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Music department hit with sour note

By Hannah Kenny and Tracy Morris

A public hearing was held at the March 18 District 94 Board Meeting concerning the possible restructuring of the Community High School music department.

The hearing focused on the School Board's possible decision not to replace choir director Kim Sirvatka for the 97-98 school year.

On February 19, Sirvatka gave notice she would take a maternity leave following this school year, leaving orchestra teacher Lori Rollins and band instructor Dan Harrison to teach the choir classes as well as band and orchestra classes.

Four students spoke at the hearing about the effects of not replacing Sirvatka.

Freshman Kendra Norton told of how music gave her a place to fit in a new environment while junior Liz Edwards

said, "I have found [music] to mean more to me than just something to do."

Music class enrollment declined by 29 students from last year, leading the administration to question whether three full time music teachers were needed, said school board president Gerald Landis

According to Landis, only one full-time and one part-time teacher is needed for an enrollment of that size.

Interim Superintendent Robert Rubenow, Principal Alan Jones, and Assistant Superintendent of Business Jim Mast will meet following the outcome of the District 33 referendum to decide on the hiring of a third music teacher at the high school.

If the District 33 referendum passes on April 1, the three would discuss sharing music staff to help the junior high feeder program and increase enrollment in high school music classes.

The hearing made it clear that the

board needs to work with the elementary schools to better the music program, said Rubenow.

Senior Josh Brown told the board that if the students were made aware of the department's problem, they could have tried to increase enrollment for next year.

Sirvatka is concerned about the quality of instruction and time devoted to extracurricular activities if her position will not be replaced.

Parent Jane Edwards said that without Sirvatka, Harrison and Rollins would need to put in more than 500 out of class hours to cover activities such as two bands, three choirs, Madrigals, Ensembles, football and basketball games, and parades.

"Two teachers cannot sustain a music department and provide quality time and availability to students," said junior Steve Garcia.

Press release

Consumer Ed team takes 5th in State

Students from Community High School won fifth place in the first annual Illinois Lifesmarts Competition. Members of the team were students from Mr. Zabelin's Consumer Education class.

The Lifesmarts competition took place on February 27. It was presented in a quiz show format to test the students' knowledge of financial management, health and safety issues, the environment, technology, and consumer rights and responsibilities. Coach Zabelin was excited about giving his students an opportunity to showcase their knowledge of these important skills.

Twenty additional Community High School Consumer Education students attended the competition.

Super search continues

By Dan Horyn

The Board of Education continues to look for a new boss. In the last three months, the Board of Education has made great progress towards finding a new superintendent, as four candidate's have been selected and interviewed.

According to interim superintendent Robert Rubenow, Board members have made at least one on-site visit to a candidate's workplace get a better idea of the candidate's abilities and work ethic.

Board President Gerald Landis said the Board is still "in the [decision] process." He added that he thought the overall search would have ended sooner.

Rubenow's interim term ends on June 31st, so the Board has more than three months to select the person who will direct Board of Education meetings, make administrative decisions and find solutions to school problems.

Chess disappointed with State, eyes Nationals

By Dan Horyn

Not many people would be disappointed with a third place state trophy. But if you're the defending state champion Wildcat chess team, expectations run high.

The We-go chess team finished third out of 88 teams at the state championships in Bloomington on March 15.

The finish was a letdown for the Cats as they entered the tournament with hopes of repeating as state champions. In the end, though, We-go found itself in third place and just a handful of points away from the champs, IMSA.

University High finished second. Ironically, West Chicago beat U-High head to head, but U-High scored more overall points.

Scoring in chess works as follows: seven team members compete against seven players from an opposing team. A team wins its round by winning more than 3.5 of the seven boards.

West Chicago had a shot at the championship when they faced IMSA in the final round. The team was in position to win: with four board members left playing, only one needed to win or draw. Unfortunately, all four of the remaining We-

go players lost and consequently West Chicago had to settle for third.

Fifth board senior Tim Martin, whose record was 3-2-1 during the tournament, said that the third place finish was disappointing because "it would have been nice to have back to back championships." He also reasoned that "there's worse things than getting third in State chess."

Second board junior Blair Machaj, who went 5-1 at the tournament, said that presently the team is "feeling a little down, but we're still confident. Even the Bulls lose sometimes."

First board Justin Sadauskas

was a We-go highlight at the tournament. The junior posted a 4-0-2 record against the best chess players in the state. Also doing well was fourth board junior Eddie Patel. Patel went 5-0-1, keeping his State record undefeated in three years of competition.

Juniors Kevin Brewer, Alfredo Muhlberger and Mike Brenner were other Wildcat competitors at State as well as sophomore Scott McQueen. Muhlberger and Brenner combined to go 3-0-1.

The team is coached by Steve Lehman, a former para-pro at West Chicago who is now a counselor in DeKalb.

Nationals will be held late April in Tennessee where Martin expects to see a much easier field than the previous two years. Last year the chess team finished seventh in the United States.

The guys aren't taking anything for granted, though. Martin said that if anything, State will "make us all work harder to do well at Nationals." Martin and Machaj agree that "beating IMSA would be redemption" to prove that State was a "fluke."

Third board Brewer added that one final goal for West Chicago is to "place in the top five at Nationals."

Go get 'em Cats.

Forensics soars at State

By Allison Taylor and Amanda Pope

On February 21 and 22, selected members of the Forensics team gathered at Waubonsie Valley High School to compete in the state tournament.

Senior Meredith Baker and juniors Liz Edwards and Meg Runyan took sixth place in Theater in the Round. Senior Matt Bowne took sixth place in Humorous Interpretation.

Bowne says that state was "the best performance [he] gave." He said that it was a "tremendous amount of pride and accomplishment to be at the State Finals."

"I thought we were awesome," said Runyan, in regards to their performance. "We did an excellent job."

Edwards says that although she was nervous, State was more fun than the usual invitational. She said that "you can't get any better, you're doing it for yourself, not for the judges."

Baker said that at State there was more passion behind the event because it was the last performance of the year. She was really emotional and excited about State, but not nervous. She felt as if the piece wasn't a performance, but rather they were really the characters.

Theater in the Round was a new event this year for Forensics. According to Runyan and Edwards, the event permitted more freedom than other events. It allowed more characters, and room for different interpretations. Edwards liked how they could, "cut and paste pieces

and make their own choreography."

Runyan thought Theater in the Round was a great experience, since it was different from other Forensics team events in the amount of people and actual performance. Baker liked the fact that there could be more than one person. She felt that, "it was a very influential piece, consisting of many emotional and abstract scenes that put forth a feeling, not a performance." Baker liked the intensity felt by the audience.

Both Runyan and Edwards are looking forward to next year's Forensics team and hope to achieve the same if not better. Baker plans on joining the Forensics team at Biola University in California next year. Bowne will be involved with the Forensics team at the University of Missouri.

Home Ec Night fast approaching

By Amanda Pope

Home Ec. Night will be held in the Weyrauch Auditorium on April 10 at 7:00 p.m. Admission will be \$2 for any student with an ID and \$3 for adults. The night is going to be full of many entertaining events.

Among the most entertaining is the wedding put on by Mrs. Kozlowski's Contemporary Life classes.

Senior Sara Bauler will be the bride and junior James Winquist is the groom.

The best man is senior Mike Mashal. The maid of honor is Lexie Nussbaum.

The bridesmaids consist of juniors Sonia Gomez, Beth Anne Harrington, Jamie Romero, and seniors Katie Oswald, and Katie Holmes.

The groomsmen are juniors Ken Robertson, Ed Bruening and seniors Chris Payton, Erick Chavez, and Gerardo Resendez. Sara's parents are Giovanni Mendez and Marcia Chacon.

The parents of the groom are seniors Humberto "Bear" Ayala and Barbara Nowaczewski.

The officials for this fine wedding will be senior Jose Mendez and junior Alejandra Sotelo.

Ed Abante will be playing guitar, Josh Brown on piano, and Rosie Robles will sing during the wedding.

The Child Development classes and some kids will be singing songs such as the Hokey Pokey.

The clothing classes will perform two fashion shows to strut their stuff.

Mrs. Rahn, a new teacher at We-go, and her Foods 1 and 2 classes will make refreshments and bake the wedding cake for this very eventful night.

Dr. Jones, the man who supervises the event, believes that this event "appeals to a lot of students." That is why only We-go students and their parents are invited. Jones doesn't want people from other schools coming because he wants us to have the opportunity to attend. One year some of our students couldn't come because there were too many outsiders.

Mrs. Kozlowski says "the money for this event goes towards a V.I.C.A. scholarship for seniors who apply." The scholarship will be for the college of the person's choice.

Youth forum attacks teenage smoking

By Beth Siwy

Twenty-five people attended the Youth Commission Forum with the intention of learning about tobacco. The West Chicago Youth Commission, held its second forum on March 5, 1997, at the City Hall. With a variety of speakers, including students, parents, teachers, and noted tobacco educators, the forum had a large audience. Topics included tobacco use, the consequences, availability, and the goal of parents and what the city has done to try and stop smoking in our community.

Donna Smith, chairperson for the Youth Commission, said the, "testimony is not limited... it is open to both sides," of the issue. There were however no smokers giving testimony for or against smoking.

A seven person panel hosted the evening and asked questions after each speaker gave his or her facts and opinions on the topic of tobacco and its effects. Many statistics were laid out, such as the number of who people have died because of tobacco use. Junior Monica Acker gave the statistic that "for every eight smokers who die one non-smoker dies with them," to prove the point that smokers have a higher death rate over those who do not smoke.

The first speaker of the evening, Linda Smith, the public educator at the DuPage County Health Department, commented on many of the key points of the evening. One aspect which was touched on quite heavily was the ingredients which are inhaled by addicted or non-addicted smokers everyday. She proved her point with things such as formaldahyde, and acetone from nail polish remover.

The next speaker, Rita Ciotloa, the coordinator of classes at Central DuPage Hospital for tobacco awareness, addressed many good issues that have to deal with tobacco and its effects on the smoker's body. She said

that people who smoke have "cars that have a hard time starting without a cigarette placed in their hand." She also said that a person can go outside and put their mouth around the exhaust pipe of their car and get the same effect of a cigarette, meaning that car exhaust has many of the same ingredients as a typical cigarette.

Ciotloa also showed many slides about the effects of smoking on a person's body. She had pictures of a non-smoker's heart, and a smoker's heart, a non-smoker's lung and a smoker's lung, both very different in color. Both the heart of the smoker and the lung of the smoker were very black, while the non-smoker's heart and lung are both the pink color that they should be.

West Chicago Police Department Sargeant Mike Uplegger, told the panel what the community has been doing thus far in trying to win the war against underage smoking. The program takes a high school student between the ages of 15 and 17 and updates him or her on the West Chicago smoking laws and his or her job as a stake out volunteer. The student attempts to buy cigarettes from a gas station, store, etc.. If the vendor sells, the police officer comes into the store and gives the store a fine. The owner of the store must go and appear before the mayor. If the vendor does not sell the store is then congratulated on for the good work.

The goal of the Youth Commission Forum was to make the community aware of how the city is planning to handle its underage smoking problem. Greg Hansen, We-go teacher, coach, and assistant athletic director spoke about the athletic program, and said "There is nothing about tobacco which will enhance their performance." He also mentioned the athletic code which says that with one violation the athlete is suspended from the sport for two weeks, two violations the student is off of the team for the rest of the season, and with three violations the athlete is

under a one year suspension from all sport teams. Under all of the violations the student must attend rehabilitation. Hansen also said, "Kids will get on kids about the usage [of tobacco] during the sport."

The Center of Disease Control and Prevention said that, "Teen smoking is often an early warning sign of future problems. Teens who smoke are three times as likely as nonsmokers to use alcohol, eight times as likely to use marijuana, and 22 times as likely to use cocaine. Smoking is also associated with numerous other risky behaviors, including fighting and having unprotected sex." The CDC also said that over "five million young smokers under the age of 18 who are currently still alive will die prematurely from a smoke related disease."

In 1995, the Youth Commission also held another forum about alcohol and its effects with drunk driving and usage. The forum was held in the evening and also had many people who attended. This forum held many debates on drinking and the decisions behind it. Those who attended felt that it put out the feelings that many people have had about drinking for a very long time.

Press Release: WCCHS helps needy

In March, the West Chicago student council decided to sponsor four needy DuPage children while members of the football team provided muscle to work in the Storehouse that serves them. Both groups contributed to the Humanitarian Service Project (HSP) in West Chicago, serving needy children and seniors.

Under the leadership of advisor Mary Ellen Daneels, four children were adopted with a donation of \$180 to the Children's Birthday Project, a division of (HSP). The DuPage County non-profit will make sure these four low-income children receive substantial gifts for their birthdays and Christmas.

Meanwhile, when coaches John Walters and Tony Nevrlly heard that HSP needed to help in its Storehouse, they mustered 13 young men from the football team to help. Several of them had recently been inspired when they heard Chicago Bear Chris Zorich a dedicated public servant. Time normally spent weight-lifting after school, they spent lifting heavy books, boxes of toys, clothing, food and other items for needy DuPage residents.

