Elizabeth Brouwer. Row 2: Kari Schmidt, Corinne Drake, Cindy Warner, Linnea Caputi, Nicole Patel. Back: Coach Julia Valley, Courtney Dorn, Jill Grobe, Lisa Thomas, Lauren Migliorato, Manager Lauren Wilkin, Coach Patrick Woods.

Fire The Rock

North's Grace brought the score to a tie. Then, senior, Jeanette "Jay" Arroyo delivered a basket that closed the first overtime with another tie. The Lady Wildcats finished off the second

overtime with a win. The second win was against Naperville North. The WeGo team's defense came through to prevent a loss. A three-point last minute play from the Huskies failed, leaving the Lady Cats with their second conference victory.

MVP: Beth Brinn
MIP: Michelle Lasky
MTXE: Molly Saul and Krista Varble
Best Defense: Jeanette Arroyo

Despite the West Chicago Girls' Varsity Basketball 6-29 record, the season was still successful. It was a year of rebuilding and gaining experience. The team worked hard, learning through their mistakes. The team had only two varsity returners with playing time under their belts. That left three sophomores, two juniors, and two seniors with little or no previous varsity time.

The WeGo team was able to capture two conference wins. The first was an exciting double overtime win against Wheaton North. A three-point basket at the buzzer by Wheaton



The Sophomore Girls' team also experienced great success. Their team finished a conference champions in the DVC. With a sophomores and one freshman, the team roughed the season out and managed to defeat some talented teams. One bizarre win came from an overtime game against Naperville North. By the end of the game, there were only three girls on the court for North. The rest had fouled out, and with ten seconds left in the overtime, another North player fouled out.

The future looks bright for the Girls' basketball team. The young team from last year will come back with more experience and power behind them. Sophomore MVP, Beth Brinn exclaimed, "I can't wait until next year. It's gonna be good!"

-Michelle Lasky



Coach Kim Wallner explains the next defense during the time-out.



Kathy Brinn shows her acting skills in her skit at the basketball holiday party.



▼ Molly Saul makes her way down the court to help set up the offense.



Kelly Bolton runs back to pick up her man.



Michelle Lasky makes her way in for a lay-up off of a steal.



▲ Jeanette Arroyo concentrates on making an important freethrow.



WRESTLING

is for work. Wrestling takes strength, speed, agility, and flexibility, and you have to work hard to make it to the top.

is for respect. Wrestling has started to earn more respect around the school and the numbers are going up.

is for endurance. Six minutes may not seem like much, but when you come off the mat you are dead tired.

is for skill. There are hundreds of different moves you can throw on your opponent, but you need the skill to throw in the move and think quickly.

is for our teacher appreciation night where every wrestler invited his favorite teacher to come watch him wrestle.

is for leaders. Captains this year were Ben Stevens, Pete Serrato (Most Improved Wrestler), and Luis Aguado (Most Valuable Wrestler).

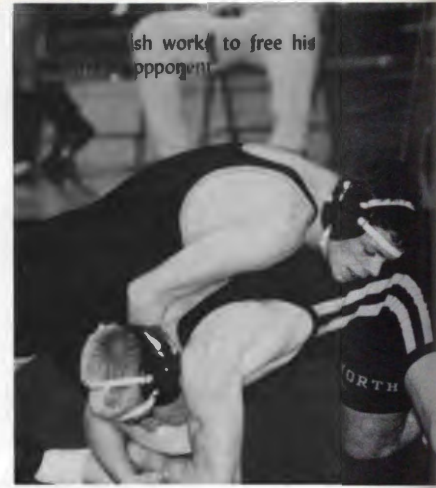
is for intensity. Dave DuBose came in everyday full of intensity and heart. That earned him the Coaches' Award.

is for our new coaches, Head Coach Pat Manning and Freshman Coach Josh Chambers. Manning was a great addition to our program and we were lucky to have him.

is for guts. Wrestling is an individual sport and it takes guts to go out on a mat, all alone, with nobody to blame but yourself.



Coaches Bob Guerrero and Pat Manning



Wrestler works to free his opponent.



Ben Stevens locks up with his opponent.



All-Conference and Regional Champ Luis Aguado grapples with his opponent.



Varsity: Front: Bobby Holguin, Kelly Pastore, Brenda Berendson, Samanta Hanson, Angela Hanson, Ben Stevens. Row 2: Derek Boorsma, James Jaffe, Nick Czernik, Dustin Smith, Freddy Lopez, Mike Mroz, Steve Taylor, Dennis Kirschke. Row 3: Coach Bob Guerrero, John Manner, Dale English, Jared Winquist, Dave DuBose, Matt Anderson, Tino Alfaro, John Cantrell, Coach Pat Manning. Back: Rob Whitman, Tom Merrion, Eddie Cruz, Nate Aye, Josh Winquist, Pete Serrato, Keegan Garber.



Freshmen: Front: Angela Hanson, Shawn Adams, Eric Gibson, Scott Dunn, Kelly Pastore. Row 2: Samanta Hanson, Andy Barton, Sean Sulwalski, Nate Williams, Chris Lauer, Brenda Berendson. Row 3: Josh Kessner, Tim Jaffee, Marcos Fernandez, Gus Detrick, George Bortolini, Matt Trygar, Coach Josh Chambers. Back: Brandon Baermann, Luis Cordero, Pete Milauskas, Kory Kendziora, Bobby Dieter.



Craig Martis jumps off the diving board with confidence of a great dive.



Kyle Hemple goes in for the perfect dive.



Swimming

The Wildcat swimming team blazed through the '98-'99 season with 1st place trophies and 1st place medals in their trail. When they heard the phrase, "Have no mercy," they took it to every letter. With sophomores Joe Lureau and Joe Hamlin leading the pack, they taught the ropes to the rookies. Joe Lureau gave it his best and made it to state. "Swimming was really fun this year," said Joe Lureau. With half the team consisting of freshmen, Coach Chris Hall had high expectations for each one of them. As days went by, each swimmer shaved seconds off their best times. The future looked very bright for the team. "The swim team was great this year," said Kurt Fenner. Even though they were very serious about swimming, they enjoyed making new friends too. They changed the sport of swimming into a fun time that they enjoyed doing with their friends instead of a serious, strict sport. "Swimming is fun and competitive," said Steve VanderNaalt. He added, "Swimming has made me a wild man." Joe Lureau received MVP for all his hard work. In sectionals he got 2nd in the 200 IM and 100 breaststroke. Kevin McCarthy earned MIP when he brought his best times as low as they go. Henry Somers was Rookie of the Year. He showed that he had spirit and strength. WeGo is proud of all the achievements made by the Wildcat swim team, the definition of WeGo excellence.



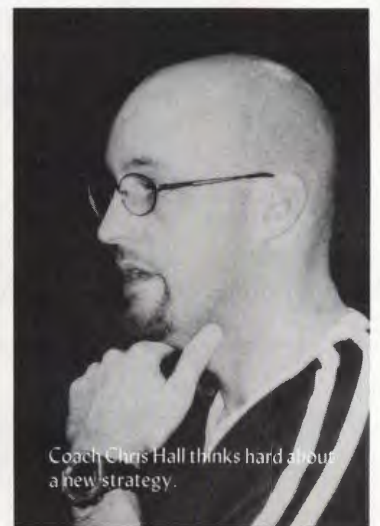
Brian Mehrman looks like he is flying through the water.



Joe Hamlin strikes a pose while fellow swimmers look on with smiles.



Kevin McCarthy finishes a hard lap and is looking for his...



Coach Chris Hall thinks hard about a new strategy.



Joe Lureau comes up for a breath of fresh air.



Steve VanderNaalt swims the stroke, hoping to shave off seconds in the end.

Varsity Front: Tracy Drizal, Kyle Hemple, and Danielle Lureau. Row 2: Billy Rocha, Ben Keller, Kevin McCarthy, Henry Sommers. Row 3: Janet, Kevin Mestek, Joe Lureau, James Nelson, Mark Gotlieb, Matt Mckenney, Chris Hall. Back 4: Matt Infelise, Steve Yander-Naalt, Craig Martis, Nick Duffy, Joe Hamlin.

Cheering Away From Home

Once again, the cheerleaders did an outstanding job in cheering on the West Chicago Wildcats. To prepare for the season, the cheerleaders attended UCA camp at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, IL. There, they learned new cheers, dances, and mounts, got to know one another, and, best of all, had a lot of fun. "We had initiation from the seniors. We got led around the hotel with blindfolds on and we got thrown in the showers," said Amy Arroyo, a sophomore cheerleader. The cheerleaders showed excellent support this year, especially due to the fact that we didn't have a football or a soccer field. They were willing to travel for every single game to support their team. The Wildcat cheerleaders had a great year showing hard work and dedication throughout the season.

The cheerleaders weren't the only ones showing their support. The athletic trainers, Janet Drenth, Matt Shane, and Amanda Hallock were there for the athletes just as much as the cheerleaders were. When an athlete was injured, the athletic trainers were there in a flash. Like the cheerleaders, they were also willing to travel for every game. The athletic trainers showed great support throughout the season.

Poms Front: Crystal Adams, Courtney Ksepka, Kristin Leitherer, Toni Pecoraro. Back: Jacki Wood, Meaghan Horgan, Ms. Woodsen, Jenny Gregory, Shanon Nelson. Not Pictured: Sam Szeszycki.



Katalin Larm, Tracy Elder, and Laura Winter relax for awhile before going back to learn more cheers at camp.



Liz Hernandez peeps up the team with her cute little smile.



The poms shake their stuff at a home basketball game.



Athletic Trainers: Janet Drenth, Matt Shane, Amanda Hallock

Sophomore Basketball. Front: Amy Arroyo, Ashley Link, Laura Schulz, Lindsay Sewell. Row 2: Tammy Ketelaar, Brianne Rehmus, Lauren Paulsen, Shannon Koehring, Jenny Brosseau. Back: Amanda Campagnoni, Amy Kreml, Lindsay Castiglia.



Varsity Wrestling. Front: Monique Castlevecchi. Row 2: Alaine Ellis, Becky Guerrero, Sylviana Cordero, Jennie Eagles. Row 3: Wendi Slotka. Back: Nicole White, Liz Hernandez, Christina Barajas, Peggie Sable.

G O T T A C H E E R

Varsity Basketball. Front: Meagan McDowell, Tracy Elder, Kim Charbonneau, Katalin Lam, Christie Palombi. Row 2: Corinne Duffy, Kat Pappas, Beth Nagel, Maggie McPike, Shannon Sperando, Mary Helen Kovacs. Back: Erin Lichtfuss, Beth Warren, Julian Gomez, Tracy Erickson, Sarah Kochniarczyk.



Sophomore Football. Front: Tammy Ketelaar, Amy Arroyo, Laura Schulze. Row 2: Jenny Brosseau, Lindsay Sewell, Shannon Koehring, Amanda Campagnoni. Back: Ashley Link, Amy Kreml, Brianne Rehmus.



Varsity Football. Front: Christie Palombi, Meagan McDowell, Tracy Elder, Shannon Sperando. Row 2: Kat Pappas, Laura Winter, Julian Gomez, Amy Aiello, Mary Helen Kovacs. Back: Beth Nagel, Rachel Lawrence, Maggie McPike, Karrie Latoria, Sarah Kochniarczyk, Erin Lichtfuss.



The Varsity Wrestling cheerleaders have some fun before a meet.



Bethany Mummert smiles as she watches her team go for a victory.

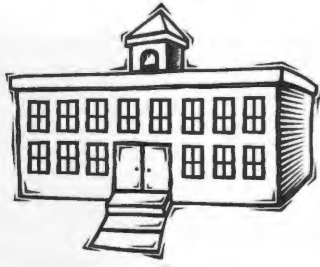
Kat Pappas helps to lead the cheers at a football game.



Varsity Soccer. Front: Sylviana Cordero, Monique Castlevicchi, Tiffany Gunther. Row 2: Rachel Baker, Liz Hernandez, Christina Barajas. Back: Bethany Mummert, Jessica Whitaker, Alaine Ellis, Jenny Eagles.



The senior cheerleaders spend some quality time together.



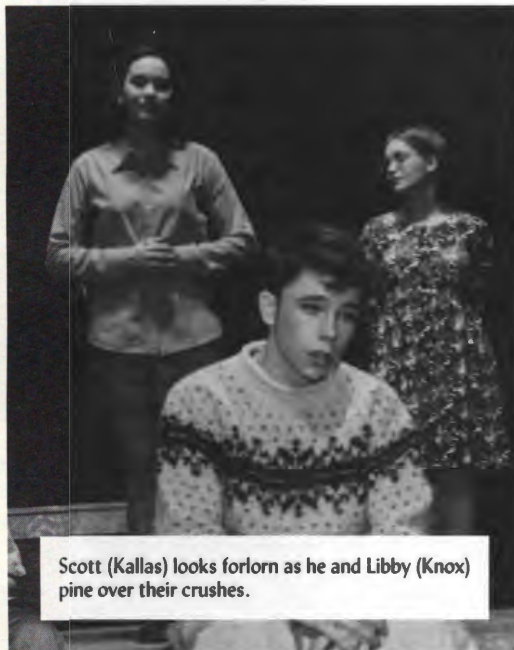
Chances Are

This year's winter play, Makin' It, made it big. It was a show about high school life, something we could all relate to. The director, Mary Hafertepe, said that the play was "well received by the student audience." All the basic stereotypes were shown in the play: nerds, jocks, cheerleaders, bullies, burnouts, and "nice" kids. An adult that Miss H. spoke to said that she liked to see kids being kids for once. Hunter Dunbar (Beau Brown) whose cool-guy image was covering up the fact that like his mom, Sybil (Leah Bjorklund), he took pills to keep himself "up" and hide from the world. Brooke Benedict (Lisa Arnett) pretended to be someone she wasn't just to fit in, there, winning Hunter. Scott Barrows, the jocks' favorite victim (Justin Kallas) was a nice kid who just wanted to be liked for who he was. Later, Brooke realized that Hunter was a jerk and Scott was the guy for her. Nice guy Karl Swanson (Carl Volk), whose only outlet was football, poured out his stories of an abusive father. Quiet Libby (Sara Knox), who became Karl's object of affection, learned that it's O.K. to be different. Sara said that she "loved the experience of playing a shy girl." Monica (Ann Outcalt) and Jen (Katie Gauldin), two "unpopular" girls, talked about their bad luck with guys. The snobby cheerleader Barb (Meredith Moore) reminisced about her childhood horror stories of being the fat kid, while her best friend Sharon (Rachel Baker) shared her secret of throwing up in the bathroom to stay thin. Andy Sinetos played the school bully and said "Shoving that kid in the locker made me feel really big, like a man." Principal Carnelli (Chris Radousky) wanted to help kids live up to their potential. "It made me see from a teacher's point of view. Just because a teacher yells at you, doesn't mean they don't care about you," Lisa Mendez said about playing the reprimanding P.E. teacher. Lilli Szafranski stated her feelings about her role in the play by saying, "It was surprisingly easy for me to play a burnout and I connected with real burnouts." Buzzard (Jeff Stogis) and the rest of the outcasts won the game of value in the end, having left Hunter with no one but his pills. The whole point of this play is that it doesn't matter what happened to you in high school, who you hung out with, or even how "popular" you were... everyone will "make it" in his or her own way.

-Katie Saul and Meredith Moore



Sybil (Bjorklund) and Carnelli (Radousky) discuss Hunter's suspension.



Scott (Kallas) looks forlorn as he and Libby (Knox) pine over their crushes.



Buzzard (Stogis) and the burnout (Lilli Szafranski) poke fun at Len (Kyle Hempel).



Scott (Kallas) finally gets fed up with the jocks. Hunter (Brown) treats Brooke (Arnett).



Howie (Tony Palombi) plays with his calculator as the other kids point and laugh at his expense.

"I found it really hard to play a dork because I don't know what this is like."

-Tony Palombi

"Don't do drugs!!!"

-Beau Brown

"It was entertaining and we could relate it to our high school lives."

-Christie Palombi





Karl (Carl Volk) and Libby (Sara Knox) gaze into each other's eyes and share a special moment.



Cast and Crew - Front: Jennifer Rugaard, Stephanie Opel, Darcie Jones, Jeff Stogis, Kyle Hempel, Ann Outcalt, Katie Kammes, Bryan Jones, Billy Inch, John Pollman. **Row 2:** Beau Brown, Adam Welch, Aaron Troy, Chris Hendricks, Jackie Prena, Rachel Baker, Mercedes Koch, Layla Ryan, Sara Knox, Annalisa Walker. **Back:** Amanda Brandt, Heidi Fuoss, Lisa Arnett, Lilli Szafranski, Andy Sinetos, Tony Palombi, Meredith Moore, Carl Volk, Steve Knox, Leah Bjorklund, Katie Gaudin, Justin Kallas, Melissa Birch, Chris Radousky, Emily Giermann, Laura Gilbert, Lisa Mendez.



Scott (Justin Kallas) winces as his mom (Laura Gilbert) and little sister Corly (Amy Aiello) give him a patronizing pat on the head.



Alex (Steve Knox) and Travis (Andy Sinetos) escort Howie to his locker ... they proceeded to stuff him into it!



Pat (Amanda Brandt), Sharon (Rachel Baker), and Barb (Meredith Moore) giggle while under the influence.



Brooke (Lisa Arnett) and Jen (Katie Gaudin) argue about how important high school really is.



Two of the mirror kids (Mercedes Koch and Chris Hendricks) show how stressful the mornings before a day in high school are.





Left: Mr. James Guter directs the band during their first concert of the year with their theme of Phantom of the Opera.



Right: Ms. Rebecca Keil directs the orchestra during their concert.



A Musical Experience



Front: Eddie Hernandez. Row 2: Viki McEvoy, Ryan Fuoss, Steve Slattery, Chris Pagnozzi, Adam Fritz, Tom Barta, Amanda Hallock, Mike Ziberna, Sean Palmer, Rich Amos, Frank Check, James Jaffe, Mike Nyman, Katie Vogan. The Orchestra also participated in the Six Flags Music Festival. Darcie Jones, Francis Delgado, Adrianna Cortez, Stacy Pacini, Angelica Garcia, Vanessa Cortez, Rachel Noceda, Heather Edminson, Malissa Kane, Carly Anderson, Abbie Chillemi, Karin Vander Naalt, Andrea Eager. Row 4: Jamie Nadolny, Brenda Bayard, David Toney, Brett Dieter, Missy Kruegar, Catie Marcantonio, Sarah Walker, Heidi Lakics, Steve Gilbert, Vicki Sanchez, Geoff Palka, Jenny Brosseau, Amanda Bina. Row 5: Layla Ryan, John Kolodick, Keith Halsall, Matthew Borschke, Brian Miller, Rebecca Watson, Regina McEvoy, Amanda Millard, Johnathan Hartigan, Brian Toms, Bill Inch, Jessica Weiss. Row 6: Mercedes Koch, Heather Hendrick, Rosa McGee, Margot Reges, Kristopher Donovan, Andrew Hein, Jeff Stogis, Wesley Skidgel, Matt Bajor, Mike Kostal, Dan Klotke, Shane Ness, Jesse Askin, Maggie Grossmeyer. Row 7: Peggy Sable, Cathy Zipprich, Ana Fernandez, John Hlotke, Rosa Garcia, Dan Barzo, Ross Jeambey, Brain Becker, Chris Gerber, Chris Buckles, Curinne Duffy. Back: Jessica Inch, Josh Kreck, Bryan Jones, James Nelson, Cory Abruzzese, Matt Grossmayer, Kathy Winter.

