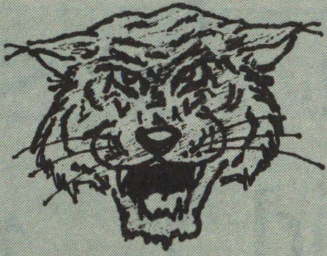


Wildcat Chronicle



West Chicago Community High School

326 Joliet Street West Chicago, IL

April 23, 1996

Volume 27 Issue 7

In this Issue

Prom Edition
Prom Pull-Out
Section
Pages 8-12

Foods Section
See Whats cook-
ing in our new
Foods Section.
Page

Why does
Dennis Rodman
have pink hair,
and what does
that have to do
with We-go
Page 2

Can you guess
which teachers are
which from their
Prom pictures?
Win Prom Tickets
Page 9

West Chicago holds promising Future Business Leaders

By Tracy Morris

The West Chicago chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America came away from their State Leadership Conference on March 29 and 30 with a hefty load of awards and accomplishments.

West Chicago proved to be one of the top chapters, winning third place for the Robert T. Stickler outstanding local chapter award as well as the Gold Seal Chapter award establishing the chapter in the top 15 percent in the United States.

We-go produced three state champs in three separate events at the conference.

Senior Dana Bowne placed first in networking with business project, senior David Yong, the state Vice President, in Mr. Future Business Leader, and junior Henry Barda in computer concepts.

Besides a winning weekend from the students in the chapter, business teacher Nancy Blume, one of West Chicago's advisors, was

awarded the Mary E. Webb Award for FBLA Advisor-of-the-Year. Senior Kevin Griffey came away

first place for most money raised overall for the 1995-1996 school year.



FBLA students flaunt their awards at Springfield Conference

with fourth place for the community service project, while the March of Dimes project won third place for most creative project and

The project also earned Shannon Baker and Leslie Harlison first place honors for most money raised per capita for the 1995-1996 school

year.

Besides a fourth place finish for the FBLA Talent Show participants, eleven members acquired finishes in the top ten of their respective events.

Three seniors, Michel Weston, Brett Stark, and Don Williams, participated in the entrepreneurship event. Weston won tenth place, Stark ninth, and Williams eighth.

The other award winners were: senior Scott Flatter, tenth place business procedures; junior Matt Bowne, sixth place impromptu speaking; Yong, fifth place Who's Who in FBLA; junior David Shilling, fifth place information processing; freshman Jon Fraser, fifth place introduction to parliamentary procedures; sophomore Mike Altman, third place FBLA principles and procedures; senior Kim Velichkoff, second place Ms. Future Business Leader; and senior Brandon Beideman, second place computer applications.

Referendum efforts We-go C.A.R.E.S.

By Kelley Betts

Despite the efforts made by the Committee to Maintain Community Excellence and the school itself, the referendum for We-Go high school didn't pass; however, students continue to maintain a positive outlook which led to the formation of We-Go C.A.R.E.S. or We-Go Cares About Reforms Effecting Students.

This group was upset about the results of the referendum and was looking for a way to express their concern, stated Dr. Alan Jones.

The students who belong to this

committee are sophomores Tracy Busse, Amber Gove, Laurie Millner, juniors Grant Barclay, Sarah Bauler, Megan Lettes, Jill Sabatino, and Katie Wilkovich. Social studies Barbara Laimins is the advisor.

This organization of students want to show the community that the students do care about the referendum and other topics related to the school in general.

We-Go C.A.R.E.S. is not only focusing on informing all students

about the referendum, but they are also aiming to make the students aware of the community and to help the community to become more aware of the high school itself and its issues.

This committee is taking steps to get the students to become more active by handing out pamphlets and buttons.

They will also be doing fundraisers such as a car wash, which will be April 27, and selling candy. They are also working on

talking to the junior high schools in the area about We-Go high school.

We-Go C.A.R.E.S. is also working on having an assembly for the students here to help make them aware of the group's concerns.

Students will be able to attend the assembly during their free hour or lunch. A date is yet to be announced.

This group is open to anyone who wishes to join, meeting are every other Tuesday. The next meeting will be on May 7.

By Dan Horyn

Thorium removal at last

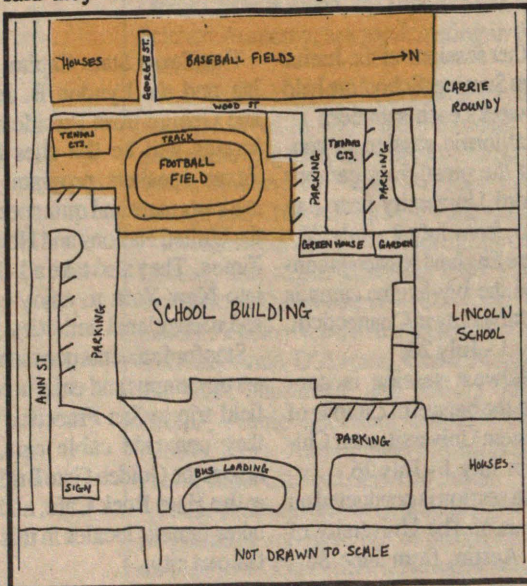
A professional waste disposal team will begin removing Thorium deposits from school grounds on June 10, 1996, according to Superintendent Joel Morris.

Morris said the school has been aware of these deposits since 1990. Removal has been postponed for six years because "[the thorium level] isn't unsafe" to the faculty or students. This summer is the most ideal time for removal because there will be no other construction projects taking place.

The border of the tennis courts on Ann and Wood Streets is among areas with the greatest Thorium content. There are also large amounts underneath the stadium bleachers. The outskirts of the baseball fields contain multiple spots of Thorium as well.

Morris said that most of the Thorium is only six inches below the surface. A professional team will seal off the playing fields on Wood Street when it begins

removal four days after the school year ends. Morris said they will use shovels and plastic bags to do the



work, and the professionals must keep the site wet to prevent Thorium dust from going airborne.

The first phase of the project will end June 19. Cleanup will resume June 24 on the bleachers and tennis court fringes. The entire west wing of the campus will be off limits and many sports teams will have to practice elsewhere.

The project will be finished once the workers complete the second phase so fall sports teams should have access to fields by mid-July.

Morris said the school is not responsible for removal costs as Kerr-McGee will pick up the bill.

A similar removal process is taking place at the Kerr-McGee factory site except that area will not be clean until the year 2000. Morris said that once the factory site is Thorium-free, the school board will consider purchasing the land for athletic fields.





Math Team Results: $\int \neq \leq$ To infinity and beyond $\sum \pi$

Press Release

The West Chicago Math Team coached by Robert McCollum and John Carter completed its season on March 14, 1996 at the year end North Suburban Math League Meet at Evanston High School.

The season was the second for the Wildcats in the North Suburban Math League (NSML) which is comprised of 48 teams from Chicago and the suburbs that competed in the DuPage Valley Conference (DVC) tournament and the state regional tournament at Northern Illinois University.

The Math Team consists of students in grades 9 through 12 who compete against students from other high schools in a variety of areas of mathematics. Students compete individually by working problems in a set time period of in teams.

The levels for individuals competition are Algebra One for freshmen, Geometry for sophomores or below, Algebra Two for juniors or below, and Precalculus for seniors or below.

Also, one student can compete as an oral presenter who is given a few problems on a complex topic and after a short preparation time has to explain the solutions to judges.

Team competitions include, at various grade levels, 2-person teams that have to race other teams to solve problems, 8-person teams that have to solve problems together, and a Calculator Team of five students who have to work to solve problems that require a keen understanding of how to use the graphing calculator.

At the DuPage Valley Conference Meet on February 2, West Chicago finished in seventh place of the eight teams ahead of Glenbard East. Naperville North was the overall conference champ. However, West Chicago did have some good showings by some of its teams.

The calculator team of freshman Craig Martus, sophomore Jon VanGinneken, junior David Shilling, and seniors Jamie Kirts and Jeff Rau took home ribbons with a second place finish.

The junior-senior two person team of Scott Balsitis and Chris Ribe also took home ribbons for their second place finish. Our junior-senior eight person team of junior Jennifer Gary, Amanda Giemann, Sarah McQueen, and David Shilling, and seniors Scott

Balsitis, Emily Brittain, Jamie Kirts, and Jeff Rau took a third place.

West Chicago also completed in the state regional tournament on February 24. The Wildcats finished sixth of the ten teams at the regional but did not advance to the state meet. Of special note, Scott Balsitis earned a "20+" blue ribbon for scoring well on the senior level Precalculus competition.

West Chicago also competed in the North Suburban Math League (NSML) which is divided into four divisions. West Chicago competed in the twelve-team Cook division this year.

The Wildcats had a very successful NSML season overall earning a plaque for their third place finish. Our freshman team finished fifth, our junior team placed

eighth, and the senior team finished fifth. Our sophomore team did fantastically taking home a first place plaque for their outstanding season.

End of the year awards were distributed to the most outstanding mathletes during their math classes. Our most outstanding freshman was Heidi Fuoss who earned the Most Valuable Player award for her grade level. At the sophomore level, Bill Crothers distinguished himself as the Most Valuable Sophomore.

Sarah McQueen was awarded the Most Valuable Junior and Scott Balsitis was named as the Most Valuable Senior. The overall Math Team MVP for earning the most points over the course of the season for the team was sophomore Jon VanGinneken.

Rodman's hair and breast cancer?

By Kristi Ault

Yes, Dennis Rodman's new hair color is a carnation pink. A nice spring color just after Easter, but actually Rodman's hair has nothing to do with the season. Rodman dyed his hair pink in support of the fight against breast cancer, his aunt is a survivor of this plaguing disease.

What could Rodman's hair possibly have to do with We-go?

Last Tuesday all senior girls were pulled out of their P.E. classes for a very important informational meeting. Two representatives from Y-Me, a touring group of women delivering presentations about breast cancer, discussed breast cancer and preventative measures all young women should be taking. Y-Me started it's awareness and counseling movement seven years ago and has since grown into presentations which travel nation wide.

Julie Dimitri of Naperville Illinois is an 11 year survivor of breast cancer. All the

presenters with Y-Me have had a form of breast cancer.

Most commonly breast cancer is found in women in their fifties and older. It is rare for women even in their thirties to develop the cancer, and rarer still for women in their twenties. So why target an audience of 17 and 18 year olds?

"Although breast cancer is very rare (in young women) recently a small trend of breast cancer has been happening to younger women," Dimitri explained.

More now than ever before cases are being reported of women in their early twenties developing breast cancer. The cancer no longer is restricted to older women after menopause.

Ten years ago only 1 in every 11 women got breast cancer, five years ago 1 in 8

women were candidates. According to statistics from Dimitri women who live to be 85 years old have a 1 in 8 chance of getting breast cancer.



Breast cancer starts when an immature cell divides prematurely in a milk duct in the breast. The cancer forms a tumor in the breast and when the tumor is advanced enough, a lump can be felt in the breast. Fortunately 70% of all lumps found aren't cancerous.

Statistics show that early detection of a cancerous lump gives women a 99% chance of being cured completely or into remission.

Breast cancer is treated in four different ways, a mastectomy, hormone treatment, systematic chemotherapy and lumpectomy.

A mastectomy is when the breast tissue is removed and reconstructive breast surgery

is done with saline implants. The cancerous lump is removed during a lumpectomy along with radiotherapy of the area.

Dimitri stressed that women should check their breasts once a month checking for any lumps or irregularities. Breast cancer is a very serious disease, killing hundreds of women each year. Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women. However, early education has led to early detection and has since saved lives.

All women under the age of 30 should have a baseline mammogram and then one a year after 40 years of age. Mammography is a simple X-ray of the breast that can spot cancers so small even experienced doctors cannot not feel them.

If you have any questions about breast cancer or breast care, call 1-800-221-2141 (Mon.-Fri. 9-5) to talk to a trained counselor.

The Junior Statesman Foundation Summer School for Smarty Pants

Outstanding high school sophomores and juniors from throughout the country are invited to attend a session of The Junior Statesman Summer School.

The Junior Statesman Summer School in Washington, D.C. is conducted on the campus of Georgetown University from July 14 - August 4. Three hundred students from throughout the nation will participate in this exciting adventure in learning.

Students take a college course in American Government or U.S. Foreign Policy, participate in nightly student debates on current issues, and enjoy an unparalleled speakers program.

Four other sessions of the Junior Statesman Summer School are held for four weeks each summer.

The California session is conducted at the prestigious campus of Stanford University near San Francisco, from July 1 - July 26.

The New England session is conducted on the ivy-league campus of Yale University in Connecticut, from July 1 - July 26.

The Midwest session is conducted on the beautiful campus of Northwestern University near Chicago, from July 1 - July 26.

The fifth session is conducted on the campus of The University of Texas at Austin, from June 30 - July 27.

The Texas State Capitol Building and the Lyndon B. Johnson and George Bush Presidential Libraries will be the sites for the Texas speakers program. Yale students meet and quiz speakers at the United Nations and New York Times. They also take a 1-day trip into New York to enjoy cultural and recreational activities.

Stanford students question scholars on campus and enjoy a cultural field trip to San Francisco where they can ride cable cars, walk across the Golden Gate Bridge, eat at the Hard Rock Cafe, and enjoy other famous locales in this world famous city.

Northwestern students will meet

and quiz guest speakers in Chicago, a few miles from campus. They also have time to enjoy Chicago's cultural and recreational activities, for example, shopping on the "magnificent mile," cheering on the Cubs or White Sox, or spending an afternoon enjoying Chicago's art galleries and museum.

The total cost of each Summer School session is \$2,375 - this includes tuition, academic materials, and meals and lodging for the month on campus. The Junior Statesman Foundation is pleased to announce that it has a \$125,000 Scholarship Fund to help interested students who need financial

assistance to attend.

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic merit and financial need.

Summer School admission is competitive. Decisions are made on academic achievements, leadership ability, and interest in politics and government, as evidenced by an official transcript, a letter of recommendation and a 2-page personal essay.

Applications are now being accepted. For more information contact: Margaret Timothy at The Junior Statesman Summer School, 60 East Third Avenue, Suite #320, San Mateo, CA 94401-4032. Phone: (800) 334-5353.

We-go donates from the bottom of their hearts at the Blood drive

By Hannah Kenny

Heartland Blood Center came to West Chicago Community High School for the Spring blood drive. The Student Council was in charge of the program with a goal to get 80 donors to come in, but with one hour left, they only had 60.

The blood drive was held on April 17 in the small gym. The drive started 9:00 on Tuesday morning and even though the goal wasn't met, it was a success.

The Heartland Blood Center's nurses and workers came to the school to run the testing and draw the blood. Student Council members helped with the registration and check in, and the serving of cookies and soda.

There were no bad experiences and most the people that gave said they would come back to donate in the fall, when Heartland comes back to We-go.

