## The Doorway to the Future Begins Here

By Dina Bascharon
Finally the Seniors at We－Go will have a hall to call their own．
A couple of reasons for the Senior hall frenzy is that＂we finally have the freedom to do things，＂said Activities Director，Mr．High－ land．
He also stated，＂The school needs to be personalized，more spirited and the seniors need more ownership．I want Senior hall to be a neat area to become a part of．＂
Highland believes seniors shouldhave some－ thing to earn there way into，thus no other hallways are planned to have any special improvements．

Future plans call for＂Senior Hall＂being painted on the entrance ways entering the hall for all to know．
Also across the Science department wall， ＂Wildcat Pride＂will be painted in script and parallel to that the wall will read＂The door－ way to the future begins here．．．＂
This saying will then lead to the mural which will depict a variety of Wildcat stu－ dents sitting along the steps in front of the school．
Some spirit has already been put into Senior hall with the recent hanging of past senior class pictures．
Along with the paintings and pictures，litho－ graphs with motivational phrases will be placed throughout the hallway．
Highland has been working hard to make this Senior project involve as many seniors as possible，senior art students will help paint the walls，senior Poms painted the navy blue

base coats．
This project is expected to be completed within the next couple of weeks，and the outcome is predicted to be impressive．
When asking some seniors what they thought of the improvement，many replied they weren＇t aware of the change，but felt it they weren＇t aware of the change，but felt it
was a good idea and are anxious to see the was a g
results．
The hall will even be guarded by the new senior hall monitors．

## A tragic ending to a heroic life <br> By Raven Moore

The most life－threatening disease of our time has taken yet another victim．Arthur Ashe，America＇s most celebrated black ten－ nis player，died Saturday，February 6，of AIDS related pneumonia at the age of 49.
Everyone throughout the country mourned his death．President Bill Clinton stated，＂He was a true American hero and a great ex－ ample to us all．＂
He contracted the AIDS virus from a blood transfusion during heart surgery in 1983. ＂Don＇t feel sorry for me，＂replied Ashe when ten months he told the public he had the AIDS virus．He had not planned to tell the public， but USA Today threatened to tell the people if he didn＇t．
Ashe was not only a tennis player．He was a fundraiser，activist，and spokesman．He spoke
about AIDS，telling people about its causes and effects．He spoke out against apartheid in South Africa．He even got arrested five months ago for protesting the treatment of Haitian refugees．
The man dedicated his life to helping oth－ ers．Not wanting to be the only black profes－ sional tennis player，Ashe ran clinics orga－ nized with ghettoes to show blacks youths tennis is an option the could follow．
The Arthur Ashe Foundation for the Defeat of AIDS was set in August of last year to inform and educate the people about AIDS． It seems appropriate Ashe died this month． Not that anyone wanted him to die，but it seems justified．This month is Black History Month and Ashe is one of the most dedicated，
hard we－ting black men of the century． He overcame racism in a sport dominated by whites．He is credited as helping break the black barriers in professional tennis．
Six weeks ago Ashe was named 1992 Ath－ lete of the Year in Sports Illustrated．For seven years of his life he was the No． 1 tennis player in the world．
Pam Shriver，a top－ranked tennis player in the circuit who befriended him，spoke about Ashe，＂A role model not just for blacks，but all minorities．．．．Everthing about him was classy． He handled it all with such dignity．＂ Inleui of flowers for Ashe，contributions can be sent to the Arthur Ashe Foundation for the Defeat of AIDS， 100 Park Ave．，NY，NY 10017.

## Booster scholarship

Applicationsfor the Booster Club Scholarship are now a vailable for seniors from the guidance counselors，and are due back in the office by A pril 15．Several $\$ 500$ scholarships are given out each year on merit，extracurricular activi－ ties，and community service， notacademicachievementor financial need．


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By Dina Bascharon
The FBLA Chapter of West Chicago High School took third out of twelve high schools at the Northern Area Conference for the second year in a row, on February 6, 1993.