The band gave great performances this year. The band's themes were Phantom of the Opera, Christmas, and big band (Sinatra). When asked why she joined band, Mercedes Koch responded, "My mom played the flute when she was in college and I wanted to be just like her when I was little." Most of the students have become very dedicated over the years that they've been involved in band, and you can tell because they have such a high confidence level in, not only in themselves but in their peers. This year, the band participated in IHSA's Solo/Ensemble Contest. Receiving a Division One rating were Jessica Inch and Katie Vogan for their flute solos, Bryan Jones for a baritone solo, Jesse Askin for a Trumpet solo, and Mercedes Koch and Katie Vogan for a Flute duet. Receiving Division Two ratings were Corrine Duffy and Jessica Weiss for a Bassoon duet, and Chris Buckles and Keith Halsall for their Trumpet duet. Also, in April, the band (along with the orchestra and choir) participated in the Six Flags Music in the Park Music Festival. Concert Band placed second with a superior rating, Jazz band received first place with a superior rating. The Jazz band also received the Judges Choice Award for Best Jazz Band. Last, the Parade Band received a first place, excellent rating. They also received the Outstanding Marching Award and the Judges Choice Award for Best Parade Band! "Band is the best! There are so many new people to meet and many things to do. We go on trips and play at basketball and football games. Mr. Guter is the best and band camp is soo much fun! I can't emphasize how much fun band is!" said Malissa Kane. If you ever want to try something new, go out for band!

The orchestra had an awesome year!! In sitting in on a concert, I realized that they don't get as much credit and recognition as they deserve! Becky Gary agreed, "I wish people would appreciate us more. We get no recognition because we're so small of a group." The orchestra had two main themes this year for concerts, America and pop music. Some of the students competed in the Illinois State High School Association Solo Ensemble Contest and received awards. Dan Godoy received a perfect score on his Cello solo. Ami Godoy received a superior rating on her Violin solo. Ami also teamed up with Michelle Brady and they received a superior rating together! Gaining an excellent rating were Josh Swanner and Trevor Vraney with their Violin solos. Josh and Trevor also teamed up to perform a Violin duet and received an excellent rating! The Orchestra also participated in the Six Flags Music in the Park Music Festival. Performing at their best, they received first place with an excellent rating. Congratulations orchestra!



Colorguard. Front: Layla Ryan, Mercedes Koch, Vicki McEvoy, Jamie Nadolny, Peggy Sable, Jessica Inch, Curinne Duffy, Kathy Winter, Maggie Grossmayer, Darcie Jones, Jessica Weiss, Amanda Bina, Andrea Eager, Katie Vogan.





We-Go Cares. Front: Viki McEvoy. Row 2: Officers: Lisa Arnett, Danielle Lureau, Johanna Wilkovich, Katie Oen. Back: Bridgett Labbs, Melissa Miller, Nicole Sullivan.



Clown Team. Front: Pamela Lopez, Leena Patel, Aisha Jafri, Mary-Megan Kalvig. Back: Jessica Loftus, Nathaniel Stonequist, Advisor Kristi Allen, Chris Wiemold, Franchesca Smith.



Key Club. Front: Emily Giermann, Heidi Lakics, Matt Bajor, Chris Wiemold. Back: Steve Gilbert, Alexandra Patin, Erin Lichtfuss, Megan Smith, Jeannine Ogorek.



SADD. Front: Jessica Tonchick, Stephanie Shalek, Katie Holt, Katie Saul. Row 2: Sara Stevens, Peggy Stable, Noemi Flores, Diana Chavez, Blanca Tena, Leticia Perez, Kendra Norton, Rocio Tena. Row 3: Diana Alcala, Melissa Fisher, Linda Xiong, Beau Brown, Jean Oliver, Monica Perez, Johanna Hernandez. Back: Deanna Volk, Megan Smith, Liz Herrington, Michelle Cosco, Stephanie Ly, Angela Rojas, Christina Paran, Cherrie Ortiz, Juli Volk.



Danielle Lureau pours coffee for students while trying to raise money for needy children.



Sarah Edwards listens intently to District Governor of Key Club, Kate Biallas.

Cooperation



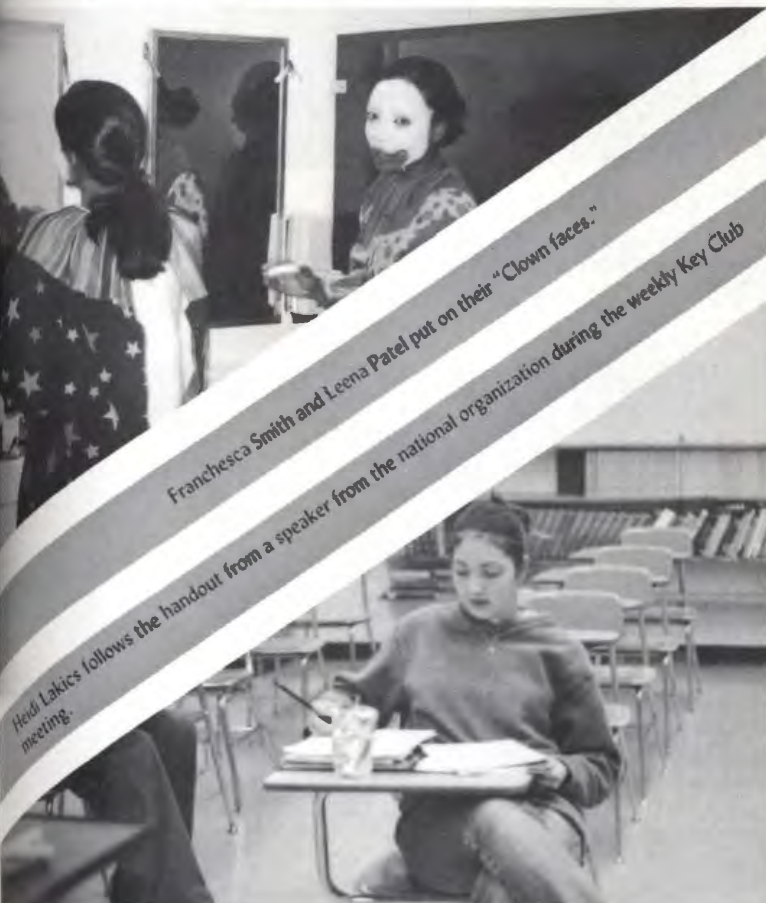
Clown Team members rehearse a skit before taking the show on the road.



After performing for young kids, Clowns paint the kids' faces.



SADD members help paint a window during homecoming to discourage drunk driving.



Franchesca Smith and Leena Patel put on their "Clown faces."

Head Lakies follows the handout from a speaker from the national organization during the weekly Key Club meeting.

Working Together To Make A Difference

Many clubs and organizations in our school show great teamwork every year. Some work on awareness, such as SADD and Clown Team, while others try to help by doing community service like WeGo Cares and Key Club.

SADD worked to prevent driving drunk. The members did a window painting during Homecoming and had a presentation before Prom where people gave testimony on personal experiences with driving drunk. Two parents who lost children in drunk driving related accidents and a man who was drunk and killed a child walking on the side of the road spoke to the student body. SADD advisor Ms. Bluestone-Miller said, "SADD has been a program here since 1984-1985. People are usually inspired to be in SADD when someone they know or are related to is killed by a drunk driver." SADD usually does posters, announcements, Homecoming float, "D" Day, and a mock DUI accident and arrest. These are all done to raise awareness.

Clown Team worked hard during the first semester to prepare for the second semester. Members rehearsed scenes that they would perform when they went to junior highs and elementary schools. In the first semester, Clowns were involved in the Homecoming parade and tried to raise awareness about not using drugs or alcohol. In the second semester, Clowns performed skits for young kids about ways to avoid using drugs and alcohol and painted the faces of the kids later on.

WeGo Cares was very active in the '97-'98 year in passing the referendum. This year the club focused on fundraising for the community. They did coffee sales during the mornings before Christmas. After the club raised money, the members donated \$100.00 to a single mother in the school who had come to the advisor saying she couldn't afford anything for Christmas for her children. The club also bought toys for toddlers at that time.

Key Club wanted to help others and the community. Key Club is a national high school level organization and works with local Kiwanis groups. Kiwanis members help those that can't help themselves. The club raised money for burn victims, had a fundraiser during Homecoming week which allowed students to dump mashed potatoes and gravy on favorite teachers, sold suckers, and had a couple of parties. Key Club also did a fish fry with the Kiwanis group in April. Anyone can be a member and participation is up to the individual. Anyone interested in helping out the community any time at all is welcome.

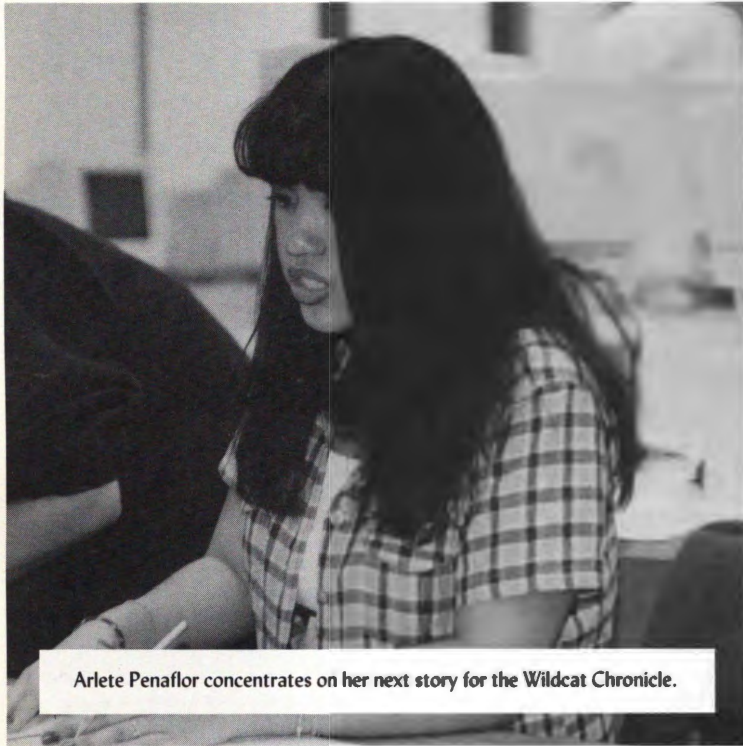
- Katie Oen and Heather Christiansen



Challenge: Front: Mark Doseckle. Row 2: Sarah Coiley, DC Abante, Brenda Berendson, Michelle Lasky, Jaime Puchalsky. Row 3: Ryan Hammer, Hans Trujillo, Isabel Guerrero, Julietta Favela, Christina Droho, Jamie Weisse, Katie Saul, Advisor Brad Larson. Back: Heather Christiansen, Katie Oen, Joe Leli, Jenny Evans, Stacy Hansen, Lynn Jensen, Jeff Raun, Liz Ribe, Meridith Moore, Kim Chau, Ellen McLoughlin.



The Challenge staff works very hard to get the yearbook done on time.



Arlete Penaflor concentrates on her next story for the Wildcat Chronicle.



Wildcat Chronicle: Front: Becky Guerrero, Arlete Penaflor, Marla D'Aversa, Sara Kochniarczyk, Heather Fenderson, Katie Oen. Back: Mark Kowal, Jeff Goluszka, Dan Young, Bart Visser, Carre Zeffield, Alexandra Patin.

Christina Droho from the library magazine sits at the computer typing up her poems.



Literary Magazine: Front: Matt Hofer, Cody Melbourn, Mary Megan Kalvig. Back: Margot Reges, Tom Macculey, Beth Deutsch, Advisor Andrea Cipcich.

What advice would you give to the underclassmen?

"Just remember there is only one year left. Enjoy it while you can." -Beth Clark

What is the funniest thing that happened this year?

"The night after Homecoming Adam Buenz fell asleep under a tree." -Sean Morris

What is your favorite saying?

"The world is created on thoughts." -Lisa Mari

Jenica Aasen
Edercy Abante



Crystal Adams
Evelyn Aguilar



Amy Aiello
Jorge Alfaro
Rachel Altergott



Esteban Alvarez
Adriana Antonio
Ashley Arlington
Karla Ascencio
Chip Ault



Humza Azam
Lori Balsitis
Mark Bardecki
Daniel Barzso
Chris Batty
Matthew Bauler
Amanda Baum



Rich Belcher
Gregory Belding
Sandra Beltran
Brenda Berendson
Jeff Beutjer
Amanda Bina
Adam Blossfield



Michael Boes
Suzanne Bollhoefer
Kelly Bolton
Matthew Borschke
Jason Boswell



Sabrina Soto, Maureen Scheitler, and Nicole Walsh find time to socialize before classes begin.



Dinorah Flores and Sarah Grammar relax at their lockers.

"School is a dictatorship that teaches you about democracy." -Tom Merrion

"Mr. Wrobleski tried to kill a bee with a broom in class. He almost hit a couple of students and he took out a map on the wall." -Shannon Spohn

"Dan Fortier locked his keys in the car with the car still running." -Cristina Pavone



David Boyle
Melissa Brady



Michelle Brady
Jacob Briggs



Jennifer Briggs
Allison Brown
Beau Brown



Jean Brown
Adam Buenz
Maria Camacho
Asminda Cardoso
Diane Caruso



Dana Catenacci
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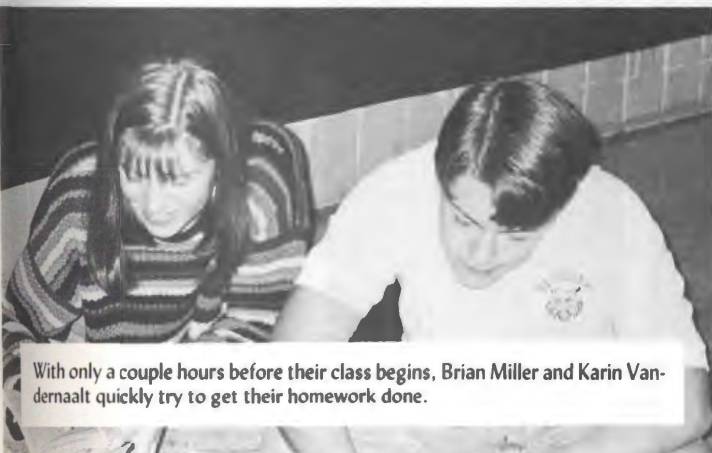


Abigail Chillemi
Eric Chorobik
Lauren Chronowski
Elizabeth Clark
Kristine Cleveland
Katharine Coffman
David Conaway



Angel Correa
Ivan Correa
Silvia Correa
Eleopoldo Cortez
Gabriel Cruz

Class of 2000



With only a couple hours before their class begins, Brian Miller and Karin Vandernaalt quickly try to get their homework done.



Shannon Nelson, Kristen Leitherer, and Crystal Adams kill time hanging out before first hour.

Araceli Cuatzo
 Vikram Dadlani
 Angela Debartolo
 Slick Dee
 Rebecca Deutsch



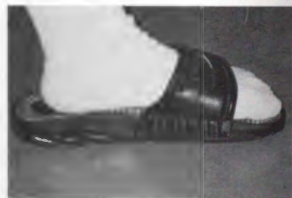
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 Andrea Enger
 Tracy Erickson
 Jesus Escalante



Yesenia Espinal
 Victor Espinoza
 Chris Eubanks
 Rica Evans
 Amy Fairbairn



Ben Falk
 Alicia Feistamel
 David Fenske
 Tobbias Fenske
 Evan Ferguson



Manuel Fernandez
 Javier Ferrer
 Alison Fick
 Dinorah Flores
 Ivory Flores



Noemi Flores
 Daniel Fortier
 Neal Fuchs
 Krystal Fuller
 Jaime Galvan





Ulisses Galvan
Alonzo Garcia
Bertha Garcia
Genaro Garcia
Jose Garcia



Claudia Gentile
Nicole Gerleve
Michael Geronimo
Emily Giermann
Oriza Gil



Ami Godoy
Julian Gomez
Julio Gomez
Criselda Gonzalez
Gloria Gonzalez



Tiffany Gove



Sarah Grammer
Abigail Grant
Nathaniel Greer
Jeffrey Griffin
Sherri Grin



Matthew Grogan
Michelle Grove
Becky Guerrero
Isabel Guerrero
Jose Guerrero



Lisandra Guerrero
Judy Guillen
Tiffany Gunther
Rog Guzman
Josh Gwynne



Jennifer Hahs
Justin Hall
Amanda Hallock
Keith Halsall
Ryan Hammer



Adam Hamrick
Nicole Handley
Erik Hansen
Ben Harkins
David Haros

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Edward Hernandez
Luis Herrera
Lakeisha Herron
Lars Higdon
Shannon Hitchcock
Brian Hodge
Garrett Hofmann



Katherine Holt
Lourdes Huerta
Aubrey Hurn
Jimmy Ibarra



Christopher Indelli
Heather Irwin
Aisha Jafri
Therese Jensen



Connie Jester
Brian Jones
Jon Jones



Jose Jurado
Kevin Kairyis
Jeton Kashtanjeva



Timothy Keller
Bryan Kelsey
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Christopher Thomas and Elizabeth Ribe share a laugh before they begin to window paint downtown West Chicago.

