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The prices they are a changin'

By Kelley Betts

Prices of selected items in the a la carte lunch lines were lowered last week.

According to Food Service Director Jill Flynn, the initial reason for the price decrease is simply in hopes of more customers.

Flynn is from the food service company Eurest Dining Service, which is an international service.

In accordance with the new lowered prices, the food service company has also supplied We-go with a boom box that was raffled off on Monday, January 13. This is another offer that the service provided in order to attract more customers. Anyone who spent over \$1.45 in the lunch line, received a slip of paper which counted for a ticket in the raffle.

The new lowered prices effected juice and both hot and cold sandwiches. Juice was lowered from \$.80 to \$.50. Hot sandwiches were lowered to \$1.45 from \$1.50, and cold sandwiches to \$1.35 from \$1.45.

Earlier in the year, the prices of the food made a jump from the previous school year. Milk was increased to \$.30 from \$.25, while pizza changed from \$1.35 to \$1.50. The price of pizza has currently been reduced to \$1.45.

Prices increase due to the cost of ingredients used to make the food and the cost of labor used to process the food.

As of now, a further decline in prices is not anticipated, according to Flynn.

Put your emotions in motion

By Kelley Betts

A group of 18 students is preparing to put We-go's "emotions in motion" this Friday and Saturday in Weyrauch auditorium in the annual dance production show.

The show put on by the dance production class will feature 15 student-choreographed acts which include a wide variety of music such as jazz, ballet, cultural, a tap solo, and modern.

"There are some really good numbers this year," said Helen Zmurhal, dance production teacher. Zmurhal has been teaching this class for 18 years.

The girls in this class have been practicing all first semester during their respective class hours and

have had some after-school sessions.

"My favorite dance is the senior dance. We had a lot of fun putting it together," commented senior Angie Barrows.

The class will also be attending the Illinois High School Dance Festival this spring where they will attend seminars on dancing.

Occasionally the professional dance company will ask high schools to do a performance at this festival which We-go has done in the past.

The 1984-85 We-go dance production class performed at Glenbrook North High School hosted this festival. The May 5,

1985 performance saw We-go dance to the song "Body Language" by The Kids from the movie *Fame*. Three guys, who were in the dance production class, also performed in this show.

This year's dance production class is going to perform two numbers at the Young Artist Showcase at Columbia College. This performance is to take place in April and is open to the public.

The dancers will also be performing in the F.B.L.A. talent show Wednesday, January 29. In the past, dancers have been asked to perform at the Mr. Wildcat competition.

Dance production is a semester

class offered in place of a p.e. class. Students interested must take the course for the following year. Auditions require students to learn a required dance and come up with a one minute self-choreographed number. Students can repeat the class in both junior and senior years.

The class itself has been available for over 25 years.

The dance production performance will be on Friday, January 17, and Saturday, January 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

"We worked really hard and hopefully it will pay off," said senior Jenny Ogorek.

A variety of acts

By Tracy Morris

The annual FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) Variety Show will be held on Wednesday, January 29, at 7:00 p.m. in Weyrauch Auditorium.

The show will feature mostly singing acts and should last a little over an hour.

Tryouts were held January 8 and 9, and a few acts had to be cut.

"We didn't have to cut that many," said FBLA advisor Lisa Becker, "but due to a generous number of acts and wanting to keep the show around an hour, we had to cut some."

Due to FBLA State competition, each year the show gets pushed up to an earlier date. This year it's held in January as opposed to February or March like in the past.

One thing that has remained the same, though, is the number of acts in the show. Fifteen or 16 acts has been the approximate number for the last two years.

The West Chicago chapter of FBLA hopes to make about \$700 from the show, considerably less than the \$1000 or so expected from last year.

Missing from the show this year is the celebrity auction, which brought in a substantial profit last year.

According to Becker, the celeb-

erity auction is only done every other year so the idea doesn't get old and the interest level in the merchandise stays up.

"There's a lot to get ready for with all the mailings to celebrities, and they tend not to respond every year," said Becker.

Not only will FBLA continue its tradition of donating to the March of Dimes as a state project, but part of the earnings will go to a flood relief fund for We-go teacher Don Zabelin.

Zabelin's home was flooded over the summer, and since he started Community High School FBLA, the chapter decided to donate to his aid.

The FBLA members who will be the emcees of the show and include seniors Matt Bowne and Terry Yormark, juniors Janine Morris and Liz Edwards, along with sophomores Craig Martus and Jon Fraser.

No awards will be given out for performances, but Becker agreed that awards such as "most original" would be a possibility.

"That would be something fun we could think about doing in the future," said Becker.

Tickets to the show are \$2 for students with a valid i.d. and \$3 for adults and all others.

Have a laugh Make a difference Save a life

Press Release

Three-month-old Aliana Micheli, cousin of West Chicago Community High School students Hannah and Patrick Kenny, suffers from a rare disease called hemochromatosis, or "iron storage disease."

This disease produces an excess of iron in her blood which her liver is not able to process normally.

She spends most of her time at Wyler's Children's Hospital at the University of Chicago Medical Center.

As one of only 50 diagnosed cases in the world, Aliana is in immediate need of a liver transplant.

The family is waiting to find a match that will save Aliana's life.

The expenses incurred for Aliana's care are astronomical. How can you help? How about an evening of entertainment for you

(students and teachers!), your

friends, your parents...anyone who enjoys a good time!

Chicago's famous improv/sketch comedy club, The Second City, is hosting a benefit for Aliana on Wednesday, February 26, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at The Second City, 1616 North Wells in Chicago.

Food, entertainment by Second City performers, raffle prizes, and good company are yours for a minimum donation of \$25.

So get your homework done early, and spend a fun night out in the city with your family and friends.

Most importantly, you'll be helping to save a little girl's life. To buy benefit tickets, or to find out more ways you can help, please contact Ms. Mocarski via her mailbox in the main office.

You really can make a difference.

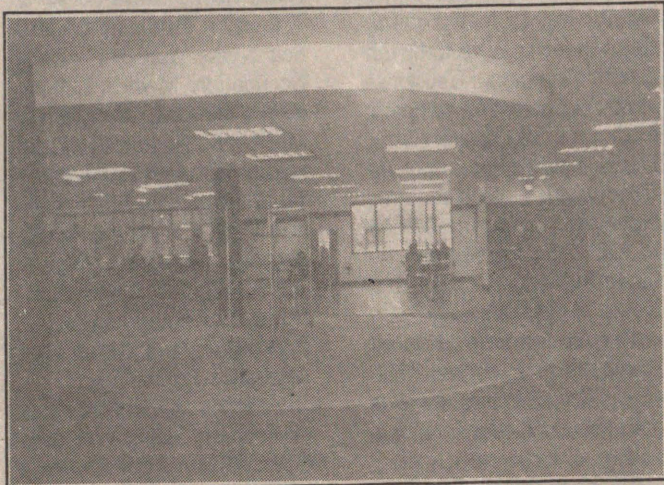


Photo by Tracy Morris

What's wrong with this picture? Our beloved commons pit is gone!

SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE

- January 20---No school MLK Holiday
- January 21---Exams 0&1 Regular dismissal
- January 22---Exams 2,3,4/5/6 12:45 dismissal
- January 23---Exams 6/7/8,9,10 12:45 dismissal
- January 24---No school Institute Day

Club Beats

Forensics Team

The We-go Forensics team competed in a speech tournament at Glenbard West on Saturday, January 11.

The Tiger Topper Tournament, which was hosted by the Wheaton Warrenville South Tigers and the Glenbard West Hill Toppers, involved over 900 students from area schools.

West Chicago produced three seventh

place finishers: Junior Liz Edwards in Dramatic Interpretation, senior Matt Bowne for Humorous Interpretation, and senior Annalea Jimmo in Radio Speaking.

The entire school will have a chance to see the team at work at the Speech Showcase here at Community High on Thursday, January 30, at 7:00 p.m.

German Club

Keep your ears open for announcements of weekly meetings. Monthly German Club activities are announced in German classes.

