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Is There Still Hope For City Sports?

By Richie Fikis

A higher dropout rate, increasing gang activity, and more crime. What could possibly cause all of this?

The answer: a lack of extracurricular activities in the Chicago public school system. On Sept. 24 the Chicago Schools Superintendent, Ted Kimbrough, announced a 43 percent cut in the budget for the public league's extracurricular activities.

This cut will take away 1.2 million dollars from arts, music, and primarily the sports programs. The threat of losing these

programs brings up many questions.

What about all the students who use sports or arts scholarships as their only way out of the hard life in the city? How will they get into college? What will they eventually turn to?

For many of these students, mainly the basketball players, their talents are what open doors for their future. Their extraordinary skills are what "buy" them into college with scholarships, and sometimes even get them million dollar salaries.

Their involvement in athletics even gives them a reason to work in the classroom. They must be eligible to compete on the court or field. Without sports they are given no reason to continue.

The biggest worry of officials is that the lack of sports will lead to a loss of interest in school, resulting in a dramatic increase to the already terrible drop-out rate.

Many believe that the drop-outs will turn to the only thing left, gangs.

Numerous organizations are doing everything possible to give these students another chance.

The Footlocker athletic shoe company donated \$400,000 to the school system. The Score, WSCR sports radio 820 am, followed the company's generosity by raising \$100,000 selling sports memorabilia during a radio-thon.

These charitable donations have raised the funding to \$900,000, however it is still well short of the 1.2 million dollars that was originally taken from them.

There has been positive progress towards having sports once again; however, the schools can't depend on charitable organizations forever.

The bottom line is that the state must realize how important sports are to the inner-city and give funds to the public schools.

LOCAL

STORES PAY FOR UNDERAGE DRINKING

By Scott Weihofen

Recently West Chicago police have been cracking down on businesses which sell alcohol to minors.

Three businesses have been added to an already existing list of twelve, which brings the total to 15 out of 25 businesses.

Police had no real motivation for the crackdowns except to bring underage drinking under control.

A survey of 70 West Chicago students show that %61 percent drink regularly and out of the %61 get alcohol thru other minors or themselves.

As the results show with a good majority of minors buying alcohol that the crackdown was needed.

Out of the 15 businesses two got \$250 fines and a three day suspension of their serving privileges. Others are looking at a \$250 fine.

Crackdowns like this are done on a yearly basis. Also the Secretary of State asked for crack-

downs due to the increasing number of drunk drivers.

The survey showed that %37 of the students were for the crackdowns, while %33 were against it, and %30 didn't care either way.

Racism at Local Schools?

By Laura Rapinchuk

Football games are usually thought of as fun, competitive events. Two of the past games, however, left some Wego students with mixed emotions over racial equality.

The first incident occurred at Glenbard South's Homecoming game on Saturday, September 26 when a controversial float sponsored by the junior class was displayed. The float featured a Raider (Glenbard South's mascot) preparing to stomp on a Wildcat player who was lying face down. Sources describe the player as dark skinned with the name "Lopez" printed on the front of it's jersey.

Many students felt this alleged depiction of a West Chicago athlete was racist and uncalled-for.

The dean in charge of the floats, Mr. Nonan, saw the float and pictures of it and it said did not contain the name "Lopez" nor was the player's skin dark. He admitted there are times when students get around the administration but claimed, "We would never do anything that would put down someone's color, race, creed, or religion."

One Glenbard student did not agree with Mr. Nonan. The person responded to the "Lopez" accusation saying, "It was there. We put it there on purpose. But the skin wasn't meant to represent someone who was Mexican, just the jersey."

As this heated topic began to fizzle, sparks reignited at a Glenbard North football game on Friday, October 9 when the West Chicago varsity cheerleaders accused Glenbard North's cheerleaders of making fun of West

Chicago's large Hispanic population.

The Glenbard squad held a dinner for the girls before the game where they wrote greetings in Spanish on chalkboards in the room and on the track where the Wego squad performed.

Although nothing derogatory was written, the cheerleaders were offended. Mrs. Cartwright, Glenbard North's cheerleading sponsor, read the comments and approved them. She said, "The dinner was meant as courtesy. The girls didn't mean to be offensive." She also mentioned that her own squad also wrote in Spanish on their side of the track and their only intentions were to wish our team good luck.

Concert Choir Trip to NIU

By Carolyn Mertz

After their first performance of the year on October 22, West Chicago's Concert Choir will be heading to Northern Illinois University.

The forty-seven member choir has been invited to attend a choral session on October 29. They will perform four songs, including a selection from the Broadway musical *Miss Saigon*. Afterwards the choir will have a short clinic with NIU choral director Ramona Quinn-Wis, who will work with the group and critique their performance.

The Concert Choir will also hear schools in the surrounding areas perform, including choirs from Wheaton Warrenville South and Glenbard East.

We-go choral director Ron Benner believes that the trip will be a fun and valuable experience for the choir.

2 NEWS

Condom Crazy

By Raven Moore

Division Street downtown Chicago is often referred to as a "meatmarket" for singles. One store on this street hopes to save thousands of lives.

Condoms Now opened about three months ago and has had excellent business thus far according to David Hoffman, co-owner and vice president of Condoms Now.

The store sells condoms, t-shirts, and greeting cards to give a variety to the customers. In a recent interview Hoffman, shared the store's origin, business, and his feelings on one of the biggest issues of today; condoms.

Hoffman got the idea for the store when, "My part-

ner, Steve Grubart, and I, heard that Magic Johnson was HIV positive. And since both of us are single guys we thought we should start to wear condoms to protect ourselves and we thought we might as well save everyone else too."

What made him open the store Hoffman said was, "Well first of all Steve and I are business men and we saw we could make a profit. We also felt we were doing a community service because we feel the government doesn't provide enough information to the people of America."

He also stated, "Business is excellent. A lot of people come in and say what a great store and applaud us for opening it. But the alderman of our district came

down on our store because he thought we had sex toys in here, but the truth is that we are a safe sex store."

The questions he most remembers being asked are, "Well, we have a lot of different questions everyday. More importantly to provide answers to the many questions we provide pamphlets that I personally refill and get new information for weekly. We do this because people are afraid to ask anyone—parents, relatives, or even friends."

When asked if condoms were a fad and if his store will last he responded with, "No. Condoms are going to be around for a long time. I have a friend who's a doctor and he said there won't be a cure for AIDS in

at least ten years." Condoms also protect people from sexually transmitted diseases, as well as preventing pregnancy.

The store's mission statement is "Save the Human Race." Hoffman is hopeful that the store will be open for quite a while. For information on this new store call 1-312-649-8500 or write to: Condoms Now, 11 W Division Street, Chicago, IL 60610.

F.B.L.A.

By Laura Rapinchuk

Are you interested in joining a club? F.B.L.A. (Future Business Leaders of America) meets every Thursday morning at 7:30 in room 306. Dues are ten dollars and new members are always welcome.

The club is holding a charity bowl for Spina-Bifida on October 31 and are currently planning a career awareness seminar.

Their main focus is to prepare for area and state business competitions in various categories later in the year. Last year the West Chicago chapter finished sixth in state and are hoping to improve their standing.

Howard Stern Getting Noticed

by David Vingren

The controversial Howard Stern Show recently began radio broadcast in the Chicago area and is beginning to draw attention.

