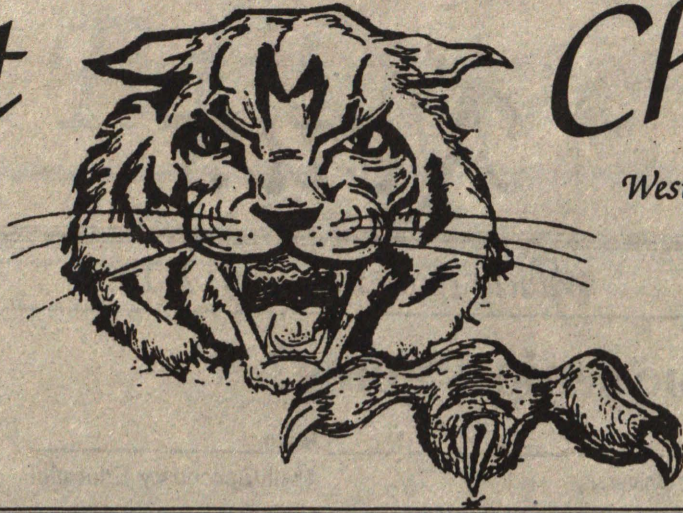


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"Wonderful Tonight"

Prom '93

By Derek Barton

On May 21, 1993, West Chicago students took part in their school Prom, sponsored and planned by the Junior class. It took place at the Alta Vila in Addison.

As a whole, Prom ran smoothly. Students were greeted by an entourage of faculty members before entering the beautifully decorated reception room. Red, white, and blue helium balloons floated along the ceiling. All the tables were set in a proper manor with tall decorated centerpieces to enhance the "Prom Night" atmosphere. If first impressions are a sign to how the rest of the evening would be, the students were in for a treat.

After pizza hors d'oeuvres, dinner started a little late then scheduled. Kristin Bedow said, "We were rushed because the dinner was late. That's not fair to us who paid all that money to have a good time." The DJ began to play dinner music. He was actually playing the horn accompaniment. Then after the bread, salad, and fruit cup, the main course was served. Personally, I didn't care for the food, which was an opinion shared by the majority of my table. I was given a

choice of beef, chicken, or a veggie plate rather than the steak, chicken parmesan (which is what I had), and veggie plate that was served.

Just as I finished eating, the dance music started. The types of music played ranged from oldies to heavy metal. The dance floor was packed. It was good that everyone got involved, but there wasn't too much room to move.

After a couple hours of hours, the coronation of the king and queen took place. Everyone watched as Rene Castillo and Shannon Walkoe were crowned. The process seemed a little dull and unrehearsed. To everyone's surprise, the garter ceremony, a tradition of Prom, was cancelled. That didn't go over too well with the anxious couples. Corrie Gilgallon said, "My garter was so awesome. I didn't get to wear one last year and I was really disappointed that there was no dance for it."

Quickly it was 11:00 P.M., time for the post prom activities to begin. Eric Heerwagon said, "It was the best one I've gone to (I've gone to three) and unfortunately it went by so fast." Kevin Baldis said, "The music and coronation of the king and queen were the worst and not planned out, they left out a couple of the prom traditions, but everything else about the weekend was great!" Compared to last year, I feel this year's Prom was better. I also think an extra special thanks should go to Zora Slapak for all her hard work, and for proving she could plan a good prom. Thanks!

A Crime of Violence

By Molly Statz

In the state of Illinois rape is defined by, 'a male, 14 years or older, commits rape when he has sexual intercourse with a female, not his wife, by force and against her will.'

Rape is not a sexual act. It is an act of violence. Once a woman says no any additional sexual act is considered rape.

Most women are raped by someone they know or someone they have been talking to.

The man jumping out from behind a tree scenario is far from reality. A man usually starts a conversation with the woman. This way it doesn't look suspicious.

A man will generally rape a woman of his own race and ethnic background. Hardly ever is the rapist a sex starved, perverted, male of a different racial background.

There are several ways a woman can protect herself from being raped. While a self-defense class is greatly urged it is not required.

Women with no physical training can protect themselves just as well as those who have.

If approached on the street simply walking away or telling the stranger you are busy are good ways to avoid a possible rape. Because not all men on the street are going

to rape you trusting your instincts is the best thing to do.

If approached by a car, walking in the other direction is an easy way to get away.

When home alone don't tell anyone who comes to the door you're alone. Not letting a stranger into the house can greatly reduce the risk of being raped.

However, yelling loudly and attracting attention could frighten the potential rapist away. This doesn't always work. It could make the rapist mad.

In the unfortunate event a woman is attacked she should get medical help immediately. A rape victim must resist the urge to wash herself right after the rape. Police and doctors will need all the evidence they can find.

Under no circumstance does a woman enjoy being raped. In no way shape or form does she ask for it. It doesn't matter what she wore, said, or did before she said no. Once someone says no it's over.

Granted that it's not only women who are raped but men as well. Although it is harder to rape an unwilling man unless it is done anally.

Rape is a crime of violence that no one deserves. Not the lowest of the low nor the highest of the high. Everyone has the right to feel safe at home and away.

News Editorial Rydell High Visits We-Go

By Dina Bascharon

A wop bob a lou bop a wop bang boom. The students from Rydell High visited We-Go on May 13, 14, and 15 to perform the musical *Grease*.

Each night the musical was practically sold out with only a few remaining seats in the balcony. And the audience responded to the actors and actresses in a very positive way.

The lead roles of Danny Zuko and Sandy Dombrowski were played by Junior Rob Scott and Freshman Cherie Malouf.

Malouf's voice throughout the play was incredible and it was no wonder why she got the lead.

The Pink Ladies were played by Dayna Yoder as Marty, Dana Brosseau as Rizzo, Rachel Owens as Jan, and Melissa Pagnozzi as Frenchy.

Each played their parts with full enthusiasm and energy. Yoder talked, walked and even batted her eyelashes exactly the way Marty did in the original movie.

Also Brosseau did an outstanding job of portraying Rizzo with her spunky, "I don't give a crap!" attitude.