Along with taking third place overall, We-Go won many individual and team awards as well. Sophomore Chris Aluman also won the election for 1993-94 Northern Area President.
This victory is a big step for We-Go's FBLA chapter because the responsibility of running Illinois Northern Area FBLA chapter will be in the hands of Alman and advisors Ms.Blume andMrs.Malone. They will also be in charge of hosting and running the Northerm Area Conferencenext year.
The focus of the conference was the different business competitive events. Some of the events include Accounting, Business Law, Public Speaking, Job Interview, Parliamentary Procedures and Mr. \& Ms. Future Business Leaders.
Blume stated, "I was really proud of everyone, and I hope that our students place at state." She also hopes the chapter will
place in the top fifteen at the State conference. When asked how it felt to be Northern Area President, Altman replied, "It's scary, but I'm excited to be president."
The next big event for FBLA is State Conference at the Holidome in Springfield, IL on March 26-28, 1993. There will be around sixty schools attending this conference from Illinois. Students who placed the highest among the We-Go FBLA chapter in each event are eligible to compete at state.


Chris Altman and Campaign Manager Nicole Cordin in front of Campaign booth

FBLA Place Holders
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Paul Johnson - Computer Concepts David Yong - Information Processing

2ND PL.ACE: Ryan Evans . Mr. Future Business Leader
Scott Koslowski. Job Interview Mark Miller - Accounting

3RD PLACE: Chris Altman - Parliamentary Procedures Jim Hollaway-Computer Applications Matt Johnson - Business Math JJ. Schwan - Impromptu Speaking Skye Studabaker - Public Speaking Dina Bascharon. Who's Who in FBLA

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## No Bands, Variety Show Letdown

by Kristin Bedow
The Moms in School day care program is expanding their admission policy to include educators in the West Chicago school system.
Initially the program was established by various members of St. Mary's Catholic various members of St. Mary's Catholic
Church, First United Methodist Church, St. Church, First United Methodist Church, St.
Michael's United Church of Christ, First Congregational Church of West Chicago, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church and the West Chicago Kiwanis to care for the infants and toddlers of students in West Chicago.
The intention of this day care program is to allow the students to continue their education while providing inexpensive, efficient day care for their child. However there are not enough children enrolled in the program to meet the financial needs of
the center. At the present time, there are only 5 children enrolled. Currently the center has the capacity to care for eight children, ages 6 weeks to 24 months. However the center is in the process of hiring a third staff memberteacher which will increase the capacity of care to twelve children.
The center offers new cribs, highchairs, changing tables, and plenty of toys for the children. There are two staff members, Carol Johnson, and Cari Chez, who is director qualified in the State of Illinois.
The center will charge teachers a fee of $\$ 100$ per week and 25 cents a week for students. The day care center will be open on all regular school days, during regular school hours. If you are interested in enrolling your child in the Moms in School day care center, please contact director Cari Chez at the center, 231-0231.

By Chris Mueller
Bands will not be playing at the Variety Show this year. The administration and faculty seem to be pleased with the decision. Students, on the other hand, don't really know or understand why. "What's with the "NO BANDS" rule?" they ask.
"CROWD CONTROL" those are the key words. Mr Highland explained the decision by saying,"I've always tried to be open minded, but the decision is based on crowd control. You can loose control of a large group of people very easily." Making sense yet?
Those of us who are Juniors and Seniors may remember that a band played at the Variety Show two years ago. The problem began when the band started playing. The crowd advanced to the stage, bras were thrown
on stage, and a pair of drum sticks were thrown into the crowd cutting some one above the eye. After the show, the police suggested that bands should no longer be allowed to play at the variety show. The administration agreed. Mr. Highland added,'I strongly believe that the Variety Show will make the same amount of money even without the bands."
There is a solution to the problem. Bands will be given the opportunity to play at dances and similar functions. All the bands have to do is leave their names with Mr. Highland so auditions can be set up.
This is already being done. The audition dates are yet to be announced, all bands are welcome. Although bands will not be at the Variety Show, they will be given the opportunity to display their talents to students.

