

# Wildcat Chronicle



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## Habitat in West Chicago is causing controversy

By Dan Horyn

The Habitat for Humanity is a non profit organization that builds and sells housing at low prices to families who make less than \$25,000 a year.

DuPage Habitat for Humanity has proposed to start a third project in West Chicago to build six houses for low-income residents.

The Habitat has proposed a site, currently owned by St. Andrew's Church, that lies on the corner of Prince Crossing and Geneva Roads, to build six houses on 2.4 acres of land. The proposal has angered

members of the community and has become a city and county affair.

People are unhappy with this proposition for many reasons. One being their concern for their property value.

"Every time a low income housing project goes up in an area, the surrounding property value goes down," said Jack Schmelzer, a resident living across from the proposed site.

The houses surrounding the Habitat's proposal average about two acres in size and up to \$300,000 in real estate value, Schmelzer said.

The Habitat sites would be no more than a half acre and the houses \$90,000 in value.

There are other places in West Chicago where land would be cheaper than the lots at the Geneva and Prince Crossing location. The Habitat is building a house on Washington Street, one block west of General Mills with the lot and size of the house matching those of the surrounding houses.

During the summer West Chicago citizens signed a petition objecting to the building plans. A

concern of the opposition is that the cluster of homes would separate the new owners from the rest of the community. With six houses packed into a small area, the home owners would be "set apart," said Schmelzer.

The group opposed to Habitat's proposal are represented by John Stock III, a lawyer in Wheaton. Richard Nogaj, president of DuPage Habitat for Humanity, defends the plan.

Each side's case is being presented to the West Chicago Plans

Commission. Habitat for Humanity has spoken, and the opposition speak at the next meeting on October 10th at 7:30 p.m. at Community High School.

This will be a public meeting in which the Plan Commission will hold a hearing on the issue. After the hearing, they will vote on whether to recommend the Habitat proposal to the City Council.

After hearing both sides of the argument the Commission will have 45 days to either approve or reject Habitat's proposal.

## Smoking curbed at We-go

By Josette Kramer

President Clinton is work trying to reduce underage smoking and the tobacco industries are spending billions of dollars trying to recruit new smokers.

Clinton has banned all vending machines. He's aware that the main problem is that many under-age smokers are purchaing tobacco straight from the merchants. Clinton now wants to ban advertisements in areas surrounding schools, including cigarette ads in teen magazines, and tobacco products on t-shirts. Clinton hopes this will decrease the attractiveness of cigarette smoking.

Will banning advertisements actually reduce teen smoking? Will putting more pressure on the merchants who sell to minors decrease the number of under-aged smokers?

Smoking for many people is no longer a cool thing or a fad, but has become an addiction.

Assistant Principal John Highland states that last year there were 38 cases out of 1,700 students, of students caught smoking, or with cigarettes in their possession.

Highland feels smoking takes place out of school because of the consequences. The penalty for being caught with tobacco is a ticket of \$75- \$500.

Some We-go students offered their opinions about smoking, and reactions to President Clinton's proposal.

"Personally, I don't smoke, and I think it's gross. I would never want to date a guy who smoked. I don't think taking down signs would make a difference. People are going to do it no matter what." -Bridget Horgan-Senior

"I don't think that anything Clinton or any-



body else does or says is going to reduce teen smoking. Teens don't care right now but who knows, we might grow up sometime! -Colleen Reberg-Sophomore

"Teen smoking: it's illegal, it's unhealthy, it's also her choice." -Jessica Sawa-Sophomore

"A lot of people my age smoke and it's only the decision of the person of how he/she wants to live. It wont help with Clintons plan infact

people may begin to rebel." -Eddie Acosta-Senior

"Most teens don't look at ads to continue their habit." -Tracy Morris-Junior

"I don't feel that teenage smoking is a good thing' but it is their choice. I do hope that they face the facts smoking kills!" -Candy Estrada-Sophomore

"Smoking Stinks!" -Colleen Horgan-Senior

## See you at the pole

By Kelley Betts

Eighty West Chicago High School students gathered around the flag pole located on the football field for the nation-wide event "See You at the Pole," on Wednesday, September 20, at 7 a.m.

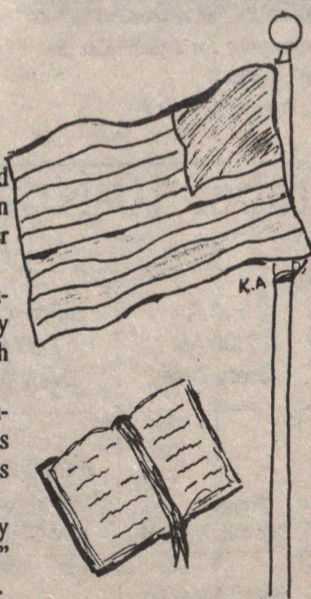
"See You at the Pole" is a day when high school and junior high school students can gather around their flagpole and pray. A group of students in Omega bible study organized the event at W.C.C.H.S. Principal Alan Jones gave the group his consent and had the flag raised in the morning.

Together, Junior Josh Brown and Senior Brian Lasky led the students in prayer and activities along with other students contributing their prayers.

"It was really neat seeing all the students willing to stand up for what they believe in," commented Spanish teacher Kristi Allen.

"It was very encouraging for students to see other Christian students sharing their faith," said Social Studies teacher Mary Ellen Daneels.

"It was so cool to see how many Christian students there really are," commented sophomore Tracy Busse.



## Desperate Hours

By Steve Berezney

The annual fall play this year, Joseph Hayes' "The Desperate Hours" will open on November 2nd and will run until the 4th.

The story is about three convicts who escape from prison and take a family hostage in their own house. The play is performed in two sets, one is the hostage situation and the other is the police trying to catch the convicts.

On one set, we have Junior Matt Bowne playing the main convict Glenn Griffin who takes the Hilliard family hostage. Senior Erin Schullo plays Eleanor Hilliard and Sophomore Steve Garcia plays her husband Dan.

"Eleanor is a typical suburban mother, she's on the P.T.A., and she has 2.5 kids, her husband Dan is very loving and committed. He's willing to die for his family," Schullo says about her and Garcia's characters.

The other set has the cop story with Senior Mike Clifford playing the cop Jesse Bard who is working with FBI agent Holly Carson, played by Junior Annalea Jimmo.

The twist in the story is that Bard has a history with the convict Griffin. That will make the

story a little more interesting. Bard is the kind of cop who goes on hunches that many other cops would not even consider. "It seems like he is always on a caffeine high; crazy and tense," states Clifford on his character's actions. Griffin is one of two brothers who doesn't want to harm anybody, but he will if they harm him first.

There is a total cast of 15 who are directed by play veterans Lori Watson and Mary Hefertepe. The price is still uncertain but it will probably be in the two to three dollar range as usual.

