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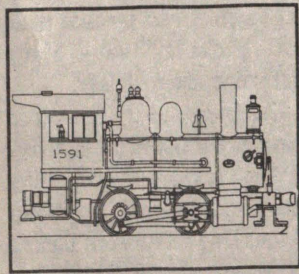
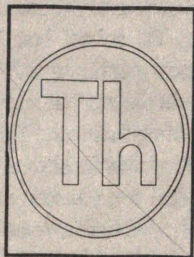
By Jeff Hadzima

Governor Jim Edgar seems to know West Chicago well.

He has made his third trip to West Chicago in four years to celebrate the removal of the first two train loads of thorium!

A little after 3 p.m., the train horns blew, and it was official. A battle that had been won by Thorium Action Group (T.A.G.) last spring had now become something more of a memory than a fictional story. A dream that had taken many hardworking years had happened. It was being done, and much more is left for later train's.

Many looked on, most with their victory smiles on their face. Attorney General Roland Burris,



State Senator Doris Karpel, U.S. Representative Dennis J. Hastert, and West Chicago's own, State Representative Tom Johnson watched as the train moved down the track. What a day it was.

Many trains come in and out of West Chicago each day. None left with more significance than this one. This was the train that would change West Chicago forever. We will see many more of these trains leave. Yet the first one left with such a powerful force to its new home in Utah. Where it will stay there for thousands of years. Thank you TAG for giving us the inspiration to battle this problem. The victory is your's, and we will all benefit from your hard work!

All These New Faces!

by Wendy Woodward

I'm not talking about all the new freshman, but about all the new teachers. Since a whole slue of teachers retired last year we had to replace them some how.

There are 20 new teachers this year. There is at least one new teacher in each department.

In the math department the new teachers are: Stacy McGrath, Gwendolyn

Neuberger, Matt Doll, Carl Wrede.

In the English department Lori Watson is the only new teacher. Which she is also one of the directors for the play this year with Steven Kellner.

In the science department we have Sherrie Towery and Al Steuer.

In the history, world geography department we have Steven Kellner.

Mr. Arroyl is also one of the new faces in our school, he is dean.

We also have many new counselors this year since Bob Hein is the only one left from last year. Debbie Nelson, Maura Rowland are two of the new counselors.

Bob Thomson is the only new teacher that teaches drafting, home maintenance, electronics,

technology. He is also a cross country coach.

In the physical education department we have Greg Hansen, Kristi Hasty, Kurt Rolley.

In the foreign department Tara Laing is our only new teacher.

In special education Lisa Koeller, and Pat Kroger are the new comers.

Matt Doll-(math) Went to University of Illinois. He is now teaching math. This is his first teaching job. He loves the atmosphere at Community High school. He says, "People are very supportive and they are willing to try new ideas. I am concerned about the increasing number of students. It's difficult to devote individual time to students who need help." He chose our school because he heard some great things from a former teacher.

Gregory Hanson-(P.E.) Went to Winona State University, Northern Illinois University, National Louis University. He has received his Bachelors in physical education health education masters in Education. He has been Physical Education teacher for the last eight years at the West Chicago Junior High. He knows this school well since he graduated here and his father Butch Hansen was here for many years. He says, "I really enjoy coming back to teach and coach at the High School I graduated from." He chose this school because he wanted to come back and give something to the community I grew up in." It's exciting to return to the high school and work with the people who were my teachers and coaches."

Kristi Hasty-(P.E.) Went to George Williams College, IL State Univ. She was involved in volleyball for four years and softball for three years. She is currently teaching Physical Education. She has taught at a college and a high school before coming to West Chicago. Her main concern is that "Students are not too excited about running or power walking laps in P.E. class."

Lisa Koeller-(special education) Went to Illinois State University for her bachelors degree. Then went to Northern Illinois for her masters degree. At I.S.U. she did volunteer work in recreational program for disabled

adults. She also tutored elementary students. She is currently teaching Study Strategies. The thing that she likes most is, "Everyone is very friendly and helpful- people don't mind answering the many questions that the, "rookie teachers" ask!" She grew up in Naperville so she was familiar with West Chicago that is why she came here.

Patricia Kroger-(special education) Went to Illinois State Univ. While there she was in council for Exceptional Children, Student Government, and theater. She is now a member of the special Education department. One of the things she likes most about our high school is, "The diverse student population." One concern she has is "That students should become more involved." She is familiar with this school because she has been in the tutoring program for eight years.

Tara Laing-(Spanish) Went to DePauw University. She was involved in intermural sports, Educational Honors Society, Union Board Committee, And community service. Laing said, "I really enjoy working here. The thing I like most is the genuine concern for the students and the togetherness and caring of the staff to work well and improve the education system." **Debbie Nelson-(counselor)** Went to Northern Illinois for her Bachelors and Masters degrees. While at Northern she was the floor president, student council, and a little sister in SIGMA CHI. She then taught for 11 years at a grade school. The thing that she likes most about our school is the attitude. "Everyone seems so open, willing to make change; when necessary, and willing to listen!" said Nelson. She also looked for a school with a student oriented philosophy, where excellence and new ideas were valued.

Gwendolyn Neuberger-(math) Went to Northern Illinois Univ. She was in Kappa Delta Pi Teaching organization Alpha Chi- National Honor Society. Math is definitely her first choice. Which is what she is doing now. The thing she likes most is the the people, students, and faculty.

Kurt Rolley-(Physical education) Went to Western Illinois University. He is now teaching Physical Education and is the Varsity Basketball Coach.

Rolley said, "School has been enjoyable which is a credit to the students. The faculty, esp. the P.E. staff has been very helpful. Everyone has really made me feel at home."

Maura Rowland-(counselor) Went to Illinois State Univ. for her teaching degree in special education. Then went on to Northern for her counseling certificate. "I am a guidance counselor. It was definitely my first choice-the position is ideally suited to my education, background and experience." She had a job in Wood stock being a special education teacher for students with learning difficulties. She was also a class advisor, track coach and program coordinator. She is really impressed by our school. The faculty is very dedicated, energetic and cooperative.

Alan Steurer- (science) Went to Knox College for his bachelors degree. There he played football, baseball and was a member of the F.C.A. Then he went on to M.S.U. For his masters in physics, member of Science Theater. He is now teaching physics and physical science. He said, "I have been enjoying the school since I've been here. It has a different atmosphere from the time I was here."