## News Editorial

By Raven Moore
Black History Month. It is a time to honor and recognize black people who have made a difference or helped to advance the Afri-can-American culture.
Many people of contrasting backgrounds condemn this time of recognition saying it is unfair. A We-Go student was quoted as saying,"There isn'ta White History Monthit's not right."
It was also not right for American colonists and plantation owners to use blacks as

## Support Black History Month

slaves.
slaves.
Even today it isn't fair that many blacks are paid less than whites who are doing the same job or even not getting a job because their skin tone made them "unqualified."
This month is a time for African-Americans to feel proud and strong as they should all year long.
Such historians as Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks, and Frederick Douglass can now be honored for their courage and strength and seen as reformers whohelped the Civil RightsMove-

## ment occur

Saying that Black History Month is not justified is like saying that it is not right for African Americans to be proud of their history and culture.
I challenge everyone of you to open your minds and learn more about the history of blacks and you may be shocked by the advancements blacks have made in the past 100 years. I say this with all do respect since blacks had a very difficult and demeaning
beginning in the U.S.
At the end of February Black History Month will be over, but the knowledge you can learn about proud, strong black Americans will last you a lifetime.

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# Gays in the Military 

President Bill Clinton has not been in office but a month, and already he is facing some of the toughest decisions our country has to make. One of those decisions was to lift the ban on gays in the military, a ban which has been in effect for over 50 years.
So far, many military officials and members have showed strong opposition. In Wilmington, North Carolina, Camp Lejeune, Crae Pridgen, a 28 year old marine was beaten severly by three fellow marines. According to witnesses, the three yelled such phrases as "You faggots have to die", and "We don't want you in our Marines."
The three men accused of beating Pridgen were quoted as saying, "Clinton's going to pay". Even more shocking is the sign posted at the Camp Lejeune barricks which reads,
"Support your local gay bashing in the Marine Corps."
According to Martin Hiraga of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, "What they're saying is their opposition to their commander in chief gives them carte blanche to violate the constitutional rights of the very people they're sworn to protect."
So far Clinton has stated that the military can no longer ask someone whether they are gay or not upon entering the military. This bill will be in effect for six months, when further discussion of the matter will take place.
That seems fair. Colleges, camps, and other such activities which require people to come in such close contact with one another cannot ask someone their sexual preference. It is against the law to discriminate against some-

one because of their sex. That includes the sex with which they choose companionship. So what gives the military the right to judge someone's integrity as a soldier because of heir sexuality?
Many people fear that Clinton's decision will ead to further opposition such as this, endan-
gering the lives of those men and women in themilitary who are homosexual. But Clinton has made a step in the right direction. These people are Americans, and they deserve the right to defend their country if they so choose. For those who have entered the homophobic war zone, it looks like this is one war you are going to lose.

## Letters To The

 Editor:

Dear Editor,
I am writing in response to the letter that Cory Christiansen wrote in a previous issue. I agree that Dr. Jones decision to no longer allow Dance Production to perform at the mock weddings is ludicrous. From my understanding, the whole issue is that $\mathrm{D}_{\text {r }}$. Jones does not approve of the song "Speedracer" because he feels it promotes sex or exotic dance. PLEASE! A majority of the audience did not go out and have sex because of that dance, therefore, how does it promote sex?
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When a group of my friends saw it, sex was not the first thing that came to mind. We saw a good performance that took hours of dedication and hard work. And it wasn't just the younger generation who enjoyed it, but the adults and teachers as well. Basically what I am saying is that Dr. Jones needs to cool it a little with his drastic decisions. There are not a lot of activities that our school promotes where the community, student body and faculty can get together. Thanks for taking away one of the few we had.

Disappointed in the Administration, Mimi Mejia


Dear Editor,
I wore a blossorm hat (the big hats with the daisy on them) and I was asked to take it off.. I don't understand why people cannot wear hats in school. I don't think people should be asked to take off their hats, especially if they are part of their outfit. I think the whole concept of not being allowed to wear hats in school is dumb. Our school does not have a severe gang

## "If someone wants to represent a gang, they are going to do it anyway, hat or no hat.'

problem, and that is not the reason people wear hats in all cases. If someone wants to represent a gang, they are going to do it anyway, hat or no hat. I would also like to know why guys cannot wear headbands. These items are a fashion statement. But when my friend Alex Tapia, who is Mexican, wore a headband he was asked to take it off. However, when another one of my male friends who is white wore it nothing was said to him.