Steve Broido as Vince Fontaine and Teen Angel once again pleased the crowd with his performance. The crowd went wild when Broido came walking down the cloud covered stairway dressed like Elvis singing "Beauty School Dropout."

The annoying Patty Simcox was played by Amy Garceau, and she acted just as annoying or even more than the original character did.

The Burger Boys, Kenickie played by John Rakow, Doody played by Chris Lacour, Sonny played by Rene Castillo and Rodger played by Joe Guetler, were also a crowd pleaser with all their moves and grooves to make the musical funny and entertaining.

The Chorus made up of thirteen people added to the musical with their singing and dancing.

Government teacher Mr. Arnold stated that "It was great, just great. I was disgusted when I heard people criticize it, it was great for high school students."

Crew member Lisa Gray said, "It was good, but by the end I just got so sick of it because it was my life for the past few months."

"It was creative and funny, but the ending was kind of too fast which made it kind of dumb," said sophomore Andrea Bahr.

Prom Court 1993

King Candidates

Rene Castillo (King)

Mike Winterhalder

Scott Everett

Donta Norwood

Todd Reffet

Queen Candidates

Shannon Walkoe (Queen)

Raven Moore

Jenny Weigand

Betsy Co

Monique Cleminson

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Where are the seniors going?

Name	College	Major
Allen, Sarah	Concordia University	Math/Secondary Education
Baldus, Kevin	North Central College	Undecided
Barton, Derek	University of Missouri	Broadcast Journalism
Bascharon, Dina	Univ. of Illinois	Pre-Veterinary Medicine
Bedow, Kristin	DePaul University	Broadcast Journalism
Biros, Katie	College of Du Page	Undecided
Donovan, Jim	Bradley University	Undecided
Dvorak, Debbie	Taylor University	Computer Science
Evans, Ryan	University of Illinois	Aviation/Computer Science
Fikis, Rich	Illinois Wesleyan University	Accounting
Flatter, Dave	Illinois State University	Biology/Pre-Medicine
Fraser, Mike	Illinois State University	Undecided
Garçeau, Amy	University of Illinois	Undecided
Gilgallon, Corrie	University of Missouri	Education
Gray, Lisa	University of Michigan	International Law
Halfpenny, Shelly	College of Du Page	Business
Hays, Anna	College of Du Page	Chemistry
Heerwagen, Eric	Illinois State University	Physics/Education
Hodgen, Ken	University of Illinois	Civil Engineering
Hohbein, Jill	Loyola University	Pre-Medicine/Biology
Hutchins, Abby	Bryn Mawr University	Chemistry/French
Johnson, Soren	Georgetown University	Government/Russian
Kairys, Candi	University of Illinois	Political Science
Lasky, Eric	Illinois State	Undecided
Lentz, Jae	Northern Illinois University	Advertising
Malave, Mariel	College of Du Page	Secondary Ed/Psychology
Martin, Jon	University of Rochester	Undecided
Mason, Shannon	Northern Illinois University	Undecided
Matthews, Stacey	Northern Illinois University	Undecided
Mattson, Cathy	Ripon College	Math
McGriff, Teresa	College of Du Page	Psychology
Mertz, Carolyn	University of Illinois	Business
Meyers, Sarah	Illinois State University	Psychology
Mila, Brian	University of Illinois (Chicago)	Computer Engineering
Miller, Ned	Northeast Missouri State	Pre-Medicine
Mueller, Chris	Southern Illinois University	Commercial Aviation
Mueller, Eileen	Northern Illinois University	Interior Architecture
Murphy, Chris J.	Auburn University	Undecided
Nelson, Derek	Northwestern University	Engineering
Nelson, Paula	College of Du Page	Undecided
Newman, Val	College of Du Page	Environmental Engineering
Perciante, Julianne	Wheaton College	Pre-Medicine
Pester, Josh	Iowa Wesleyan University	Physical Education
Peterson, Carrie	University of Illinois	Pre-Veterinary Medicine
Prusko, Mary Jo	College of Du Page	Education

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Letters to the editor (continued)

Congratulations on shunning the reputation of the **Bridge** and thus becoming the worst school paper of all time!

As a member of the highly criticized **Bridge** staff last year, and current writer on the **College of DuPage Courier**, I was shocked when I first saw your paper. To be blunt, it sucks.

What are you, a band of Girl Scouts putting together a cookie newsletter? The **Bridge** was a highly respected, award winning paper. Obviously you don't care about quality.

Your writers have virtually no skill, your advisor has had only one journalism class in her life, and you obviously have no idea of what the word layout means.

Are your computers broken or have you just not learned how to use spell check yet? And try sticking to one font, not nine or 10.

Myself and other members of last year's staff had a lot of fun mocking the **Chronicle**, but I feel compelled to tell you how really bad this paper has become.

First of all, stick to school issues. How to install a stereo in your car, The Browns Chicken massacre, and Coach Ditka are not your ideal issues. The West Chicago School Administration is full of faults to write about, and there are other issues if you just look for them.

Second, there are no pictures of the authors of the editorials, (Like you can tell what is and what isn't supposed to be an editorial in the **Chronicle** anyway) a big no-no, and your paper has no color in it. There is a word for your paper, BORING. Mr. Fikis, you have to tell us what sport you are writing about, not just say, "The Wildcats lost today."

And another thing, Cory Christensen should not be writing on black history, she is not black. Oh, yeah, I thoroughly enjoyed that empty white box in the Jan, 25 issue on page seven.

My advice, bring back Tim Courtney, bring back the **Bridge**, and spare us any more future pain.

Regretfully Yours,

I'm embarrassed to have my name written in this paper

Dear I'm embarrassed to have my name written in this paper:

First of all in response to your letter to the editor, you have one very big misconception, we have not shunned the reputation of the **Bridge** because we are not part of the **Bridge**, but the **Wildcat Chronicle**.

Also, the **Bridge** is still a highly respected, award-winning paper. The **Wildcat Chronicle** however is still in its youth, struggling to become just as reputable as the **Bridge**.

One thing that must be understood, is that the entire staff of the **Wildcat Chronicle**, including the teacher is brand new.

Can a person who learned to play basketball yesterday play in the NBA tomorrow? No, so why and how do you expect the **Chronicle** to be award-winning now.