Sara Knox
Mercedes Koch
Sara Kochniarczyk
Megan Konewko

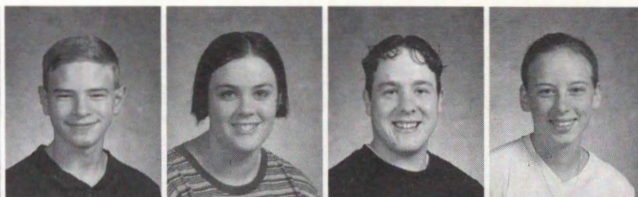


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Melissa Krueger
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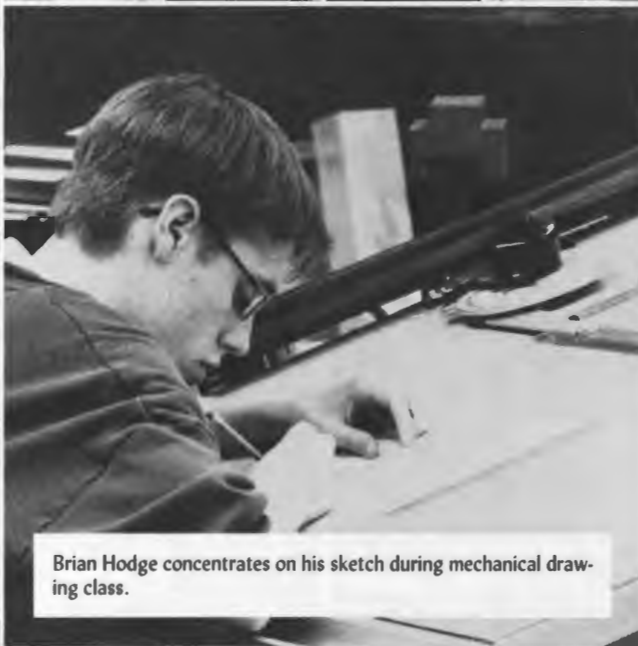
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Taylor Long



Freddy Lopez
Katie Lundgren
Annabel Macias
Jason Mackniskas



Sean Maloney
Jonathan Mam
Paul Mantz



Elizabeth Mari
Mario Marrero
Robert Martin



Brian Hodge concentrates on his sketch during mechanical drawing class.

Alma Martinez
Jennifer McGregor
Margaret Mastick



Matthew McKenney
Gab Medina
Nick Meiborg
Manuel Mendoza



Thomas Merriion
Don Meyer
Joshua Meyers
Adam Miller



Brian Miller
John Millner Jr.
Angela Micotto
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Graciela Moreno
Sean Morris
Marian Moscicke

Emily Mueller
Angela Mullaney
Pedro Munoz



Pat Murphy
Jeff Murrell
Stephanie Nadolny



Shannon Nelson
Marcel Nieto
Kendra Norton
Stuart Nottingham
Daniel O'Hara



Angela Oklepek
Jessi Oliver



Kim Olson
Teresa Olvera
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Regina Oroni



Michael Orseno
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Marcos Osorio
Victor Osorio
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Kathleen Owens
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Nishil Patel
Cristina Pavone
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Mike Penaflor
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Sean Peterson
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Stefanie Prena
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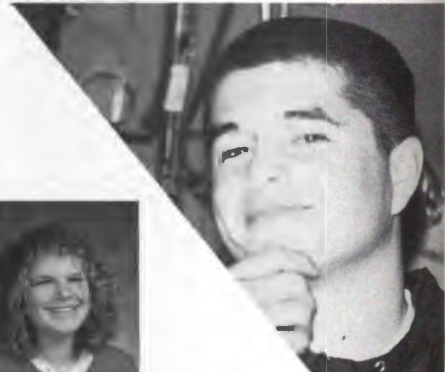
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Anne Schullo
Jaclyn Scott
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Pete Serrato
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Stephanie Shalek
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Matthew Shane
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Sharon Silva
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Ben Stevens
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Matthew Strike
Douglas Strock



Samantha Szeszycki
Arti Talati
Ana Tellez



Blanca Tena





Carl Thømmes

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Karen Tuegel
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Karin Vandernaalt
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Jared Winquist
Laura Winter
Eric Wood
Jacki Wood

Michael Works
Linda Xiong
Carrie Zeffield

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"JOHN MILLNER CRASHING INTO A HOUSE." - The Entire Football Team

The CRAZY Junior CLASS

"I HAVE NOTHING TO SAY." -Humza Azam

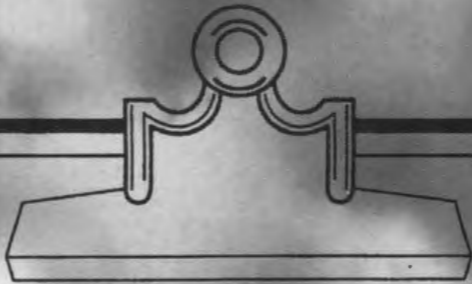
"BJ TRIED TO BREAK DANCE AT SOCCER PRACTICE. HE HAD A MOVE CALLED THE 'SCORPION,' AND HE FELL ON HIS BUTT." -Nishil Patel





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SPRING SONG

The air was full of sun and birds,
The fresh air sparkled clearly.
Remembrance wakened in my heart
And I knew I loved her dearly.
The fallows and leafless trees
And all my spirit tingled.
My earliest thought of love, and Spring's
First puff of perfume mingled.
In my still heart the thoughts awoke,
Came lone by lone together-
Say, birds and Sun and Spring, is Love
A mere affair of weather?

- Author Unknown

Winter Formal/About

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Spring



W i n t e r I n f o r m a l



Below: Bethany Mummert, Amanda Campagnoni, and Amanda Campagnoni, and Amy Am... are dancing proof that girls just want to have fun.



Left: Melissa Acker and Alberto Perez take some time out to look into each other's eyes and make the winter dance a memorable night.

Caught IN THE ACT

D.J. Byrd (a.k.a Eric Daniels) mixes it up for the West Chicago wildcats at the winter dance.



Jeremiah Briggs keeps his palms on the floor as he shows the crowd his breakdancing moves.

“
What was your favorite part of the night?
”

“
“Seeing all of the cute couples dancing together.”
- Stella Peduzzi
”



Rob Whitman “breaks” the ice and starts the dance with his unbelievable skills.



WE GO Dancin All Night ...



LeAnn Olson holds on to Andy Obrochta as the camera catches the moment.

Liz Blucio and Theresa Kendziora don't mind sharing Dave Pande, and he doesn't have a problem with that either.



Stephanie Prena and Dan Fortier hold each other close one last time before the night is over.



Becky Guerrero and Blake Erdmen smile innocently in love.

D.J. Byrd, a.k.a Eric Daniels, was the techno music player that tuned students into the Winter Informal theme of "Searching for a Sweetheart" on February fifth. As usual, the dance was attended by students who wore their casual clothing. The break dancers we rated the best by majority of all winter informal dancers.

Students wore their most elegant clothing to turnabout On March 12. The tradition of the girls asking the guys was found to be exciting to many. Alex Vergara agreed: "I didn't like the girl paying for me because I'm an old fashioned kind of guy, but what can I say, it's turnabout."

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Below left: Jeni Pinto is happy to be dancing with such a stud like Tino Alfaro at Turnabout.

Eddie Hernandez uses his backup sax to keep the party movin'.



D A R E T O B E
different



Varsity Front: Shannon Mims, Kristy Reser, Ariana Cortez, Coach Julio DelReal, Vanessa Cortez, Jackie Prena, Brenda Bayard. Row 2: Blanca Ruiz, Maribel Benitez, Meghan Burlison, Katalin Larm, Rosemary Ayala, Liz Bucio. Back: Tracy Drzal, Natalia Slenkowiec, Cara Rosacker, Christina Payton, Sarah Deitz, Stefanie Prena. Not Pictured: Nicole Medina.

Kristy Reser uses a strong kick to move the ball up the field.



Goin' For The Goals

The Lady Wildcat team had a struggling season this year. They practiced hard, but could not compete with the experience of other teams in the Dupage Valley Conference. West Chicago ended their season with a record of 4-16-2. "I know our record would be completely turned around if we made at least 15% of the shots we took. These girls played well, all they needed was to get the ball in there," said Coach Julio DelReal. Three girls who got all conference honorable mention were Kristy Reser, Jackie Prena, and Stefanie Prena. The Coach's Award went to the goalie, Nicole Medina, MIP went to Katie Coffman, and Stefanie Prena also received MVP. The Junior Varsity team did a little better this year towards the end of the season. Coach Antonio DelReal said it was because "attitude and commitment can make you a winner. Make a commitment, be a winner." Coach Robert "Bruno" Owens' team wasn't left behind either. The freshmen practiced hard and did a great job. Good job to all the girls for making an effort and loving the game.

J.
V.



J.V. Front: Christina Barajas, Jamie Kennedy, Amy Arroyo, Noemi Flores, Alma Ramirez, Evelyn Garcia. Row 2: Juliett Favela, Amanda Campagnoni, Rachel Baker, Mercedes Koch, Rachel Watson, Sara Donovan, Sara Stevens. Back Row: Katie Coffman, Tracy Yednock, Lynn Jensen, Bethany Mummert, Beth Baumrucker, Annabelle Gonzalez. Not Pictured: Marisela Robles, Kelly Quarto.



Meghan Burlison outraces her opponents for the ball



Freshmen Front: Guadalupe Montalvo, Zayra Pedraza, Bernice Leal, Fabiola Correa. Row 2: Lauren Openshaw, Theresa Uy, Arlene Smothers, Kari Schmidt, Vianet Acosta. Back Row: Coach Robert "Bruno" Owens, Amy Koltz, Jennifer Payton, Lisa Thomas, Jill Grobe, Carla Bucio.

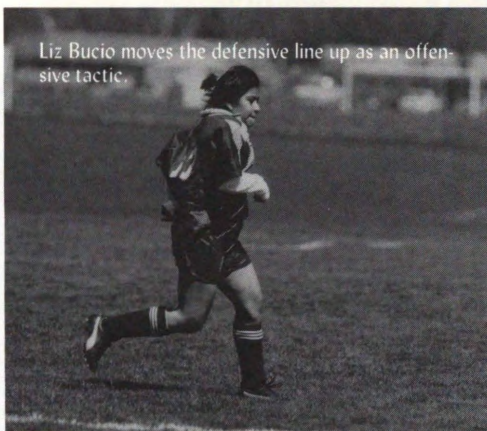
Stefanie Prena picks herself up after going "hard for the ball," as Julio DelReal would put it.



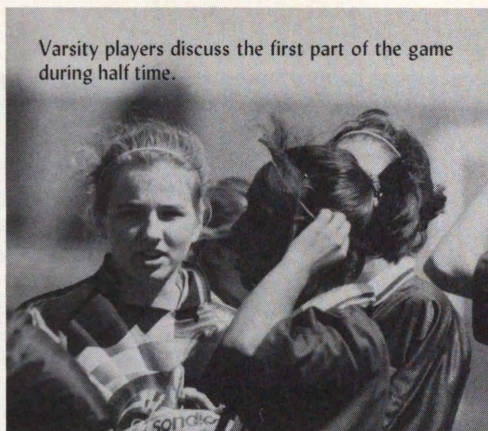
Coach Julio DelReal instructs the team as to what to change in the second half.



Liz Bucio moves the defensive line up as an offensive tactic.



Varsity players discuss the first part of the game during half time.





◆ Steve Gilbert, Daryl Spohn, and Kevin Rugaard cheer each other on during the game.

When asked what is it like competing in DVC, Chris Norman answered, "I like it, because we are able to beat the teams that can beat us in other sports."

The best moment was in the second game of Glenbard East because I had almost four spikes in a row!" - Andy Hein.

Tom Newman believes that the most memorable moment was, "The freshmen tournament. We beat Naperville Central and it was an all around fun time!"

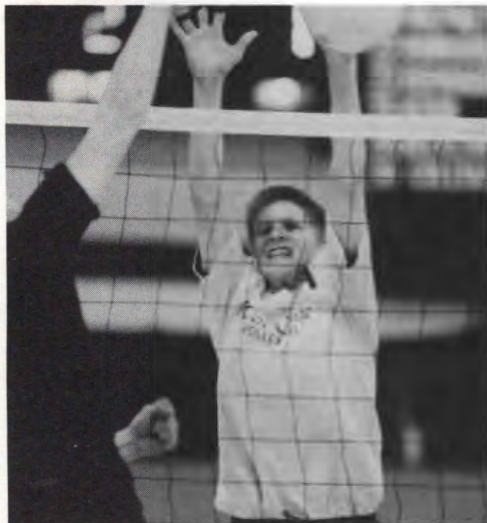
Jon Lim plans ahead, "I plan to have a fun time and win all our games," for next year.

Set It Up

Brad Olsen and Chip Ault set up for the next play. ◆



The 98-99 boys Volleyball team did a great job and made us very proud. When interviewed, Coach Hasty said, "We had the best season in the history of boys volleyball." Our West Chicago Wildcat volleyball team had some intense games. When playing Naperville Central, our Wildcats were down 9-1 and came back 13-15 in the third game! Overall, each volleyball team won more than half their games and each individual accomplished more as the season went on. This year, the boys played hard and succeeded. Congratulations on a great season!



Mark Lasky makes a great block during the game.



Kevin Rugaard sets the ball for his teammates.



Steve Gilbert practices blocking during warm-ups.

Bump, Set Spike

Varsity Front: Ken Dedic, Anthony Castiglia, Coach Kristi Hasty, Matt Shane, Jeff Tilson.
Row 2: Mark Lasky, Kevin Rugaard, Juan Robles, Daryl Spohn. **Row 3:** Chip Ault, Jeff Griffin, Brad Olsen, Steve Gilbert.



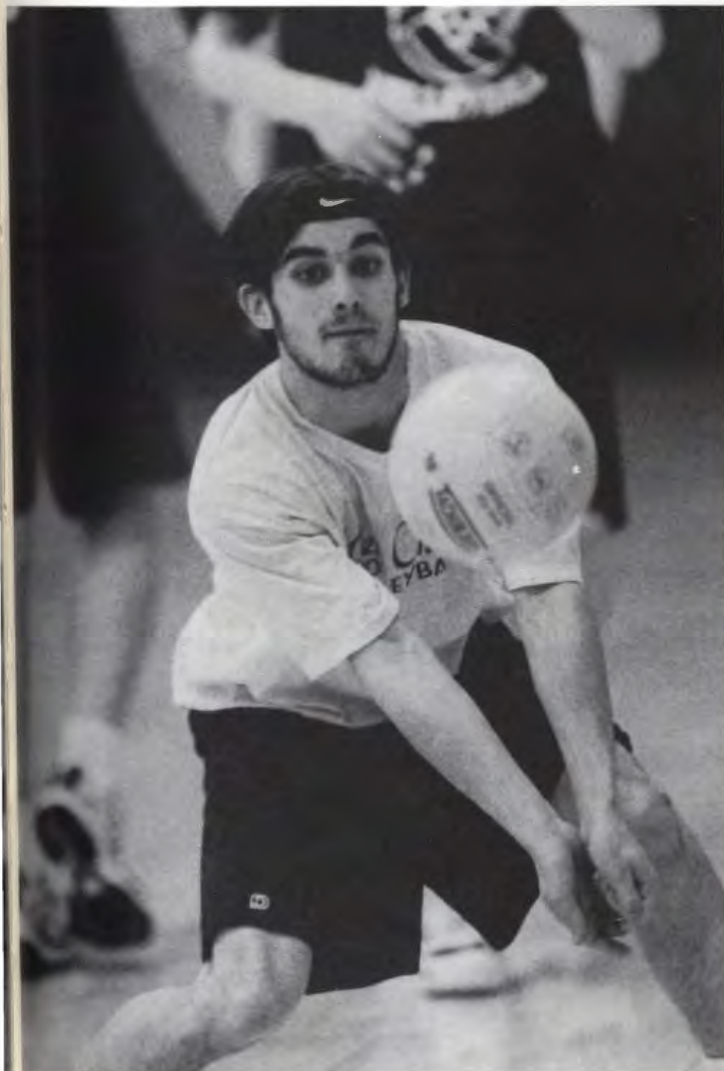
Chris Norman commented that "Tommy Newman's setting has improved so much," over this year.



Kevin Rugaard, Steve Gilbert, Brad Olsen, and other members of the varsity squad gets pumped.



Senior Anthony Castiglia bumps the ball while warming up.



Junior Varsity. Front: Brian Kerr, Miguel Herrera, Coach Rachel Polly, Nick Romanelli, Tom Boward. **Row 2:** Albertop Chavez, Brian Campbell, Jerry Coleman, Ross Jeambey. **Row 3:** Jon McPheters, Jesse Salazar, Brian Wakefield.

Freshmen. Front: Shane Olson, Thom Newman, Coach Tony Nevrlly, Andrew Barton, Matt Weber. **Row 2:** Jesse Fink, Steve Slatterly, Scott Kozlowski, Matt Boes, Jon Merrick, Jon Lim. **Row 3:** Chris Norman, Kevin Loewe, Andy Hein, Patrick Norton, Matt Shelhamer.



Boys Tennis

Swing, swoosh, bam, bang. These are the noises that come out as the badminton team practices. The racquets clang against the birdie, sending it back over the net. This year's badminton team did wonderfully. The girls practiced harder than ever and worked towards the finals. Linda Xiong went down to state, only the second girl in our school's history to do so. Congratulations to the girl's badminton team! The school's spirit rose as they rose to the top.

The hot sun burned down the neck. Gripping the tennis ball in one hand, the other held his racquet. The sign was given, the ball launched into the air. The racquet smashed the ball over the net and the boy scored another point for his team, the Wildcats. Slowly, the boys came closer to bringing home the trophy. "The players loved every second of the competition," said John Cantarell. As the season went on, the boys got better, and wanted to win 65% of their matches. They did beautifully. Both teams did a great job this season. Congratulations to them all.



Tennis: Freshmen and Sophomores: Front: Jason Woodburg, Steven Hamrick, Coach Moeaki, Mike Marvan, Brian Torns. Row 2: Brian Ahlgard, Bryan Jones, Kevin McCarthy, Marc Berry. Row 3: Geoffrey Palks, John Cantrell, Ryan Fuoss. Not Pictured Mitchell Strohm.



Julio Gomez hits hard to return the ball.



Boy's Tennis: Varsity: Front: Andy Spalo, Matt Neumann, Coach "Mo" Moeaki, Mike Kostal, Kendell Christopherson. Row 2: Mike Boes, Adam Haimrick, Garrett Hofmann, Julio Gomez. Row 3: Dan Taboja, Dave DuBose, Christian Vigsnes.



Christian Vigsnes watches the ball float over the net as he serves.

Slicin' The Ball



Girls' Badminton: Varsity and Junior Varsity: Front: Amy Fairbairn, Nisha Patel, Linda Xiong, Coach LaVora Singleton, Amanda Bina, Andrea Enger, Leena Patel. Row 2: Mary Kovacs, Jessica Willes, Aisha Jafri, Julia Vinatier, Christine Paran, Aimee Paran. Row 3: Emily Giermann, Christine Austin, Sheetal Rami, Kim Chau, Katie Holt. Back: Michele Grove, Amanda Millard, Alex Patin, Jessica Inch.