Fed Up,
Heather Fritz

## Mandatory P.E.and Your Future by Soren Johnson

400 hours. By the time you graduate, you have leamed an immense amount of sports history, toned your body to one of streamlined excellence, and participated in many rigorous exercises in your 400 hours of physical educa tion classes, or have you?
I write to you, my fellow comrades in P.E. in order to ask YOU, the people who count in this school, if you agree with mandatory P.E. classes?
If you had a choice, as the word democracy denotes, would you mandate P.E. classes for everyone during his or her junior and senior years?
As Socrates would have me do, I am questioning the System. I agree that P.E.should be mandatory the first two years because the social skills attained through the interaction in this class should not be bypassed, such as cooperation and respect.
Thus, what I am questioning is this: Why should Juniors and Seniors, if their future plans do not lie in the area of athletics, have to take P.E. class?
America today demands a lot of is workers and what is, for example, a potential computer programmer learning from a P.E. class? Shouldn't this sudent be able to take another computer class instead of the mandatory P.E? Granted, this computer programmer should be physically fit, but does the state need to mandate when and where this student will exercise?
I hear the following quote everyday, and I grimace whenever I hear it: "Oh yea, I'm in (FILLIN THE BLANK WITH ATEACHER OR SUBJECT'S NAME), and it's a total blow-off!" It bothers me because comrades, we're here to learn, incase you haven'tcaught on yet.
The point is, Juniors and Seniors in general don't WANT to be in "blow off" classes. With college just around the corner, they want to be preparing for it as best they cian. Especially during senior year, vasted time just ticks seniors off.
I don'tnecessarily think P.E. is wasted time; I think it's time that could be better used by certain upperclassmen, I would rather be taking an academic class than P.E. I don't believe I will ever be a P.E. teacher, profes-
sional athletics is not in my future, and I can exercise on my own time. My junior and enior year P.E. class-time ( 200 hours), in my opinion, could be better spent in a class that lies within my field of interest.
My grand solution is this: makeP.E. a choice for upperclassmen by overtuming the state law which mandates it.
Open more doors by allowing students to take more electives. Free up schedules for upperclassmen who find themselves spend ing the majority of each day fulfilling mandated classes. If this happens, we can begin to change the "You have to" emphasis of th public schools to one of "You can."

## Hillary For President?

## by Raven Moore

Courageous, brilliant, or an idiot? Bill Clinton marked a historical move when he made his wife Hillary the head of the Health Department of the United States.
It is either the most courageous, powerful move by a U.S. President, or the most damaging. Any way you look at it, Clinton has set himself up for criticism.
There is no way health care can be increased while the money used for health care spending decreases. He is putting Hillary in a terrible situation.
Though she is one of the best lawyers and smartest women in the country, Bill is setting her up for a fall:
I totally support his idea of involving his wife with the government, buthe's giving her an inconquerable job.
My theory for Hillary being selected for such a prestigious job is that she set him up. Everyone heard about Bill's affairs here and there, a quite embarrassing bout for Hillary, She could in turn have made him look just as bad by divorcing him halfway through his campaign. But that would have also been a stupid move on her part.
What she did was pretty smart thinking on her part. Now all she has to do is prove that she is capable of doing what she set out to do. Re-election is only four years away. Will your wife beat you, Bill?