Regarding our writers, you may think that they have "virtually no skill," but others don't and besides that, each writer tries very hard to produce the best work they can, and it is unfair for you shun those for trying.

With presently only twelve writers, the staff is trying its hardest to produce a paper, using everyone and everything we've got.

Granted the paper hasn't always been the best, but we have steadily improved. And we're sorry for some spelling mistakes, but there were even some in the **Bridge**, its natural!

Your idea that we should "stick to school issues," isn't necessarily correct. By writing on the Brown's Chicken Massacre, and Coach Ditka we were following the advice of the Quill and Scroll handbook which states, "Cover local ideas, events and problems that concern teenagers."

And although the school does have some faults, we write on those that really have some substantial effect on the majority of students. However we are also trying to boost our school's perception to others, and are trying to focus more on the improvements; but don't get us wrong we have criticized just as much.

It seems to me that your idea of a good paper is to criticize the administration and

raise controversial issues. Well, we have done both, obviously in such good taste that you were unable to realize it.

And who ever said that only black people can write on Black History? Cory Christensen can read, write, talk and listen which was all she needed to write that article. Her skin color is so irrelevant that only those blinded by color would say such an ignorant comment.

Lastly, your suggestion that Tim Courtney and the **Bridge** should be brought back is valid. However for whatever reason he wasn't the advisor and the **Bridge** was not the paper this year. What can be done for next year isn't up to us, and really at this point isn't substantial because as you claim the real problem lies in the staff itself and neither you nor anyone else can really choose the staff.

Remember we are still a growing newspaper, learning everyday from past mistakes and taking the advice of others like you. Yet, the first thing needed in order to improve the paper is positive criticism, which you have failed to give us.

One question, if the paper was so boring and as horrible as you claimed, why did you continue to read it? And if you're so compelled to see the **Wildcat Chronicle** become as highly respected as the **Bridge**, then why don't you stop wasting your time ripping on us when you can be helping us to improve with your **Bridge** and **Courier** expertise.

Whether you insist on claiming that **Bridge** and the **Chronicle** are the same paper is your choice; however to avoid that misconception was the main reason for changing the name.

This year West Chicago High School gave birth to a new paper. Its teacher, staff and name was born and now is almost a year old. And like any baby learning to walk, we've gotten up only to fall many times. However encouragement and time is what that baby needs to learn how to stand tall and walk.

Remember the **Bridge** was once a baby too, you just happened to be a part of it when it was at its best.

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Dina Bascharon

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Kristin Bedow

A Safe Celebration

Graduation will be a day to remember for all the seniors at We-Go. That's right, we are finally out of here. Four years of waiting to become adults, to move on with our lives; but something will stop some of us dead in our tracks.

Drinking and driving is the number one killer of teenagers in America. More than 44,000 people will die from alcohol related crashes this year alone. That is enough people to fill a football stadium during the Super Bowl. Of those 44,000 people, 45% of them are between the ages of 16 and 18.

It is estimated that Americans spend over \$90 million dollars a year on alcoholic beverages alone. That is more money than is spent on all recreational drugs combined.

But the message is still not clear to young people. Prom and graduation are two occasions for severe concern with teenagers and drinking. Everyone is celebrating the end of the year, enjoying the last of their highschool days with friends, and many will be downing a few cold ones.

The message to not drink at all seems to be ignored. The number of teenage drinkers

causing alcohol related crashes has reduced substantially, but only because the courts and the police are cracking down on kids who drink. Perhaps the fear of getting caught and losing their license is reason enough for kids not to drink and drive. But there are always those select few who will drink and drive, killing and injuring those in their path.

Think of someone coming into our school with a loaded gun and opening fire at random. That is exactly how a drunk driver kills their victims. There is no target, there is no intent to kill. In fact, most drunk drivers do not even

realize how incoherent they are until the damage has already been done.

On May 20, We-Go's SADD group demonstrated the damage done by drunk driving. Seventy-five people were "killed" at random, and had to wear a sign stating "I have been killed by a drunk driver." SADD chairman Greg Hein says that he hopes their attempts to keep intoxicated drivers off the streets will work.

Please don't drive if you have been drinking, and don't get into a car with someone who has been drinking. Saying no to driving under the influence may be the most intelligent thing you will ever say.

Letters To The Editor:

Disappointed In Student Council

Dear editors and students:

I was very disappointed this year to see only three candidates for senior class student council actually campaign. The attitude of most of the candidates was, "We don't need to [campaign]." They expected people to vote for them simply because they were friends or recognized their names.

I thought that Student Council members

were supposed to be chosen to best represent the student body and lead our school. This would mean hearing what qualities the candidates had and what they had in mind for next year. Simply being previous Student Council members was not a quality I looked for.

I was not impressed with our Student Council of last year. I knew nothing about what they did for the improvement of the school or to support my class. I heard about the school exchanges, but am confused about how these benefitted the student body. There were many Student Council members from last year I'd rather not see re-elected.

I had hoped that Student Council was not supposed to be a popularity contest like Homecoming or Prom Court, but apparently I was wrong. I had greater faith in the Student Council reps of 94 that they cared about representing our class. If Student Council means this much to the students, I think it's a useless feature.

Sincerely,
A disappointed student

Sexual Discrimination

Dear Editor,

Teachers at West Chicago High School might take a closer look at the fact that they may discriminate sexually in their classes. Teachers give more attention to male students, call on them more often, and treat them with more respect than they do the female students. Students are not unaware of this. Female teachers who strive on their feminist attitudes don't seem to notice the frustration felt by the women students

"Teachers give more attention to male students..."

trying to capture their attention. They are so busy expressing their opinion and preaching to the males that the women get the second hand. I do not believe all teachers run their classes this way; the majority are open-minded and willing to share the glory of obtaining an education. Yet it is an issue that has come to the minds of students, male and female, and should be addressed.

Anonymous

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you about women's athletics. I recently read a article in the Chicago Tribune about how women's sports teams are receiving more scholarships than men's teams. That disgusts me, since men's sports teams make so much more money than women's teams. I think women's sports is a complete waste of time and worthless. They are dull and boring.

"I would rather watch paint dry than watch a girls basketball game."