If you would like more information about HSP, call (630) 231-1542 or write: Humanitarian Service Project, 1425 S. Neltnor Blvd., West Chicago, IL 60185

Mr. Wildcat: Who is the man?

By Jennifer Lasky

The tension mounts. Ten guys are standing side by side, waiting to find out who will be named 1997's Mr. Wildcat. The announcement is made and the guys circle around Josh Brown and congratulate him.

This year's Mr. Wildcat contest was held in the Weyrauch Auditorium on February 26 at 7 p.m.

Over 300 people attended the contest to see Ed Abante, Humberto "Bear" Ayala, Matt Bowne, Josh Brown, Dave Delort, Brad Dujmovic, Jason Petronzio, Matt Potts, Matt Shinofield, and Jeff Weber show off their talents, raising around \$1000 for the Humanitarian Service Project.

Petronzio showed the crowd "How to bake a cake for Mom" while "Cooking in Your Garage." He made his cake with ingredients such as motor oil and Mountain Dew. He then pulled out a real cake, cut a slice, and gave his mother the cake and a kiss on the cheek.

Delort recited a Jim Carey monologue from Saturday Night Live. Later, Bowne, Shinofield, Brown, and Ayala joined Delort on the stage. The five did

the "What is Love" dance from the Saturday Night Live skit. He then switched to singing. Out from behind the curtain came Liz Edwards and the two sang "Fly Me to the Moon," by Frank Sinatra.

Brown played two songs on the piano. As he sat down on the piano bench, Delort wheeled Bowne on stage in a wagon. Brown played Whitney Houston's "The Greatest Love of All" and sang. He then played a song he wrote, entitled "Of Love" and dedicated it to the senior class. Throughout Brown's songs, Bowne and Delort were reading and acting as a young boy looking up to an older boy.

Potts was the fourth contestant. Potts, along with Brown, performed several short skits, entitled "Walking to the Drinking Fountain," "Daredevil Circus Performer," "Ninja Commando," and "German Industrial." These skits were set in the cafeteria. Brown and Potts demonstrated several ways of getting to the drinking fountain. In "Daredevil Circus Performer," Potts jumped on the table, over Brown to the fountain, back on the table, and over Brown again. In "German Industrial," Potts danced with ping pong paddles.

After his skits, Potts announced to the crowd he wasn't thirsty anymore.

Bowne showcased a humorous interpretation act he had written and performed for the Forensics Team. His act was about the obsession with television and the remote control. Bowne played five characters in his act: Grandpa, Big Sis, Tommy, Mom, and Fido. Bowne really got into the characters and had the crowd laughing throughout the entire performance.

Abante played guitar and sang songs which he had written. The first song was in dedication of the Mr. Wildcat contest, and the second was entitled "All My Life" and was written for his girlfriend.

Weber was joined on the stage with about 20 others. He sang, went out in the audience, danced with his mom, kissed her, then finished his song.

Dujmovic, along with three others, sang an accumulation of songs. Throughout these songs, Dujmovic was playing the guitar.

Ayala and three others danced to a variety of songs. During the last song, Ayala asked members of the audience to join him onstage and dance.

Shinofield gave a "speech" on the

drum set. He demonstrated sounds such as the "swing beat," "waltz," "Matt Potts," and many others.

After the performances, each guy was to answer a question, ranging from what he would change about himself, to his favorite memory of West Chicago, to one rule we all should live by.

Chris Shern performed a dance while the crowd waited for the decision. His dance was an encore performance from the variety show.

After a long wait, the decision was announced, with Dujmovic as Mr. Congeniality, Delort as the third runner up, Weber as the second runner up, Bowne as the first runner up, and Brown as Mr. Wildcat.

All prizes given to the winners were donated from local businesses. Prizes included hair products, a black ceramic elephant pen holder, and gift certificates for Video Images, Gloria Jean's Coffee Bean, Burger King, Sandpiper, Bowling Green, Hair Revelations, Pepe's, and Turner Junction Family Restaurant.

Bowne and Brown also received a free corsage and boutonniere for prom. In addition, Brown won free prom tickets, tuxedo, and limousine ride.

Pure hearts meet evil villains in winter play

By Amanda Pope and Dan Young

"The veil has lifted and the darkness is gone." That's right, the crew of the winter play performed from February 13th-16th in *The Secret of the Mine*, or *Because Their Hearts Were Pure*. The play used a double cast, and the actor acted on the dates in the parenthesis.

This melodrama was designed to entertain the audience by overacting. The audience assists the cast by following the cues given by the dance hall hostesses. Characters in this sort of melodrama are thrown into perilous situations that test their courage. In the end, good always overcomes evil.

The play opens up at the home of Widow Dalrymple (Amanda Giermann Thurs/Sat; Brenda Vergara Fri/Sun) and Widow Truelove (Kelly Macauley on Thurs/Sat; Antoinette Choate Fri/Sun). The widows live with their children Goodwin Dalrymple (Dave Delort Thurs/Sat; Nate Rollins Fri/Sun) and Melody Truelove (Mary Schuster Thurs/Sat; Lisa Arnett Fri/Sun). The widows own a mine, which they get coal for money to pay for their house. Dalrymple and Melody fall in love, but after discovering that there is no more coal in the mine, they must go their separate ways in search of work.

Melody seeks work in Spring Glen as a teacher, while Dalrymple is instructed by

Sebastian Hardacre (Steve Garcia Thurs/Sat; Chris Hauger Fri/Sun) to work as a sailor. Hardacre is a corrupt banker from Ellensville who desires the love of Melody. He is willing to go to the extreme of destroying her family.

Hardacre gets rid of



Justin Spumy, Laura Gilbert and Jon Fraser perform in *Because Their Hearts Were Pure*.

Dalrymple by offering him a job at Shanghai Mamie's (Katy Madden Thurs/Sat; Jenny Lull Fri/Sun) a bar where sailors go for drinks. There, Michael Finn (Andy Sinetos Thurs/Sat; Mario Marrero Fri/Sun), a river rat, gets rid of Dalrymple by clubbing him over the head, and putting him on a ship. The ship crashes, and no one in the Truelove household is told about it. Will Faithful (Dan Tillson Thurs/Sat; Liam Doyle Fri/Sun), a sailor on the ship, survives on a floating log. His only problem is that he can't remember who he is. He goes around and asks if anyone knows his face. Melody finds this wanderer and decides to hold lodgings for him.

Will's wife, Patience Faithful (Monica Acker Thurs/Sat; Tiffany Hanshaw Fri/Sun), unknowingly gives Hardacre

her child because she has lost her husband. Hardacre uses the child in an attempt to get Melody fired. Consequently Melody is dismissed from the school. She takes the child home, and leaves it there with Will. Meanwhile, realizing her mistake, Patience searches for her child.

Melody, on the verge of giving herself to Hardacre to save her family, goes to Ellensville to see Hardacre. There she comes across Patience and brings her back to the home. Patience discovers her husband and child and becomes overjoyed.

Dalrymple returns to Cragmoor disguised as a sailor, and plans on finding out what Hardacre is up to. Hardacre hires Dalrymple to keep watch at the cave.

Hardacre sends Dalrymple to fetch a lantern. While Dalrymple is gone, Hardacre catches Will and Melody and ties them up in the cave. Then he finds Patience and little Will, and ties them up in the cave with the other two captives. Hardacre then finds Mr. Bleakley (Matt Edwards Thurs/Sat; Justin Spumy Fri/Sun) and Mr. Grimestone (Beau Brown Thurs/Sat; Jon Fraser Fri/Sun) lying drunk in

the cave.

Hardacre tries to destroy the cave by lighting a bunch of gun powder on fire. After many unsuccessful tries, a very angry Hardacre throws down his burning cigar in disgust, which catches the pile of gun powder on fire. The powder blows up the cave and traps the people inside.

Dalrymple comes to save the day. He comes back with his lantern and sees the cave entrance blocked by a large amount of blocks. He hears people inside, so he gets his pick-axe to dig them out.

Dalrymple gets in the cave, where the most dramatic scene takes place. Hardacre steals his pick-axe and threatens the people in the cave. They don't want to stand up to Hardacre because they are scared of him, but they band together to defeat the villain. There are eight people in the cave and a baby. Hardacre threatens the people there, thinking he is in control.

The people are terrified until Miss Hatchett (Melissa Birch Thurs/Sat; Laura Gilbert Fri/Sun) appears with her earphone, and knocks Mr. Hardacre out triumphantly!

This was a very excellent play, and the actors were outstanding. The play was entertaining, and silly, drawing many laughs from the audience. Ms. Hafertape, the director, said, "The form [of the play] is different, [than other plays] so it is hard to compare this play to others. Overall, I am pleased with the way it came out."

Mrs. Watson, the assistant director and set director, said, "It went really well, and the audience enjoyed it a lot. The crew did a great job."

Nate Rollins said, "It was fun to over act and pretend your someone else. I especially enjoyed working with friends." Mary Schuster added, "I would like to tell others that acting can be really fun. Try it."

Internet now available

By Kelley Betts

The waves of technology are huge and We-go is ready to surf them with more readily available access to the internet.

The internet will be available on all computers in the library including the 2 labs and the professional library.

"We want to encourage the students to use the internet," said Andy Glowaty, who is in charge of the project.

Students will be able to use the internet as a resource according to the "Acceptable Use Policy" which involves students obtaining signed permission by their parents.

The High School will also have its own web-site (<http://www.district94.dupage.k12.il.us>) which will include a "constantly changing" school calendar and school information.

"Our goal is to eventually include projects from students and teachers," said Glowaty.

Spring break turn around

By Dan Horyn

JENNY McCarthy and the rest of the perfect MTV veejays bring you attractive blondes, men without shirts, and two million gallons of tanning oil. Spring break '97 or bust.

I am sick from the surplus of superficial things associated with spring break.

So this spring break MTV will stay away. I will turn my attention to nicer, happier things like flowers, bunnies, kittens, and trees. The TV will be off, and I will improve myself. Yes.

A few ideas:

Joe Smith, a great Japanese philosopher, once said in a haiku: "Life is a flower/ Plant it now, not tomorrow/ Spring break- party hard." Spring break is the ideal time to let your hair down. Use

your time well- wake up before noon and go out with your friends. Party in a new way: avoid loud music and beer. Relax and enjoy your free time.

For a while forget the burdens of school. Go see an afternoon movie matinee without worrying about consequence. Get muddy in a corn field. Prank call your best friend. Avoid chaining yourself to a desk to copy dictionary pages for no reason at all. Keep life fresh like the philosopher's flower.

Haiku number two from the great thinker: "Bald man buys a wig/ And meets a foxy lady/ Change is always good." Joe, the haiku artist, made a good point: change is good.

Think about your bedroom, CD collection, stereo, automobile and

money. You are surrounded by comfort and routine. You know that when you are bored, you can listen to your latest Milli Vanilli CD or turn on "Matlock." You know there is a car waiting for you at all moments of the day.

These "necessities" are good and useful. But are they really necessary? Imagine taking them away for a day. What would you do? How would you occupy your time? Weird, huh?

But weird is good. The point Joe was trying to make is that we need to periodically leave our comfort zone. We may feel blind and helpless like a mole, but discomfort is cause for growth.

Go to a place that is new to you. Try camping without a walkman or portable TV. Read a book rather

than watch TV. Arby's is right- change is good.

"A twelve year old boy/ Played Nintendo every day/ Then he exploded." This haiku came near the end of the Japanese philosopher's life. However sick, wrong, and twisted it might be, the haiku artist said something important. Joe Smith wanted us to make constructive use of our time.

Imagine yourself on a date. What will you have to talk about if you've never opened a newspaper because you've never left your video game lair? Hopefully your date will have had his or her brain surgically removed because that is the only type of person you can have a brainless conversation with. The poet wasn't asking every hu-

man to become Gandhi, possessing inner light and wisdom, but at least know that Bill Clinton is president and that we live in the United States of America.

Therefore, get out a little. Take some pride in yourself and know about different issues.

Listen to Joe Smith's advice. After all, maybe you will become the next great leader. Or you might just be a better person.

Whatever happens, make sure you avoid living your spring break in a way that would spark the answer "I slept" to anyone who asks you what you did.

Because the haiku artist would severely beat you if he knew you slept all break long: "Life is a flower/ I did not sleep during break/ Nor did I shower."

Choices, choices

By Amanda Pope

Life or Death? The government classes are now in session and many controversial bills are being brought up. The bill on partial birth abortion is one of the most debatable issues. The bill is to make this grotesque procedure illegal.

Each of the opposing sides argue over when life begins, whether or not it should remain a personal choice, whether or not it's moral, if it can be justified, and if it should remain legal.

Landrum B. Shettles, who holds Ph.D and M.D. degrees from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, states that, "The merger is complete within twelve hours, at which time the egg is fertilized and becomes known technically as the "zygote," containing the full set of forty-six chromosomes required to create new human life." Shettles specialized in fertility, sterility, and infant diseases for twenty seven years at Columbia's Presbyterian Medical Center in New York. Anti-abortionists have the general belief that life begins at conception, and abortion would be murdering a living being.