The next meeting will be held on January 27, when the club members will be going bowling.

For more information, see the following club officers:

President—senior Emily Conradt

Vice President—junior Heidi Fuoss

Treasurer—senior Jocelyn Kovalik

Secretary—senior Kristina Leuze

Davea earns Lincoln Award

Press Release

The Davea Career Center in Addison was among eight Illinois schools and school districts presented with a Lincoln Award for Commitment to Excellence by the Lincoln Foundation for Business Excellence (LFBE).

The Award recipients were selected from across Illinois by a panel of judges who are leading experts in organizational excellence.

Governor Jim Edgar made the Awards presentation at a ceremony held Thursday, December 12 at the First Chicago Center.

Accepting the award on behalf of the Davea Career Center were two of its instructors, Jack Scurte, Computer Information Systems, and Marla Smith, Child Care. Also attending the ceremony were Bruce E. Andersen, Director of the DuPage Area Occupational Education System (DAOES); Dr. Wayne Johnson, DAOES Assistant Direc-

tor; and Davea Principal Edward A. Susmilch.

The Lincoln Awards for Excellence criteria are patterned after the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, adapted to the needs of Illinois.

The LFBE is a privately-funded non-profit organization, established to help Illinois organizations better compete in today's global economy. Recently, the Illinois State Board of Education announced the use of the LFBE's criteria and Award process as acceptable to fulfill the requirements of the new learning focused "accountability and quality assurance system."

For over 22 years, the Davea Career Center has offered DuPage area junior and senior high school students career-specific technical, employability and academic skills through its 21 cutting edge career programs.

Through a unique partner-

ship between the Davea Career Center and its participating high school districts, students may choose to enroll in a Davea program as an elective part of their high school curriculum.

Davea program advantages include hands-on, goal-oriented learning; high school credit; off-campus internships; and a head start on further education through articulated college credit agreements with area colleges and technical schools.

The Davea Career Center is honored to be recognized by the Lincoln Foundation for Business Excellence and has no plans to rest from its efforts to apply continuous improvement principles.

The community is invited to see Davea excellence in action at its upcoming Discover Davea Open House on February 3, 1997 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

For a personally conducted tour of the school, call (630) 620-8770 during school hours.

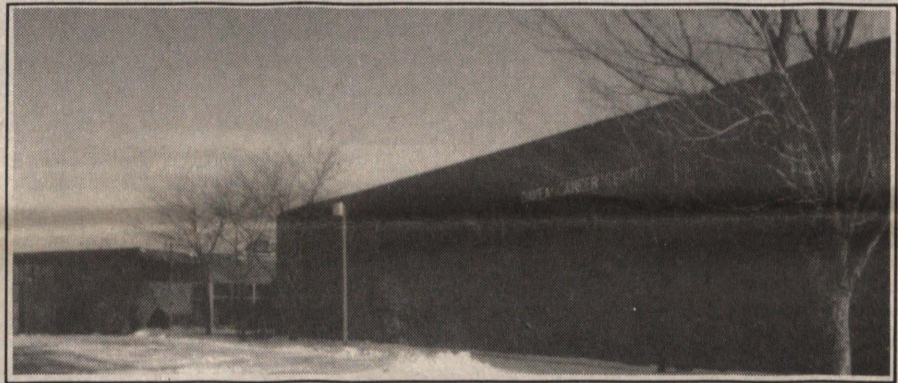


Photo by Wendell Morris

Davea to hold open house

Press Release

The Davea Career Center, 301 S. Swift Rd., Addison, invites interested high school students, parents, and the public to its 1997 Discover Davea Open House on Monday, February 3, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. The Davea Career Center is the largest high school career study facility in the state of Illinois, open to juniors, seniors, and adult students.

Those attending the open house will get firsthand information about Davea's education-to-career programs, which have achieved outstanding results in preparing DuPage area students for college, a career or both. Offered half-days, Monday through Friday, Davea's 21 programs are among the fastest-growing fields in the U.S., from health care to computers. Chosen as an elective part of the student's high school curriculum, Davea's programs do not interfere with classes required for college. In fact, in addition to high school credit and resume-building experience, Davea students can also earn college credit toward advanced studies in their chosen field. Over 60% of Davea students continue their education at a college or technical school.

Among the innovative training facilities at Davea are a

restaurant, deli, child care/preschool laboratory, beauty salon, auto repair shop, television studio, and an on-campus construction site, where students build a three-bedroom, two-bath home. These facilities can be toured during the open house. In addition, Davea faculty and students will present activities designed to showcase their particular career study program.

Among Davea's current programs are Pre-Architectural & Pre-Engineering CAD; Construction Trades; Machine Tool; Computer Information Systems; Data Entry; Office Systems Technology; Travel & Tour Services; Graphic Arts Production; Multimedia & Television Production; Certified Nurse Assistant; Health Occupation; Medical Laboratory Assistant; Auto Body Mechanics; Automotive Technology; Aviation Maintenance Technology; Child Care; Cosmetology; Culinary & Pastry Arts; Electronics & Computer Technology; Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration; and Residential Appliance Technology.

For more information about the February 3 Discover Davea Open House, call Davea's Main Office at (630) 620-8770 during school hours.

SENIOR T-SHIRTS

THE FIRST ORDER OF SENIOR T-SHIRTS IS NOW IN!
YOU SHOULD SEE THE SHIRTS IN SENIOR HALL ON HALFWAY DAY, TOMORROW, FRIDAY, JANUARY 17.

IF YOU HAVEN'T GOTTEN YOURS YET...

IT ISN'T TOO LATE!

SALES WILL RESUME DURING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 27 - 31!

PRICES:
S-M-L-XL: \$13.00
XXL: \$14.00
XXXL: \$14.25

(MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: WCCHS CLASS OF '97)

Invasion of pocket protectors

By Dan Horyn

There will be an educational party on Friday at 7:30 p.m. on the corner of Route 59 and Hawthorne Lane where we will discuss Physics, Latin, and the role of twenty year old males in society today.

Sounds like a blast, right?

Wrong. This is a fictitious party, so don't worry about canceling your big date.

The party does, however, represent a worry of mine. I am now a senior, and have been fortunate to avoid the disease called senioritis. Unfortunately though, sometimes I find myself dangerously close to the opposite: schoolitis.

Schoolitis is a contagious disease found among high school students, and most commonly, high school seniors.

Schoolitis is the condition where a student puts education in front of his or her life. It affects the mind, body, and predominantly, the social skills of the student.

Symptoms include daily study binges, incessant conversation about colleges, the elimination of Friday and Saturday night social activities, and the fashion inclusion of the notorious pocket protector.

Sound like anyone you know? Maybe yes, maybe no. Sound like you? Hopefully not.

Schoolitis is a terrible disease to contract because it ruins some of the greatest times of your life. Moments when you could go see a movie, TP a kid's house, have a snowball fight, or chill with a best friend are utterly wasted behind the lonely pages of a Chemistry textbook.

Cruisin', coffee, pizza, Bulls games, and ice cream all melt away because the A in Math is more important.

Good grades are extremely important. Having a high ACT and class rank is great. But having no friends, or having friends that just study all the time, is bad.

A friend of mine was recently accepted into the college of his choice. Ever since the day he got the acceptance letter he has been living it up: playing his guitar, sleeping, writing, going out with friends. He is extremely happy and stressless. Though I don't recommend eliminating homework altogether, he has obviously avoided schoolitis.

On the other hand, last week I pulled three late night study binges and consequently became extremely stressed out. I was almost tempted to cut a little free time out of my schedule to study, but I stopped myself; I had worked hard enough and I deserved a break.

I once read an article about high school students in Japan. They have half the vacation we get, they go to school longer, and in their free time they attend night school to insure their acceptance into a well-known university.

When I finished that article I reminded myself of how thankful I am to be an American.

I don't care if a Japanese student scores better on a test than I do. Do Japanese students know of the phrase "social life"?