Girls sports are actually taken seriously and that makes me laugh. I would rather watch paint dry than watch a girls basketball game. The top girls' basketball team in the country probably couldn't beat a guy's freshman team. I wish girls would stick to sports like swimming, tennis, and volleyball. To conclude, I hope in the future that the guys' sports teams will receive the proper funding, the proper amount of time to practice, and the best facilities available.

John Jovanovich

To Be or Not To Be: Censorship In Schools

by Derek Barton

That is the question to be decided by to Illinois State House of Representatives. On a 44-3 vote, a new bill passed the Senate. This bill, sponsored by Senator Edward F. Petka of Plainfield, would make it a crime to allow persons under 18 to have access to any material that would teach them how to commit suicide, or anything else considered "morose" or "morbid."

One concern is that this new bill could outlaw "Romeo and Juliet" or "Hamlet." As many of us know, Romeo and Juliet kill themselves out of their love for each other. And Hamlet's famous "To be" speech talks about suicide.

In order to form an opinion about this subject, I talked to a couple of faculty members. In doing this, I found arguments to support both sides of the issue.

One source, when comparing this issue to sex said sarcastically, "Since teenagers are having sex before marriage, we [the school] shouldn't teach, or have any books dealing with sex because it's making them go out

and do it!" As you can tell, this person is against the bill. Brad Larson of the English Department feels "If the bill passes, it should be ruled unconstitutional." These arguments are very strong and are commonly shared by a majority of the public.

On the other hand, I had a chance to speak to Dr. Jones who shed some light on the other side of the story. "I don't believe in censorship. It's the start of totalitarianism." Jones went on to say "If the bill is taken for it's authors purpose, it would only effect those "How to" books on suicide."

Jones also stated "I think there should be more trust in that the school board and the administration has enough sense to not allow these books available to students. They're [protesters] making a mountain out of a mole hill."

After hearing both sides of the story, I feel this bill is a waste of time. I can't believe it got past the Senate. There's a lot better things those guys in Springfield should be doing rather than worrying about books that

I didn't even know existed. I have never seen a "How to" book on how to kill yourself. I think if someone actually needs a book, they'll probably screw up the method anyway.

Now that we're all getting older and more mature, we should maybe take action in things that will either effect us directly, or our society as a whole. There are many things we can do. Here's some information you might find helpful:

House and Senate info: (217) 782-6851

Copies of bills: (217) 782-5799 House
(217) 782-9778 Sent

Bill status update: (217) 782-3944

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Rap Music

Mike Campbell

When you turn on the radio what type of music are you most likely to hear: Country, Rock and Roll, or even Rap music? There are only two stations that like to play rap music: B96 (96.3FM) and WGCI (107.5). Sometimes if you are lucky you could pick up that hard to reach station (AM 950).

These radio stations have been playing the sound that most teenagers are now listening to. After talking to a few West Chicago students who liked rap music there were a few rappers that are at the top of the list.

For instance John Jovanovich, a junior, likes to listen to Dr. Dre, Cypress Hill, and AMG. When asked who he doesn't like he replied Ice-T, M.C. Hammer, and Snow. Jovanovich said "Some songs are played on the radio more than others, that is why some groups are more popular".

Miguel Perez, another junior and rap fan, enjoys Dr. Dre, Shabba Ranks, and Cypress Hill. He doesn't even think about listening to Vanilla Ice, Tone Loc, and Snow because, "...their music doesn't make sense to me because it is played out," Perez said.

Senior Kevin Baldus likes to listen to Snoop Doggie Dog and Dr. Dre, AMG, Bran Nubians, and X-Clan. When asked why people are now listening to rap music he replied, "There are many different styles of rap, hard core to slow funk, each person has their own style".

Rap music has changed over the years. Some good and some bad. I can't change your mind whether or not you can listen to rap but you should try it sometime. In my opinion I think more people are listening to rap music because music is always changing and now I think it has changed for the better.

Have a great summer and good luck in the future!

Running For the Border

Raven Moore

Is Taco Bell the craze taking over the country? It's inexpensive, fairly tasty, and very convenient hours have made it loved by all.

"Three soft taco supremes, a small Dr. Pepper, and a cinnamon twist. God, I love Taco Bell."

To start, their beverage variety is quite nice. Dr. Pepper, Mountain Dew, and Pepsi are the most popular choices. The option of free refills is a major plus.

For a main course, tacos can be ordered for a mere \$.59 without tomatoes and sour cream, and \$.79 with the extras. Burritos range from \$.99 to \$1.49 depending if steak or beef is chosen. Nachos range from \$.79 to as much as \$1.99 depending on what is placed on top of the nacho chips.

Specialties like Mexican pizzas, chilitos, and tostados range from \$.79 to \$1.99.

The dessert selection is minimal. In fact all it offers is cinnamon twists which are puffy, cinnamon and sugar twisties that have a fun, slightly bland taste.

The top menu picks and favorites by customers are the soft shell taco, the chilito, and the nacho supreme.

Any person who was to eat a meal at Taco Bell could not spend over \$5.00 and still be hungry. A Mexican pizza, burrito

supreme, cinnamon twist, and small diet Pepsi would only cost around \$4.90.

The best thing about the quaint little clay building is the offers they always have with orders. The offer that just passed supplied a hat and t-shirt for free when 40 tacos were eaten. "Taco Bell is the ultimate restaurant of all time. Tim Murphy and I ate 160 tacos in a month and a half. We got four Bullwinkle t-shirts," Mark Centanni responded excitedly.

The offer running now gives a Bulls basketball video for \$5.99 when steak burrito supreme and a large drink is ordered.

Though this all sounds great, even DA BELL has some setbacks.

There is not a Taco Bell within 10 minutes of the high school. To get to the nearest restaurant, one must go to the north part of Wheaton or Bloomingdale near Stratford Square.

The cleanliness, to some, can also be a problem. Some of the workers take your money, then go along the taco assembly line and make your meal without washing their hands. Some may be bothered by this while others feel it's no big deal.

Portions in the orders are also a problem. Though the price is great, some Taco Bells forget that extra scoop of ground beef or that squirt of sour cream.