The show is based in New York and broadcast has extended to cities such as Los Angeles and Cleveland. Broadcast in Chicago began on October 25 on AM 1000 (WLUP) in the morning.

Many people are offended by Stern because of allegedly racist and sexist segments on his programs. But, the controversy attracts many young listeners.

"I love him," said fan Matt Hunter. "He doesn't care about the rules."

"He's the funniest man alive," said listener Dan Ventrelle. "He says things we think, but are afraid to say because we don't know how others will react."

Many women are offended by Stern's program. They claim that certain segments, such as "The Lesbian Dating Game", and the use of women in skimpy bikinis as spokes models portrays women as "sex objects".

"I think he's a male chauvinist, sexist pig," said offended Raven Moore.

Many African Americans dislike Stern for allegedly racist segments on his show. They feel skits making fun of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and appearances from the "KKK (Klu Klux Klan) Guy" are degrading blacks.

"I hate that show," said Donta Norwood. "There's too much racism and they get a crack out of that."

Most people were introduced to Stern by his recently cancelled television program that aired for three years. Stern plans to begin another talk show on cable on the Entertainment Network in late November.

Car Theft

By Mike Campbell

There is more than one problem at Kerr McGee besides the radiation! Have you ever been a victim theft? Say someone broke into your car and stole your stereo. What would you do?

Would you yell, scream and kick your car? You should call the police and tell them that you had your radio stolen. They will have you come down to the station and fill out a police report on what has been stolen.

Many people have had their radios stolen from Kerr McGee. It is not like the parking lot on the side

were there is constantly people walking outside. There is no one at Kerr McGee. The only time of day people are over there is if they are going out to lunch or going home.

After speaking to a few victims that had their cars broken into, one person said that too many cars have been broken into and that there should be people out there like by side parking lot. Another doesn't like the idea of students, or locals going out during the school day and breaking into cars. Another person said that they are glad that all they took was the radio and the burglar didn't

vandalize. If you don't have insurance you should get it, because they hardly ever find the radio.

The same thing happened last year with all of the cars broken into with the limited amount of parking spaces and which limited the amount of protection to our cars. There is no certain time of year they will strike, it could happen at any time of the day, or year. So if you get stuck parking at Kerr McGee be sure to lock your doors and bring your stereo with you.

3 FEATURES

College Applications in by November??

By: Adrienne Yule

Mr. Zaffino, one of the guidance counselors, suggests that all seniors have their college applications in by November.

The first step in applying is making a list of colleges to attend. One of these should be affordable and have attainable acceptance requirements. Many colleges require an ACT or SAT score. Everyone should take the ACT; but the SAT is usually only necessary for private or more selective schools and those on the east coast.

If students aren't happy with their ACT scores they can be re-taken, but research shows they will fluctuate by one point.

Once tests have been taken and a list of colleges made, the application process can begin. State schools, such as University of Illinois, University of Eastern Illinois, have easy to fill out applications that only require basic information about the student.

Private and more selective schools have applications that usually require essays on topics such as what a student can do to benefit their college.

Along with essay's many applications require teacher recommendations. For this, students should go to teachers that know them well and know their strong points. Make sure the teacher is given plenty of notice.

Some applications have a section for counselors. Zaffino requires an interview with students before completing this part. He does this to insure that all the students accomplishments are acknowledged and also to get to know the student a little bit better.

According to Zaffino, colleges will usually look at test scores

first then class rank. If they are selective they will then look at the courses taken and the required essays from the application.

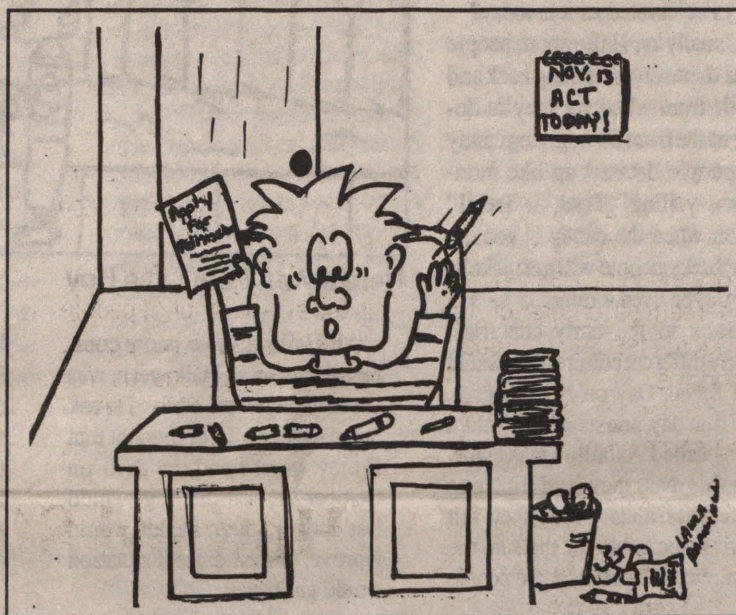
A student can expect to hear from colleges two weeks to two months after their application is sent in. After deciding on a college, a student will need to fill out financial information with a counselor. All scholarships can be applied for in the spring. A student will not know how much college will actually cost until late spring.

A college-bound student basically has three options. The first is to attend College of DuPage, which Zaffino estimates 40% of our graduating class attends. This

is good for students who don't have a lot of money for college or haven't worked to their full potential in high school.

The second option is to attend a state school like Illinois State University, Northern Illinois University, etc. For this a student should be in the top half of their graduating class and have an ACT score of 20. If a student has low test scores and a high class rank or vice versa he/she can still get in.

The third option is for those students who have excelled in high school. This type of student may attend a more selective school such as Northwestern. For this a student should have a minimum score of 25 on their ACT and be in at least the top fourth of their class.



picture by Laura Rapinchuk

VICA

By Leslie Rogers

West Chicago High has been a member of VICA for 25 years. VICA is just one of the many clubs that we have here, it stands for Vocational Industrial Clubs of America. There is six emblems that are associated with VICA. The shield stands for patriotism, the torch is for knowledge, the gear represents industrial society, the orbital circles is for technology, the hands represent the youth, and the word VICA stands for Vocational Industrial Clubs of America.

A majority of the students that are involved in VICA are in CO-OP, CRT, Home Economics, or Industrial classes, but anyone can join.

VICA teaches the youth of today leadership skills, a sense of responsibility, and the students work pretty much on their own.

In VICA they have regional and state conferences. The students must take some written tests to qualify to go to the state conference and it is held in Springfield, Illinois.

- *October-DeVry Regional Conference
- *December-Regional Conference at Davea, practice for state
- *December- Annual food drive
- *March-State test
- *April-State competition
- *May-CO-OP banquet
- *June-National competition, Louisville, Kentucky

In the last few years we have had some students go to nationals. 1991-92 one student went, 1990-91 one student also went, and in 1989-90 West Chicago sent three students. These are great accomplishments.



VICA members stand in front of their home coming window.

4 FEATURES

The Day of the Dead

by Derek Barton

"Scary...pumpkins...horror...haunted houses...Trick-or-Treat..." are just some of the words people associate with October 31, Halloween. But was Halloween always celebrated as it is today?

Usually on Halloween, people find themselves running back and forth from whatever they're doing to the front door, giving candy to people dressed up like monsters, yelling "Trick-or-Treat!" Then when the candy is gone, a few lucky people will get nickels, or maybe even a dime.