Bob Thomson-(drafting, home main., electronics, tech.) Went to university of Wisconsin- Stout for his bachelors degree. Then

went to Northern ILL. for his masters degree. He was in the downhill and water ski clubs. Also a fraternity. He is currently teaching Drafting, Home Maintenance, Electronics, and Technology. He hopes to be able to start a photography/ graphics program. He was a Photographer before becoming a teacher. His main concern on our school is, "Apathy towards getting involved especially in school sports particularly among our large freshman class."

Sherrie Towery-(science) Went to Univ. of Illinois for a bachelors teaching of chemistry. She was involved in Y.W.C.A., Residence Hall Assoc., Student Government Assoc., Soccer, Intermurals.

She is now teaching Chemistry and Science 1. The thing she likes most is the way everyone is willing to work together.

Lori Watson-(english) Went to Indiana University. She was involed in Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority, Pi Beta Kappa Education fraternity. She was also in Singing Hoosters, and I.U. Sing. Golden Key National Honor Society. She is teaching Freshman, Sophomores, and Juniors. English is her first choice but she has also taught speech and theater at Downers Grove. Which she is now involved in the school play The Crucible. Watson said, "I'm very happy here, the teachers, staff and students are all very nice and fun to work with."

Carl Wrede-(math) went to St. Norberg College and Northern Illinois University. He played football and was involved in intermurals at St. Norbert. He is teaching Math now after substituting here for the last two years. The thing he like most is the friendly staff and students.

Club Notes

Booster Club

This summer, booster club participated in West Chicago Railroad Days. They sold school spirit items. They also participated in the parade. So far this year, they have sold concessions and school spirit items at the home football games.

For homecoming, the booster club has planned a concession stand at the Taste of The Times the Friday before homecoming. There will also be a tug of war, a dunk tank, and pep rally the day before homecoming. For the rest of the year, they plan to sell concessions and school spirit gear at the home football games. They will participate in the homecoming parade, and will have a float.

The club officers are: president - Mrs. Davidson, joint vice presidents: Mr. & Mrs. Barszo, and secretary: Mrs. Lemke.

Clown Team

So what exactly does the Clown team do? Well I'll tell you. The Clown team is an anti-drug group that goes around to all of the eight district 33 elementary schools to perform skits to all the sixth graders on how to say no to drugs. That is their main event that they do every year with the American Cancer Association. As you can see by their name, they also dress up as clowns. Not only are the skits funny, but they also teach kids that drugs and smoking aren't cool.

Last year not only did the clown team do the project with the ACA, but they also had a float in Homecoming, they provided some of the entertainment for the Mr. Wildcat contest. They also participated at a health fair at Central Dupage Hospital. At all these events they sent out their important message to just say NO.

This year they plan on doing some of the activities from last year and maybe some new projects in the future. Mrs. Airnoff said,

"We're basically going to do the same activities as last year, and we hope to do the Mr. Wildcat contest again."

They've been invited once again by the ACA to perform for all eight district 33 schools. They've also been invited to perform skits at Wheaton Middle School.

The Clown team is a very positive club. It has no officers or presidents because everyone does the same amount of work and everyone has a say in planning the skits. Anyone can join, new members are always welcome. The Clown team is fun and it teaches the younger generations how to say no to drugs.

This summer FBLA took part in a Leadership workshop in Springfield, IL, where the participants took place in activities ranging from Skits as to why FBLA is beneficial to a class or table edict. There was also a National Leadership conference in California. For anyone who is interested this year there will be separate committees. For example there is a committee that is in charge of organizing fund raising activities. Each committee is in charge of a particular area. Those interested in becoming a part of FBLA the organization meets every Thursday at seven-thirty in the morning. There will be occasional dues of ten dollars. See Miss Blume if you are interested.

French Club

So far this year the French club hasn't been involved in many activities. They just had a pot luck dinner at the Kirts's house on Monday, September 19. They've only had a few meetings, but they plan to have many more in the future. They are currently working on getting their window done for Homecoming, which is coming along smoothly.

In the future the French club plans on taking a trip to the Art Institute of Chicago to study French Impressionist paintings. They also plan to have their own set up at the Taste of West Chicago on September 30. They hope this year to get together with the Spanish and German clubs for a fun activity or fund raiser. New members to the French club are always welcome at any time.

German Club

This year, there are many upcoming things that are happening. First, they are participating in the Homecoming activities, again, by entering a float in the parade, and selling German cookies at the Taste of West Chicago. They are also planning a Guten Tag film fest, in which they watch old German teaching films. They are also going to the Art Institute with the Spanish Club on October 4. They are also going to have another potluck this year and are probably going to have an end of the year party. If you are in German and would like to join, contact Strohm in room 407, or just listen to announcements for their next morning meeting.

Madrigals

Their first concert is coming up soon, Oct. 20, and they have big plans for this holiday season. Although nothing but a holiday concert is a definite scheduled event yet, Kim Sirvatka, their director, is hoping to arrange some caroling and community performances. These would include performing at nursing homes and at certain places of business. Madrigal members are required to be involved in one of our schools music programs such as band, orchestra, or

choir, in order to have sufficient background in music. "This is so we can perform a great variety of music in all ranges of difficulty," says Sirvatka. Although Madrigals does sing some contemporary music, they like to stick to an old renaissance style. When asked what the students of West Chicago should know about Madrigals, Mrs. Servadka answered, "just that they're hard workers and extremely talented."

Math Team

Math Team has begun. This competitive team, led by the likes of John Carter and Bob McCollum, who are excited about the upcoming year of battles. This year they'll be competing in the North Suburban Math League and the DuPage Valley Conference. Being in both will give them the chance for more competition and practice before preparing for the Regionals. The first competition will be held on October 6 and will take place once a month for the duration of the year.

As the team of approximately 30 goes through the year they will be eying March 18 for the State Regionals. Until then the separate grade levels will compete and practice until they have the chance to qualify for state, like Jeff Catalano did last year.

Pep Club

Pep Club seeks, once again, to involve all students in building school spirit, especially during Homecoming Week. To attain this goal, Pep Club will be trying to do a number of new things this year.

First, you will find that all Pep Club members are sporting new sweatshirts to increase visibility. The Homecoming Pep Assembly, one of the two mandatory pep assemblies scheduled for this year, will include pie fights between students and faculty and a rededication of the gymnasium a second time because of the new paint job. The Homecoming Court ceremony will probably be more formal than in years past, according to the new Pep Club Advisor Steve Wroblewski.

It will be followed by the second annual Taste of West Chicago, only this year it will be called "The Taste of the Times" in honor of this year's Homecoming theme. Various clubs and restaurants will again provide food booths and activities for the event.