Overall, Taco Bell is a quality, super priced fast food restaurant that always brings in business.

Kids and Violence: What Drives Them to It?

Kristen Bedow

The number of violent crimes occurring in this country has risen drastically in the past five years. Young adults and teens are being arrested and sentenced for such crimes as rape, torture, and murder.

The most recent case has been in the news for several weeks now. A 14 year old Shaumburg girl and her 18 year old boyfriend plotted to kill her father by injecting him with a syringe filled with household bleach, amonia and rubbing alcohol. So far the police have not been able to find a motive. The only reason the teen gave was that her father opposed the relationship between her and the older boyfriend.

The rates for crimes committed is decreasing for juveniles 18 and over and increasing for those under 18.

Three junior high students threatened to kill several teachers and a principle. Another student plotted to kill her teacher when she became angry that he had asked her to be quiet during class.

Everyday something is reported to police which concerns an offense committed by a juvenile.

The reason for violent behavior among youths is not quite clear, although violent young adults usually have a history of violent behaviors. Their behavior can also be linked to the people they are around, such as friends or family.

In past years, violence among young adults was linked to poor family life. However, now statistics are showing that most teens and young adults who commit violent crimes are not coming from broken homes. In fact, the average offender today is between the ages of 13 and 18, and comes from a stable family.

The only thing left is to find a way to change the way teens see violence.

Words of Advice From Dr.Z

News Editorial

By Dina Bascharon

At the annual FBLA End-of-the-Year banquet, more than 40 people heard a very motivational and inspirational speech.

The speaker, Mr. Don Zabelin outlined the things needed in order to be successful in life.

He began his speech by asking if each individual could answer the following questions.

1. Am I positive? 2. Am I working hard? 3. Have I applied my training? 4. Do I realize success is not achieved overnight? 5. Have I made up my mind that I will not be denied? And lastly, Am I willing to pay the price?

He then gave examples to back up each of the questions such as "Being positive means having confidence and knowing that you are capable of achieving your goals."

Regarding applying one's training, Zabelin quoted golf champion Jack Niklaus by saying, "Practice doesn't do a person any good if the methods and principles he is repeating are wrong in the first place. This kind of practice only reinforces bad habits that will be even harder to break in the future."

He then stated, "Practice doesn't make perfect, but perfect practice makes perfect."

However the best and most clever piece of advice he gave was concerning the best way to manage time wisely.

Zabelin said slowly, "Remember the six P's: Proper Prior Planning Prevents Poor Performance."

He went on to explain that if we give priorities to things, then it helps keep lives in perspective because it gives us orders in which to do things. This also "helps us accomplish our goals."

Zabelin ended his speech by asking each person to promise themselves the following:

-to be so strong that nothing can destroy your peace of mind.

-to make all your friends feel that there is something special in them.

-to think only of the best, to work only for the best, and expect only the best.

-to be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own success.

-to forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

-to give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

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Never Say Goodbye

Molly Statz

As graduation approaches goodbyes are now being said. For Seniors, yearbooks are being filled with wishes for the future.

Commencements are on June 6th. That may be the last time you see some of the people you have gone to school with for four years.

Granted not all the Senior class are your best friends but those faces you see every day will not be there.

Some friends have already said goodbye when they moved in the past.

Others never heard you say goodbye because of a untimely death.

Not all goodbyes are perminate. Keeping in touch is as easy as picking up the phone or a pen.

The only way a person will lose a friend is if they don't keep in touch. A friendship works both ways.

It takes two people to have a conversation.

Distence doesn't kill friendships, people do.

We're Going to College

John Jovanovich

Do I want to go to college? Can I afford it? Will I get a scholarship? Can I get into the school I want? Have you ever asked yourself these questions?

There is a tremendous amount of pressure on high school kids to go to college. Senior Rick Fikis says, "College is a must in society."

Do you think it is a must or just a thing to do? There are many reasons why kids go to college; parents want them to, friends are going, they want a higher level of education, to party, or so they can get the job they want.

Many kids don't care if they go to college or not. Dave Vingren aid, "I might stop by college." Obviously Vingren can pick and choose from his Ivy League schools. I know many kids who are just waiting for the day they leave high school and never go to school again.

Raven Moore says, "I think I'm gonna be going, for damn sure." Moore sounds

very determined; after all she was athlete of the week due to her great soccer play. "They are astonishingly high," says Moore about the price of college.

When I was a freshman, I had no idea the grades I got had an effect on where I went to college. I finally woke up when I heard my friends say, "I can't get accepted there." Then I realized that I better start to concentrate harder, because in this day and age it's hard to get a high-paying job without a college diploma of some kind.

The past few months I have been hearing a lot about where the seniors are going. I was surprised that some are even going to college! One senior who is attending Illinois State said he can't wait. I never thought I would hear that person say that. Maybe he is just hiding his love for school, but then again I doubt it. I think deep down everybody is curious about what college is like.

If students can not afford to pay for college why does society emphasis on it so much if it is so expensive? It is very hard to get a scholarship and that is what most people look for. Some kind of way to get money for tuition. I think society puts a lot of pressure on kids to go so when they are older they won't regret not going and getting the job they want.

Scott Weber says, "If you are lucky you will have fun and meet a friend or two." I know a lot of kids are just going to party. A pretty Expensive way to have fun. Southern Illinois seems to be the party place of the world and if you want to have a good time you might want to apply there.

When you do leave this high school and enter college it does not matter who you were, who you hung out with, what kind of car you drove, hoe ugly, short, good looking, tall or fat you were. You are just a small fish in a big pond. You will be just like every other kid trying to make it.

RECYCLING WORLD COOPERATION NOT QUITE!

Kelly MacAdam

Not yet has every house hold nor company got into the habit of recycling wether glass, plastic or pop cans. Many don't know how this can really benefit ecology. Even though we have these services available to our city as a whole. Many are not taking advantage of getting these recycling bins and compost bins when they don't realize it is only a phone call away.

If only every city could pass a law reading everyone has to participate and discard their garbage in a certain way. Possibly this could mean only one extra garbage can a week. This would depend on how much recyclable goods you use.

