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## Retiree Rebunow returns

By Jeff Goluszka

While former District 94 superintendent Dr. Griff Powell is now in Niles, Dr. Robert Rubenow is settling in for his second tour of duty as We-go's interim superintendent.

Powell resigned because Niles School District 219 made him an offer he couldn't refuse.

As for We-go's new tenant Rubenow, he will step in temporarily, but won't fill the role of a full-time superintendent. Although he is technically retired and has been since 1989, he jumped at the chance to return to We-go for another interim stint as superintendent.

Rubenow was We-go's interim superintendent during the 1996-97 school year, after Dr. Joel Morris resigned the year before.

This change brings about an interesting fact: We-go has just gone through their fourth superintendent change in four years. Does that say something about the school?

"Nothing, it's a fluke...a coincidence," said Assistant Superintendent for Personnel Linda Kime. One thing it proves is that We-go is hiring quality superintendents, since other schools gave both Morris and Powell, they were job offers they wouldn't pass up, added Kime.

Powell will certainly be remembered for the things he did while he was at We-go. His biggest achievement was passing the referendum. Which will allow both the physical

and technological advancement of the school. Powell also aided in the campaign for a labor agreement between the teachers and School Board. A three-year deal was eventually agreed upon by both parties in the late spring of 1998.

The referendum will leave a long-term affect on the school, as it will include many additions to the school. New changes will include the addition of a new athletic stadium, new classrooms, new parking lots, and a new boiler.

The Niles District is looking to pass a referendum which is one of the reasons they sought the help of Powell.

Powell is no stranger to the Niles District, which includes Niles West and Niles North. Powell served Niles by starting as a teacher in 1969, continuing as a Dean of Students, and eventually becoming Assistant Principal before leaving in 1978.

Powell made it clear that it was Niles who contacted him, not the other way around. "Before this, I planned to retire here [in We-go]," said Powell.

Powell noted, "[West Chicago] was a good school when I got here, and it's still a good school." He also said, "the people of West Chicago have been very good...this has been a great experience."

As for Rubenow, he was "honored to be asked [to return]." When

We-go contacted him, he immediately accepted the job.

Rubenow started back at We-go on August 26. As for his current stint at We-go, Rubenow said, "I hope to provide continuity...to move forward, and offer stability."

Rubenow would like to assist the School Board in their search for a permanent superintendent. He doesn't foresee many changes, and would like to "continue things from where they are now."

There is a twist to Rubenow's job this year. Since he's retired, he can work no more than 100 days per year. This means he will not be able to work each day the school is open.

"I'm going to play it by ear and be flexible," said Rubenow. Days such as institute days, when teachers come to We-go, but school is not in session, are days Rubenow may miss.

Rubenow has been in the education field for 42 years. Before acting as superintendent at We-go. Two years ago, he worked in School District 227 (Park Forest) for six years.

Rubenow was a college professor in the college of education at Emporia University in Kansas for five years after he retired in 1989.

Rubenow has also been a business teacher, as well as building and district administrator.

Rubenow added, "I'm looking forward to this year."

## Homecoming Activities

**Freshman:** The Brady Bunch

**Sophomore:** Taxi

**Juniors:** Happy Days

**Seniors:** Gilligan's Island

**Saturday, September 26**

Window painting from 8 to 11:30 a.m. in downtown West Chicago Float Building from 1 to 10 p.m. at various locations

**Sunday, September 27**

Float building from 1 to 10 p.m. at various locations

**Monday, September 28**

Morning Game: Brady Bunch

Potato Sack Race (Freshmen Class) in commons at 7:25 a.m.

Float building from 4 to 10 p.m. at various locations

**Wednesday, September 30**

Morning Game: Shake Drinking Contest (Junior Class) 7:15 a.m.

Dress-up day in T.V. theme 7:25 a.m.

Float building from 4 to 10 p.m. at various locations

**Thursday, October 1st**

Gilligan's Island Obstacle Course (Senior class) in commons at 7:25 a.m.

Float building from 4 to 10 p.m. at various locations (**Last Night**).

**Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Hall decorating (6 to 7:45 a.m) at various locations in the school, each class decorates their own hall

Blue and White Day

Pep Assembly 12:45 P.M.

Parade 2:00 P.M.

**Saturday, October 3**

Homecoming Dance 7:00- 10:00 P.M.

## Cross Curricular Connections cut

By Arlete Penafior

After six years of C3 the school board decided to officially cancel it.

Low enrollment and several complains from student's lead to this decision. Students felt that C3 was more like being in middle school than actually being in high school. They weren't very happy about having to do everything in-groups, instead of doing more on their own. They felt that having to change lunch periods all the time was not a very good idea.

Freshmen scheduling for 25-30 freshmen was changed just to even out the number of students in each class.

C3 has now been divided up into individual classes such as Biology, Algebra, English, and World Geography. These classes are no

longer run the same way they were run in C3.

Several arrangements had been made over the summer to make this years C3 a successful one. Those plans will now have to be cancelled due to the cancellation of C3.

C3 was considered a great program with a lot of success.

Students who were involved in the C3 usually tended to have higher GPA's, better attendance, fewer referrals, and did very well at their next lever courses.

"I feel that last year's C3 was our best. They really had and impact on national consultants and they would really make the best of their projects. I felt the project was very successful and I would definitely

like to see it up and running again," said George Strecker social studies department chair.

A similar program is being considered for sophomore classes, but nothing is official yet. Although there has been discussions about it, they plan to arrange things for the student's benefit.

After six years C3 proved to be a great program for freshmen, although they didn't feel that the way the schedule was worked out was good.

"I personally like it all of the group projects and presentations, although I didn't like having lunch a different period each day," said sophomore Jenny Saylor.

In the future years to come teachers hope that the program will be set up and run again for the best.



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Hey! What happened to the Wildcat on the front page? Where did it go?  
We lost it and now we need your help to find another one. So, if you are artistically talented or not, draw us a new Wildcat. So, what are you waiting for? Get drawing, now.  
The Wildcat drawing contest ends on October 21 at 3:30 p.m. Entries can be dropped in the Wildcat Chronicle mailbox in the main office or given directly to a Chronicle staff member. Please sign all entries.  
All pictures become the exclusive property of the Wildcat Chronicle. The winning picture will be unveiled on the second issue of the year on October 28 and the winner will be announced October 28 in third hour.  
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## State changes affect West Chicago

By Dan Young

Over the summer, there have been many changes made to the school policies at West Chicago. There are new IDs, a study period, new off-campus rulings, more security and no more unscheduled.

What has been happening while the students were away from West Chicago? Here is a closer look at the new policies.

### New IDs

The IDs have changed just a little bit from last year. The new IDs are sleeker, newer and better, according to Dr. Alan Jones, principal. Jones said, "The old IDs were expensive and outdated. We got the new IDs because they provide many more positive effects than the older IDs. We had thought about new IDs for a while, but the referendum pushed us to the new IDs."