They believe that there is absolutely no reason why someone should get rid of their unborn child. Women were given the gift to give birth to a living being, and they are willing to just throw it away. My personal opinion is that abortion is

used as more of a birth control, that is bad. The only reason I think that a woman should get an abortion is for medical reasons, for example if the fetus and/or mother would die in the process.

Hippocrates, the father of medicine, opposed the aborting of the fetus. The Hippocratic Oath still taken by physicians today, includes the pledge: "I will not give to a woman an abortifacient pessary. In purity and holiness I will guard my life and my art." An "abortifacient pessary" is anything that induces an abortion.

This could make one believe that those physicians who give abortions are breaking their oath by giving them. Many scientists have opposing views.

Frank R. Zindler, a former professor of biology and geology, now a science writer, claims that, "in order to be human, a fetus must have a personality." Therefore, he approves of abortion, because it wouldn't be killing a person.

Plato and Aristotle both advocated abortion as a means to control the population. Maybe the Chinese have the right idea by only having one child.

Those who are in approval of abortion believe that a woman should have the choice of what to do with the baby, since it is a part of them.

I think it's important that a woman have some choices, but what about the father? In many cases the father has no say in whether or not the child is born. Take Bill Stout, a CBS network correspondent, who remembers his newlywed, saying, "she had already made the appointment after talking to a couple friends, and was waiting for him to take her." He also remembers her saying, "that it was her body, and the decision should be hers, and hers alone." It takes two to make the child, it should take two to make the decision of whether or not to keep it.

If a woman wants an abortion she can get one. She doesn't have to have her parent's consent or the father's approval. Parental consent is important because parents should know what's going on in their child's life.

Some people wouldn't think abortion was that bad if a person only had one. In many cases a woman will come back for a second one, as a form of birth control, or convenience. When a woman gets to this point, she has taken advantage of the privilege she was given.

I believe the only time any type of abortion should be made legal is if the mother's life is in danger or rape. In no cases is it exceptional to rip the child from a mother's womb at any time in the pregnancy.

Cloneheads

By Daniel Michael Horyn

Yeah, technology has been tremendous over the last fifty years. The invention of the atomic bomb- perfect for the human race. Nuclear weapons- only beneficial.

Breast implants- whoops. Liposuction- ouch. Voice mail makes me feel like I'm actually talking to a... computer.

And now the mother of them all- cloning. In itself, a nice, pretty word- the verb form of the noun "twins." But beneath the core lies something profound. Something dangerous.

According to Webster, cloning is the technique of producing a genetically identical duplicate. Last month Scottish scientists showed the world exactly what cloning is when they recreated, or cloned, a lamb named Dolly.

Much of the science world had a party over this- cloning would enable us to weed out the bad lambs and only reproduce lambs with thick fur. Or to find all the cows that make the most milk and use their DNA for future cows. Humans playing God in search of the animal Aryan race.

But cloning goes much further than good milk. Have you ever heard of Hitler?

One man's vision of the perfect human race resulted in the death of eight million people. And that vision only considered natural birth.

Now look what kind of power we have. Forget generations of natural birth- we can skip right ahead and change people NOW. All people who stand shorter than six feet need to go. So let's clone only tall men and women.

People with IQ's lower than 100 are useless- let's clone only smart people. Double chins and dimples are out, perfect model faces are in- clone Cindy Crawford.

In fact, why not eliminate overweight people? Let's clone all

who naturally have a high metabolism, that way we won't have to worry about exercising as much.

"OK honey, you're ready to have a child? Let's run down to the laboratory and pick out some DNA that will give us a six foot tall son with dark hair. Maybe let's go with the Tom Cruise clone?"

But the science world says no way- cloning won't ever get that far out of control. It will only be used to reproduce animals for the improvement of the human race.

Right. And plastic surgery was only to be used for medical purposes.

You see, man cannot stop. One day we have something, the next day it is obsolete. We can never be satisfied.

First skin care and exercise were ways to improve image. Then came plastic surgery and liposuction. And soon, cloning? Man's foot is stuck on the accelerator of life.

And imagine if someone extremely rich and extremely powerful gets the idea to clone his or herself over and over and over again. Soon enough the world will be one of two things: overpopulated or unstable.

The world is already having population control problems- look at China, Japan, and parts of the United States. Picture how many more people would become parents if they could "choose" their kids.

The world will be unstable because there will be a billion perfect people vying for power. Talk about a recipe for anarchy.

We need to think about what actually is good for us. Do we want to live among super athletes with Einstein brains? Everyone will be a dime a dozen.

There is a time when technology moves us forward, and then there is a time we must take a step back and think: how will this make things better?

Save a life

Staff Editorial

If you had the chance to save a life, would you?

If your mother, grandfather, brother or best friend were dying would you do anything in your power to save them?

Would you be eternally grateful to someone who gave up their organ to save a loved one?

Anyone who has received an organ to save his or her life can tell you that gift is the most valuable thing they ever acquired.

Life is precious, and everything should be done to save it

or make it longer. A longer life can be possible with the death of someone else.

When you die, you can donate your organs to prolong a the life of somebody's mother, grandfather, brother or best friend.

Donating organs a simple action and harmless to a dead body to provide happiness for a moment longer.

It is a selfish act to keep organs in a dead body. Why stick them in the ground when they could save a life. Every-

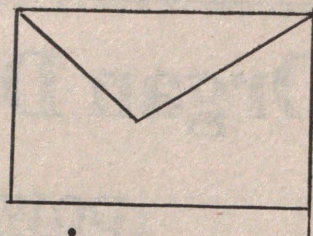
one should be willing to give up organs after death, because a dead body has no other use.

The option of giving consent for organ donation at the DMC is not made a point when receiving a license, but is an choice that needs to be made.

We all have the power to save a life, to make a difference. All it takes is a signature on a license or an organ donor card.

Being an organ donor gives not only a new life, but a personal satisfaction knowing you are helping others.

Letters to the editor



Walkmans in school

Dear Editor:

Although my gripe might not seem of importance, this school policy needs to be resolved one way or the other. Strangely enough, I don't wish to change the rule but to instead change or decide how the policy is to be enforced.

The regulation in question would be the one dealing with the possession of Walkmans on school property.

I don't have a problem with the point that Walkmans can be distracting because they can really be disruptive if used improperly.

Classes would be much harder to control or run if students were allowed to use their Walkmans because no learning would ever take place.

Since the purpose of school is to teach, this rule seems to agree with that plan and it can't really be argued about if it is logically thought over.

Outside the classroom, it should become a student's decision whether or not they would like to listen to their Walkmans. During a student's free time (unscheduled or lunch hours), we should be able to decide for ourselves.

If music helps us to wind down or relax after a tough portion of the school day, what is wrong about it then? I myself have had my Walkman taken away during my free time.

During final's week, I had an open period so I decided to go to the cafeteria to talk to my friends and to listen to some music. I guess what really bother me was that even though I wasn't bothering anyone else around me, a faculty member confiscated the Walkman from me.

Despite the fact that the assistant principal and one of the student deans were talking right by me and did nothing at all about

what I was doing, I would later have it taken away by another faculty member.

My question became, "Why was only my Walkman taken away?" After the incident, my friends and I counted five others in the cafeteria at the same time who were listening to Walkmans.

As far as I could tell, nobody else was bothered for their listening except me. When I walk through the hallways before school starts, I can find on an average of five people just sitting in the hallways listening to their Walkmans.

Often these students are in plain view of faculty members yet nothing happens. Maybe they aren't bothered because it is before the actual start of school but according to the school policy, no Walkmans should ever be brought into the school building.

As far as I can tell, this rule is only partially enforced and that contradicts the school's doctrine.

I'm against banning Walkmans all together from the school scene but it needs to be decided definitely where they can be listened to.

I think it has to be either no Walkmans can be listened to during the time a student is inside the school building (no listening during "free" time) or Walkmans can be used at a student's discretion (not during classes but during "free" time).

I know people who just use their Walkmans as entertainment on their walk home or on the bus (myself included) and not under any circumstances should Walkmans be outlawed just for out of school activities.

To many people, this issue isn't relevant at all, but I would just like to have this problem resolved so I can have some peace of mind with my Walkman.

Brian Miller

Off-campus for all

Dear Editor:

It has come to my concern that many students of the freshmen and sophomore class are upset due to the fact that the juniors and seniors can obtain off-campus and they can not.

I believe that all students should be given the opportunity to leave campus during their lunch hour.

I do understand what reasons the school board might have as to why the lower class men are restricted from this privilege.

Getting back to school in time for class might be just one of them, but I do believe that we, the students and staff, will be able to reach an equal consensus on any problem brought up.

Finding a solution to the problem of students not returning from lunch in time, may cause the need for some new, extra rules.

To solve this dilemma, the school board should establish a policy punishing absentees after lunch. If a student is not present in class after lunch twice in one semester, then they lose off-campus

privileges for an extended period of time.

Finding transportation might be a problem because most freshmen and sophomores do not have their license yet.

However, some do have junior and senior friends who are willing to drive them somewhere.

Also, located in walking distance, there are fast food restaurants such as McDonald's and Burger King for those who do not have any form of transportation.

Then, there are those students who live near the school that would like to walk home, but they cannot.

Off-campus would meet the demands of many people and make the students more satisfied.

Some people want more than just the food in the cafeteria and leaving school grounds would enable them to get what they want. It is only fair off-campus is available to all students, freshmen through seniors.

Courtney Ksepka

Honor roll incentives

Dear Editor:

In many cases, incentives are used to persuade people to do a job, chore, or other tasks.

Once such case is receiving an allowance for cleaning up the house, or taking out the trash. People with jobs can be persuaded to do better if they are close to getting a raise or promotion.

However, at one of the most critical times of our life, the students of We-go are not being offered any sort of incentives at all.

The logical thing to do would be to give the people that make the "High Honor Roll" or the "Honor Roll" some sort of reward for their hard work.

First, there are many reasons that students should be given an incentive to do well. One of the first things that you learn as a freshman is how to set goals for yourself. After someone reaches that goal, they are supposed to be rewarded.

For some reason We-go does not recognize this. For example, 665 students made either the "High Honor Roll" or the "Honor Roll" the first semester of this year, and all of the students went unrewarded.

This left many students feeling like all of their hard work wasn't worth anything at all. Plus, if there were incentives to get on the "Honor Roll" many students would be willing to put forth more effort to make the "Honor Roll" knowing their efforts will not go

unrewarded.

Next, some opposing reasons not to be given incentives can quickly be disposed of. One such excuse the school may be using might be the high school expects us to do well.

As a student, let me tell you that the majority of the people that I know knowingly did not perform up to their full potential. Why? Because there was nothing in it for them.

Another reason not to have incentives for children might be there would be too many students on the Honor Roll. For this, all that needs to be done is to restructure the Honor Roll. Perhaps instead of just needing a B average, maybe students should be required to have at least a 3.5 GPA.

Last, but not least, is the ever popular excuse, the school doesn't have enough money. This can be taken care of by a simple plan at the beginning of registration.

If the kids believe they will make the Honor Roll, have them give the school money, so in reality the students would actually be paying for their own incentive. If, by some chance, the student does pay but doesn't make the Honor Roll the money will be kept by the school. If the student doesn't pay the school and ends up making the Honor Roll, then that student won't be allowed to receive any sort of reward. It's as simple as that.

If that idea doesn't work out, then perhaps we can just ask the high officials of the district to take a pay cut from their already enormously huge paychecks.

Finally, the students of this high school deserve some sort of incentive to do well in school. Not only is it unfair for these students to go unrewarded, but it is flat out wrong.

Everything in life is accomplished for a reason. To get one thing, you have to complete another. There isn't a better time to teach this to people than in high school, where teenagers will learn how to survive in today's modern society.

Without incentives, it wouldn't surprise me if anything never got done again.

Incentives are important to students. They can be used to push along mediocre students and to keep the good students in line.

With some time and effort, I am confident that the district officials will be able to figure out some sort of way to accomplish this badly needed addition to a high schooler's life.

Adam J. Valadez

Long Days

Dear Editor,

I am writing you in regards to the length of our school's days. I have talked to many students throughout my first year at West Chicago Community High School, and they all have said the school day is too long. Shortening the day would not harm the school, it will save money, and we should get with the times, we have the longest school day in the state of Illinois.

Although shortening the school day would take away from teacher's time in class, we would not be jeopardizing our blue ribbon honor in the least. By having longer school days children are bored. St. Charles, which also received the blue ribbon honor does not start school until 8:15 a.m. and ends at 2:25 p.m. Palatine, who also received the blue ribbon honor starts school at 8:00 and wraps up at 2:45.

These schools meet 45 minutes to an hour shorter than West Chicago and still received the Blue Ribbon honor.