With many of the cast from last year's plays returning for this one, we should be in for a sharp running play because most of the actors and actresses have experience. The play is not the same as last year's however. "It's different from last year's play "Oklahoma," it's much more serious," Clifford also states about the play. But from the reaction of people involved in the play, it seems like it should be something that is different then what we as an audience are used to from a school play and that it is something worth checking out.

Cast members Kathy York, Eric Peterson, and Roxi Rohrbach all agreed the play would "never be boring. It's action packed with many great fight scenes, sex, violence, obscenities, drunkenness, and three kissing scenes!"

## Guidance Update

By Kristin Dieter

What do you get when you put guidance counselors, lunch, and college information all together? Brown Bag Seminars.

Such seminars are designed for students to have lunch with their counselors while covering college issues from financial aid to entering the work force.

Guidance counselor Debra Nelson explains the department

is "hoping kids will really respond to these and they'll generate more ideas."

Along with Nelson, counselor Maura Rowland is "hoping the students will take advantage of [the seminars]." Many seniors are not as enthusiastic, feeling these seminars will not make their choices any easier.

Upcoming Events:  
College fair at the College of DuPage

on October 19th.

Financial Aid Night at Geneva High School in January.

A Financial Aid Application workshop will be held at W.C.C.H.S. later in the year.

If you are interested in learning about the current scholarships available, please see counselor Rowland in Guidance or read your Senior News, a letter that is mailed home to all seniors.

## Battle of the classes

By Jenny Wagenaar

The battle between the classes added that extra spark into the spirit of Homecoming but the Class of '97 came out the winners but only by one point, did you seniors know that?

A series of competitive activities brought class members together with the desire of having their class come out on top.

The main competition was the building of the float. The juniors won with the Emerald City (the Wizard of Oz as their theme) as their float, the sophomores (theme Grease) second place, seniors (theme Jaws) third place, and the freshman (theme Batman) fourth place.

"If the seniors would have placed higher in the float competition or would have won one more of the games, they probably would have won Homecoming," Mary Ellen Daneels said.

Beginning with window painting, in which the idea was to draw their class theme on a window with bright colors and neat drawings, the classes got together at 8:00 a.m. on a Saturday morning (September 23) and worked furiously until 11:30 when everything was to be done.

The seniors won this event and were very proud with the outcome because they felt they were gypped in last year's window painting. Daneels described this year's window painting as, "the tightest competition ever."

Throughout the morning of the school week, Student Council held small competitions that members from the different classes participated in.

The Munchkin Eating Contest, held on Monday September 25, started the games off in which each class team consisting of three members were given 60 munchkins that had to be eaten without the use of hands in the shortest amount of time. Each team member had to finish their 20 munchkins before their team mate could begin. The juniors and freshman won this contest.

Tuesday was the Hula-Hoop contest. The object of this game was to see which team could swing the hoop around their hips the longest. The sophomores edged out the freshman for the win in a showdown.

The Celebrity Dress Up Day and the Poop Deck Contest were Wednesday's games. John Highland, Tony Quarto, and Bill Spelman judged the dress up competition and decided that the seniors were the winners. The seniors also won the Poop Deck contest, Wednesday was a good day for the seniors.

The Batman Race was held on Thursday, the Freshman grabbed this one in a hurry.

Friday was the last day of the Battle Between the Classes. The juniors won the hall decorating and the banner contest, and in the Olympics the seniors won the pie eating contest and the orange race, the juniors won the egg toss, and the sophomores won the tug-o-war with ease.

Student Council decides the point weight of the different competitions. The whole competition is out of 100 points. The float carried the most points with 40, window painting was worth 30 points, the banner 10 points, the tug-o-war 10 points, and the morning games and Olympics together were worth 10 points.



Seniors display their Senior pride on dress-up day. Photo by Jen Wagenaar



Homecoming King and Queen, Nick Castellano and Michelle Rapinchuk wave to their Royal subjects. Photo by Julie Feltes



We-go's new mascot. Photo by Elizabeth Feltes



Sophomores Caroline McClellan and Lisa Mueller, twist and shout on their float in the parade. Photo by Julie Feltes



Freshmen Meghan Horgan, Jamie Puchalski, and Maggie McPike show off their artistic flairs at window painting. Photo by Elizabeth Feltes



Senior ladies pose for a picture at the Homecoming dance. Photo by Ryan Saul

## Parade a smash hit

By Julie Feltes

The Homecoming parade of '95 combined all the elements of a box office blockbuster.

Flashing lights and sirens, from the West Chicago police and fire departments, began the festivities. Musical highlights of famous movie scores provided the background for flag waving, high-stepping Color Guard and energetic pom-pom squad.

Glittering royalty included queen Michelle Rapinchuk accompanied by king Nick Castellano and their court.

The Senior Class inspired terror and chills with the presentation of a gigantic silver Jaws atop their float that was devouring a hapless Glenbard South Ram.

The world of fantasy was introduced in the prize winning Junior Class float depicting the magical land of Oz.

For all the nostalgia buffs, the Sophomore Class took everyone back to the rock and roll 50's malt shop.

The dark mystery of Gotham City surrounded the Freshman Class tribute to Batman.

The cheerleaders gave vocal encouragement to the crowd as various clubs took center stage.

Stark black and white was the backdrop for SADD's eerie depiction of the hazards involved in drinking and driving.

A foreign flair was added to the festivities by the German Club, Spanish Club, and International Club.

For animal lovers everywhere, Cat Woman, the Wildcat, and Toto were all in attendance.

Pep club cheered, FBLA and Key Club roared, the baton twirler tossed, mini-cars raced, candy was thrown to the crowd.

A cast of hundreds and credits a mile long wrapped up the parade.

Movie goers, critics, and fans all cast a unanimous vote-and the Oscar goes to- We-go's 1995 Homecoming Parade.

## Taste of Hollywood

By Elizabeth Feltes

How often do you get to splatter pies in Mr. Highland's face, or dunk Mrs. Kostro? Well on Friday September 29, you could find many students doing just that.

In addition to the pie-in-the face and the dunk tank was the tug-of-war, the egg toss and orange pass. Clubs sold drinks and food including the junior class who sold pop and suckers, and the cheerleaders who sold baked goods.

"Getting Coach [Al] Steur with a pie was great!" commented Sophomore Richie DiVito.

And all the fun was added to by the color commentary of Mike Leck, Marissa Filippo, and Katie Lietherer.



Elizabeth "Dorothy" Feltes and her little dog too. Photo by Julie Feltes

OOPS, Sorry about that... We at the Wildcat Chronicle would like to apologize for the following mistakes in our last issue: On page one under club notes, VICA Paul Junkrowski is the advisor, not Susan Junkrowski.