All prospective donors must be 17 or older, 16 with parental permission. Heartland makes the process of giving blood easy, practically a painless act of charity.

After registration the donors are asked questions to see if they are qualified to

give blood. To qualify as a donor one must be in good health, with no recent piercing or tattoos, and weigh over 110 pounds. After being interviewed there is a period of waiting before it's time to bleed. "You get a little nervous when it's you're waiting to give blood, but it's no big deal," said Christine Creasy, a junior waiting to give.

"I had a good experience giving blood. I've bonded with my blood-giving partner, Dave," said Annalea Jimmo, a junior who gave blood for the second time.

First time donor, sophomore Meg Runyan said "I was very scared, but I did it because I wanted to help people in need."

"The best part of giving blood is the food," said sophomore Connie Pappas after she donated her pint. All the food and drink was provided by Heartland. Because blood sugar is low after donating, it is important to raise the level of blood sugar otherwise someone might pass out.

If there are questions concerning blood donation, Heartland Blood Center can be contacted in Aurora at 892-7055, or in Winfield at 690-3222.

Je t'aime Paris

By Candy Estrada

Ever wonder what it's like to spend Spring Break as a French exchange student?

Well, 23 of West Chicago Community High School's students got a chance to participate in this adventure.

Accompanied by French teacher Marjorie Appel, the students left for France on Thursday, March 21, and arrived promptly in Paris the next day.

When the group arrived at the airport, they waited for a bus to take them from the airport to a train station. From the train station, the group headed for Grenoble, which is about a 3-1/2 hour train ride from Paris.

Arriving at the train station, the students met their "families" and spent the week with them.

"Most of us got along really well with our families," said sophomore Beth Evans. "We had lots of fun doing things together."

During the course of the week, the group did and saw many exciting things. For instance, they saw Mount Blanc, the highest mountain in Europe. The group also got a chance to visit Paris to view the Eiffel Tower, Jim Morrison's grave, Versailles, and the Hard Rock Cafe.

But one of the incidents that really sticks out for the group was the visit to the Louvre, Paris's exquisite art museum. The students were really impressed with seeing the authentic Mona Lisa.

As for the behavior of the students, Appel stated that this was "the biggest and best group I have ever had. They were interested, cooperative, and appreciated everything they saw and did."

Overall, the students were able to accomplish what Appel felt was most important: to apply what they learn in the classroom to real life.

Scholastic Bowling season over

The West Chicago Scholastic Bowl team, coached by Robert McCollum, finished its season at the Wheaton North sectional with a second round elimination on March 9, 1996. The team showed great improvement by the end of the season finishing with three wins in the last five matches. This left the team with a year end record of 4-8 overall. Highlights of the year included a first round upset of Wheaton-Warrenville South (who eventually took third in the state of Illinois) in the first round of the DuPage Valley tournament and a first round victory over Lake Park at the sectional. West Chicago was eliminated in the next round with a loss to Streamwood.

Earning varsity letters or bars for West Chicago were seniors Scott Balsitis, Emily Brittain, Jenny Charbonneau, John Edlund, Jamie Kirts, and Brett Stark, as well as junior Kristy Leuze and Ann Warren. Earning junior varsity letter or bar were juniors Jennifer Gary and Missie Lillie, sophomores Liz Breiseth, James Brittain, Naomi Lillie, Giau Nguyen, and Brian Prusko and freshman Tim Harwood.

Some individuals on the team were recognized for their outstanding performance. Scott Balsitis was named to the DuPage Valley All-Conference Team and was also selected as the West Chicago Varsity MVP. On the junior varsity level, Giau Nguyen was recognized as the JV MVP.

Fox Valley Music Festival

By Jenny Wagenaar

Do Re Me Fa Sol La Ti Do...

On Sunday April 29 at 8:00 pm., over 30 West Chicago students involved in the music program are performing in the 1996 Fox Valley Honors Night at Larkin High School in Elgin.

Ten other schools in the Fox Valley area, East and West Aurora, Waubonsie Valley, Elgin, Larkin, Minooka, Mooseheart, Dekalb, Streamwood, and Illinois Math and Science Academy, are participating in this festival.

Fox Valley night is, "A chance for students involved in Fox Valley to come together and sing and play different literature that is challenging," Kim Sirvatka, choir director and Chairman of Fox Valley, said.

Seventeen concert choir students are performing that night: freshman Carl Volk, sophomores Derek Scott and Steve Garcia, juniors Heather Ness, Rosi Robles, Heaven Czernik, Anne D'Aversa, Grant Barclay, and Matt Shinofield, and seniors Sarah Arthur, Jennie Seaholm, Sarah Miller, Allison Ryan, Amber Warrington, Karen Paton, Mike Clifford, and Jim Smith.

These students have been practicing since mid January and have had to practice a lot on their own. On April 28, the night before the performance, the singers will rehearse

from 2-5 pm and on the actual day of the performance they will rehearse all day long. The guest conductor this year is Dalia Bach from the Illinois Math and Science Academy.

There are five pieces that the choir of 428 will be singing, they are: *Va Pensiero* (Italian), *Dixit Maria*, *Rhythm of Life*, *Salvation is Created*, *Keep Your Spiritual Lambs*, and *Battle Hymn of the Republic* which is a combined piece with the orchestra. Pieces were chosen by all directors who are involved in Fox Valley.

Choir members volunteer their talents but are not the only We-go students participating. Band and orchestra members are chosen by their director to participate in Fox Valley, while choir members volunteer their talents.

Band members are: seniors Stephanie Masterson, Kristin Dieter, Jamie Kirts, Marissa Filippo, Dan and Brian Berman, Angel Hernandez, juniors Amanda Geirmann, Jane Blanken-Webb, Orchestra members are: seniors Emily Brittain, Jill Branner and sophomores Nathan Hosainson, and Emily Assian.

Fox Valley tickets are \$3 and can be purchased at the door at Larkin High School.

EXCEL DRIVING SCHOOL



WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE OPENING OF OUR NEW BRANCH IN WHEATON.

WE ARE NAPERVILLE'S WELL KNOWN DRIVING SCHOOL AND BECAUSE OF OUR GROWING DEMAND IN WHEATON AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS WE ARE EXPANDING INTO THE WHEATON AREA.

WE HAVE TEEN CERTIFIED TEACHERS WHO HAVE BEEN TEACHING FOR MORE THAN 10 YEARS.

IF YOU RESIDE IN WHEATON, CAROL STREAM, WINFIELD, WEST CHICAGO AND GLEN ELLYN AREAS WE ARE NOT TOO FAR FROM YOU AND FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY WE ARE OFFERING THE TEEN COURSE AT

\$ 225.00

DO NOT MISS OUT ON THIS OFFER

PLEASE CALL US FOR A BROCHURE AND THE SCHEDULE OF CLASSES FOR OUR NEW LOCATION:

(708) 983 - 9235

373 S. COUNTY FARM ROAD, WHEATON.
(NEXT TO KOHL'S IN THE MID AMERICA TITLE BUILDING)

NAPERVILLE OFFICE: 412 WEST 5TH AVENUE
(BEHIND NAPERVILLE NORTH HIGH SCHOOL)

Pledged to Safe, Defensive, and Courteous Driving

An end to the way we live

By Hafnah Kenny

It seems that every time you watch the news they're reporting something bad. They have reason to.

The world is full of murder, rape, war and fighting. It's even in our movies, songs and television. The sad thing is that this earth's violence is over nearly nothing at all.

Friday, April 19, was the one year anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing. That incident was one of the most appalling and atrocious things that could have ever happened.

How could someone bomb a building filled with small children? What point could they possibly prove?

Not only did children suffer the consequences of this person's actions. Parents and relatives had to daily go through heartache and pain. People of all ages agonized in this terrible incident.

It doesn't help that the media is giving the anniversary so much attention. It focuses so much on the bombing's aftermath that it brings up bad memories.

And what if a deranged human being sees all the recognition this bombing has gotten? Will he want that attention too? What then? He may go out and do something dreadful to

get the media's spotlight.

The world would be such a better place if the news noticed happy things; if movies and television showed people helping one another; and if songs focused on the good in life for once.

Maybe if the media stopped giving attention to the bad things that happen, then these acts of violence would cease to exist.

But the blame cannot rest on the media alone. It does have a job to do, it's just that the media's focus is on violence and wrongdoing and not happy things.

So things probably won't change until people stop physically or mentally provoking others to take such extreme means in the first place.

This new concept will only happen if people learn to stop ripping on others; if everyone tries to say a nice word to their neighbor once in a while, instead of complaining about details; if students didn't yell at their teachers over nothing; or if maybe we did something unexpectedly nice to our worst enemy, then things would possibly start moving in the right direction.

Maybe bombings would stop.

Maybe there would be no more Waco incidents.

But that won't happen until we all just get along.

Does We-go Care?

By Bill Crothers

Isn't it amazing how afraid the school is of students actually doing something for themselves, taking an initiative in something that will affect them?

Point in the question: the walkout. We all heard about it, right? In case you didn't, here is a brief summary. The referendum (the thing that would give the school money) didn't go over well with the voters-it failed.

Much to my surprise, some students actually cared, and the concept of a walkout came up. Well, other students who didn't really care all that much liked the idea of missing class for a good cause, and it spread like wildfire.

Unfortunately, this fire was not kept in check, and it reached none other than our beloved administrators. Our responsible administrators couldn't actually allow the students do something radical for a true and just cause. No, no, no. That would be wrong and it probably wouldn't do to good for their reputations. So a committee was formed to represent the students views. Unfortunately the students didn't know about this committee witch was representing them, and frankly my dear, didn't give a damn.

C.A.R.E.S. Cares About Referendum Effecting Students. Well, first off, let's correct their English. Effecting should actually be 'Affecting'. Effect happens to be a noun (one of those things from reading, years and years back).

If they can't get that right, why in the world are they representing our student body? Without us knowing? Maybe they were pressed for a word that fit. But if C.A.R.E.S. had enough free time to actually care about the referendum, then couldn't they just, get a different word?

Anyways, Dr. Jones had the students in this group, of which no one had any prior knowledge whatsoever, announce during class, witch took away from our valuable learning time that in fact, there was to be no walkout. Does anybody other than me think that Dr Jones might have

had an influence on what this message would say?

I think he only needed to say one or two brief sentences to completely change their minds. Something like, "the instigators of a walkout may be suspended for an extended period of time, possibly even expelled. Oh yes, and all suspensions and expulsions do go on your permanent record."

Moreover, do you think his involvement as an administrator had anything to do with the existence of this announcement? Had their views been otherwise, would he have allowed them to voice them in school without threat of repercussions?

Would he have given them timeout of an actual class to say something he didn't fully agree with? Oh come on it's not like you couldn't tell she was reading a prepared statement. So now, I'm a just tad bit confused as to just what side this committee representing "the student body" is really on. Hmmmm...

The thing that really gets me thinking is this. If the administrators really thought they had made it clear that there was to be no walkout, why in the world would they post a para-pro or administrator at every door?

Do they really fear students taking action that much? I figure, if they already had the students who did care on their side, who was going to start it?

And say some people did. A couple of miscreants who were going to ditch anyway decided, "Why not converge on the front lawn to represent a good cause while we're not in class?"

Does the administration really think we have that much of a sheep complex, we'll follow anybody anywhere? We're the classic lemmings. No. It wouldn't have happened anyway.

So, that leaves us with one probing question. Just what was it the the administrators were afraid of that day? There's only one answer to that question.

Us.

War

By Jenny Jester

As I sat back in my Lazy Boy recliner, I picked up the remote and turned on the T.V.

I rapidly channel surfed, trying to find something to amuse myself with.

I suddenly stopped surfing when I hit CNN.

I was drawn in by the horrid images that were flashing before me.

I desperately wanted to change channels.

But I didn't.

For some reason I knew I had to watch.

I was watching war footage from Bosnia.

The cameraman, risking his life to bring this footage to my room, scanned a town that had been destroyed by war.

Guns shooting in the background.

Images of destroyed buildings that looked like the Federal Building in Oklahoma stood still in a vacant town.

The cameraman zoomed in on some black and white pictures laying in a muddy street next to a puddle of water.

The picture captured images of young, happy people.

I sat there and thought about those people.

What kind of life did they live?

Have they become unidentified humans just laying in a mass grave?

I guess I'll never know.

I also asked myself, who dropped the pictures?

As the cameraman zoomed in more on the pictures, I noticed a little bit of blood splattered on them.

The only thing left to say is D-E-S-T-R-U-C-T-I-O-N.

Where there is war, everything must go.

Too many angry waters

By Dan Horyn

The hallway is a sea of angry water. Each day I walk it, I look to my left, and then to my right, and the sad faces shed darkness on me. In class, my teacher tells a joke and smiles. The class remains silent. I wonder what he did to offend them.

The depressed sit in droves during lunch. Consoling each other for what problems they have. Crying and blaming someone else for the hole they are in.

And so many times I catch fragments of conversations. I hear how unfair her parents are. I hear him say how his teacher doesn't understand. His words are hate to me.

So it is no surprise that it takes a few moments for my eyes to adjust when I step outside after school is done. I had seen too many stormy skies inside that building. Too many starless night.

But as my eyes take in the light, I begin to wonder why so many wander around with such hopelessness. I question myself: I cannot understand why so many students hate each other and why so many students hate their teachers.

What problems do these people have? Are things that empty? Are we facing that much adversity?

I'm sure there are many who have problems at home. But that offers no excuse for the disrespect many show toward their superiors.

And I ask how bad we really have it. Not one person can say they have to walk two miles to school to avoid gang territory. No one has to worry he or she will be punished for voicing an opinion.

No student should fear religious persecution. No young woman should be wary of sexual discrimination. These types of things don't happen in West Chicago.

But for some reason this "we have it rough" excuse keeps coming up.

I beg your pardon but Bosnia is a universe apart from West Chicago. There are very few people here, maybe not even one, who face what those kids face every day.

So are your problems just excuses? Are your complications the reason why you did so poorly? I wonder if we invent these hardships to cover our downfalls.

If you have real problems, I sympathize. But if you're just looking for a way out, then get out, because the rest of the world has it five times worse.

Quote

The climb to the top of the mountain is difficult, but the view is spectacular.

End Quote

Quote

War is only a cowardly escape from the problems of peace

-Thomas Mann

End Quote

Bathroom Situation the Dumps

by Dan Horyn

What should I do when I'm in the library and nature calls? Go to the bathroom? Where?

I walk down the hallway, looking for a pit stop and the bathroom door is locked. The minute bell forces me to class and I bounce in my desk the entire hour.

Half of the school's washroom lineup is on injured reserve. The threat came at the beginning of the year that if the bathrooms were abused, then the privilege to use them would be taken away.