Associate principal John Highland said, "We started checking into the new IDs a couple of years ago. When we passed the referendum, and we knew there would be construction going on around the area, we knew we needed a new system."

The new system will aid security guards because all the pictures taken when the IDs were created are stored in the computer's memory. Security guards now have a picture to go along with the ID number.

Highland said, "The new IDs provide features like ID changes with a key stroke instead of redoing the whole ID. This saves the school time and money." Jones also said, "We also have the record of every student with easier accessibility. It will help security a lot."

Dean Miguel Arroyo said,

"These IDs are more progressive. They will help students be in the right place at the right time. We had the idea of making student wear the IDs on their shirts or on tags, but we studied other schools who had this policy and we found that it was more of a hassle in the long run."

The ID change cost the school \$6,000, which comes out of the budget. Highland said, "The move will save the school money in the long run, so it is worth it."

### "Study Period"

There is no more unscheduled. However, unscheduled is being replaced by study period. The new study period will take attendance unlike the old unscheduled.

This is not a way for the school to punish anybody. In fact, the school changed the policy because the state changed their policy on accepting unscheduled as a class. Jones said, "This was mainly based on attendance. When the state changed their policy, we had to change ours to receive the same amount of money as before. We have to have the attendance so the state will reimburse us later for having a class. However, the state decided they would no longer accept unscheduled as a course."

Highland said, "It will help security a lot because they will be able to cut down on the number of people ditching classes. Students who want to cut will cut, but this will make it harder for them to hide in commons or elsewhere in the school."

Arroyo agreed, saying, "Students have to show up now, or parents will be called. We will know where kids are going. We will have the sign-out sheet again to stop kids from just leaving at the wrong times."

Arroyo also said, "There were a lot of students who ditched last year. This year, we are asking the students to be responsible. We want them to recognize that study period is a privilege. This is the only school I know that allows the students to have soda during the study period time. We allow the students a lot of different privileges, and we hope they (the students) will be responsible with them."

As for freshman, they won't be allowed to obtain study periods, just like before. Assistant Principal Gail Aronoff said, "There were no complaints last year about the way things were run. They were told this is the way things are going to be run now unlike other years were freshman were allowed unscheduled second semester."

After attendance is taken in the cafeteria, students can sign out for passes to the library, to see a teacher or go to the bathroom. If students want to go outside, they will need their IDs.

### Off-Campus

There are two different changes in this policy. One, only seniors can have off-campus lunch. Two, students can have only one off-campus during the day. "If the student would like another off-campus, they will have to go a process in the guidance department and it will involve some thing to do with working or some sort of service for the community," said Jones.

Highland said, "The big reason for this change is the state policy changed. If students don't have enough classes, they aren't considered full-time students, and the school receives less money for them. The state no longer accepts unscheduled as a class period.

Therefore, we had to limit the number of unscheduled periods a student may have. Also, when we limit the number of unscheduleds given to a student, it provides safety and that's what we need. The last thing we want is a kid getting run over by a bulldozer."

Jones also said, "This helps us obtain overall attendance and gives the students an additional options to earn credits. An examples of these credits is community service."

Arroyo said, "Parking situations are going to be terrible, and we are always looking out for the safety of the students. It's a good change, but kids won't like it."

### Additional Campus Security

The administration decided to upgrade its security system by changing both the number of security guards and the company. The school now has Andy Frain company because of its low bid and experience. Andy Frain works NFL games, NBA games, and "its quality is important," said Jones. Highland said, "They are very sensitive to the things we are sensitive to and we weren't happy with last year's group."

The school pays the company by the hour and the guards are uniformed. Everything will be the same as last year, except there will be two extra guards patrolling the outside area. "The reason for the extra two," said Highland, "is safety with the construction going outside."

Arroyo said, "Andy Frain is a pretty good company. They are nice people and they want to help. We want students to have fun here at West Chicago, but we are always concerned about safety. We really need the students help with the construction going on."

## Press Release

College of DuPage is offering a variety of credit and non-credit evening classes at West Chicago High School this fall quarter.

One course, Care of the Infant, Toddler, and Two-Year-Old Child, is for people who have a young child, work with one, or just want to know more about this age group.

Taking Beginning Gourmet Cooking is a way to learn how to create a variety of dishes.

Successful completion of First Aid course requirements leads to the American Red Cross "Standard First Aid" Certificate.

Furniture Restoration and Refinishing teaches how to make that beat-up piece of furniture functional and beautiful.

Joe Sable, Director of Production at Cantigny, gives practical gardening tips in Gardening Fundamentals.

For those who want to learn to sew or who already do some sewing, Beginning or Continuing Sewing courses are available.

Conversational Spanish students acquire beginning conversational Spanish skills and develop an awareness and appreciation of the Hispanic culture.

Learn to restore your own upholstered furniture in the hands-on Upholstery Restoration Techniques class.

Yoga-Hatha I includes the slow and deliberate stretching of muscles and stimulation of inner organs, as well as focusing on breathing and relaxation.

## Davea career center becomes Technology Center of Dupage

Addison, Illinois—Davea Career Center—the school that offers accelerated programs to high school students for a head start on college and/or a career—has changed its name to Technology Center of DuPage. To celebrate the new identity, an Open House will be held September 16 at the school's Addison location. The general public, civic leaders, educational partners, and businesses in DuPage County are invited to attend.

DuPage County's school system is one of the highest regarded systems in the country. The county's commitment to offering the highest educational opportunities available is the reason Davea Career Center was opened in November 1974. Davea was established to augment the area high schools to help fulfill a broader base of educational career opportunities.

The new name better communicates the school's curriculum and the increased technological focus of the current workplace. The highly-rated school provides elective Career Acceleration Programs to high school juniors and seniors through instruction on real-world skills and hands-on learning through partnerships with local businesses.

"Our job is to help prepare high school students to transition successfully to their next career step, whether that step is employment or further education," commented Principal Edward Susmilch. "Our name change acknowledges the growing emphasis on technology in virtually all career disciplines, from Graphic Arts to Machine Shop. Even fields not traditionally considered 'high tech,' such as our Culinary Program, now routinely use technology. Because our curriculum reflects these changes, we felt that our name should too."

In recent years, the Technology Center of DuPage has allocated considerable curricular and financial resources for advanced equipment to teach students real-world skills in TV production, computer technology, pre-engineering CAD, machine tool, health services, and other in-demand occupations. As a result of these improvements, the school's current 250,000 sq. ft. facility houses the most advanced technology to keep pace with, if not surpass, industry standards.

Another mission of the Technology Center of DuPage is to foster certain attitudes in its students, among these are a desire for lifelong learning and a belief in one's own potential. The school's strong support of these values, and its solid academic focus on math and science, set Technology Center of DuPage apart.



Photo by Katie Oen

See you at the Pole, an annual event, took place on September 16. This activity is where students meet for prayer and songs. The students used the pole near the Lincoln Annex due to construction removing the pole from the football fields. There were pamphlets passed out and students were given pages of songs to sing along with the three guitars. Here is just one of the many times where the students are praying.