During Homecoming Week, Pep Club sold game ribbons for the Saturday football game. These ribbons resemble mini-pennants and have "Pluck Them

Poetry Club

Upcoming events they do have planned is to have a truck in the Homecoming parade. Maybe a Halloween fun raiser, they do have a plan but it's top secret.

Well, If you think poetry club is for you, or your just going to give it a shot, meetings are usually after school at room 319.

S.A.D.D.

New members will be taken at any time. Each person is given a contract for life. That is the only requirement to be in the club.

There will be a dead people's day. On this day, there will be 70 people to represent the number of people killed in drinking related accidents in a single day. The students will be asked not to speak to anyone during the day, they will be given a black carnation to pin on themselves, and their names will be written on a poster and the poster will be placed in the cafeteria.

There are meetings held every week. Just listen to the announcements for more information about meetings.

Science Club

The Science Club will be starting up in the winter, after the fall sports end. The idea originated from Mr. Steuer, a physics teacher new this year. At the moment, he is way too busy to handle it, but he'll be starting it up as soon as possible. He hopes to have members learn demonstrations and experiments, which they will use to do "presentations for elementary schools."

SEAC

During the 94'-95' school year, each member of SEAC will invent a new activity according to his/her own interests. A good example of this would be perhaps, making posters describing how we can help the environment. Mr. Arnold explained, "It's not what I tell them to do, it's what they do on their own."

Ski Club

The only real upcoming event is they should be starting soon. Last year they started by going to a skiing convention. They go skiing at places like Devil's Head and Villa Olivia a couple of times a year. If you are interested in joining Ski Club please listen to the upcoming announcements.

Spanish Club

Recently, Spanish club members kicked off their first fundraiser last Saturday with a car wash. It was well attended by seventeen members.

For Homecoming this year, Spanish club will again participate in the food booths during the pep rally. Like last year, they will be preparing Spanish tortillas to sell. In the parade, the club's float will consist of a decorated truck.

Student Council

Vice President Susie Kochniarczyk, has been asked by the school board to attend their meetings. She will represent the student body as a non-voting member. This is something new for both sides. This is good for the students because now we have a voice and can be heard by the board.

On October 20, they have their annual Blood Drive. Near Halloween, a number of members will be volunteering for the Spook Trail. Their next meeting will be September 27 during hours 7 and 8.

Thespians

The Thespians first activity this year is a Drama Night on September, 21. They will meet at one of the Thespian's house, where they will do improv acting, and various theater games. "It's a chance for all of them to get together and practice their acting skills," says Mary Hafertepe, their advisor.

The Thespians try to meet at least once a month for an activity like the Drama Night. They are also planning to attend Drama Day at Northern Illinois University and the Illinois Theater Festival this spring at the University of Illinois.

VICA

There is a meeting to elect club officers, on Thursday the 22nd.

VICA also has its annual food drive coming up. The club might join FBLA and International club to raise more food together.

If you have any information that you would like printed in any future issues of the paper please see Karrie Kostro or Wendy Woodward. Or leave a note titled Club Notes in Kostro's mailbox with your name.

The Homecoming Time Zone

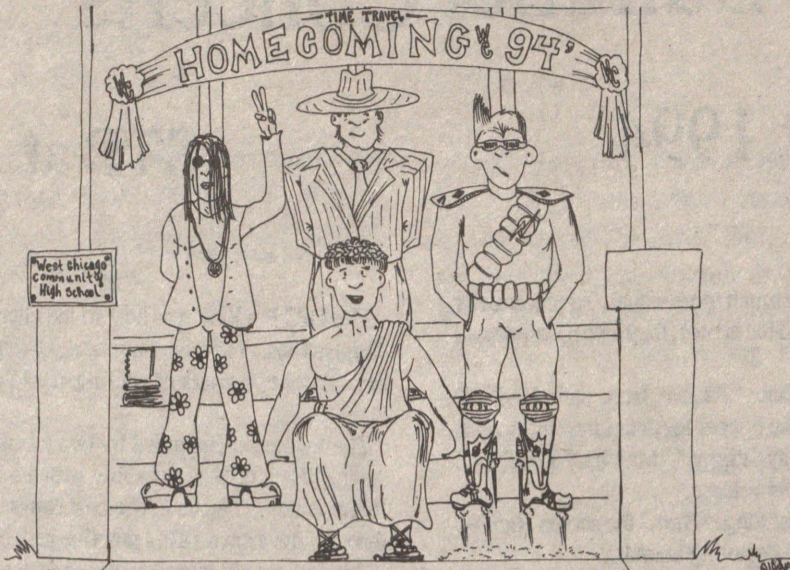
By Blanca Rios

Step into the time Zone! This year Homecoming activities begin September 24, and end with the dance on October 1.

The theme for this years Homecoming is "Time Travel." Seniors are the ancient Greeks, juniors are hippies, sophomores are the 20's and freshman are the future.

Highlights of Homecoming activities are window painting, Wildcat Pride Day, class theme dress up day, the parade, the pep rally, the coronation of Homecoming King and Queen, and the football game against Naperville Central.

There will be a new activity at the Pep Assembly this year. The activity is called "Bleachermania." The activity is basically singing to different chants, doing the wave, and clapping and dancing. Senior Jennifer Hauger said, "Bleachermania is things to get the crowd rowdy and activate



the pep assembly." It will be lead by the cheerleaders and the poms. "The whole school should participate," said Hauger.

There are both positive and negative opinions about Homecoming this year at our school. Senior Jackie Robie said "The theme stinks, it should be something more original." However,

favorite part of Homecoming is the coronation.

Junior Jessie Vescio thinks the theme is pretty good, and comments, "This year, a lot of classes are really spirited. My favorite part of Homecoming is the pep rally and the football game." When responding if she liked the theme, sophomore Yolanda

VillaFuerta said, "That's straight." Sophomore Corrinne Rangel doesn't like the 20's and would rather be a hippie.

For Jennie Skidgel the Pep assembly will be here favorite part of Homecoming, "This year will be better because the cheerleaders and the poms are finally going to unite as one squad."

Senior Brandy Harris liked the tradition of having the bonfire and the football game the night before. She commented, "Our school is one of the only ones that now has the football game the same day of the dance. We shouldn't change tradition."

For the Homecoming dance Vescio would like to do something different, instead of doing the traditional go out to eat, and go to the dance. "But my date and I will probably do the same old thing," responded Vescio.

Seniors Brenda Trejo and Karen Hesterman's idea of doing something different is going to the local Burger King with their inflate a date.

Sophomore Leigh Torrey loves homecoming because of all the competitions and she looks forward to the dance.