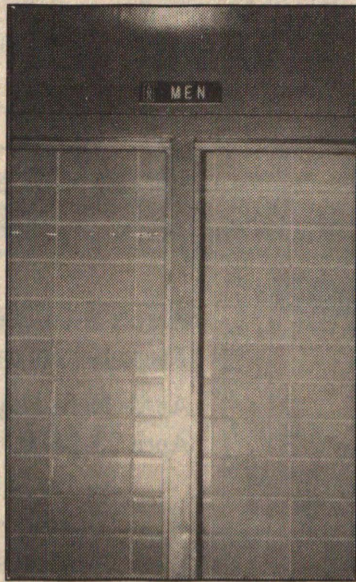
To shut a bathroom down there must be a fire or a chronic problem, says assistant principal John Highland. The shutdown policy was developed just because of a handful of students.

Highland realizes that "shutting down a bathroom causes a great inconvenience to students' schedules."

So what were you thinking when you plastered toilet paper all over the walls? Did you think no one would notice when you were "smoking in the boy's room"? I'm sure you weren't blind when you blew your nose on the mirrors.

It just disgusts me that one percent of the population can dictate what happens to the other ninety-nine percent.

I remember reading a Far Side once where an alarm went off in the bathroom for anyone who didn't wash his or her hands. Great idea. Could the school sell those



televisions in the cafeteria and use the money to buy a toilet seat alarm?

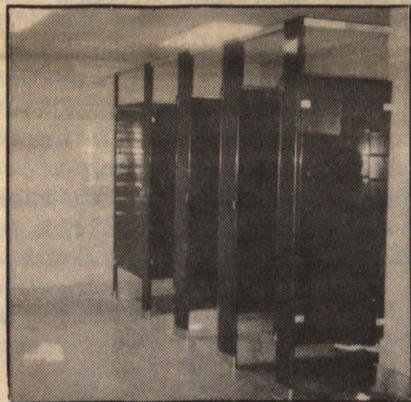
Probably not, I'm sure no one has invented that yet. Maybe Physics will come in handy after all...

But realistically. I wonder if the school could monitor the bathrooms a little better. Putting cameras in the stalls might be a little extreme, but why couldn't a para-pro occasionally drop by the washroom and check for messy people?

And if a person gets caught, it would be good if there would be a strange punishment, like cleaning up the mess, or even better, a one-day in school, in a stall, suspension. Maybe that's getting carried away, but you catch my drift: people who ruin the bathrooms ruin them for everyone and they should be punished.

Just think about how many more possibilities we'd have for places to go. There still would be time during the passing periods to take a break, and then we wouldn't have to ask teachers if we could go to the washroom during class. So everyone is benefiting.

And if you ever run into a perpetrator performing some terrible act in the bathroom, do the school a favor and make a citizen's arrest. And if the guy talks too much, then give him a swirly.



Magic Number 32

By Josette Kramer

Put your shades on because here it comes. I'm sure you're as excited as I am because summer is right around the corner. Soon the temperature will be in the 80's and the clouds will all disappear. The beaches will be open and all of us females will be able to show off our new bathing suits as the guys will be flaunting the muscles they've worked all winter for.

As we stand on the beach with our bare feet buried in the sand we watch the waves come up onto shore. There are long night walks with someone special and picnics with friends. Don't forget of course family Sundays for a trip to the zoo.

The carnivals will be jam packed as you stand in line to buy five tickets for 20 bucks. Great America will always have a line wrapped around the parking lot just to enter the park.

And when we finally get in, we wait seven hours to go on three, two minute rides.

Then there will be some of us who bring out our new fluorescent pink mountain bikes to enjoy the prairie path. And don't forget the matching rollerblades.

Then there's baseball games in the bleachers and barbecues with friends and the air saturated with the smell of hot dogs and hamburgers.

There's music and car windows rolled down, convertible tops and sun roofs.

I look forward to sitting on the porch,

talking the night away or searching for shade on the hottest day of the year.

And if we're lucky, we can hit the road with friends, and maybe get a little lost during the three free days of our lives- no parents and definitely no teachers.

But there will be those days that just never end- stuck behind a counter or desk, working for five dollars an hour, counting the minutes left in your shift. A little reminiscent of school.

And of course we'll try to find that perfect guy or girl all summerlong. But for most of us, the summer will end with empty hands and a whole bunch of unsuccessful attempts at landing that perfect date.

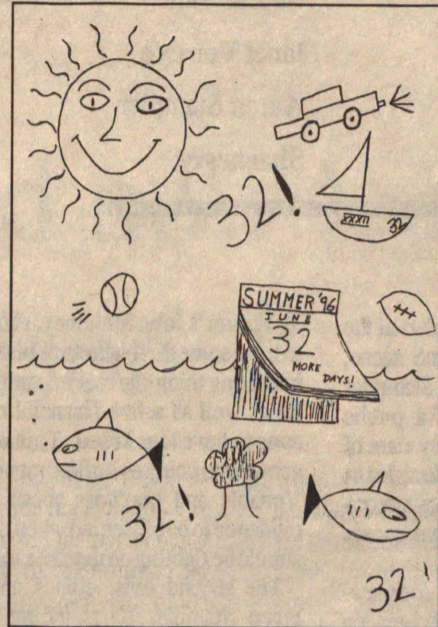
I don't really care

if some things go wrong because I know I'll have those memories that last forever. I have so many more summer memories than school memories.

But that makes sense because we have so much more to do during those three months. We can go all over, experience everything, and (if you're not in summer school) forget about writing any papers.

So now that I have you thinking about all the things you could be doing in this beautiful weather, would you rather be in school? No! But we all have to just stick it out, every last minute counts. So if you're tempted to leave, just remind yourself June 2nd and you're done.

Stick it out.



In between daze

By Dan Horyn

When I wake up at 6:30 a.m. and find out today will be 68 degrees and sunny, I get very confused.

I have no idea of what to wear. Should I go with the jeans and a t-shirt or shorts and a long sleeve? Should I wear a coat in the morning and carry it home, or should I freeze through the morning and save the locker space?

These in-between days are the hardest to figure. When I get the paper before breakfast I can see my breath, but when I walk over to Lincoln in the afternoon, I actually get hot.

And just when I get psyched up for shorts and a t-shirt, I found out the next day is supposed to be cold and windy. That's the worst because when I walk the six miles from Kerr-McGee, my wet hair freezes into the shape of a porcupine's fur.

I really feel for weathermen during these in-between days. I wonder if they have bodyguards: I can just picture an enraged, misinformed person charging the weatherman for screwing the "five-day" up.

It's funny how when we have something we hate it, but once we're without it we need it. Chicago weather does that to us.

But it's better that way. I don't know what the people in Sudan look forward to: it's either scalding or sizzling there. And every now and then they get lucky and it's just sultry and simmering.

So I'll just be patient and cherish every day that I put on jeans and a sweater, because there can't be all too many more of 'em left.

Attack of the PARACHUTE PANTS

By Dan Horyn

What were you thinking when you bought that size 48 pair of Levi's at Kohl's? Did you smile to yourself when you tried them on, convinced that this pair of pants, large enough for two grown men, looked good on you?

And I'm sure you picked out a matching pair of boxers, because now whenever you wear your colossal pants to school, the entire student body sees most of your underwear.

And you may have nice underwear. But the truth of the matter is, I don't need to see it. If I was that hung up on underwear, I'd get a job at the menswear department.

I'm curious as to how comfortable your massive pants are. "When you sit down, they don't get too tight," says senior Jim Heun. Sophomore Justin McLoughlin wears big jeans primarily for comfort. I just wonder how nice it feels to have a day-long wedgie. Do you ever trip over your pants when you walk down the hall? You probably don't even need a tent

when you go camping— those Levi's comfortably fit three people.

Why not just buy a belt? It may take a while to get used to, but you'll be making many people happy. And you'll look a lot better.

When dressing for school, comfort is always extremely important. But sometimes people get too sloppy. You're just not presenting yourself well if all you ever wear is ripped jeans and a flannel. Sure, do that every once in a while, but how can you smile when your clothes are better off in the garbage?

I'm not saying messy people aren't happy. But how do humans make first impressions? Unfortunately appearance is often the most important factor.

So put a little pride into how you look. You don't have to dress like you're going to prom, but at least pull your pants up. And if you've gotten out of the habit, then try to occasionally wash your clothes, too.

It may not seem like much, but remember, you can't have a second chance to make a first impression.

Wildcat Chronicle

326 Joliet Street
West Chicago, IL., 60185
(708) 231-0880

News	Kristi Ault
Features	Jennifer Wagenaar Kelley Betts
Perspectives	Dan Horyn Hannah Kenny
Entertainment	Steve Berezney Candy Estrada
Sports	Tracy Morris Sarah Kennebrew
Arts/Photo Advisor	Josette Kramer Carrie Kostro
Name Plate	Chris Kurzhals

The *Wildcat Chronicle* is the student newspaper at West Chicago Community High School. The views and opinions of the *Wildcat Chronicle* do not necessarily reflect or represent the majority of the staff or student body.

Any suggestions or comments for the newspaper can be delivered to Advisor Carrie Kostro in room 321. Letters to the editor should be signed if they would like to be printed. The paper has the right to exclude any letters that are inappropriate or will not fit in a particular issue.

The *Wildcat Chronicle* is a forum for freedom of expression and encourages readers to express their views and thoughts.

Gere is near perfection in *Primal Fear*

Primal Fear

★★★★

Richard Gere	Martin Vail
Laura Linney	Janet Venable
Edward Norton	Aaron Stampler
John Mahoney	Shaunessy

By Steve Berezney

Caught almost red-handed at the sight of a gruesome crime scene, young choirboy Aaron Stampler was left in the hands of a public defender who didn't really care of his fate. Then one man decided to take this case for the sheer notoriety in the new court room movie *Primal Fear*.

Richard Gere plays hot shot lawyer Martin Vail who thrives on cases that will get him on the evening news. When word of Stampler's case was out, Vail immediately volunteered for the case, free of charge, just so that he could get his name in the headlines.

Stampler, played by newcomer Edward Norton, was accused of murdering the archbishop of Chicago. From day one, Stampler always said that he loved the archbishop because he was the only one who took him off the streets and gave him shelter. This sends Vail on the hunt for a possible third person in the murder room who could've done it.

Meanwhile, the prosecution is hard at work trying to give the "Butcher boy of St. Mike's" the death penalty. The thousands of people who made up the nickname want the boy dead after the murder in which he allegedly stabbed the archbishop 78 times while chopping off all his fingers. State prosecutor Janet Venable, played by Laura Linney, just so happens to be the ex-squeeze of the arrogant defender and throughout the movie, you could tell the strong attraction even though the relationship never really went anywhere.

A twist in the plot arises as Venable's boss Shaunessy, played

by Frasier's John Mahoney, shows to have some dirt on the archbishop involving things he make Stampler do as well as a few financial reasons to have him killed. This then grows into being a conflict between Venable and her boss about the evidence to be presented when they should be fighting on the same team.

The second twist comes about when Stampler starts telling his story. After days of discussion with the accused, Vail actually starts to believe the story of the country boy with a speech problem, much to the disbelief of his colleagues. When Vail then begins to decide which way they will present their case, Stampler reveals a side of him that no one has ever seen and which will change the case completely.

Primal Fear has to be one of the best movies I have seen all year. I was left with a feeling of disbelief when I left the theater, much like the feeling I got when leaving last year's movie *Seven*.

One of the best parts of the film is the acting. Gere did a great job portraying the rich, flamboyant lawyer who believed the boy when no one else would. But the best performance had to go to Norton. He played the most convincing role out of any of the characters both with his facial expressions and his speech.

Not many movies have received four stars in my reviews (in fact, I don't think I have ever given a movie four stars), but I had to give it up for *Primal Fear*. With the shocking ending and the performances of the cast, it would be a shame not to give proper credit to this movie. This is a film that you should not hesitate to see.

The Run Around

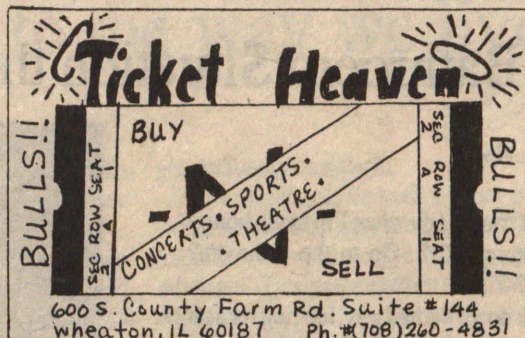
By Sarah Kennebrew

To escape my pain and loneliness I am running.
Running from what I used to be, a cold and remorseful soul.

I can feel the fear which has the power to overcome all of me.
No one understands me, so I look for someone to call on.

I now feel the betrayal from everyone, then try to break free and be on my own.
I'm running in a circle, the circle of my life.

Finally I think I've made it through, but a halt I suddenly come to.
For I'm still stuck in my own confusion, never to see the light.



Here's a list of the events coming to the Chicago area. These tickets can be purchased at Ticket Heaven

- April- NHL Playoffs
- April 23-24- R. Kelly/ L.L. Cool J./ X Scape
- 26- Joe Satriani
- 27- Tears for Fears
- 29- May 3- The Tonight Show with Jay Leno
- May 3- Joe Diffie/ Tony Keith/ Rhett Atkins
- 7, 9, 11, 12- The Allman Brothers
- 8-12- Sesame Street Live
- 9 and 11- Bob Seger and the Silver Bullet Band
- 10- Oak Ridge Boys
- 10- Tom Jones
- May- NBA Playoffs

"The Joker" plays the Horizon

By Kelley Betts

The Rosemont theater welcomed The Steve Miller Band last Saturday, April 13. These rock 'n' roll legends opened with the song *Livin' in the U.S.A.*. The audience welcomed the band with a standing ovation. The first half of the concert was fairly mellow with a combination of blues and some jazz songs. The crowd remained pretty calm and just kicked back and enjoyed the show. After the 20 minute intermission, the band played the rock n' roll songs that they are more famous for such as *Abracadabra*, *Come Out and Dance*, and *The Joker*. These songs helped get the crowd going crazy. There was even a dancing pit formed by the stage with a

continuous line of dancers.

On stage, there was a backdrop with lasers performing a show of their own. There were many psychedelic forms that hypnotic. They really kept it going with all of their songs. The lasers seemed to dance right along with the songs being played. The band really did a great job with them.

Steve Miller himself had a variety of guitars to play like the sitar, a slide guitar, a 12 string acoustic, an arch guitar, and a fender electric guitar just to name a few. Each of them had their own unique sound that helped give the songs their special touch.

To accompany the band, WCKG (105.9) was broadcasting live from the Rosemont theater

before the show started. The radio station's music provided entertainment before the show.

The audience consisted of about 2,000 fans ranging in age from early teens to mid or late forties which shows The Steve Miller Band definitely appeals to a span of generations.