## No more parking

By Jeff Goluszka

Student parking on-campus this year will be almost non-existent at We-go because of construction around the school.

The only on-campus parking area that is designated for students are the sixteen parking spaces located

on the east side of the school on

Joliet Street.

Many areas students used last year, such as Wood Street, the tennis court lot on the west side of We-go, and the lot across the street from Lincoln School, are not available to students this year.

Wood Street and the tennis lots are unavailable because they will be under construction. Since the old teachers' lot that was located by the tennis courts has been torn down, the lot across from Lincoln School and the pool lot will be designated for teachers only. Each car parking in those lots needs to hang a park-

ing sticker or hanger in their window.

Other parking lots designated for teachers only are the Ann Street lot and the We-go south parking lot.

The main lot available for students is the Factory Street lot, also

known as Kerr-McGee. The lot is located approximately two blocks from We-go.

As for the parking situation this year, senior Laura Caligiuri said, "I just think it's really crappy. To get a spot in front of the school [on Joliet Street], you need to get there at six a.m."

"It's completely ridiculous that we have to give up our parking spots for teachers," said senior Katie Oen.

"I got [to We-go] at 6:15 a.m., and I still had to park at Kerr-McGee!" said junior Michelle Lasky.

"I could drive here if I wanted to,

but what's the point? There's nowhere to park," said junior Allison Brown.

Although this construction project will reduce the amount of parking spaces for this year, after the project is done, there will be

more spaces than there had been previously. The construction affecting parking should be done in time for the 1999-2000 school year. When finished, the project will allow for many new spots, to be located on the east side of Wood Street, next to the building additions.

These parking changes could force students who drive to change their morning routines. Students may need to arrive earlier to account for the ten-minute walk from the Factory Street lot to the school.

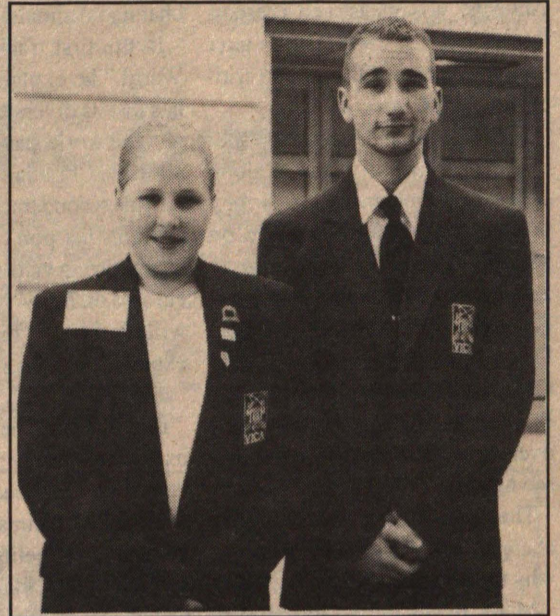
Helpful alternatives for students include carpooling, walking, rollerblading, or taking the bus.

## We-go students take VICA challenge

Two very hard working West Chicago High School students recently had a rare but fun experience. From June 22 to June 26, Julie Hendron a sophomore, and Joe Mari, a graduate, had the chance to compete in the 1998 VICA National Skills Championships.

To get to the Nationals, Hendron and Mari had to compete in Springfield in their own divisions in the Illinois State VICA Skills Championships in early May. Hendron won 1st Place in Commercial Sewing and Mari won 1st Place in Precision Machining at the State Competitions, which qualified them for the Nationals in Kansas City, Missouri. At Nationals, the two had to compete with not only high school stu-

dents, but college and post-secondary students. After a long five-hour contest, Hendron placed 7th and Mari took 19th in the country in their contests. Hendron said, "We had a lot of fun, and hope to maybe



go again." Being only a sophomore and having three more years of VICA experience, she will surely try again.

## New We-go staff

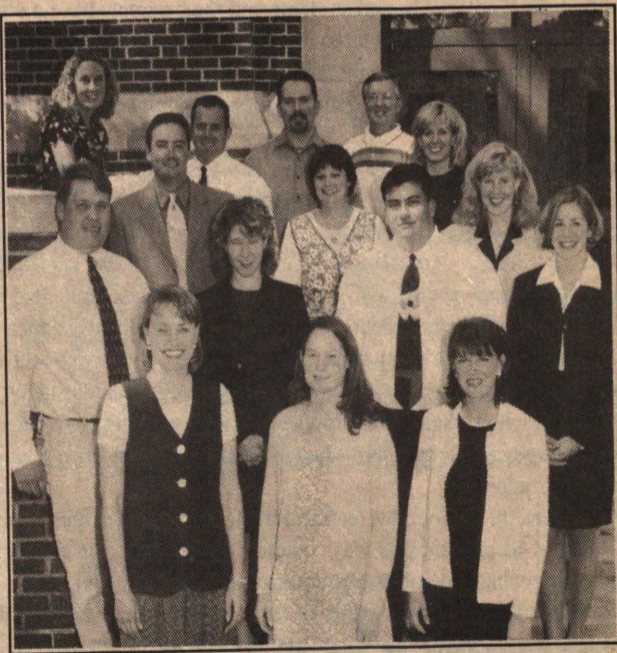


Photo by Sandy Weiss

By Dave Mehrman

Fourteen new teachers were hired this year to start in the 98-99 school year.

The Math department received one new teacher, Allyson M. Barron. The Guidance department has two new counselors, Elizabeth A. Bazukas and Holly M. Semanske. The Science department as well as the Special Education department also has two new teachers. Ninette J. LaRouche and Julie A. Wooley are in the Science department; Patrick M. Manning and Patrice A. Dobry are in Special Education.

The hiring process can take anywhere from one day to three weeks. That would be from when the interview is to when a contract is offered. Also all the hiring is done in person.

When the school is hiring teachers they look for certain qualities. They look for them to be student focused, to have a passion for teaching, and also to have a strong knowledge in the area in which they teach.

## When will yearbooks be delivered?

By Jeff Goluszka

The West Chicago 1997-'98 school yearbook will be delivered starting Monday, September 28, and will continue for that entire week.

The yearbooks will be available in all lunches. All students need to pick up their yearbooks are their school IDs. Another alternative is to give their ID to a family member, who can then pick them up.

However, it will not be permitted for friends to pick up yearbooks for other friends, noted yearbook advisor Brad Larson.

The approximately 1,300 copies of the yearbook will be distributed in lunches for the week of September 28, and then will be available in the Main Office by seeing W-go receptionist Ruth Mosson.

Buying a copy now will cost \$28. Also, there are only a limited number of extras, so it's better to buy as soon as possible to make sure you get a copy, added Larson.

The yearbook will be a little late this year for "a number of reasons," said Larson. "We set deadlines that weren't feasible, so we set a later deadline. We also did not have all of the materials that we needed," said Larson.