Did you know that the average school day in the United States is 45 minutes shorter than our school day? Shortening the school day will save the school money for

labor costs and electricity. The teacher's salary will be less because they will be teaching less time.

The janitors will have the school clean quicker if school is hanging by it's nails anyway, every little penny counts. Whether it be by cutting sports teams or ending school earlier.

Last and foremost, we have the longest school day in the state of Illinois. Although we could try to be the trend setter by having a longer school day, the costs would rule against it.

On average keeping a school of our size open costs almost \$2,500 per hour, if you consider the teachers and janitors plus the bills for the place you can easily see how that is true. We have had the school day for the same length for almost ten years, and no other schools have gone to the longer school day.

I'm asking you to get with the times and shorten the school day by a fair margin.

I do agree that St. Charles' school day may be a little short, but Palatine's seems like it is about where it should be.

Mike Streams

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Organ Donors: You have the power to save a life

By Hannah Kenny

Not many people have the chance to rescue a cat from a tree, pull a child from a burning house, or keep someone from jumping from a bridge. But everyone has the chance to be hero.

You can be responsible for saving a life with a simple action: become an organ and tissue donor. All you have to do is sign an organ donor card or the back of a drivers license and discuss your plans with a family member.

Signing your name on an organ donor card could provide the gift of sight to the vision impaired give a new start to a fire victim, or even life itself to someone with terminal heart of or liver disease.

There is need
Thousands of people receive organ and tissue transplants each year. Nearly 50,315 Americans waited for organ transplants this year already, while hundreds of thousands more need tissue transplants. About every 18 minutes a baby, young child, teenager, adult or senior citizens is in need of a transplant. This year there is more need than before for organs and tissues. A 17 percent increase in recipients arose and the number of donors stayed the same. For each person who receives a

transplant, there are many more who won't have the opportunity because organ donors are few. In the past five years 2,235 families consented to give deceased organs to those who needed them, but it is not nearly enough.

If more people became organ and tissue donors, many more lives could be saved.

What you can donate

Anyone, male or female, of any race age or ethnicity can donate his or her organs and tissues. Organs available for donation include the heart, kidney, pancreas, lungs, liver and intestines. Tissue donations include eyes,

ent.

It's perfectly safe

Some people hesitate to donate their organs and because they fear a conflict between saving their lives and claiming organs at the time of death.

In spite of this common belief, there is no conflict and the deceased is able to lie in an open casket.

Only after all efforts to save a life are made and a person is declared "brain dead," the organs may be taken out of the body.

Brain death is determined on strict medical and legal standards. In brain death, the brain has stopped functioning and artificial means are used to keep heart-beat and breathing.

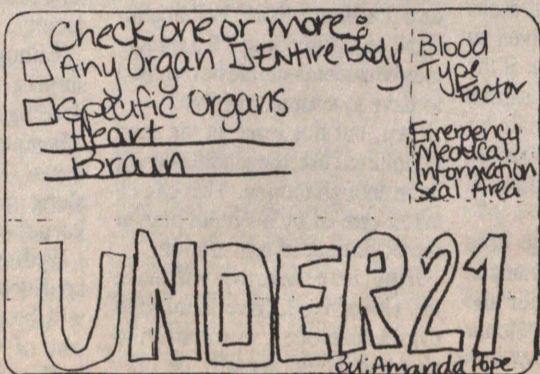
If the support systems are removed, all body functions stop immediately. Transplant teams have no involvement with the dying before death and are only called in after the body is declared legally dead.

The removal of organs or tissues does interfere with a regular funeral, nor will the appearance of the body change.

A final decision

Someone always can change your mind about donating tissues or organs. Tearing up organ donor cards or writing void over the plastic across the donor portion of a license nullifies the wish.

bones, heart valves, tendons and ligaments. In special circumstances a kidney, bone marrow, or a portion of a lung or lever may be received from a living donor, generally from a close relative. This surgery may cause some risk to the living donor, so doctors are hesitant to perform the surgery on someone who is not a close relative to the recipi-



Gammelgaard sines on

By Jeff Goluszka

After the departure of math teachers Robert McCollum, Diane Martling and Carl Wrede, the math department brought in a new, young face to continue the math tradition at We-go.

Recent NIU graduate Robert Gammelgaard began teaching Advanced Algebra/Trigonometry, Algebra 1C, Principles of Algebra, and Geometry at the beginning of this year. He received his Bachelor's degree in Mathematics, so he's certainly qualified.

Gammelgaard hopes to get his Masters degree in the near future, but is undecided on which school he will be attending. He likes the school and wouldn't mind staying here for a few years.

Gammelgaard prefers We-go for many ways not involved in the classroom. Gammelgaard's previous experience includes teaching the second semester at Elgin H.S. last year. Elgin is much more crowded, and is much more violent, Gammelgaard explained. He also noticed that along with a better overall image, We-go is much cleaner, and there are not usually students lingering in the

halls, as was the case at Elgin.

Gammelgaard also likes the student attitudes at West Chicago. The students are more motivated and are "here to work." He enjoys math as a whole, and he feels the main purpose of his class is to not only to educate students, but to get them to enjoy math also.

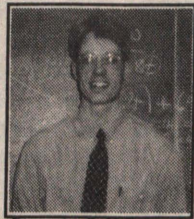


Photo by Jeff Goluszka

Gammelgaard takes a new approach in teaching, unlike the usual class you think of when you hear the word math class.

What's the first thing to come to your mind? Usually a cranky old man giving hours of homework a night and a test every week. That's not even close. Gammelgaard has an easier time relating to students for many reasons.

He's young, which is the first thing people notice. Gammelgaard also doesn't just put the fractions and equations out there, he attempts to relate them to everyday situations.

Gammelgaard thrust himself into the mathematical field because of his motivation to teach and train high school students. He began as a manager for numerous small businesses such as convenient stores.

Gammelgaard applied for a job at We-go in April of 1996.

Prom, the time of your life

By Allison Taylor

After much discussion, prom committee voted Tuesday, March 11, to hold the 1997 junior-senior prom, "Time of My Life" amidst a sea of midnight blue, burgundy, and silver.

On Friday, May 16, the walls of the Ambassador, in Elmhurst, will be adorned with these colors. According to committee member, Jennie Grobe, the building was recently remodeled and has two levels. The top floor will be used for pictures and the bottom will be used for dinner and dancing.

"The place is beautiful," said committee member, Lisa Mueller.

At 6:30 P.M. guests are expected to start arriving and dinner will follow at 7:30. Dancing will start around 9:00 P.M. and last until around 11:00. Around 500 people are expected to attend this year's event.

Tickets are expected to run around \$25 a piece, or \$50 a couple, said Maura Rowland, junior class advisor. This price is lower than last year's which was \$35 a piece or \$70 a couple. Tickets will go on sale the week of April 21 and will continue through May 9. Everyone attending prom must purchase a ticket by this date.

With the major decisions taken

care of, prom committee is focusing on smaller details such as favors and decorations. However, according to Mueller, favors co-chair, these details are meant to be a surprise.

Prom King and Queen nominations will start the week of prom, from May 12-May 15, said committee member, Amber Planek. Five junior guys and five junior girls will be chosen to the court. These ten people will be announced during the prom assembly of that week.

The prom song is "Wonderful Tonight" by Eric Clapton. Other nominated songs were, "I'll Remember" by Madonna, "Nobody" by Keith Sweat, "Forever Young" by the Pretenders, and "I've Had the Time of My Life" from the movie Dirty Dancing.

Prom committee has raised a sufficient amount of money and continues to raise money through bake sales, car washes, market days, concessions, and voting for theme and song. "Fund raising is going well," said committee member Caroline McClellan.

Trisha Tinnes, junior class president said, "To all those people out there concerned about the quality of prom, don't worry because our finances are on the up and up." There will be meetings every Monday morning at 7:15 A.M. in the LRC classroom for prom committee. These meetings are open to all juniors interested in planning prom.

A set-up for Hasty

By Beth Siwy

Kris Hasty has been teaching and coaching here at West Chicago for three years now and loves doing it. "I heard it was a good school... I wanted to put a stronger emphasis on the volleyball program," said Hasty. The 16 year coach and teacher began her volleyball career in high school at Deercreek Makinaw, in central Illinois, as a senior.

She played all through out her career at George Williams College, where she went to a national tournament.

She has coached numerous teams such as junior high, high school, at Elmhurst College, and club volleyball.

Hasty believes very strongly that extracurricular activities help with self esteem and improves kids' so-

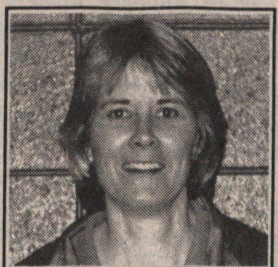


Photo by Tracy Busse

enced by her father and her brother. "My father was a very good athlete," said Hasty. Her father has played golf, and her brother has played tennis. They have both been involved in Baseball and Basketball.

One of Hasty's goals while at We-go, is to build a respectable volleyball program, not only the school, but also in the entire conference. Her large family background is what influenced Hasty to become a teacher in athletics. She has always wanted to become a teacher. She said that she always wanted to, "be around [athletics]." In her spare time she likes to golf, bike, and shop.

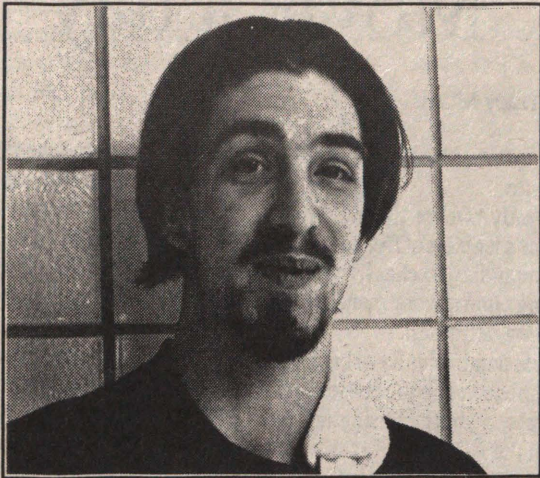
She says that the one thing kids have to remember is to, "be true to yourself."

cial lives. "Sports show you what you're made of. They help you work for something you love," and in most cases, "help you meet new people." With her sixteen years of teaching and coaching behind her, Hasty has enjoys it and can see herself here at We-go ten years from now hopefully coaching and teaching.

Hasty feels that she was influ-

Spring Break Poll:

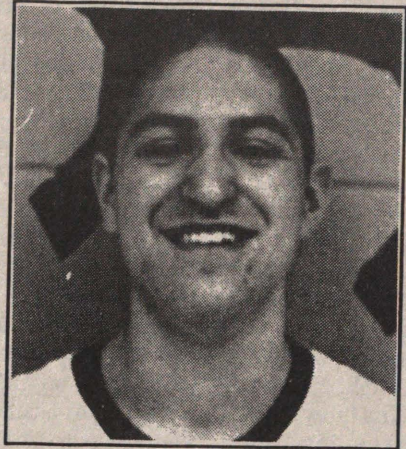
Where do you want to go over break?



Photos by Amanda Pope

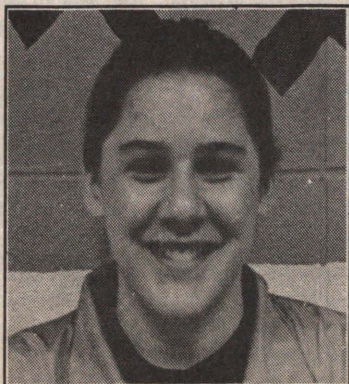
Senior Al Visco-

"I want to go to Mexico and lay on the beach."



Junior Alfredo Muhlberger

"I would go to Haiti to learn some voodoo stuff."



Freshman Amanda Bina-

"I want to visit Europe and see if women don't shave their armpits or legs."



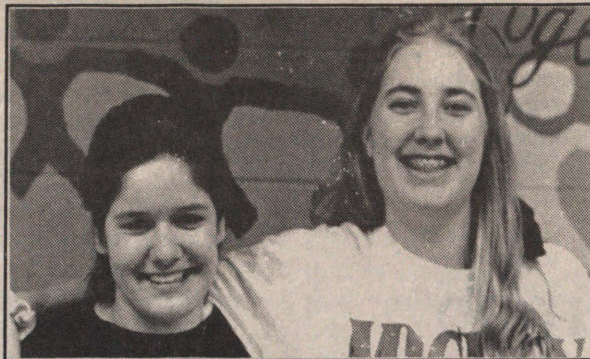
Seniors Katie Toboja, Jim Richardson, and Humberto "Bear" Ayala-

"We want to go to the National Yo-Yo Fest in Jerusalem, a national gathering of all the best yo-yoers in the world."



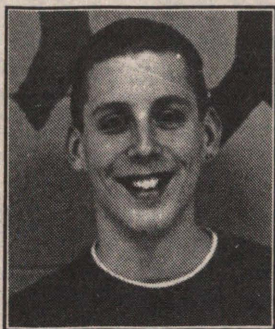
Freshmen Jesus Favela and Victor Osorio-

"Cancun: the women."