## October 10-November 11 1995

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 *DD Jr. Class Donut Day	2	3 F.C.A. 7:00 AM Every Tues.	4 Senior Class 7:30 AM Every Wed.	5 F.B.L.A. 7:30 AM rm 203 Every Thurs.	6	7
8 AC Art Club 3:30-5 rm 310 Every Wed.	9 Columbus Day No school	10 French Club Pep club 7:30 AM	11 Parent/School Council 7:30 PM Key Cl.*DD AC	12 Soph. Class 7:15 Conf. rm. A	13	14
15	16	17 Board Meeting 7:15 PM Pep Club 7:30 AM	18 *DD AC	19 Blood Drive COD College Fair	20	21 PSAT Testing 7:30 AM
22 25-31 Key Club Lolly pop sale \$.25 all lunches	23	24 Orchestra & Choir Concert Pep Club 7:30 AM	25 Habitat for Humanity *DD AC	26	27 End of First Quarter	28 PLAN Testing 7:30 AM
29 Oct.28-Nov.3 Safety & Red Ribbon Week	30	31 Halloween Pep Club 7:30 AM	1 Booster Club 7:30 PM *DD AC	2 Fall Play Perf. Math Team Camp.	3	4
5	6 Fall Sports Awards 7:30 PM Art Inset French Club	7	8 *DD AC	9 Marching Band Showcase 7 PM	10 In-Service Day 10:55 Dismissal Periods 1,2,6-8	11 Veteran's Day

## One gang that We-Go likes to have around



Photo by Jenny Wagenaar

Pat Spohn, John Gallagher, and Ruben Campos are the members of We-Go's chain gang.

By Jenny Wagenaar

They run, they slide, they hit a bump and take a dive. This is what three men, known as West Chicago's chain gang, go through during football games, well kind of.

Pat Spohn, Ruben Campos, and John Gallagher are the proud members of the We-Go chain gang. You may have seen these men running up and down the field at home football games, and they do a fine job.

Gallagher has been a member of the chain gang for over six years now, Spohn two years, and Campos, the rookie, one year.

These three men are responsible placing the down markers (the orange and black signs) where the officials tell them to and to visually show what down it is. Their responsibility is pretty simple and all claim they have never cheated by placing the down markers a few feet from where it's supposed to be in favor of our team.

They are constantly in the middle of the action which is one of the most likable things about being a member of the chain gang.

"We're closer to the field and action," Spohn said, "We have the opportunity to listen to what the coaches have to say."

Spohn said, "The black and yellow jackets are mainly for our protection," Spohn said.

One disadvantage of being a chain gang member is that they can not cheer for We-Go the same way people in the stands cheer, they must control themselves and when they do cheer they must be careful with what they choose to say.

And how about those jackets they have to wear, aren't they attractive? "The black and yellow jackets are mainly for our protection," Spohn said.

Sometimes the players can get out of control and when asked if any players ever yelled at them to get out of their way they responded no. "If anyone gets yelled at it's usually the ref's yelling at the players because they're on the chain," Campos said, "There's a yellow line that the players must stay behind because that's where our place is."

The most memorable moment for the chain gang this year is the Batavia game. "It was an excellent game to be a part of," Spohn said.

Spohn, Campos, and Gallagher all plan to be on the chain gang next year and now that you know who they are, look for them at our next home football game.

## Once and for all, truth behind long school day

By Elizabeth Feltes

It's 7:55 and first hour has just begun. Just think in *only* 7 1/2 hours that final bell of the day will ring. But why so long?

For years the long school day has been a topic of debate. Why are our periods 55 minutes long instead of 50 minutes? Why does Glenbard North get out at 2:45? Why do we have to be here longer than anyone else in the area? Talk to Dr. Joel Morris and an easy answer can be found.

According to Morris, all state colleges require 3 lab sciences. These include biology, chemistry, physics, and horticulture. To qualify as a lab science a student must spend a total of 160 hours in the classroom, which equals out to be a little over 53 minutes a day for a typical 180 day school year.

As of now most state schools don't check for completion of all 480 hours, but West Chicago is not willing to gamble that the state school's won't contact them.

"It would be really unfortunate if a state school contacted a senior and asked them if how long their hours were," said Morris "Because if they didn't have 50 minute periods, they wouldn't have met their requirements and would have to go to a private college. Which would in turn be more expensive."

The 55 minute schedule works right now, but the school might have to cut back to make room for passing periods. Until then we'll have to bear the 7 1/2 hours and know that in the long run we will be safe.

## Truckin' to his death after life of Trippin'

By Kristi Ault

He was overweight, often ballooning up to 300 pounds. He had a horrible diet of fast food. He was a chronic smoker, and had what proved to be a fatal drug problem. Yet he was worshipped by millions.

The recent death of Jerry Garcia marks the end of a lifestyle for many followers of Garcia's band, the Grateful Dead.

Garcia had checked himself into Security Knolls drug treatment center after a relapse into a heroin addiction that had haunted him for years. On Wednesday August 9, Garcia was pronounced dead at 4:23 a.m., dying of heart failure, his heart weakened from over 30 years of drug abuse.

In 1964 Garcia and his friends, Ron McKernan, Phil Lesh, Bob Weir, and Bill Kreutzmann decided to form a rock band. Their first album entitled The Grateful Dead, released in 1967, featuring many songs from The "Golden Road" to "Morning Dew," was a total bust. Their second album, Anthem of the Sun, captured both their musical and song writing talents. With all original songs, Anthem of the Sun represented the true psychedelic nature of the band.

Printed on the inside of their first album, was the first nation wide calling for Grateful Dead followers. It read:

Dead Freaks Unite.

Who are you? Where are you?  
How are you?

### Grateful Dead Quiz

How well do you know the Dead?

1. What are the "dancing bears" commonly referred to?
2. What was the band's previous name before it was the Grateful Dead?
3. About how much does the limited-edition '95 Hoo Koo E Koo (Grateful Dead bicycle) sell for?
4. In what city was the Dead's final concert?

Send us your name and address and we'll keep you informed.

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The Grateful Dead's free concerts in San Francisco attracted such Dead Heads and were some of the first few giant multimedia rock scenes.

However, the Dead lost no money during such peaceful gatherings.

Garcia relics range from tie-dyed t-shirts, suit ties, bicycles, and even an ice cream flavor, earning him over \$30 million.

Although the Dead had only one top ten single, 1987's "Touch of Grey," they produced over 25 albums with many songs topping the charts world wide, "Truckin'," "St. Stephen," "Friend of the Devil," and "Box of Rain." Working Man's Dead and American Beauty (1970) along with In the Dark (1987) are among their best works and best sellers.

The Grateful Dead were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in January 1994, only 20 months before Garcia's death. The band has announced that they will no longer tour or produce further albums, Garcia's death means the end of the band, "it seems impossible to have the Grateful Dead without Jerry Garcia," says Garcia's long time friend Joe McDonald, of the band Country Joe & the Fish.

5. What album was Chuck Berry's "Johnny B Goode" featured on?
6. What was band member Ron McKernan's nickname?
7. Where did Garcia get the name "Grateful Dead"?
8. What song starts off with the sound of someone snorting cocaine?
9. On the cover of American Beauty, what symbol of beauty is depicted?
10. What 1964 Beatles film inspired Garcia and his friends to become a rock band?