As for the staff that put together the '97-'98 royal blue-and-silver covered, 174-page yearbook, it included: junior Jean Brown, graduate Laura Bieniasy, senior Silviana Cordero, graduate Lisa Cosco, se-

nior Mark Doeseckle, junior Amanda Dolan, sophomore Christina Droho, senior Brooke Fries, junior Janine Hines, sophomore Lynn Jensen, graduate Kelly Kaylor, junior Glenn McCants, graduate Brian O'Hara, graduate Nikki Oroni, and graduate Brenda Vergara.

This year's staff includes junior Edercy Abante, sophomore Ramon Bejarano, junior Brenda Berendson, senior Kim Chau Chau, freshman Heather Christensen, sophomore Sarah Coiley, senior

Mark Doeseckle, sophomore Christine Droho, senior Jennifer Evans, sophomore Julietta Favela, junior Isabella Guerrero, junior Ryan Hammer, senior Stacey Hansen, sophomore Lynn Jensen, junior Michelle Lasky, senior Joe Leli, senior Ellen McLoughlin,

junior Meredith Moore, senior Katie Oen, senior Jamie Puchalski, freshman Jeff Raun, junior Elizabeth Ribe, junior Katie Saul, junior Hans Trujillo, and sophomore Jamie Weisse.

About the 1998-'99 yearbook, there is a contest being held now for the design of next year's cover. The prize will be \$50, plus a free yearbook. All entries must be in by 3:30 p.m. on Friday, September 25.

For more information, see Larson or one of the flyers that have been

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## 'Animals' invade

By Carrie Zeffield

What do you get when you put The Smashing Pumpkins, David Bowie and Hole all in one package? You get a totally out of this world sound from Marilyn Manson's new album "Mechanical Animals."

Marilyn Manson's "Mechanical Animals" was released on Tuesday, September 15, 1998 a year later after the release of the ever so criticized "Anti-Christ Superstar."

A day before the release of "Mechanical Animals," Manson, along with fellow band members Twiggy and Pogo, appeared on MTV on Monday September 14, before an audience of Christian group leaders, such leaders as leaders from the Omega Chapter in New York and Campus Crusade for Christ at Princeton University. Fans from all over the country also showed up to see Manson.

They were there to discuss the changes that Manson has made and why they were made.

Major topics during his appearance were on change of his appearance, music and message. The other main topic was about his overwhelming use of the word "drug."

Manson said during his MTV interview that he went through a major emotional change. He said he

has now started looking at things in a different perspective, which has been distributed in "Mechanical Animals."

He said that "Anti-Christ Superstar" was his transformation from his childhood until 1996. "Mechanical Animals" is the result.

In the first track, "Great White World," he explains that America has lost its diversity. Purity is gone and the world has been drained to all white Christian thinking.

In his second track, "Dope Show" explains his point of view on the ever growing victims of drug usage. He said on MTV that the song was written through his own personal experiences, which he cared not to discuss.

In the album, the word "drug" is used extensively. "People numb themselves and become more like Mechanical Animals. Drugs are a metaphor to feeling something. I began different, like the drugs make people feel different," said Manson during his MTV interview.

"I have found ways to relate my album to something. Anti-Christ was parallel to Lucifer. Mechanical Animals is parallel to Jesus," said Manson after questioned about his relationship to Christ.

## The greatest movie ever?

By Dave Mehrman

Steven Spielberg does it again. From the man who brought you *Jaws*, *E.T.*, and *Schindler's List* is a story that shows how sad war really is. *Saving Private Ryan* is about a group of soldiers who were sent on a mission to find one soldier and bring him home.

Private James Ryan is the soldier they are looking for. He had two brothers who were killed at different places during World War 2. The army decides to get the last son and bring him home. So an army squad was ordered to find this one soldier in the entire war and bring him home. Along the way they are confronted with conflicts from the Axis and between themselves.

It is a good movie right from the beginning. The opening scene is a dramatic showing of the landing on Normandy Beach. It is extremely gory and not for the faint hearted. There are scenes in the opening, and throughout the movie, where people are carrying parts of their own body. Explosions, bullets being shot at people, and seeing them get hit dead center in the head are just some of the graphic scenes. However I feel

if it wasn't as graphic as it was it wouldn't have the same effect to show the tragedy of this event.

Robert Rodat wrote the story. He got the idea from seeing plaques in a New Hampshire town that honored men who died in past wars. Other movies he has written are movies such as *Fly Away Home* (1996) which grossed \$24.5 million, and *Tall Tale* (1994) which grossed \$8.2 million.

The list of recognizable actors in this production is big. Almost all of the main characters in the mission team would be recognized from something. Tom Hanks (*Forrest Gump*, *Apollo 13*) played Captain Miller. Tom Sizemore (*Natural Born Killers*, *Passenger 57*) played Sergeant Horvath, and Matt Damon (*Good Will Hunting*) is Private Ryan. Other actors on the team are Edward Burns, Adam Goldberg (*Dazed And Confused*), Giovanni Ribisi, Barry Pepper, Vin Diesel, and Jeremy Davies (*Nell*).

The special effects are a big part of the movie. By showing people pick up their own arms and one person dragging half a person's

body, it makes the impact of the movie that much more dramatic.

The more remarkable part is that almost all of the equipment seen in the movie, such as the transports at the beginning, are real. Also the movie was filmed on location in Ireland which makes the scenery beautiful. The music also makes a big impact on the emotion going on at the time in the movie.

The movie was about 2 hours and 45 minutes, but didn't seem like it at all. It was an extremely good movie. The expression in the acting was very good as well. Hanks really knows how to bring a character to life. The most important part of this movie I think is the message it sends. War doesn't make sense. Many people died and not really from important reasons, or at least in the eyes of the soldiers.

*Saving Private Ryan* is an excellent movie. I believe someone should get an Oscar for this. I would highly recommend seeing this movie. It should be seen in Theatres too, it makes the effect of the movie complete.

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**Q:** My mailbox is overloaded! I have enough glossy college brochures to start my own library. How can I dig through them and decide where to apply?

**A:** Before we tackle the growing mass of glossy brochures, let's chat about you. First, you need to figure out what is most important to you. Do you want to attend a college with the highest caliber faculty or the best parties west of the Mississippi? Do you want to be close enough to home to have Mom do your laundry on weekends or far enough that you're in a different time zone? Do you want to feel frostbite at negative 20 degrees or be able to walk 100 yards to the beach? Ask yourself which questions are most important to you and use them as a guide when considering colleges. One warning about those glossy brochures. The truth is that they are actually advertisements for the colleges. As such, read them knowing that what may be described as world class cuisine in the sales pitch may actually be Spicy Baked Tofu Surprise in reality. Be sure to also read college directories, talk to other students and your counselor, and use the Internet to get more details on the colleges.

**Q:** What's the right number of schools I should apply to?

**A:** We recommend you use the Neapolitan ice cream approach. What the heck does tri-flavored ice cream have to do with selecting colleges? In our families whenever we had Neapolitan ice cream we would leave the strawberry until last, eat the vanilla occasionally, and practically maul each other over who got the chocolate. In the same way you need to classify the colleges into your dream schools (chocolate), schools within reach (vanilla), and safety schools (strawberry). You should apply to at least one or two of each flavor of school, which translates to three to six colleges. And best wishes getting an entire bowl of chocolate ice cream.