Juniors Samantha Jeschke and Caroline McClellan-

"We want to go to Disney World because we love both Mickey Mouse and the sun."



Sophomore Erik Thordarson-

"I want to go someplace where the moon shines all day and little men dance on people's arms."



Sophomore Season Barclay-

"I want to go to the Florida Keys with my senior crush."

A plethora of things to do over break

By Dan Young

Your mission: to find an activity for spring break. Choose well or you might find yourself doing something really weird. There are many different things to do over break, which starts on March 31 and ends on April 4. Here are a few possibilities.

Outdoor Activities

How about going on vacation to another state? You could go to Starved Rock. Go fishing. You could open a friend's pool and take a swim. You could take a run or

play a sport in the park. Rollerblading in the park is popular. Parasailing is always fun. If you like basketball, the weather will be a little bit better, or at least, let's hope so. You might even think of heading out to a camp of some sort. You could go skiing in Colorado.

Indoor Activities

You could stay home and do some spring cleaning. Another idea is to go home and hibernate. Doing a crossword puzzle every

day is always a possibility. You could read the dictionary. Why not find a job? It is always possible to go to the movies or rent a movie every night. Certain people like to watch t.v. all week long. You could attend a concert. You could write poems in the quiet of your own home. You could draw a picture or write for the paper. Computers are always fun to mess around with, especially if you can access the Internet. Computer and video games are cool as well.

Activities With Friends

Hangout with your friends. Why not go camping with a bunch of your friends? Or, on second thought, make some new friends. Talk to your friends on the phone. Make plans to see a play in Chicago.

Crazy Activities

Buy a new CD and listen to it 900 times. A slightly crazy idea is to pretend you are Batman and see how many people believe you. You could learn how to drive a bus. If possible, you might start a jail break, but that is not a good

idea. Learning how to read hieroglyphics would be neat, but not very easy. There is always the possibility of going around the world in 80 days in a balloon, although this may make you a little late for school. Why don't you join Q101's Unreal World, or make your own Unreal World.

Whatever you do is up to you, but make sure you have fun while doing it.

I've got a four-letter word

By Jeff Goluszka

You may love him, you may hate him, but you'll love Howard Stern's new movie *Private Parts*.

You may think his radio humor is funny and amusing, or you may despise him and see his program as vulgar trash unfit for the public ear. Whatever your opinion may be, I urge you to see this film.

I settled into the movie theater to learn the life story of some weird guy that I've heard nothing but criticism about.

This roller coaster of a movie begins on an airplane. Stern is seated in the front row with an empty seat next to him. Stern watches as a beautiful woman boards the plane. She notices her seat is next to Stern and runs for cover to the flight attendant with a last-ditch plea for another spot. She eventually sits next to him, and he just happens to jump into his life story.

He starts with childhood where his hypocritical father constantly shoves him away. A quite logical question from a six-year old kid is responded with "Shut-up moron!" A complement, complaint, basically anything that comes out of young Stern's mouth is rejected with that angry display of emotion.

When Stern is a senior, his father comes to him with the question of what Howard wants to do with his life. His father then says that Stern never said much, considering he always told him to shut-up.

Stern finishes high school, then heads to college at Boston University, high off marijuana

throughout. During a college film-making class he took for fun, he meets the apple of his eye and eventual wife, Allison (played by Mary McCormack), who ultimately stars in one of his university films.

Howard sees his first work as a disc jockey in college at Boston University. He makes a fool out of himself not more than a minute into his first broadcast when he puts on a record then clumsily wipes out huge stack of eight tracks onto the floor and stopping the record while sobbing "Oh my God!"

Then begins what could be known as a tour around the country getting fired from radio stations, and even quitting one because it changed from rock 'n roll to country. After that, Stern comes to the realization that he should just let himself go wild and say whatever pops into his mind. At that moment, the Howard Stern we all know and love or hate, is born.

Stern journeys to Washington D.C. and gets a job at DC101, where he meets future partner Robin Quivers (played by the real Quivers). There, Stern takes the show to the top of the charts.

Stern is married to Allison and he's having the best time of his life. Everything is going perfectly, then Allison announces that she's pregnant. Howard is overjoyed.

Then the party comes to a halt. Allison suddenly has a miscarriage.

Allison deals with her grief by crying and letting out emotion, while Howard chooses a different route: parlaying over the air the most appalling moments in radio cast history.

Stern turns the saddest event in their marriage into a joke. He uses the voice of radio colleague Fred Norris (acting as himself) as God, explaining why the miscarriage had to happen. This may well be the only time in Howard Stern's radio career where he actually thinks he may have gone too far. The camera catches a split-second look of uncertainty on his face.

Stern and his sky-high ratings eventually get bought from DC101 by WNBC in New York, where Stern begins a one-on-one war with boss Kenny (played by the hilariously persistent Paul Giamatti). Kenny shows his opinion of Stern near the middle of the film when he hollers at Stern, "You are the AntiChrist!"

Stern captures himself in youth well, and if this wasn't a movie dealing with the topics of today, being sex and drugs, he'd be worthy of an Oscar nomination. In *Private Parts*, he holds the qualities of a true hero: loyalty, intelligence and individuality.

It's true that Stern says practically every bad word possibly imagined and rolls around the floor with naked women, while he's married, no less, but after seeing this movie, you might no longer think of Howard Stern as a village idiot, but as an American hero.

Stern perhaps leads you into believing he was the greatest man ever to hit the airwaves. Whether he is or not, is your decision.

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Spring Break: Movie a day

By Tracy Morris

School's out for summer! Well, not quite.

It's only out for Spring Break, but that's ten days of freedom without demanding teachers, time-consuming homework, and mind numbing activities.

While some of us have big plans (examples: a trip to the Bermuda Triangle, a shark-chasing adventure in the Atlantic, or a top secret encounter with Mickey Mouse), others of us will be stuck to our couch or bed with our eyes fixed on the tube.

Here's non-Spring Break related movie rentals worth your viewing time to help you get started on your couch coma.

Nutty Professor (1996)- Stand-up comedian turned hilarious actor Eddie Murphy (*Metro*), stars in this comedy about an overweight college professor who's job is his life. Faced with the prospect of losing his job if he fails to bring in a considerable alumni contribution, Murphy's character Sherman Clump uses himself in his experiment. As in most movies, Clump has plenty at stake personally, most specifically with love interest Carla Purty (Jada Pinkett). Murphy plays six roles besides the lead as Clump, including his own mother, father, brother, and grandmother, as well as his lean, mean alter-ego Buddy Love.

Tracy's Tip: If you don't watch this movie for any other reason, keep your eyes out for the two scenes at Clump's parents' home. The dinner table scenes, featuring Murphy and five of his characters, will have you on the floor laughing and chanting, "Hercules, Hercules!"

Trainspotting (1996)- Although extremely serious in its content, including drug use, HIV, crime, and death, this up-tempo movie has a lot to offer in the way of witty humor. It stars Ewan McGregor (*Emma*) as Scottish heroin addict Mark Renton, who is caught in the battle of his life, the battle between choosing life or heroin. Renton and four of his "friends," Spud, Tommy, Sick Boy, and Begbe, spend their time "cooking up" heroin, listening to Iggy Pop, and frequenting the clubs of Scotland.

Tracy's Tip: Two things- First, rent this movie more than once. You'll probably need to so you can break through the heavy accents of Renton and his mates. Second, buy the motion picture soundtrack to compliment the movie. It features two Iggy Pop songs, "Lust for Life" and "Nightclubbing," as well as "Born Slippy" by Underworld. Then, after you've listened to the soundtrack, watch the movie again. You'll appreciate the movie and music so much more if you do.

Cable Guy (1996)- This comedy

stars Jim "Alrighty then" Carey (*Ace Ventura Pet Detective*) as a cable installer who gets a little too attached for the comfort of the installee, Matthew Broderick (*Ferris Bueller's Day Off*). Carey's character hooks Broderick's up with free cable in exchange for friendship. Broderick is more interested in getting his ex-girlfriend back and when Carey isn't getting all the attention, he nearly ruins Broderick's life.

Tracy's Tip: Watch this movie under very strict circumstances. Listen carefully, now. Watch this movie with a friend or a group of friends you know you'll laugh about anything with. The movie doesn't supply much comedy; a majority of it is left up to the viewer. If you expect to get a group of people together and be entertained by the laughs that come to you, you'll be waiting all night.

King Pin (1996)- The often controversial Woody Harrelson (*The People vs. Larry Flynt*) stars in this comedy about one of civilization's most ancient sports, bowling. Harrelson plays Roy Munson, a 1979 Amateur Bowling State Champ, who teams up with Ishmael (Randy Quaid), an Amish farmer who simply bowls for fun. But Ishmael is so talented, Munson (who lost his hand to a ball return after hustling an angry group of bowlers out of money) can't leave him alone.

Tracy's Tip: With three stars like Harrelson, Quaid, and Bill Murray, who plays Hall of Fame bowler, Ernie McCracken, the movie can't go wrong. Harrelson and Murray are a perfect comedic team and the 70's leisure suits in the early parts of the movie are enough to promise you a million laughs.

Multiplicity (1996)- Former Batman Michael Keaton steals the show in this comedy about a family man with so little time he decides to be in four places at once, literally. Keaton takes on four roles in the movie, including the original character and his three clones, opposite Andie McDowell (*Groundhog Day*). The clones are supposed to be xerox copies of him and make his life easier but instead end up turning it upside down.

Tracy's Tip: If you should find the movie lacking what you're looking for, keep the VCR rolling until you get to the third clone's entrance into the movie. He is slightly retarded, wholly absent minded, and a load of laughs. He's guaranteed to make the movie worthwhile with lines like, "Did you get me a chainsaw?" and "I want some pizza."

Depp joins the mob

By Kelley Betts

Al Pacino is back, teaming up with Johnny Depp, playing the role only he can do best in the movie, *Donnie Brasco*.

Donnie Brasco is based on the true story of Joe Pistone, an agent for the F.B.I., who goes undercover as Donnie Brasco (Depp).

Pistone's job is to investigate the crimes of the mafia. He eases his way into the gang when he meets Benjamin "Lefty" Ruggiero (Pacino), a street smart "wise guy" who is always looking for money.

Lefty takes Pistone under his wing and introduces him to more people and better connections. In no time at all, he gains the status of being affiliated with the mafia.

Pistone begins to lose touch with his own family, who have no idea where he is most of the time. He can't live at his house in order to protect his family.

Meanwhile, Pistone is spending most of his time with Lefty, who is having family problems of his own. Lefty's son is a drug addict who has a fatal experience.

Pistone starts moving up the mafia ladder when he opens up a gambling club in Florida, while Lefty is left behind, even after

being a devoted member of the mafia for a longer period of time.

Pistone starts forgetting what his true job is as he becomes more and more involved. He begins to fall into their routines.

When the F.B.I. finally realizes Pistone is becoming a true mafia man, he is afraid to leave because he would be endangering Lefty's life.

Now, Pistone needs to find a safe way out of the mafia; however, since Lefty introduced him to their gang, Lefty could be killed, and Pistone wants to avoid that after becoming closer to Lefty.

The plot in the movie is pretty good. It adds just enough twists to keep the audience's attention throughout the movie. It doesn't involve as much blood and killing as one would expect in a mob movie but has it's share of violence.

The movie started off fast paced. Everything seemed to be moving along quickly; however, towards the end, it slowed down considerably with what some might consider to be a drawn out climax.

The producers tried to build tension in the last few scenes, but it started losing the excitement.

The acting in the movie was ex-

cellent. There is no question as to how Pacino did. With such experience in similar roles, he picked up the role of Lefty without any problems.

I was somewhat disappointed that he had the role of a not-so-classy gangster. The character of Michael Corleone in the *Godfather* series gave him the image of a more well-to-do gangster while his roll in *Donnie Brasco* shattered that image.

Overall, Pacino did a great job on taking on his roll.

Depp acted well also taking on a new role of a gangster/F.B.I. agent.

He carried through with maintaining the image of an Italian gangster and showed the emotion of an undercover cop.

Depp even spoke with a pretty believable Italian accent throughout the whole movie.

Donnie Brasco is definitely a good action/suspense movie. The thought of it being based on a true story makes it even more suspenseful.

Is it worth the time and money? "Ah, fahgitboutit." (Definitely)

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Return to the Magical Quiz

By Brian Miller

(Continued from previous issue)

"It sounds fun when you all come together. You know, there's nothing you can do that can't be done. I saw a film today about a lucky man who made the grade and I bet you could be in it."

"That film about Lucy in the sky? Those actors have been going in and out of style but there still guaranteed to raise a smile."

"As the film points out, life is easy with eyes closed, misunderstanding all you see. But even when the night is cloudy, there is still a light that shines on me."

"You know every morning here comes the sun. Come to think of it, little darling, its been a long, cold lonely winter."

"I hope that when I'm sixty-four, somebody like Mother Mary will be there to take care of me."

"That reminds me I have a ticket to ride to Albert Hall. You wanna come with?"