How does this all relate to you? Examine your own life. How much free time do you have? Do you have a nice balance, or have the books become the old "ball and chain"? If you chain yourself to your desk every night, then you have schoolitis.

Or on the other hand, do you go out from 3:15 to 11:45 every weekday? If this is true, then you have senioritis.

Balance is key. Make sure free time is a priority, but make sure it doesn't keep you from doing your homework. Be sure homework is a priority, but keep in mind that you have a social life too.

Otherwise that pocket protector becomes awfully appealing.

Poem

Remembered for reasons

Forgot for this moment

The trees, the rocks, and Mexico
But mostly tears.

She saves my tears from when my
hands were small,

for dry days when walls humiliate and
degrade.

From myself I find fear or I find rem-
nants;

particles of wind diluted fragrance.

Blue beyond depth find eyes with
manhole covers not covering man-
holes.

I step over, falling for fools

In that tear filled vile.

I spy a reflection of her, her of me,

My face is baptized in once forgotten

Now remembered for reasons

Forgot for this moment

The trees, the rocks, and Mexico
but mostly tears.

-Matt Potts

Letters to the Editor

Stand up, sit down

Here is another big dent to the We-go spirit machine.

Just before Christmas break, Mrs. Steph brought this problem to me. Mrs. Bajor's son, Matt, plays in the school band.

The school band is required to go to a few basketball games each year. Here is the problem. The band was playing the school song, and all of the parents stood up.

While this was happening, all of the students talked, and completely ignored the school song.

Mrs. Bajor says, "It is a shame. To me, it is showing respect for your school. It is like taking your hat off for the national anthem."

She also questioned students pride, saying, "Are they not proud of their team, the kids who work hard to play?"

Why is this happening to us? What are some solutions to this problem?

Perhaps the students don't know what the school song is, and there could be a factor of students not caring.

Only the students who had been involved with the school sports, or had family involved with the school.

Some solutions could be having the PA announcer ask the students to stand and pay attention to the song, or the song could be put-up and students could see what the song is.

Another idea is that the students could hear the song at an assembly, or have the song changed so that it is more interesting.

The song could also be put to a new, more enjoyable beat.

There are lots of possibilities, and the school could use them to make the spirit machine better than ever. There is so much that can be done, and you could help.

Lots of people go to the games, and almost everyone who is there enjoys themselves.

Let's show some spirit and pride, and stand up for your school and its many teams.

-Dan Young

Filling the pit is the pits

Dear Editor,

I am deeply disappointed in the West Chicago High School staff.

When they decided to fill in the pit with cement, they took away some of the personality and uniqueness of our school.

Sure it was dirty, but it was still a great place to hang out during lunch, unscheduled and at dances.

I know that we need more room in the cafeteria, but I'm sure that they could've gotten it from somewhere else than filling in the pit.

Now our cafeteria just looks so plain and empty. The sad thing is, we will never be able to bring the pit back.

-Anon

Different AP classes

Dear Editor,

As two student in many different Enriched and AP classes, we were surprised by the difference in the teachers requirements for the same class.

It is not fair that on class has twice the amount of homework and projects than another on the same level. By discussing completely different standard.

For example, AP English 3 is taught by three different teachers. All of these teachers have different standards. While this might be good in some cases, it is not always fair.

For one of these classes they are required to read one full book and write a 4-8 page essay for their final exam. This is not a requirement for one of the other classes.

It is not that we are whining or complaining, but we are concerned that there are such extremes between the so-called same classes.

We believe that they should some how have a set standards for a AP or Enriched class or else have the same teacher teach all of these classes. This will make the levels of work equal.

Sincerely,

Two juniors

Believe in yourself

By Becky Fritz and Kelley Betts

It's amazing to me how things can coincide with one another. A close friend of mine and I were having a discussion about something, and the next thing I knew I was in my next class and a solution to my problem was right there staring me in the face.

Did you ever notice how so many people dwell on the past and the mistakes they've made as well?

There are too many people who look on the negative side and often blame others for this. Many times it has to do with outside forces of the environment.

For instance, I know someone who doesn't believe in much about the world except for this one band. This band is everything to him. So much that he seems to forget about doing things to make himself happy.

To this band he is just another fan. He may not see it that way, but what part of his life has the band ever recognized. They could care less if he lived or died.

There are times when I admit to seeing pure happiness in his eyes. He was helping himself to the joy he could feel.

However, the band's influence on his life has started to take away the people who care most about him and the happiness as well.

The more I look around, the more I see people letting outside influences take control of their lives. These forces can include

drugs, alcohol and idols as well. All of these things are ways of leading people into believing that they are happy.

It seems that most people are using them as an escape from their problems.

I'm not trying to say that these things don't create happiness for some people, but are they happy just to have those influences in their lives or are they happy with themselves?

Believing in yourself is one of the most important aspects of life. So many times you are the only person that can be there for you.

To believe in yourself is to be happy with all parts of you, even the negative characteristics you may have. It is very sad for me to see people who really can't find happiness in themselves.

Believing in oneself can improve one's confidence in themselves. It helps people get through their problems without dwelling on them or letting them take over their lives.

It opens a new door of life where many opportunities await. There would no longer have to be worries about something being done right or wrong as long as it is making you happy.

When you believe in yourself it is so much easier to believe in those around you. Just remember it all begins with you.

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A movie. Huh Huh. Cool

By Hannah Kenny



Huh huh. Lock up your chain saws and toolsheds. Hide small dogs, and protect your teenage girls.

Beavis and Butthead do it again. This time it is more than just terrorizing their neighborhood in Texas. They are on a road trip across the states.

If you have ever seen MTV's "Beavis and Butthead," then you already had a taste of *Beavis and Butthead Do America*. The main concepts of Beavis and Butthead's minds are fire, breaking stuff, looking at thingies and trying to score.

The movie opens like any classic episode- Beavis and Butthead are sitting on their couch. But something is different this time: their beloved TV is missing. "This sucks more than anything has ever sucked before. We must find this buttunch that took our TV," declares Butthead.

Beavis quickly starts going into withdrawal and the only remedy is to find their TV or a new one. So

the two dimwits begin an adventure they probably will soon forget.

Beavis and Butthead start off down their street and stumble to a hotel where televisions come with the room and a man is waiting for hit men to kill his wife, Dallas. Although Beavis and Butthead aren't the hit men, Muddy is a drunk and doesn't know the difference.

Beavis and Butthead are sent off to Las Vegas on a plane to meet Dallas and begin their adventure. Butthead discovers the love of his life, and Beavis becomes Comholio with the help of a little old lady's No-Drowz.

When they meet up with Dallas, she sends them to Washington D.C. with a very deadly man made virus called x-5 in Beavis's pants and tells them they can do her there. She knows they are idiots and think Muddy sent them to have sex with her. She puts them on a tour bus with a group of senior citizens, and they begin their road trip across the states.

Beavis and Butthead see the Hoover Dam, Old Faithful, and the Grand Canyon and travel across the states. They find interest in automatic urinals and are left behind by their bus. They get on a bus full of chicks, who happen to be nuns after they get left by Dream America.

Beavis and Butthead get ditched by the nuns because they make them look bad, and the boys begin to wander around in the desert.

After unknowingly meet their fathers (ex-Motley Crue roadies turned drifters) and a couple of days of "this sucks," Beavis and

Butthead can not go on any further. A dim light comes on in Beavis's head, and has the bright idea to find water in a cactus. He just happens to take a large bite out of a peyote cactus.

Rob Zombie of White Zombie produces and does all the artwork for the following scene where Beavis sees the effects of the peyote. Butthead starts to change colors, and the desert scenery dips, rises, falls and waves. Butthead becomes hundreds of little creatures who dance and play over Beavis's body. The effects of the

peyote wear off as the White Zombie song "Ratfinks, Suicide Tanks, and Girls" comes to an end, and the trance the scene creates is over too soon. It was by far the best part of the movie because the great artwork and the music.

The lack of a television was weird. I missed them sitting around saying "this sucks" about a video they didn't like. Not that they didn't say "this sucks" more than usual, but TV is part of what Beavis and Butthead are all about. Near the beginning, they find a TV in a hotel, and they can't keep their eyes off it, but that was one of the only times.