Their performance sparked everyone's interest. It didn't even seem to have been geared to anyone in particular. It just happened to entertain everyone.

The Steve Miller Band definitely put on a great show. They definitely showed everyone that even though the band has made it through over 20 years of music changes, they still make it big with their classic rock 'n' roll.

Just like idol, Poe turns in dark effort

By Hannah Kenny

It seems every year there is a heck of a lot of new artists, bands and groups. Poe is one of these. Obviously, Poe is not her real name. Edgar Allen Poe is her inspiration for her name and the songs that she writes.

Her debut album *Hello!* was released around last September, and she already has two singles that are played on the radio.

In the first half of the album, Poe's lyrics are angry, but the music counteracts that in most her songs. It's a challenge to find out the hidden meaning behind the words.

Poe starts by saying "Hello". Her songs are almost all metaphors and similes, and this song is no exception.

"Trigger Happy Jack" was the first song released the the radio and the first to have a MTV video. The lyrics are very powerful, and is one of the best songs on the album.

"That Day" starts off with a quiet, acoustic guitar solo, and by the middle it becomes and elec-

tric, though still the only instrument playing. You can hear the hurt and disappointment in her voice, and it makes you want to know the story behind the song. This is the deepest song, and is really depressing if you're sad.

In the fifth song, she displays her desire to "blow him... away." "Angry Johnny" is probably the best song on the whole album, and is the other song that is played on the radio.

The second half of the album isn't as good as the first, but it still is excellent. There is a really cheesy part, though. She has a hidden track after the last song where she says goodbye, but it's pretty pointless and obnoxious. Be safe, and shut your radio before it comes on. The album is much better than most debuts

If your looking for something different, try Poe. Poe is anything from hardcore rock to soft-spoken, soft-played and everything between. She can't really be categorized as particular type of music, so she could fit many peoples tastes.

Top 10 Ways to Annoy People at Lunch

By Sarah McQueen

10. Scream
9. Ask for spare change
8. Order a Big Mac at the lunch line, then offer to wait while they cook one
7. Hold up the line to engage in a long discussion over the advantage of each ice cream bar. Then decide you're not hungry
6. Sit at a table by yourself with eight chairs and insist they're all taken
5. Read the TV announcements out loud
4. Stare
3. Memorize the fat and calorie content of fries and pizza, and tell it o everyone you see eating them. Then ask if they'll share
2. Randomly exclaim, "I really hate when people listen in on others' conversations"
1. Two words: FOOD FIGHT

Prom Edition 1996

"Enchanted Evening"

In Your Eyes - Peter Gabriel

The Yellow Brick Road now leads us to the Radisson

By Jenny Wagenaar

Let us take you on an adventure through the entire pre-prom process that you and your date will experience before you enter the doors of the Radisson hotel on May 17th.

Let's begin with the whole date thing. Getting a date is the hardest part of Prom because what if you don't get one? You're stuck going to Prom with an inflatable doll, which isn't that bad because the doll may be more fun than a real date. Just think ladies, you don't have to hear about how much Prom is costing your date every day, you don't have to do things you don't want to, and you can dance with whom ever you wish (well almost).

But really, getting a date for Prom is one of the most important parts because if you have a lousy date then the whole night of Prom will probably be lousy and who really wants to go to Prom alone? The only way you can avoid a situation like this is to go with someone who you think you'll have a good time with, even if it's going with a friend.

After you finally have a date for Prom that's when everything begins, with money I mean. Let's begin with what the ladies go through just buying a prom dress.

First of all we must have an idea of what kind of style we're looking for; long, short, black, white, etc., and then the stores to go to. In the store we try on at least a half a dozen before we realize we don't wish for any of those and when we actually find one we like, it costs too much. Buying a dress for Prom can take a while, the sooner you start the better choices you get. After you decide on the dress then we have decisions of what jewelry, shoes, purse, and garter, to go with your dress. Money seems to disappear during this time.

Guys have it so easy, all they have to do is go to a tuxedo place, get measured, and pick from a limited selection of styles. They get everything, the shoes, vest, jacket, pants, bow tie, shirt, the little cuff-links all in one store while ladies struggle from store to store.

Your adventure continues during the month of April when all juniors and seniors choose from a variety of songs, one they would like to see become the prom song. This year's prom song is "In Your Eyes" by Peter Gabriel. Other nominated songs were "Never Say Goodbye" by Bon Jovi, "Wonderful Tonight" by Eric Clapton, "I Remember" by Madonna, "Time After Time" by Cyndi Lauper, and "I Had the Time of My Life" from the movie *Dirty Dancing*.

In the month of May you are given the opportunity to purchase tickets, a dinner choice, and a setting arrangements. Guys start saving your money because tickets this year are \$35 per person and \$70 per couple, this includes dinner. Tickets are most likely to go on sale during the week of April 29 during all lunches.

Also in the merry merry month of May is the choosing of Prom Court. The big question, "Who will be on Prom Court?"

Okay, so you have your date, dress or tuxedo, and ticket, what else is there? Hair and nail appointments, limousine, after prom activities, etc., the list goes on and on. But say to yourself, "How many Proms are you going to have in your life?" If you ask yourself this question all this stuff won't be that big of a deal because maybe in the end it will all be worth it.

So who do you have to thank for this "Enchanted Evening," which happens to be the theme for Prom? The Prom Committee that consists of juniors Matt Bowne, Ed Gomez, Stacey Hook, Annalea Jimmo, Dana Nelson, and Katie Toboja.

Since the beginning of this school year, these six students along with junior class advisors, english teachers Kelly Kolasa and Brad Larson, have been raising money as well as planning for Prom. They've planned everything from the location of Prom to the D.J.. They have gone out of their way to hopefully make your Prom an enjoyable one.

All Night Long

A fun way to end an Enchanted Evening

By Steve Berezney

Once again to ensure the safety of all Prom-goers on May 17, the third annual "All Night Long" is in effect and will be held at Bowling Green Sports Center from 11:30 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. for a low price of \$5.

After the big dance, all students, whether they went to prom or not, is invited for the insomniac bash. Students are expected to arrive for the party no later than midnight and may not leave the premises until 5:00 a.m. Five hours might seem like a really long time, but there are numerous prizes and attractions to keep all of the students entertained throughout the evening.

Upon entering the doors, there will be prizes given out. Prizes expected to be awarded are CDs as well as CD players, a television, gift certificates from shops in the area, and also rock concert tickets. Once again the grand daddy of all prizes will be awarded (hopefully to someone who can actually drive this year). A brand new used car from Family Ford will be given. Details of the type of car are not known yet, but the car will definitely be reliable.

There will be a DJ during the party who will be there to do what he does best, play good music. The bowling alleys will be open so that students can knock down the pins to the sounds of their favorite tunes. Also in the house will be a caricature artist

like last year as well as a magician to dazzle you with his amazing wizardry.

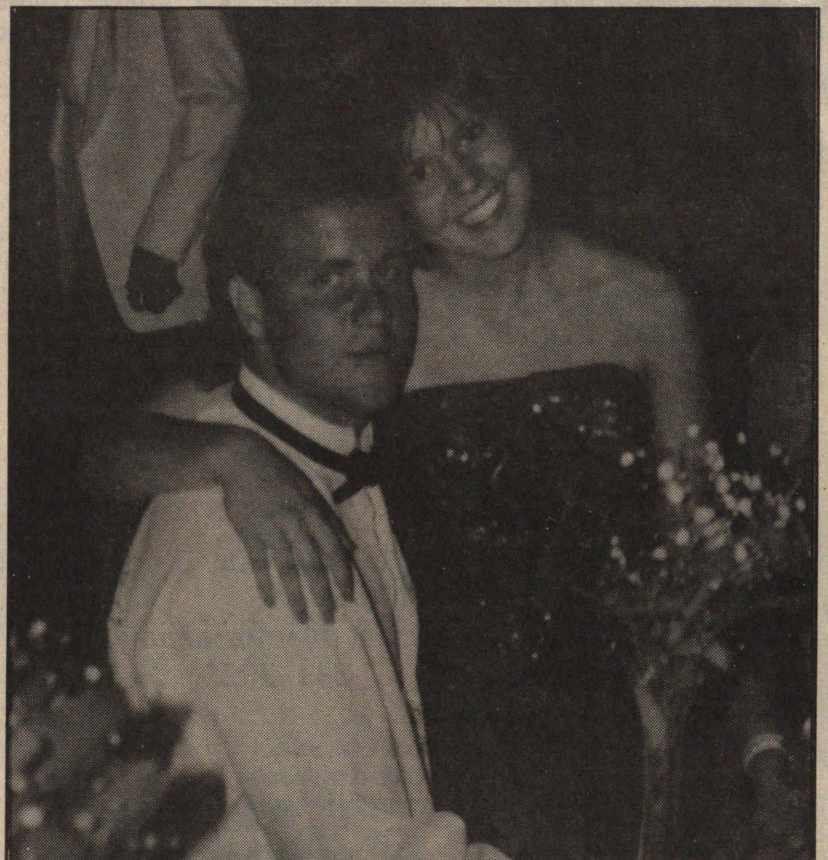
In case you get hungry during the night, there will be pizza and pop as well as munchies like nachos. Desserts are also going to be served such as brownies and ice cream.

Bowling Green will not be the only thing open that night as their connected neighbor Synergy will be open for the students to party in as well. This dance club will be the setting for local bands who will be playing. So far two bands have been chosen. They are still auditioning tapes for other bands to ensure musical diversity according to All Night Long volunteer Norma Lemke. Also, for those in the dancing mood, there will be line dancing at Synergy.

If you still have the energy after a night full of dancing and bowling, the sand volleyball courts will be set up. Space for all of these activities may be tight as there are 500 students expected to be there. Last year 360 students came to the bash.

Once the night begins to turn to day and the party starts winding down, a light breakfast will be served. Once that time comes, and everyone starts to leave, it will be Saturday and time for the couples to go off and do their weekend activities and enjoy the rest of their weekend of fun.

Can you identify these people from their prom pictures? To win tickets to prom see page 9.



Did you guess who? He's none other than our Athletic Trainer, Mike Keating

When All Night Long isn't your thing

By Kelley Betts

Well you have your tuxedo or dress, you know who you're going to prom with, you have your transportation figured out, but you don't want to go to All Night Long. Where are you going to go after prom?

If this is the question on your mind, well here are some safe ways to keep prom night going "all night long."

It is always fun to drive into Chicago for a night on the town. There, you can go for a walk on Oak Street Beach or North Avenue Beach (if it's not extremely cold). Since it will be late, it will be a good thing to go with a group of people. It may also be very cold so it would be smart to bring a jacket and a change of clothes. You can also check out what events will be taking place at Navy Pier.

For the more mellow group of prom goers, you can always crash at a friends house with a few others, watch some movies and just

relax. Blockbuster Video is open until midnight so you could always rent a few movies like *Carrie*, *Some Kind of Wonderful*, or *Encino Man*, just to name a few. You will also need some chips, soda, and don't forget the popcorn.

If you're the type of person who loves to dance and can't get enough of it, you can change into some comfortable dancing clothes and shoes and check out some of the local dance clubs such as Zero Gravity in Naperville or the Paladrome in Palatine.

There's always those post prom parties. These are never boring. You can hang out with friends, listen to some good music, and just relax. It would be helpful to bring a change of clothes too.

These are just some post prom alternatives for those who don't want to participate in "All Night Long." Have a safe and memorable prom.

Planes, trains, or automobiles?

By Kristi Ault

Now here's a dilemma many young prom going lads are faced with. How will I get my charming date to the Radisson this year? Some may say, "What the hey, I'm spending a fortune anyway, why not blow the rest on a limo. However, if your tight on cash, try something original but elegant.

Eric Roberts hired his friend, Watts, played by a very young Mary Stuart Masterson in the 80's film *Some kind of Wonderful*, to be his chauffeur. He rented a classic car just for the big evening.

Commission a good friend who isn't going to prom to drive you around town for the evening. If they are a really good friend they might even wear a chauffeurs cap and suit. *Classy*.

However, if money isn't an

issue there are many car rental clubs which rent some very aesthetic vehicles. So, for some bucks you can

arrive in classic style. However, I'd avoid convertibles, T-tops, or anything else that allows wind to flow freely.

Becareful guys, you don't want to ruin the weekend by

ruining your dates hair-do by speeding to prom in a convertible. You'd never hear the end of it, and you'd probably lose your date to her comb and the bathroom mirror for the first half of the night. What a drag, just remember to keep the top

latched tight and the windows up tight, don't take any risks.

Limos and nice cars are fun, but maybe not fun enough for you. You say not wild enough, I want to be remembered for this prom, how about a helicopter. . . (See Chart)

Obviously some modes of transportation will be better than

others. For tradition's sake, I'm sure at least one couple will drive themselves to the hotel.

However you choose to arrive, be it by plane, train or automobile, be smart and safe. Have a smashing time on this Enchanted Evening.

Mode of transportation	PROS	CONS
Helicopter	Definitely original	Makes you and your date sick, and ruins her hair.
Sky Diving	An adrenaline rush, from the free fall and when your date's dress flies up. . .hmm.	The hair thing again and what would the birds do to your tux?
Being shot out of a cannon	But what a way to go!	The scars from the burns would never actually disappear.

Shopping doesn't have to be torture if you know where to go

By Candy Estrada

Shopping for a prom dress can be a hassle, especially when you're on a budget.

We all want to make this night extra-special and the only way to do this is by looking your best!

At Charlestowne Mall in St. Charles there is a minimal selection, which makes things difficult because you may have to go out of your way to find another place.

Charlestowne has the typical department stores like Marshall's, Carson Pirie Scott, Sears, J.C. Penney's, and Kohl's. There's quite a price range here, so be sure to know your limits.

For example, Marshall's has an acceptable variety of dresses. Their prices seem reasonable, starting at \$60. This is something that a high schooler could actually afford.

One independent store worth checking out is Maurice's. This store has some variety and adequate prices ranging from \$70 to \$150. They have a nice selection from classy, long dresses to sexy, short dresses. This is one store you definitely don't want to pass by.

If you are looking for a less ex-

pensive dress, look no further than Jay Jacobs. They have dresses that are prom-oriented, but for a lot less. Prices range from a mere \$54 to \$79, not bad for a prom dress.

The next mall to check out is Fox Valley in Naperville. It has basically the same things that Charlestowne has to offer, but is bigger and much more crowded! Do NOT go on a Saturday morning or afternoon! Traffic gets pretty scary.

The stores include the department stores mentioned above, but Fox Valley also has a Lord and Taylor and a Marshall Field, which aren't bad if you don't mind spending a ton of money on a dress you'll probably wear only once.

Don't forget to check out the accessory stores at Fox Valley for purses, necklaces, earrings, gloves - almost anything your heart desires.