Hittin' The Birdie

B a d m i n t o n



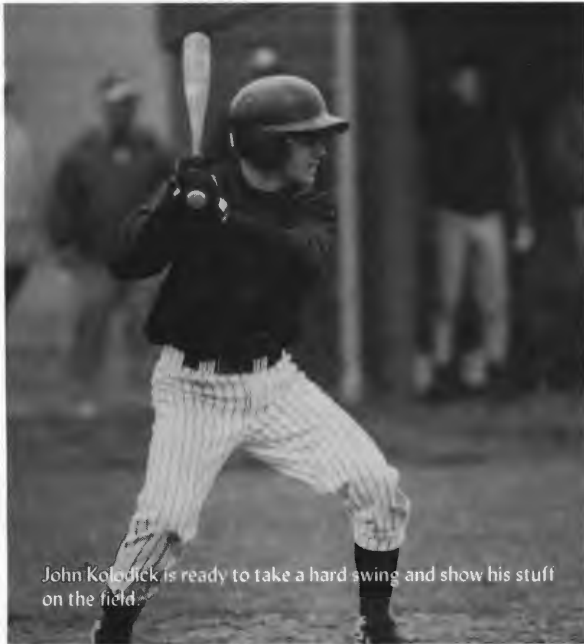
Leena Patel waits to see where the birdie lands on the other side of the net.



Mary Kovacs concentrates on the serve.



Amanda Miller checks to see if the opponent is ready.



John Kolodick is ready to take a hard swing and show his stuff on the field.



Brian Raymond catches the ball with plenty of time to spare.

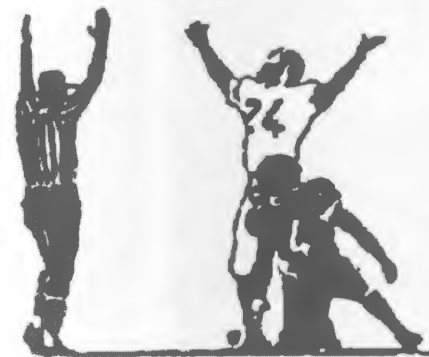
Dan Barzo throws the ball as fast as he can to get the opponent out.



Varsity Front: Tom Heun, Nick Richardson, Coach Tim Courtney, Coach Kevin Gimre, Lars Higdon, O'Hara. Row 2: Jeff Powell, Jason Richardson, Bryan Kelsey, Jeff Callahan, Joe Swanteck, Bob Holguin. 3: Brian Raymond, Adam Morrissey, Chris Grin, Sean Peterson, Dan Parzo.



Sophomores. Front: Tim Warren, Jeff Villarreal, Assistant Coach Scott Davidson, Paul Novak, Kevin Stott. Row 2: Dave Gilbertsen, Josh Rogers, Lance Armstrong, Phil Piemonte, Adam Zimmerman, Tim Yormark. Row 3: Brett Dieter, Nick Buscemi, Devin Rosen, Jeff Hodge, Joe Lureau, Matt Powell, Rob Selga.



Sean Peterson patiently awaits the ball coming his way.

Sluggers



Freshmen Front: Jim O'Hara, Robby Mildebrath, Mike Masschelin, Chris Holguin, Kevin Cieslenski. Row 2: Brad Bolton, Josh Katilek, Jim Smolocha, Mike Brown, Mark Hopkins, Andy Obrachta. Row 3: Gus Detrick, John Quadrizias, Nick Carter, Kevin Franckowiak, Dave Paten.



Dan Barzo gets ready to smack the ball out of the park.

This spring brought many different situations for the baseball team. They had to learn to deal with victories along with disappointments. They had a conference record of 5-12, and an overall record of 10-14. Sean Peterson seemed to be the spokesperson for the team in many instances and said, "We should have been second or third in conference." They did, however, achieve several of their goals. With Brian Raymond as MVP,



John Kolodick as MIP, and Sean Peterson making All-Conference, the team did have leaders to look up to. The encouragement of the coaches, Tim Courtney and Kevin Gimre, supported the Wildcats during the rough times, and brought them up even higher when succeeding. Team unity seemed to be important to the team this year, even among the different levels. Players were constantly talking about the upcoming games.



Dan O'Hara gets pumped to catch the ball for a strike out.

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| Varsity Games | | | Glenbard North | 4 - 3 | Win | Glenbard East | 2 - 1 | Win |
| Conference Games | | | Whtn. Warr. South | 6 - 7 | Loss | Glenbard East | 1 - 8 | Loss |
| Whtn. Warr. South | 7 - 4 | Win | Whtn. Warr. South | 4 - 15 | Loss | Naperville Central | 5 - 8 | Loss |
| Wheaton North | 6 - 5 | Win | Wheaton North | 5 - 9 | Loss | Naperville Central | 2 - 7 | Loss |
| Marquette | | Cancelled | Wheaton North | 4 - 13 | Loss | West Aurora | 3 - 0 | Win |
| Naperville North | 1 - 6 | Loss | Naperville North | 1 - 3 | Loss | West Aurora | 8 - 7 | Win |
| Glenbard East | 3 - 8 | Loss | Naperville North | 0 - 7 | Loss | Glenbard North | 5 - 6 | Loss |
| Naperville Central | 2 - 6 | Loss | Ottawa | | Cancelled | Glenbard North | 4 - 8 | Loss |
| West Aurora | 3 - 0 | Win | Ottawa | | Cancelled | West Aurora | 0 - 7 | Loss |

The West Chicago softball team had a very successful year. They won the DVC conference championship with a record of 12-2, and this year they won it all by themselves. For the first time ever, the Wildcats won the Regional Championship by defeating Waubonsie Valley 1-0. Head Coach Jim Schaudt said, "I was very confident in this team. We've made it to the Regional Championship the past four years and I knew this would be the team to win it." Also this year, the team entered the Larkin Slugfest, a tournament which they won. Winning this was one of the team's goals, along with winning at least 20



games. They exceeded this goal by actually winning 25. The girls came to the game and accomplished almost every goal they set out to do. The team had a total of 9 players voted All-Conference and Honorable Mention out of all 8 DVC teams, and this year they also had the Player of the Year, Ana Fernandez. At Sports Awards Night, Angela Valdez was voted Most Improved, Ellen McLoughlin was awarded the Wildcat Award, and Ana Fernandez received the Coach's Award. All the girls worked really hard to pull off a great season.

-Ellen McLoughlin



Varsity Front: Megan Leston, Coach Bolton, Coach Schaudt, Coach Wallner, Danya Catenacci. Row 2: Missy Krueger, Sarah Kochniarczyk, Jenni Hoffman, Molly Saul, Jeanette Arroyo, Tonia Pecoraro. Row 3: Angela Valdez, Kelly Bolton, Melissa Acker, Chrissy Dabbert, Karen Shockey. Back: Kristin Leitherer, Autumn Planek, Ana Fernandez, Courtney Czech, Ellen McLoughlin.



The Wildcats watch from the bench, as they cheer on their hitters.

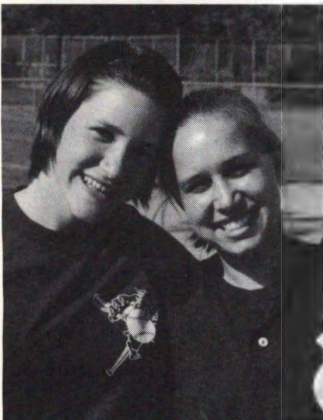


Danya Catenacci gets into her batting stance as she awaits the pitch.

Anticipating the ball, Megan Leston holds her "ready position."



SOFTBALL



Autumn Planek and Ellen McLoughlin take a break from cheering to pose for a picture together.



J.V. Front: Anni Wilkovich, Lindsay Sewell, Christin Ruiz, Shannon Masschelin, Shannon Koehring. Row 2: Tammy Ketalaa, Laura McQueen, Shannon Flowers, Jaymie Schmidt, Amy Kreml, Amy Allison. Back: Coach Ruiz, Alissa Mildebrath, Brooke Benzio, Manager Melissa Garcia, Coach Davidson.



Freshman. Front: Meg Llorens, Laurie Lenertz, Coach Willuweit, Manager Krissy Zeffield, Suzi Smith. Row 2: Martha Mueller, Cindy Warner, Amanda Nelson, Laura Schaefer, Heather Christiansen. Back: Trina Schmidt, Kim Burkes, Audrey Mertes, Megan Brandstedter, Leah Olson.

Fernandez warms up as she prepares for an intense game.



Missy Dabbert gains her composure as she attempts the double play.



All ten seniors take a break from the field as they all dressed up for prom.



The infielders gather at the mound to encourage each other for a good inning.



It's a nightmare on Softball St. when Missy Kruger is up to bat.



Check out Angela Valdez's determined eyes, as she awaits the pitch.

First baseman Melissa Acker loosens up her arm during the pre-game warm-up.



Varsity Softball
DVC Record

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| Whet. Warr. South | 4 | 0 |
| Wheaton North | 0 | 0 |
| Naperville North | 0 | 0 |
| Glenbard East | 0 | 0 |
| Naperville Central | 1 | 1 |
| West Aurora | 2 | 3 |
| Glenbard North | 3 | 0 |
| Whet. Warr. South | 0 | 1 |
| Wheaton North | 1 | 1 |
| Naperville North | 1 | 2 |
| Glenbard East | 2 | 1 |
| Naperville Central | 1 | 0 |
| West Aurora | 0 | 0 |
| Glenbard North | 0 | 0 |

Back: Coach Andrea Cipich, Coach Aaron Carper, Angela Hanson, Beth Brinn, Cathy Wilken, Kristine Cleveland, Kathy Brinn, Laura Wilken. Row 3: Coach Kelly Kolasa, Lauren Migliorato, Sarah Coiley, Jami Shanks, Jocelyn Schineller, Jessica Tonchick, Meghan Young, Rachel Altermott, Jennifer Boyd. Row 2: Crystal Adams, Terri Jenson, Michelle Lasky, Michelle Skala, Linnea Caputi, Jenny Wiechert, Kim Gargula, Kristy Shilling, Heather Prochnow, Olga Karamysheva. Front: Christina Wilbur, Wendi Slottke, Kelly Quarto, Lauren Paulsen, Erin Kirby, Angelica Garcia, Adriana Rodriguez, Stephanie Opel, Zoe Churan, Marina Savenok. Not Pictured: Heather Goranson, Hilary Blanchard.



Terri Jenson soars towards the pit, hoping for a 33-foot triple jump.



Jocelyn Schineller get comfortable with the shot before she prepares to throw.



The WeGo girls' track team head towards Rosary High School for an exciting track meet.



What was funniest team memory?

"1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, SHUT-UP YOUNG, 10."
- Kristy Shilling & Cathy Wilken



Angelica Garcia extends over the hurdle as she strives to win her heat of the 300 meter hurdles.



At every stride Beth Brinn takes, she closes the gap between her and the finish of the 400 meter dash.

"I want to thank the coaches and teammates for a great senior year!! Remember pride over victory!" - Jami Shanks, #1 Senior of the WeGo track team.



The first major goal for Coach Kelly Kolasa and the girls' track team was numbers. In the past, the team has struggled for members. This season was a little different; the team grew to about 35 girls that were full of potential. During the indoor season, the team worked hard to improve. They were able to defeat some of the larger teams, especially at the Fenton Invite, and they had a chance to really compete in some of the larger meets. In indoor DVC, freshman Meghan Young, clinched the title for the JV mile.

Then the outdoor season began. The coaches struggled to organize the girls' team without a track to practice on. Once a week the team traveled to other schools in the DVC to practice running on a real track instead of street workouts. Despite these obstacles, the girls manage to pull through. "It was a HUGE building year," Kolasa claimed, "There is so much potential for success in the future!" The youth of the team helped provide a base for later years. There were only about seven or eight experienced upperclassmen in a team of about 35. Jocelyn Schineller's hard work paid off. At the sectional meet she qualified in the discuss for the second year with a throw of 122' and for the shot with a throw of 37'1". The next week, at the state meet, Schineller placed fifth in the discuss with a throw of 129'8" and earned all-state honors Meghan Young once again finish first for the JV mile in outdoor DVC. The JV team placed fourth overall. - Michelle Lasky

Boys' JV Track. Front: Chris Hanson, Tad Netzel, Jon Ortiz, Joe Park, Kyle Hemple, Brian Sherman, Adam Selcke, Bill Rocha, Matt Infelise, Jose Alejo. Second Row: Coach McClelland, Steven Vandernaalt, Mario Vivaldo, Javier Saucedo, Mike Nubie, Justin Kallas, John Brown, Javier Contreras, Harold Visser. Third Row: Coach Draminski, Ed Abante, Matt Swiartz, Jeff Raun, Joe Caniano, Tyler Belding, Dan Bajor, Chris Salutrik, Coach Doll. Back: James Nelson, Mike Svast, Tom McCauley, Brian Howard, Matt Raymond, Eddie Cruz, Chris Buckles, Tom Wojcicki, Matt Wilson.



Boys' Varsity Track. Front: David Toney, Pete Serrato, Tim Keller, Jeff Stogis, Matt Bajor, Arturo Zuniga. Second Row: Eddie Hernandez, Manuel Mendocza, Mikhail Shemyakin, Craig Martus, Nicholas Duffy. Third Row: Coach Steve Draminski, Erik Hansen, Bryan Franckowiak, David Boyle, Rich Belcher, Coach Doll. Back: Coach Paul McClelland, Bart Visser, Wes Skidgel, Robby Rhorback, Mark Blozis, Jason Butler, Dan Young.



We Go Runnin'

The boys' track team came out strong this year with a team of about 30 runners. After long practices, tough workouts, and sore muscles, a great team emerged. Junior Tim Keller rightfully earned the MVP award. He had dominated the 3,200 meters, winning multiple races at large meets. At the Geneva Coed Invitational, Keller blew away the competition and finished almost a lap ahead of the second place runner. Keller also secured first place at DVC and second place at the sectional that took place in Elgin. Keller ended up with a school record of 9:15.2 on another trip to state.

Another team success was achieved by the 4x800 meter team. The four, seniors Bart Visser, West Skidgel, Dan Young, and Jeff Stogis, made a hard to beat relay. At DVC, the team placed second and set a school record of 7:54.4. They qualified for state, but unfortunately, due to illness, they did not make finals.

The team overall took second place in DV; only Naperville Central finished ahead of them. Next year still looks bright for the still-young team. Michelle Lasky

David Boyle runs hard in the 100m. dash.



"This was the best season I've ever had!" - Bart Visser

Matt Bajor puts all his might into triple jumping.



Musical

Spring

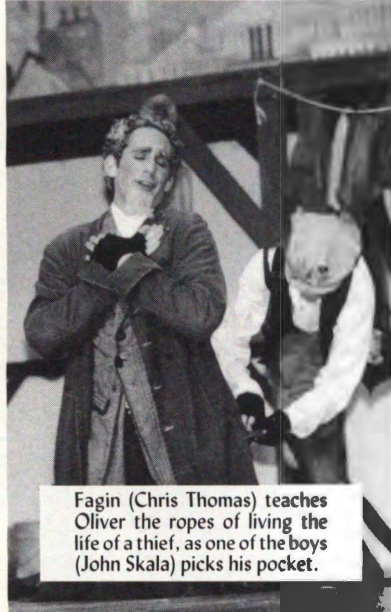


Consider Yourself ... Entertained!

Oliver, the story of an orphan boy who is moved from place to place and is searching for someone to love him, hit it big in Weyrauch Auditorium. This musical was based on a novel by Charles Dickens, *Oliver Twist*. Sarah Edwards played the part of Oliver and Sara Knox played the female lead, Nancy. Her sidekick Bet was played by Abby Brown and the adult male lead, Fagin, was played by Chris Thomas. Fagin is the orphan's mentor who makes them steal wallets and pocket handkerchiefs. The town beadle Mr. Bumble, who helps Oliver find a home, was played by John Frazer. Nancy's boyfriend, Bill Sykes (Carl Volk), appears in the second act and scares everyone half to death. He threatens to hurt Oliver because he thinks that Oliver tells the family that he stayed with about their thieving ways. Nancy tries her best to protect Oliver from becoming what she was made into, but her abusive boyfriend threatens her life. Still, she deceives him and the end is murdered for her disobedience. The evil Bill does not get away scot free, though. He is seen on the run and shot dead. Oliver is then returned to the Brownlows, who are found to be his real family. Stage director Mary Hafertepe said "I was pleased. The show was strong, and I think the audience enjoyed it." Abby Brown said that "Saturday was the best night." Hafertepe agreed with her, saying that, "I really believe the cast continued to grow and feel the play through performing it. Also, the seniors felt as the last time on the WeGo stage they wanted to do well, and the underclassmen worked hard to give the seniors that success." Lisa Smith was the music director and led the orchestra.



Bumble (Fraser) grimaces as Widow Corney (Cheryl Pruett) lovingly sits on his lap.



Fagin (Chris Thomas) teaches Oliver the ropes of living the life of a thief, as one of the boys (John Skala) picks his pocket.



Street vendors from "Who Will Buy?" include rose seller Anne Schullo, long song seller Meredith Moore, knife grinder Anders Walker, strawberry seller Elissa Dupree, and milk maid Annalisa Walker.



Kendra Norton's face emulates her morbid character (Mrs. Sowerberry) perfectly, as Katie Saul (little orphan boy) innocently smiles.

Spring



Musical



Nancy (Knox) and Bill Sykes (Volk) show their unhappiness in their abusive relationship.



Dodger (Ryan Dorn) flirts with Nancy (Knox) in an old-fashioned "gentlemanly way" as the orphan boys make an imaginary carriage.



Mr. and Mrs. Sowerberry (Michael Petrik and Kendra Norton) dance joyfully as they sing "That's Your Funeral."



Members of the cast celebrate a successful opening night of the musical *Oliver* at Oakfield Family Restaurant in Winfield. They include Cheryl Pruett, Adam Welch, Amanda Stone, Tony Palombi, Kimpha Chau, Darcie Jones, Copper Tuma, Javier Contreras, Brandon Barclay, and Steve Knox.



The orphan boys taunt Oliver (Sarah Edwards) as the pauper's assistants (Luke Taylor and Theresa Visser) capture him.



Dorn prepares his beautiful face for his WCCHS stage debut as the Artful Dodger.



Abby Brown (Abby Brown) and Mr. Sowerberry (Petrik) strike a pose widely before opening night.



Dodger (Ryan Dorn) and Oliver (Edwards) team up to weasel bread from the bakers.



Beau Brown (Beau Brown) and Fagin (Chris Thomas) strike a pose.



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Brandon Clairmont serves and protects the community as a firefighter at the Winfield Fire Department.



At Petland, Amy Bajer enjoys cuddling up to one of the boxer pups.



Grant Wheaton paves the path for his future as an architect by working at Sidwell Studios.



Helping in the Erie and Associates art department, Jaime Puchalski prepares an ad for the publisher.