Back in the early centuries, many different cultures celebrated All Saints Day on November 1. On that day priests would hold a mass called Allhallowmas. During this mass they paid tribute to different Saints which they felt were responsible for the sun, the rain, etc. However, some people

felt that the day before, October 31, was the day to honor the dead.

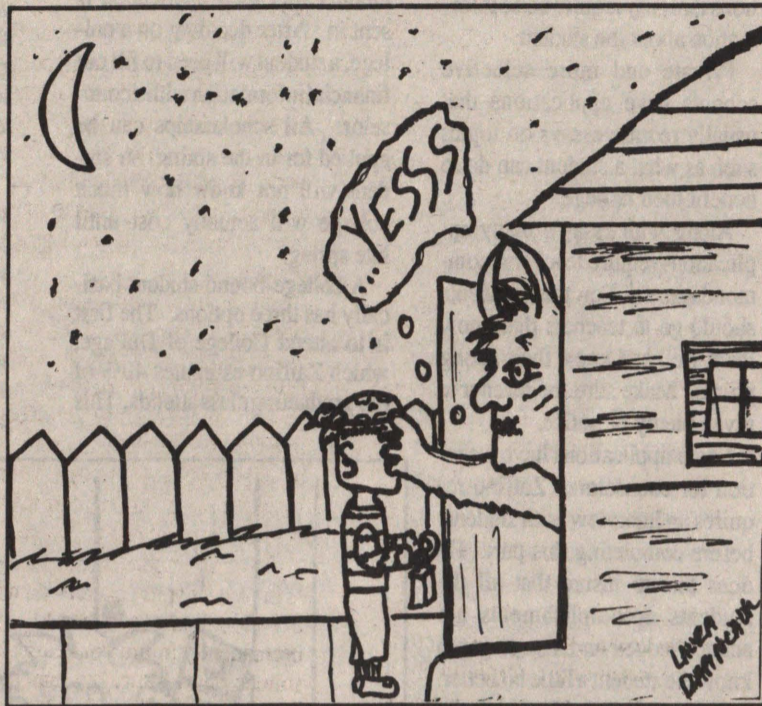
The Celts were one of the first cultures to have festivals on Hal-

At these festivals, the Druids, or priests, would burn crops, animals and humans as sacrifices. This was to help ward off the ghosts that roamed the earth, and the witches that met to worship the devil. Jack-O-Lanterns were placed outside to keep other various demons and ghouls from stealing babies.

Halloween gained much popularity in the 1800's. During the early 1900's, however, rowdy parties and destructive pranks gave Halloween a bad name. Such acts as placing slain animals on doorsteps and putting razor blades or poison in candy became common practice.

Now, Halloween has returned to a time of festivals and jack-o-lanterns. Kids, as well as high school students, can be found roaming the streets on the night of October 31. Once-in-awhile the remains of a pumpkin may be found on a doorstep, but that's about it.

Be sure to let your parents go through your candy before you eat it, and if the wrapper looks like it's been tampered with, throw it out! But more importantly, have a Happy Halloween! "In the morning, and in the evening, I like to watch.....!"



Here's your treat Little Boy

All Hallows' Eve, more commonly known as Halloween, was the only day it was advised to ask Satan for help. They thought that if they worshipped the devil on October 31, their marriage would last longer, their health would improve, or their current situation would get better.

loween. The purpose was to honor Samhain, the Celtic lord of the dead. It was believed that Samhain would allow the dead to return to their homes for the evening. This is why they marked October 31 the beginning of a season of cold, darkness, and decay.

Windsor Park Manor

Veronica Chavez

Do you need a job and don't know where to go? Do you wish you could find a job that you didn't have to work late on weekends yet start at \$5.00 an hour? Windsor Park Manor is the place to go!!!

This year Windsor Park Manor lost 35 of their workers because of students leaving for college. Windsor needs 10-15 people to work in the dining room as a wait staff. The hours during the week are 3:45-7:00 or 7:30 p.m. On weekends shifts start early in the morning. On Saturdays shifts start as early as 6:30 a.m. to help serve breakfast. Later on the shifts start at 3:45 p.m. just like on weekdays. On Sundays shifts start at 6:30, 9:00, or 11:15 a.m. to help serve brunch.

What job is done at Windsor? Well when the 3:45 shift starts go to the dining room and see what tables are available. There is always a pre-dinner duty and after diner duty. Serving takes place in the dining

room from 4:15-6:00p.m. on weekdays and on Saturday nights. On Sunday the shifts are from 6:30-2:30 p.m. (whenever you come in). Each resident has a menu already madeout. There are a certain amount of choices that they may have for their appetizers, diner and dessert. Beverages are also a limited amount. Everything is laid out. It is an ala-carte line. The chef never has to cook something. This makes it easier to get the food to the residents.

Dan Schwendeman has been working there for a year and two months. He says, "It's a very easy job and I enjoy working there." Cory Christiansen says, "Windsor is a good place to work because all the residents are nice." Katie Biros who just got a job there said, "I have been working there for 3 weeks. I'm still training, so I'm not doing much work, but it's fun and I like the people I work with."

One good thing about working at Windsor Park Manor is that high school students from Glenbard North, Wheaton North, Elgin and West Chicago work there. All the employees think it's a very fun and easy job for a highschool students.

AS HOME-COMING CAME TO AN END.....

By: Cory Christiansen

As Homecoming week ended on October 4, reactions to it came from students in each class. Those who attended the dance were: Freshmen Dayna Christiansen and Russ Whitaker, Sophomore Melissa Borek, Junior Mandy Lobraico, and Senior Steve Walski.

Each one of these students attended the dance, but all had different reactions. "The mosh pit was cool, and it was also cool if you had a guy paying for you," said Mandy. Steve said, "There were definately more people there than before."

As for the music, Russ bluntly stated what he thought, "The music sucked-It was all old." Mandy said, "The music would be great if was 1950!" Melissa and Dayna disagreed. They said the music was fine and good to dance to.

All five students who were interviewed thought school spirit would be a lot better if there was an event night. "Event night was so fun before and not having it made homecoming week boring", said Mandy. They also agreed the football game should have been Friday night rather than Saturday afternoon. "Oh yes, I love waking up early Saturday morning to see the game when I'm half asleep," said Mandy. Steve was mad at first, but now that they won, he doesn't care.

Overall, these students rated school spirit a "7" on a scale from 1-10, but definately a "10" for sophmores!!! Homecoming week ended up being rated a "7" also. "It would have been a ten if there was Event Night and a Friday night football game," said Steve Walski.

FEATURES 5

More Power to Ya!

By: Mike Aigner

Have you ever been listening to the radio and liked a song and turn up the radio all the way, and still wanted more volume? Well amplifiers can help getting that little stock stereo into a screaming stereo.

Amplifiers are the key to a car system. For amps the name means almost everything. For instance a good amplifier company that I recommend companies like Alpine, Coustic, Eclipse, Phoenix Gold, and Rockford Fosgate. All of these amps put out at least the power that it is rated at. For example the Rockford Fosgate Punch 150 says that it is a 150 watt amp but it puts out 207.9 watts in a 2-ohm load.

Amps come in many sizes. For instance there is an Alpine amp that is 13 watts X 2. That amp will usually be as loud as a stock car stereo. And it's possible to get one that is 150 X 2 which is incredibly loud. That particular amp

has digital outputs for the clearest possible sound.