**Q:** I'm really stressed out about my application essay. I have no idea what to write about. I think I have writer's block. Help!

**A:** The secret to starting your essay is: Start writing! Okay, that sounds facetious, but it's true. With the question in front of you, take out a sheet of paper and begin brainstorming. Jot down all the possible topics you could write about for your essay. If the topic is open, think about questions like: What is your most meaningful accomplishment? What's your most unique quality? Who are the most significant people in your life? What class has been your most challenging? The secret to overcoming writer's block is to write about something, anything. It's much easier to refine and edit later.

Brisbane, Calif. (Fall, 1998) Imagine Media, Inc. America's fastest growing gaming and technology publisher, has announced the launch of Power Students Network ([www.powerstudents.com](http://www.powerstudents.com)). The brainchild of a Harvard educated husband and wife team, the Power Students Network forms an unprecedented alliance among six leading web sites to create the single largest cyber-learning center for college bound students and their parents.

For the first time, college bound students and their parents have a single location where they can take virtual tours of hundreds of colleges, learning the secrets of crafting winning applications, search online database of thousands of free scholarships, and have their most pressing questions answered by the Admissions Gods.

Composing the Power Students Network are six cutting edge educational web sites: CampusTours ([www.campustours.com](http://www.campustours.com)), CollegeView ([www.collegeview.com](http://www.collegeview.com)), CollegeXpress ([www.collegexpress.com](http://www.collegexpress.com))

FishNet: The College Guide ([www.jayi.com](http://www.jayi.com)), FreSch! ([www.freschinfo.com](http://www.freschinfo.com)), and SuperCollege ([www.supercollege.com](http://www.supercollege.com)).

"By partnering the Power Students Network with six leading web sites, we are revolutionizing college admissions on the Internet. The Power Students Network is the most informative, irreverent, and ground breaking site on the planet that is showing students everywhere how to get into, pay for, and survive the college of their dreams," said Gen Tababe, publisher, co-founder, and a Harvard graduate.

"We want to end the current low tech and frustrating way students apply to college. Most of us applied this way: reading outdated dictionaries at the library, guessing what type of essays colleges wanted, and completing our applications on typewriters with plenty of bottles of whiteout. Helpful information existed but we had no idea where to find it. While the Internet brought a wealth of information, it was still scattered and unfiltered. The Power Students Network unites in a single place the most useful college admissions and financial aid information, tips, and strategies along with a host of powerful online tools," said Tababe.

Enhancing the editorial content of the affiliate sites, the Power Students Network employs its own staff of expert writers. Often students who have been accepted to America's top colleges, these writers give a no-holds-barred look to how the admissions process really works. Through real world experiences, they reveal techniques that worked to get them into highly selective colleges. In addition, the Power Students Network features each week in personal diaries. The network also offers many services including a free weekly newsletter, free e-mail, open forums, and an extensive question and answer section.

"Students who spend countless sleepless night worrying about how they can set themselves apart from the other applicants and how they can pay their tuition bills. Parents spend hundreds, even thousands of dollars trying to give their children an edge in the admissions process. The Power Students Network arms students with the most essential information they need to succeed- in one place, in plain English, and for free," said Kelly Tanabe, publisher and co-founder.

## National Honor Society

NHS recognizes students with leadership skills, character, schoolwork, and community service. There are no meetings; Mr. Carter will contact you through announcements and mail to inform you about being in NHS.

In order to be part of this group you must be a junior or senior, and have a 3.0 GPA by the end of first semester, and recommendations will be asked from your teachers.

Your responsibilities will consist of grades, leadership in and outside the classroom, being active in school clubs, sports, community service, and church.

You must perform a task of five hours of service such as: open house, tutor programs, ushers for school activities, special education class, tours for incoming freshmen, and many more other activities.

## Math Team

If you enjoy competition then the math team is the place for you. The math teams responsibility is to focus on competition.

There is open membership so you won't have to meet any requirements in order to join. It provides you with a curricular experience in mathematics by competing against other school.

The math team meets approximately 2 times a week to discuss. Several competitions are held throughout the school year against other schools.

If you are interested in joining you can talk to Mr. Gammelgaard, and don't forget to check out the next meeting.

## German Club

The We-go German Club is preparing to kick off this school year with their Homecoming Planning dinner. The date of the dinner was not available at press time, but it will be coming up soon.

The German Club is lead by advisor Terry Strohm, and club president junior Heidi Fuoss. To join German Club, all you need is to either speak German, or be a student in a German class.

This year, the German Club will be short one member, as junior Lauren Belding was selected to spend the year living in Germany as a foreign exchange student.

For any other information, please see Strohm or Fuoss.

## Chess Team

The We-go chess team, coming off placing seventh in the state championship last year, is ready to kick off a new year.

The team will begin action in about three weeks, and will continue with meetings each Tuesday throughout the year.

If you are good at playing chess, or just enjoy it, you may wish to consider joining the We-go squad.

To join the chess team, there are no requirements.

The chess team participates in competitions in the form of tournaments, which occur approximately every month.

For any more information on the chess team, please see advisor Joseph Splinter.

## VICA

For anyone who is interested in vica, or already involved. A meeting will be held on September 25, 1998. The meeting will be discussing the upcoming market day. If you are interested in joining vica please come, for those already in vica don't forget to attend the meeting.

## A Separate Piece

If you like to express your thoughts and enjoy writing then you should join A Separate Piece.

This club consists of eight to ten members, and meets once or twice a month. There is an open membership, and is recommended to students who are responsible, artistic, creative, and can work under pressure.

There are no officers in this club but working in a team is really important, everyone plays an important role.

It receives poems or shorts stories from students, so if you have something you want to be published in A Separate Piece in April, don't forget to submit them if you are interested.

## Senior Class

The senior class at We-go has a full year planned, and is ready to tackle the task. The seniors meet weekly on Thursday, and they're main purpose is to raise money for events and participate in activities.

Some special projects for this year's senior class include the Homecoming float, window decorations, the Turnabout dance, and the senior gift.

The seniors are lead by President Melissa Acker, Vice President Kerry Herbert, and advisors Lisa Willuweit and Tara Dellutri.

## Scholastic Bowl

Scholastic Bowl is prepared to start meetings in October and begin their 20-week season in November. The team is strong in the math, science, literature, and history categories. Returning varsity members include senior Tim Harwood, junior Bryon Miller, junior Josh Krcek, and senior John Hlotke.

Captains for this year's squad have not yet been elected.

Upcoming events for the defending regional champion Scholastic Bowlers include the Turkey Tournament at Northern Illinois University, the DVC tournament, regionals, sectionals and state.

For any additional information, please see advisor Steve Wroblewski.

## What's 'In Tune?'

**Music Boosters:** Music Boosters is for parents of all music students at WCCHS, whether in band, chorus, or orchestra. Their task is to support our music department by helping to raise money, chaperoning field trips, and promoting the music program throughout our community.