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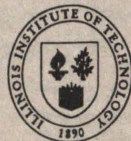
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### Answers to Grateful Dead Quiz :

1. Jerry Bears, 2. Warlocks, 3. \$1,000, 4. Chicago, 5. The Grateful Dead, 6. Pig Pen, 7. The Oxford English Dictionary, 8. Casey Jones, 9. A rose, 10. *A Hard Day's Night*

October Focus

## Music department

By Candy Estrada

For our first deeper focus, we've chosen the music department. There are over 270 students involved in the music department's three main parts: the orchestra, the band, and the chorus.

The 27 members of the orchestra are led by orchestra teacher Lori Rollins. Last year, there was a mere 13 members; hopefully, the number will continue to rise. Due to the growth of the group, Rollins is expecting a lot from this year's group. "This is one of the most musical groups that I have ever taught," she said.

Because of this, the orchestra will be working on more challenging pieces of music than they are used to. Members are also encouraged to work on their skills outside of school.

Two of the orchestra's members, Melissa Lillie and Emily Brittain, are participating in IMEA (Illinois Music Educators Association) on October 11. The group is anticipating its first concert on October 24.

The chorus, with their 134 members, are led by chorus teacher Kim Sirvatka. The chorus is actually split into smaller portions, consisting of the freshmen chorus, the sophomore chorus, and the concert choir. Along with this are the 18 members of Madrigals. Sirvatka states that because there was a rise in the number of members this year, she had a higher level of expectation.

For now, the concert choir is hoping they will be able to attend a clinic at Northern Illinois University on the 27th and 28th of October.

The group's first concert will be on October 24.

The newest addition to the music department is Dan Harrison, who is now in charge of the 90 members of the band. Originally from East Richland High School, Harrison did state that this year's band had already surpassed his expectations. October 20 officially wraps up marching band season, but the group is awaiting its November 9 marching band showcase. Their first concert will be December 12.

Overall, the music department is probably one of the busiest departments at the school. With three teachers controlling 270 students, it gets pretty hectic. But the students do end up having fun, and in return, learn things about music that'll last them their entire lives.

## Trying to Pay Attention

By Hannah Kenny

Imagine the ticking of a clock or a buzzing of a fly drowning out the voice of your teacher. To be easily distracted is only one small symptom that affects over 3.5 million Americans under the age of 18.

Attention-Deficit Disorder (ADD) also has many other symptoms such as concentration, coordination, hyperactivity and social relations. Tying shoes, focusing on one thing and being able to sit still becomes very difficult. Every case of ADD has its own symptoms, but many cases are similar. Hyperactivity is very common in people that have ADD, but not all have it, so ADD becomes ADHD, Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

ADD/ADHD is caused by a chemical imbalance in the brain, and is a shortage of substances that are known to control paying attention and sitting still. These disorders can not be cured, but can be controlled by the help of medication. Methylphenidate, dextroamphetamine, antidepressants and antipsychotics are all drugs that are believed to counteract the chemical imbalance.

For one student at We-Go all this is a reality. She was always very hyperactive as a child, but it was only until the end of her freshman year that she was diagnosed with ADHD. Some symptoms don't hold true for her, she has many friends and

she's not flunking any of her classes, but other symptoms might go double for her.

Without her medicine she can not sit without moving, picking up and playing with things around her and it is impossible for her to pay attention for more than five minutes. To calm this, she must take Ritalin in the morning, at lunch, dinner, and before bed. Also, she takes Zoloft to help her concentrate. She calls herself a "walking pharmacist".

Some people consider her loud and obnoxious, but she says she "acts out without thinking of the consequences." Because of this she is constantly getting in trouble with teachers, para-pros, at home and most anywhere she goes. She also says that she has a "path of destruction, like Pigen and his cloud of dirt." This is not uncommon, because many people with ADD/ADHD are prone to clumsiness and carelessness.

Although many people would rather not share that they have ADD/ADHD, she does not mind telling because she says that people should take her for who she is and not treat her any different because she has ADHD, "and if they do, it's their loss."

ADD is a serious problem in America today. Even though you might not think so, you probably know at least one person with ADD.

## There's more to Saturday night than a friend's house

By Elizabeth Feltes and Bridget Horgan

Once again, the weekend rolls around and you are left with the perennial question of what to do. Well, after a pseudo-poll of members of We-go, we came up with a conclusion.

The overwhelming answer was at friend's houses. Where else can you go spend all day without paying? Where can you get free food and drink? And where can you watch a movie without having your feet stick to the floor and be able to grab a pillow when the scary part comes on?

Other than friend's houses there were a few other suggestions.

"I like going to the bowling alley" said senior Marissa Filippo. You have to admit, the shoes are pretty nifty.

As for junior, Katy Madden, "My friend's and I go to Denny's. We

like to just hang out and talk, although sometimes the waiters get kind of mad when we stay too long."

In case any of these places don't tickle your fancy, here is a list of places that might:

- Cafe Triste
- Q-zar
- Baskin Robbins
- Parks
- Carmella's Coffee Cafe
- Park Districts
- Denny's
- Hot Shots (pool hall)
- The mall (how original)
- Green Mountain
- Theaters
- Cafe Wheaton
- Miniature golf courses
- Taco Bell
- Sandpiper
- Roller skating rinks

## This isn't your normal art class

By Leslie Ault

Who ever said the phrase "girls aren't allowed" certainly didn't apply here. Amber Gove, a sophomore at our high school, is a first degree black belt in the Art of Ninja.

The Art of Ninja is a combination of Jiu Jitsu, Tae Kwon Do, and Karate. Gove has been perfecting her ninja skills for eight years at Jim's Martial Arts Academy.

They teach self defense, and also incorporates self discipline. Amazingly enough, Hollywood drew Gove into this interesting sport. The movie *Karate Kid* inspired Gove to practice the Art of Ninja.

Gove has competed in many tournaments. She took first place in a tournament when she was a blue

belt and she placed third in sectionals.

Being the only girl in her class doesn't deter Gove, but it encourages her, striving to improve herself. "Just because you're a girl doesn't mean you can't do it. It's a lot of fun," comments Gove.

Like any other sport, this does have its ups and downs. "Winning is the best part and the hardest part is losing," Gove also adds.

So to all you boys out there who ever told a girl she wasn't allowed, step aside or Amber will kick down your door.

<p><u>The Wolfgang:</u> In no way, shape, or form, does this seek to be at all humorous. This story, or stories like these, happen constantly. I'm personally sick of people running from the problem at hand. This is my opinion, and my opinion only. I commend organizations such as S.A.D.D and M.A.D.D. plus many others, but involved before this happens to you.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">:Damian Jimenez</p>			
<p>Hey, Jesus, this is Anna. She's from S.A.D.D. She wants to talk to you, but let us take you home first.</p>	<p>... Stop, you'll end up like your brother. I love you man, no way your dying on me. Jesus! Jesus!</p>		<p>Show off your artistic flair to thousands by drawing for the Wildcat Chronicle. We need you!</p> <p>If interested contact Mrs. Kostro in room 319 or drop a note in her mailbox.</p>

## Senior Life

By Eddie Acosta

Well, that last day of school is approaching, and what gets to me is I can't do anything to stop it!