"Aren't they still counting how many holes it takes to fill the Albert Hall? Besides, just from me to you, recently I was alone, I took a ride and didn't know what I would find there."

"Well one time there was a fog upon L.A. and my friends lost their way. Instead of leaving they stayed because they said 'it's wonderful to be here, it's certainly a thrill.'"

"But why? Did they have a hard day's night or what?"

"From what I heard, they all found a girl, asked them to hold their hand, and went off. As for

me, the Moscow girls really knock me out and leave the West behind."

"I have a boyfriend and it looks like you have one who came to stay."

"When I was younger I didn't have anybody's help in any way but then I found that love used to be such an easy game to play and now I need a place to hide away."

"My guy buys me diamond rings and things and I'm in love with him and I feel fine."

"I know how it is. When we would lie beneath a shady tree, thinking I love her and she's loving me. Then all the sudden, in her eyes you see nothing, no sign of love beyond the tears."

"Bummer. Maybe you should send her all you loving. Ask if

there's anything she wants and if there is, tell her you'll send it along with love 'from me to you'."

"That's a good idea. Everywhere people stare and tell me I've got to hide my love away."

"For me, it's getting better all the time, probably because I need somebody to love," the woman gushed out.

"It doesn't worry me to be alone yet sometimes I need help."

"You have to carry that weight and sometimes you have to break down or give her your situation."

"I would but you could say she was attractively built. My head is

filled with things to say but I can't get the words out."

"If you really feel for her, you should tell her you want her here, there, and everywhere. What profession is she in and what's her name?"

"She's a real go-getter because she works in a shop and her name is Pam. She's always saving to buy clothes. One of the problems is that I usually end up sitting on the sofa with a sister or two."

"You should begin by stating your point of view. Then you should indicate precisely what you mean to say."

The one who finds and lists every phrase or title of a Beatles song from this and last issue will receive a prize. Turn answers into Ms. Mocariski's mail box in the main office. Winners will be drawn at random. Due Friday March 27 by 12:55

Spring Horoscopes

By Allison Taylor and Jennifer Lasky

CAPRICORN During spring break, be on the lookout for that special someone. They will probably turn up unexpectedly. Go out of your way to be nice to that annoying sibling. You never know when they might come in handy. Your lucky number and color: 6 and black. Best match: Cancer

AQUARIUS You'll be feeling adventurous this month, so do something new and exciting. Try skydiving, for instance. Watch out for a Taurus, they are sure to cause you trouble. Your lucky number and color: 17 and baby blue. Best match: Virgo

PISCES Don't slack off before break. Be on the lookout for a blond haired, blue eyed friend who will want to be more than friends. Your lucky number and color: -32 and silver. Best match: Sagittarius

ARIES Your sweetheart will have a lot to deal with this month, so just smile and try to understand. A Capricorn will do something nice for you. Be sure to thank them and they will be glad to do it again. Your

lucky number and color: 12 and yellow. Best match: Gemini

TAURUS- Your parents will be giving you a hard time this month, so try and work things out. Hit the sales over break, that new swimsuit will look great on you. Your lucky number and color: 69 and magenta. Best match: Aries

GEMINI- Your social life will pick up over break. Buy your sweetheart something nice, he or she deserves it. Start working on that tan, you never know who it might impress. Your lucky number and color: 13 and indigo. Best match: anyone but Cancer

CANCER You will receive an unexpected surprise from a close friend, so be prepared. Things look bright for spring break, so relax. Start saving your money for that big trip this summer. Your lucky number and color: 79 peach. Best match: Aquarius

LEO Don't worry about things that are out of your control because everything will work out in the end. Be nice to those who you don't get along with. You will find they are a better friend

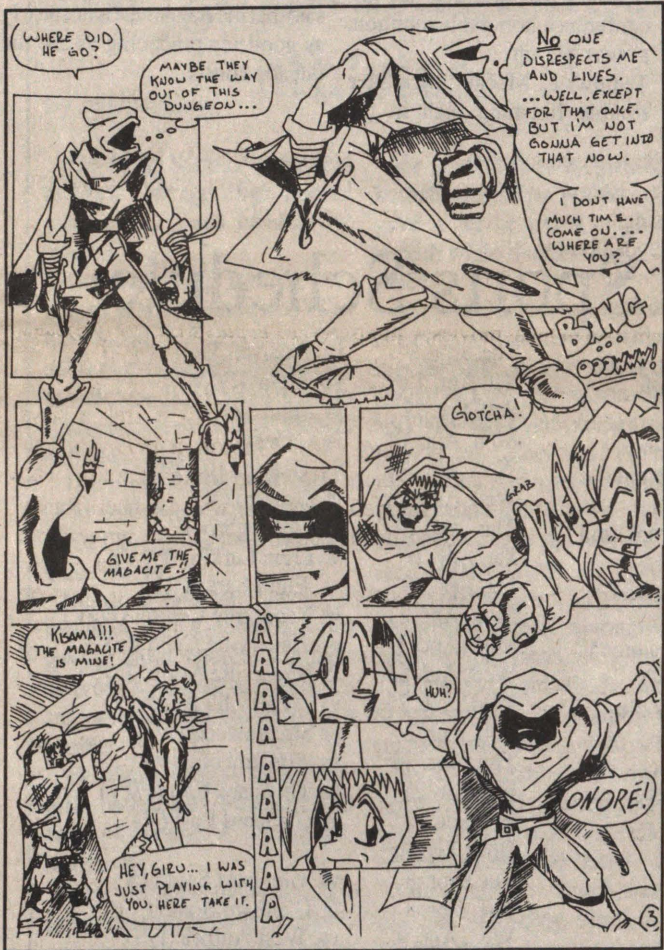
than you thought. Your lucky number and color: 5 and turquoise. Best match: Capricorn

VIRGO Pay attention to the people in your science class, one may be your future prom date. You'll get some bad advice this month, so be careful. Your lucky number and color: 14 and gray. Best match: Leo

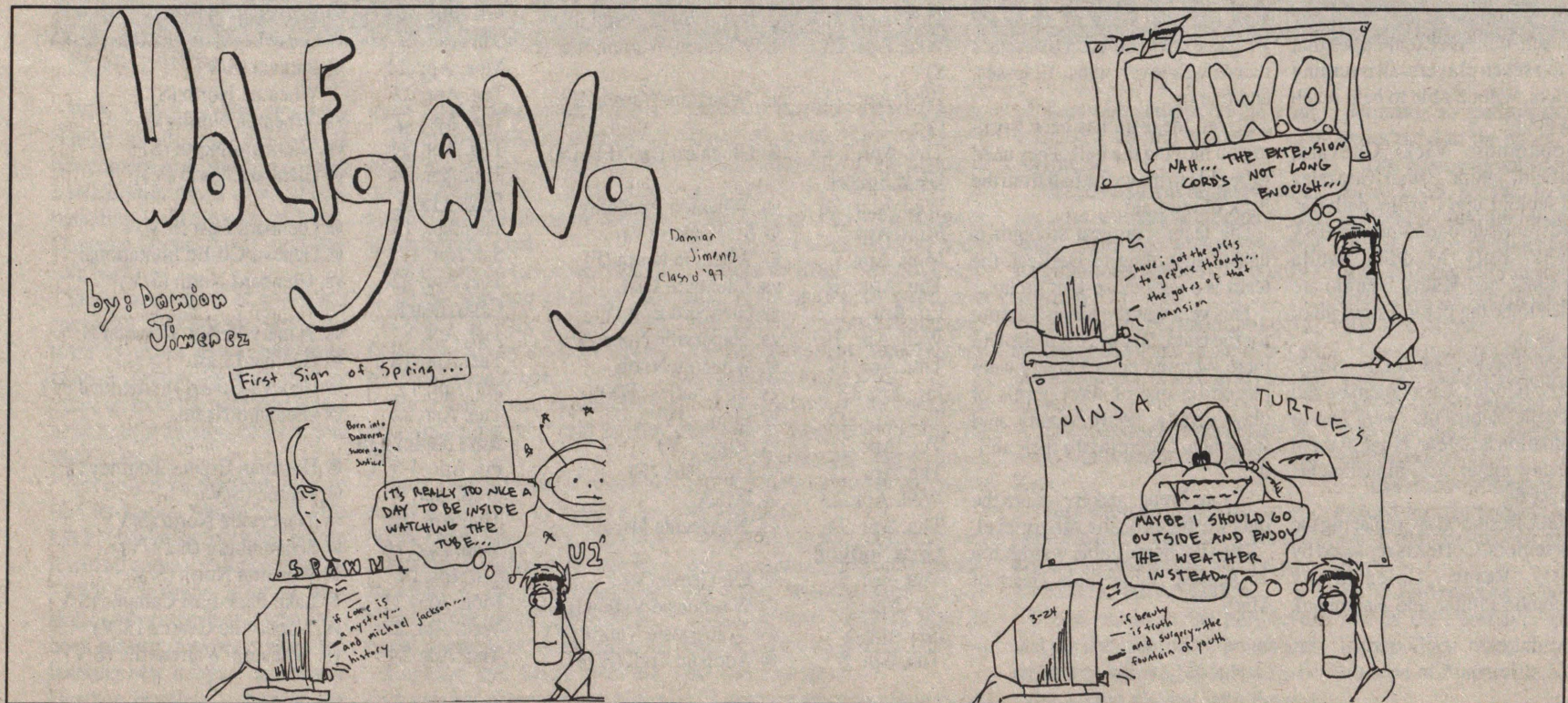
LIBRA Notice that guy or girl in your English class. If you ask them out, they will probably say yes. Look under your bed. You will find things you forgot you lost. Your lucky number and color: 420 and orange. Best match: another Libra

SCORPIO That vacation you've been waiting for is on the way, so relax. Go out and buy yourself something nice, you deserve it. Your lucky number and color: 9 and jungle green. Best match: Pisces

SAGITTARIUS Spend some time with your parents over break. It may be boring, but it will help you out in the long run. A problem will arise soon, so be careful. Your lucky number and color: 3 and beige. Best match: Aries



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Boys tennis serving up success

By Dan Horyn

New season set up for the cats

By Beth Siwy

The We-go boys volleyball team began their season Tuesday the 25th against St. Joe's (the results were unavailable at press time).

With their spring season tryouts on March 11, boys and girls volleyball coach Kris Hasty said that the turnout could have been better and many of those who had planned on trying out changed their minds or couldn't make the commitment.

With their '95-'96 finishing record of 13-19 the boys volleyball team is looking forward to the season ahead. This team has been in the DVC for only a short time but has already had memorable seasons with their wins at many tournaments. Hasty has paved the way for boys volleyball at We-go, and hopes that this year will be the best thus far. Hasty said that some of her goals are, to be in the top 4, to win half of their conference games, and that a .500 season would be nice.

Setting varsity starter, senior Ed Gomez is also looking forward to the season. Gomez said, "I think that this years season will be very good because we have a good group of guys and it will pay off." There is a lot of fresh talent this year on varsity.

Also returning to varsity this year is senior Rich Standish who feels very positive about the upcoming season. He said, "I feel that if our team maintains good integrity and keeps a positive attitude we will do well." Gomez and Standish have both played on varsity for three years and are only two of the guys to watch this season.

Hasty is hoping for the best this

year from the guys, and is trying to get away from the same problems that the team faced last year. "We didn't play as a team," said Hasty referring to the '95-'96 season. The team needs to win this year in order to be a team both physically and emotionally. They are lacking in some experience, but the team will make up for it in their fight.

Many juniors were moved up from last years junior varsity team and are already looking forward to the season. Those returning this year are juniors John LaPrall, Evan Larson, Mike Herzberger, Derek Scott, Rene Allende, Mitch McCabe, Alan Ahlgaard, and Randy Labak, returning sophomores Kenny Dedic, and Kevin Rugaard. And the new comers, juniors Emilio Trejo and Joe Mendez, and senior Chris Payton hope to make an impact on the team as well.

Hasty also says that the program is growing every year. She is trying to build a good program for both the boys and girls teams. Hasty said that the program has earned a lot of respect in the DVC standards, and also feels that the Wildcats do match up to the DVC in both sportsmanship and fight.

With only two returning players from last year for varsity the team is building up from scratch. Last year seniors Kent Mohr, Dustin Schultze, Brad Richards, Ryan Drake, and Dietrich Rudolph left the team with little varsity experience, but the team hopes to make up for it in their drive to win.

The Wildcat tennis team is fast approaching its season opener hoping to serve up a successful season.

Behind seniors Matt Bowne, Tim Martin, Jason Neal and junior Maulin Soneji, head coach Sione Moeaki is looking forward to an improvement over last season and also the Wildcat's first State berth in three years.

Moeaki, who has been the Cats' coach for eleven seasons, says that "it's about time" to send a player Downstate.

Moeaki believes he has the talent to see that happen. Bowne already has two years of varsity experience under his belt while Martin and Neal competed on the varsity level last season. According to Moeaki, Soneji is much improved because of hard off season work. Last year Bowne competed at first singles where he qualified for Sectionals and posted a .500 record. He also was an all-conference honorable mention. Bowne is optimistic for the season, saying that "making a state appearance" is a definite goal of his.