To look at an amp and tell if it is good or not is hard to do. Some things to look at is the power rating in RMS. If powering subs is the way to go, look at the damping factor it should be at least 200. Damping factor is the ability to control a woofer after the bass hits.

Many people say that amps are too expensive. Well the dollar ratio to watts should be that for every watts the amp puts out (RMS and not peak) the price to pay is anywhere from \$1.50 to \$4.00. So if there is a 500 watt amp it should be selling for anywhere from \$750.00 to \$2000.00. Not for \$100.00.

Temperature is critical if an amp runs hot it usually means that it is doing it's job in putting out the power. But you must be careful if the amp is under a seat or in a spot that doesn't get a lot of air circulation the amp is more likely to over heat. Cooling fans are good but if you turn your music down you can hear the fan blowing. Fuses are very important, if the amp has internal fuses it will pro-

tect the amp from frying. If you fry an amp it will cost you a lot more than you plan to spend. If the amp says that it puts out 250 watts and it has a 10 amp fuse it just isn't right that is too small of fuse.

Power wire is very important if the amp has 8-gauge wire coming from it you should run at least 8-gauge wire to the battery (of course properly fused). To find out how to fuse a wire ask your favorite sound shop (it's to hard to explain in a paper) or ask me in person.

For a subwoofer amp you should consider at least 6-gauge wire. If two or more amps are being used consider running two power wires. This is a very effective way to suck all the power out of a battery and through your speakers. A good brand of wire is Phoenix Gold or Streetwires.

The most important thing to do is to protect your ears any sound over 100db just for a second can permanently injure your ears. It sounds pretty corny but remember to practice safe sound. It may not effect you now but you will notice it 50 years from now, I know that I will. After all the volume level that I enjoy listening to in my car has been rated at 142db. A little louder than most ears can handle.

FRENCH CLUB

By Veronica Chavez

BONJOUR! PARLEZ VOUS FRANCAIS? This year French Club started out with their annual Pot Luck dinner at Derick Kellen's house on September 23. Madame Appel thought the dinner was a success and is happy that more freshmen attended this year.

The club is planning a trip to the Art Institute on November 3, 1992 to study French paintings. They will be focusing on paintings from Monet, Picasso, Renoir and Manet. Some special paintings that they will be looking for are some of Madame Appel's favorite ones like, "A Day in the Park," and "Le Dejeuner Sur L'Herbe." Even though Madame Appel's classes aren't studying impressionists right now, they will still focus on these paintings on their field trip. The field trip will take place after school.

French club meets twice a month in room 153 to discuss their monthly activity. They try and do an event that relates to the French culture. In the past the club went to different French restaurants to experience French food. They also visit movie theatres to view French films. Last year they saw "La Buom."

In the future French Club is planning to view more French movies. The French exchange students will be coming sometime next April and the club hopes to spend a lot of time with these students and learn more about the French culture.

As president of French Club, Kristin Martin says, "I think it's a good way to experience and learn French culture. I'm not going to go to the Art Institute, but I wish I could." As a member of the club, Abby Hutchins said, "It's fun to do cultural things."

Rumors Take Over School

By: Winkler Cheri

This year's fall play is nothing like before. It is a more sophisticated, adult play.

Rumors, a comedy by Neil Simon, is about four rich New York couples who go to a dinner party and find the host is shot. From there the guests try and cover up the incident.

As Skye Studabaker states, "Everybody seems to fit their part well. I think it will turn out well and I hope everybody comes to see it."

This year's play is a little different from previous years because Mr. Zaffino is directing the play instead of Ms. Hafertepe. Zaffino stated that this years play auditions were really successful and that over fifty students audi-

tioned for only ten parts. All the students did a great job.

Everyone involved in the play is working hard according to Zaffino. The casting crew rehearse four to five days every week for six weeks. And the set is beautiful.

Mr. Exner is working on the set this year and is doing a great job, according to Zaffino. For the second year the school is renovating the Weyrauch Auditorium. They are putting a new lighting system so it should be very exciting to come and see. Ms. Mattern, the new special education teacher, works with costumes and make-up crew. She also helps with the publicity of the play. Mr. Egan works with lights and sounds. Twenty other students are working on various other crews.

Joe Guetler is the stage manager. He is help building the set and working with the other students on the lines. Also he is in charge of props.

Zaffino is back directing the play after three years. He said, "I worked on the set for seven years before I took three years off and it was difficult getting students to work on the crew. I'm very happy with the way things have turned

out and with all the help we have recieved from all the students."

The play is on Friday November 6th and Saturday the 7th at 7:30 PM. I heard a Rumor that a lot of people are going so don't be left out. Come and see the play.

The Cast of Characters of Rumors

Steve Broido as *Lenny Gantz*

Skye Studabaker as *Claire Gantz*

Eric Heerwagen as *Ken Gorman*

Sarah Watson as *Chris Gorman*

J.J. Schwan as *Glenn Cooper*

Melissa Pagnozzi as *Cassie Cooper*

Chris Leck as *Ernie Cusack*

Rachel Owens as *Cookie Cusack*

Rob Scott as *Officer Welch*

Nichole Cordin as *Officer Pudney*

6 IN-DEPTH

WE-GO VOTES C

GEORGE BUSH

By Paul Abella

George Bush is the Republican candidate for the President of the United States. During his first term as president, Communism dissolved, America invaded Kuwait in Desert Storm and the economy has fallen into a recession.

If elected for another four years, the president has promised to focus on the economy and education as he did on foreign policy during his first term.

He plans to do this in a number of ways. He wants to give parents and children a choice in what kind of school their children go to. He wants to do this by offering families a credit for educational purposes (such as tuition for private schools) and has stated before that he will try to make America's children tops in math and science. As for the economy, he believes in Trickle Down economics. Trickle Down states that in order to revive the economy, we must put money into the economy. He believes in free trade, so that the



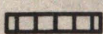

product that is made the best should be the one that is bought, which makes all the companies strive to be the best. He believes that the economy should be allowed to revive itself, to save government and tax dollars. Also, he is trying to overhaul the welfare system, with incentives to get welfare recipients off of welfare rolls and onto payrolls.

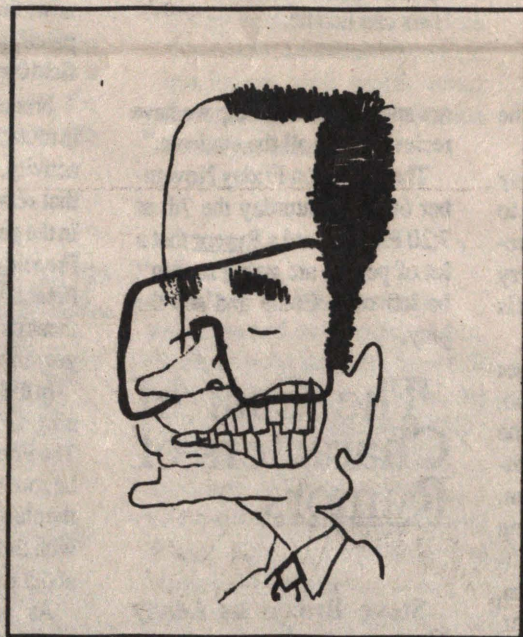
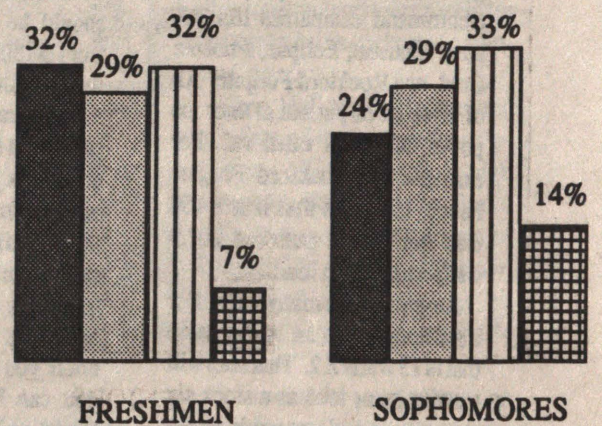
Mr. Bush is also pro-life, except in cases of rape and incest, and a majority of his programs lean towards a strong family unit. His HOPE program will let welfare families buy their homes for 60% less than their normal values. Many different incentives, including tax breaks will be offered to those families who stay together.