Like somebody is pushing me out the door and I'm not ready but they reply, "Who cares just go do the best you possibly can."

I walk the halls and I think I might never see these faces again. The changing winds will change their faces and the direction of their lives in the near future.

How strange does this sound: beer belly, hair loss, kids, your wife stealing your money (just kidding). This is just happening too fast.

I wonder what my peers think about graduating. And how it will feel to be free.

But a part of being free is being lost. The period is coming where we will be on our own, with the direction unknown, we will be complete unknowns, but worse of all, no direction back home!

What I will probably miss from West Chicago High is all the students and teachers. Each and every student makes this high school.

Everybody is unique in their own little way. So everybody puts their two cents in which buys this school personality.

I see us laughing and smiling in the halls, and it doesn't matter if we got our butts kicked all over the soccer or football field. Bleachers would always be warm on Friday nights. (Sadly enough the bleachers are a little bit cold on our Saturday morning soccer games but that's okay, we understand, right team?)

We'll be back on Monday with school pride like nothing happened. And then there's the teachers.

The teachers are a portion of who we are today and possibly forever. You'll have to admit, they are actually there for us when we need them.

My advice to you is to do as many things as you possibly can now, because when you are an old bag, you are going to say, "Now why didn't I do some more of that when I was in high school." Do the things that scare you.

Life is like a marathon race. We will be free, pacing ourselves to pass difficult obstacles, and also pacing ourselves to do as many things as we possibly can in this lifetime.

And as you turn on that last straightaway, the white tunnel of light will drag you in.

At the finish line you will rest in peace. But no matter what path I decide to take, I'll see you in the end.

## Family matters

By Tracy Morris

How many times have you argued with your parents about strict rules or being grounded? Have you then stomped back to your room mumbling things like, "I wish you weren't my parents," or "I wish you were dead?"

The truth is, almost every teenager or young adult does these things. We get so caught up in the moment that we don't think in the long run.

Our comments could one day come true and devastate our lives. Just imagine being without your parents from now on.

You can never go back to them just to say hello, or to get anything. You would be completely on your own, and then you'd wish they were back! Just take a little time out to appreciate the family that you have, because you might not get a second chance.

I had an experience last month that touched my family and definitely made us closer.

My dad, mom, brother and I made the long trip to Jacksonville, Florida for a family funeral. My dad's older brother, Wayne, passed away on September 10, 1995, in a Veteran's Administration Hospital after a long bout with cancer.

The two days we spent in Florida this past month were very eye-opening for myself as well as my entire family. My cousin David, who I just met this past summer, hadn't seen his father since he was a child and his parents split up.

He is now 28 and is being encountered with all new family members that he had never met before.

I saw the pain in his eyes when he viewed his father's body lying in that casket and no one should ever have to go through that. He would love to have the chance to tell his dad how he feels now, but that isn't possible.

If you still have your dad or other family member with you, take advantage of it, because some people aren't as lucky as you.

I'm sharing my experience with you to show you how important your family really is and that once they're gone it's too late to change the past.

Maybe it's just me, but I view family as the top priority in my life.

Unfortunately, I realize that we're all only going to be here for a short period of time. We can't be here forever, as ideal as that may be.

So many people who have had a family member ripped away from their lives say they would give anything to have them back. Just think about that for a moment.

You are privileged enough to have your family, and that is something a number of people in this world would love to have.

I know that we all have our problems with our families, and we all get upset occasionally. I don't pretend to be an angel who never takes my family for granted, but I have learned from other people's mistakes in the past.

For instance, I know someone who when he was young and rebellious he often despised his father. As he grew older and matured he came to terms with his feelings and realized that his father wouldn't be there forever.

I am scared to death that I will wake up one day and my father, or any family member, will be gone. I don't know how I will be able to function without them.

You can never tell when will be the last time you will ever see a family member. You could be arguing with your mom or dad or sibling one moment and then they could be gone the next.

There are no second chances when they're taken from you. All the things you should have said or done or taken back will come to you and haunt you forever. The sad thing is, it's too late then.

So, I guess the message I'm trying to get across is that you should cherish your family while they're here. You only get one go 'round at life and living it to the fullest with your family!

Don't wait until it's too late and your loved one is lying in a casket, unable to hear your pleas. Take advantage of the moments you have with them and let go of your grudges sometimes.

Don't let the last words your family member hears from you be ones of despise. Leave them with love or at least understanding and let them know that family really does matter to you!

Dear Editor,

Recently, I've found myself wondering why the school would spend big bucks on four TV monitors just so students can read the announcements for themselves everyday.

Granted, teachers have been complaining about the amount of time the announcements expend everyday, but to spend all that money for showing the announcements! It's ludicrous!

I wonder how many students actually know the announcements are flashing on and off those screens throughout the day. The only time I've seen kids acknowl-

edging those screens was when O.J. was proclaimed innocent.

These monitors are not solving a problem, but are actually creating one. No one reads them and therefore many important announcements go unnoticed.

It's a total waste of money that could have been spent elsewhere. For instance in the music department or for improvements in the cafeteria itself.

Many could have greatly benefited from this money.

Anonymous

## Drug Testing

Constitutional or not

By: Kristi Ault

It's a violation of your civil rights, it's an invasion of your privacy, but the supreme Court upholds it. Illinois schools are allowed to test student athletes for drugs.

Does random drug testing violate a student's fourth Amendment protection against unreasonable searches and seizures?

The Supreme Court ruling in June '95 allowed Illinois schools to randomly test student athletes if the school district has evidence of a drug problem among athletes.

How can a school board detect a drug problem without testing athletes? Word of mouth, tattle tales? Or if they're lucky enough, by catching students with possession of narcotics with the intent to use or distribute? But how accurate is this?

This brings up the problem of how to detect if a drug problem exists without testing athletes.

Anabolic steroids, a large concern in athletes, have side effects that put the young athlete at risk for premature closure of the growth plates of the long bones, sterility, liver problems, and, in females, male pattern baldness and facial hair. These drugs also produce high levels of aggression.

So, we can see why school officials are worried about performance enhancement drugs, and are testing for steroids, and amphetamines (speed), right? Wrong!

Although steroids and alcohol are the leading drugs abused among high school athletes, most of the drugs tested for are for yuppie drugs such as marijuana, cocaine, and LSD. According to a University of Michigan study, the use of marijuana and

steroids has doubled among high school students in the past three years.

Drug testing here at Community High School District 94 is not yet a concern with school official, but it is not being ruled out as a possibility for the future.

Principal Alan Jones sees drug testing as a last resort, if faced with a problem, he would first try drug education programs, suspension, and parent meetings before resorting to drug testing. For a school to implement drug testing, a drug problem must exist. "The documented cases do not indicate a prevalent problem in our school," Jones commented.