Stores that specialize in accessories are Claire's and Afterthoughts. Most malls have these stores but at Fox Valley they were bigger and had better selection.

Fox Valley also has stores with an assortment of shoes, including Bakers, Wild Pair, Payless, and Kinney.

Let's move on to Stratford. Try to avoid this one during the weekends if you can. Too many middle schoolers are there trying to have a social life and they usually end up getting in your way.

One more thing that could get in your way is the movie theater. It tends to distract people from their shopping mission and makes the mall look packed.

Stratford has the department stores already mentioned. They're OK, but can be a bit low on the selection and variety that the other malls tend to have.

Some of the independent stores to check out are Jay Jacobs, Contempo, and Merry-Go-Round. However, Jay Jacobs is the only store where you'll get a decently priced dress or outfit.

It's hard to make a decision as to which dress to buy. But, hurry, time's running out and prom's just around the corner!

Top 10 Prom songs that never were

By Hannah Kenny

So the prom song is "In Your Eyes" by Peter Gabriel. What a nice song, really. But why is the song that is chosen for prom always a slow, romantic song? Why can't it be a song that you can busta move to? one that has a beat that you can feel through the room?

Here is an assortment of songs that should be considered for the Prom King and Queen to dance to on their special night. Maybe next year we'll get lucky.

10. Nine Inch Nails "Eraser, (polite)." Nice and short; sweet and to the point. A minute and 12 seconds is a good length. Who wants to watch the King and Queen dance for five minutes, anyway?

9. Madonna "Like A Virgin." It would be really cool if they could dance like her, too.

8. Beethoven's Fifth Symphony. Why is there never classical music at prom? Dah dah dah daaah.

7. Kiss "Rock and Roll All Night." Maybe if the all the people sang it real loud, the administrators would get the hint.

6. Vanilla Ice "Ice Ice Baby." This song is the geek in everyone. It'll finally give all those guys with the baggy pants a reason to dance- Vanilla Ice was the king of the pants past the buttock look.

5. The Village People "YMCA." This song is always played prom night, but never for The Prom song. There's no good reason not to play it, is there now?

4. "Two all beef patties, special sauce, lettuce, cheese, pickles, onion, on a sesame seed bun." A.K.A. "McDonald's Big Mac" song. Enough said.

3. "Hokey Pokey" or "Chicken Dance." Something for everybody. Anyone who would turn down one of these cool dances is a fool. Everyone would be on the dance floor within seconds.

2. Billy Ray Cyrus "Achy Breaky Heart." There should be something for everyone, even the ones that want to line dance. Then I woke up.

1. "99 Bottles of Beer on the Wall." Obviously, a prelude for what's to come for some.

*Fancy Custom Made
Prom Garters*

You choose style and color
\$10.00

Call for an appointment or information
Cheryl 231-2029

Located one block from school
\$5.00 deposit required with order

Enchanted Evening Contestant Form

Due Thursday April 24 by 7:55 a.m.
All forms must be handed directly to Ms. Kostro in Room 319

1. _____	6. _____
2. _____	7. _____
3. _____	8. _____
4. _____	9. _____
5. _____	10. _____

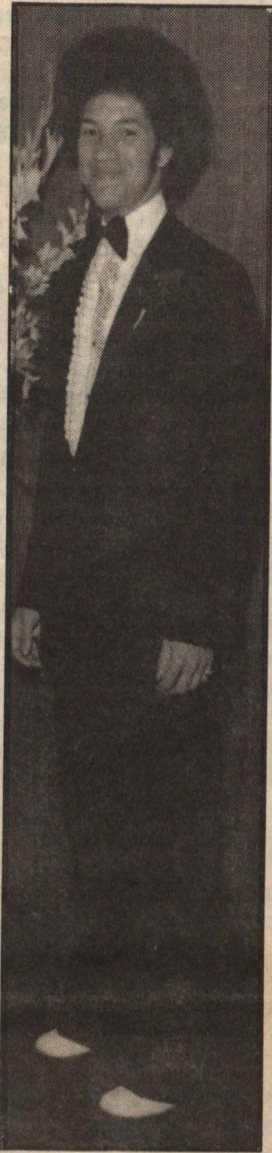
"Enchanted Evenings"

WIN PROM TICKETS BY CORRECTLY IDENTIFYING THESE 10 PEOPLE

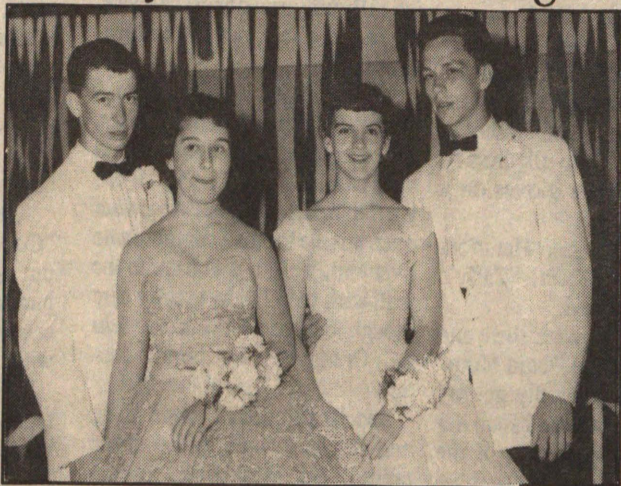
throughout the years

Give correct form, on page 8, to Mrs. Kostro (room 319) by May 2.

Can you identify these familiar We-go faces?



1



2



3

News flash! The teachers at West Chicago are humans too. Yes, some of them were even teenagers at one time. As high school students, they looked forward to the much-anticipated yet feared end of the year event.

It's prom time again and years ago it was the talk of We-go's staff and their rowdy friends, wherever they were.

For some, the memories linger as a disaster.

"My mother burned a hole with an iron in my prom dress just before my date arrived. When she told me, I said, 'Mom-You're such a kidder,'" recalled Counselor Carol Sweder.

For others, it was the best time of their lives.

Bilingual advisor Julio Del Real said, "Prom was very special to me. It was the spring of 1984. I had been going out with my girlfriend for three and a half years. The reason for it being so special was because it was the very first date I had with my girlfriend with her parents approval."

And for others it was just something to do but now holds a place in their mind as a special night.

First year math teacher Diane Martling remembered that proms used to have live bands and not disc jockeys, while English teacher Mary Hafertepe said, "My junior year (1968) we were the first class to have a rock and roll band instead of traditional dance music. The nuns thought it was scandalous, but it was a breakthrough for us."

Things have changed over the years, like the cost to attend prom, solo or with a date. Hafertepe's prom was four dollars per couple!

Post-prom events differed through the years as well. Most teachers didn't have a dinner at their prom, so they were on their own for dinner and dancing afterwards.

Shirley Woomer, Dr. Morris' secretary, said they would go to downtown Pittsburgh for 2:30 mass.

Proms also haven't always been in hotels or banquet halls, as you probably know from your parents' stories from their high school days.

"My prom was very simple. I went to a Catholic school and we had it in the gym," said receptionist Ruth Mosson.

For Del Real, prom night laid the foundation for a prosperous life with the special girlfriend he went with.

"I ended up marrying this special girl and 12 years after our prom date we have a beautiful two year old boy and we are expecting our second one in November."

Over the years prom has meant different things to different people, but Home Economics teacher Patti Kozlowski offers this advice.

"Have fun up to the point that you can still respect yourself and others the following day."



10



9



7



6



8



5



4

Short Story

Prom Night Turns Into A Frightening Nightmare

By Dan Horyn

5:30 p.m. - one hour before my big senior prom. I have dreamed about this from the time I was a four foot freshman- geeky glasses and all. Now finally it was here.

Everything was cool. I had the tickets, the tux and the limo was on its way. I knew this would be the perfect night- my date, the woman of my every dream, couldn't wait, and I had a long stem red rose to give her.

5:45 p.m. - pacing back and forth in the living room hall. The limo guy was late. No worry, I made another phone call. The headquarters said he'd get to my house at any moment. OK, good. I gargled some mouthwash for the fourth time. I checked my nose for unwanted projectiles. I looked at my watch, the limo guy beeped.

Rushing out the door, yelling bye to my mom, I hopped into the limo. As I sat in the car, the limo guy driving, I ran everything through my head. Did I remember the tickets? Yes. The cash? You bet. And the rose? No!

It was too late for the limo guy to turn back. So I brain stormed. We drove by a house with a flower bed. "Stop!" I screamed. He came around the door and opened it. Nice guy.

I jumped out and eyed the flower bed. Three red roses already in bloom, this had to be my lucky day. I crept up to the rosebush, looked to the house, and picked the roses. Yesss!

Like a criminal I ran back into the limo and told the guy to step on it. We were safe and I had the fresh roses- even better than the one I left at home.

I leaned back, satisfied, and relaxed until a strange odor permeated the cab. Uh-oh. I lifted my shoe, and to my horror brown squishy stuff covered it.

Alright, not too bad. I used my resources. I checked the icebox and washed the shoe's sole, making sure to keep my hands out of the mess. Then I took the silk napkin from my tux and scrubbed away. Never saw the use of those things anyway.

The limo guy asked me where to go and I told him. Soon we reached my date's house. With sweaty palms I walked to her door. Her mother answered, welcomed me in, and sent me to the living room.

My date came down, as shocking as ever- her white silk dress fit better than Isotoner gloves on a cold winter night.

I gave her the roses. Her mom asked where I got them. "Carly's Flower Shop," I lied.

"That's funny- I work there and I've never seen 'em," said Mom.

Whoops! I awkwardly got my way out of that one, and soon her mom was taking pictures of the two of us. Five minutes later we were driving with the limo guy.

6:35- My date and I arrive at The Malibu Inn- sight of 1996's Senior Prom. I tipped my friendly driver friend, thinking cash would impress my breathtaking date. She was chatting with friends. Eghh, just ten bucks down the drain.

We entered the ballroom. More like a big basement in disguise- the ceilings were low and I detected a curious smell in the air. What's worse- the DJ greeted us with calypso music. Calypso? Elevator music would've been better.

Never fear- the night was young. In no time the dance floor'd be movin' and I'd be groovin'.

My date and I went to our seats. Actually, my date, her four friends and I went to our seats. I couldn't get a word in.

So I folded my hands and examined the table. Green table cover, red place mats. Nice- the prom committee was colorblind. Two couples sat at our table. I'd never seen 'em before. Oh well, I made a run for the punch bowl.

Red ruby with sherbet. Pretty good- a nice frothy aftertaste. I eyed a group of my friends standing alone on the wall so I headed over for them.

We talked for quite a long time. I figured that visiting my friends was worth the 75 dollars.

7:20- I waged an all out search for my date. Five minutes later I

found her dancing it up on the dance floor. When the song finished I boldly asked her for a dance. "Sure," she said, not too enthusiastically.

So we danced. A slow song, I gracefully moved across the floor, my black tuxedo and corsage could have painted a picture. And when we finished, I thought I'd won her over, but the football captain came over and, well, it was back to the wall with me. I didn't really care though because I think she had BO. Or maybe it was the dog-doo-doo.

And finally dinner came along and my date and I joined at the table. The meal was... exotic. Bahamian chicken with Hula punch. Not too much different from cafeteria cuisine. I got it all down except the punch that dripped on my shirt. So I had to go to the bathroom.

At least that was something to do. I mean, going to the bathroom was like getting a fresh breath of air- I had time to collect my thoughts. It was already 8:30 and nothing had gone right tonight.

The bathroom was a refuge for the rejected ones. Ten guys wandered aimlessly around, obvious victims of the wrath of the woman. I glanced a knowing look at my friend- he'd been abandoned by his date.

I exited the bathroom and found my friends on the wall. We talked about dinner, but things quickly got serious. "Whaddaya say we destroy this prom-joke?", one of my comrades said.

"Whaddaya mean?" asked another.

"I'm disgusted with this thing. I mean, I blew a hundred bucks on a woman who's danced with just about every guy but me," my friend said.

"I don't think I danced with her," I told him.

"Well, you know what I'm talking about. I'd like to make a statement. Let's do something. Remember Carrie, where they poured that pig blood all over that weird girl? She freaked out, but I'm sure everyone still remembered it many years later."

"I doubt it. As soon as Carrie got her blood bath she started everyone on fire," I said.

"Oh yeah, I guess that wouldn't be too cool. But you know what I mean. Come

on guys, let's do something. Covert, under cover, mission: impossible, 21 Jump Street, Colombo, whatever, I wanna remember this prom for years to come! You guys in?"

"As long as I don't start on fire." "I promise," my determined comrade said.

"OK, then let's do it!" "Yeah!" "Count me in!" The seven of us put our hands in and pledged one hundred percent devotion to "the cause". We just weren't quite sure what the cause was.

More brainstorming. First the typical "spike the punch" and "turn the lights out" ideas came to play. But things got good real fast.

And in no time we had the plan for "the cause". We called it "Operation GFP". I really don't know why.

9:10- Minutes before the announcement of prom queen and king. The Bowtied Bandits (that's what we decided to call ourselves) got into attack position. We had paid off the DJ to utilize his strobe light at our signal. I'd called the limo guy and told him to come a little early. He'd be our escape route. We made masks out of our place mats, and got into attack position.

People started gathering in front of the stage to watch the prom king and queen ceremony. We went to the back of the room and hid beneath a table. Nobody saw us.

Our class president (before this I had no idea who my class president was) approached the stage, wearing a white puffy dress that resembled a cotton swab. She greeted the crowd. I noticed my date- the football team captain had his arm around her. How sweet- and he didn't even have to pay a hundred bucks!

I pushed that thought out of my mind. The Bowtied Bandits had Operation GFP to worry about.

The class president introduced the queen court. A pause, then a drum roll courtesy of DJ Discman. Misleading name, DJ Walkman or DJ Phonograph would've been better. In other words, he wasn't too good.

The drum roll droned on. It stopped three seconds later and the class president slowly proclaimed the queen. Just before the name was read, one of my confidants gave the signal: a bellowing burp. DJ Discman obediently activated the strobe light and the class president declared the queen, who happened to be my date, (I see personality was not the prom

committee's emphasis).

My date approached the stage. Simultaneously one of the Bowtied Bandits leaped up from our vantage point, roared, and charged the stage. The strobe light pulsed, pausing everything, and our brave friend kept running, screaming, "I wanna be queen!"

He pushed through the mass of students and reached the podium. Into the mike he yelled "Viva El Salvador!", then jumped off the stage and ran out the door. The six remaining Bowtied Bandits rose up and opened fire on the crowd, dousing it with eggs, toilet paper and Bahamian chicken scraps. I ran to the fire alarm and pulled it. Not only did it produce an extremely loud noise, but it also activated the Malibu Inn's sprinkler system. The rain came down on everyone as the Bowtied Bandits made a run for the door.