## One Stop Retro Shopping

By Paul Abella

The last time I headed out to the Alley, I was sickened to see someone in an I.O.U. shirt buying a Red Hot Chili Peppers shirt. That was the ultimate signof conformity at the K-Mart of the non conformist. So the next time you head out to Chicago, don't go to the newfound home of every preppy, poser, and wannabe freak. Head out to the Parking Lot instead.
Located at 513 Davis Street, near Northwestern University, the store has more interesting, creative and downright unique things than stores three and four times its size. And with its slogan of "No shirt, No socks, No problem", it might be considered a novelty shop for Chicago's nuttiest people.
Some of those interesting products carried are beads, Greatful Dead teddy bears, Dulcimers, T-Shirts with art of local artists and enough politically correct bumper stickers o cover the biggest car on the road.
As if thats not enough to fill up 500 square feet, any room that's left after the list of loot above is filled with all sorts of musical paraphemalia, mostly for bands like Frank Zappa's Mothers of Invention, Blues Traveler and of course, the Grateful Dead. And this isn't just shirts and stickers (that alone cover two and a half of the four walls), they also carry patches, keychains, necklaces, drums, and almost anything else you can think of.
The next time youre in Chicago, don't go to preppy alternative heaven to waste your money. Instead, check out the Parking Lot. And bum a hole in your pocket. Sixties style.

## A Night of One Acts

By Molly Statz

The winter one acts are going to be differ ent. This year they are being directed by students, Steve Broido, Skye Studabaker, and Eric Heerwagen.
Ms. Hafertepe, who usually directs the plays, came up with the idea. She said, "I would give the students an opportunity to do something different." She also wants the students to see the other side of theater.
Steve Broido is directing a play titled $\mathrm{G}^{\circ}$ ing Towards the Light. The play was written by teens about dealing with the AIDS virus. The play deals with many different situations and reactions to the virus.
Broido saw it preformed at a theater show. The play was real effective. It was funny and not a downer, " he said.
Skye Studabaker is directing two plays because each one is short with only a few characters.
The first play Sure Thing is about a guy trying to pick up a girl. Each timeone of them
says something the other doesn't like a bell goes off and they have to start over The second play Mere Mortals is about three constuction workers on lunch break. They talk about being better than what they appear to be. It makes the viewe wonder if they are pretending or talking about reality.
Sudabaker enjoys directing but she finds it hard to convey her ideas to the preformers. "I can tell the actors what actions and voice qualities look and sound good," she said. "I don't have control over how the finished product will turn out" she added.
Eric Heerwagen is directingThe Actor's Nightmare. The play is about a mannamed George Spevin who finds himself in the midst of four very different plays. The nightmare is Georgenotknowing his lines nor what the play is about.
Heerwagen enjoys directing. "It really keeps me busy," he said.
"It gives me appreceation for what Ms. Hafertepe has to do," he added
All plays will be prefomed at West Chicago on February 25, 26, and 27. Tickets are sold $\$ 2.00$ for students and $\$ 3.00$ for adults.


Jill Loek, Andrew Schwab and Ned Miller star in Mere Mortals.


## Wolf You Up With Love

## By Derek Barton

Valentine'sDay usually brings thoughts of red and white lace, hearts, candy, and love. Who would ever think that wolves had anything to do with it?
Long before the Christian era, wolves overpopulated the European countryside, killing cattle and sheep, and menacing the farmers and their families. The wolf was considered to be a constant enemy.
As tradition goes, Romans had a godprotector from every enemy they had. The god who protected them from wolves was called Luperus the Wolf Killer. Ev-
ry year, on February 14, the Romans had festival called Lupercalia to celebrate he triumph of Luperus. They would sacrifice a goat and a dog to the wolf killer, and the rest of the day was spent rejoicing.
Throughout the years, February 14 be came even more important to the Romans. The once feared wolf had become an bject of respect. Romulus and Remes, he founders of Rome, were saved by a he-wolf who gave them milk and warmth while they were abandoned babies. The she-wolf was believed to be Lupera, the wife of Laperus the Wolf Killer
It was believed that on February 14, the birds begin to mate. Somehow the holiday of Lupercalia became the right time for young people to choose their partners for the year. Thus, February 14 became a sweetheart's holiday.