Another thing missing was the theme song from the show. Instead the theme song was "Two Cool Guys," which was played in the opening credits to a spin off the 70's police show "Swatch." Also, there were no music videos, although Beavis says it looks like one when he is hallucinating.

The length of the movie is good. It's not too long so it gets annoying, but not too short it's not enough. And there actually is a plot, rather than Beavis and Butthead just doing their thing.

Creator Mike Judge does the voices of main characters like Beavis and Butthead, Tom Anderson, Principal McVicker, VanDriessen, and other background animated people. There are a few famous voices that you might recognize, like Demi Moore as Dallas, and Robert Stack from *Airplane* and "Unsolved Mysteries" as Agent Flemming of ATF, the leader of the mission looking for America's most dangerous boys.

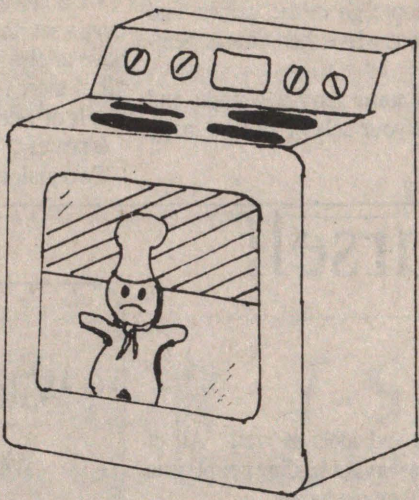
The music selection for *Do America* is fitting. Songs include music from White Zombie, AC/DC, Ozzy Osborne, and Butthead Surfers. Beavis and Butthead dance to in the casino to Red Hot Chili Peppers' "Love Rollercoaster" in the casino fits perfectly.

This movie does not suck, so get some nachos, pick up some chicks, and sit on your couch (or a theater near you). It's even better than breaking stuff.

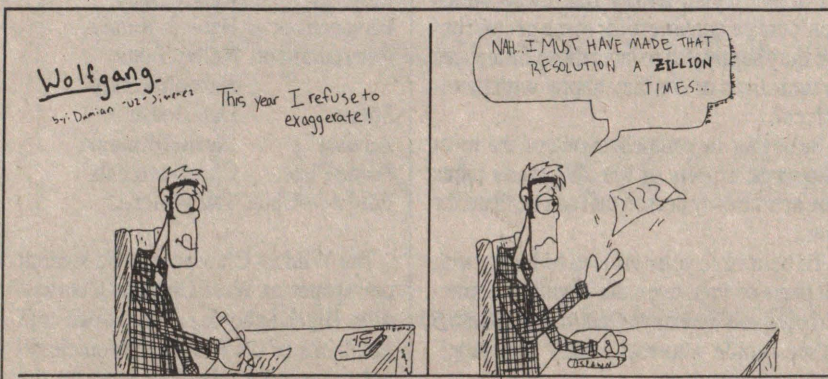
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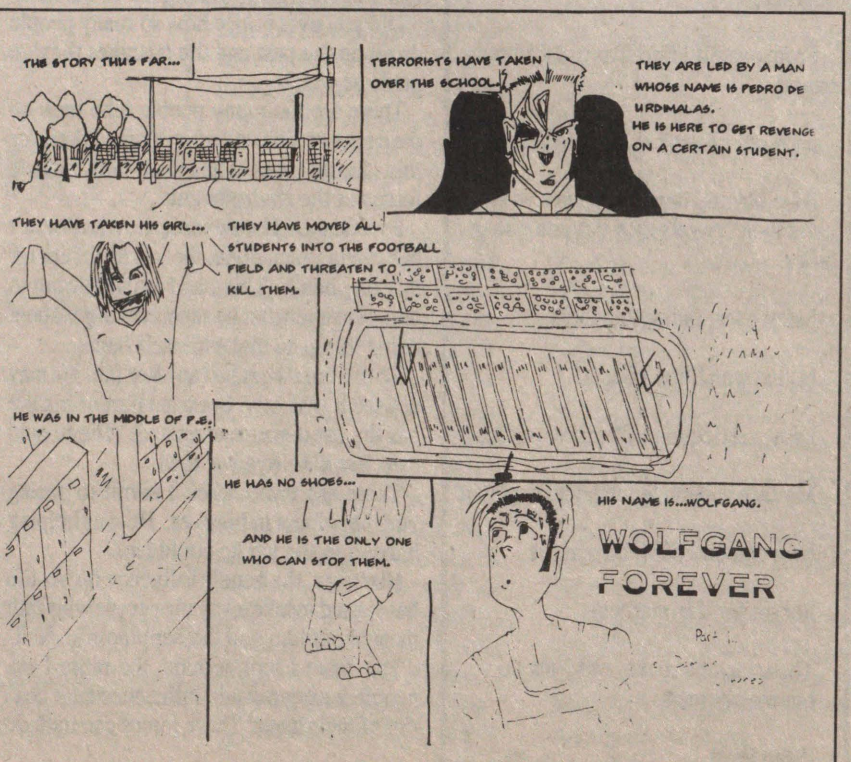
The End of The Pillsbury Doughboy



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One Fine Day: one fine movie

By Kelley Betts

Love really can seep through the cracks of busy schedules as proven in the new movie *One Fine Day*.

Melanie Parker (Michelle Pfeiffer) is on a tight schedule when she has to drop off her son, Sammy, at school for a field trip. While on her way, she also has to pick up her friend's daughter, Maggie, a classmate of Sammy's.

Meanwhile, Parker's newly-wed friends surprise ex-husband, Jack Taylor (George Clooney of *E.R.*), a hard-working reporter for a local newspaper, with their daughter, Maggie, at his apartment for the week so she can go on her honeymoon. Taylor unwillingly agrees to take Maggie for the week.

Whether or not he can survive a day with his daughter is to be determined.

After realizing nobody is home, Parker leaves her friend's apartment to drop off Sammy at school. Upon arriving at the school, Parker realizes she is late, and Sammy's classmates have already left on a field trip and also bumps into seemingly irresponsible Taylor who was also late getting Maggie to school.

Taylor and Parker decide to try to catch up with the rest of the school kids, but fail at their efforts.

Taylor proposes a compromise that involves each babysitting the two kids at different times of the day. Being irritated with him, Parker refuses and attempts a day at work with her son. Her day at work includes an important presentation, in front of her boss, who

hates all children, among other people, which could put her job on the line.

Taylor attempts to go to work with his daughter only to find that he will be accused of libel on the local news station at five o'clock and has until then to prove himself.

Both Taylor and Parker realize that they can't go through the day with kids, and after the day care center where they dropped off their children turned out to not be as great of an idea as they thought, Parker gives in to Taylor's proposed agreement for each to take the kids at different times. That's when the real chaos begins.

One Fine Day is a great comical love story for the nineties. The situations that these two single parents get themselves into are

typical of what could happen when the parents have too much on their mind. For instance, as Parker is trying to keep an eye on the two kids while in the gigantic city of New York, and get herself fixed up for her important meeting, she loses Taylor's daughter.

Pfeiffer and Clooney look great together on screen. Clooney played the typical good-looking guy that most women are after and Pfeiffer played the woman that wants to always be in control of situations. She was too busy to notice his looks or little flirtatious gestures.

Yet, the two try to go through the work day without losing their jobs. Throughout the movie there were times where I could actually feel their pressure. Both did a wonderful job on making their situations

more realistic.

One Fine Day shows both Clooney's and Pfeiffer's more comical side. Clooney is best known for his role as Dr. Doug Ross in the hit series *E.R.*

Pfeiffer made a big and successful jump from her roles in the more dramatic movies such as *Dangerous Minds* and the more recent *Up Close and Personal* to this comedy. In *Dangerous Minds* Pfeiffer played the role of an inspiring teacher at an inner city high school. In *Up Close and Personal*, she co-starred with Robert Redford as a struggling television journalist.