This election could be the first election in sixteen years that could affect us as students. Make your choice wisely.

By: Da

The newspaper staff held a mock election by distributing ballots to the four classes ('93-'96) we follow:

Bush 
 Clinton 
 Perot 
 None 



91% would vote if 18
9% would not

89% would vote if 18
11% would not

69% feel their vote
would make a
difference
31% feel that it won't

76% feel their vote
would make a
difference
24% feel it won't

56% pro-choice
44% pro-life

88% pro-choice
12% pro-life

79% say the election
matters to them
21% say it doesn't

80% say the election
matters to them
20% say it doesn't

“People come to me
for good rates...
they stay for my
Good Neighbor service.”



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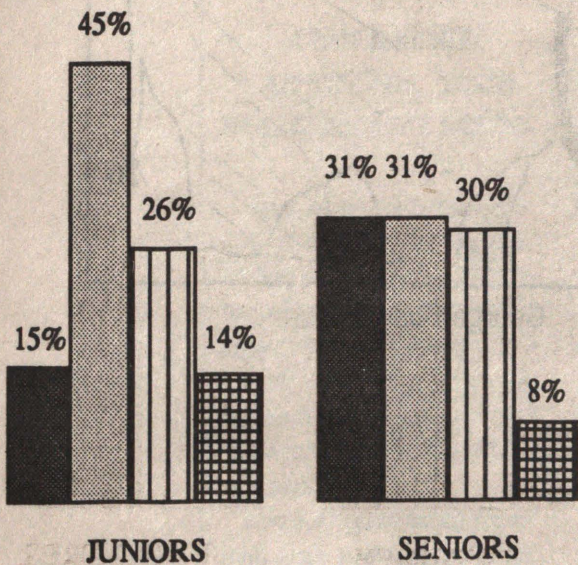


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LINTON PRESIDENT

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ROSS PEROT By Adrienne Yule

Ross Perot is an independent candidate running for president. He is a million dollar businessman. After Perot's service in the Navy, he went to work for IBM. There he focused on software and as a result became very wealthy. Ross Perot's running mate is Admiral James Stockdale.

*Perot thinks abortion is the woman's choice, but he is against it.

*He wants to improve tax collection, more efficient.

*More efficient government spending.

*Eliminate government funded projects that aren't necessary.

*Lower the National Defecit by a tax on gasoline. Add 10 cents each year to the price of gas over five years, ending in a 50 cent tax.

*Against North American Trade agreement that says free trading in

Canada and Mexico. He wants to keep jobs and industry here.

*He wants Japan to buy more United State's products, equal trade balance with Japan.

Many supporters of Ross Perot believe he could bring about change as president because he is not a politician and could get more done in congress.

Bill Clinton

By Raven Moore

Bill Clinton is the Democratic presidential nominee and his running mate is Al Gore, senator of Tennessee. Many of their issues will affect high school students now and in the future. Students should take the time to learn about each candidate and try to make a difference in America. The following are Bill Clinton's ideas and proposals.

-favors giving parents a choice of their children's schooling, but only in public schools

-wants to spend more on vocational training and apprenticeships for dropouts and young people who do not want to go to college(the money would be repayed over the course of a career or by a two year enrollment in a national service)

-favors abortion in nearly all cases(he says he is pro-choice, not necessarily pro-abortion)

-proposes if president putting 100,000 new cops on the streets and emphasizes the need for "community policing"

-free treatment for all drug addicts

-against job discrimination toward gays

-calls for a "national strategy" to cut the deficit in half by 1994

-favors the death penalty

-supports gun control and a ban on assault weapons

-supports education and job training for welfare recipients(the benefits end after two years)

-wants to provide loans to small businesses in poor neighborhoods

-prefers giving tax breaks to the middle class so they have more money to spend on consumer items

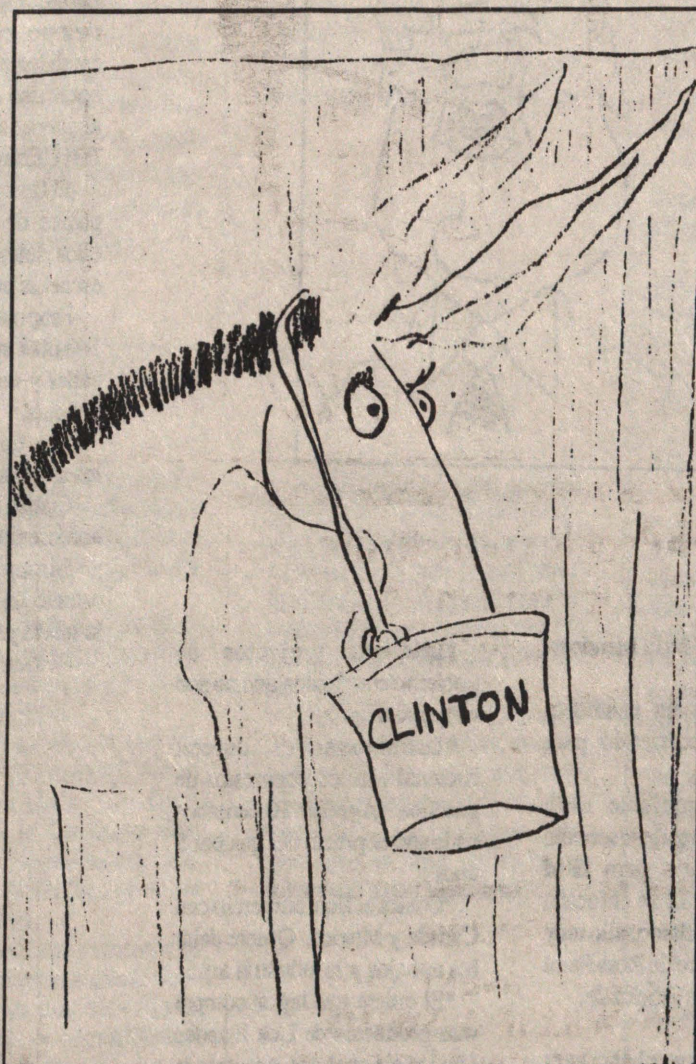
-wants to take a harder line with Japan(concerning trade tariffs)

-proposed a tax credit to guarantee that working people would not have to live in poverty

-wants to crack down on divorced parents who fail to make child support payments

-favors a bill that would require employers to give workers with newborn children or sick relatives unpaid leaves of absences

The presidential election is on November 3, 1992. Students are the future of the country and can make all the difference in the world.