Officer Tony Quarto agreed by noting that he has seen very few cases of drug use and possessions, not enough to "indicate a drug problem exists."

On the same subject of a drug problem at Community High School, and possible drug testing among student athletes, Athletic Director Tom Hancock replied "no comment."

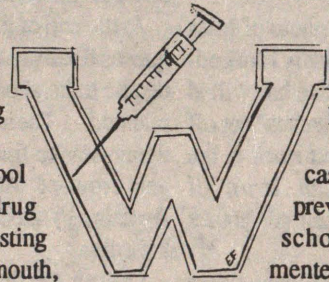
Would school boards be using these tests to hopefully deter athletes from using drugs?

Shouldn't there be more reason than fear of getting caught by a random drug test to keep kids from doing drugs?

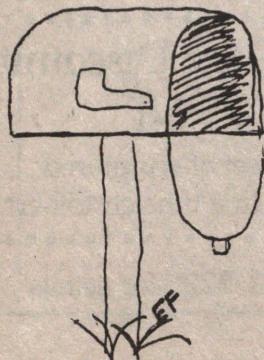
Even though I have nothing to hide, I still feel being drug tested is an invasion of my privacy.

Urine analysis tests are not justified and amount to an unconstitutional search under the 4th Amendment.

Let's start with education, and worry about peeing in a cup when a drug problem arises.



## Letters to the Editor



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## Thanks for the laughs

By Candy Estrada

Picture Patrick Swayze, Wesley Snipes, and John Leguizamo in drag. Well, that's the basic storyline for the film "To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar."

Vita (Swayze), Noxeema (Snipes), and ChiChi (Leguizamo), three drag queens from New York City, have entered a contest for the Miss Drag Queen of New York City. Winners Vita and Noxeema decide to take the "little Latin boy in a girl's dress" to Hollywood with them for the ultimate Miss Drag Queen of America contest.

With the help of a photo of Miss Julie Newmar, a legendary film goddess whom they believe has willed them luck, the three "ladies" set off for Hollywood, but get stuck in the small mid-American town of Snydersville when their car breaks down.

During their stay, the queens learn lessons of love, friendship, and loyalty.

Vita quickly becomes friends with a woman who is beaten by her spouse and teaches her new friend how to stand up for herself.

Another friendship blossoms be-

tween Noxeema and the elderly town mute. Both women love old movies and old film stars, and are able to overcome the differences of race and age.

ChiChi, on the other hand, becomes quite close to one of the boys from town. Unable to tell him the truth about his gender, ChiChi decides that it is best for both of them to stick to a close friendship.

All three are able to teach the people of the town just how to respect themselves and others that are different from them.

At the end of the movie, the three queens finally get their car fixed and decide to head on to Hollywood as planned. There, ChiChi, whose dream was to finally win a contest, gets crowned Miss Drag Queen of America by their role-model, Julie Newmar.

Overall, the film didn't really live up to its so-called hilariousness. Yes, the film did have its funny moments (like where ChiChi mentions that he has to leave because he has cramps), but for the seven dollars I paid for, it wasn't worth sitting in a theater and hearing lame jokes for two hours.

## Gluttony, greed, sloth, envy, wrath, pride, and lust

By Steve Berezny

One by one, tortured and mutilated bodies turn up with a word written next to them. It's the job of two cops to find out what it means and who is committing these acts in the new thriller *Seven*.

Detective David Mills (Brad Pitt) teams up with wise department veteran, William Somerset (Morgan Freeman), to find the killer.

These two homicide detectives are put on the case of the deranged man who brutally kills seemingly innocent people on the basis of the seven deadly sins.

Each time he kills, one of the words is placed next to the victim.

Histactics include forcing an obese man to eat himself to death by strapping his arms and legs down and shoving his face in a plate of spaghetti, tying a man to a bed to rot there for a full year, disfiguring a beautiful model and giving her the choice of either dying or living a disfigured life.

However, the whole movie is not a chase for the killer. When they do catch him, he discusses his purpose for the killing spree and reveals his

plan to complete the final two murders.

The last two are a bit difficult to understand, but if you think about it and listen to what the killer is saying, you should pick up on it.

Being set in the always gloomy and rainy big city adds to the creepiness of the film. There were several scenes in the movie that really caught me off guard. This wasn't a movie that made you sit on the edge of your seat, it made you *jump* out of your seat.

Both Pitt and Freeman played their parts exceptionally well. Their characters were two extremes, Pitt was reckless, while Freeman thought things out and then decided the best thing to do. They portrayed those differences flawlessly.

*Seven* is one of the best movies of the year so far. It was far better than any of the movies released during the summer. It's the kind of film that gives you many things to talk and think about after it is over.

It does get very graphic at times with the decaying bodies, but if you can handle that kind of scene, then this is a definite must see.

## Kids

### A realistic look at teenagers

By Kristi Ault

The latest docudrama to hit the theaters is Larry Clark's *Kids*. This film depicts idle New York teenagers who fill their days with drugs (both dealing and using), skate boarding, sex, drinking, and violence.

The film is spent following two boys, Telly and Casper, around for a day, viewing their friends, sexual habits, drug abuse and addictions, and careless lifestyles.

These teens have sex with total disregard for AIDS and other STDs. Throughout the course of the film, we see one of the characters, Jenny, test positive for AIDS and then pass the AIDS virus to another person. Jenny is the true victim of the film, being careless once, and paying for it with her life. Telly infected Jenny with the AIDS virus, and during the course of the film has unprotected sex with two other girls.

Telly's ambition in life was to have sex with young girls and rob them of their virginity. He explained that this was his reason for living, and if sex was taken away, life would not be worth anything.

Though it does not depict nudity, the film is very revealing with vulgarity and language.

If you can overcome your disgust and repulsion with the language and acts of these teens, you will be left with a shockingly realistic depiction of teenagers today without parental influence or guidance.

One scene shows the early morning hours of a party, most of the kids are still asleep, or passed out. Casper awakes, still a little drunk and high, and stumbles through the house sur-

veying the damage. There are four boys each about 10 years old passed out with a 40 oz. of beer in their hands, and about ten couples laying on the floor intertwined and half dressed.

Casper finds Jenny passed out on the couch, crashing from a bad trip. Casper peels off Jenny's jeans and underwear, and proceeds to have sex with her while she is still passed out. Unfortunately Casper doesn't use a condom, and he wasn't yet aware that Jenny was HIV positive.

Throughout the course of the film we meet only one parent and two other adults who worked at an AIDS testing center. Also, no reference to schooling of any sort was made.

The film is trying to scare parents and kids alike of the dangers of a promiscuous youth. Kids are not invincible, they are very susceptible to sexually transmitted diseases, the same as everyone else. If parents don't know exactly where their kids are going, and what kind, if any, supervision will be there, their kids could be in a lot of trouble.

Unfortunately this film is not fiction, and I recommend every parent see it, and take it as a warning. This film is not rated, but no one under the age of 18 without the accompaniment of a parent will be admitted.