One Fine Day takes a look at the more comical side of single parenting yet still shows that it is not easy.

It is definitely well worth the money.

Monthly Horoscopes

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

This month will be a good month to make a major decision as far as jobs are concerned. The stars are in your favor this month so it's time to stop procrastinating with that love interest. Relax and ask him or her out on a date. Things will go great if it is on January 29. Your lucky number is -287.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Relax! Don't let the stress you

are experiencing right now get you down. Your rainbow is right around the corner. That special someone is watching you, so pay attention to detail. Spend time talking to your pet. Fluffy the cat may be feeling neglected lately. Your lucky number is 23%.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Take your time in writing that paper. Your thoughts will come gradually, so don't rush them. This is a good month for you to work on

those resolutions you've been putting off already. More money is on the way, so it's okay to spend it on that C.D. you've been wanting to buy. Your lucky number is .0056.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

That concert you've been waiting for is on the way. It's okay to break open that piggy bank. You and your significant other may be facing some tough times in the near future. Just hang in there and

everything will work out the way you want it to. Your lucky number is 3.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

An unexpected surprise will show up in your locker. Even though it is not in your nature, you must be patient and your wish will come true. Remember, good things come to those who wait. Once you reach the top of the huge obstacle in your life, a great peace will overcome you. So hang in there. Your lucky number is 1.453.852.

Your lucky number is 67.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

You may actually get a chance to see that sports team you've been wanting to see, just be patient. Finals will go well for you, so relax. Some studying is advised. Pay attention to the finer things in life this week. A surprise may arise. Your lucky number is .00953.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

A special gift will be given to you. Try to be thankful even though it may appear unwanted. A love interest is lurking right around the corner. So watch your step. Taking a new route to one of your classes will bring you great joy. Your lucky number is 27.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Make some positive changes in your life, and you will get what you want. Be careful when walking down the street. You never know what's behind you. Your significant other will want to go out on January 31. It will not go well. Your lucky number is .01%.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

The world will revolve in your favor this month. You will be the center of attention this month, so don't do anything stupid. Everyone is admiring you, and you love the attention. Don't let it go to your head because a dark cloud lies ahead. Your lucky number is 21.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Those flowers that you receive will come as quite a shock. That person will tell you soon enough. A Pisces will walk through your life, and definitely leave a big impact on you. Spend some quality time with that friend you've been giving the cold shoulder. You'll be surprised with the outcome. Your lucky number is .06.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

You'll bring up your grades if you just study. Take your time on figuring out plans for this weekend because an unexpected visitor will want to go out. Keep all options open when it comes to that special someone. If you rush into a relationship, you might get hurt.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

A speeding ticket is in your future, so drive slow. Be prepared for some unexpected news at home. A parent may try to surprise you.

Pluto is coming to Earth

By Kelley Betts

Fresh from Canada comes the unique band Pluto. The band consists of four members: Ian Jones (guitar and vocals), John Ounpuu (bass guitar and vocals), Rolf Hetherington (guitar) and Justin Leigh (drums).

Their newest self-titled release, under Virgin Records' label, is complete with a hot alternative sound.

The record starts off with the song *Regenerate* that is pumped with an excellent combination of a catchy beat and great guitar playing. After hearing this first track, you begin to get a feel for their unique style.

The second track, *Failure*, keeps up with the fast pace of the first track. The music and vocals resemble that of Offspring, but there is still something unique about their sound.

Moving ahead to track five, *Locked and Loaded*, Ounpuu takes the lead vocals with his softer voice, yet the music is still fast paced. This track definitely sets them apart from other bands with unique guitar playing.

Track 6 mixes up the flavor of their music with a more rock sound. It has a heavier guitar sound that is more like hard rock bands rather than the higher, fast paced sounds of guitars in alternative music.

Pluto tends to remain consistent with the pattern their songs follow. They all seem to go from a verse/chorus repetition and all have a bridge or a point where the vocals are replaced with a guitar solo.

Overall, the C.D. is definitely packed with fast pace alternative sounds and guitar solos.

When it comes to concerts, Pluto is no stranger to performing. They were able to move up from the status of a local band by touring with big name groups like Cracker and Pansy Division. They've also played with bands such as Everclear and the Flaming Lips.

Pluto is not the band's first full length release by the band. In spring, 1995, Pluto released *Cool Way to Feel* under their previous label, Mint and Shake.

Pluto was also set to release a four song EP titled *Cut and Paste* which was due out last year.

Pluto is definitely grounded and ready to go. Their unique sound will definitely score them a few points in the



Photo by Gil Reynolds 6/96

Yet the music varies just enough to keep the listener wanting more.

Pluto definitely does not have a mellow sound. It is somewhat disappointing that there are not any slower tracks on the c.d.

music business. Be sure to check out their CD, *Pluto*, or check them out on the internet at <http://www.virginrecords.com>.

The Wildcat Chronicle is looking for students to submit their comics. Put them in Ms. Mocariski's mailbox.

Wildcat Chronicle's feature short story: "Resolved"

by Dan Horyn

"I AM A MAN," I grinned to myself, buttoning my shirt at three in the afternoon on New Years Day.

"I am more a man now than any man has ever been. Manly men would fear me."

"I have grown more in the last 18 hours than Shaq did during puberty."

"I could take Bruce Willis in a fight."

My name is Ed. I have experienced some amazing things in these recent times. Yesterday was the day before the new year. Yesterday I was no more a man than any other average Joe walking down these halls.

Today the new year is here. Today I am the pure representation of man. I am THE perfect male. Every male from this point on will be judged by the standards that I have now set.

I want to tell you the story of my absolute transformation. The adventure that changed me from meek male to magnificent man.

It all started around 10 p.m., the night of New Years Eve.

Me and Connie were invited to a little thing at Joe Swarbuckle's house. It was to be a party of twenty-five or so high school juniors and seniors.

Joe was a friend of mine who lived on the west side of town. Connie of course was my loyal companion. Me and her had been going steady for almost three and a half weeks now. We were more steady than a professional tight-rope walker, and people have told me that that's pretty steady. Anyways, me and Connie had an excellent commitment.

This New Years party meant a lot to her. See, Connie had spent the last three months trying to get over Frankie, her ex-boyfriend, who she dated for more than a year. She knew she would finally forget him when that old grandfather clock struck twelve. This was good news to me, as she had the peculiar habit of calling me Frankie a little too often. She said me and Frankie had similar sounding names...

Connie told me that she would forget old Frankie for good when she kissed my lips at twelve. I inwardly leapt for joy, as I had never had the opportunity to kiss my Connie. She wore a retainer, and she told me her orthodontist said that kissing was bad for her gums. Connie told me that she didn't care about what her orthodontist had to say, she needed me to forget Frankie. She continually repeated how important it was for me to be with her at Joe Swarbuckle's house.

I am a busy man, though, so I had many things to do on New Years Eve day. I had homework to complete, music to listen to, and I could not miss T.G.I.F. I had a four and a half year streak going on T.G.I.F., and I wasn't about to miss "Family Matters," even if it was Joe Swarbuckle's house. So I told Connie I had a funeral to attend and I would show up at Joe's a little later than 9 p.m. She didn't sound too mad- we have a very mature relationship. The one

thing she reminded me of was the kiss. I fanatically promised her that I would make it to Joe's before midnight.

New Years Eve began in great fashion. I woke up early to take care of some business. It must have been before twelve in the afternoon. It took three cups of coffee to open my eyes.

The day passed quickly- I had so many things to do. I had to make my own lunch; I had to make my own dessert. I had to take a bath and shave. I also had to watch "Three's Company." All this activity made me extremely drowsy, so I took a nap at about 2:30 in the afternoon.

I woke up just before 7 p.m. My mom helped me with that, otherwise I might have slept through the new year because I sleep deeper than a hibernating bear in a sound proof room.

Mom got me two Quarter Pounders and a large fry from McDonald's. She also bought a sundae with strawberry sauce because she said I didn't consume enough fruit. I thanked my mom as I rested down on the couch to watch T.G.I.F.