You Wonder Why!

By Wendy Woodward

Because of the sensitivity of this article there will be no names printed.

Statistics say that one to ten percent of our population is gay.

That means that there are 15 to 150 people in our school that are gay. That is not counting people that are bisexual.

How would you feel if you found out someone in your P.E. class was gay? Would you treat them differently? Would you be offended that they didn't let it be known? Would you ask to have your locker moved into a different hall?

If you answered YES to any of these questions then think of why people don't come "out of the closet."

I'm sure you have heard what people say about gays; they make fun of them. Guys have the hardest time dealing with someone cool being gay. They think that if you are on the football, soccer, baseball, or basketball teams, you can't be homosexual.

Many football players said that a gay person wouldn't matter to them, just as long as they didn't hit on them.

Girls mostly said that they would be very uncomfortable at first; but as long as they didn't hit on them it wouldn't matter.

Does anyone even know for sure how and why people are gay. No! Some scientists think

that all people are born with bisexual preference, and people then choose when they are older. These scientists believe which ever sex is more available is the one they choose.

In our environment it is "wrong" to be gay. When some people get older and realize that they are gay, they then realize why they have been so confused and are now even more confused.

If you think that there aren't gays in our school think again. There are homosexuals at our school who haven't told anyone but their closest friends. They don't plan to tell their parents until after they are out of their house.

They say that their parents would not even want to touch the subject. They know that because they have talked to them about it already. Their parents tell them they just want attention. Is it our society that makes us like that? Just like it was our society that made prejudices in our world? When someone different comes along they are not accepted.

A lot of people in our school say that they hate all the prejudices that we have against black people. Yet it is okay to be prejudice against gays?

A New Enforcer at WE-GO

By Matt Wehling

On your first day at school, or first trip to the deans office some of you might have noticed a new face. New freshmen and sophomore dean, Miguel Arroyo started his new duties on the first day of class for the new school year. Arroyo enters the job replacing former Wego dean Manny Reyes.

After three years at Streamwood Community High School, Arroyo has experience with students and the vast array of attitudes each has. Arroyo mentioned that he has always been impressed with the West Chicago school facility. Arroyo said, "When I saw the opening available, I decided to take advantage of the situation." He went on to say that through his son, senior Giovanni Arroyo, he has always known about the school and was always impressed by it. "The students here are polite and respectful," said Arroyo.

He states his approach towards the job is a very serious one. Being a dean, Arroyo must deal with students at nearly all times. He must make sure the students are where they're supposed to be, and deal with the students who don't follow the rules." He commented on how he would handle those students who do

not follow the rules, he basically said that he would be lenient on the first time offenders, and would want an explanation for the act they committed. On the other hand though, he stated, "There will be no tolerance towards bad behavior." To add he also said that the people who are constantly visiting his office will be severely reprimanded, with various detentions and suspensions in many cases.

Arroyo's duties for Wego will not stop at being just a dean. Former assistant baseball coach Ernie Cameron, resigned from his position this year. This opening was also one which Arroyo wanted to pursue. Baseball is Arroyo's favorite pastime, and he will have the position of assistant coach of varsity baseball. Next to baseball, he also finds photography, and aviation as ways of spending his free time. Above all, he finds his family is most important.

The new dean looks forward to serving the school and the students this year. He also encourages anyone who has a problem or needs to talk to someone to just come down to his office. Arroyo also added that the school is one which students should not have to worry about being beat up or made fun of, but believes in a school atmosphere which would be conducive to learning.

Looking 90 Years Back

By Joe Sosnowski

We were a nation of 8,000 automobiles just developing into such technologies as the flying boys, Orville and Wilbur Wright, did in December of 1903. Just one year later the illustrious history of West Chicago's high schools began. It being our nintieth anniversary makes it as good a time as any to take a look back.

Our history began in 1849 when the first locomotive stopped near the Fox River Valley.

Shortly afterwards residents filed a petition bringing Turner Village, later to be called West Chicago.

Along with an official township came the need for education. The first West Chicago high school went up in 1904 and in 1910 was recognized by the North Central Association of Secondary Schools. The land the school is presently on wasn't bought until 1926 for \$23,750. Several additions were constructed in 1956, 1966, and in 1979, including such things as the swimming pool.

The small outback school of 1904 eventually blossomed into what is now a bustling institution of about 1800 students.

Summer Concerts

Self Destruct 1994

By Rob Burwell

This time through, Nine Inch Nails made their show much more visual. To accompany the pulsating white, red and purple lights used to blind the crowd, they also incorporated a movie screen into their show.

They opened with the same guitar intro as last time, "Pinion" from their 1992 EP Broken. Then they ripped into "Mr. Self Destruct", the opener for their latest full length release, The Downward Spiral. They proceeded to play "Piggy," "March Of The Pigs," "Closer," "Ruiner" and "Reptile" from the same 1994 release.

When they played their darkest and most depressing song, "Hurt," the screen showed concentration camp corpses, nuclear explosions and decaying animals.

The most interesting was during the "Downward Spiral." While they played it, the screen just showed a simple jewelry type of box that as the song went on started to swirl and move and when the guitar chord hit. The screen became covered in blood and it lifted to show a red-smoke filled stage.

They only played a few of their older songs from their debut album Pretty Hate Machine: "Head Like A Hole," "Down In It" and "Sin." From the '92 EP Broken, they played "Wish," "Happiness In Slavery," "Gave Up" and "Physical." They came out and encored with the Joy Division song they re-did for The Crow, "Dead Souls."

STP at UIC

By Steve Berezney

The UIC Pavilion was host to the alternative rock group Stone Temple Pilots, on August 13th. Their opening acts, Jawbox and the Meat Puppets excelled in mediocrity. After two hours of waiting, the Pilots finally came out, but it was well worth the wait.

They were accompanied by two twenty foot lava lamps towards the sides of the stage. They opened the show with a song off the new album, Purple, with "Vaseline." It happened to be one of the best songs of the night, with many teenagers body surfing through the crowd. This practice kept on going through the night until the final song.

After about six more heavy songs, they slowed down quite a bit and did an unplugged session like the one they did on MTV. During this session, they performed one of their most famous song, "Creep," off their first album Core. Another popular song that was played was "Big Empty," from The Crow Soundtrack, and Purple.

After that, they tossed the acoustics aside and grabbed the electric instruments to get back to the sound we all know and love. They proceeded to play "Crackerman," "Sex Type Thing," and "Plush" which they did an outstanding job on.