I took one look back as I reached the door- total mayhem: drenched students shrieking, crying and running. The directors of Carrie would have been proud of this chaos. I laughed to myself, turned towards the limo, and bumped into a wall.

The wall turned out to be Dr J, the principal. As he pulled off my mask, I looked for the limo, and saw it speeding away. My life ended right then and there, so I fainted.

I woke up to a two week suspension, a 1000 dollar bill for repairs and a lot of cussing from my fellow students. I would have rather been naked in a Siberian boot camp than where I was.

So I guess the Bowtied Bandits didn't go down in history. At least I didn't, I mean, my house kept getting egged and TPD and when I got back to school I got duck taped to a bathroom urinal.

My friends were spared because Dr J thought I did it all. Pretty good for them.

And within a week the student body forgave me. But they didn't forget about it all- the newspaper ran a story on me and called it The Prom Night Nightmare. I wondered if they were talking about my date.

And so I'm trying to use this publicity to get into college. It's not really working though, U of I doesn't want students who throw eggs at people. I wrote the college board back and told them I'm creative. No response yet.

So maybe the Bowtied Bandits will unite once again. But we'll have to wait on that one, I'm still paying off the bill.

WILD ROOTS

Free T-Shirt
with \$50 purchase and this ad
(offer valid 4/24-26 only)

New & Used Bell Bottoms,
Concert Videos & CDs, Patches,
Stickers, Incense & Oils, Candles,
Tye Dyes, Hippie Clothes & Bags, etc.

Check it out!

111 W. State, Geneva 262-1130 11 am-7 pm every day

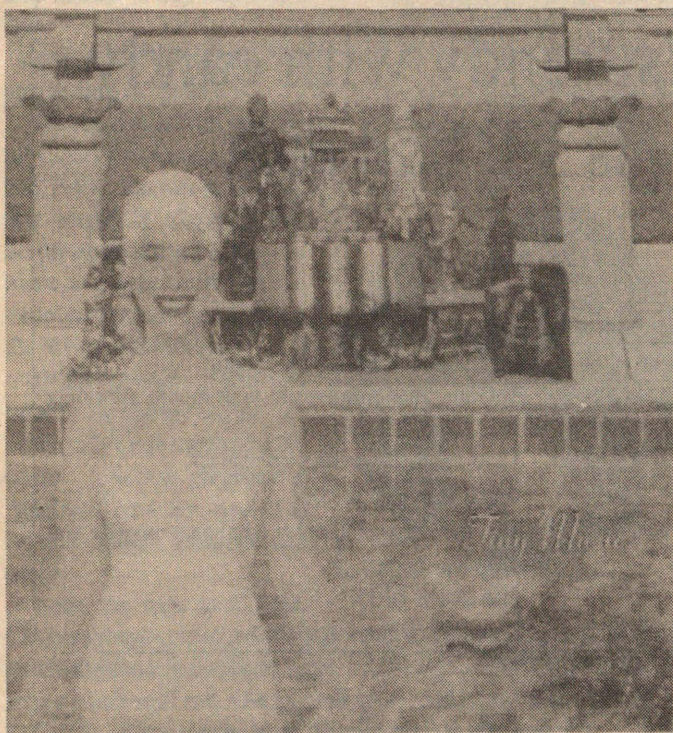


The Class of 1997 Presents

An Enchanted Evening

WCCHS Junior-Senior Prom
The Lisle Radisson
Friday, May 17, 1996
6:30-11:00 p.m.

Pilots Fly High with *Tiny Music*



By Steve Berezney

Somehow finding the time to record yet another album, their third in four years, Stone Temple Pilots have released their new effort en-

titled *Tiny Music... Songs From the Vatican Gift Shop*.

The 42 minute album was released March 26, a little behind schedule. It was supposed to come out sometime late in Feb-

ruary, but kept getting pushed back.

Tiny Music starts out with a one minute instrumental called "Press Play." Although not typical Pilots, it sets the tone for the rest of the album.

The first song containing words comes next and is called "Pop's Love Suicide." Although the chorus is a little on the weak side, it is made up for by the stronger lyrics and the good beat.

"Tumble in the Rough" comes next, sounding a little familiar. The song does have great drum and bass presence, but it sounds very much like parts of "Unglued," a song from their last album, *Purple*. The guitar beginning is very similar as well as parts of the lyrics, but overall it's just a song that rocks.

The songs with the most low budget video comes in next, "Big Bang Baby." This was the first song released and the first to have a video made. If anyone has seen this video, you know how corny it is looking like it belongs in the 70's. If you can get past its visuals, the song is one that kind of grows on you.

Skipping the next two songs, one of which sounds like a Beatles wannabe, we get to song number seven "Trippin

on a Hole in a Paper Heart." This has to be one of the best songs, if not the best, on the entire album. This song is aggressive with a catchy chorus and great guitar solo. This song will probably be released sometime soon and if it isn't, it could be one of their biggest mistakes because this is really a good song.

Going from one of the best songs, we go to one of the worst, "Art School Girl." This song is bordering on the pathetic with a four line lyric that contains the word "girlfriend" six times. Needless to say, it gets a little repetitive.

With four songs left, only one of them is worth discussing. "Ride the Cliche" also sounds a little familiar. It seems as if they recycled their chorus of "Trippin on a Hole in a Paper Heart" and put them in this song. These two songs are not at all similar except for those lines, but it's still a fairly good song.

At first, I was a little skeptical about this album not knowing if I really liked it or not, but in the end

I feel it to be no better or worse than the previous two. This is definitely not harder than their debut release *Core*. It has a more laid back, toned down style of music more in line with their second album.

One thing I was disappointed with was that there was no hidden song. On *Purple*, there was a hidden song at the end of the album. The song was so cheesy I was hoping for a follow up on *Tiny Music*, but it just wasn't there.

STP will be playing a free show at the end of the month in Chicago. It will be held at the Riviera on April 29 and tickets can be won through the radio station Q101. They will also be opening for comeback rockers KISS in Detroit on June 28.

Overall, I would have to give *Tiny Music* three stars. It's the kind of CD that you have to listen to a few times before it really gets to you. It would have been better if they didn't play the slower songs because that is not their strong point. There are still several good songs on here that make this a good buy.

GMC: Not your ordinary car, a band

By Jera Ransone

With three members, Eric Hegi, Matt Shinofield, and Tom Wilson, GMC has turned out to be one schnazy local band.

GMC has been together for a year now and they're very groovy.

GMC is the shortened version for their real name "Good Mule Caravan."

These guys are already hitting the gigs and drawing large crowds. The band definitely gives a certain type of charisma and this allows their audience to get sucked in.

With no further introduction, the band's first member is junior Matt Shinofield, who currently is attending West Chicago Community High School.

Shinofield is the band's drummer and the school's pep band drummer. He has only been playing for a year now and sounds like a natural.

But Shinofield isn't a band geek. No, no, he is normal like the rest of us, maybe because he likes the Bee Gee's, ABBA, and K.C. and the

Sunshine Band. Hey, but what normal person doesn't like that disco funk?

Even though he has school, work, and the band, he also has other aspirations. For instance, he juggles drama, Kitty Litter, and biting his finger nails. Fun, huh?

Well, in the end, he likes things "Hot and sweaty"—like the way shows and playing well should be.

Then there is Thomas "Shaggy" Wilson, the band's lead vocalist and lead guitarist from Wheaton North.

He says, "I love to play and listen to music anywhere: at church, at a show, in the base-

ment with your mom, anywhere! I snow board a lot most every weekend

and I love to hang out with my girlfriend, Meredith Baker. Most of my time is spent thinking and analyzing the world and watching PBS."

Wilson also has big plans for the future and has many dreams.

"I want to one day drive my 1973 Honda 350 motorcycle to California and then drive back. Then I want to buy the puke-green 1963 Lincoln Continental with suicide doors, which is for sale at the Unocal 76 gas station. I also want to live in a studio apartment and have sheets for walls and have shows regularly," he fantasizes.

Wilson is really down-to-Earth and has absolutely nothing to hide.

"My looks don't completely represent my mental stability," he says about himself, "I love to eat chunky chicken soup, Ritz crackers with Cheddar cheese, and Miracle Whip."

Last, but certainly not least, is Eric Hegi, a junior also attending Wheaton North.

Hegi plays the bass guitar for the band and is experiencing life to the fullest since he is only 16-years-old. With doing it all, his most enjoyable moments has been winning the WGN Extra Effort Award. This was how he knew he was on his way.

After living out an exotic fantasy, he got to meet the original *Dukes of Hazards*, which made that his most memorable moment. He also admits to rolling downhill to his some of his most embarrassing moments, like



Photo by Jera Ransone

Eric Hegi, Thomas Wilson, and Matt Shinofield at one of their jam sessions

being arrested on *Americas Most Wanted*.

Lastly, Hegi has this one ultimate dream — "I want to make music, then make a name for myself. I want to live on a beach in Argentina, watch the sun rise and set wearing only my Bikini briefs while sipping on a Diet Tab, all while belly dancers throw pickles at me."

Like Shinofield and Wilson, Hegi manages other things outside of the band. He sees himself as a very talented soccer player and hopes to further his career in the sport by going to college on a scholarship.

GMC has worked really hard to get where they are now and they stand tall. They put a lot of time and effort into their music and playing time, which makes them great entertainers to watch.

They have a cassette already containing six great songs, which can easily be bought at a show.

GMC has many upcoming gigs, including one at the Faith Baptist Church on April 20th. The band will be playing along with Jaded Cyniks and various other bands.

Maybe in the future, we will be able to see GMC play at our very own after-prom show. So be on the look out for flyers and stickers of the Good Mule Caravan shows and rock on!



What's Cooking?

A tasty new section with yummy tips, toppings, and treats

Fat Free

By Kristi Ault

The latest craze in food and diets is fat free foods, but this craze may be a lasting phase.

Do you remember when everything was watch your sodium, next came calories, and then it was cholesterol, now it's your fat intake. What next?

Well Americans have got the right idea, just it's been coming in parts over the last two and a half decades. The bottom line is to watch your intake of everything.

Too much fat is not good, but too little sodium is not good either. A balanced diet that allows you to

eat what you want when you want it.

Smart eating is eating healthy foods in appropriate quantities. A good snack isn't a pound of M&Ms and a carrot stick, a good snack is a balance of healthy and not-so-healthy foods.

We should all know that starving your self is wrong. Anorexics and bulimics are one horror of our society to remind us of our horrible eating habits.

Eat healthy and safe and know what you eat.

Here's what's trendy with candy Cool treats vs. bad eats

What's in

All candy that comes in packaging that in any way resembles a toy is a big hit. Kids love the cellular phone bubble gum, "Ouch" gum that comes in a band-aid box as well as beeper gum. Did you know battery-operated spin pops are on the market?

What tastes yummy?

Smashing flavors are black cherry, and banana is making a comeback.

What color is it?

Best color is red.

What's out

Anything sour.

Anything that fizzes.

Anything that stains your mouth.

Anything that dissolves in your mouth after only three minutes.

Anything that explodes on contact.

What tastes yuckie?

Blue Raspberry and gross combinations like watermelon-orange.

The color blue.

Is so five minutes ago.

Snickers bar really is satisfying

By Kristi Ault

\$15 billion a year can be spent in a lot of ways, we could really improve health care, put thousands of people through college, we could buy a small country, maybe.

However, last year Americans spent that \$15 billion on candy. Yes \$15 billion on anything from chocolate covered peanuts to chocolate covered ants.

A recent study conducted by the candy industry revealed that Americans eat an average of 20 pounds of candy every year.

It's no wonder so many kids have a tummy ache the day after Halloween they've probably just con-

sumed half their yearly candy intake, 10 pounds.

So maybe next year for Halloween try handing out Maalox, if you don't mind your house getting egged.

If you would like to keep up with what the kids want you might consider buying Snickers bars to avoid the snickering if you were to hand out anything else.

According to candy manufacturers last year's most popular candy bar was the Snickers bar by M&M/Mars, it was the best selling bar in the country probably because it's so satisfying.

A close second to Snickers was Hershey's best seller, Reese's Peanut Butter Cups.

What about those fun multicolored candies especially colored for every occasion from Autumn to Valentine's Day? The ones that melt in your mouth and not in your hand...

Don't worry. Peanut M & Ms were the third best selling candy in the country.

Do you remember what candy made its debut co-starring in Steven Spielberg's E.T.? Hershey's Reese's Pieces everybody remembers when Eliot lured

E.T. into his room with the fun peanut butter candies.

Spielberg originally wanted to use M & Ms for the part, but M&M/Mars turned down the offer and Reese's Pieces got the part and made motion picture history.

Plain M & Ms are also a big seller ranking fifth in the nation following the fourth ranked Kit Kat Bar.

All these candies are wonderfully delicious, but what's the damage in fat and calories?

Snickers has 280 calories and 13 grams of fat per bar.

Reese's Peanut Butter Cups have

230 calories and 15 grams of fat per package.

Peanut M & Ms have 250 calories and 13 grams of fat per bag.

Plain M & Ms have 230 calories and 10 grams of fat per bag.

Reese's Pieces have 130 calories and 5 grams of fat per 30 pieces.

Although these candies can rack up the calories and grams of fat, manufacturers are getting health smart.

3 Musketeers has only 9 grams of fat in a regular candy bar, and only half that in their new light bar. I predict all manufacturers in the future will go to healthier candy.

Hot spots for a hot cup

By Dan Horyn

Say you're sitting around one Saturday night watching World Championship Wrestling or the Home Shopping Channel. It's getting close to 9:00 and you're not sure if you can bear another fantastic bargain. So what to do? Call up a couple friends and make a coffee house run.

Coffee houses can be very relaxing and entertaining. Plus your pocket doesn't take a beating. You can go into a shop with a ten and leave an hour later with seven crisp ones and a smile on your face. About the only thing that is a better value it than that would be free Bulls tickets, and the likelihood of that happening to you is about the same as Jack Haley in the starting lineup.

Okay, so you've called your buds up and you're ready to go. But which coffee house, and where? Last month The Chronicle suggested Be'an Wilde, Cafe Triste and Green Mountain. This month, why not consider Blue Sky Coffee

House in Glen Ellyn or Starbucks in St. Charles. Both are a stone's throw (10-15 minute drive, 2 hour run) away from West Chicago and both offer the consumer impressive side delights.

Blue Sky Coffee House is located in downtown Glen Ellyn on 526 Hillside. Just drive south on Main Street, across the tracks and up two blocks. Take a left on Hillside and Blue Sky is just a couple doors down.

You'll probably notice Blue Sky in a minute because of the sound of live music. On Friday and Saturday night, Blue sky usually has a guitar player/singer doing his thing on the stage that takes up a third of the room.