GEORGE BUSH

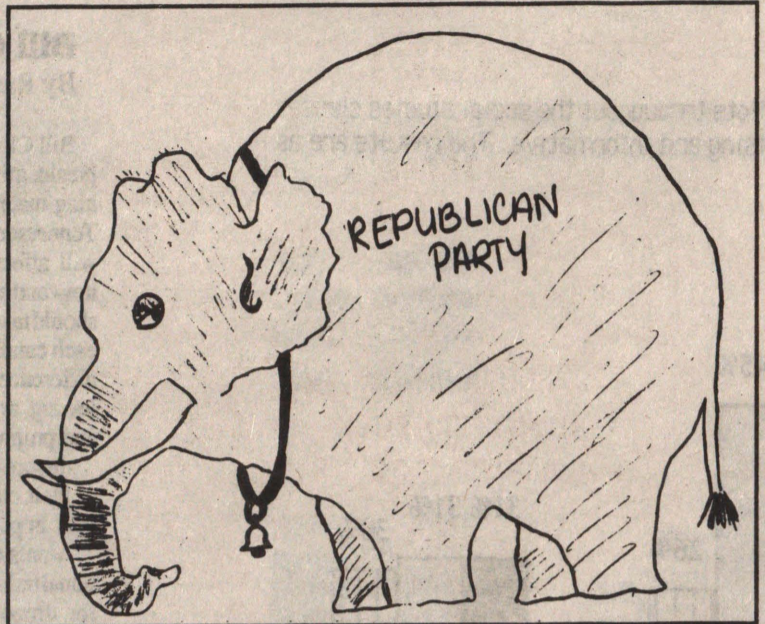
traducido por Maria Mendoza

George Bush es el candidato republicano para presidente de Los Estados Unidos. Durante su primer termino como presidente, Comunismo se desembolvió, America invadio a Kuwait en el "Desert Storm" y la economia de America bajo y caimos en una resecion.

Se el es elejido por otros cuatro anos, el presidente a prometido a enfocar en la economia y la educacion como lo hizo en la politica extranjero durante su primer termino. El planea hacerlo en muchas maneras. El favora en dar el derecho a los padres y hijos de escojer la escuela que ellos

desen para sus hijos. El quiere hacer esto con ofreciendole a las familias con credito por educacion propuestos (como derechos de ensenansa) y ha dicho que quiere hacer los ninos de America mejor en Matematicas y ciencias naturales. Como la economia, el piensa poner dinero en la economia. El cre en el libre comercio para que los productos mejors se compren. El cre que la economia deve de realizarse el mismo para guardar impuestos. Tambien el esta ratando de hacer mas grande la ayuda publica. El piensa que el aborto deve de quitarse.

La eleccion puede ser la primer eleccion en 16 anos que puede afectar a los estudiantbtes. Hagan su decicion electualmente.



George Bush

Bill Clinton**Bill Clinton**

traducido por Maria Mendoza

Bill Clinton es un nominado democratico para presidente de Los Estados Unidos. Muchas de sus metas tendra mucho impacto con los estudiantes hoy y en el futuro. Estudiantes deben de tomar el tiempo para aprender de los candidatos y sus proposiciones para hacer una America diferente. Los siguiente son las declaraciones de Bill Clinton.

-El favora en dar el derecho a los padres de escojer la escuela que ellos disen para sus hijos (en las escuelas publicas)

-Propone, si es presidente, poner 100,000 nuevas policias en las calles y da enfasis para conmutar policias.

-Dar tratamiento gratuito para los adictos a las drogas

-Contra la descriminacion a los homosexuales en los trabajos

-Llama para una national estragedia para romper el deficit a la mitad para 1994

-Favora la pena mortal

-Sostiene el control de pistolas y quitara armas acometidas

-Sostiene education y entrenamiento de trabajos para la ayuda publica (beneficios terminaran durante 2 anos)

-Quiere proveer prestamos para negocios pequenos en pobres comunidades

-Prefiere dar menos impuestos a los de segunda clase para que ellos tengas mas dinero para gastar en productos consumidores

-Quiere poner una linea mas dura con Japon (impuestos al mercado internacional)

-Propuso un credito, impuesto para garantizar que los travajadores no tienen que vivir en la pobreza

-Quiere castigar a los padres divorciados que fayan en hacer el pago para los hijos que sostienen

-Favora en poner un proyecto de ley que require a los trabajos que le pagen a los empleados que falten por tener un hijo o tener parientes enfermos

La eleccion presidencial es Noviembre 3, 1992. Los Estudiantes son el futuro del pais y pueden ser toda la diferencia del mundo.

Ross Perot

traducido por Maria Mendoza

Ross Perot es un candidato independiente corriendo para presidente.

El es un negociante ultra millonario. Despues de su servicio militar, el trabajo para IBM (computadoras). El se enfocaba en disketes, al resultado salio muy rico. El companero de Ross Perot es Admiral James Stockdale.

*Perot piensa que el aborto es el derecho de la madre, pero esta a contra

*El quiere mejorar la coleccion de impuestos, mas eficiente

*Mas eficacia en los gastyos de gobierno

*Eliminar proyectos de gobierno con fondos que no son necesarios

*Disminuyar el defecit nacional con los impurestos de gasolina. Agregar 10 centabos cada ano al precio del gas por 5 anos

*Contra el libre comercio con Canada y Mexico. Quiere dejar los trabajos y la industria aqui

*El quiere que Japon compre mas productos de Los Estados Unidos al igual que nosotros le compramos a ellos

Los seguidores de Ross Perot creen que el puede traer cambios como presidente porque el no es politico y puede hacer mucho con el congreso.



Ross Perot

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Kristin's Column

Kristin Bedow

UNDER 18 NOT ADMITTED: YOUR VOICE DOESN'T COUNT

Many of us have had the privilege of witnessing the presidential debates, sometimes even interrupting pretty good television programs in the process. So I wonder why it is that people under the age of eighteen are not permitted to vote in this land of opportunity.

Now don't get me wrong, I don't think many twelve year olds are likely to concern themselves with who we elect as president; but there are probably quite a few fifteen, sixteen and seventeen year olds who do. I have a problem with the fact that this country is willing to give the responsibility of a drivers license to a sixteen year old, but our vote doesn't count for something that greatly affects us.

Perhaps a few hundred votes by the teenagers who do care wouldn't make a huge difference, but it's a start. Being seventeen, and just four months away from the legal voting age, I will have

missed my chance to vote in this election; and any of the students who will turn 18 after November 4 will also have to wait four years to exercise their voice in who will run our country. Although the debates between President George Bush and Governor of Arkansas Bill Clinton have not been of much excitement to me, I am aware of what each candidate has proposed to do for this country if elected; and I think I am old enough to have some say in who will hold the power position in a country in which I have to live.

Unfortunately the election is only four months away and sadly there will probably not be any significant changes in the voting regulations before this election is to take place. But there is something you can do. Talk to your parents and discuss who they are going to vote for. Watch the presidential debates, discuss the issues with your parents and try to make your parents aware of who you feel would be the best candidate, as well as listening to their views. Perhaps you will help them to feel the same way you do, who knows, they may end up changing your mind. If you care about who runs your country, get involved, make yourself heard. Just because you are under eighteen does not mean your voice doesn't count!