During the entire concert, I got the impression that singer Scott Weiland was one of us. He seemed to identify with the crowd and made himself seem like he was our age. The whole band played the songs that they knew the crowd wanted to hear. It makes it a more enjoyable show when you hear everything you came to see.

STP performed one of the best shows I have ever seen. Along with the lamps and the songs, they had a good light show to go along with it. All these things put together made it one of the best concerts of the summer.

Shaking the World

By Stacy Shannon

On August 6, Aerosmith appeared at the World Music Theater in Tinley Park, their last stop before New York and Woodstock.

Their opening act was Jackyl. As I didn't know any of their music (I wasn't the only one,) and the lead singer's voice sounded like screeching, I found only one part of their set entertaining: When the lead singer took a chainsaw to a wooden stool.

Aerosmith opened with "Eat the Rich", off of their latest album, Get a Grip. Steven Tyler had the fashion statement of

the evening....glow in the dark shoes. They featured songs from Toys in the Attic, Pump, Gems, and others..all of their greatest songs.

Joe Perry did vocals on two songs, one of which was "Walk on Down," also off of Get a Grip. Not only did he write the song, but he also does lead vocals for the song on the album.

Joey Kramer, the drummer for the group also did a solo in which he was the only one on the stage. The solo must have lasted at least four minutes.

They had the crowd on their feet all night. Their encore was a medley of four songs. The very last song was of course, "Livin on the Edge." Although everyone knew that song, that wasn't even the high part of the evening. The crowd was into almost every song they played, and other favorites were "Cryin" (which won them an MTV Music Award for the Video), "Janie's Got a Gun," and "Love in an Elevator," from Pump.

Junior Steve Berezney said, "Steven Tyler seemed to enjoy the concert more than his fellow band members."

Spending an hour in the same parking spot after the concert was well worth seeing the band that is known as "America's greatest Rock and Roll band."

Music Reviews

Sugar

File Under : Easy Listening

By: Jason Smith

Former Hüsker Dü member Bob Mould has been called by many the "creator of the slacker generation," and the "grunge" era. His new band (Sugar, started in late 1991), seems to be heading in a different direction with grunge all but over. Sugar's new release, File Under: Easy Listening, seems to accentuate that theory.

The first song, "Gift," opens the album with a guitar riff, and then speeds up a little in Hüsker Dü (or punk) fashion. "Company Book," is uninteresting (except for the fact that it is the first song on a sugar album not written by Mould.)

The first single, "Your Favorite Thing," is the most up-tempo song on the album

(if not the only one), and carries the weight of most of the album. The songs are not nearly as dependable on volume as they are on melody and lyrics.

None of the songs really stand out, except for "Granny Cool," which is one of the dumbest songs I've ever heard Mould write.

The rest shows a lot of diversity, especially "Believe What You're Saying," which has as close to a country "twang" as sugar will ever get.

There are a few more drawbacks: The vocals are sometimes buried, especially on Barbe's song, and the bass is rarely heard, except for the quieter songs. There are plenty more bright spots in this album than drawbacks, and it is definitely worth getting.

Overachieving Monster

By Jeff Hadzima

What else could be cooler than an album named Monster? Well the songs can be, and this, REM's hundredth odd album ranks as one of their best.

How is this so, that a band can continuously put out classic after classic. Age does not seem to slow Michael Stipe and the band down. Their first single, "What's the frequency Kenneth," is named after Peter Jennings's mugger, when he ask that same question. This song is a full-force rock anthem that ask's, "How old are these guy's?" When you here this song, and most of you

Let the Fun Begin

By Laura Torrey

Homecoming is traveling through time this year- walking in sandals with the ancient Greeks, smoking joints with the hippies, boot-legging in the 20's, and flying through space in the future.

Homecoming this year had a new theme called Time Travel. The Seniors got first pick and chose to be Ancient Greece.

Although Homecoming week is almost to an end, there is still much more to do before the dance.

Thursday Sept. 29

Poop Deck Competition 7:30

Friday Sept. 30

Wildcat Pride Day (wear blue and white)

Hall Decorating 7:30am

12:55 dismissal

1:15 Pep Assembly (Coronation of King and Queen)

Taste of Times "Food Fest"

Saturday Oct. 1

Homecoming Parade 9:00

Sophomore Football Game 11:30am

Varsity Football Game 1:30 pm

Homecoming Dance 7:00pm-10:00pm in Cafeteria

Current Flicks

Jurassic Park

By Laura Torrey

Imagine being stranded on an island, with hundreds of newly developed dinosaurs. You're in the middle of nowhere, at a theme park, where everything you could imagine goes wrong. Welcome to Jurassic Park.

Director Stephen Spielberg (E.T., 1981) has brilliantly made the Jaws of 1994. It is full of adventure, excitement, and terror as you see the characters run for their lives to escape the man eating creatures. The film has the most remarkable special effects. It is amazing that it is all done by computers.

Jurassic Park stars paleontologist Alan Grant (Sam Niel) and Ellie Satler (Laura Dern) who are discovering dinosaur bones, when suddenly they have an offer to visit the new theme park of Jurassic Park. Dr. John Hammond (Richard Attenborough) is the scientist who has brilliantly discovered how to recreate the dinosaurs from the blood of ones from a billion years ago. Then he decides to make a million dollar theme park out of his discovery - Jurassic Park.

Also along for the opening tour are the grandchildren of John Hammond - Tim (Joseph Mazello) and Lex (Ariana Richards).

While on the tour a storm comes and Jurassic Park is in danger. The power goes out and the dinosaurs are all loose. They all are stranded in the middle of the tour with no one to guide them.

Jurassic Park is an extraordinary good movie that people of all ages would enjoy. In some parts, though, there are violent scenes that would be inappropriate for young children.

Josh Wilkovich (Junior) said, "It had awesome special effects. The dinosaurs were cool and life-like. I'd definitely see it again."

Be sure to look for it on video coming on October 4.

Batonga, Batonga, Batonga!!

By Rob Burwell

On August 26th, the new Oliver Stone movie hit the big screen. No, not another JFK or Vietnam Veteran flick.

This movie stars Woody Harrelson, Juliette Lewis, Tommy Lee Jones and Robert Downey Jr. With a screen play written by Oliver Stone and Quentin Tarrantino (Resevior Dogs, Pulp Fiction), I knew this was going to be great.

Harrelson plays a delivery boy that comes and rescues Lewis from her sexually abusive father (Rodney Dangerfield). In the process, they kill both of her parents, and free her little brother.

After that point, they go on a three week killing spree across Nevada and New Mexico, where they kill approximately 52 people.