He also said that last year he

"played poorly at Sectionals" and consequently Bowne is "pumped for this season." Moeaki believes that Bowne will do well this season, noting he "has a lot of improvement" over last year.

After Bowne, Moeaki will be turning to Martin and Neal for some varsity points. Last season Martin played at both fourth singles and first doubles while turning in a 4-3 conference record. Martin believes he will alternate at first and second doubles or singles through much of the season, and he will likely partner up with Neal, who has been Martin's doubles teammate in the past.

Martin considered qualifying for State "possible" if "I improve every practice and I've been doing that so far."

Last year Neal shared the Most Improved Award along with Bowne. He was also an all-conference honorable mention, as was Martin.

Teamwise, Moeaki will have trouble finishing high in the

DVC as he presently has only 17 athletes out for the team. He attributes the low turnout to the musical "Annie" as well as jobs. Many of his potential returnees either land a part in the musical or are working to make car payments. Bowne said that the low turnout is "unfortunate" but the season is still a "team effort. We'll do the best we can."

One positive is that Moeaki has three seniors who are giving a crack at the sport. One is Anup Gurnani who played tennis in the past, but not as a junior. The other two are James Bascharon and Terry Yorkmark.

The Cats first competition is Tuesday, April 8th against Glenbard South. Moeaki said that the team will practice over Spring Break because "we need it."

Though the weather is spotty, Moeaki tries to get his athletes outside as much as possible. He said that the fieldhouse is not nearly as good for practicing as are the outside courts.

Spring Sports Schedule

Badminton

Wed. Mar. 26 @ DeKalb
 Tue. Apr. 8 @ Glenbard North
 Fri. Apr. 11 @ Elgin Larkin
 Tue. Apr. 15 vs. Naperville North
 Thu. Apr. 17 @ Wheaton-Warrenville South
 Mon. Apr. 21 vs. Riverside-Brookfield
 Tue. Apr. 22 vs. Glenbard East
 Thu. Apr. 24 @ Naperville Central

Boys Baseball

Tue. Apr. 1 @ Roberto Clemente (V)
 Thu. Apr. 3 vs. St. Francis (V)
 Sat. Apr. 5 vs. Waubonsie Valley (F/S)
 Mon. Apr. 7 vs. Batavia (F/S)
 Mon. Apr. 7 @ Batavia (V)
 Wed. Apr. 9 @ Plainfield (F/S)
 Wed. Apr. 9 vs. Plainfield (V)
 Thu. Apr. 10 vs. Geneva (F/S)
 Thu. Apr. 10 @ Geneva (V)
 Sat. Apr. 12 @ Fenton (S)
 Sat. Apr. 12 vs. Fenton (V)
 Mon. Apr. 14 @ Glenbard South (F/S)
 Mon. Apr. 14 vs. Glenbard South (V)
 Tue. Apr. 15 vs. Glenbard North (F/S)
 Tue. Apr. 15 @ Glenbard North (V)
 Mon. Apr. 21 vs. Naperville Central (F/S)
 Mon. Apr. 21 @ Naperville Central (V)
 Wed. Apr. 23 @ Wheaton-Warrenville (F/S)
 Wed. Apr. 23 vs. Wheaton-Warrenville (V)
 Thu. Apr. 24 @ Glenbard East (FB/JV)

Girls Soccer

Wed. Mar. 26 vs. Wheaton Academy
 Mon. Apr. 7 @ St. Francis (V)
 Mon. Apr. 7 @ Wheaton North (F)
 Thu. Apr. 10 vs. Glenbard East
 Fri. Apr. 11 @ Glenbard East (F)
 Wed. Apr. 16 vs. Naperville North (F)
 Thu. Apr. 17 @ Wheaton North
 Fri. Apr. 18 vs. St. Charles (F/S)
 Tue. Apr. 22 @ Elgin (JV)
 Tue. Apr. 22 vs. Elgin (V)
 Tue. Apr. 22 @ Lake Park (F)
 Wed. Apr. 23 @ IMSA
 Thu. Apr. 24 vs. Naperville North

Girls Softball

Thu. Apr. 3 @ Elk Grove (V)
 Sat. Apr. 5 @ Waubonsie Valley (F/JV)
 Sat. Apr. 5 vs. Waubonsie Valley (V)
 Tue. Apr. 8 @ Addison Trail (F/JV)

Tue. Apr. 8 vs. Addison Trail (V)
 Sat. Apr. 12 vs. Elgin (F/JV)
 Sat. Apr. 12 @ Elgin (V)
 Mon. Apr. 14 @ Geneva
 Wed. Apr. 16 vs. Oswego (F/JV)
 Wed. Apr. 16 @ Oswego (V)
 Thu. Apr. 17 vs. Bollingbrook
 Sat. Apr. 19 @ Elgin Larkin (F/JV)
 Sat. Apr. 19 vs. Elgin Larkin (V)
 Mon. Apr. 21 @ Naperville Central (F/JV)
 Mon. Apr. 21 vs. Naperville Central (V)
 Wed. Apr. 23 @ Naperville North (F/JV)
 Wed. Apr. 23 vs. Naperville North (V)
 Thu. Apr. 24 @ Streamwood (F/JV)
 Thu. Apr. 24 vs. Streamwood (V)
 Fri. Apr. 25 vs. Glenbard East (F/JV)
 Fri. Apr. 25 @ Glenbard East (V)

Boys Tennis

Tue. Apr. 8 vs. Glenbard South (S)
 Tue. Apr. 8 @ Glenbard South (V)
 Wed. Apr. 9 vs. West Aurora (F/S)
 Mon. Apr. 14 vs. Streamwood (S)
 Mon. Apr. 14 @ Streamwood (V)
 Wed. Apr. 16 vs. Hinsdale South (S)
 Wed. Apr. 16 @ Hinsdale South (V)
 Fri. Apr. 18 vs. Elgin Larkin (S)
 Fri. Apr. 18 @ Elgin Larkin (V)
 Sat. Apr. 19 @ Geneva-Varsity Invitational (V)
 Mon. Apr. 21 @ Batavia (S/V)
 Tue. Apr. 22 @ Wheaton North (S)
 Tue. Apr. 22 vs. Wheaton North (V)
 Thu. Apr. 24 vs. Glenbard North (S)
 Thu. Apr. 24 @ Glenbard North (V)

Boys Track

Tue. Apr. 15 @ Glenbard East (S/V)
 Sat. Apr. 19 @ Geneva-Co-Ed Invitational
 Tue. Apr. 22 vs. Glenbard North (S/V)

Girls Track

Tue. Apr. 8 vs. Naperville C.; Wheaton N.
 Tue. Apr. 15 @ Glenbard East
 Sat. Apr. 19 @ Geneva-Co-Ed Invitational (V)
 Tue. Apr. 22 @ Glenbard North

Boys Volleyball

Fri. Apr. 4-5 @ Hoffman Estates Tourney (V)
 Wed. Apr. 9 @ Fenton (S/V)
 Thu. Apr. 10 vs. Naperville North (S/V)
 Wed. Apr. 16 @ Schaumburg (F/JV/V)
 Fri. Apr. 18 @ Wheaton North (S/V)
 Mon. Apr. 21 @ Lake Park-East Campus (S/V)
 Wed. Apr. 23 vs. Naperville Central (S/V)
 Thu. Apr. 24 vs. Wheaton-Warrenville (S/V)

Soccer kicks off to good season

By Elizabeth Patterson

By attaining a good record and placing high in the sectional, the girl's soccer team hopes to kick and fight their way to a regional championship.

Coach Julio DelReal hopes that his top seven players, all returning starters, will be able to help reach that goal.

Sophomore Vicki Guevara, midfielder, junior Esther Gonzalez and senior Lupe Carillo, both forwards, and senior defenders Missy Buenz, Katy Madden, Isella Carranza, and Kathy Nimmo are hoped to be the central strength of the team.

Key players Michelle Sims, Marisol Cortez, Lisa Coleman, and Michelle Rapinchuk were lost to graduation last year. None of them had any major accomplishments or awards.

Three freshmen are replacing the four seniors. Cortez is replaced by Kristy Reser, Coleman by Stephanie Prena, and Rapinchuk

by Kim Olson.

DelReal is "really excited about this year's group of girls. We have some of the best freshmen. That will help us in future years."

The team also hopes to win at least 10 games this year. There are 14 games scheduled. Last year's record was seven wins, 12 losses, and one tie.

So far, the team has been working on moving the ball. They need to be able to move the ball from the back of the field.

The team's biggest strength is unity. According to DelReal, the team is a very close-knit group.

This year was the lowest turnout for the team. 50 girls tried out, and there were no cuts. Players were placed on one of three levels of play, varsity, junior varsity, and freshmen, according to their ability.

Olson, Prena, and Reser are the only freshmen on the varsity level.

The first home game was March 25 against Immaculate Heart of Mary.

White squall in pool as boys swimming season ends

By Dan Young

The fab four's final season came crumbling to an end as the boy's swim team sent senior Jai Hartigan downstate. This wasn't as good as last year, when the team managed to send 3 more people downstate to compete in the finals.

This was quite upsetting after all the time the boys spent in the pool. Even without sending lots of people downstate, the team enjoyed a good season.

Many of the athletes will not be back next season because of graduation, but there still are others to step up and take the seniors place.

Coach Len Penkala said, "It is always tough losing the seniors, but I always feel good when I know that I helped them prepare for swimming in college."

The seniors need to know what it is like ahead of them, to reach some new personal bests, and as well as to get awards and press.

In the absence of the seniors, the Cats look to Alan Ahlgard to take the lead. "He keeps getting better every year," said Coach Penkala. "Alan was an excellent surprise this season."

Penkala also mentioned support from another junior swimmer,

Mark Gottlieb, and a super freshman, Joey Lureau, in the next season.

"Lureau is extremely talented, and if he swam his personal best here, he would have almost all of the records for our freshman team. Those are his bests right now," Penkala said.

In the last season, which was rocked with disappointment, the Wildcats managed to send Hartigan downstate. He finished 25th overall, and Coach Penkala thinks that Hartigan could have won if he hadn't missed his turn in the state meet.

Hartigan's toe missed the wall by an inch in his turn to head towards the final stretch.

Hartigan said that he had fun, even though it would have been better if all of the team members had made it downstate.

More disappointment came from the twisting of senior Jeff Cain's ankle the day before the sectional meet. This sidelined Cain to less than his possible performance.

The team also missed Ryan Acker because Acker didn't have excellent attendance to practice.

Even after the season was over, swimming was still losing impor-

tant parts of their team.

Penkala won't be back next year to coach our team to state next year. He still hopes that the team does well next season, even in his absence.

As the team struggles on, it still is getting bigger, and getting better. That is the whole goal of the Wildcat program.

Even through struggle, and the hard times, the swim team seems to rise to the top. That is way the Wildcats are getting better every year.

We-go awards winter athletes

By Jeff Goluszka

The Winter Sports Awards held at West Chicago High School went quickly and handed out awards.

The hour-long awards ceremony was held on March 13 in the Weyrauch Auditorium. The auditorium was packed from wall to wall, standing room only with student-athletes, parents, friends and fans.

The night kicked off with a short welcoming introduction by West Chicago athletic director Gail George.

Next was booster club representative Pat Davidson, who gave a short speech and then awarded four-year accolades to student athletes from numerous sports.

Members of boys basketball, girls basketball, wrestling and boys swimming all had representatives.

Next, assistant football coach Greg Hansen gave a quick speech then presented DuPage Valley Conference honors.

He was followed by girls basketball coach Kim Wallner who gave it her best shot to give a speech while overcoming a lost voice.

She noted several records that the girls set this season, including the first 20-win season in school history, the first time they had three All-Conference members at the same time, (senior Missy Buenz, senior Natalie Fijalkowski and junior Leslie Harrelson) and the individual records set by Buenz, most points in school history (963 points) and most rebounds in school history (567 rebounds).

Student of the month Sarah McQueen was also recently acknowledged with a full, four-year scholarship to Michigan State University, along with a 50% chance of receiving full tuition plus room and board.

The ceremony closed with a story by wrestling coach Bob Hein about sportsmanship on the wrestling team from Bear Ayala.

Boys track pushes off on right foot

By Lisa Schellenberg

The West Chicago boys track team has headed off to a good start this season by winning two meets out of their past three this March, and placing 6th in the Glenbard North Invitational.

They won their meet at Fenton where senior Dan Horyn broke the record in the Jim Spivey Classic by placing third.

Two teammates have been injured since the season has started. Sophomore Jeff Stogis while running the 50 meter at the Glenbard North Invitational tripped and sprained his shoulder. Junior Joe Kaczmarek, the team's top 400 meter runner was hurt while playing indoor soccer.

He tore his LPC (a ligament in the knee) and has been attending rehab to get back in top form. Coach Paul Mclelland commented on Kaczmarek's injury, "If you lose your #1 in any way it hurts, he's our #1 in the 400 meter."