**1998-99 Officers:** Officers for 1998-99 school year are as follows: President, Debi Inch; Vice-President, Ron Grossmayer; Treasurer, Sharon Vandernault; Secretary, Sue Hlotke; Band Parent Rep, Debi Inch; Choir Parent Rep, LB Norton and Donna Brown; Orchestra Parent Rep, Paula Fuoss.

**Spirit Hands:** All future sales of Spirit Hands are pure profit for Music Boosters! Selling the remaining 250 will bring a profit of \$750. These blue foam "hands" sell for \$3.00 each. Since all football and soccer games are played away this year, waving Spirit Hands makes Wildcat fans more visible!

**Uniforms:** Help with choir robes, vests, dresses, and tuxes (repair, organize) is needed to assist at concerts to distribute robes and help keep them organized.

**Fund-raising:** Someone is needed to work with the band parent volunteers re: poinsettia sales in December.

**Chaperones:** We need a chairperson and volunteers throughout the year.

**Concert Concessions:** There will be concession sales of candy and soda rather than bake sales this year at all our concerts.

**Fall Concert Supper:** The middle school students are joining in the concert on Tuesday, October 20. We will feed all our choristers a light supper between their five o'clock rehearsal and the concert.

**Girls Ensemble:** Auditions for Girls Ensemble were held at the

end of last school year. Members are Season Barclay, Abigail Brown, Elissa Dupree, Andrea Enger, Lesley Leary, Beth Nagle, Sara Knox, Kendra Norton, Cheryl Pruett, Anne Schullo, Annalisa Walker, and Cheryl Winter. Their first performance will be at the pep assembly on Friday, October 2, when they will sing "The Star Spangled Banner" in four unique parts.

**Concert Choir:** Congratulations to this year's elected cabinet. Officers are President, Cheryl Pruett; Vice-President, Patrick Scullion; Treasurer, Annalisa Walker; and Secretary, Abigail Brown.

**IMSA Choral Symposium:** This two-day event prepares students for auditions for the District IX Choir Festival, although students can participate in the symposium without committing to audition. This year's participants are: Leah Bjorklund, Sara Blanck, Christiana Droho, Elissa Dupree, Jessica Gutierrez, Danielle Kogut, Lesley Leary, Ellen Matejka, Lisa Mendez, Kristen Opaczewski, Alba Salazar, Anne Schullo, Pat Scullion, Wendi Slotke, Chris Thomas, Carl Volk, Annalisa Walker, Nicole White, Cheryl Winter, and Tracy Yednock.

**October Chorus Events:** IMEA District Auditions, Tuesday, October 13 at Naperville North High School. Times TBA. Fall Concert, Tuesday, October 20, 7:30 p.m. in Weyrauch Auditorium.

**Future Chorus Events:** District IX IMEA Choral Festival Concert, Saturday, November 21 at 7:30 p.m. at Neuqua Valley High School. Holiday Concert, Sunday, December 6 at 3:00 p.m. in Weyrauch Auditorium. Fox Valley Music Festival, Sunday and Monday, April 25-26, 1999.

**October Band Events:** IMEA District Auditions, Tuesday, October 13 at Naperville North High School. Times TBA. "Home" Football Games, October 2 at

Naperville North, October 9 at Wheaton-Warrenville South, and October 23 at Wheaton North. WCCHS Concert Band Auditions, for placement and grades, on Tuesday, October 27 (percussion, trombones, baritone horns, tubas); Wednesday, October 28 (flutes, clarinets); Thursday, October 29 (trumpets); Friday, October 30 (saxophones, French horns, oboes, bassoons).

**Marching Band Showcase,** Monday, October 26, 7:30 p.m. in the WCCHS large gymnasium. The band will perform with the three middle school bands (Benjamin, West Chicago, and Winfield) in a sit-down concert. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students and senior citizens.

**Band Day** at Northern Illinois University, Saturday, October 31. Our band will perform with fourteen other high school marching bands and the NIU band at half-time for the Toledo vs. NIU football game, which will be televised. The \$5 fee includes entrance to the game and lunch.

**Future Band Events:** IMEA District #9 Jazz Concert, Saturday, November 14. IMEA District #9 Concert Band and Orchestra Concert, Saturday, November 21. Holiday Band & Orchestra Concert, Monday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m. in Weyrauch Auditorium.

**News From The Orchestra:** Rebecca Keil was named new orchestra director for both District 33 and 94. Her main instrument is the viola, but she is a cross-over from the violin. She graduated from Saint Xavier University this past May, and is very excited to be working with a great group of musicians. The first concert is a string orchestra concert on October 14 at 7:30 p.m.

**October Orchestra Events:** Fall Concert for String Orchestra, October 14 at 7:30 p.m. in Weyrauch Auditorium.

## Homecoming or away coming?

By Dan Young

"Ladies and gentlemen. If you will please direct your attention to the visitors side of the field, the West Chicago Marching Band will be performing their school song. On the other end of the field, the Naperville North Marching Band will also be playing their school song."

This seems a bit strange. I know the school had to come up with some way to fix the homecoming predicament, but why a double homecoming? At homecoming, the school that has their homecoming should be the home team. However, there can only be one home team during the game. Does this mean that we are going to have an away coming?

It is understood that because of the construction, we don't have a field to play on. It is also understood that the school has to play a certain team for the homecoming game. However, why do we have to play our homecoming game away? It cost the students who want to show school pride more money and we aren't even the home team.

Athletics Director Bob Stone said, "We checked into playing at the College of DuPage and at the local private schools around here, but we decided that it would be easier just to go ahead and play all of our games at the other schools."

Maybe the school should have asked another school to use its field for a day. If the other schools team

has an away game that day and the other school agrees, then We-go could "borrow" the field for a day for the homecoming game. Also, our school could actually be the "home team" even though we aren't in West Chicago. This would also elimi-



nate the need for two bands playing at the same game and things would almost be normal.

Principal Alan Jones said, "We had one of the games that was our "homecoming" game. We looked at the area surrounding us and we didn't have any possible alternatives with C.O.D. or with the private schools because of the stands and the other schools schedules."

The money situation goes like this. If you have an athletic pass, then you get into games where we are the "home" team, even

though it is at another school.

This is hitting the booster club extremely hard, mostly because it is losing all of the revenues that it would normally collect from the concessions, admission prices and all of the games that it hold during the football conference. Stone said, "I'm sure they are losing money."

Stone also said, "It would have been extremely hard for our booster club to run the game from another school and we couldn't find a neutral site to play with the scheduling of soccer games and other football teams playing."

Associate principal John Highland said, "We have to move everything indoors from all of the outdoor activities we had last year. We will still have the Food Fest in the cafeteria, the Tug-of-war, and the Pie-in-the-face among others."

Highland said, "It will be about the same as last year. The only difference will be some of the morning games won't be run and there won't be any outside activities. We are trying to make as many of the activities work as possible and everything will be held in the Bishop gym, the cafeteria, or in the front of the school."