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## Correspondence From Hell: The Lazlo Letters, Citizen Lazlo (Don Novello)

## By Paul Abella

In his first book, The Lazlo Letters, Lazlo Toth writes to his favorite political heroes (Like Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Spiro Agnew, and the presidents of McDonald's, Kentucky Fried Chicken and South Korea). Important world dignitaries (The CEO of the company tha markets Mr. Bubble, Sammy Davis Jr, the Timex lost and found), and even NASA
The results are usually pretty funny, rang ing from advice about putting jelly on hamburger buns, and advice on keeping your Mr. Bubble dry (To keep its free flowing qualities, of course) to NASA wishing Lazlo a bon voyage on his 8 million hour trip to Mars.
The second book, CitizenLazlo, is more of the same, but the jokes aremorerecent. Instead of Nixon and Ford, his conservative targets are now Reagan and Bush. The correspondence between McDonald's and Lazlo expands, and now Lazlo belongs to the Mario Lanzo fan club, who got very upset for making fun of the name Mario.
These books are very interesting, and make for good reading during boring classes. They're available at most bookstores for $\$ 7.95$.

Life is what you make it. Enjoy it while you can.

## "HAPPY VALENTINE'S

DAY, AL!"

## By Derek Barton

It was a chilly morning in Chicago. Seven men were lined up against a garage wall, the targets of a thousand machine gun bullets. Heads and Legs were almost severed from their bodies. The pool of blood formed was forty feet wide. When the cops asked Bugs Moran about it, he responded "Only the Capone gang kills like that."

This was definitely not the stereotypical Valentine's Day for those seven men, or the entire nation. February 13, 1929 went down in the books as the "St. Valentine's Day Massacre." They called it the "St. Valentine's Day Massacre" because they found the bodies on the 14th.
Organized crime leader Bugs Moran received a call from an alcohol supplier that a load of whiskey had come in at a bargain price. Moran was to pick it up at 10:30 the next morning. While Moran was luckily late for his appointment, seven members of his gang were waiting in the warehouse.
Then, what seemed to be a police car pulled up with two men in uniform and three men in normal cloths. Moran's gang allowed the uniformed men to disarm them, whereupon the other three lined them up against the wall. They made three swipes with their guns-at stomach, chest, and head.
The "St. Valentine's Day Massacre" marked both a high point of Al Capone's power (another Organized Crime leader) and the turning point for his downfall. Through the "massacre",Capone basically knocked Moran's gang out of the way. Everyone in the "under world" feared him. On the other hand, the slaying was so brutal that the public was offended, and the federal tax investigators were ordered to get Capone. After two years, they gathered enough evidence and witnesses to convict Capone of tax evasion. In 1931, Capone was led away, leaving his gang and his legend behind.

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Addie Panveno- '94
"Miles Hunt on my bed.



Dave Sabatino - '95
"Going out with a Swedish bikini team member."

Gina Clifford- '93
"To do the greased lightning with John Travolta."

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Jenny Wagner - '96
"I want lots of flowers and to be sung to by a guy dressed in a red heart."

Joel Alfaro - '95
"A nice dinner.


Kathryn Kalvig-'94
"A cute guy bringing me candy and flowers."

## Bryan Saul - '96

"Going to dinner and watching romantic mov-
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-Brave One
"Vanity,"
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Is your dad a fireman?

Dan Bobo,
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Tough Week For Wildcats<br>by: Richie Fikis and Mike Fraser


#### Abstract

The Wildcats were expected by many to have the worst season in years be cause of the lack of senior leadership and the presence of a primary offensive weapon. The Wildcats had only Eric Laskey and Kevin Baldus as seniors to start the season as they posted a 1-4 start. Ever since this time, Dave Valenti, a transfer point guard from Batavia, has been the main senior addition to the team. John Lammers a junior forward, said "Valenti has become a leader on the floor."


Since Valenti has been playing, the wildcats have drastically improved their record and have moved into one of the leading spots in the Dupage Valley Conference.
Along with the play of the three seniors, the play of many juniors has also been a key to the Wildcats success. The juniorshaveobviously made the transition to the varsity level very well. Many of the key juniors played football and experienced what it was like to play in a winning environment and it has carried on to the court.
Two years ago Gary Barnes was basically the whole offense for West Chicago. Last year Eric Heinz and TravarisSullivan were responsible for the scoring. This year, the wildcats offense is more of a team oriented plan and it has seemed to work.
However, the team has stumbled of late. After a freak cancellation of the Naperville Central game due to a power outage, the 'Cats played this game last Tuesday.
They got off to a good start, holding on to a $12-8$ lead at the first intermission. The main reason for this lead was the fact that the cats held the