One year after their arrest, Harrelson is interviewed, and his comments incite a riot that breaks out in the jail and several guards, inmates, and media people die.

The film is a mixture between several types of photography. There is a bit of black and white, there is a bit of red film, some green film, a bit of animation and a little virtual reality. All of this adds for a more spectacular show.

Another interesting thing is that there is something from the soundtrack always playing in the background. The soundtrack was compiled and produced by Trent Reznor of Nine Inch Nails.

It is around 75 minutes long, and goes basically in order with the movie. There is music for everyone on this soundtrack, ranging from Bob Dylan to Dr. Dre to Lord. There are also over 70 samples of dialogue from the movie plugged into the soundtrack for the effect of experiencing it again without paying seven dollars everytime you want to.

It looks at the possibility that the things depicted in this film could happen if the media keeps hyping up everything, such as serial killers. At the last few minutes of the movie, they show courtroom scenes of the Menedez Brothers, OJ Simpson, the Waco incident and Tanya Harding falling down during the Olympics. This movie is definitely not for the weak of heart, but it is violent for a reason.

The Crow

By Laura Torrey

Once you die, some people believe that a crow comes to take you to the land of the dead. But, if you die with sadness, the soul can't rest, and sometimes the crow brings back the soul to set the wrong things right.

The Crow, starring Brandon Lee (Rapid Fire, 1992) is a suspenseful, dynamic movie, that moved all of America's youth.

During the making of the film, Lee was killed. He was murdered one week before the film ended. The scene started out with Eric Draven (Lee) entering his apartment, and finding four men rape his fiancée. Then, one of the men pulled a gun, and shot Lee. The .44 Magnum used, had a bullet tip lodged sideways in the barrel, and when they used the gun, it killed him.

The dying incident is very ironic because Lee's martial arts father, Bruce Lee, also died while filming a movie.

The Crow begins with the murdering of Eric Draven and his fiancée, Shelly (Sofia Shinas) on Devil's Night (the night before Halloween). One year later, on Devil's Night, the crow comes back to release Eric from his grave. Eric comes back to take revenge on all of the men that killed him and his fiancée.

It is a real enthralling movie, that keeps you in suspense as to what is coming up next. What is amazing about the film, is that they were able to use doubles and technology to finish the film. As I watched the last of the movie, I thought, "Wait! When did Brandon Lee actually die?" You can't even tell it wasn't him.

Brandon Lee

by Stacy Shannon

Before Brandon's death, he made three great movies.

Showdown in Little Tokyo: Brandon plays a sidekick to cop Dolph Lundgren in Lee's rookie role. The movie focuses on Lundgren, but Lee is the only one worth mentioning. Mainly just a big city cop vs. Asian bad guy movie.

Rapid Fire: Some say it was great, some say it wasn't. Lee plays a witness who sees one drug dealer kill off another, mobster style. He spends the rest of the movie looking for the drugs, and avoiding the murderous bad guys.

BubbaGump

By Stacy Shannon

Forrest Gump is the story of a mentally slow little boy, who faces the hardships of life early in Alabama, and along the journey of life, makes great accomplishments, as well as becoming a hero.

Gump was prominently encouraged throughout his early life to succeed in life by his mother, played by Sally Field.

She is also who supplied him with his great quotes, like "Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're going to get."

Forrest Gump was a lonely little boy with braces on his legs, and a curved spine, who had only one friend, Jenny.

This is a movie about an evolution of a man, and about how accomplishments don't only go to the rich and famous, and how you don't have to be a genius to become a hero.

Forrest and Jenny are the best of friends through childhood, her escape from an abusive house, and the effects an ever-changing society has over the decades on friends.

Besides being a movie about love, this is a movie about friendships and responsibilities.

The movie takes place everywhere in the world, starting in Alabama on Forrest's plantation home, to all fifty states in the United States. A visit to Washington D.C, a lengthy visit to Vietnam, and a shrimping boat in the Gulf of Mexico.

This movie was definitely, "a box of chocolates." It wasn't by far the best movie that I've seen, but it has to be the best acting job that I've ever seen by Hanks. Forrest Gump was funny, sad, and a love story, everything that makes up a great movie.

Hanks (Big, Philadelphia) is really excellent in this role, probably one of the best he's had. The movie has already earned more money for Paramount Pictures than the Indiana Jones trilogy.

Did O.J. Really Do It?

By Dan Ziman

This country was sent into shock when accusations of O.J. Simpson in the murder of his ex-wife Nicole Simpson and Ronald Goldman, in mid June. Did O.J. Simpson kill Nicole Simpson and Ronald Goldman? Truthfully, I think O.J. didn't kill Ronald Goldman and Nicole Simpson. What would be his motive? He loved his children, and his job, so why would he jeopardize all the luxuries that he has? The man had everything money, fame, movies and guest appearances on t.v. shows. He also had a job as a football sportscaster.

There was extensive news coverage surrounding the whole thing. The night of the alleged murder O.J. flew to Chicago and stayed at the O'Hare Plaza Hotel where police officials found bloodstains in his hotel that later, after testing, was matched with O.J.'s blood. There was also blood found near the alleged crime scene. Now, most of America thought that O.J. did do it.

Then, in the end of June, the infamous "W hite Bronco" incident changed the opinions of most of America. They led to believe that he fled because he murdered his wife. I think the media had a lot to do with it. The media was so excited they found a celebrity who was an alleged murderer. CNN even blew the case out of proportion.

I was glad to hear that O.J. asked the judge to make the case private and without news coverage. Personally, I feel everybody was sick and tired of missing their "soaps" this summer because of the preliminary hearings.

After examining all the facts, I don't think anybody really cares any more about O.J. They are more worried about the baseball strike, or about the Bears actually making it to the playoffs this year.

If he is proven guilty I would still feel that he is innocent. But if he is proven innocent I will say "see I told you so." But knowing the judicial system in this country, he will probably be guilty, sent to death row and sit there for twenty years then get out on bail. But we will just have to wait and see.

By Mary Merrick

Ever get the feeling that someone is watching you? Well, you're about to have that creepy sensation a lot more often here at school.

This year, West Chicago has installed security cameras throughout the building. Cameras are located in the two new stairways on the second floor, the hallways that adjoin them, the "bridge" that connects WE-Go to Lincoln, and also in the Lincoln school hallway.

These cameras are being monitored in front of the entrance to the fieldhouse. During school hours a para pro watches two TVs which contain four different frames on each screen. So this means there are eight cameras taping us as we walk by and talk to our friends. But that isn't all. Just because those TVs aren't out before and after school doesn't mean the cameras aren't rolling. The monitors are still on, but the cameras are not recording.