Any way you look at homecoming this year, things just aren't going to be the same. Whether we play away at an opponents field or "home" at an opponents field, it just won't be a "home"coming.

## Expression denied

By Dave Mehrman

Since the beginning of the school year a seventh grade student at Benjamin Middle School has been coming to school in female clothing. The student was suspended for and will be going to court for threatening the life of another student. Though students have been harassing him, parents have said he has been bringing it on himself. The child has been cross-dressing, has multiple piercing on his face, and calls himself "Satan." There is no dress code policy at Benjamin concerning cross-dressing, but some parents say it is inappropriate and distracting.

One parent also said that, "he has been asking for it with the way he dresses," when referring to the child getting picked on. How can he be asking for it? If that's the way he wants to dress let him dress that way. He is in seventh grade and he already understands himself to do this. People don't understand it so they are scared. There isn't anything wrong with him, and they're bringing him to court for threatening someone's life. What kind of a threat was it anyway? I'd imagine it to be something like, "If you don't stop picking on me I'll kill you. An empty threat, to students who probably show no respect to him."

In the real world people dress like that, and kids are going to get exposed to it eventually. I'm actually proud of this cross-dressing kid. He is only in seventh grade and is able to express himself this way. Some people are 20 and still don't understand themselves.

When students in the school were asked what they would their feelings be if they saw a cross-dresser at our school people were very open minded about the issue. Senior Will Geronimo said, "I wouldn't care what he wants to wear." Grant Wheaton said, "He can do what he wants."

Only a few students had heard about this situation at Benjamin. When students were asked to comment on the quote made by the parent saying, "he was bringing it on himself," the reaction was that the parent was being ignorant.

In my opinion I think it is great that he can express himself at such a young age. If he wants to dress like that let him. If this student wants to dress like that then let him. As to the charges brought up against this student, kids will be kids. Unless he physically hurt someone, there shouldn't be a problem.

The only advice that I would give to him or anybody who wants to dress likes that is use caution. Yes, I do believe you should express yourself how you want, but people are mean. Especially at a junior high and high school level students can be brutal to each other. Anyone can cross-dress if they want, but just remember that people are always going to be jerks.

## We-go food service out to lunch

By Arlete Penaflor

Lunch is the one time in the school day were students get to sit, relax, and enjoy a good lunch. What happens though if you can't enjoy a good lunch?

Some people have to face this everyday, some students can't seem to find their way around the school food.

We can't say everyone dislikes the food, there are some that say its decent and there are those who say it's the worst.

We can't expect a chef cooked meal and students aren't asking for one, but were here long enough to deserve a decent lunch.

Part of the reason that students still don't get use to the food is because we have a whole new menu. The menu includes a limited selection of food including fries (small and large), chicken patties, nachos, sandwiches, potato chips, a wide selection of beverages, prepackaged salads, donuts, bagels, pizza, etc.

The prices have also changed for some items like the fries, small are \$.75 while the large are \$1.25. The new ketchup doesn't help out much either; the sauce has a rich taste to

it, which doesn't taste very good. The pizza is \$1.75 and doesn't taste anything like last years. For some people the food isn't satisfactory at all and the selection isn't wide enough.

"There isn't enough food selection to choose from, and the food is really bad," said senior Alberto Perez.

Another problem with lunch is the ridiculous lines, which go way to slow. This isn't such a good thing considering we only have 25 minutes for lunch. Spending 20 minutes in line doesn't give you a lot of time to eat now does it. People wait and wait and the line just seem to get longer every minute. It doesn't help much either if people just stand there in line instead of moving forward, or when people just find it so much easier to cut in front of you. There are those who say this problem could be fixed by just having a longer lunch periods.

"The long lines either have to be fixed, or we should be given a longer lunch period," said senior Emily

"I hate waiting in line, it goes so slow, and people are so rude," said

senior Shawn Olson.

What about those that just prefer to skip the lunch lines and go right to the vending machines. It's a fast alternative for getting junk food instead of having to wait in line. What if the vending machines are off, which happens often especially during the early lunches?

Not everything is negative though lunch also offers us healthy food for those who are really into eating healthy.

"They have salads which is good it's healthy for you, but they should be kept fresh," said Olson.

There is an alternative for those who just can't eat the lunch food anymore, bring your food from home. If you are a senior you have an advantage off campus lunch. If you applied for off campus lunch then you have the opportunity to go out for lunch and eat whatever you want to eat.

We can't expect our school to supply us with the best of food, as long as the food is decent and edible. Think of other schools who knows our lunch might just be better than some schools.

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## We-go boys soccer team kicks into season

By Jeff Goluszka

The We-go boys soccer team has put together a four-game winning streak as they prepare to dive straight into the DVC schedule.

After starting the year with zero wins, three losses and two ties, We-go defeated Streamwood 3-2, Willowbrook 5-1, Glenbard East 4-3 (conference), and Lake Park 3-2.

The first five games were two losses to Marmion (1-0) and Bolingbrook (3-2). The next three games included a 1-1 tie at Oswego, a 3-3 tie with East Aurora, and a 3-1 loss to West Aurora, in conference.

We-go's boys soccer team has a record turnout this year, and is poised to make some noise in the DVC.

A school-record 84 students came out this year, according to Owens.

The varsity team will be almost entirely new, with the 28-man roster containing only 11 seniors. Owens added that the team lost most of its defensive unit to gradu-

ation, and about two-thirds of the group is brand new to the varsity roster.

Owens said this year he expects the seniors to provide leadership on the squad. As for the teams' top players, Owens mentioned senior midfielder Alberto Perez, senior fullback/forward Joe Leli, junior fullback Dave Boyle, junior midfielder Ryan Dorn, and senior goalkeeper Kevin Rugaard.

The team has been hindered by injuries to Rugaard and Boyle.

As for team goals, Owens said, "We want to improve game by game...find a good lineup...and gain experience."

Owens also talked about some of the improvements the team hopes to make. "The team is good generally, but we need to work on specifics...the little things," said Owens.

As for overall improvements, the Cats also hope to finish somewhere in the top four in the DVC, com-

pared to a sixth place finish last year. Currently, the Cats are 1-1 in conference.

The Wildcats' upcoming schedule includes match-ups at Lyons Township, Naperville North, Glenbard South, Wheaton-Warrenville South, IMSA, Naperville Central, Elgin, Glenbard North, Prairie Ridge, and Wheaton North.

Due to construction at We-go, the soccer team is holding practices at West Chicago Middle school. The varsity team will be playing all of its games on the road this year.

This is something that the soccer team will have to deal with throughout the year as long as the school is under construction.

This means that they will have to have as much school spirit as possible to play as good as they did at home. Playing all of their games away hasn't prove to be a problem for the soccer team this year.

## Girls Swimming

By Dave Mehrman

"Very good," is how the new Coach Chris Hall describes the way this swim season looks for the Wildcat girls.

The team has set themselves up with some high hopes for this season. They will be trying to place in the top three at the Wildcat Invitational and at the D V C Sectionals, as well as trying

to send two relays and four individual swimmers to State.