*Kids* implies that without parental guidance all kids can get into this much trouble, and put themselves in danger, physically.

The closing line of the film sums everything up and delivers a pretty clear message. Looking out at the remnants of the party, and considering the past 24 hours, Casper proclaims, "What the hell happened?"

## Up the Spiral

By Erika Zipprich & Hannah Kenny

Nine Inch Nails stopped by the World Music Theater on October 1st to promote their *Further Down the Spiral* CD.

They're touring with David Bowie and Sunday Prick opened for them. By looking around, it seemed like all the yelling and confusion was just to pass time until the band came on.

After 45 long, boring minutes of nothing, people started yelling and screaming for NIN to make their appearance.

Trent Reznor and the rest of NIN, dressed in black, came out onto the stage in a cloud of smoke as the crowd achieved an unimaginable level of noise.

Shouts of "Marry me, Trent" and "Nine Inch Nails rule" could be heard from all over.

This seemed to have no affect on Trent and they opened with "Tell the Lie" and continued with a couple of songs from *Pretty Hate Machine*.

These were followed by songs from *The Downward Spiral* and *Further Down the Spiral* including "Piggy" and "Closer."

At this point the band seemed as crazed as the audience. Guitars and keyboards were broken and thrown into the pit. Trent was running around smashing and breaking everything in sight.

The mosh-pit went wild when he threw his necklaces to the crowd. Everyone kept getting louder and louder, but Trent seemed oblivious to the fact that he was being worshiped like a god.

NIN ended with Trent doing a saxophone solo during an amazing light show and then David Bowie walked on-stage.

After coughing all through five songs, Bowie decided he couldn't make it and quit. So NIN came back on and played some more songs including "Hurt."

While the NIN-David Bowie combination was odd, that did not stop the crowd from filling up the theater.

Both Prick and NIN did an excellent job, while Bowie didn't live up to any expectations, but it was a terrific concert that shouldn't have been missed.

## Poetry

### Gulls

I'm a gull in an ocean of ducks	to tickle my feathers with
I choke on the bones of their frozen fish that they spit at me	But the ducks they won't share their feathers
But why do I fly	Because I lost Mine
When they cackle at me	So I fly Exposed to their wind a green mist
Why don't I sing a pretty melody	Oh, I'm a gull in an ocean of ducks
I'm a gull in an ocean of ducks looking for a lake	Trying Flying too hard
	To ever be a duck

-Anonymous

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## Cheerleaders travel to Northwestern

By Leslie Ault

West Chicago's varsity football cheerleading squad got a taste of college life.

The cheerleaders traveled to Northwestern University Saturday September 16, to cheer in the half time show during the football game against the University of Miami Ohio.

The cheerleaders that went were seniors Amber Aiken, Nicole Fitzenreider, Captain Katie Leitherer, Captain Brenda Miller, Jenny Wagenaar, juniors Stacy Hook, and Katie Petrik. Along

with the varsity cheerleaders were sophomores Amber Planek (captain) and Jenny Ventrelle.

The squad met at Hook's house at the crack of dawn, well 6:00 am anyway, and arrived at Northwestern at 8:00 am.

From about 9:00 until 11:00 the squad, along with eight other squads from other high schools, had to learn and perfect the half time dance which they performed with Northwestern's Marching Band.

Along with the dance, the cheerleaders learned two quarter cheers,



Left to right: Jenny Wagenaar, Katie Leitherer, Nicole Fitzenreider, Amber Aiken, Katie Petrik, Stacey Hook, Brenda Miller, Amber Planek, and Jenny Ventrelle are the cheerleaders who traveled to Northwestern.

and three sideline cheers.

The squads had one dress rehearsal with the band. During this time they were put into their formation and position on the huge

football field.

The atmosphere of the stadium was a huge change from what our cheerleaders were used to performing in.

After watching the first half of the game (that started at noon), the cheerleaders went down to the field and performed the dance they learned in front of thousands of college students, fans, and TV cameras.

A part of the dance the cheerleaders performed at Northwestern was added into their Homecoming dance as the final piece.

Overall the cheerleaders enjoyed their experience and Planek sums it up in three words, "It was awesome!"

## Wildcat soccer cools down

By Steve Berezney

After a pretty hot start, the boys soccer team has cooled off a bit in their last few games.

Perhaps the biggest game of the season came last Tuesday October 3rd, as they faced arch rival Glenbard North. This game traditionally has nothing to do with statistics, but with who has the bragging rights of the area, much like with any other rivalry.

The Cats did win a 2-0 shutout with goals by Juniors Chris Payton and Mike Christiansen. "We played an average game, but we were good enough to come out on top," Senior



Photo by Steve Berezney  
We-Go soccer player plays with intensity as he kicks the ball.

Joe Paver said of their performance. Following a respectable showing against Lake Park, the Cats hit a rough spot in their schedule facing

the teams that give them the most trouble.

Playing the always strong Naperville North team, the Cats

got hammered 7-0 on September 21.

They then faced Naperville Central for their homecoming game September 26, but the end was not as gruesome. They played a decent game losing 2-0, which was good considering they were just coming off of a poor game.

Then on the road two days later September 28, the Cats lost again to Wheaton North 4-2. One of the bright spots was that they at least started putting some points on the board for their side.

Hopefully, the soccer team can turn their misfortune around tonight against Wheaton Warrenville South and at the upcoming DVC tournament which starts on Thursday, October 12.

They are slowly getting back on track and it's better that they hit their skid last week than if they started losing at the beginning of the tournament.

If all goes well, they should be back to playing the way they were at the start of the season. If they can accomplish that, then we know that they will have a good run in the tournament.

## Tennis needs to swing back into action

By Steve Berezney

After beginning the season with numerous wins in quad matches, the Wildcat girl's tennis team has been down hill ever since then.

When conference play began, the team went from performing very well, to the exact opposite. They have lost to both Naperville North and Naperville Central, Glenbard North and South, and Wheaton North.

They had their chance to get even when they faced both Napervilles

in the DVC tournament which started Friday October 6 and ended the next day.

The team's won some matches, just not the matches in our conference. Those wins were a long time ago though, almost a month. They have defeated Lisle, Driscoll, DeKalb, IMSA, St. Francis, and Oswego. They have had their share of tough losses, but they have also had their share wins as well.

The team have also had some

problems in the way. Junior Michelle Wigder is injured for the rest of the season but has no idea what is wrong with her.

The tennis team has a match today October 10, at Plainfield which starts at 4:00 pm and one more match tomorrow against St. Francis and then they begin Sectionals.

When asked about any good coming out of this season, Senior Michelle Rapinchuk states "We're trying to get players to play tennis all year round in hopes for more improvement."

### Athletes of the Week of August 28-September 30

The athletes chosen have shown great improvement and accomplishments in their sport congratulations to you all

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## Heads were butting, Huskies were hitting

By Kristi Ault

Friday night football has been tough for We-Go, with losses to Naperville North and Naperville Central, both teams being ranked in the top ten in state.