Another interesting fact about this technological addition to our school is that these are not your normal every day video cameras. On the monitor screen, students move much slower than they actually are. The purpose of this is that it's easier to claim the identity someone if you get a good look at their face and what they're wearing.

So, what's the reasoning behind all this? Don't they trust us?

Dr. Jones simply stated that the cameras were put there as extra sets of eyes. If you will

note the locations of the cameras, they are placed in blind spots where neither a para pro or other authority figure can see. This can be dangerous for two reasons. If the cameras weren't at these various spots, people could freely come in and out of the building with out anyone knowing. Secondly, since these places aren't highly visible, a fire could easily go unnoticed for an extended amount of time, which could also put students at risk.

Lets just say the administrators are *extremely* concerned about our safety. In my opinion, I think its ridiculous to put cameras in a place of learning. More money could be spent on educational materials instead of tools for security. "It is estimated that it costs \$8,000 dollars for the cameras and it would cost \$25,000 for another para pro. It saves the school some money," says Dr. Morris.

What's next? Metal detectors in doorways and spontaneous bag and locker checks on certain days? Who knows.

The fact of it all is, they are here now, and they probably aren't going away. An employee of West Chicago Community High School is always looking our way as we go through our now constantly monitored school days. This new aspect of school may not bother some of you, but it should be known to all so that you should think before doing anything that could be caught on camera. It isn't real anymore, it IS Memorex.

Editorial

Cameras In Lincoln School?

Cameras in our school are a good idea, but they are in the wrong spots. Nothing will ever happen in the new Lincoln School addition. The truth is, our school has bought cameras instead of hiring another para pro. It saves money.

Why Lincoln School? If we were to put cameras anywhere, we think that they should be in the hallways. At Lincoln School, people only pass every 55 minutes through the stairways, whereas, in the hallways, people always pass even when classes are going on.

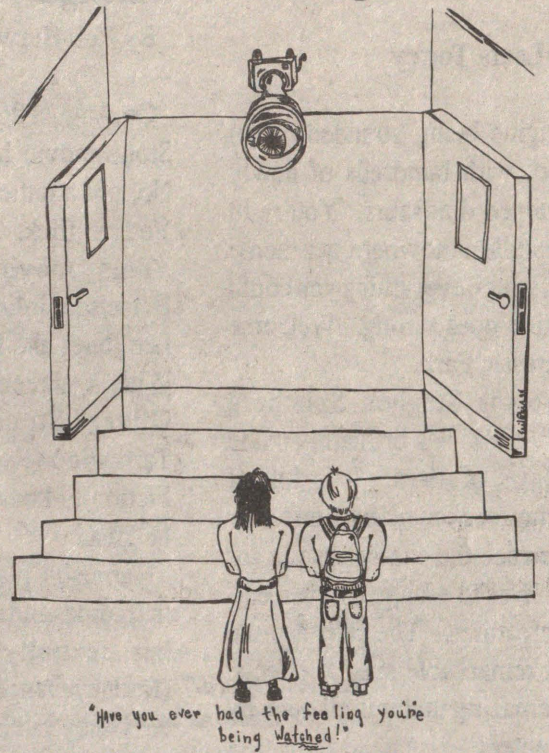
We feel that hallway cameras are necessary because of locker theft and vandalism. Cameras are also necessary where the expensive items are in the school: The library, computer lab, science lab, etc.

Many myths went around about the cameras. One myth is that there are 20 cameras in discrete places that are filming all the time. Another myth is that the eight cameras at Lincoln School are running all the time, even when school is not going on. The truth is that there are only eight cameras that run only during school hours so nobody has to worry.

The cameras cost about \$8,000. If we were to hire another para pro, it would cost the school around \$25,000 a year. So, basically we are saving the school a lot of money with our new cameras.

Many people think that we will have metal detectors next, and locker and bag checks twice a week. The cameras are here only to save the school some more money. We're not in jail like everyone thinks.

They are Always Watching!



Top Ten Reasons Why Homecoming Week Is So Exciting

By Laura Torrey

- 10) Our favorite teachers get dunked in the dunk tank.
- 9) We get out early on Friday
- 8) At least one class will get their float trashed
- 7) The Spirit stick.
- 6) Teachers give less homework.
- 5) Seniors win the window painting contest.
- 4) Freshman are lost more than ever.
- 3) Seniors toilet paper the school better each year.
- 2) Our Homecoming game is during the day. (Yeah!)
- 1) School Spirit

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Wildcat Football looks for a Homecoming Win

By Matt Wehling

With a 1-4 record the Wildcats look to add another one in the win column against the Naperville Central Redhawks on homecoming weekend. The varsity take the field Saturday, October 1st at 1:30 p.m. Sophomores start at 11:30 a.m.

Despite Naperville Central's 5-0 record, 3-0 in DVC, the Wildcats look to give the Redhawks a game after giving previously ranked number one in the DVC Wheaton North a close game at 36-22. Coach Bruce Donash also added "We traditionally play pretty well on Homecoming."

The Cats have struggled out of the gate this year managing one non-conference win against Marmion. Donash said, "We hoped to start the season with three wins, but only managed



Wildcats celebrate a We-Go touchdown against Wheaton North.

one." The Cats suffered defeats from Dundee Crown, Glenbard South, Wheaton North, and Glenbard North. Donash stressed a win against the Redhawks was crucial in order to follow up on the team's goal to make the playoffs this year against Naperville Central. He also stressed that the team is

looking at their situation in a week by week battle.

The team doesn't look to make any drastic changes for the game. The starting quarterback for the homecoming shoot out will be Russ Whitaker, barring injury. The cats also look for a big game out of their team captains Joe Nicoloff, Jerry Planek, and Mario Gentry. Gentry returned

to the lineup after missing the first three games due to an injury. Donash added that he was happy to see Gentry return to the lineup by having Gentry bring his speed and positive attitude to the table.

This past week's game brought We-Go another conference loss against Glenbard North. We-Go fell by a score of 34-0 in

front of a huge Panther homecoming crowd. Despite the lively West Chicago crowd, the Cats could not manage to put any points up on the board. While the Redhawks are coming off a 36-6 win over Glenbard East. Donash stated that the Redhawks have speed and will be a tough challenge.

We-Go's upcoming schedule after the Redhawks doesn't look very favorable. The following week will feature the Cats against Glenbard East which Donash said, "they are beatable."

The next two weeks will then feature DVC powerhouses Naperville North and Wheaton Warrenville South. Donash also stated this is a team which has a great deal of talent, much like the We-Go team of two years ago. Donash commented on the DVC by saying that it is still the hardest division in the state, and that the one who wins the DVC will have one to two losses.