What happened to the "un" in unscheduled?

by Skye Studabaker

At the beginning of October, the administration put the unscheduled attendance policy into effect. The new policy was designed to limit the number of students who ditched or came late to their free hour.

Students are required to report to Commons at the beginning of their unscheduled hour and wait for the paraprofessionals to check off each person's name. Only after this procedure are students allowed to go up to the library or take a test, etc.

Any passes for students to return to unscheduled must be taken to the paraprofessionals in Commons even if the student plans to go to the library.

The same tardy and ditching policies as in other classes will be inflicted if students don't adhere to the new program.

These procedures cut into the time the students have to work by almost ten minutes. By being forced to go to Commons first, students are tempted to stay with their friends rather than go to the library to study.

Many students are irritated with the policy, complaining that it limits the freedom they have to talk with teachers or administrators and make up work.

IF DR. JONES RAN FOR PRESIDENT

By Vicki Thomas
Derek Barton

With the elections in only a few days most voters have decided who they want for president. Although many of us aren't old enough to vote yet, we still have a good idea of who we want. However, has anyone ever considered having Dr. Jones as president? What issues might he discuss in his campaign?

After being at this school for three years and seeing Dr. Jones at work, he'd probably apply some of his policies to our nation.

For instance, he'd most likely stress the idea of converting to the Japanese system of education. This includes a longer school day (although our school day is longer than almost any other in Illinois) as well as school on Saturdays and school all year round.

A new program might be started called "Operation Inconvenience". It would mainly focus on stores, homes, and schools. Doors must be locked at all time. If someone needs to enter they must have a picture I.D. or go

through a door linked directly to the front desk to get a visitor's pass.

One of Dr. Jones' concerns is the problem with gangs. He might create a law stating that no one could wear hats (including old ladies with babushkas) tilted to the side, a common gang sign. Also, displaying of colors such as red, white, blue, or black would not be permitted. Anyone caught wearing these colors would immediately be arrested.

A stricter policy at the work place would be another issue he might discuss. If someone was late to work they would first have a warning from their employer. The next tardiness would result in a call home to a parent or spouse. Anytime after that would result in IWS (in work suspension) which means that person would have to work without pay.

If Gomer Pyle were running for president, then maybe Dr. Jones would have a chance. He'd be better off leaving his policies at West Chicago Community High School and only annoying a small percentage of the population.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I believe that H. Ross Perot and his vice presidential running mate James Bond Stockdale should be elected in the 1992 Presidential Election.

Perot is a man who means what he says and takes action to achieve his goals. He is an independent candidate, so the stalemates which often occur between a Republican president (for example, Bush) and the Democratic congress would be lessened if not abolished.

With an open mind, there is more and more time to consider good ideas and take action. Not only can President Bush and Congress not agree on much but because of this, very little action is ever taken.

Perot also is the best at honestly, reasonably, logically answering questions about the problems the U.S. is facing.

In a recent poll taken by *Newsweek*, Perot gained the largest percent of the vote on most positive aspects, especially which candidate best answers questions about and provides solutions to the U.S.'s problems.

Perot also has a good "record." He obviously knows how to manage money and business, he is a

billionaire with several companies.

Furthermore, although he may not have experience in government, would you rather have a president with no record, or a poor record. Bush has spent 4 years in office and now we are experiencing a recession second-to-none. Clinton has been accused of eluding the draft. Would you want to take the risk and let either of the guys have a chance?

Perot's running mate, Admiral Stockdale, is also an ideal man for the office of V.P. Stockdale led the U.S. in war (a major duty for a president). He has had practice being a leader, taking command and insuring the safety and welfare of a lot of people. That's the kind of security the U.S. needs behind a strong president.

After considering the unfavorable records of Bush and Clinton, and the favorable qualities of Perot and Stockdale, is there anyone out there that would want to risk the next 4 years of their life to a man they know has a poor record?

Sincerely,
Val Newman

Dear Editor,

As a concerned citizen, I am writing to voice my opinion. I think Governor Bill Clinton is the best candidate for the presidency.

If Clinton is to win the race, he has a plan to help our economy. He wants to concentrate on increasing better job training, and putting investments into infrastructure. For example, building roads and bridges.

Bush says if re-elected, he will concentrate on helping our economy. Why couldn't he have done that the first four years?

In order to help our economy, Clinton admits he is going to raise taxes on the wealthy and the foreign countries doing business here. He is telling us straight out what he is going to do and is being honest, where as Bush, has done nothing but lie the past four years and will most likely do it again.

Clinton is also very concerned with the environment. Clinton will make a pledge not to lose any more wetlands and along with the National Academy of Sciences, will develop policies to save the wetlands.

He also has a target year of 2000 for decreasing the amount of CO2 emissions. Bush doesn't want to make any deadlines on this topic, and this only shows that he's not ready to make commitments and he's not very dedicated.

Clinton also wants to concentrate on preventing water pollution rather than cleaning it up, and wants to seek a clean water act.

Clinton knows about the common worker and wants to help. He also wants to protect the right of a woman to choose. He doesn't feel that the government should be able to tell a woman what she can or can't do with her body.

Clinton wants to protect everybody's rights and he knows what's best for the country right now. And I know what's best for our country, a president with the ideas and qualifications of Bill Clinton.

Thank you,
Amy Garceau

HALLOWEEN

IN HIGH SCHOOL

By Molly Statz



Once again stores are bringing out the paper witches and cloth ghosts. Children are busy talking about what they are going to be this year and how to get the most candy. Schools are telling kids to watch out for strangers and remember to look both ways before crossing the street.

Here at the high school students are more concerned with sports events than the latest trend in Halloween fashion. For most students, by the time they get to high school Halloween has lost its magic. Students may feel they are too old to dress up or feel uncomfortable walking around in a costume.

Not all students feel Halloween is only for younger kids. Veronica Chavez feels there is no fun in Halloween if no one dresses up. She is hoping to be Alf this year.

Senior Kelly MacAdam said she didn't dress up because,

"There are too many rules for what you can and can't do in high school." Kelly feels it is too much of a hassle to pick out a costume.

At West Chicago teachers dress up as well. Ms. Daneels dresses up, "...just to be kooky." Even though Ms. Daneels likes to have fun she doesn't like the Satanic undertones she knew about in her home town. "Sacrificing animals and kids, messing with things they shouldn't be messing with," she explained.

However, not all teachers dress up in costumes. Mr. Dow never thought about why he doesn't dress up. Eventually he said, "How would a student feel talking to me about a serious problem if I were dressed as Bozo?"

Halloween was a time to ward off evil spirits. Eventually it became a time of dress-up and make-believe. Candy was given out to children who dressed up. Halloween is probably the only time for teens, and adults as well, to find the child in them without being put down.

Dear Editor,

George Bush is the only candidate that is skilled enough to lead the United States through the tough times that lay ahead.

Clinton's tax and spending policies will be the end of this country. We need to reduce the amount of money this country spends, not raise taxes and spend more. Clinton lacks the experience needed to deal with foreign policy as President Bush has done. Clinton has often changed his position on issues. We need a leader, not some one who buckles under pressure.

After Perot dropped out of the race he continued to spend millions of his own money to ensure that his name would be on all the ballots. He did this to avoid being questioned and having his past dug up by reporters. Can you really trust a man who avoids the issues then tries to make up for it by making jokes?