Right after work, Anthony Carbonari holds his cash in his drawer before counting it one more time.



Enjoying his job, Art Abarca cleans the floors at Central DuPage Hospital.



Sara Closser comforts little ones before nap time at Kensington School.



Benjamin Walter shows off the latest shoe sale at Finish Line.



Jessica Mueller takes a call at Wine Surge.



Renee Altman prepares a sandwich at Quizno's Classic Subs.

Scott McQueen waters some tulips to be sold later in the year.



David DuBose inspects the contents of the horticulture greenhouse.



FBLA, VICA, And Horticulture Club.

FBLA, VICA, and Horticulture Club had a busy year filled with fun activities and worthwhile experiences.

FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) accomplished many things, including having thirteen members go to state. As a group, FBLA went caroling at a nursing home in December, miniature golfing in May, bowling in April, and threw a pizza party. They elected new officers in April for the coming year. FBLA also did a great job with the Variety Show that featured creative acts like "Twirlin' Jus 'Cuz" by Jessica Weiss and Jessica Inch, and skilled singing. President Craig Martus stated, "What I like best about FBLA is meeting new people."

VICA (Vocational and Industrial Clubs of America) also went to state in Springfield for their competition. VICA had their annual food drive in December and went bowling for a get together. VICA also received a heart-warming response for their annual blood drive. These activities were all done to help get VICA to state. As Nick Duffy said when asked what he liked about VICA, "Join VICA for fun experiences and for enjoyment."

The Horticulture Club met every day during their second hour Horticulture II and III. To raise money for the program, Horticulture Club looked forward to the annual flower sale. The sale consisted of marigolds, petunias, tomatoes, jade plants, and many more. Horticulture Club also planted flowers for the mock wedding that took place on April 9. The plants were beautiful and colorful. FBLA, VICA, and Horticulture Club deserved a round of applause for the things they accomplished in the '98-'99 year.

-Liz Ribe and Jamie Weisse

While Mr. Paul Junkroski gives directions at the front of the room during VICA meeting, Mrs. Patty Kozlowski has a quick laugh with Heather Fenderson.



Rob Taylor works to break apart boxes during the VICA food drive.



As a cold drizzle beats down, FBLA members crowd onto the FBLA float during the homecoming parade.



Horticulture Club. Front: Melissa Birch, Jami Shanks, Megan Carter. Back: Dustin Smith, Gina Caniano, Ed Slone, David DuBose.



Only West Chicago can bring such presence to a stage and move the crowd. The annual FBLA variety show was held on February 25, in the Weyrauch Auditorium and was directed by Renee Altman and Allison Brown. With fourteen acts altogether ranging from piano solos by Sara Knox, to a capella singing by Pat Scullion to a vicious performance by Seniors Phil Roberts and Mike Adamo, there was definitely a variety at the show.



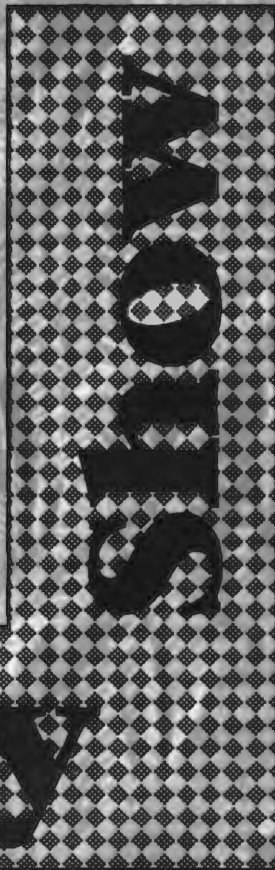
A great performance of "This World" by Rachel Baker, Jeff Tilson, Bob Vangerkan.



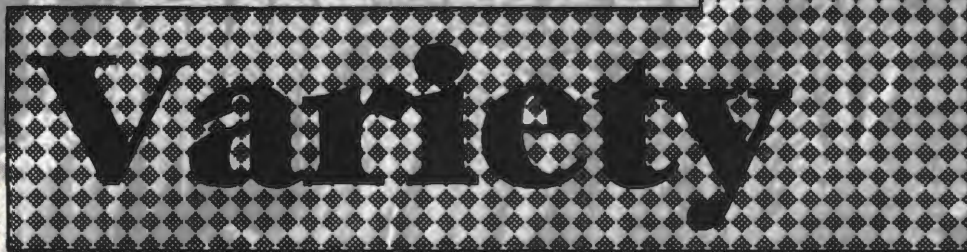
Step back Spice Girls it is now, "Imagination" time.



Carl Volk sits calm and cool as he strings his version of "Crash In to Me" by the Dave Matthews Band.



Ivory Flores is on stage for her fifth time.





A stimulating piano solo by Sara Knox gets the crowd going early on the show.



The rasta-man Jake Reiner plays the bongos for the performance of the song "One."



Person Barclay shows off her Mariah Carey-type vocal skills as she makes the crowd "fly away."



Can we find the reason why Pat Scullion has a great a capella singing voice?



And the nomination for best talent goes to says Leslie Shambo and Angie Granados.

Pat Briggs brings some *Latino Sabor* to the stage with his fingered performance of "Brutalia Cupe."







CLASS OF '99

SENIORS





Abarca, Arturo

Acker, Melissa J: Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Class President 4; Class Treasurer 2, 3; DVC Leadership Conference Chairmen 3, 4; Basketball 1, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball Captain 4; Softball 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 2, 3, 4; Athlete of The Week (Volleyball) 3, 4; All Conference Honorable Mention Volleyball 3, 4

Adamo, Michael J.
Aguado, Luis A.



Aguirre, Gina M.
Aiello, Joseph D.
Alfaro, Griselda
Altman, Renee M.



Anderson, Eric G.

Aramburu, Jason N.
Arnett, Lisa: SADD 2; Thespians 2, 3, 4; Thespians President 4; WeGo Cares 1, 2, 3, 4; WeGo Cares Secretary 3, 4; Rube Goldberg 3, 4; Orchestra 1, 2; Fall Play Crew 2, 3; Fall Play Cast 4; Winter Play Cast 1, 2, 3, 4; Winter Play Crew 4; Musical Cast 3; Musical Crew 1, 2; Dance Production 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Columbia Young Artist's Showcase 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Spanish National Honor Society 3, 4; Social Studies Junior Scholar 3; Excellence Performance in Mathematics 1, 2, 3, 4; Perfect Attendance 1, 2, 3
Arroyo, Jeanette Rose: Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4



Ascher, Nicholas L.
Ascher, Tiffany K.
Augustine, Tim
Ayala, Alma



Ayala, Rosmary: Peer Listeners 4; International Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Office Aide; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4
Bajor, Amy K.
Bajor, Matt: Key Club 3, 4; Orchestra 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Jazz Band 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Musical Orchestra 2, 3; Basketball 1; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4
Baker, Patrick M.



Baker, Rachel Jeanette: SADD 1, 2; Peer Listeners 4; Pep Club 3, 4; VICA 2, 3, 4; FBLA 4; Variety Show 4; Student Council 2; Pep Club Secretary 4; Choir 4; Soccer 3, 4; Volleyball 1; Badminton 1; Soccer Cheerleader 4; Homecoming Queen 4
Ballines, Erica
Barajas, Lindsay C.
Barclay, Season Brianne: Variety Show 1, 2, 3, 4; Jazz Band 3; Musical Cast 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 1, 2, 3; Swing Choir 2; Dance Production 3, 4; Tennis 3; Team Manager Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Nation Anthem Singer 3, 4

Barton, Adam R.

Bayard, Brenda: German Club 4; Key Club 2, 3; FBLA 4; Key Club Treasurer 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Band Treasurer 4; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys Soccer Team Manager 3, 4; Honor Roll 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2; National Honor Society 3, 4

Belokin, Jeff: Golf 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Nation Honor Society 3, 4; Special Mention All Conference Golf 4; 3rd Place DVC Finish in Golf 4

Birch, Melissa Jean: SADD 1, 2, 3, 4; German Club 2, 3, 4; Forensics 2, 3; Thespians 3, 4; Secretary of German Club 3, 4; Fall Play Cast 4; Fall Play Crew 2, 3, 4; Winter Play Cast 2, 3, 4; Winter Play Crew 2, 3, 4; One Act Plays 1; Honor Roll 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1

Birchard, Justin A.
Bjorklund, Leah E.



Black, Leah: Pep Club 4; Choir 1, 2; Volleyball 1; Softball 1, 2

Blanc, Sara J.

Blozis, Mark: Track 1, 2, 3, 4

Bolt, Michael: Track 1, 2; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4

Booker, Antoine "Twon": International Club 1; Mock Wedding 3; African American Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Track & Field 2, 3

Bridgeforth, Robert: FBLA 2; Variety Show 3; Mock Wedding 3; High Honor Roll 1, 2



Brinn, John: VICA 4; Football 2; Basketball 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4

Brown, Abigail: Variety Show 4; Thespians 4; Student Council Representative 2, 3, 4; Class Secretary 3, 4; Student Council Parliamentarian 3; Fall Play Crew 4; Winter Play Crew 4; Musical Cast 2, 3, 4; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Madrigals 2, 3, 4; Swing Choir 2, 3; Fox Valley Honors Choir 3; Girls' Ensemble 2, 4; Choir Cabinet Secretary 4; Softball 1; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Illinois State Scholar 4; Prom Court 3; Homecoming Court 4

Brown, Kevin: Math Team 4; VICA 3, 4; Scholastic Bowl 4; Rube Goldberg 4

Brozek, Jeffery J.

Buckner, Tamara: German Club 1; Math Team 1; Softball 1

Busic, Aaron: Tennis 1; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Blue Ribbon in Mathematics 2



Butler, Jason M.

Caligiuri, Laura: Clown Team 1; Spanish Club 3; Rube Goldberg Captain 3, 4; Cross Country 2, 3; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4

Callahan, Jeff: FBLA 2, 3; Student Council Representative 2, 3, 4; Soccer 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Golf 2, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Prom court; Homecoming Court; Academic All-conference

Camargo, Araceli S.

Caniano, Gina: SADD 2; Peer Listeners 3, 4; Forensics 2; Thespians 1, 2, 3, 4; Horticulture Club President 4; Teaching Assistant 4; Fall Play Crew 1, 2, 3; Winter Play Crew 1, 2, 3, 4; Musical Crew 1, 4; Choir 1, 2; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4

Carter, Megan: SADD 2; Spanish Club 1; WeGo Cares 3; Fall Play Crew 2; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3



Castiglia, Anthony: Scholastic Bowl 4; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 4; Homecoming Court 4

Castro, Jaime

Chapin, Michael R.

Charbonneau, Kimberly: Pep Club 2, 3; VICA 1, 2, 3, 4; Student council 1; Class Secretary 2; Winter Play Crew 1; Dance Production 4; Mock Wedding 3; Tennis 1; Football Cheerleader 2, 3; Basketball Cheerleader 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4

Chau, Kim-Chau J. Peer Listeners 3, 4; Challenge 4; Tennis 4; Badminton 3, 4; Fall Play Crew 4; Excellent Performance in Mathematics 2, 3, 4; Perfect Attendance 1, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4

Chavez, Oscar



Christopherson, Kendel: Spanish Club 3, 4; Planetary Society 2, 3, 4; Fall Play Crew; Winter Play Crew 4; Tennis 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2

Closser, Sarah: VICA 2, 3, 4; Mock Wedding 3; Honor Roll 4

Cordina, Kerri: SADD 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Pep Club Treasurer 4; VICA 3, 4; Peer Listeners 4; Special Peer Listeners 4; Fall Play Crew 1; Dance Production 3; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4

Correa, Nora A.

Correa, Patty: FBLA 4; International Club 4; BTI 3, 4; Soccer 1, 2, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4

Cruz, Xochilt: International Club 4; Chicas Latinas 1, 2, 3; Honor Roll 1, 2





"Accept people for what they are, instead of what you want them to be."

-Rosmary Ayala

"It's not dying you should be scared of ... it's not living while you're alive that's the scary part."

-Lisa Arnett

"This school year was the bomb. Of course, it gets harder, but after all it ends up being a fun year."

-Antoine "Twon" Booker



"Ask yourself what you want people to do for you, then grab the initiative and do it for them."

-Abigail Brown

"Volvos are cool!"

-Kevin Brown

"Think positively and life will have a lot more laughs."

-Brenda Bayard

"If you can't act stupid and immature when you are a teenager, then when can ya?"

-Jeff Belokin

"It's not hard to make decisions when you know what your values are."

-Season Brianne Barclay



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"Junior year is said to be the hardest, but once you get to senior year, you realize that it's harder because you're anxious to get out."

-Tamara Buckner

"The harder you work now, the more you can play later!"

-Leah Black

"The journey of 1000 miles begins with one step."

-Robert Bridgeforth



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"Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised." (Proverbs 13:30)

-Rachel Jeanette Baker

"I will always remember our tee-peeing rampages junior year."

-John Brinn

"The best is yet to come!"

-Matt Bajor

"Reaching your goals is a sign of success."

-Aaron Busic

"Boo!!!"

-Anthony Castiglia





Czech, Courtney: Spanish Club 3; FBLA 3, 4; Basketball 1; Volleyball 1; Softball 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish Exchange Student 2
 D'Aversa, Maria: SADD 1; Tennis 1, 2, 3; Team Manager for Boys' Tennis 2, 3; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4
 Dabbert, Christine: Basketball 1; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain of Volleyball 4; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain of Softball 4; All-Conference Mention 3, 4
 Dauber, Kristina: German Club 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 4
 Davidson, Jennifer: SADD 3; Baton twirler 1, 2, 3, 4; Student trainer 1, 2
 Dedic, Kenneth J.

Delgado, Francis: Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4
 DiPietro, Derek: French Club 2, 3, 4; Vice President French Club 3; President French Club 4; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; Musical Orchestra 3, 4; Hockey 4
 Doerr, Marc F.
 Doeseckle, Mark: Math Team 3, 4; FBLA 1, 2; Challenge 2, 3, 4; Soccer 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Yearbook Editor 3, 4; Excellence in Mathematics 1, 2, 3, 4; P.O.S. Car 3, 4; Academic All-Conference Basketball 3, 4
 Domzalski, Joe E.
 Dubose, David L.

Duffy, Corinne: SADD 1; Spanish Club 2; Math Team 1, 2, 3; Pep Club 2, 4; Orchestra 2, 3, 4; band 1, 2, 3, 4; Flag Corps 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 3; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4
 Duffy, Nicholas: Math Team 4; VICA 4; FBLA 4; Cross Country 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4
 Duran, Maria
 Earhart, Lara: A Separate Piece 4; Breakfast Club 4; Photography 3, 4
 Edlund, Amy: Scholastic Bowl 3, 4; Honor roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society; Excellent Math Performance 1, 2, 3
 Edwards, Matthew: SADD 4; Clown Team 1, 2, 3, 4; Key Club 4; Forensics 2, 3, 4; Thespians 1, 2, 3, 4; Speech Team 2, 3, 4; Fall Play Cast 2, 3, 4; Fall Play Crew 1, 2, 3, 4; Winter Play Cast 1, 2; Winter Play Crew 1, 2, 3, 4; Musical Cast 2, 3, 4; Musical Crew 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 3, 4; Fox Valley Honors Choir 3, 4; Madrigals 4; One Acts' Crew 2; Soccer 1, 2; Track 1; One Act Play Director 4

Elder, Tracy: Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Football Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Basketball Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Captain-Football/Basketball 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4
 Ellis, Kimberly E.: SADD 3, 4; Peer Listeners 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 3, 4; VICA 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys' Volleyball Team Manager 3
 English, Dale J.
 Erickson, Jane: Basketball 1; MVP Basketball 1; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 4
 Escalante, Lia: Honor Roll 3, 4; Excellent Math Performance 3
 Espinal, Erika

Espinal, Izalia
 Espinoza, Flor C.
 Evans, Jenny: Challenge 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2
 Evans, Jerry "Rock": Transferred From Weber High School in Chicago, IL 4; Football 4; Basketball 4
 Favela, Alicia M.
 Fenderson, Heather G.
 Fernandez, Ana: A Separate Piece 2; Orchestra 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Jazz Band 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Musical Orchestra 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; All-Conference Softball 3; Academic All-Conference Volleyball 3; Academic All-Conference Softball 3
 Fitzenrider, Amanda L.
 Franckowiak, Bryan E.: Cross Country 2, 3, 4; Football 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; M.I.P. Track 2; Academic All-Conference Cross Country 3, 4; Academic All-Conference Basketball 3; Academic All-Conference Track 2, 3, 4; Blue Ribbon Award in Math 1, 2
 Fraser, Jonathan: FBLA 1, 2, 3, 4; Forensics 1, 2, 3, 4; Mr. Wildcat Candidate 4; Thespians 2, 3, 4; Speech Team 1, 2, 3, 4; Fall play cast 1, 2, 3, 4; Fall Play Crew 1, 2, 3, 4; Winter Play Cast 1, 2; Winter Play Crew 1, 2; Musical Cast 2, 3, 4; Musical Crew 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 4; National Honors Society 4; Prom King 3; Homecoming court 4
 Fries, Brooke: Peer Listeners 3, 4; FBLA 2; Challenge 2, 3; Volleyball 1; Honor Roll 1, 2
 Fuoss, Heidi: German Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice-President of German Club 2; President of German Club 3, 4; Math Team 1, 2, 3; Variety Show 3; Thespians 2, 3, 4; Treasurer of Thespians 4; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; Concert-mistress 3, 4; Fall Play Cast 4; Fall Play Crew 1, 2, 3; Winter Play Cast 1, 2, 3; Winter Play Crew 1, 2, 3, 4; Musical Crew 1, 2, 3, 4; Musical Orchestra 2, 3; Fox Valley Honors Orchestra 1; Honor Roll 3; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 4; National Honors Society 3, 4; Exchange Student to Germany 4; National Merit Semifinalist; Solo and Ensemble 1; German National Honors Society; Purdue Junior Scholar (German); German III Student of the Year

Gamble, Zahn M.
 Garcia, Andrea M.
 Garcia, Carolina
 Garcia, Claudia: Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4
 Garcia, Evelyn: Soccer 3, 4
 Garcia, Karina J.



Garcia, Monica
 Garcia, Neli E.
 Garcia, Rosalinda
 Geronimo, William: Transferred from St. Augustine Secondary School in Ontario, Canada 2; Honor Roll 2, 3, 4
 Gilbert, Laura M. Scholastic Bowl 2; Thespians 1, 2, 3, 4; Art Club 1, 2; Fall Play Cast 3; Fall Play Crew 1, 2, 3, 4; Winter Play Cast 1, 2, 3, 4; Winter Play Crew 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Exchange Student to Spain 4; Spanish National Honor Society
 Gill, Andrew P.