Tennis off and Winning

By Blanca Rios

"This year girls tennis is off to good start, everyone is working hard, and I feel there is always room for improvement," said senior Michelle Kolodick.

Para-professional Sione Moeaki is the varsity and junior varsity coach. There is not a sophomore or freshmen team due to the number of girls on the team.

A significant match the team has had was the Glenbard South Match. West Chicago won 4-3.

Senior Karen Hesterman said, "We need to win as many matches as possible so we have a good chance of getting seeded at the sectional."

When asked where improvement was needed, Hesterman said, "Coming back when down in a match or in my case staying up when winning 5-1."

Tennis is divided into singles and doubles. A team wins if a majority of singles and double matches win in one whole team match against another school. As of September 21, varsity is 9-3. Junior

varsity has not won a match yet. Hesterman feels this is because they need more practice and their lack of playing time has hurt them, but in the future they will do much better.

The top singles players are Hesterman, junior Michelle Toms, senior Alicia Cox, and sophomore Sara Ekstrom. Top Doubles are seniors Amy Langemack and sophomore Michelle Wigder.

The team practices every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and usually has matches on the weekends.

"There is usually just parents watching matches and I feel we can do much better with more support," said Moeaki.

"I think we are doing really well this year, and I am sure we will do even better as the year goes on," said Langemack.

Today our Lady Wildcats have a home match against Naperville North at 4 P.M.

We-Go Soccer Determined to Turn Rough Season Around!

By Laura Torrey

The Wildcat soccer team captured their first win against Glenbard South on Tuesday, September 27th.

With junior Dietrich Rudolf's hat trick, and another goal by sophomore Chris Payton, the We-Go squad had no problem executing a 4-1 victory.

"The DVC is real tough. We'll just have to play as hard as we can," says coach Bob Owens. "Whatever comes out, comes out."

The first DVC game was against Wheaton Warrenville South. They lost a 3-1 heartbreaker. We-Go scored first with a goal by Rudolf. The Wildcats were unable to hold onto their lead, and gave up three goals total. A breakdown in the defense was obvious.

"We are getting to the point where our opponents are making goals and we are not use to this," said Owens. "Everyone is playing as hard as they can. They need to play together as a team to be a success."

Not playing together has been the story for the Wildcat's this year. Games have been lost because of lack of communication, and this is a problem that just can't go unnoticed.



Junior Nick Spalo controls the ball.

The next game they played was against Glenbard North. The final score was 10-1. A collapse in the defense cost the squad eight goals in the second half. The first half was more of the Wildcat's potential. The score after the first half was only 2-1, after a goal scored by senior Mark Bullard. The second half was all Glenbard North. The We-

Go defense that had played so well in the first half had died.

"We haven't played much of our offenses or our defenses in our games, but I think defensively we need to execute," said Owens.

"If there is one team in the DVC that we would love to beat, it would be Naperville North. We haven't beat them in a long time," said Owens.

The next game is today at Naperville North at 6:30.

Wildcat Pride

By Elizabeth Feltes

Every year there is always a lot of talk about how bad our football team is and how we never win, especially after they didn't win a single game last year.

So far this year is different. They've beat last year's record by defeating Marmion. Plus, they are a lot different for one other reason: they have pride.

Adam Owens, junior, says, "It's all mental." It is true, because after a while, last year they gave up hope, and joined in the bashing of the football team. This year they care about winning.

Coach Dave Sayner says, "We have a real strong senior leadership this year. All of the guys have really good characters. Their morale is definitely better this year."

One of the reasons they care so much about winning is because they know they can

Even though we started out slow, we're learning from our mistakes -
Mario Gentry

do it, since they've already proved it. During their embarrassing loss to Glenbard South, they never gave up. Sure, they were upset. They lost, but they went out to practice the next day, and worked even harder. It paid off the next week when they came close to beating the number one team in the DVC, Wheaton North.

A Daily Herald writer said, "It wasn't supposed to be like this." Why not? Is it because we're West Chicago? At least the team hasn't given up yet.

Senior and varsity captain, Mario Gentry said, "Even though we started out slow, we're learning from our mistakes. I think if we play to our potential we could upset a lot of teams."

Keep an eye out because our varsity football team could be a lot better than you think.

All the Spikes

By Jeff Hadzima

Young teams always have their problems.

The We-Go volleyball team has had it's share of problems this season, but is now beginning to get over the hump and play to it's consistantly strong ability.

The slow start may have been to the player's adjusting. Two new players, freshman Danielle Murphy and Kelly Kaylor cracking the starting lineup, the We-Go team has had to adjust to the new faces.

Varsity head coach Kris Hasty is in her first year as head coach here at West Chicago, and she has to have time to get to know the players and their abilities.

On Tuesday September 20th, the girls took on Wheaton North, and after two tough games, the squad dismantled the Falcons 15-12 and 15-12 again. Wheaton North took a 5-0 lead into the first game, but a strong comeback was made, and We-Go prevailed.

On Tuesday night, the squad took on a strong Naperville North team. We-Go could not handle the powerful squad, and lost the first game 15-5. The second game was a different story. We-Go ended up loosing 15-11 the second game, but not after a fight.

The We-Go team takes on Glenbard North for their Homecoming game tonight at 6:30.

Golf in the Right Swing

By Jeff Hadzima

Some records were meant to be broken, and others were meant to be toyed with. The West Chicago Golf team has toyed with a few this year.

Lead by Senior Chad Erickson, the We-Go squad shot a season best 154, and defeated Wheaton North by eight strokes. Other strong performances by Senior athlete of the week Tim Landis, Eric Danek and Junior Brian Bowen helped We-Go with the strong victory.

On Tuesday, September 20th, the We-Go team had no problems containing Glenbard East squad, with a 160-174 victory.

Again led by Erickson's 37, the We-Go team learned that they can compete in the DVC.

"At the beginning of the year, everyone didn't play to their potential, but now everyone is playing better, and our scores are getting lower."

With a team goal of around 160, the We-Go squad is meeting their expectations. On Thursday, they will compete in the DVC Tournament, which is hosted by Naperville Central at the Naperbrook Country Club. Go out and support our Wildcat team.

Wildcat Pride



Becky Manning swims hard at practice.



Eddie Acosta heads the ball down field.



Joe Nicoloff rests his injured knee.



Soccer cheerleaders, Carrie Deblecourt, Jennie Hauger, Eileen Lubbs and Katie Lueze perform at halftime.