As the new world order emerges we need a person who understands global politics as well as having experiments in the national arena. We need George Bush to lead America.

CAN LADYCATS SCORE A TOUCHDOWN?

By Dina Bascharon

Hey Lady Wildcats, haven't you ever had an urge to run onto the field, intercept the ball and run ninety-five yards for a touchdown?

Although this is a dream for many football players, the reality of it could be well within our grasp.

For the past twenty-four years, the administration has denied having girls powder puff football games. When asked why, the answer was unanimous.

About a decade ago, at Collinsville High School, two girls received head injuries from tackling, during a powder puff game.

The Collinsville was sued and in turn Dr. Kamm, the last superintendent of We-Go, rejected powder puff football unless the girls wore pads and helmets.

Since We-Go barely has had enough equipment for their own team, powder puff has always been turned down.

With a new superintendent, Dr. Morris, and an enthusiastic assistant principal, Mr. Highland, powder puff may become one of many future traditions at We-Go.

However, like any sport, there will be rules and regulations. One being since pads and helmets are virtually out of the question, flag football would be played to reduce the risk of injury.

When asked about having powder puff, Mr. Highland exclaimed, "I have no problems with that, I'm all for it!"

Although this enthusiasm and positive reaction doesn't guarantee the administration will approve powder puff, it does mean the ladies have made progress, and have reached the field.

The trick now, is to see how well they can maneuver, to get an opportunity to score that touchdown.

Volleyball spelled S-U-C- C-E-S-S

By Raven Moore

The Lady Wildcat volleyball team ended their regular season successfully despite the rough beginning.

"The season has gone well. We've had our ups and downs though," said Chris Stuart, sophomore Varsity starter.

The Cats record was 13-12 overall and 7-7 in the DuPage Valley Conference.

Varsity coach Kim Wallner said, "The season went really well. We have been very successful especially during the end of the season. We have third place for sure."

The team in the first round of conference play was 3-4 and improved that slightly

during the second round of play with a record of 4-3.

Senior captain Chris Murphy stated, "The season was fun-it was great! It's been very expensive though." Senior starter Amy Barnes added, "I'm in debt." The two are referring to an empty volleyball the team has used to store the players' quarters, which they must "donate" when an obscenity is shouted in the heat of battle.

The 'Cats are very optimistic going into regional competition after their much improved play towards the end of the season.

WE-GO TENNIS SEASON ENDS

By Cory Christiansen

The We-go tennis team ended the season with good attitudes and good sportsmanship. Even though We-go didn't make it to state this year, the tennis players know deep down the team did their best.

Adrienne Yule quoted, "We may not have made it to state, but I have played tennis all four years of high school and this was the best team work and sportsmanship I've ever seen. We all tried our best and we all know that."

For the DVC competition, the coaches from each school in the DVC got together to look at every player's record during the season. They then decided the best four players from each position. The positions include first, second and third singles, and first and second doubles. JV and varsity players both participate.

The lineup for DVC was: first singles - Tiina Martin; second singles - Adrienne Yule; and third singles - freshman Amy Miller. For first doubles, it was Sarah Meyers and Carrie Netzel. Sec-

ond doubles was Karen Hesterman and Laura Rapinchuck.

On the varsity level, senior Laura Rapinchuck and sophomore Karen Hesterman were seeded #4 as second doubles. Also, junior Tiina Martin was seeded #4 as first singles.

The only players to make the second round were Laura, Karen and Tiina. Laura and Karen captured 4th place for second doubles, and Tiina was 4th place for first singles.

At sectionals, there were only two categories: singles and doubles. The Wildcats sent Adrienne and Karen for singles, and for doubles, it was Laura and Tiina, along with Sarah and Carrie. The only team to be seeded was Sarah and Carrie, but they lost, and unfortunately, no one made it to the second round, or to the state finals.

We-go tennis players ended the season knowing that their performance was at their best. Good job and effort this year, We-go tennis team!



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V-I-C-T-O-R-Y

By Damon Carlson

The West Chicago Wildcat football team won two homecoming games in the matter of one week, and now they have a chance for the state playoffs.

We-Go defeated Wheaton North 13-12 at Homecoming Oct. 3rd, making it the first time the Cats defeated the Falcons in fourteen years.

The comeback victory was completed with about 35 seconds left in the game when Tate Knutson ran in the winning touchdown which erased the Falcon's previous 12-0 lead. Then Kenny Hodgen kicked the extra point putting West Chicago ahead for an awesome 13-12 win.

Then just six days later the varsity team collected its fourth win, this time against defeating Glenbard North, for the first time in eight years.

Within the first few minutes of the game, Wallace Sullivan blocked a punt and ran the ball in for the first touchdown of the game.

After Wallace's big play the lead changed three different times leaving the Wildcats with a 24-14 victory over the two-time defend-

ing DVC champions. The Wildcat victory was a very fulfilling one, considering they won their rival's homecoming game.

The Wildcats were hoping to increase their winning streak to three, at home versus highly ranked Naperville Central. The defense did what they do best, holding Naperville's high powered offense to six points.

However, the defense couldn't do it all. The offense looked in tune, when it started off with a 38 yard completion from Rich Fikis to Alphonso Medina. This brought them inside the Redhawk's ten yard-line, but the drive ended with an interception.

The Wildcats got near the goaline one more time later in the contest, unfortunately, with the same result.

This loss left the Wildcats fourth in conference.

They still have a chance to make the playoffs if they win their next two games. This would be a real victory since the last time it happened in Wildcat History was 1978.

Siglin Running Over Competition

by David Vingren

West Chicago boys' cross country runner Brett Siglin finished first in all but one meet during the regular season. But, that's only the beginning. The senior's big hopes are for his down state performance.

"I want to win (state)," said Siglin. "I've been training for this about six months."

"He's got a lot of potential for state," said head coach Bob Thompson. "People will expect him to be in the top ten."

The only individual to beat Siglin this year is Stevenson's defending state champion Pat Joyce.

Siglin doesn't see Joyce as a problem down state. "I've improved a lot since then and I feel I can be a much better competitor."

One of Siglin's best performances came at the DuPage Valley Conference Meet. He ran a 3.1 mile course in 15:28, which was good for first place by 34 seconds. He received the West Chicago Athlete of the Week Award for his performance.

"He seems to respond (to competition) very well," said Thomp-

son. "He knows this is his last season."

This year, Siglin is trying to compensate for a disappointing junior season. Because of bronchitis at regionals and sectionals, he couldn't perform to expectations.

"I felt like sticking my head in the sand," said Siglin. "People said 'you weren't that good last year'. That gave me more incentive to do good."

Success for Siglin isn't just going out and running the course. Runners have to plan out different paces they will run for different parts of the course.

"You have to visualize the course in your head before the race," said Siglin. "It's about ninety percent mental. The hardest part is you have to keep your mind clean (during the race)."

Support behind Siglin has been a problem for the team. Large intervals between Siglin's times and his teammate's times have produced high scores for the Wild Cats (team with the lowest score wins the meet).

"They work hard and that's all you can ask for," said Siglin. "I think we can win regionals; but I doubt we'll get past sectionals."

*Congratulations Fall Sports
Teams on your successful
seasons!*

Good Luck this weekend!

From the Chronicle staff