Goluszka, Jeff: Wildcat Chronicle 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4
 Gomez, Nicolette: Pep Club 1, 2, 3; FBLA 2; Student Council Representative 2, 3, 4; Choir 1, 2; Dance Production 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4
 Gonzalez, Ismael
 Gorick, Lara G.
 Granados, Angelica
 Grin, Christopher: Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4



Grossmayer, Matthew Adam: Orchestra 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Jazz Band 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Musical Orchestra 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4
 Guevara, Vicki L.
 Hahn, Melissa: Davea's CNA Program 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4
 Hallbom, Heather
 Hansen, Stacey: Challenge 4; Pompons 2, 3; Honor Roll 3, 4
 Hanson, Noel R.



Harwood, Timothy
 Hedberg, Christopher Scott: Art Club 1, 2; Wrestling 2; Planetary Society 2, 3, 4
 Hemmerich, Kirsten: French Club 1, 2, 3; Pep Club 2; FBLA 2, 3; Thespians 1; Art Club 1, 2; WeGo Cares 2, 3; Tennis 2; Soccer 1
 Hendricks, Heather: Spanish Club 1; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Spanish Honor Society
 Hensel, Sarah: Soccer 1
 Herbert, Kerry Lynn: SADD 2; Peer Listeners 2, 3; Spanish Club 3, 4; Pep Club 2; Art Club 2; Student Council Representative 3; Class Vice President 4; Fall Play Crew 3; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4



Hernan, Jason N.
 Hernandez, Elizabeth: Chicas Latinas 2, 3; Wrestling Cheerleader 4; Soccer Cheerleader 4; Captain-Wrestling/Soccer Cheerleading 4
 Hlotke, John D.
 Hoffman, Jenni: Transfer Student from Wheaton Academy 3; Basketball 1; Volleyball 3; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 3, 4; Exchange Student to Australia 3; All Conference Honors
 Hogan, Michael R.
 Horgan, Meaghan: Student Council Representative 1, 2; Dance Production 3, 4; Pompons 2, 3, 4; Pompon Captain 4; Track 1





"The gift of happiness belongs to those who unwrap it."

-Gina Caniano

"Orange is good."

-Laura Caligiuri

"In the end, only kindness matters." (Jewel)

-Kimberly

Charbonneau



"The only thing that matters in life is that you are happy with the way you're living it!"

-Anthony Carbonari

"Senior year was just one big party!!!"

-Jeff Callahan

"Hakuna Matata!!!"

-Kim-Chau J. Chau

"You are what you are and nobody can change that."

-Jennifer Davidson

"You can never replace the friends you made when you were fourteen."

-Jenny Evans



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"Ain't no party like a No Limit party, because a No Limit party don't stop!"

-Jerry Evans (Rock)

"Don't worry if you don't find the right group of friends. Just start your own group."

-Ana Fernandez

"Hope is a good thing, maybe the best of things."

-Bryan E. Franckowiak



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"It was fun while we were here, but it's time to peace out!"

-Jonathan Fraser

"Don't let yourself be intimidated by anyone or for any reason."

-Heidi Fuoss

The evolution of Will's car: "I got my car, I crashed my car, who knows what will happen next?"

-William Geronimo

"Do it now, or there will be a law against it tomorrow."

-Rahul Gladwin

"For all you freshman who think, oh four more years of school, let me just say it went too fast!"

-Angelica Granados



Howell, Christopher T.
 Huerta, Aldo
 Inch, Jessica Louise: SADD 3; Spanish Club 3; Pep Club 2; Key Club 1; Forensics 2, 3, 4; Forensics Treasurer 1; Captain of Forensics 1, 2; Thespians 3, 4; Speech Team 2, 3, 4; WeGo Cares 3; Orchestra 2, 3, 4; Principal Chair of Orchestra 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Principal Chair of Band 1, 3, 4; Flag corps 3, 4; Assistant Captain of Colorguard 1, 2; Jazz Band 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Fall Play Cast 4; Fall Play Crew 2, 3; Winter Play Cast 2; Winter Play Crew 2; Musical Orchestra 2, 3, 4; Chorus/Choir 4; District Band I.M.E.A.; Historian Band; Badminton 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 3; High Honor Roll 1, 2
 Jimenez, Rosie
 Johnston, Hilary C.
 Kalish, Kellie: German Club 4



Karellas, Johathan C.
 Keith, Taylor J.
 Kelliher, Pamela A.
 Kennedy, Dustin C.
 King, Nolan D.
 Klintworth, Adam: Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4



Kochick, Colleen
 Kohnke, Robert: Wrestling 1, 2
 Kouba, Timothy S.
 Krawczykowski, Brian: German Club 2, 3, 4; Track 3, 4; Honor Roll 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1; National Honor Society 3, 4; Exchange Student to Germany 3; Math Achievement Award 2, 3; German Play Award 2, 3; Rube Goldberg Team 3, 4
 Krecek, Joshua: Spanish Club 3; Math Team 3, 4; Scholastic Bowl 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 3; Jazz Band 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Musical Orchestra 3; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4
 Kueker, Jake: Art Club 2; Honor Roll 1



Kusch, Amy D.
 Laabs, Bridgette: SADD 2; Spanish Club 3, 4; WeGo Cares 3, 4; Dance Production 3, 4; Honor Roll 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1
 Lanners, Brandon: Peer Listeners 2, 4; Spanish Club 2, 3; Math Team 4; VICA 4; WeGo Cares 4; Rube Goldberg 4; Winter Play Crew 1; Hockey 3
 Latoria, Karrie: Football Cheerleader 2, 4; Basketball Cheerleader 2, 4
 Leli, Joe: Variety Show 3, 4; Wildcat Chronicle 3; Challenge 4; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Soccer Captain 4; Mr. Wildcat Candidate 4
 Lockett, Michael A.



Loek, Kristin V.
 Lopez, Elizabeth V.
 Lull, Jennifer Lynn: Spanish Club 3; Thespians 3; Fall Play Crew 2; Winter Play Cast 2; Winter Play Crew 2; Musical Cast 2; Musical Crew 2, 3; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4
 Marcantonio, Joe: A Separate Piece 4; Breakfast Club 4
 Marino, Dave: Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4
 Maritote, Rosemary: SADD 1; Spanish Club 3; WeGo Cares 2; Audio Visual Aide 1; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3



Martin, Thomas M.
 Martinello, Lauren A.
 Martinez, Bridget
 Martus, Craig: French Club 4; Spanish Club 3, 4; Math Team 1, 4; FBLA 1, 2, 3, 4; Variety Show 1, 2, 3, 4; Recycling Team 1; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Exchange Student to Spain 2, 3; Excellence in Spanish; Excellence in Math; Spanish National Honors Society
 Matejka, Ellen J.
 Mazzuca, Kelli J.

McDowell, Megan E.: SADD 2; Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Football Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Basketball Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Captain-Football/Basketball Cheerleading; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4
 McEvoy, Victoria Rose: WeGo Cares 3, 4; Band 4; Flag Corps 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4
 McLoughlin, Ellen: Pep Club 2; Challenge 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Volleyball 1, 2; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball Captain 4; Girls' Golf 3, 4; Golf Captain 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4
 McPike, Maggie: Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council Representative 3; Class President 1, 2; Class Treasurer 4; Student Council Executive Board President 4; Winter Play Cast 3; Musical Cast 3, 4; Choir 4; Dance Production 4; Volleyball 1; Softball 1, 2; Football Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Basketball Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Captain Football and Basketball Cheerleading 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Prom Court 3; Homecoming Court 4; Spanish National Honor Society
 Medina, Nicole M.
 Mehrman, David: DAVEA-Multimedia & TV 4; Wildcat Chronicle 3, 4; Track 1



Melone, John: Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 3, 4; Honorable Mention All-Conference Football 4
 Mendez, Lisa: Fall Play Cast 4; Winter Play Cast 4; Musical Cast 4; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling Cheerleader 3; Soccer Cheerleader 3
 Merrick, Andrew: Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Wendy's Scholar Athlete Award Winner 4; Academic All-Conference Football 3, 4; Academic All-Conference Basketball 3, 4
 Mertes, Adam: SADD 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 2; Basketball 1, 2, 4
 Mestek, Kelly Marie: German Club 3, 4; Church Youth Group 1, 2, 3, 4; Piano 1, 2, 3, 4; Swimming 2; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Aide For German 4
 Milauskas, Ann



Miller, Melissa: SADD 1, 2; Spanish Club 3; WeGo Cares 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Swimming 1; Volleyball 1; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3; National Honor Society 3, 4
 Mitchell Cassandra Better: Spanish Club 3, 4; Art Club 2, 3, 4; Fall Play Crew 2, 3; Winter Play Crew 2, 3; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 4; European History Tour 4
 Morrissey, Adam W.
 Mrugacz, Jacob: Soccer 1; Basketball 1, 2, 4; Baseball 1; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4
 Mueller, Jessica M.
 Mulligan, Kyle L.



Munoz, Erick: DAVEA Program: Auto Tech 4; Student Asst. 4; Soccer 3, 4; Track 3
 Nagel, Beth: Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Fox Valley Honor Choir 3; Swimming 1; Football Cheerleader 3, 4; Basketball Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4
 Norton, John T: VICA 3, 4; Rube Goldberg 4; Football 1; Baseball 2; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4
 Nottingham, Amanda L.
 Oen, Kathryn M.: Wildcat Chronicle 4; Challenge 4; We-Go Cares 2, 3, 4; Soccer 1; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; We-Go Cares Treasurer 4; Academic All-Conference 1; Math Blue Ribbon of Excellence 1, 3
 Olson, Shawn S.



Opaczewski, Kristen Alaina: Thespians 3, 4; Art Club 1; Fall Play Crew 2; Winter Play Crew 2; Musical Cast 2, 3, 4; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Swing Choir 3; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Exchange Student: Spain 4
 Orta, Magdalena: Foreign Exchange Student From Mexico; Peer Listeners 4; French Club 4
 Paran, Christine-Mary Cacao: SADD 4; Spanish Club 4; Math Team 4; International Club 1; Badminton 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Spanish National Honor Society 3, 4
 Patel, Samir
 Peduzzi, Nena: Pep Club 2, 3, 4; VICA 3, 4; Football Cheerleader 2; Basketball Cheerleader 2
 Pena, Maria G.



Penaflor, Ariete: Clown Team 1; French Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Wildcat Chronicle 3, 4; Badminton 2; Exchange Student: France 3; Scholarship to France from New York, Article published in West Chicago Press
 Perez, Alberto: Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Soccer Captain 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; All Conference Honorable Mention 3; All Conference 4
 Perez, Rosie: French Club 4; Chicas Latinas 1, 2, 3; Winter Play Cast 3; France Exchange Student 3
 Perham, Alan
 Petrik, Michael: Mr. Wildcat Candidate 4; Variety Show 4; Thespians 3, 4; Fall Play Crew 3, 4; Musical Cast 2, 3, 4; Choir 3, 4; Madrigals 3, 4; Swing Choir 3, 4; Tennis 1; Honor Roll 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2; Homecoming Court 4; Spanish National Honor Society 3; Spanish 2; Student of the Year 2; JFMP Club 4
 Pinto, Andrew J.





"!Party at Al's!"
 -Nicole Gomez
 "The things you don't like today, change for tomorrow."
 -Melissa Hahn
 "Live life as it should be lived, not as it is told!"
 -Kerry Lynn Herbert



"Open your heart instead of your eyes and you will realize how truly blind you've been."

-Meaghan Horgan
 "Nobody walks alone ... "
 -Jessica Louise Inch
 "My tenure at Community High was fiscally intimidating, metaphorically speaking."
 -Adam Klintworth
 "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."
 (Eleanor Roosevelt)
 -Becki Watson
 "The waiting is the hardest part."
 (Tom Petty)
 -Colleen Kochick



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"For 12 years I've been caged, now I'm free!"
 -Jake Kueker
 "Mountain Dew and hip hop for life."
 -Joe Leli
 "Strugglin"
 -John Melone



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"Smile and live each day of life to the fullest. Carpe diem!"

-Maggie McPike

"Happiness isn't getting what you want, its wanting what you've got."

-Adam Mertes

"It only takes one person to make a difference."

-Melissa Miller

"Class on time, I admire that concept."

-Dave Marino

"Don't hate the player, hate the game."

-Andrew Merrick





Planek, Autumn: Class Vice President 2, 3; Student Council Vice President 4; Mr. Wildcat Committee; Choir 1, 2, 3; Dance Production 4; Basketball 2; Volleyball 1, 2, 3; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Queen 3
 Powell, Jeffrey: Mr. Wildcat Candidate 4; Student Council Representative 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council Executive Board Parliamentarian 4; Basketball 1; Baseball 1, 2, 3; Golf 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Academic All-Conference Golf 3, 4; Academic All-Conference Baseball 3; Co-Captain Golf 4; All-Conference Honorable Mention Golf 3; All Conference Golf 4; DVC Leadership Conference 3, 4; Student Advisory Council 3
 Powell, Page: Transfer Student from Suffern High School 2; Class President 1; Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling Manager 2; Honor Roll 1
 Proa, Noemi D.
 Pruetz, Cheryl A.
 Puchalski, Jaime J.

Ramirez, Arnoldo
 Raymond, Brian: SADD 1, 2; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2; Exchange Student: Sweden; All Conference Baseball 3; Basketball Captain 4; Football Captain 4; Baseball Captain 4; Honorable Mention Football 4; Academic All-Conference Baseball; Academic All-Conference Basketball; Academic All-Conference Football
 Rebolledo, Rosa J.
 Reiner, Jake: Soccer 1, 2
 Reyes, Braulio E.
 Ribe, Elizabeth Anne: German Club 1, 2, 4; Math Team 1, 2, 4; VICA 2, 4; Challenge 4; Student Council Representative 4; Fall Play Crew 2; Soccer 1, 2, 4; Swimming 4; Volleyball 1; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 4

Richardson, Jason M.
 Roberts, Phil
 Robles, Jessica
 Ruetsche, Vanessa: SADD 2, 4; Spanish Club 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Forensics 2; Thespians 1, 2, 3, 4; Fall Play Crew 1, 2, 4; Winter Play Cast 4; Winter Play Crew 1, 2; Musical Cast 3, 4; Musical Crew 1, 2; Chorus/choir 2, 3, 4; Dance Production 4; Football Cheerleader 2; Basketball Cheerleader 2; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Exchange Student To Costa Rica 3
 Rugaard, Kevin: Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Court 3; Homecoming Court 4; Soccer Captain 4; Volleyball Captain 3, 4
 Ruiz, Alma D.

Ruiz, Blanca I.
 Ryan Erin: Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4; Swim Team Captain 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4
 Salgado, Janet
 Sanchez, Victor P.
 Sanchez, Victoria A.
 Saul, Molly: Peer Listeners 3; Student Council Representative 3, 4; Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Golf 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Prom Court 3; Homecoming Court 4; Student of the Month (September) 4; Nominee for Wendy's Athletic Scholar Award; Captain Golf 4; Captain Basketball 4; Captain Softball 4

Schieve, Michael
 Schilling, Eric J.
 Schmidt, Jeremy: Spanish Club 1, 2; Mock Trial Team 4; Audio Visual Aide 1, 2; Fall Play Cast 1, 2; Winter Play Cast 1, 2; Volleyball 2; Exchange Student to Spain 2
 Schmidt, Olivia
 Schneider, Michael: Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; All Conference Football 4
 Seitze, Andy

Shanks, Jami Nikkole: VICA 4; Mock Trial Team 3; Horticulture Club 3, 4; Horticulture Vice President 4; Volleyball 1; Track 1, 2, 3, 4
 Shellamer, Kristen L.
 Shelley, Bryan S.
 Skala, Suzanne
 Skidgel, Wes: Orchestra 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Jazz Band 1, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Fox Valley Honors Band 3, 4; District Band 3, 4; Cross Country 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Track 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1; Cross Country Team Captain 3, 4; All Conference Country 4
 Slattery, Joshua James: Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Swimming 2

Slone, Eddie W.: Audio Visual Aide 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1; Fall Play Crew 1, 2, 3; Winter Play Crew 1, 2, 3; Musical Crew 1, 2, 3; Tech Crew 1, 2, 3
 Soper, Melissa A.: Transfer Student From Elgin High School; SADD 1, 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3; Soccer 1; Honor Roll 1, 2
 Sosnowski, Matthew: SADD 3; Spanish Club 3; Math Team 3, 4; FBIA 3, 4; Scholastic Bowl 4; Rube Goldberg 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4
 Sowinski, Emily: Student Council Representative 1, 2; Volleyball 1; Softball 1; Honor Roll 4
 Spalo, Andy: Peer Listeners 1; Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4
 Spaurhurst, Donita: Transfer Student from Bradley-Bourbonnais 2; Art Club 1, 2; Swimming 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4



Spelman, James: Choir 1, 2, 3; Football 1, 2, 3; Wrestling 1; Track and Field 1, 2, 3
 Sperando, Shannon: SADD 1; Peer Listeners 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 1; Softball 1, 2; Football Cheerleader 3, 4; Basketball Cheerleader 3, 4; Honor Roll 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2; Pep Club Vice President 4; Football Cheerleading Captain 4; Basketball Cheerleading Captain 4; Spanish Foreign Language Honor Society 2, 3
 Spindler, Leah: SADD 1, 2; WeGo Cares 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4
 Spohn, Daryl: Football 1; Basketball 1, 2; Volleyball 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2; Team Manager Girls Volleyball 4
 Steinhofner, Ryan R.
 Stogis, Jeffrey E.: Forensics 4; Variety Show 4; Class President 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Jazz Band 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Fall Play Crew 4; Winter Play Crew 3, 4; Musical Cast 3, 4; Cross Country 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 3, 4; DVC Cross Country Championship Team 2; Cross Country Regional Team 4



Sullivan, Nicole Marie: WeGo Cares 3, 4; Musical Cast 2; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4
 Swantek, Joseph H.: Math Team 3, 4; FBIA 1, 2, 3, 4; Rube Goldberg 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Nation Honors Society 3, 4; Academic All Conference 3; FBIA 3rd in State in Business Math 3
 Taylor, Collette: Dance Production 3, 4; Basketball 1; Volleyball 1; Pompons 2, 3; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honors Society 3, 4; Homecoming Court 4
 Taylor, Daniel: German Club 1; Team Manager Boys Volleyball 1; Honor Roll 1, 2, 4; Best Sophomore Writer Award 2; Best Supporting Actor German One Act Plays 1
 Taylor, Robert: VICA 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4
 Tovar, Rocio: French Club 3, 4; International Club 3; Choir 4; Soccer 3



Trygar, Jennifer: Transfer Student from St. Francis 2; SADD 2; WeGo Cares 3; Choir 4; Softball 1
 Vajjert, Justin M.
 Valles, Noraisela
 Yarble, Krista: Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2; National Honor Society 3, 4; Prom Court 3
 Vestal, Ann: Transfer Student from St. Francis 3; Variety Show 4; Soccer 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4
 Vinatier, Julie



Visser, Bart S.
 Vogan, Katie: SADD 1, 2; Spanish Club 1, 2, 3; Variety Show 3; Orchestra 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Flag Corps 2, 3, 4; Jazz Band 1, 2; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Musical Orchestra 2; Choir 4; Fox Valley Honors Band 3; Jazz Choir 3, 4; One Act Plays 2; Volleyball 1; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4
 Volk, Carl: Variety Show 4; Thespians 4; Fall Play Cast 4; Winter Play Cast 3, 4; Musical Cast 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Madrigals 2, 3, 4; Swing Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Fox Valley Honors Choir 1, 2, 3, 4
 Wakefield, Brandon D.
 Walker, Alan K.
 Walker, Annalisa Ruth: Thespians 4; Musical Cast 3; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Swing Choir 2, 3; District 9 Honors Choir 3, 4; Track 1; Honor Roll 2; High Honor Roll 1, 3



Walsh, Cathal: Peer Listeners 2, 3; Spanish Club 2, 3, 4; Mr. Wildcat Candidate 4; Variety Show 4; Basketball 1, 2; Track 1; Honor Roll 1, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 2; Prom Court 3; Homecoming Court 4; Homecoming King 4
 Watson, Becki: German Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Thespians 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; Fall Play Crew 1; Cross Country 2, 3, 4; Track and Field 2; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 4
 Weir, Alison M.
 Weiss, Jessica: SADD 1; French Club 1, 2, 3; Math Team 1, 3, 4; Art Club 1; Rube Goldberg 4; Orchestra 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Flag Corps 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Musical Cast 3, 4; Choir 4; Fox Valley Honors Band 3; Fox Valley Honors Orchestra 2; Dance Production 3, 4; Color Guard Captain 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Best French Student 3
 Weston, William C.
 Westrom, Kyle: DAVEA Construction Trade 4; Choir 1, 2; Football 1; Hockey 1, 2, 3, 4





"Don't think too much, talk too much, or ask too many questions!"