So the place is a little cramped. But it offers a nice variety of coffee. You can't go wrong with the regular cappuccino, served in a very normal mug. The cafe mocha is tasty and especially chocolatey and the orange

cappuccino is strange but appealing.

You can get hot chocolate if your body doesn't like caffeine and from which are also some tasty pastries to choose. There are coffee condiments set aside for the sweet toothed person who needs an extra kick in his or her coffee: honey, sugar and vanilla powder help give your coffee a special twist.

You really can't go wrong with Blue Sky. The cramped feeling is its only set back, but the variety, good taste and live music more than makes it up.

Starbucks in St. Charles is located on North Avenue in downtown St. Charles, connected to the Arcada theater, very close to the Fox River.

Starbucks offers its patrons a wide variety of coffees and blends all at reasonable prices. A tall cappuccino is about two dollars and it's the best I've ever tried. There are many different blends to choose from: the daily blend, the

house blend and the regular blend. The blends are usually the cheapest and the strongest, and with a little chemistry at the condiment table, you can make it the perfect blend.

Starbucks in St. Charles also sells the very popular frappuccino, a frozen cappuccino, and in the early summer. Look out for flavored iced tea freezes, look for pastries, too.

You can buy beans from South America or Africa at Starbucks and grind 'em at home. All you need is a coffee grinder, and guess what, Starbucks has 'em.

Starbucks is an easy place to get comfortable because there are plenty of tables with odd looking black padded chairs in a semi-reclined position. You can opt for a window seat as well and catch passer-bys glancing in.

Starbucks sells colorful ceramic mugs, cappuccino makers and coffee bean holders. And don't forget you can catch a flick at the

Arcada before dropping in at Starbucks.

Starbucks rarely offers music; occasionally you can catch some classical works over the stereo. But even without the music, a content and comfortable feeling is always prevalent within the store.

So don't sell yourself short. Get out and hit these houses, why lock yourself up at home when you can enjoy the "finer qualities of life" for less than five bucks? And just a stone's throw away....

What did you think?

If you have any ideas, comments, tasty tips or recipes you would like to share, let us know about them. If you liked or didn't like this page, write a letter to the editor.

Honor thy mother Earth

By Hannah Kenny

Earth Day isn't Super Bowl Sunday, an event that the media hypes so much every year, but it's an occasion that many people enjoy, like Mother's Day and Father's Day.

April 22, 1996 was the 26 year anniversary of Earth Day.

It all began with Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson in September, 1969. He was one of the few people in Congress that deeply cared about the environment, and was upset that the issue hadn't even been raised in the '68 presidential race.

He had decided to take this issue to the college lecture circuit to rally more support for his cause. Nelson proposed a "teach-in," or a day devoted to lectures, rallies, petitions and peace.

Soon the idea took hold. Campus groups got excited. Nelson hired someone to organize the event with a small staff and a budget of \$125,000. They chose April 22, 1970.

The day was such a success that Earth Day became a nation wide event throughout the next decade.

Two years ago, in 1994, more than 625,000 people attended more than 400 events around the country, reports the Earth Day Network.

Earth Day has not been all fun and games. Controversial questions have been asked many times. Is it a picnic or a protest? Does Earth Day sell out to be a fad unwilling to make changes, or does it

invite people to do their own good deeds for the Earth? And what has Earth Day really done for the environment in the last 26 years?

For some, Earth Day has remained an event that would urge people forward. The dominant environmental groups today began as battles against real villains.



The Environmental Defense Fund got started in 1967 to ban DDT, an insecticide that can be harmful to vertebrates.

Greenpeace took to the seas to stop the slaughter of whales in 1971. And the thousands of community groups, loosely organized by the Citizens Clearing House of Hazardous Wastes to fight dangerous threats to their health. Unfortunately, too many people consider Earth Day a day to collect litter and listen to free concerts. Good things have happened since the beginning of Earth Day.

Americans have become serious recyclers, collecting 22% of

our trash, including 45 million tons of newspapers, wine bottles, pet food cans, junk mail, plastic milk jugs, ect. Much of this goes right back to what it was before, like newspapers or milk jugs, but inventors keep finding new uses for these also.

Back in 1988 only 600 communities had recycling programs. Now more than 6,600 do. We even have programs right here in school such as recycling for cans, paper, and milk cartons.

Important and sometimes dramatic steps have been taken to improve our environment. The dark side is that each step forward is counteracted by the rapidly growing population and overconsumption threatening to wipe out all the gains.

So, with all this said, what would life be like today without the last 26 years of earth consciousness? It's not easy to say, but we would certainly be living on a more polluted and uglier Earth. That's why everyone has to take the necessary means to keep it going. Recycle any products that can be recycled like milk cartons, newspapers, and aluminum cans.

Information taken from "Making Earth Day Count" from *E Magazine* by Will Nixon.

A good deed, a good grade

By Josette Kramer

Sitting in class and listening to a lecture about something that has nothing to do with the future upsets many students. We-Go high school offers an alternative route which lets students have real world experiences.

Principal Alan Jones coordinates the program of community service which is not referring to the guys or girls you see picking up garbage off the street. Students interested in enrolling have to complete 60 hours of volunteer work and keep a daily log. At the end of the 60 hours, a three page essay needs to be written.

One receives a half a credit for every 60 hours completed.

Where can students find a placement? Where ever talents can best be used. Examples are state and local projects, libraries, hospitals, retirement homes, government

agencies and community service organizations.

Where can one start? A student can start by setting up an appointment with Dr. Jones.

How did I find out about this? After my junior year, I placed all my classes in my senior year schedule to realize I was one and a half credits short for graduation requirements. This is when my counselor told me about this option.

When I heard about it, I couldn't believe it, there was hope. So I talked to Dr. Jones and got started. I now volunteer my work for the Terrace which is a retirement home. I've already completed 60 hours and have 120 left. It is a great opportunity, and it also allows me to graduate on time.

There have been twenty students who applied to this program and have completed it, Jones stated.

Fake Fat May Soon Be In Snack Foods

By Jenny Wagenaar

First came the sweetener that eliminated unnecessary calories, now get ready for Olean (also know as Olestra) the fat that isn't exactly fat.

Olean is the first fat replacer that can be used to replace fat in fried foods because it can hold up under high temperatures. It is made from things found in an ordinary kitchen; table sugar and vegetable oil. Olean looks like fat, cooks like fat, and gives foods the rich taste and mouth feel of fat, but it's completely free of fat.

An ordinary potato chip can have up to 10 grams of fat per serving (about 12 chips) and 150 calories. With Olean and ordinary potato chip contains 0 grams of fat per serving and only 70 calories (USDA Handbook No. 8, Procter & Gamble).

Yes, Olean has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and will soon appear in chips, crackers, tortilla chips, and cheese puffs. As of right now foods such as (including shortening and oil) ice cream, table spreads, salad dressings and cheese must be separately approved by the FDA. Snack foods are the only foods that have approval by the FDA to use Olean.

Every year Americans consume nearly 5.6 billion pounds of snacks, with the average American eating about 22 pounds (1995 Snack Food Association State-of-the-Industry Report). The Snack and Food Association also states that the average annual potato chip consumption is 6.6 pounds per person, which



equals about two ounces a week. This adds up to 15,840 calories and 1,056 grams of fat per year! Olean is a lifesaver for many Americans.

Procter & Gamble, the company who makes the snack food know as Pringles, will soon be replacing the ordinary fat in their potato chips with Olean.

The part that gets me though, is that Olean is fat free, but yet it is made primarily from fat. According to Procter & Gamble, Olean molecules are much larger than those of ordinary fats, and because of its size, the body's digestive enzymes can't break down Olean.

This is the reason neither fat nor calories are taken into your body.

These are the good things about Olean; It is completely fat free. It is also calorie free, the calories that you do consume are from things such as salt, sugar, etc. but not from fat.

Other studies have shown that Olean does have it's faults. For one thing it acts like a laxative, if you eat too much of something you may be in the bathroom all day long. The second fault, Olean is said to deprive your body of necessary nutrients. And the last fault, since people understand that Olean contains no fat, they may consume more snack products at one time than they normally would if it contained

fat because they have that mental image in their minds that their snack product contains zero fat; therefore they will be consuming more calories.

Like most new food substitutes that go onto the market, like nutra-sweet, to aid as a replacement for a healthier product, there are always pros and cons. We all have to be our own judge when it comes to feeding our body. Whether we take an experts advice is totally up to us, no one can tell us what to eat and what not to eat.

Put a thermometer in your heart

By Sarah Kennebrew

During the month of April our nation is celebrating Poetry Month. Chicago, is considered the city of rich poetic history. Therefore, Chicago is dedicated to making available different activities such as performances, lectures, and discussion groups.

"Poems are like putting a thermometer into your heart...They cause us to pay attention to what our own heart is saying. Too often there is not enough time for people to feel or listen to their heart; they're often distracted by visuals and sounds," said Sandra Cisneros.

Cisneros, a former Chicagoan, along with Carl Sandburg and Gwendolyn Brooks are participating in the Poetry Month campaign. These figures are involved in events like placing poems in buses and L trains. Distributing various poetry in transportation is utilized to gain support from its riders.

"That's where it belongs, with the public and not just confined to

classrooms and parlors," said a poet and executive director of the Guild Complex literary art centers, Michael Warr.

"So far we've had a very positive response from our riders. We've also gotten a lot of comments from people who want to submit poems. Right now we're still trying to decide how the poems will be chosen for the last half of the year," said CTA's spokesperson Annette Lee.

"Poetry thrives in the United States as it has never thrived before. Nobody believes it, but more people write poems, read them and listen to them," says Donald Hall while announcing the first annual National Poetry Month.

As this month progresses the city of Chicago will be receiving a great deal of recognition for its efforts and contributions in celebrating Poetry Month. Numerous citizens are anticipating this festivity, while appreciating the 'art' of poetry for years to come.

Boys tennis swings into action

By Tracy Morris

It's all starting to come together. For the West Chicago boys tennis team, six weeks of preparing, both mentally and physically, for the season is about to pay off.

"We've worked on the mental part, which is probably the hardest," said junior Josh Brown.

Senior Brett Stark added, "It makes up about 70 percent of the game."

With conference play, which began on April 16 against the fighting Falcons of Wheaton North, the Cats have set their sights high and the future looks bright.

Six of the ten team members are seniors, and early on they have shown the leadership and talent necessary for the Wildcats to be successful on the courts this spring.

Junior Matt Bowne, the team's first singles player, commented on the seniors' affect on the team.

"We're a good team, because [Mike] Leck has the height, [Brett] Stark's got the brains, Matt

Gonzales has the speed, [Dave] Splawski's got the good forehand, and [Tony] Co's got the determination."

The determination has apparently spilled over to the rest of the team, and the attitude is catching.

The guys have met as a team to write both individual and team goals. It's obvious that the Cats are focused on the team goals at an early point in the season.

Finishing in the top four in the DuPage Valley Conference race was one of the objectives deemed essential by the team.

Some of their hardest matches in conference should come from the

Naperville schools, North and Central, as well as Wheaton Warrenville and Wheaton North.

The singles for the team consist of two seniors, Gonzales and Leck, as well as one junior, Bowne, and one sophomore, Jason Neal.

Tim Martin and Brett Stark, Brown and Bill Dujmovic, as well as Co and Splawski, make up the doubles effort for We-go.

Another team goal was to have two or more qualifiers for the state competition.

Co seemed especially optimistic, feeling early on that everyone is looking promising.

"I think we're going to state. Doubles should definitely go."



Bret Stark practices for Cats

I wanna be like Mike

By Tracy Morris

There's a new face in the athletic trainer's office among the tape, gauze, and repulsive poster of an athlete with his teeth falling out.

He's former West Chicago graduate Tate Knutson and he's been sharing work space with Certified Athletic Trainer Mike Keating since the end of March and beginning of April.

The former West Chicago football player and wrestler now attends North Central College in Naperville, where he is a junior.

It was an internship for North Central that led him back to the high school he graduated from three years ago.

Knutson said, "I went here for my high school career, so I thought, 'Hey, why not. It might be fun.'"

For the last two and a half or three years, he's been an athletic trainer while attending North Central, where he is majoring in athletic training.

By the end of next year, he will have earned his degree in that major.

"He helps to promote the athletic training field at our school, since he's one of our own," commented Keating.

Aside from training here at West Chicago, Knutson visits the Health South Sports Rehabilitation with Keating to observe his work.

"He's excellent for our school. He's someone who is more educated than just a high school student trainer," said Keating.

Dare to be different

By Sarah Kennebrew and Candy Estrada

In addition to all the sports this school has to offer, there is a wide variety that students do not tend to acknowledge. These sports may seem a bit unusual, but they are played by unique people with different interests.

Some of these sports that are not played at the high school require more space, distinct equipment, and more funding than activities played here. These are things that our high school cannot provide, but does this stop most students from taking them up? Usually not.

"I have been playing pool for about two years. So because this school doesn't offer any pool tables I either go to Gala Lanes or a friend's house to play. I feel that sometimes it's an inconvenience," said senior Gloria Estrada.

Another reason these sports are not played is because many sports

are played outdoors and the weather doesn't always cooperate. There are about five months out of the school year that are cold and snowy. During this time many people like snow boarding, ice skating, and skiing.

Other people are anticipating the sports played during the hot summer weather, like volleyball, kickball, fishing, skate boarding, and Double Dutch.

"Ever since I was in grade school I've played Double Dutch. I play almost everyday in the summer. I always find space, even if it is on the sidewalk or in the streets. It's more desirable with a big crowd of girls. It's not only fun, it's competition between who jumps the longest or even the fastest," expressed junior Crishon Harvard.

Many of the sports that We-go students play out of school are

reminders of their childhood. For instance, when was the last time you played Chinese jump rope or Skip-it? Other games that are tokens of youth include things such as red rover, tag, Simon says, Marco Polo, and Pogo ball.

There are also activities that the student population participates in outside of school. Many students take classes at nearby schools or institutions. These include hockey, aerobics, lacrosse, bowling, boxing, karate, and dancing.

"My friends and I always get together either at someone's house or at parties and listen to mixes. We dance and just act crazy, and we never seem to get tired," stated freshman Latoya Richards. Dancing involves many different styles and many different people.

Many people participate in karate because certain personal in-

terests. "Practicing karate gives me a sense of pride and dignity. I also have more self confidence which makes me feel that I can accomplish anything. I would like to obtain those kind of feelings during any sport, but I notice them a lot more through karate," commented sophomore Amber Gove.

Most of these sports are played for fun and not considered 'real' sports by most students. Sports are usually characterized as team sports, where as some sports can be played by individuals. Many students consider school sports more physical and competitive than these unusual sports.

Out of all the different sports imaginable, only one assumption can be made: kids are very creative.

Skate or die

By Kelley Betts

It seems that many sports seem left unmentioned. Well here's a sport that has gone unnoticed for too long. Skateboarding is an activity that is practiced by thousands of teens across the country.