The captains of last years team were senior Jeff Svast, graduated Bryan Lasky, Horyn, and graduated Jeff Rau. No captains have been chosen yet this year.

Mclelland has many goals for the season, he would like to improve in every meet, score more points, improve in place, get higher up in the conference, and have a couple of state qualifiers. Mclelland stated

that last year the team "started strong but starting fading."

Freshman Tim Keller (2 mile), freshman Pete Serrato (long jump), freshman Efran Conteras and freshman Louis Conteras (distance) look very promising in their events. Seniors Jake Meyers (sprint relay), Dave Blozis (sprint relay), Dan Horyn (800 meter and 100 meter), and John Stogis (100 meter and 400 meter) also look very promising in their events.

Returning seniors this year include Dan Horyn, John Stogis, Dave Blozis, Jake Meyers, Jeff Svast, Phil Landrault, Jerry Young, Rob Greer, Matt Potts, and Jamie Sanchez.

With the 55 guys on the team their upcoming DVC invitational at Glenbard South on Saturday March 22 looks like it will be successful win or lose. This team is very determined and should do well.

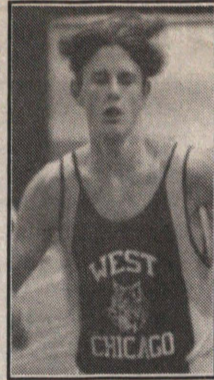


Photo by Sandy Weiss

Let the birdie fly

By Tracy Morris

With a core of five returning seniors and an eager group of 22 newcomers, the badminton team now has three meets under its belt, including matches against York, Downers Grove South, and Aurora East.

Since conference play doesn't start until after Spring Break, the team is using these preseason matches, such as the York meet, as a tune up from the year long layoff as well as for a testing of some new techniques.

Not only does the team need to find its natural touch, but it also has to change its footwork before it will all come together naturally.

"We're learning a lot of new skills, so even the people who have been playing for three years are learning new things," said senior Heather Horsley, currently the

team's number two singles player.

These new skills are courtesy of head coach Lavora Singleton and new assistant Dan Latka, Amy Gibson's substitute while she was on maternity leave.

Singleton and Latka attended an Olympic Training clinic in late February at Oak Forest High School hosted by the USA Olympic badminton coach.

"Everyone's learning something new, including me," said Singleton.

Since Illinois is one of only five states in the U.S. to house a national badminton team, the USA coach has designed a specific lesson plan to begin restructuring USA badminton and improve national competition in the sport.

Singleton and Latka were the only coaches present at the clinic

from the DuPage Valley Conference, so according to Horsley, "That should shock the people of the DVC."

Aside from the new techniques, the Ladycats have also been training hard by lifting weights everyday, holding two to three hour practices, occasionally doing step-aerobic workouts, and doing water aerobics in the pool.

With graduation last June came the loss of Stephanie Marine, the team's number one singles player and the only senior on last year's varsity team.

Singleton expects this year's senior nucleus of Kathy York, Horsley, Melissa Kern, Julie Kolodick, and Rebecca Bina to lead not only the varsity team but the entire program.

"I assume since the seniors are

all four year athletes on the team, they will be the leaders," said Singleton.

"We have a lot of returning players who are very dedicated," said Kern, "The key to badminton is dedication and without it you can't succeed."

Along with the dedication of returners comes the eagerness and ability of the newcomers to the team.

"They're much better than we were when we first started," said Kern.

There were no cuts made at try-outs; the team will have three levels of play, including varsity, junior varsity, and exhibition.

While varsity is the only level that counts in terms of points and standings, the exhibition level provides young players with the op-

portunity to participate and get introduced to the sport.

If the opposing team has an exhibition level, the two face off with each other, but otherwise it is used as a sort of pick up team. If there are extra players or those who want more practice, the exhibition squad gets to compete.

The overall team goals for this year's squad are to keep the tradition alive of sending people to state and placing above fourth in conference play.

"The teams in the past have only placed fourth, nothing higher, so we'd like to exceed that," said Kern.

The Ladycats next home meet will be on Tuesday, April 15, in Bishop Gym when they host the Huskies of Naperville North.

Stone rolls into We-go

By Dan Horyn and
Jeff Goluszka

The carousel continues. The Wildcat Athletic Department will have a new man in office come July 1st with the arrival of Bob Stone, who is presently the athletic director and head football coach at Joliet Catholic Academy.

Stone brings an impressive track record to We-go: in seven years as the Hilltopper head football coach, he compiled an 80-17 record, including a state title in 1990 and runner-up to Wheaton-Warrenville South in 1992.

Stone will attempt to turn around a We-go football program that has endured several coaching changes and a combined record of 2-16 in the last two years.

As athletic director, Stone insists he will show no favoritism to any given sport. His job will be athletic director by day and football coach by night. Current interim athletic director Gail George

said that Stone "will be visible in other sports [other than football]" because "athletic director is his job and he knows that. The equity will be balanced and fair."

Stone's goals for We-go are simple. He wants the Wildcats to "be competitive" in every sport. He wants the successful programs to continue their excellence and he hopes to help improve those programs which are struggling at this time.

George feels that Stone made a good decision in coming to West Chicago. She said that "he did well and we did well" in the athletic director decision. George feels that Stone is coming to a school with great people.

One challenge facing Stone will be combating the problems of cut sports programs at West Chicago Middle School. Currently, there are only intramural sports at the

middle school because of budget slashing.

As of now, Stone is undecided on whether he will retain assistant football coaches Tony Nevry, Greg Hansen, and John Walters. Walters was totally optimistic about Stone and "think[s] it's a great move for West Chicago." Although he, nor any of the other coaches were involved in the decision to select Stone, We-go principal Dr. Alan Jones, assistant superintendent of personnel Linda Kime and interim athletic director and future assistant to Stone, Gail George, were the major decision makers.

Stone is also planning to move to West Chicago so he can be close to the school and have instant, quick access.

The search was completed as scheduled, said George.

Ladycats strive to win DVC crown

By Kelley Betts

The Ladycats of We-go are ready to swing into action as the 1997 softball season rounds the corner.

The varsity team is already at an advantage with a heavily experienced group of girls including eight seniors.

"We're expecting big things this season," said varsity coach Jim Schaudt.

There is no doubt that pitching will be strong with seniors Angela Barnes and Tracy Morris. Barnes had an excellent season last year earning a 1.03 E.R.A. and a 17-6 record. She will be a key player this season. Both Barnes and Morris will switch off as starters on either second base or pitching.

Senior Natalie Fijalkowski is the catcher along with junior Jenny Mullaney, who also plays infield.

This year will be Fijalkowski's third year as a varsity player.

"Fijalkowski is really looking sharp this season," said Schaudt.

Senior Sarah McQueen takes the outfield along with senior Nicole Winkler in center field. Both are starters this season. Also in the outfield are juniors Darcie Wostrazky and Jenny Berendson and sophomore Jeanette Arroyo. First base is covered by senior Anne Rogers, who is a starter, and junior Candi Widerski; while senior Emma Cortez, also a starter, plays short stop, and senior Dana Nelson and junior Jessica Leston cover third.

"Our goals for this season are to win conference, win regionals, advance in the state tournament,

and go undefeated in conference," said Schaudt.

Last season the Cats came so close to winning all conference, but lost to Glenbard South. They lost regionals to Naperville North.

"We tried to reach last year's expectations and came so close," commented Schaudt.

The Cats also suffered the loss of five seniors to graduation last season including three all conference players, Candy Gallagher, Kiley Long, and Ellyn Gernand.

"They will be missed, but we have a great group of girls this season who will fill that void," said Schaudt.

"We want to take one game at a time and try not to look too far ahead," said Schaudt.

Experienced Cats look to improve

By Tracy Morris

With the opening game of the season slated for this Monday, April 1, the Wildcat varsity baseball team is making a few last minute adjustments.

Luckily for head varsity coach Tim Courtney, the team is stacked with experience in every aspect of play.

Despite losing four valuable players to graduation last year, including Ryan Saul, Dan Oklepek, Brian Bowen, and Eric Hall, the Cats will have seniors Jim Richardson, Bart Gallagher, Zach Davidson, Chad Perry, and Nick Cleinmark to step in.

"We have a lot of experience on this team, a lot of veterans. The seniors are going to have to lead the team," said Perry.

Richardson will take over the duties of all-conference catcher Saul, while Gallagher will head up the five man rotation that consists of himself along with juniors Jim Callahan, P.J. Leitherer, John Jensen, and Todd Yormark.

Courtney expects the pitching staff, with Gallagher as number one and the other four competing for spots two through five, to be one of many of his team's strengths for the season.

"We have a lot of speed," said Courtney, "We should have real good defense. Our pitching is strong."

While the starting line-up will possibly undergo a few changes, it will mainly consist of Cleinmark or Jensen at first base, a short-stop/second combination of Yormark and senior Mark Milauskus, along with junior John Brigowatz at the third base corner.

The Wildcat outfield is a hot contest with six players, juniors Justin McLoughlin, Brian O'Hara, Callahan, and Leitherer, as well as Davidson and Perry, battling for three positions.

In the few weeks since team tryouts and practices began, the team had worked on a number of running drills, got the pitchers

into game shape, and worked on situation plays such as first and thirds and double plays.

"We're going to win games by playing smart baseball," said senior catcher Ted Barzso.

Still left on Courtney's agenda was taking real ground balls on a real infield when the ground would allow as well as hitting live pitching.

Although the guys had been outside on the grass within the first two weeks of practices and hit off live pitching a little, they were mostly restricted to the hitting cage in the fieldhouse.

"I think we'll put the ball in play; we won't strike out much," said Courtney.

One of the team's main goals for the season is to play hard every game. Courtney points out this means forgetting the game before and putting it in the past, not falling into a slump because of one bad game.

"That's happened two years in a row, where we didn't win one game and it took us two weeks to get over it," said Courtney.

Stepping in to help the team overcome this is a group of juniors coming off a sophomore level DuPage Valley Conference championship.

"Combined with the senior class, we hope to reaccomplish what we did last year," said O'Hara.

With the group of juniors comes other additions to the baseball program. Courtney is the only coach to stay at his regular post.

Kevin Gimre moves up from the sophomore level to help out on varsity, while varsity boys basketball coach Dan McCarthy takes over Gimre's prior role.

Assistant football coach John Walters moves in at the freshman level in his first year at We-go.

The Cats first home appearance will be a doubleheader on Thursday, April 3, against St. Francis.

Young squad leads girls' track

by Dan Young

"We don't have the middle runners to compete with them." That is what Coach Wilbert Walters said as the Girl's Track Team competed on the fourth of March against Wheaton North and West Aurora. The girls would often finish third in relays and on the middle distance races. This is the way it has been for the girls, who will rely on youth and enthusiasm to bring them close to their competitors.

The Wildcats just finished the DVC Indoor Conference in 8th place. The girls team had a couple of top finishers like freshman Jocelyn Schineller, who placed 3rd in the Varsity level as a Freshman. On the Junior Varsity level, the

team got a 3rd from freshman Michelle Lasky in long jump, and the four lap relay team took 2nd. Freshman Franchesca Smith took 4th in the 50, and freshman Jenny Wiechert took 5th in the 800. Majority of the team's placers are freshman.

The team has some very hopeful runners, jumpers and throwers that they want to see come up big in the near future. Schineller has won a bunch of varsity competitions. Another athlete to watch is Lexie Nussbaum. She is the anchor of the sprinting team, and she holds the experience that some of the team could use. Another part of the team that could show some

success is the freshman bunch. They make up the majority of the team, and have shown some great success for running in varsity competitions. The girls are joined by Andrea Beutjer of the basketball team. She has speed and good form to complement her quickness.

The team is really in need of more runners. Coach Walters said, "All we need is maturity and outstanding girls to come up from the Fresh/Soph level." Some of these girls are Wiechert, Michelle Lasky, Smith and Merritt Olsen, to name a few. "It is such a tough conference, but we do expect to be able to compete."

As the girl team heads into the outdoor season, they have had some problems with the injury bug. A couple of the top runners have been hurt, and the coaches would like to see all thirty girls ready to run by the outdoor conference race. The team is waiting for the return of Beutjer, Lindsay Leckner, and Leslie Harlson, of the basketball team. Of course, all the coaches would like to see these things happening, but it doesn't always go the way everyone likes it.

When compared to last year, the girls seem to be on the same track. The number one thing that the team has is youth. It seems to be present in the large number of

freshman and sophomores. However, there is a large gap in between the top and the newer runners. The good thing about having the seniors and juniors is that the upperclassmen teach the younger runners what it is like to be a seasoned runner and to develop hard work habits.

Coach Walters is looking for sprinter to help the team, so everyone who enjoys running or who is fast should come out for the team because of the of the friends that you will make and the experiences that you will have. This a team for the future, and yet it is a team of now. As the team approaches outdoor season, you can expect that the girls will be ready to run.