-Kathryn Oen

"Life is not about where you have been, its about where you are going."

-Jeffrey Powell

"I could feel the love this senior class had for each other: what a wonderful thing!"

-Michael Petrik



"If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way."

-Rosa J. Rebolledo

"I'm glad it's over."

-Jake Reiner

"He who controls the past commands the future. He who controls the future conquers the past."

-Mark J. Doeseckle

"Sometimes you don't even have the time to realize what is happening to your life, that it has already happened ... the world moves too fast ... lets recapture the essence of time." (Robert Miles)

-Nicole Marie Sullivan

"Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday."

-Molly Saul



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Class of 1999

Wetzel, Josh A.
 Wheaton, Grant E.
 Wiedow, Joshua P.



"Every silver lining has a touch of grey." (The Greatful Dead)
 -Ann Vestal

Wilkovich, Johanna
 Williams, Rick: Spanish Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2; Golf 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Illinois State Scholar 4; Academic All-Conference Golf 3, 4; Academic All-Conference Baseball 2; Spanish National Honor Society



Kevin Rugaard & Amy Kusch



Winter, Katherine A.
 Wolter, Brad: VICA 2, 3, 4; Soccer 1; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Nation Honor Society 3



Young, Dan: Key Club 3; *Wildcat Chronicle* 2, 3, 4; Cross Country 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Nation Honor Society 3, 4; All-Conference Cross Country 3, 4; All-Conference Track 4; Honorable Mention Track 3; Academic All-Conference 3, 4; All-Regional 4
 Zipprich, Catherine A.



John Melone & Jeanette Arroyo



Shelly Raethz, Adam Morrissey, & Collette Taylor

“
 “Save a tree, eat a beaver.”
 -Cathal Walsh
 ”



Jenny Evans, Jerry "Rock" Evans and Lara Gorick show their love for one another.



Anthony Castigla and Kenny Dedic try and be "morning people."

Four short years ago, we walked in the door of West Chicago Community High School. For many of us it was our first time in this school. Throughout the last four years we have all shared many great experiences with one another. We have seen each other almost every day of these years. We've been around each other on our great, terrible, happy and sick days. We've seen each other right after getting new cuts, relationship breakups and makeups, or after just winning or losing that important game. Many of us will miss some of these feelings, along with Monday morning stories about the previous weekend, and the feeling of freedom on Friday nights at 3:15. The four years haven't been easy, but the hard work was worth it. Now we are moving on to another part of life. Even though we won't be here, we will always have the memories of each other and our days of high school.



Andrew Merrick and Krista Varble always enjoy spending time together.



Maggie McPike happily instructs senior boys in cheerleading techniques.



Collette Taylor and Jessica Mueller smile, while Shelly Raethz carefully holds her Contemporary Life baby.

Senior Superlatives

Friendliest: Cathal Walsh/Maggie McPike

Best

Dancer: Matt Sosnowski/Autumn Planek

Athlete: Brian Raymond/Jeanette Arroyo

Singer: Pat Scullion/Abby Brown

Musician: Wes Skidgel/Katie Vogan

Smile: Chris Grin/Jenny Evans/Amy Kusch

Laugh: Cathal Walsh/Katie Vogan

Hair: Jake Reiner/Shannon Sperando

Eyes: Jason Aramburu/Jessica Weiss

All Around: Michael Petrick/Molly Saul

Couple: Chris Weston/Kim Ellis

Dresser: Rick Williams/Tracy Elder

Apple Shiner: Craig Martus/Jessica Inch

Actor/Actress: Jon Fraser/Abby Brown

Biggest Flirt: Andre Garcia/Amy Bajor

Funniest Sneeze: Dan Taylor/Corrine Duffy

Biggest Transformation: Dustin Kennedy/Lara Earhart

Most

Likely to be President: Tim Harwood/Marla D'Aversa

Likely to be young forever: Dan Young/Krista Varble

Likely to settle in West Chicago: Mike Lockett/Nicole

Sullivan

Likely to become a pro wrestler: Josh Weidow/Angela Valdez

Likely to be a talk-show host: Adam Klintworth/Nicole

Gomez

Likely to appear in a Gap Ad: Josh Slattery/Tracey Elder

Likely to be on a soap opera: Jon Fraser/Season Barclay

Likely to be late: Chris Vigsnes/Kathy Winter

Likely to become famous: Michael Petrik/Molly Saul

Likely to be a para-pro: Andre Garcia/Kristen Loek

Sensitive: Kevin Ruggard/Heidi Fuoss

Confident: Brian Raymond/Nicole Gomez

Humorous: Adam Klintworth/Abby Brown

Spirited: Jeff Powell/Maggie McPike

Daring: Anthony Castiglia/Allison Kuranishi

Creative: Jake Reiner/Laura Gilbert

Unique: Jeff Stogis/Olivia Schmidt

Honest: Joe Swantek/Ann Milauskas

Conservative: Chris Howell/Annalisa Walker

Liberal: Joe Marcantonio/Allison Weir

Outspoken: Adam Mertes/Leah Black

Softspoken: Kevin Brown/Josh Krecek/Kelly Mestek

Artistic: Dustin Smith/Laura Gilbert

Involved in School Activities: Jeff Powell/Melissa Acker

Easy going: Eric Anderson/Ann Milauskas

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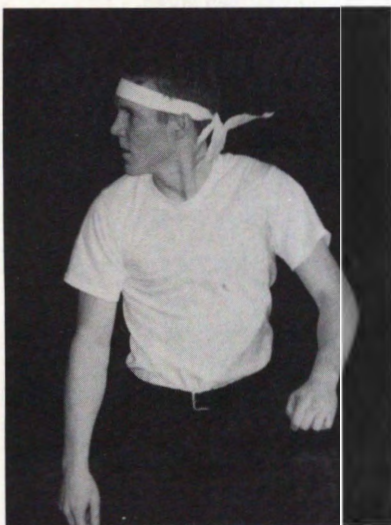
The Mr. Wildcat Competition was February 4th, '99. The night began with Jeff Callahan and Nicole Gomez introducing casual wear. In the talent contest Jeff Belokin introduced a "Freshman Remover" for the halls. Joe Leli sang a self-written hip-hop song. Michael Petrik played the guitar while he sang a Matchbox 20 song. Jeff Powell explained "Why chicks don't dig him." Brian Raymond and Josh Wordow did a Blues Brothers dance as Brian's skit. Josh Wordow got Brian Raymond to wrestle him and involved Officer Quarto and Mr. Hein. Cathal Walsh sang Adam Sandler's "Lunch Lady Land" while dressed like an old lady. Dan Young performed a parrot comedy sketch. Next came the formal competition in which the "Wildcats" answered a serious question while dressed in a tux. After the questions the judges announced the winners: Mr. Congeniality was Jeff Belokin, 2nd runner up was Josh Wordow, 1st runner up was Michael Petrik, and Mr. Wildcat went to the one and only Cathal Walsh.



Cathal Walsh sing's Adam Sandler's "Lunch lady Land"



Michael Petrik begins the night by bustin' a groove a his intro.



Cathal Walsh knows whats up with "The Lord of the Dance."



To begin the night the Mr. Wildcat Contestants work as a team for the crowd's pleasure.



Maverick from "Top Gun," also know as Brian Raymond, tries to be suave.



Jeff Belokin is accompanied by Maggie Mcpike in the formal competition.



Joe Leli rips the stage, showing true talent by moving the crowd.



The Mr. Wildcat contestants answer meaningful questions for the Q & A round.



Brian Raymond tries to take down Ofc. Quarto legally.



Jeff Calahan tells Nicole Gomez that it is definitely "His Podium" and not to be shared.



Jeff Powell is always Mr. Wildcat to Megan McDowell.



Jeff Belokin eliminates a Freshman with his new "Freshman Remover."





Isabel Guerrero and Francisco Ramirez take a moment away from dancing for a hug.

Ana Fernandez and Angela Valdez give away a quick smile.



Liz Hernandez and Victor Osorio spend some quality time together.

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Antoine Booker and Kristi Shilling cuddle while watching friends bowl.



Jerry "Rock" Evans and Jacki Wood give each other a little squeeze before the long night ahead.



Prom Court: Ryan Dorn, Mercedes Koch, David Boyle, Jenny McGregory, Eddie Hernandez, Katie Saul, Beau Brown, Sara Knox, Jeff Tillson, Rachel Watson, Sean Peterson, Meredith Moore, Kendra Norton, Chris Thomas



Jenny Hahs and Heather Hendricks hang out at All Night Long.



Katie Saul and her gang "chill".



Ann Vestal squeezes in with Kerri Cordina and Abbie Brown.

Dan Fortier concentrates as he gets into a video game at All Night Long.



"I liked the bubbles!"
 - Ellen McLoughlin
 "It was fun trying to act grown up."
 - Katie Saul
 "It's nice to see that all the effort we put in paid off."
 - Crystal Adams
 "Grease will live on forever in my eyes."
 - Kristin Leitherer



Matt McKenney, Dan O'Hara, Jeff Beutjer, and Nick Chapman gather for some male bonding.



Jason Richardson and Ellen McLoughlin take a classic Hollywood shot.

Gabe Cruz shows his girlfriend, Edercy Abante, some affection before dinner.



Rick Williams relaxes in the arms of the men in black.

Melissa Acker shows off her skiing ability at All Night Long.

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Hard Work Pays Off



This year many new leaders stepped forth to make a difference in their lives and the lives of others as well. Juniors and Seniors became members of the National Honor Society. These students were selected based upon set criteria and by a faculty council. Their leadership, service, character, and scholarship qualities were major factors in the faculty's decisions. NHS students all set aside valuable time to put in service hours, helping the community and school, while still maintaining at least a 3.0 GPA.

Congratulations to the Seniors who earned scholarships and awards at Senior Honors night. Several seniors earned special awards for their academic achievement and services. Dr. Jones claimed, "Over \$250,000 was given away in Scholarships." Margaret McPike received the Class of 1981 Scholarship, Sarah Closser received the Bonas Vocational Scholarship, Joseph Swantek received the Tim Landis Memorial Scholarship, and Abigail Brown received the David Wayne Fox, Sr. Scholarship, Liz Ribe, one of the seniors present, recalled a memorable occurrence at the event, "Joe Swantek had to go up and receive an award. He had unzipped his robe part way while he was sitting due to the heat, and as he walked up he had forgotten to rezip it I will never forget that." There were many "to be announced" awards given. This added an element of surprise to the ceremony. The Best Senior Writer was Laura Gilbert, The Outstanding Senior award was given to Rahul Gladwin, and The Society of Women Engineers Awards were given to Molly Saul and Kristina Dauber. - Michelle Lasky



Jocelyn Schineller shakes Dr. Jones' hand as he receives her National Honors Society Award.



Margaret McPike smiles as she reads her scholarship certificate.



Allison Brown proudly receives her National Honors Society certificate.

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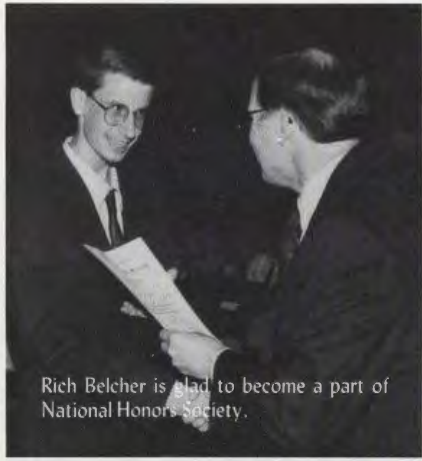
National Honor Society Front: Timothy Keller, Christopher Thomas, Jeffrey Griffin, Bryan Kelsey, Sean Petersen, Paul Mantz, Brandon Lanners, Tobin Siefert, Nishil Patel, Neha Soneji, Natalia Sienkowiec, Gabrielle Long, Elizabeth Warren, Humza Azam, Ana Fernandez, Heidi Lakics, Emily Giermann, Tracy Drzal. **Row 2:** Aayishah Jafri, Cherri Ortiz, Jennifer Hahs, Amanda Hallock, Matthew Borschke, Erin Lichtfuss, Michael Bolt, Kelly Bolton, Alison Brown, Abigail Chillemi, Brenda Berendson, Gregory Belding, Richard Belcher, Maria Ascencio, Rachel Altergolt, Edercy Abante, Katherine Holt, Melissa Krueger, Rachel Watson, Karen Shockey, Julie Vinatier, Annalisa Walker. **Row 3:** Jessica Tonchick, Phi-Hang Nguyen, Kendra Norton, Kathleen Saul, Noemi Proa, Lars Higdon, Ami Godoy, Katharine Coffman, Beau Brown, Kevin Brown, Laura Caligiuri, Brian Miller, Jessi Oliver, Cassandra Mitchell, Jennifer Davidson, Meredith Moore, Sara Knox, Christie Palombi, Leslie Shambo, Jeremy Willes, Michelle Lasky. **Back:** Oriza Gil, David Toney, Karin VanderNaalt, Michelle Grove, Robyn Leary, Elizabeth Ribe, Kristy Reser, Vicki Guevera, Blanca Rutz, Daniel O'Hara, Mary Kovacs, Kristin Leitherer, Michael Streams, Dana Catenacci, Nicklaus Chapman, Matthew Shane, Juan Robles, Chris Weston, Adam Hamrick, Jorge Alfaro, Ryan Dorn, Shannon Nelson, Andrea Enger, Kathleen Owens, Michael Kostal, Kyle Mulligan, Stefanie Prena, Jocelyn Schineller, Terri Jensen.



Dr. Jones has presented perfect attendance awards at senior night.



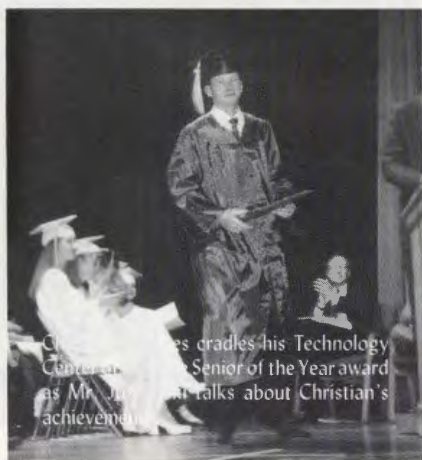
Molly Saul announces the recipients of the Academic Merit Award.



Rich Belcher is glad to become a part of National Honors Society.



Lisa Arnette and [Name] receive their awards for having perfect attendance for four years.



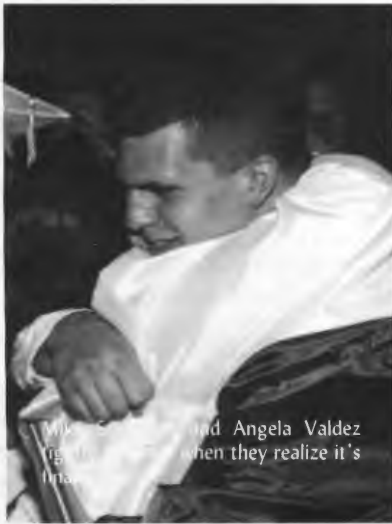
Christian's Technology Center is the Senior of the Year award as Mr. [Name] talks about Christian's achievement.



Mike Adamo watches closely as Phil Roberts gets his corsage pinned on.



Dr. Jones... the school song



Mike and Angela Valdez embrace when they realize it's time to graduate.

Four long, hard years have gone by. Day by day we came to school and looked forward to one very significant day: commencement. The one goal that all students in high school share is to graduate. Our commencement was held on the sweltering day of June 6, 1999. It was a day that we all held our heads high and accepted those pieces of paper that meant so much more than any test or report card, our diplomas. The commencement address entitled "Opportunity Costs," was given by Ms. Daneels, a favorite teacher to many students. Her words brought tears to many people's eyes because of the reality of what she was saying, and we all began to realize we were now in control. Ms. Daneels explained that this day represented our right of passage into the "Real World," our freedom, and especially the beginning of our adult lives. Commencement was a day filled with emotions that none of us will forget.



Zahn Gamble looks at Mr. Ardu's show of appreciation of four years at WeGo.



Jason Aramburu happily receives his diploma.



Melissa Weiss and Corinne Dorn show their love for the school.



Melissa and Angela couldn't wait to graduate.

Ms. Daneels gives her speech, "Opportunity Costs"



Heather Hendricks and Jenny Trygar arrive just on time.



Laura Caligiuri, Rene Altman, Amy Kusch, and Kevin Rugaard happily walk to the cafeteria



Amy Alarca couldn't be happier to graduate.



Eric _____ "Get the show on the road."

Luis Aguado and Tiffany Ascher walk to their seats.