There is a lot to skate boarding such as doing dangerous jumps and other stunts. Some of these jumps include ollies, which is the basic jump, and kick flips. A kick flip is when a person jumps in the air and the skateboard is left underneath them.

Skate boarding is also done with obstacles such as ramps and hills. Most of these obstacles are home made.

"We usually go behind the General Mills factory because there is a lot of ramps and other obstacles there," says freshman Jake Knaak.

Knaak has been skating for about a year and a half and taught himself like most other skate boarders such as sophomore, Nate Bisbee.

There are also competitions held for skate boarders at The Scrap which is located in Hoffman Estates. Here many skate boarders get a chance to use their tricks to compete against others.

It's Almost Summer...

Are you ready to play?



Student Summer Membership

If you're a student age 16 - 24, you can stay in shape and save \$\$\$ all summer at SportsMed!

1 Month	\$69
2 Months	\$119
3 Months	\$169

Summer membership entitles you to full use of the club, excluding tanning and massage.

Call 668-8400 for more information, or just stop by with your friends!

Offer expires August 31, 1996.

Get fit....Get SportsMed

327 Gunderson Drive
Carol Stream, IL 60188

Veteran pitchers return to help struggling baseball staff

By Steve Berezney

With a month of the baseball season already over, the Wildcat boys team are not producing the kind of numbers they expected to at the season's start having an overall record of 3-8.

Just last Tuesday, the Cats went up against the school known for being excellent at every sport, Naperville Central. Junior Bart Gallagher got the start on the mound pitching four innings. Senior Russ Whitaker came in relief as well as junior Josh Harris, but nothing would do as the Naperville bats crushed our pitching scoring eight runs and recording a shutout.

The Cats did fare better the Saturday before on April 15 as they split their doubleheader against Fenton. We-Go dominated the first game with Harris pitching a 5-2 victory. Game two was much worse for the Cats as they were no-hit for the first time losing the game 3-9. Even though the Cats scored three runs, none of them were scored on base hits, only on walks and errors.

In a game that looked to be much more promising than those last two, we faced the doormat of the DuPage Valley Conference, Glenbard South. Junior Andy

Gehrett started on the hill pitching a total of four innings with three strikeouts and two walks.

The Cats jumped out to an early lead of 5-1. Senior Ryan Saul and junior Jim Richardson hit back to back home runs hit by anyone on the Cats this season. Saul would later add his second home run of the day.

Going into the fourthinning with a solid lead, the Cats blew that lead. To try to slow down the Glenbard attack, Russ Whitaker was brought in, but they were just too good that day belting a grand slam and winning the game 14-5.

Pitching has been a problem for the Cats the entire season. They have a solid staff with depth, but they are not pitching to their potential.

"Our pitching is not as good as we'd like. With our only two seniors Brian Bowen and Steve Porubcansky out with injuries, that leaves us with a relatively young and inexperienced staff," head coach Tim Courtney said.

Bowen make his return the Saturday before last. He is believed to have the potential to be their best pitcher. Bowen had been out the entire season with the broken foot he suffered at the end of the

basketball season. Porubcansky, who had been out with an illness make his return at the end of last week.

The Cats began conference play on April 9 with a home game against neighbor Glenbard North. Gallagher once again got the start on the mound as he pitched a solid six innings finished with six strikeouts while only walking three batters.

The game was a close one throughout as this became an offensive battle. The Cats got RBI singles from junior Chad Perry and senior Eric Hall. Saul added a RBI double while Richardson extended his seven game hitting streak with his single.

With as well as the Cats were hitting, it was still not enough as they lost the game 6-4. We-Go's first win of the season came in a doubleheader the second series into the season as they faced Waubonsie Valley at home. Junior Jason Murphy got the start as he finished his performance striking out three while walking seven.

Richardson went two for three with a RBI while senior Phil Barone contributed with two RBI's. Saul finished the day go-

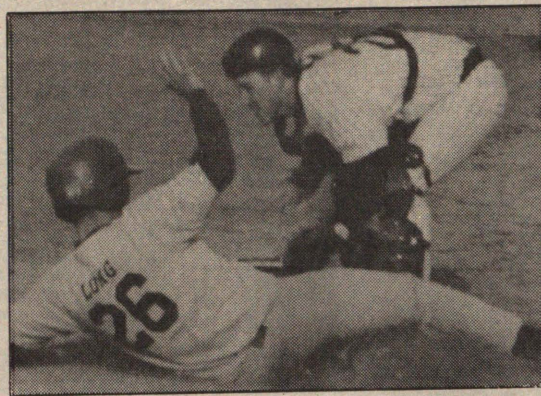
ing two for two at the plate for a Wildcat 5-4 victory.

For some reason, it seemed as if the Cats used all their energy for

assistant coach Miguel Arroyo stated.

The play of both Saul and Richardson has been impressive

the entire year. Saul leads the team in batting average with a total of .519. Richardson is also knocking the



Senior catcher Ryan Saul awaits the opponent at home plate

game one as they got trounced in game two 11-1 in a six inning slaughter rule. We-Go used a total of four pitchers to try to stop the Waubonsie arsenal but nothing could stand between them and victory.

With as poor as their record is, there are still many positive things coming out of this team. "Ryan Saul is playing well, as well as Jim Richardson. Chad Perry is also playing well. He is doing the little things to help this ball team,"

ball around quite nicely coming in with a batting average of .379. Hall is having a good year on the base paths with his team leading seven stolen bases. Perry and Richardson are a close second coming in with six stolen bases a piece.

Although the beginning of the season has not turned out as well as they would've hoped, the Wildcats are finally healthy with the return of their two veteran pitchers and are poised to make a strong comeback.

Inexperience, small turn-out slow the Ladycats down

By Dan Horyn

The Ladycat track team's greatest foe this year has been youth and small numbers, and it showed at April 13th's Geneva Invitational.

The girls took fifth out of nine teams with 52 points, heavily relying upon a few individuals and two strong relay teams. Batavia won the meet, scoring 121 points. Senior Jill Branner led the way, placing first in the 800 (2:25.9) and 1600 meter (5:28) runs.

Lyndsy Paver placed third in the 100 meter high hurdles. Hurdles and distance coach Kelly Colossa said, "Lyndsy had a breakthrough at the Geneva meet." Colossa said that Paver may have a chance at hurdling down state if she continues to lower her personal best time.

Junior Candace Benja captured fourth place in the 3200 meter (12:47) run and Lexi Nussbaum took sixth in the 200 meter (:28.3) dash.



Senior Jill Branner focuses on the finish

Senior Marisol brought home two sixth places. She triple jumped 30' 11" and high jumped 4' 10". Head coach Wilbur Walters thinks she has a shot at clearing the 5-3 state cut because Garcia has already jumped 5-2.

The Cats were hard pressed for points after Branner, Garcia and Paver. The 800 meter relay team took third and the 800 medley relay team, anchored by sophomore Lindsey Leckner finished fourth.

The core of Coach Walters' sprint relay teams is young, and he says that hurts because they "don't have any senior leadership for sprinters."

Because of their inexperience, Walters will run his underclassmen down at the conference meet where he'll be looking for a top three finish. He has high hopes for Leckner: "She's a surprise in the 400 [meter run]. She broke the indoor JV record." Also look for Nussbaum to win some sprinting events.

The varsity team would like to place in the top six at the DVC meet, but they'll need stellar performances from Branner, Garcia and Paver.

The Cats did not compete last weekend, but did run against Glenbard East on April 16. Branner provided the highlight of the meet when she ran an 11:23 in the 3200 meter run, smashing the girl's varsity record by seventeen seconds. The time was eighteen seconds under the state qualifying mark. The remarkable thing about Branner's performance was that she was the only girl competing in the race.

The team has barely thirty girls, compared to an average of about sixty at other DVC schools, giving Walters headaches when he tries to fill all the events.

Look for the Ladycats today, as they take on Wheaton North and Naperville Central at home, starting at 4:30 p.m.

The Boys on the Track

By Josette Kramer

Who are the guys on the track everyday at 3:45? Could it be? It is, the boys track team.

On Saturday April 13, the boys team went to the Geneva Invitational and brought home great results, placing third.

In the 4 x 800 relay, seniors Adam Owens and Luke Netzel, junior Dan Horyn and sophomore Kevin Openshaw placed first. In the 4 x 100 relay, West Chicago placed second. Jake Meyers placed third in the long jump. At the 110 meter high hurdles, Bryan Lasky brought in second place.

Junior John Stogis placed fourth in the 100 meter dash.

Horyn set a new meet record in the 800 meter run and took first place. In the 400 meter dash, sophomore Joe Kaczmarek placed fourth. West Chicago placed second in the 1600 meter relay.



Senior Bryan Lasky hurdles his way to victory

Hard work paying off for Wildcat spikers

By Kristi Ault

We-go's volleyball team is serving up a great season so far this year, winning their first match at St. Josephs and also their home opener against Fenton.

This year's team has made tremendous improvements since last season. Two thirds of the starting team played club volleyball throughout the winter and fall, and the extra work shows. So far this season their record is 5-7.

Coach Kristi Hasty agreed the team is "much further along. Our improvement this season shows that the guys really did work very hard in the off-season."

Friday, April 19, We-go hosted Wheaton Warrenville South for

the first time this year. Before the match, senior middle Kent Mohr anticipated that "if we get into it early and play our game up to our level, we'll win."

Unfortunately for the Wildcats, this didn't happen. We-go lost the match to W.W.S. in two games.

However, the DVC is a tough conference for boys volleyball; half of the teams are ranked highly in state.

Ranked first in the state are the Naperville North Huskies led by Keith Barnett who set the Junior National team this summer.

The DVC is packed with good players. We-go's setter Ed Gomez, has good hands and

holds a lot of potential for the team because he's only a junior. Seniors Kent Mohr and Ryan Drake put up a big block in the middle accompanied by junior Rich Standish and senior Dustin Schultze on the outside. Add senior opposite Brad Richards and you have the starting Varsity team that is working it's way through the DVC.

"The DVC is indeed a tough conference, but this year is really fun, we're competing," Hasty explained.

We-go faces Naperville North at home next Tuesday, April 30, for a conference rematch. It should be a good battle between the Wildcats and Huskies.

Who will win, the Cats or the dogs? Find out for yourself. Varsity starts at 6:30 in the Bishop Gym.

Ladycat soccer goin' for the goal

By Hannah Kenny

Over halfway through the season, with six games left on the regular season schedule, the Ladycat soccer team is relying on their good attitudes to change their luck.

The team took on Illinois Math and Science Academy (IMSA) on April 17, stealing the win by a score of 3-0.

Sophomore Dora Guevara made the first goal in the first half, with another one being scored by center mid-fielder, Trisha Tinnes near the end of the half.

Center mid-fielder Lisa Coleman thinks one of the reasons they won is because "we try real hard and we surprise some of the teams because we're better than they think we are."

Junior defender Isela Caranza noted that an improvement has been seen lately.

"Our soccer team has improved dramatically, and our coach, Julio Del Real, played a big part in it," Caranza said. Johanna Garcia commented that not only has the team as a whole made progress, but the defense has also immensely improved.

Freshman Katie Oen, a defensive starter, said, "the team has finally come together."

"We have good team work even though we had losses from last year," said senior mid fielder Marisol Cortez. Cortez even went so far as to look into the future of the Ladycat soccer program.

"We will pick up good skilled players as the years go by," she said.

The feeling that improvements have been made, but can still be added to was echoed by

senior forward Michelle Rapinchuk.

"Things are getting together, but we still have a long way to go," said Rapinchuk, "We've got to remember to give it our all when we play and practice."

The Cats have to remain focused in order to win the remaining six games before the post season begins with sectionals on May 21.

"We have to be mentally prepared," commented Tinnes. The Ladycats host the Naperville Central Redhawks this Thursday, April 25 at 6:30 and round out the DVC schedule in the next few weeks with contests against Glenbard South and Glenbard North, as well as Senior Parent Night versus Wheaton Warrenville South on May 16.

Spring Sports Schedule

Badminton		
vs	DVC Tournament	April 25 - 27
	Sectionals	May 4
	State Finals	May 10 & 11
Baseball		
at	Naperville North	April 23
vs	Wheaton North	April 25
at	Glenbard North (DH)	April 27
at	Glenbard South	April 29
v	Glenbard South	April 30
v	Naperville Central	May 2
a	Naperville Central	May 3
a	Wheaton Warr. South	May 7
vs	Wheaton Warr. South	May 9
vs	Glenbard East (DH)	May 11
at	Naperville North	May 13
vs	Naperville North	May 14
vs	Wheaton North	May 16
at	Wheaton North Regionals	May 17
		May 21 & 22
Girls Soccer		
vs	Naperville Central	April 25
at	Glenbard South	May 2
at	Fenton	May 4
at	Glenbard North	May 9
vs	West Aurora	May 14
vs	Wheaton Warr. South Sectional	May 16
		May 21 & 22
Softball		
vs	Glenbard South	April 24
at	Wheaton Warr. South	April 26
vs	Glenbard West (DH)	April 27
vs	Wheaton North	April 29
vs	Naperville Central	May 1
vs	Naperville North	May 3
at	West Aurora (DH)	May 4
at	Glenbard East	May 6
vs	Glenbard North	May 8
at	Glenbard South	May 10
vs	Sycamore	May 11
vs	Wheaton Warr. South	May 13
at	Wheaton North Regionals	May 15
		May 20 - 22
Boys Tennis		
at	Naperville Central	April 23
vs	Glenbard East	April 25
vs	Varsity Quad	April 27
at	Naperville North	April 30
at	Wheaton Warr. South	May 2
vs	Glenbard South	May 7
at	Glenbard South Tournament Sectionals	May 10 & 11
		May 17 & 18
Boys Track		
at	Wheaton North w/ Nap. Cent.	April 23
at	Crystal Lake Central	April 26
at	Glenbard South w/ Glen. N.	April 30
at	Lake Park (West Campus)	May 3
at	Lisle (Carlin Nalley Invite)	May 4
at	Naperville North (DVC Invite) Sectionals	May 10 & 11
		May 17 & 18
Girls Track		
vs	Wheaton North; Nap. Central	April 23
at	Wheaton Warr. South	April 26
at	Naperville Central (DVC Invite) Sectionals	May 3
		May 10 & 11
		May 17 & 18

Hey WE-GO...

COME JOIN US!

What: Beach Volleyball Tournament

When: Saturday, May 4, 1996 1-4 p.m.

Where: Bowling Green Sports Center
3-6 players / team

Cost: \$20 / team

Teams sign up in room 201 by Friday, April 26, 1996

Spring Sports Records

(sports that were not covered in this issue)

Badminton: 7-4 overall

Softball: 10-4 overall
2-0 DVC (3 way tie for first)