DVC's premiere player, Anthony Parker, to 0 points over the first 12. minutes of play.
Going into halftume, the 'Cats felt good down 2 . They stayed within two until late, before the Redhawks went on a 8 point run.
Despite the efforts of Valenti, 15 points, Baldus, 12 points, and junior John Jovanovich, 10 points, the 'Cats suffered a 7 point loss.
On Friday night the 'Cats hosted the Huskies of Naperville North..
They found themselves tied 12-12 with over four minutes to go in the half, before the most boring display of basketball I've ever seen in my life. With some brilliant head coaching instruction, the 'Cats decided to stall for almost four full minutes.
Everyone in the whole gym, including me, was cheering for them to "screw up." That they did, and they wouldn't have been up at the half if it weren't for a steal by Valenti. Naperville North's coach would have been quick to thank our teams ingenious decision to stall considering his Huskies were in foul trouble
In the fourth, the team found themselves down $35-30$ before Jovanovich hit successive field goals to knot it at 35.

However, that was the last share of the load the 'Cats would have, losing he game 47-41.
Jovanovich finished with 14 while his backcourt mate Valenti had 11 points, including 3 trey's.
The team will play its last regular season game Fridayat Wheaton North, before heading into regional play.

A King Size Contro-<br>versy<br>by: Mike Cambell

The King high school boys basketball team is ranked number one in the nation. They got help from the teams that decided to forfeit, one being Grange Park their games because of the transfer rule. Othet coaches are getting angry that student wantoleave their school to go play for King.
King High School is known for getting good college recognition. Marcus Liberty transferred to King in his junior. Later he went on to the NBA. He is now playing for the Denver nuggets.

## Continuing Their Careers by: Richie Fikis

On February 3, 1993 Chris Murphy and Julie Rodriguez signed their national letters of intent to play college volleyball on scholarship.
Murphy was an unanimous all-conference selection along with being a setter on the Sports Performance volleyball club's team, which is based at the Great Lakes Sports Center in West Chicago. She will be attending Au-

Rodriguez is a transfer student from Marian Catholic High School where she received all-conference honors of her own. She also doubles as a member of the sports Performance squad. She has committed to Clemson University for next fall.
Bothare currently competing in tournaments for the Sports Performance Club.

These kids are transferring to play for the number one team in the nation. Do these people think they will go to the best high school basketball team and start? They have some of the best all-around players on theirttam, what would make them think that King would change their line up for a transfer student? Last week King won another nail bitter $102-58$ at Phillips. The Jaguars next game is against Dunbar.
burn University starting next fall.

## Ten Worst Division I Basketball Teams

By John Jovanovich
10. Kansas
9. Penn St.
8. Northwestern
7. Notre Dame
6. Depaul
5. Michigan
4. Memphis St.
3. Georgetown
2. Illinois

1. Duke

Have no talent
Big mistake going into Big Ten
Have they ever won?
Irish ain't lucky
Kleinschmidt is the only player the have
Fab Five are more like the five chokes
Hardaway is a bum
Hardaway is a bum
Harrington can't carry the Hoyas
Kaufman is a hog
Hurley and the Blue Devils spell choke to me

# AIDS Can't Take Hold of a Superstar's Image 

by David Vingren

That Saturday was a reminder of containing the AIDS virus really means. Remaining active in the publiceye doesn't mean anything to AIDS. It can take a carrier at any time no matter how healthy they may appear. It took Arthur Ashe on the afternoon of February 5. It is waiting to take others.
The Sunday that followed his death, I watched the Bulls versus Trailblazers on the NBC Sunday game. The voice of Magic Johnson seemed as common as the voice of any other broadcaster. It wasn't until after the game when it came tomy mind thathe is America's most popular figure ever
to carry an AIDS related virus. I simply had forgotten.
We look at Magic now how we looked at Ashe beforehe passed away. We've forgotten that he carries a deadly disease because he'sdistracted us.
Magic spoke out against the White House for their lack of funding to fight AIDS. He's strongly campaigning to youngsters to practice safe sex to avoid his situation.
He may not be making incredible behind-the-back passes any more, but he has stayed with the game he loves through the All-Star game, Olympics, and broadcaster's seat.