Some do not want to take the time out to get this service in their area. "But it takes too much time to separate all the material and I just don't have the time," some say. Other complaints are very common but with the little time people put into recycling it will in fact make a difference. It's not just a waste of time.

We can not ignore this problem much longer. Our society as a whole has to lean how to work together and recycle.

Even though it may mean that our lives may have to change a little. We have to be aware of what's happening to our earth day by day. Will the world have to get in such a bad shape for everyone to work together?

For example many didn't seem to care about the ozone layer until there was a hole in it. Hopefully it will not go that far. There are many generations yet to come so lets all work together.



Miss Saigon Sweeps Chicago

Kristin Bedow

Imagine the scene: The Vietnam war, thousands of American G.I.'s are stuck in Saigon, waiting to return home.

This is the story of Claude-Michel Shoenberg's *Miss Saigon*. Based on the playwright *Madam Chrysanthemum*, Shoenberg's musical has swept Chicago.

Since it's opening, *Miss Saigon* has been a hit. The idea for the story behind *Miss Saigon* came to Shoenberg when he ran across a picture of one of the thousands of Vietnamese-American children, abandoned by their American fathers when the war was over.

Kim, played by Jenni Kwan is a young bar girl, dancing to earn some money after the loss of her entire family to the casualties of the Vietnam war. When the young

American G.I. Chris (Jerrod Emmick) spends the night with her, they fall in love.

Chris's last few days in Saigon are spent with Kim, whom he plans on bringing back to America with him, however, when it comes time to leave, the chaos between the Americans and the Vietnamese intensifies, and Kim is lost.

Kim gives birth to Chris's son, Tam, whom Chris is unaware of. Kim tries to locate Chris so that he may take Tam and her to America so they may give their son a better life.

Shoenberg's *Miss Saigon* is a touching story. The actors and actresses presented themselves beautifully, and the singing was outstanding. I highly recommend this musical, it is a masterpiece.

MUSIC REVIEW

Blues Traveler:

Save His Soul

Paul Abella

Blues Traveler, though largely unknown, has been putting out great albums for the past four years. *Save His Soul*, their newest, may very well be their best.

Blues Traveler is part of the musical revival that brought about such bands as Widespread Panic, Phish and the Spin Doctors. If it wasn't for the helping hand that Blues Traveler gave to Spin Doctors' lead singer Chris Barron, the Spin Doctors might have never happened, and nobody could sing "Two Princes" in the hallway.

Anyways, the new Blues Traveler tape is strong. From the opening harmonica riff that opens up the tape with "Trina Magna," to the lovesick moaning that closes the tape with "Fledgling," this band

not only sings songs that vary in texture, sound, and ability, but the tape's songs all ring truer than the majority of pop dribble that weighs down top 40 radio these days.

Most everybody has been sick enough to understand the yearning for fresh air in "Go Outside & Drive," or the fear of a dying relationship in "Love of My Life."

Other highlights of *Save His Soul* are the songs "Believe Me" and "Defense & Desire," both featuring excellent classic rock riffs reminiscent of Led Zeppelin and Deep Purple.

"Love & Greed" and "NY Prophesie" both highlight Chan Kirchla's wide range of skills on the guitar, while "Save His Soul" showcases Bobby Sheehan's funky bass playing. Most everything else is throw away stuff that should have never made it onto the album.

Fans of the Spin Doctors, Black Crowes and the Grateful Dead will probably fall in love with this album from the first listen. I give it four stars. Happy Listening!!!

Classifieds

Goodbye

As my high school years come to an end, there are a few tips I'd like to tell the underclassmen to make their years more enjoyable. First, Mr. Creig (the sub) doesn't mind spitballs as long as you clean them up. Mr. Yunker is a little touchy that he didn't get the part of a dinosaur in Jurassic Park. SQ3R wastes a lot of paper, but it's fun to say. NOVGAROD. Don't worry about Mr. Wiggen; he always makes those noises, and he's Cindy Crawford's favorite teacher. If Mr. Coyner calls you in the front of the room for a demonstration, DON'T GO! Leaving the L.R.C. a second early can be hazardous to your health. Raymon really means Bob. Mr. Zimmerman does excellent animal imitations. "Tell me 'bout the rabbits George!" Mr. Carter makes you write apology letters if your bad. B.L.T. stands for Brad Larson Teacher. Mrs. Austin's house makes a good background for a movie. Don't park in visitor spaces. You'll have a chance at "Athlete of the Week" now that Brett Siglin is gone. Derek Nelson will never qualify for "Student of the Month." Don't take the school paper seriously. Finally, remember you're going to a school which made it to the final round of a "School of Excellence" competition. Before I shove off, I'd like to thank a few people for memories which will last forever: Vicki, Rock, Mr. "Shamu the whale?" Coyner, Mr. "X=B..." Carter, Mr. "Fractal" Yunker, Mr. Larson (BLT), Gook, Wheels Daniels, the guys who blew me off the last year and a half (you know who you are. Why?), Mrs. "Mole-buck" Tunt, Mr. "I think I'm Huckfinn" Leitner, Corrie "The tuna" Gilgallon, and Nichole for finishing my page on Senior Ditch Day. I was sick! Remember me, live long, and prosper. I'll miss you all.

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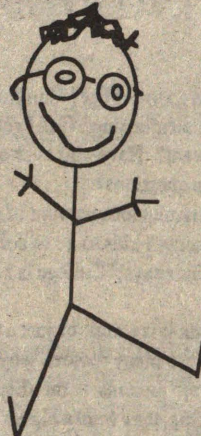
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Wrapping Up Girls' Soccer

by Raven Moore

Improvement. That's one word that sums up the LadyCats soccer season. The record is misleading to say the least.

The Cats ended their season with a 1-15-2 season. Their only win was against Glenbard South in a nailbiter. The two ties were against Glenbard East and Bolingbrook, both 0-0.

The girls actually won a second game against Fenton 3-0, but the game was called with 10:48 left and forfeited. Coach Del Real questioned the poor officiating by the referees and they terminated the game.

The main reasons the Cats lost such a large number of games was because of the lack of experience, the injuries to key players, and the absolutely incredible schedule they played.