T.G.I.F. ended at 10 p.m. It was then that I realized I had a problem: no one was home. My parents had left to go to a party during "Family Matters." They had asked me if I needed a ride anywhere, but I had grunted no.

I wish I had known what I was grunting "no" to. Now I was stranded at home without transportation and I couldn't call my parents because never in my entire life had I left my home after 10 p.m. My parents would be far too suspicious now because they would wonder what was so special about where I was going. I couldn't tell them it was a girl because despite that it seems like me and Connie have been together forever, I never had the guts to tell my parents about our fantastic relationship. It would be too strange for me to do that now.

So I used my brain, an organ I consider useful from time to time.

After much deliberation, I decided that I would utilize public transportation. I am a resident of the Windy City, home of the Chicago Bears. I am very fortunate to live right under an El stop. The El, which is kind of like a train, could get me real close to Joe Swarbuckle's house. The one bad thing to riding the El was that I had never ridden it before.

Before leaving the house, I checked my wallet to see how much money I had. I wept when I saw nothing. I had no money, and I needed at least five dollars because I also wanted to buy Connie a flower.

I called upon the services of my brain once again. It took twelve minutes to conclude that I would have to attempt to bypass the El's admissions gate in order to avoid payment. I also decided that I would wait until I got closer to Joe Swarbuckle's house to buy Connie her flower.

Before leaving, I splashed on some of my designer imposter co-

logne and gargled some Listerine, because I wanted to make sure my Connie was comfortable when she kissed me. I also left a note in the kitchen telling my mother I had left at 9 p.m. to go to Joe Swarbuckle's house and that I would be home the next day. I hated to do it, but I knew I needed to lie in that situation.

I checked the time and nearly passed out when my watch read 10:45 p.m. It must have taken me longer to think than I thought. I pushed the worried feeling away because I knew the El would take me to my desired destination in no time.

I stepped out the door and was greeted by the smell of the Chicago River. We lived one block from the river. I wouldn't have minded living about ten blocks from the river, because it always smelled kind of strange. My father loved the smell, so he loved the location of our quaint little home. My father works at a raw sewage plant. Sometimes he is a little weird.

Anyways, I took a few steps in the cold winter air, and surveyed the situation. I was a little hesitant about breaking onto the El, as I remembered there once was a man who was electrocuted for peeing on the tracks. I wondered if anyone was ever electrocuted for breaking onto the tracks.

I found a pole and began to climb but stopped immediately when a train passed by and emitted a shower of electrical sparks. I thought that maybe Joe Swarbuckle's house wasn't too important.

But I pushed that aside. Connie was going to kiss me.

Many ideas flooded my mind at that moment. I thought that I could try begging for some money to get onto the El. Unfortunately I didn't see a soul on the streets. I also considered calling up old Joe, but he didn't have a license- he was charged with hit and run during his driving examination. I thought that maybe I could walk, but I had athlete's foot and it was extremely painful.

So for three minutes I dejectedly sat on the steps that would have taken me to the El tracks. I heard a train pass by and when I looked up, I noticed a sign that read "Free Admission On New Years Eve."

I was belated. I bounded up the stairs and waited for the next train to come by.

Forty-five minutes later, I jumped off the train and hurriedly searched for the street that would take me to Joe Swarbuckle's.

Unfortunately I had taken the scenic route on the El. I had jumped on the train that took me in the opposite direction of old Joe's house. A three mile journey had turned into a forty-five minute nightmare. It was now 11:45 p.m.

I knew where I was, but it would take a miracle for me to make it on time. Like I said earlier, my Athlete's foot was a major hindrance. I walked like a man who had just had his legs surgically removed.

So I decided to run. I was in extreme pain and my

ears were colder than dry ice. I knew the pain was temporary, and the treasure that awaited me was well worth the effort. The image of my Connie's lips was like an oasis in the middle of the Sahara desert.

I eyed my watch. It read 11:55 p.m. I was definitely making progress, as I was now running on the street that Joe Swarbuckle lived on.

One minute later I was three houses away. Instantly I strided on a slick spot in the sidewalk and slipped and fell to the ground. My leg hurt badly and my jeans had ripped, but I avoided thinking about it: I was so close.

I pulled myself up and hobbled as fast as I possibly could to Joe's house. I climbed the steps and reached the door, but was greeted by a sign that read: "Joe Swarbuckle's party is being held at his aunt's home, which is two doors down."

I whimpered, then leaped off the porch and fell in a snow drift. I shook myself off, checked the time (11:57.45), and sprint-crawled to Joe's aunt's house.

I collapsed at the door- out of breath and in pain- and used my skull to knock. Twenty-five seconds later a woman answered the door. She saw my condition and dragged me into the bathroom. I thanked her as she closed the door.

I looked at my watch. It was now 11:59.15. I had forty-five seconds. I slowly got up and was about to open the bathroom door to walk into the living room, but I remembered Connie's flower. I didn't know what to do until I looked at the toilet, and sitting above it was a beautiful floral arrangement. I took two of Joe's aunt's flowers, opened the door, and quickly moved to where the party was cooking.

I heard the group chanting: "...8...7...6..." I desperately searched for my Connie. Where was she? Where was she? "...5..."

I saw her in the corner. "Connie!!!!!!" I screamed aloud to her as the group chanted "...4..." I hobbled over as quickly as possible and reached the corner on "...2..."

I pulled out the flowers, smiled,

and got my lips ready for the kiss when I witnessed the most horrific sight my eyes had ever seen.

Frankie's arm was glued to my Connie. My face contorted and the flowers in my hand instantaneously combusted.

"...1... Happy New Year!!!!!!!!!!!!!!" Frankie's lips touched Connie's. At that moment I became Anger personified. Frankie came up for air and my clenched fist simultaneously connected just below his cheek. Talk about bringing in the new year.

He went down. Just after that 785 guys were on top of me, dragging me away from old Frankie.

Twenty minutes later, after getting a lecture from Joe Swarbuckle's aunt, I was let back into the party. Frankie had gone home, and I was told that my Connie had gone with him. I asked old Joe why Connie threw our entire relationship away, and he replied, "Cuz Frankie brought her flowers. I am sorry Ed."

Man I was mad. I sulked and pouted, then told Joe I had to get going because my mom was waiting outside. She wasn't though, but I didn't want to be at the party anymore. I think Joe understood, because he patted me on the back and shook my hand as I stepped out the door.

I walked for the El station, and got home in about an hour. During that time, I thought about many things.

I opened the door of my house knowing two new things. One was that I needed to find a woman who was genuinely interested in a relationship with me and the other was that it's good to have friends. Frankie now had Connie, but nearly everyone hated him because he was a jerk. Frankie being a jerk inspired me to be a better friend to people.

I considered my problems resolved, so I went to bed with a smile on my face. I had learned much more in the past few hours than I ever had watching "Family Matters".

Erkel made me laugh, but Erkel was a boy. Suddenly the four and a half year T.G.I.F. streak seemed pointless. I was a man now.

But I don't know about Bruce Willis. He is pretty tough.

Top ten resolutions that indicate you might have problems

By Dan Horyn

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| 10. Bathe. | 5. Start sleeping. |
| 9. Finally get that headwound fixed up. | 4. Stop sending letter bombs. |
| 8. Begin to wear clothes. | 3. Learn how to read. |
| 7. Stop listening to the voices. | 2. Improve weapons, explosives, and heavy artillery collection. |
| 6. Set world record for most live mice consumed in one minute. | 1. Stop killing people. |

Ladycats looking for postseason success

By Tracy Morris

The Ladycat basketball team returned to the court last week for DuPage Valley Conference play following a post-holiday layoff and ended up breaking even with one win and one loss.

Most recently, the Cats came off a loss to Naperville Central, in which they saw a considerable lead vanish.

The girls bounced back, though, with a win against Glenbard East.

The girls traveled to Lombard to battle with the Rams on Saturday, January 11, and came home with a convincing 51-29 massacre.

According to senior Missy Buenz, although they posted a win, the game was slow paced and not their best effort.