The activity Magic shows distracts us from the fact that he is carrying a deadly virus.
Ashe was no different from Magic. It was upsetting when USA Today disclosed Ashe's disease, but after time passed, Ashe's great contributions to society replaced in our minds the fact he had AIDS
What came to our minds when the name Arthur Ashe came about was his stand against aparthied, works to fight and make people aware of AIDS, efforts to attain civil rights and education for blacks.
Then his death hit us like a rock There was nothing to remind us of his
disease until his death. No foreshad ows of the tragedy had existed. It was the best way though. To see someone who has done so much in sports and society suffer with only more pain ahead would leave us with a saddening picture of him. Yes, the death was sudden; but no pain was witnessed. Now when we remember the name Arthur Ashe, we will continue to think of a man who made great contributions, always held his head high, and never showed suffering.

## Top of his Field <br> by Richie Fikis

Years of hard work have earned Israel Castro the top honor.
After two years of receiving medals at fourth and sixth places respectively Israel Castro has wrestled to the top spot at the 56th IHSA individual state finals.
Hisfirst place finishin the 112 weight class at marks the first state title at West Chicago since Mike Kraft in 1982. He did it by beating Mount Carmel's Jason Pero in the quarter finals to assure a medal.
Castro reached the finals after a tough nearly lost match in the semiannualfinals. After jumping out to a strong lead, Castro found himself up $8-5$ with seconds remaining. His opponent, Elijah Roberts of Rock Island, took him down andearned two points.

His final match wasn't easy either. He faced Kendrick Sanders of Elgin, whom he had previously beaten $5-2$ at the Conant sectional a week earlier. "I've been there (at state) the past two years, so I really wasn't that nervous," said Castro.
Castro was forced to go into overtime by Sanders where he scored the winning takedown on afireman'scarry with ten seconds left in the overtime to score his 3-1 victory.
"Ireally can'trememberexactly what I was thinking," he said of the overtime. "I just knew I had to wrestle hard.
"(The state win) was a dream come true. I've been waiting for this for a long time. I was so happy."


Wildcat Wrestler Israel Castro embraces Coach Bob French after his state titte victory.

## Scottie Scores With Chocolate

by Raven Moore and Richie Fikis

On Feb. 9,1993 the "Scottie Bar" was introduced to the public.
"Because of his confidence on the court and his concern for the kids and community off the court."
This was the reason Tom Morley, owner of Morley Candies, gave for choosing Scottie Pippen to sponsor his new candy bar.
"Michael(Jordan, obviously) already has enough things of his own," was Pippen's explanation for why he was chosen.

The wrapper of the bar has a picture of Pippen attempting a shot on the front, with a quote on the back.
The quote reads,"Life is a commitment of hard work and discipline. Set your goals and reach them." -Scotie Pippen.
"These are definitely words Ilive by I'm a true believer that hard work comes from commitmentsaid Pippen. Pippen has proven that he lives by these words coming from a small Arkansastown, Hamburg, and emerging as a starting all-star in the NBA. The "Scottie Bar" will be used mainly for fund-raising purposes. Pippen
ooks at the bar as a way to give back to the community. He isalso sponsoring the bar to show people what he's like without his uniform on,"I want people to see me off the court as fun and laid back."
The bar itself is a chocolate bar with peanuts and fire-cooked caramel. Pippen has a sweet-spot for the bar himself," Oh, I love the bar."
Though he loves the bar, he must restrain himself from eating it before games. He has a pre-game rule which reads: no sweets.

The bar will soon be available throughout the country andeven some places overseas.
It will be mainly for fund-raising where the sellers will earn $50 \%$ of the bar's sales.
Pippen has achieved much throughout his career. The Olympics, a start in the all-star game, and now a candy bar.
What's next?
Hopefully, as Pippen stressed, a three-peat.
"Anotherchampionship will promote
the bar."
How sweet it is.


Raven Moore anxiously seeks an autograph from Scottie Pippen.


Tom Morley presents Pippen with the first "Scottie Bar" off the line.