Injuries were a key reason the Cats struggled this season. With goalie and midfielder Kim Hack missing the first nine games because of ankle problems and stopper Dana McKenzie missing the last four games because of a knee injury things were bound to go wrong.

Inexperience played another role in the disappointing season. Only five of the nineteen players had Varsity experience in the past. Three

freshmen and seven sophomores filled the roster, with a mere six juniors.

Four of the fifteen games were against St. Charles, Waubensee Valley, and the two Naperville. All who are ranked in the top 7 in state. In fact St. Charles and Naperville North are one and two in state, respectively.

Though the final record is discouraging, the Wildcats are hopeful next season will be "their" season. "As far as our team next year, we'll have a competitive team," assistant coach Antonio Del Real feels.

Only three seniors, Patty Parra, Marisa Lopez, and Susana Ruiz, will be leaving the Cats. All the other Varsity players will be returning. That's sixteen players, thirteen being starters that will return for the squad next spring.

The team did their best this season. Every last player worked hard and dedicated themselves to the season.

"I'm very happy with the way the season went even though we didn't win games," varsity coach Del Real said.

Improvement for the Cats has shown, but more is needed. It will take time, but it will come.

THE VON ERICH'S

By John Jovanovich

Imagine your son dying.

Then four years later, another one dying. This is just part of a grueling story.

The Von Erichs were the most popular professional wrestlers of all time. Kevin, Kerry, Mike, Chris, and Dave. They dominated professional wrestling for years. They were so popular they had their own TV show. They held every title in wrestling. Then the fame and fortune all came to an end.

It all started in 1984, Dave Von Erich was found dead in his apartment. He was the oldest and the Wrestling Champion for almost two years. His death affected the wrestling world. People came from all over to attend the funeral services. David, Kevin, and Kerry wrestled as a team and as brothers. David was twenty-four years of age.

Fritz, his father and his four sons had to deal with the loss. Life went on for the Von Erichs. Mike started his career two months after Dave died. He tried to fill his shoes, but he could not. He had a tremendous amount of pressure on him and he could

not handle it. He became very ill and had to retire from pro wrestling in 1987.

Mike had a deadly disease. He ended up killing himself by overdosing on pills and suffocated himself. Fritz had to bury another son. He was only twenty three-years of age. The family was losing it's members. The baby, Chris, was always around wrestling and was always watching his brothers compete and succeed. His dream was to be a wrestler and nothing more. However, Chris had a growth disorder. He tried to wrestle at 5'5" and he was rather unsuccessful. He had many problems and he was kind of left out. Chris ended up shooting himself in the head in 1989, at the age of nineteen.

The family problems kept on going. The "Modern Day Warrior" Kerry Von Erich, was probably the most popular of the Von Erichs. Kerry had it all, fame, the body of a Greek God, a great wife, money, but one thing was missing. Kerry had built up a tremendous amount of hurt inside after the death of his brothers.

Kerry was world champ many times and he was a wrestling superstar. He wrestled in World Class Wrestling for 9 years and then suddenly transferred to the World Wrestling Federation under the

name of "The Modern Day Warrior." Kerry had a cocaine problem which cost him his marriage to his wife of six years. Three months ago Kerry was found dead along side a road after he shot himself in the heart. The "warrior" was dead. Kerry was only twenty seven.

The death was the end of the brotherhood. "I cry myself to sleep" said Fritz on a "Current Affair" interview.

One brother who has had to go to four funerals for his brothers, was Kevin. Kevin is the quiet one and he very seldom held interviews about what happened. "I used to be a big brother and now I am not a brother at all," said Kevin. Kevin is the last of the Von Erich kids. He was a very good wrestler and now he is retired. He has a wife and four kids. "When I am with my family I don't think about my brothers."

Many people do not know the Von Erich's, but they should know about the tragic number of events that happened to them. I can not imagine the amount of hurt their father Fritz and the last surviving son Kevin have gone through.

March Money

by Anthony Mennella

What is March madness?

Some think that it's just a bunch of college basketball teams playing in a big tournament, however, to others it means money.

Since 1980, the tournament's popularity has skyrocketed. It's estimated that in 1980, about ten million dollars were legally wagered. It's now believed that more than seventy-five million dollars are bet during March madness. This doesn't include the numerous office pools.

Many also bet illegally. As much as \$250 million is bet on each semi-final game, and as much as \$400 million on the championship game.

What people don't know is that those office pools that everyone gets into are illegal and the people running it could get arrested. No officer in their right mind would arrest these "criminals", seeing that they probably have their own pool down at the station. But by law, you could get arrested.

These pools are where most of the people lose their money. Imagine only one winner out of about fifty people. Most pools are five dollars, with some people entering up to three times. So that's fifteen dollars that someone could lose, maybe more if they are in any other pools. Many people just enter for fun

Dominating Their Division

by Anthony Mennella

1993 National League East Champions.

This is what baseball fans all over the country will be chanting about the Philadelphia Phillies come October.

Led by all-star first baseman John Kruk and catcher Darren Daulton, the Philadelphia Phillies will dominate and win the National League Eastern Division. There will be some competition within this division with the St. Louis Cardinals and Chicago Cubs likely to finish in the top three,

but there is no team that can compete with the Phillies.

They have every ingredient to become winners. With pitching aces Terry Mulholland, Curt Schilling, and Tommy Greene, they have an outstanding starting staff along with Mitch Williams out of the pen. They may very well have the best staff in baseball.

There is not a weak batter in the Phillies' lineup. Centerfielder Lenny Dykstra, shortstop

Mariano Duncan, Kruk, Daulton, and third baseman Dave Hollins make up the first five batters which is quite possibly the best first five in baseball. They combine speed with power to be at the top of every offensive category in the National League.

Besides the Phillies, look for the St. Louis Cardinals to come in second, eight games out. I don't think Gregg Jefferies can carry that ballclub all by himself.

At 27-11, the Phillies are on pace to win their division. Over the last five years most of the division winners won between twenty and twenty-five of their first thirty games.

Although it is early in the season, I feel the Phillies will have no problem cruising the rest of the way to their first division crown in over ten years.

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WEST CHICAGO BENCH TOLD TO TAKE HIKE

by David Vingren

The submission of the 22 man regional roster usually doesn't result in any problems; but this year's entry caused a few to become upset.