Locked in head butting tackles, the Wildcats took on the Glenbard East Rams for the Homecoming games on Saturday the 30th. Our teams went 1-2 with the sophomores bringing home the win.

The sophomore team coached by Al Steuer and Bob Burgin defeated the Rams with a score of 14-6, their second win of the season.

The defense on both sides was intense and impenetrable, keeping

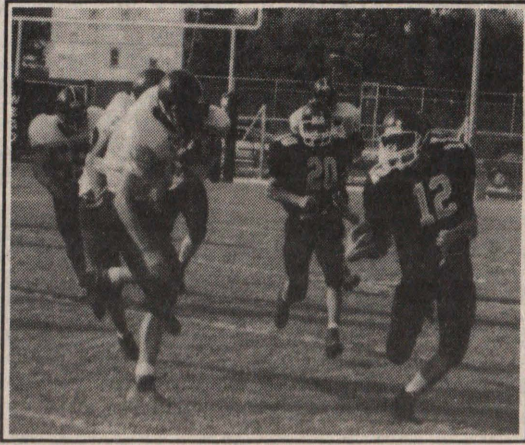


Photo by Kristi Ault  
QB Russ Whitaker runs the ball in hopes of a first down against the Rams.

the score at 0-0 going into the fourth quarter. Early in the fourth quarter, wide receiver Jeremy Adams caught a pass in the end zone from quarterback Todd Yormark. Arron

Arroyo's kick was good giving the Wildcats the lead of 7-0.

A Ram touchdown provided a threat in the closing minutes of the game, however, Wildcat defense

stepped up and rejected the Ram's conversion attempt leaving the score 7-6.

Sophomore half back Anthony McGhee went down in the first half with a serious injury to his left arm and was taken away in an ambulance. He was in surgery before the games had finished. He is expected to miss the rest of the season, and be casted for about eight week.

McGhee's injury seemed to pick up the Wildcat's intensity, leading them on to the win.

The Varsity team coached by Bruce Donash, Dave Sayner, Greg Hansen, and Larry Adamczyk suf-

fered a tough loss to the Rams with a score of 6-41. The Wildcat touchdown was scored late in the fourth quarter by senior half back Dave Spohn.

Although there were bursts of intensity, well executed plays, and some good runs, the Wildcats didn't seem to be themselves. The team didn't play up to their potential this Homecoming weekend.

The intensity level was way down from what it usually is, and the Wildcats didn't seem to be having any fun. Nobody's mind seemed to be fully geared on playing great football and winning this game.

## Talent, desire, and dedication not enough

By Jenny Wagenaar

They have the talent, dedication, and desire every team should have, but for some reason they are unable to bring it all together for a winning season.

The LadyCats defeated Wheaton Warrenville South in three tough matches September 19, but now have entered into a losing streak that seems impossible to get out of with only four more conference games left in the season.

Recently the Cats faced the Rams of Glenbard East (October 3rd) only to be shut down once again

"Our blocking wasn't good," Co-Captain sophomore Kelly Kaylor said, "and since we couldn't block it made it difficult for our defensive players to dig the ball up."

The team struggled in the first match with Kaylor not being able to hit the ball as hard and consistently as she normally does.

The offensive play in the first and second matches never seemed to have happened. When We-Go had the chance to score their execution just didn't exist.

"We couldn't get our defense going which made it hard for us to get our offense going," Co-Captain junior Angela Barnes said.

The Rams six foot middle made

the team's offensive execution more difficult when the Cats key hitters were unable to hit the ball hard without worrying about getting the ball blocked.

The players also commented on the six foot middle being a strong hitter whose hits made it difficult to block.

The Cats lost the second match 15-5 when the ref called freshman setter Krissy Dabbert's set to Kaylor a lift.

This season has been a tough one mentally and physically for the Wildcats. Kaylor and Barnes said the their team, at this point, mentally is frustrated with losing all the time.

"What do you think we have to do to get better" is a question that the team says their coach, Kris Hasty, often asks them.

"I think our team has to change our attitude," sophomore Danielle Murphy said, "and our defensive has to come alive."

The team is disappointed with their season so far. "We have the ability and talent to do well," Kaylor explains, "but for some reason we can't bring it together."

Intensity and scoring, when they have the chance, seems to be what is missing from this team.

The Wildcats face Wheaton Warrenville South tonight, at 5:30 in Wheaton.

## Despite Injuries, LadyCat swim team state bound

By Tracy Morris

It's now October, about a month and a half into the school year, and all the while the girls swim team has been working hard and pumping out qualifying times and personal bests.

"We've been practicing hard, and our performance is reflecting that," says junior Sam Marino. At the midpoint of the season the LadyCats are focusing all their time and energy on a common goal, swimming their way to top performance at state.

It seems the only thing standing in the team's way of success is themselves. Shoulder injuries have set in on the Cats, but they are as determined as ever to overcome this touch of adversity.

"There are a lot of shoulder and back injuries, so it's hard to evaluate our progress," junior Rebekah Bina explains. "We are working hard and want to do well, but we are injury plagued."

"We've had a lot of trouble with shoulder injuries on the varsity team this season," sophomore Angie Johnson said, "but we've still managed to do very well and we'll only get better!"

The team performed exceptionally well at a meet against Benet on October 3rd. Despite the fact that five varsity swimmers were out because of injuries and religious holi-

days, they won the meet in typical Wildcat fashion.

The relay teams all took first place which included one medley relay team consisting of Johnson, senior Marissa Filippo, junior Heather Horsley, and sophomore Emily Limburger. Another first place team was made up of Horsley, Johnson, senior stand out Tawney Larm, and freshmen Danielle Lureau. Overall, the team finished first or second in most events for a victory.

The long term goal for the Cats this season is to finish top ten at state. For the past seven years the lady swimmers have finished state in the top 20. A 15th place finish for the team last year was a bit of a disappointment, they felt they should have been in the top ten.

The swimmers on the team are all a hope for state competition this year, but Horsley, Lureau, and Larm, a state champ last year, probably have better shots.

"The whole team comes together during these months with common goals like to better our times," Larm added, "Everyone is trying their hardest which guarantee great times at the end of the season."

Larm believes that this season has been a fun one and wishes her whole team luck.



### Corrections

As sports editor of the Wildcat Chronicle, I would like to provide an apology to Nicole Stuart and Jamie Hansen for not including their names in the volleyball article as part of this year's varsity team. There was no intention for something like this to happen nor was it done on purpose, again I apologize.

Jenny Wagenaar,  
Sports Editor



Photo by Elizabeth Feltes  
Seniors Bill Dujmovic, Mark Rundell, Kevin Griffey, and George Pappas do their thing at the Homecoming Pep Assembly



Photo by Kristi Ault  
Russ Whitaker looks to pass to Adam Owen during the Homecoming game.



Photo by Elizabeth Folets  
Junior "Bear" Ayala helps his teammates Katie Toba, Dana Nelson, and Annalea Jimmo pull at the tug-o-war game.