YEAR IN REVIEW

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As the construction team turned our backyard into a sandbox, Wego students patiently awaited the arrival of a new and better building. Although this created problems for parking and sports, overall the students took the adjustment very well. In a few short years, our school would be overloaded with technology and ready to fit the growing population.



This turned out to be an exciting year for baseball fans as all watched Sammy Sosa and Mark McGuire fight for the home run record. Both passing up the old 61 home run high, they continued to bat it out to see whose name would be in the record books. Sosa hit a mighty 66 home runs, but was beaten by McGuire's big 71. It was a season to remember and their names became known to the whole nation.

This year nine lucky Spanish students took advantage of an opportunity to visit Spain. There they enjoyed the food and experienced the culture. "Zaranja," contributed by Katalin Larm, was part of an inside joke among the students. Many said they'd love to do it again and hoped to stay longer next time.



In 1998, the Serbian police and military forces used excessive force against Kosovo Albanian rebels and civilians. They destroyed villages and drove people from their homes. NATO stepped in to find a resolution to which Serbia would agree. But, despite the efforts of NATO, the humanitarian situation worsened. On January 30, NATO warned Serbia that they would take military action if necessary. On March 24, airstrikes were started. Meanwhile, displaced Kosovo civilians wondered when it would all end.



On April 20, 1999, a terrible tragedy took place in Littleton, Colorado. Two students opened fire in their school, killing 15 people and wounding many others. These two kitchen sink as to why this massacre happened. In sympathy, our school sent a banner in which many students signed.



On April 23rd & 24th, the West Chicago Music Department travelled to Six Flags Great America theme park to participate in the Park Music Festival. Under the direction of Rebecca Keil, the String Orchestra received 1st place. Lisa Smith, the choral director, prepared her students well, bringing home 2nd place for Beginning Choir, 1st place for Intermediate Choir, and 1st place for Concert Choir. James Guter brought home a truckload of awards with his band. The Concert Band took 2nd place. The Jazz Band received 1st place. won the Outstanding Marching Award, and earned the Judges' Choice Award for Best Parade Band. Congratulations everyone!



Running their way down to state, the boys' cross country team took an awesome 7th place. These boys worked hard during the season and the off-season to earn this award. All that time and effort really paid off. Congratulations, boys, you've made your school proud!



Future Wildcat Danny Callahan shocked the Wildcat crowd when he met a local Chevy dealer's challenge by sinking a lay up, a free throw, a 3-pointer, and a half court shot to win a brand new Chevy Cavalier — a car he wouldn't be able to legally drive for three years! While the dealer initially balked, saying Danny had put the half court shot in the wrong basket, as the picture shows, Danny got the car in the end.



For three weeks West Chicago became a tourist attraction to a group of French exchange students. Here they got a taste of American lifestyle and enjoyed the sites and scenes. Some planned to come again and visit other attractions such as Disney World. Mariabel Benitez confessed that she was the first one to start crying when the French exchange students had to leave.



Jocelyn Schineller was proud to show off her "guns" at State for track. Michelle Lasky said, "Jocelyn worked so hard. She practiced late and worked harder than anyone I know. She earned it." To qualify for State she threw 122ft. for discus and 37ft. 1in. for the shot put. While at State, she threw a 129'8" in discus to grant her 5th place and All State Honors. Jocelyn stated that she thought this was a really great experience for her. Congratulations, Jocelyn!



The departure of superintendent Griff Powell sent the school on a search for just the right person to take his place. After months, the search was finally over when Lee Rieck came in for an interview. Dr. Rieck was perfect for the job. Before this school what he was getting himself into. Welcome to WCCHS, Dr. Rieck.

Teachers Can Learn From Students Too!

Patrick Clifford smiles brightly at the beginning of the day.

Being a high school student is one of the most memorable times of our lives. As we prepare ourselves for games, clubs, and other activities, we may stop and give a teacher our appreciation and thanks, remembering that they are one of the major reasons that we are here today as a committed student of West Chicago Community High School. The faculty is like another set of parents for us at school, always looking out for their students and believing in us with a lot of respect and confidence. This is why we enjoy their company so much.

But what most of us do not realize is how much the teachers depend on us for things. As English teacher Carol Wolf, explains "My students are always keeping me informed of news events and popular games as well as movie stars and other celebrities." Those are some of the more simple things teachers learn from us, but sometimes teachers absorb more important and useful information that they need for the future. For example, a student showed Algebra teacher Stacey McGrath how to evaluate a function directly from a graphing calculator. Surprised? Well, we just may have a little teaching ability inside all of us.

-Heather Christiansen,
Katie Oen, Jamie Weisse



Jeff Ainsworth, Dean
Kristi Allen, Foreign Lang.
Amelia Allmart, Bilingual Ed.
Marjorie Appel, Foreign Lang. Dept. Chair
Otilia Arias, Program Asst.
Gail Aronoff, Assistant Principal
Miguel Arroyo, Dean



Ursula Baker, Foreign Lang.
Allyson Barron, Math
Beth Bazukas, Guidance
Lisa Becker, Business



Nancy Blume, Business
Kim Brafford, Tutoring
Linda Brant, Guidance
Maura Bridges, Guidance Dept. Chair



Beverly Burke, Science
Frank Burzynski, Math
Aaron Carper, Science
John Carter, Math Dept. Chair
Rick Cazzato, Math
Andrea Cipcich, English
Patricia Clifford, Fam./Cons. Science



Timothy Courtney, English
Joseph Crickard, Business Dept. Chair
Linda Cunningham, Special Ed.
Mary Daneels, Soc. Studies
Tara Dellutri, Foreign Lang.
Antonio DelReal, Physical Ed.
Matthew Doll, Math



Boys Basketball Coaches and Varsity players look on as Daniel McCarthy calls the next play.



Pat Carrow helps Kari Chase with Chemistry homework before the day begins.



Dorothy Dombrowski, Substitute Secretary
 Jodi Donovan, Science
 Kathryn Duerr, LRC
 Rosa Duran, Program Asst.
 David Exner, Art
 Jane Feeney, English
 Suzanne Fox, Foreign Lang.

Jaime Garcia, Bilingual Ed.
 Deborah Geiger, Guidance
 Gwen Geiger, Math
 Gail George, Physical Ed./Asst. A.D.
 Amy Gibson, Physical Ed.
 Kevin Gimre, Math
 Ildemaro Godinho, Dean's Asst.

Deana Guarneri, Math
 Mary Hafertepe, English
 Gregory Hansen, Physical Ed.
 Kristi Hasty, Physical Ed.
 Lenore Hrejsa, Special Ed.
 Kelly Hubbard, Program Asst.
 Kristen Isacson, Math

Karen Jacobucci, Secretary
 Dan Johnson, Physical Ed. Dept. Chair
 Paul Junkroski, Indust. Arts Dept. Chair
 Barbara Kearney, Dean's Asst.
 Rebecca Keil, Orchestra
 Steven Kellner, Soc. Studies
 Beverly Kilgallen, Math

Lynelle Knutson, Principal's Secretary
 Wayne Kosek, English
 Michael Koulos, Vocational Ed.
 Patti Kozlowski, Fam/Cons. Sci.
 Laura Kuehn, English



Martin Allen prepares for another exciting day in the foreign language department.



Carrie Mocarski listens to questions from Journalism students about creating a better newspaper.



Matthew Doll explains another fascinating math problem using the overhead as an aid.

Faculty 98-99

Barbara Laimins, Soc. Studies
 Ninette Larouche, Science
 Bradley Larson, English
 Jacquelyn Lausch, English
 Gregory Leitner, English
 Terry Lemberg, Special Ed.
 Linda Lin, Library Asst.



Christine Mack, Math
 Patrick Manning, Special Ed.
 Robin Mantucca, Special Ed. Secretary
 Thomas McCann, English Dept. Chair



Even teachers look up words, as do Judith Minor and George Strecker one day before American Studies.



Karen Rubini helps the athletic department with paper work.



Coaches Robert Owens and Steve Brugman talk together after a boys' varsity soccer game.



Dan Johnson watches his students play an excellent game of volleyball.

Mary McCarter, Bilingual Ed.
 Daniel McCarthy, Business
 Stacey McGrath, Math
 Paul McLeland, Physical Ed.



Lawrence McNamara, English
 Marianne Melvin, Homebound Coor.
 Judith Minor, English
 Carrie Mocariski, English
 Deborah Musgrave, Science
 Gwendolyn Neuberger, Math
 Karan Oliver, Science





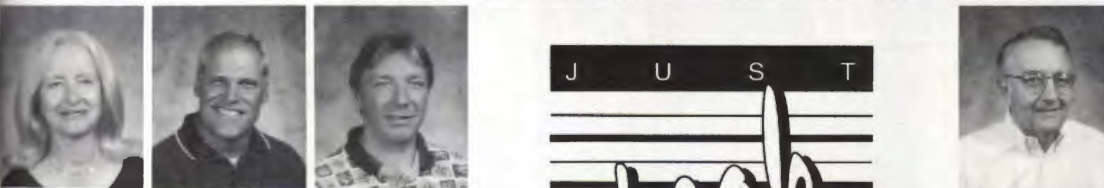
Sarah Olsen, Librarian
Robert Owens, Physical Ed.
Laura Padilla, Bilingual
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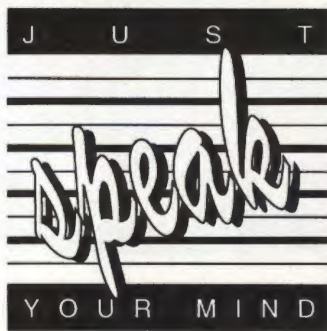
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James Guter looks nervous before instructing the band at the homecoming game.



Carol Parks and her students work together to understand last night's homework assignment.



Lisa Willuweit takes a quick break from work.

"My favorite movie is Braveheart."
-Sean Armstrong

"I love to bake and my favorite dish is milk chocolate anything."
-Judy Minor



Jeff Ainsworth shows off his new style.

"My favorite movies are The Princess Bride and Dead Poet's Society."
-Steve Kellner

Life between Summer

"My favorite movies are Mr. Smith Goes to Washington and The Inn of the Sixth Happiness."
-Mary Ellen Daneels



Robert Stone busily works in the Athletic Department.



John Highland gets down and funky.

MIND OVER matter

"The funniest responses from students to questions are the ones from the excuse-a-meter."
-Myrna Woodson

Rick Cazzato picks up graded tests.



Gail George smiles while talking on the phone.

Nancy Blume hangs up assignments on the board.



"Teachers really talk about sports, cars, jobs and retirement outside of class."
-Steve Kimery.

"The funniest thing that kids ask me is 'Are you gonna grow?'"
-Ildemaro Godinho

Caught IN THE ACT



One of the many special teachers at We-Go is Karan Oliver-Tucci. Oliver-Tucci teaches science, but can also teach psychology. This was her third year here at WCCHS and said she "loves it very much." She started teaching right out of college. Oliver-Tucci originally wanted to be involved in veterinary medicine because she enjoyed biology so much. She said, "I love working with teenagers because they are eager to learn, fun to be around, have different personalities, and the school is a unique environment to be in." She did some subbing and said, "I actually really liked it. It was fun." Oliver-Tucci said she participates in We-Go spirit by dressing up for spirit days and going to pep assemblies and such. She thinks her students are great and all her classes are equally good. The students seem to be the same over the years, but she has changed her teaching approach and how she deals with the students. When she first started teaching she was a little nervous, but she adjusted to it and doesn't really find any problems in her classes. "Most of my students respond well to my teaching techniques. I think they can tell I enjoy being here," she said.

If a student excels in her class, Oliver-Tucci will ask him or her if they want to do a research expedition. This gives the students a chance to work in different areas of science. They also gain work experience with science professionals in different parts of the country and sometimes even the world. The experience usually depends on the type of research the student will be doing and the place that is sponsoring the person to go. If a student is interested, Oliver-Tucci will set a student up with an application and try to help him or her find a sponsor. Several students have been interested in pursuing this. Oliver-Tucci herself has done an Earthwatch research expedition. She went to Argentina to study Black-Howlen monkeys. Her grant came from Earthwatch and allowed her to stay down there for part of the summer. Oliver-Tucci said one of the reasons she did it was to see what it would have been like if she had followed through with veterinary medicine. Down there doing her research, Oliver-Tucci "realized how much I love teaching and I was thankful that I went through with it." She thought the trip was neat "being out in the field and studying wild animals in their natural habitat was an amazing experience!"

Another special teacher is Kevin Gimre. He is involved in school activities and coaches baseball and basketball teams. Gimre has been here at WCCHS for 9 years now and enjoys being here because "every day is different." He enjoys working with the other teachers and loves teaching teenagers. Gimre likes to make them smile and laugh. Helping them learn in a fun way is something Gimre strives for. He did not always want to be a teacher. When he was in high school he wanted to be a businessman, but while taking finance and accounting classes he found he didn't like them, so he switched to teaching. Starting out as a substitute at local schools, Gimre found himself teaching a 7th grade physical education class which he "totally hated because they were running around and screaming and totally out of control." His worst experience as a sub took place when he subbed for an anatomy body shop class for three days. Gimre said, "I obviously wasn't certified for anatomy, so we watched race car movies for three days, and whoa, that was fun! But back then I was firmer, stricter, and meaner." Gimre found his place here while subbing because he found the students to be "more polite than others, including Naperville's, Wheaton's, and Batavia's." Gimre tries to participate in the We-Go spirit by attending athletic events, plays and concerts, and by wearing school colors. He admits liking all his students but says he sometimes doesn't like the things some of them do. Gimre likes to think his students respond well to him and would be comfortable talking to him but really has no idea what some of them think. Gimre said he would pull aside a student if he or she showed potential and talk to them, but would never say "When I was your age," because kids don't want to hear about that.



Kevin Gimre

| | <u>Karan Oliver-Tucci</u> | <u>Kevin Gimre</u> |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| Favorite Movie: | Good Will Hunting | The Hunt for Red October Toy Story |
| In Free Time: | Travel & read | Spend time with family, watch sporting events and golf |
| Favorite Author: | Michael Crichton | C.S. Lewis - Chronicles of Narnia |
| Favorite Dish: | Fish or chicken with a side of potatoes | Rib-eye steak with french fries, a salad, and asparagus |
| Cooking or Baking? | Baking | Cooking |
| Birthdate: | May 10, Taurus | October 24, Scorpio |
| Other: | Kick-boxing | Coaches basketball and baseball teams |

All teachers are special in their own way. They all leave their marks on their students. Susie Zuniga said politely, "Yeah, in his (Patrick Clifford's) class, I didn't sleep, unlike this year," with a laugh. Certain teachers are entertaining and keep their students guessing. Other teachers teach with their own experiences. Take Mrs. Hafertepe, for example. Christine Weisse said, "Today, Mrs. H. was talking about one of the classes she taught when she was teaching at a college and how she taught them how to cite authors in their report." Teachers are great friends and are willing to help students with their problems. Listen to teachers; they have a lot to say.

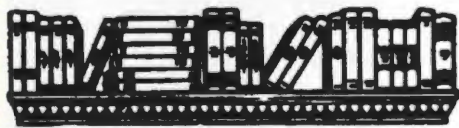


Dr. Alan Jones, Principal



Sean Armstrong stands tall while keeping students in line.

Teachers depend on us for updates in the social status as we depend on them for education. "I learn from my students constantly. There's nothing more satisfying in teaching than when a student pursues a line of thought I haven't previously considered," stated English teacher/Yearbook Instructor Brad Larson. It is proven that teachers have learned from students in the past and it will continue to go on for the future. I guess it's true as the saying goes, "You will learn something new everyday."



Barbara Laimins still keeps in touch with old students like Brenda Berendson.



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Mike Cain watches the girls' golf team during a match.



Mary Hafertepe laughs to herself while grading papers.

Teachers Are Building Blocks



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Kim Brafford



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Closing Time

Seasons came and seasons passed. Friendships were made, lost and renewed. Classes began and days rolled into one another. Starting a new year here at WeGo some new things began, such as construction on the school, limitations on off-campus privileges, and parking changes for students. These were all effects of the referendum that was passed the previous year. The girls' sophomore basketball team won the DVC. A new superintendent, Dr. Rubenow, replaced Dr. Powell. Police Liaison Officer Tony Quarto spent his last year here after five years.

Freshmen anticipated a new beginning and seniors couldn't wait for the end. Teachers tried new things each semester to keep students interested, but once spring came with its warm weather, nothing could keep some students focused in the last quarter. Many seniors came down with "senioritis," and it spread to some juniors, sophomores and

freshmen. Talk of plans for next year were common in almost all classes for many students.

Many fundraising events took place for numerous clubs. WeGo Cares did bake sales and coffee sales. Horticulture Club had a plant sale. Key Club did a pie-your-favorite-teacher during Homecoming. VICA did candy sales. Thespians had bake sales. Forensics had a car wash.

The year was full of many events by clubs, sports teams and the student body. It looked like as the years rolled by, there were more and more people becoming involved in the activities. School spirit seems to have spread like a virus among the students and the teachers. The year may have ended, but the memories will live on.

- Katie Oen and Christina Droho



"I'm with the DJ," says Anthony Castiglia to bouncer Patrick Clifford.



Jeff Callahan joins the starters through the spirit hoop.



Crissy Dabbert backsets a teammate for the kill.



Joe Marcantonio and Lara Earhart dress uniformly for the Homecoming dance.



Molly Saul and Ellen McLoughlin watch their competitors take their next shot.

"..... every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end."

- Semisonic



Katie Holt and Allison Brown discuss Spanish with Abby Grant looking on.



Michael Petrik sneaks in to talk with Jessica Inch about a rumor and their jobs.



The Dance Production Ensemble works together to entertain the audience.



Sarah Knox performs an original piece during the Talent Show.



Kyle Westrom takes off on a breakaway to take on the goalie.



Nesim Kerimi, Adam Hamrick, Robert Rohrback, and Brian Hodge hang out during the float building contest.

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forward
to the future!

Time J. Puchalski

dissecting a frog, student identification #, quizzes, rights, reading, food, dances, academics, diversity, kisses and hugs, teachers, midterms, running the mile, lockers, working, growing, off campus, parking, snow days, cramming, research papers, fast, teammates, daydreaming, building a future, speeches, clubs, studying, forgiveness, cooking, late, laughing, pop, relationships, distinguishing smiles

EDITOR'S PAGE



This has been my second opportunity to put together a West Chicago High School yearbook. This second year has been just as enjoyable as the first. I never would have thought that I would end up being an editor. This year's staff has done an excellent job working together and because of this, we pulled off a great piece of work. Mr. Eason's support and encouragement was another reason for the great performance of the staff. Goodbye to the yearbook staff, and do as good of a job in the years to come.

-Jeffery Evans

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