Buenz, one of the team's double figure leaders along with junior Leslie Harlson and senior Natalie Fijalkowski, contributed 14 points to the Wildcat victory.

As of January 9, the Cats garnered a 12-4 record, and with seven games left on the schedule they are well on their way to improving on last year's 19-8 record.

Over the holiday break, the Ladycats kept themselves busy by defending their Plainfield Holi-

day Tournament title.

The Cats were clearly successful.

They posted a 4-0 tournament record and scored a total of 260 points versus tournament oppo-

nents Bolingbrook, Bradley Bourbonais, Joliet Catholic, and Morton.

Their first opponent was Bolingbrook, who they creamed by a star-

ting score of 82-6.

claimed the lone spot as tournament champion.

"It got us ranked in the Sun Times and Tribune, so it was good for us," said Buenz.

The Ladycats take on the Wheaton North Falcons away from home at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow night. Junior varsity takes the court at 6:00 p.m.



The Cats haven't faced the Falcons yet this season, but Buenz believes it will be a battle as usual.

Six more conference games remain on the schedule after tomorrow night's match-up.

The final conference game is against Wheaton North, on February 13, at home for Senior Parent Night.

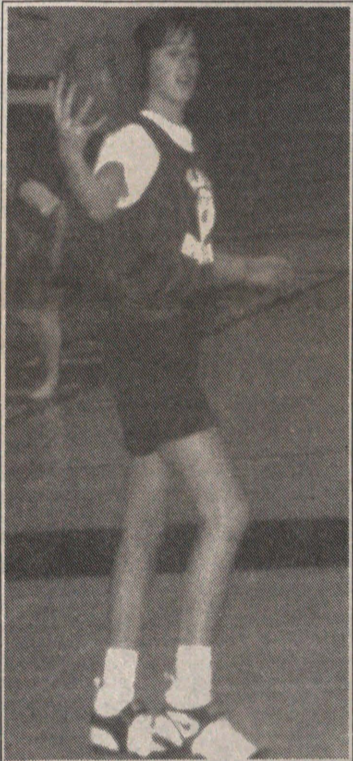
Up ahead in the near future is a game against the Huskies of Naperville North, a rematch against Wheaton Warrenville South (who the Cats dropped a tough three point game to), along with games against Glenbard North, Naperville Central, and Glenbard East.

The girls have the attainable goal of taking the conference title this season.



shared last year's tournament title with.

This year though, West Chicago wasn't willing to share. They beat Morton by nine and in turn



Editorial

Where's the stability and trust?

By Dan Horyn

Recently, head varsity football coach Randy Hofman resigned from his post because he couldn't meet the off-season demand of being there for his players. His resignation was the fourth in the last year for We-go football, leaving the program coachless and in confusion.

The players have had to endure much grief in recent times. Besides the combined 1-17 record over the last two years, players must be wondering who they can trust. Bruce Donash was the first to resign from his varsity job. Though many speculated the resignation was forced, speculation didn't help the Cats win any games.

Next came Bob Bagby. Bagby coached the varsity Cats through most of last season's summer, and then unexpectedly quit just two weeks before the first game. Interim Athletic Director Gail George said that Bagby threw We-go for a loop: "He built up trust and then without warning to anyone, he left."

George inherited a frantic problem: she needed to quickly find a new head coach. Fortunately Hofman came to the rescue. He took over the reigns, but saw We-go continually lose. The reason for the dismal defeats was self evident: Hofman did not have enough time to prepare his players. Getting a new coach two weeks before the season kickoff is like asking a woman to marry you two weeks after meeting her.

Over time, though, it appeared that some stability was developing. Players began to learn the system, and there was even hope for the next season.

But the hope was dashed when freshman head coach Gordon Heaton resigned because of "philosophical differences" with Hofman. The fact that there were "philosophical differences" between a varsity and lower level coach clearly indicates that not all of the Wildcat coaches were on the same page. For stability within a program to develop, all levels from the freshman "B" team to the varsity "A" team- need to believe in the same goals. Heaton's resignation showed that wasn't the case at We-go.

Regardless, the freshmen were now without a coach, and so began the search for a replacement.

A replacement was found, and We-go finished the season. Some resolutions were made for harder off-season work, and the rebuilding stage began. Perhaps the victory tour would finally start up...

But another bomb dropped when Board member David Augustyn resigned from the School Board because he did "not agree with the

Board's decision concerning the rehiring of Hofman." The next day Hofman issued a written statement saying why he would no longer be coach.

And now We-go barely has a heartbeat. Fortunately George has found three responsible coaches to temporarily take over-physical education teachers Tony Nevrlly, Greg Hansen, and John Walters. The three are spearheading the off-season conditioning program while George is searching for a coach.

And sooner or later she will indeed find one. But what will happen this time? How long will the coach stay? Can the players trust anyone anymore?

Sophomore quarterback Brian Raymond voiced his concern when he said, "We're a little leery now because of the coaching switches. We're just looking for a coach who's going to stick around for a while."

Senior leader Bear Ayala said that "the team concept was messed up, and I didn't like that too much. If [a coach] plans to do something, then [he or she] just has stay with it."

So what kind of attitude will the players bring to the new coach? How can a Wildcat believe the promises of a coach when so many before have broken their promises?

Stability is vital in high school sports. A coaching change normally represents a rebuilding season. How about four new head coaches in less than two years- what does that represent?

Certainly at least one thing. That the athletic department is having trouble finding the right man for the job.

The ideal situation would be for George to find a coach who lives in the area- Bagby and Hofman were both making long commutes to their coaching duties each day.

George will also need to consider a coach who is as devoted as Nevrlly, Hansen, and Walters. If these guys are volunteering to go to school early just to open the weight room, then the new head coach should be expected to go early; after all, he'll be getting a paycheck.

The team should follow if the coach is devoted to the program. Now granted, there might not be quite a hundred guys pumping iron for the football season, but at least ten will start. Ten will turn into twenty; twenty will turn into...

It isn't like We-go will be expected to turn into Wheaton-Warrenville South in just one season's time.

But it isn't too difficult to improve upon 0-9.

Now will we have the coach to start it off? Stay tuned.

Wildcat Sports Schedule

Boys Basketball

Fri Jan. 24 at Wheaton North, 7:30 p.m.
 Fri Jan. 31 Naperville North, 7:30 p.m.
 Sat Feb. 1 at Geneva, 7:00 p.m.
 Fri Feb. 7 at Wheaton Warr South, 7:30 p.m.
 Sat Feb. 8 Glenbard North, 7:30 p.m.
 Fri Feb. 14 at Naperville Central, 7:30 p.m.

Boys Swimming

Sat Jan. 25 Schaumburg- Saxon Relays, 7:00 a.m.
 Tue Jan. 28 at Oak Park River Forest 5:00 p.m.
 Sat Feb. 1 Lyons Township Invitational 10:00 a.m.
 Thu Feb. 6 IMSA and Oswego, 5:00 p.m.

Girls Basketball

Sat Jan. 18 at Wheaton North, 7:30 p.m.
 Thu Jan. 23 Naperville North, 7:30 p.m.
 Sat Jan. 25 at Wheaton Warr South, 3:00 p.m.
 Thu Jan. 30 at Glenbard North, 7:30 p.m.
 Sat Feb. 1 Naperville Central, 3:00 p.m.
 Thu Feb. 6 Glenbard East, 7:30 p.m.
 Sat Feb. 8 at Addison Trail, 1:30 p.m.
 Thu Feb. 13 Wheaton North, 7:30 p.m.
 Mon Feb. 17 Regional Quarterfinals

Girls Track

Sat Feb. 15 at Oswego w/NCentral, Joliet, 9:00 a.m.

Wrestling

Thu Jan. 16 Glenbard East, 7:30 p.m.
 Fri Jan. 24 Wheaton North, 7:30 p.m.

Head coach Hofman quits Leaves post after 0-9 season

By Dan Horyn

Head varsity football coach Randy Hofman resigned four weeks ago after a disappointing season saw the Cats finish 0-9.