After Thursday's game against Wheaton North, assistant coach Ernie Cameron had a discussion with five players about Tuesday's regional game.

Cameron told them that he had gotten a message from the head coach (Tim Courtney) for all of them to turn in their uniforms after Friday's game.

Anthony Mennella, Mark Centanni, Merle Morris, Sean Murray, Jens Ossenkop, and Mark Mendrella (not present at the discussion) were left off the playoff roster. All these players did not receive much playing time during the season.

Most of the them turned in their uniforms right after the discussion instead of following Friday's game.

The roster allows up to 22 players; where as, the Wildcats had 23 players during the regular season.

The remaining spots on the roster were filled by players from the sophomore and freshman level.

Cameron was forced to deliver the news himself due to the illness of Courtney.

"Their reaction wasn't surprising," said Cameron. "They were visibly upset."

"From my point of view at this point, I really don't have an answer [to why it was done]."

"It was a tough decision the head coach had to make."

The lack of reasoning at the time seemed to upset the players the most.

"I think he should have told us why," said Ossenkop. "He said your cut, that's it."

"I feel that we've been there the whole year and now we're just kicked to the side so sophomores can come up," said Morris.

"I still respect them as coaches; but we should have been given a reason."

"If he didn't want us on the team, then he should have cut us at the beginning of the year," said Mennella.

"Sometimes I get the feeling he doesn't care about us at all. He doesn't try to improve his bench players. He just uses us to do all the crap."

"All year, they say they want players who want to play," said Centanni. "If he wants players who want to play, then he should find them. I know Mark Centanni was one of those who deep down inside wanted to play."

"I just wanted to be part of something. Now, I can't even cheer my own team on."

When Courtney returned Monday, he discussed the issue with some of the players.

"They weren't cut, they're not on the roster for regionals," said Courtney.

"I talked to four coaches to find out who were the 22 best players we could put on he roster. I'm the one who made the decision."

"I wish I could have been there to tell them myself."

"In years past we didn't have to do it because we never had this many players."

"Maybe it was a mistake. I'm unsure. I made the decision; and if I made a mistake, I'm sorry."

"I don't like to cut kids," said Cameron.

"I don't like to tell anyone that they can't do something. That's why I don't like to be a head coach."

"I liked everyone we picked for the team. All of them worked hard and did the best they possibly could."

"I liked each and every one of those players," said Courtney. "I'd like it if they showed up for the [regional] game."

The players were angry enough, that they were absent from Friday's regular season closer except for Ossenkop, who was in uniform, and Centanni, who watched from his own chair in street clothes.

"[I was] just there to cheer on the team," said Ossenkop.

Baseball Team Hopes To Do It In Post-Season

by John Jovanovich

The boys baseball team had a rough season. The team was 11-16 during the regular season, 6-15 in the Dupage Valley Conference.

However they are still alive in the regional playoffs (depending on how they fared Tuesday against the tenth seed, Fenton).

Despite the tough team performance, the varsity had four players who received individual awards. Rich Fikis and Ken Hodgen were unanimous all-conference selections. Scott Westman also received all-conference honors and Derek Nelson was voted honorable-mention all-conference.

Westman and Hodgen both have been on the varsity for three years. Hodgen holds the school record for runs in a career. Westman holds both the season and career RBI record.

With all the individual success it was hard to pinpoint the reasons for the team's disappointing performance.

"We lacked consistent fielding," was Fikis' explanation of the reason for the team's losing record.

Mike Campbell said "We did not play up to our ability, and we sucked."

The Wildcats have a strong chance to be successful in the post-season. They play Fenton in the first round, who they have already beaten twice this year. If they win that game they go on to play Glenbard North, a team rival, who they beat in two out of three chances this season. And who knows what can happen from there.

Bulls Threeppeat: Thrice as Nice

The Chicago Bulls, two time World Champions are going for it again. After sweeping the Cavaliers in the best of seven, they are preparing to go all the way.

Michael Jordan and the Bulls, big names everywhere, have become the official trademark for Chicago.

However some people are skeptical about the victory to be claimed by the Bulls. "I would love for the Bulls to win; however, I do not agree with the violence that accompanies the big win," said senior Molly Statz.

The fever seems to be spreading, but after the 90-98 loss to the New York Knicks on Sunday, Bulls fans seem to be a little less reas-

sured of the Bulls third pending victory as the NBA World Champions. Senior Paul Abella feels that it is time for the Bulls to step aside and allow the victory to go to someone else. "I am tired of hearing about them. If they do win, then we will all have to listen to everyone talking about a fourpeat, and so on."

Junior Dave Vingren says, "I think the weak offense of the Knicks and the weak defense of any of the other teams in the West will guarantee the Bulls a third victory."

Well, only time will tell. Tuesday will pave the way for the Bulls, or bring them down under. But wouldn't being the city of the famed three time World Champions be thrice as nice?

Where are the seniors going (continued)?

Name	College	Major
Rapinchuk, Laura	College of Du Page	Psychology
Rodenkirch, Julia	University of Illinois	Political Science
Rodriguez, Julie	Clemson University	Undecided
Schultz, Dan	University of Illinois	Engineering
Schwan, JJ	University of Illinois	Ceramical Engineering
Serrato, Raul	College of Du Page	Undecided
Shim, Ann	Northwestern University	BioChemistry
Siglin, Brett	University of Illinois	Political Science
Smith, Tiffany	Eastern Illinois University	Elementary Education
Staniels, Betty	Wheaton College	Business
Staniels, Jim	Moody College	Undecided
Statz, Molly	Northern Illinois University	Broadcast Journalism
Szesney, Emily	University of Illinois	Pre-Veterinary Medicine
Thomas, Vicki	College of Du Page	Nursing
Thuer, Rob	College of Du Page	Business
Van Buskirk, Carrie	University of Illinois	Computer Science
Vandercreek, Carrie	College of Du Page	International Business
Venziano, Louie	Bradley University	Undecided
Westman, Scott	Illinois Wesleyan University	Business
Westrom, Jill	Illinois State University	Undecided
Zimmer, Ann	Iowa State University	Biology