The resignation came one day after David Augustyn resigned from the Board of Education because he did "not agree with the Board's decision concerning the rehiring of Hofman."

Hofman issued a letter stating he was unable to give 100 percent to off-season conditioning. Interim Athletic Director Gail George said that Hofman resigned "in the best interest for himself and West Chicago. I find that admirable."

Board of Education President Gerald Landis was disappointed that Augustyn left the Board over a football related problem, saying, "I would hope that a board member would not resign over a matter like [this], but that was Mr. Augustyn's decision."

Augustyn has a son who plays on the varsity team. He said that he had spent a long time considering whether or not he should resign from the Board. Augustyn voiced his opinion of the program by saying that "each season a player needs to walk away from [football] and say 'this was really worth it.' That didn't happen this season."

George is presently searching for a new head coach through advertisement and word of mouth. She said that she is unsure if the new coach will be hired as a teacher.

The new coach will represent We-go's fourth head coach in less than two years. Consequently, George will "certainly be looking for stability."

She also mentioned that it will be important for the coach to live close to West Chicago. Each day, Hofman was making a commute longer than an hour to get to his West Chicago job.

Though she is looking for input from parents, George said that the parents will primarily be a "support group." George said that she is not overwhelmed with the coach search process because Hofman's resignation came with "great timing."

She also said that she isn't looking for a specific breed of coach-like one that stresses defense over offense or vice versa. "I'm not so interested in the X's and O's."

"It's how involved they get."

Presently, Physical Education teachers and football coaches Tony Nevrlly, Greg Hansen, and John Walters are running the morning and afternoon weightlifting programs. George is excited with the three's devotion to Wildcat football: "They make themselves available," she said.

At the same time, the West Chicago Athletic Association is trying to bring the Raider football program back to life. Raider football used to be West Chicago's feeder program until lack of numbers caused the program to shut down.

Now the Raiders are changing their name to the Wildcats, and will begin to run the same offensive and defensive schemes as the high school team in an effort to interest more youngsters into playing football. Hansen said that hopefully the WCAA's efforts "will get the numbers out."

Sophomore Brian Raymond, the team's starting quarterback last season, summed it up this way: "We're just looking for a coach who's going to stick around for a while."

Wildcat wrestlers win title

By Dan Horyn

Wildcat Wrestling captured the Geneva Invitational title last Saturday, placing first out of ten teams, including Wheaton-Warrenville South and two top five single "A" teams.

The win is West Chicago's first invitational victory this season as the team moves closer to postseason play. The conference invitational is now less than three weeks away.

Head coach Bob Hein has a loaded weapon in senior co-captains Bear Ayala, Luke Stevens, and Adam Fitzenreider. The three are the teams' leading point scorers.

Ayala has wrestled strongly all season long. He has nearly eclipsed his win total from last season with a stellar 23-3 record. "I didn't expect to have this good of a record," said Ayala.

He captured the crown at the 16 team Hinsdale Central Invitational. Hein wasn't surprised with Ayala's performance there, and neither was Ayala. He said he had been

hoping to win the invite from the get-go.

Unfortunately Ayala was unable to follow up on that title when he took to the mat last Saturday. Ayala suffered a concussion in the middle of his second match and was forced to withdraw from competition.

He is, however, poised for the conference meet, where he is looking to finish first or second. "The coaches have been very supportive, and I'm not overconfident," said Ayala about his attitude towards postseason play.

"Ayala is in fine shape for postseason honors," said Hein.

The Cats are hoping to finish in the top three at the DVC match, and that relies heavily upon how well Stevens and Fitzenreider wrestle. Stevens' present record is 19-7 and he competes at 171 pounds.

Stevens is still trying to solve his third period problems. That part of the match has been difficult for Stevens all year-most of his seven defeats have been decided by his third period performance. "I need to improve on my takedowns," Stevens said. If he can do that, he won't have to worry so much about last second losses.

Fitzenreider has been the heart and soul of We-go's lower weight classes. He grapples at 125 pounds, and his season's record is 20-6. Fitzenreider won the Geneva Invitational, beating an undefeated individual. Fitzenreider shares similar goals as Ayala and Stevens in qualifying for State, but mentioned that he is taking one match at a time.

Hein said everything will have to come

together at conference: "Losing a guy at the last minute would hurt us very badly."

Hein said this because We-go is already hurting in numbers. They have been thin all year on the lower weights. After Fitzenreider, junior Steve Pastore is the only other lighter weight Wildcat to consistently score for West Chicago. Pastore wrestles at 112 pounds.

Freshman Ben Stevens, who is Luke Stevens' younger brother, possesses a 19-10 record. By having such a high winning percentage, Ben has done what few

freshman are capable of doing. "I've overcome the big jump," said Ben, "I never get nervous anymore."

Two other athletes who Hein will look at to score points at conference are juniors Jason Osterkamp and Louis Aguado. Osterkamp wrestles heavyweight, and Aguado will fight at 215 pounds. Hein has

praised Osterkamp for being much improved from last year. Aguado is 5-1 when competing at 215.

Senior Jaime Sanchez, who competes at 119 and is the team's other co-captain, has seen the team come together over time: "We are very supportive of each other, which is a real strength to the

team."

Sanchez said that as a captain, he tries to "lead quietly by example."

Look to see how the team winds up at DVC.



Photo by Josh Hitchcock
The Wildcats are looking to finish in the top three at Conference.



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Senior co-captain Jaime Sanchez shows off his massive arms after he was victorious in a match this year.

Boys basketball: can they rebound from tough losses?

By Tracy Morris

It's been said too much rest can be a bad thing. It looks as if the boys basketball team is suffering from such a problem as they struggle to find the glory of their first seven games.

After nearly a two week hiatus from play after a holiday tournament on December 28, the Wildcat hoopsters dropped two key conference games last weekend.

The first was a 59-38 loss to Naperville Central and the second, a three point loss to the tune of 53-49, to the Rams of Glenbard East.

The Cats were 2-1 in DuPage Valley Conference play before they hosted undefeated conference leaders Naperville Central on Friday, January 10.

We-go is now 3-2 and two and a half games out of first place, which is occupied by Naperville Central and Naperville North.

The Naperville Central game featured a battle for first place in the DVC. If the Cats had won, they would have found them-

selves side by side with their opponents, the Redhawks of Naperville Central.

Although senior Eric Daniel put in the first two points of the game and We-go was able to hold Central scoreless through the first three minutes of play, a win for the Cats simply was not to be.

The Redhawks forced turnovers that allowed them to suppress We-go's scoring while they went about putting numbers on the board.

One turnover in particular hurt the Cats.

Just before the halftime break, Daniel dribbled to half court and was met by one of the many Naperville Central double-teams of the night.

Senior Jeff Murphy, one of the team's most productive scorers, ended up stopping the play at the other end, and in turn cut his night short with a sprained ankle.

Taking a 29-15 deficit into the last two quarters of play, the Cats made a small run.

The effort included two three pointers by We-go's hot hand, junior Jim

Callahan, but Naperville Central managed to push their point output to double that of the Cats.

The Wildcats hustled throughout the entire game, but seemed to come up short while everything went Central's way.

Mishandled passes, botched defense, and too many second chance points allowed were just a few factors holding the Cats back.

The closest any Wildcat came on the night to scoring in double figures was Daniel, who put in nine.

Close behind him was senior Jeff Weber with eight and Callahan with six.

Hopefully the Cats can get their touch back in place for their next three conference games, starting a week from tomorrow at Wheaton North.

We-go will continue its conference schedule with upcoming rematches against Naperville North and Wheaton Warrenville South, both of whom they had beaten earlier this season on their way to their best start since 1986.

Flash

Sports medicine tip number one: if you have a bone sticking out of your leg, then you are probably injured.

Sports medicine tip number two: if you have a golf ball imbedded in your forehead, then you are probably injured.

Sports competition tip number one: don't smoke while you play.

Sports competition tip number two: never compete with an open, gaping headwound.