Thursday September 24 was the most recent meet. Against West Aurora and Wheaton Warrenville South. It was originally going to be away at Wheaton Warrenville South but their pool was broken so it was changed to a home meet. The results of the meet unavailable at

press time.

At this past meet the girls were competing in events that they don't usually compete in. They were doing this to get times for those events that aren't usually placed in.

Some of the swimmers leading the pack this year are senior Danielle Lureau, and juniors Abby Grant, Tracey Drizal, Stephanie Shalek, and Katy Coffman.

York, along with Naperville North and Central are some of the big rivals they will be watching out for this season, as well as Wheaton Warrenville South which it is their first season.

So far they have won the meet against York, and have come in 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Barrington, Evanston meet. Also the team came in 5<sup>th</sup> at the Wildcat invitational.

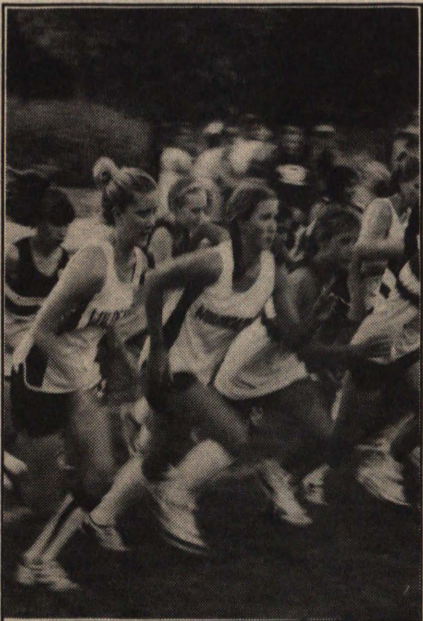


Good luck to all of the the teams during the Homecoming week this year.

## Girls Cross Country Fighting off Injuries

By Dave Mehrman

With setting goals like sixth in conference and the top ten at regionals the girls cross country team is giving themselves a goal to work for this season. Juniors Jenny Wiechert, Michelle Lasky, and Rachael Altergott are three runners to look out



for this season. "Things are good and bad," said Coach Kelly Kolasa. The bad news is that there are some injuries to some of the runners on the team, such as Wiechert, Lasky, and sophomore runners Beth and Kathy Brinn.

The meets have been going well though. Last week the Fresh-soph team placed 6<sup>th</sup> at Kaneland. Two weeks ago at Waconda the varsity team placed 10<sup>th</sup>, and at Crystal

Lake the varsity placed 5<sup>th</sup> and fresh-soph team placed 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Things are going well with the team otherwise. Coach Kolasa says that the varsity team could use a few more runners, though.

The construction has even affected the team as much as the football and soccer team because they practice all around town. Their home meets are at Reed Keepler Park and are free to attend.

## Boys Golf gets their Individual Awards

By Dan Young

The senior led boy's golf team is off to a shaky start. The Cats have been used and abused so far, losing every match except for the forfeit.

At the Conant Invite, the fell behind with terrible early rounds. Sophomore Mike Wenz had the best first nine for the Cats when he shot an eight over par 44. However, the Cats fough back on the back nine despite poor weather conditions. Led by senior Chris Howell's 38, the Cats managed to regain their lost respect. The team still finished in sixth place out of the six team invite, but coach Tim Courtney was optimistic on the results.

Courtney said, "We had an average of seven strokes better in the second nine compared to the first one. We need to play more consistant! and if we play all 18 like we played the back nine, we'll be a lot better."

The Cats then faced Waubonsie Valley in a dual match with Fenton. One minor problem with the meet was that Fenton neglected to show. That left the match just between the

Cats and Waubonsie Valley. It turned out that Waubonsie Valley had the better day than We-go on this match, with the top four Waubonsie Valley players out-shooting the Cats by 14 strokes to capture the victory.

The Wildcats, now at a one and one duel record, are led by senior captain Jeff Belokin, senior captain Jeff Powell, Howell, senior Rick Williams and senior Jeff Callahan. Sophomores Wenz and Tim Warren round out the varsity quad. Said Courtney of the two sophomores, "They are going to play. They belong on the varsity level and they will have to contribute."

Courtney is also looking for his seniors to step up and play more consistently. He said, "We have one bad hole and that really kills us. We need to work on eliminating that bad hole and then we'll be ok."

Courtney is relying on the seniors to lead the way. "In ways, we are experienced. However, with only one junior, we will be lacking that experience for next year," he said.

Courtney looks at all the DuPage Valley Conference match-ups as key ones this year. "The D.V.C. is really good at golf and we want to win as much as we can."

The Cats have played against four D.V.C. opponents and Courtney's words have held true. We-go hasn't won a match against any D.V.C. opponent, yet.

The Cats lost to Glenbard East by two strokes, to Wheaton Warrenville South by 20 strokes, to Naperville Central by a single stroke and to Naperville North by 20 strokes.

Jeff Powell commented on the lost to Naperville North by saying, "They shot a 147. Thats unheard of."

The Cats just competed at the Dundee Crown Invitational, where they placed 17 out of 24 teams. They also beat Glenbard South in a dual meet by seven shots.

The Cats faced IMSA on September 23. Results were unavailabile at press times.

## Young We-go football team looks to compete in DVC

By Jeff Goluszka

The We-go football team had hoped to compete with some of the DVC teams, but things did not go their way as they lost their first two conference games.

In a game at Glenbard North, one of the teams the Wildcats hoped to compete with, the Cats were trounced 28-7.

In a game at Naperville Central (ranked #11 in the state by The Chicago Tribune), We-go was obliterated 41-6.

In week two at Batavia, the Cats were defeated 34-0. We-go had hoped to compete in that game, said Stone.

We-go was scheduled to play their opening game at Glenbard South on August 29, but due to the Glenbard teachers' strike the game was cancelled. Instead, We-go played an exhibition game, defeating Bartlett handily 29-7. It was Bartlett's first ever football game with a varsity team, since the school just opened a few years ago.

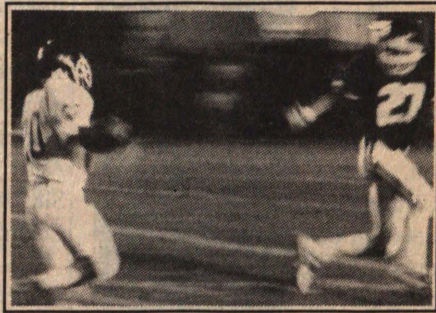
Although the Cats won, it won't count in the standings since it was just an exhibition.

This year's team is much different than last year's. First of all, there are only 17 seniors on the varsity roster, compared to 29 juniors. There are four junior starters on offense and five juniors starting on defense.

Another difference in this year's team is senior Brian Raymond. Last year, Raymond, the starting quarterback, injured his collarbone in the first game, and was out for the year. Raymond is one of We-

go's top players.

Other top players and leaders on the team include senior center Mike Chapin and senior linebacker/full-



back Mike Schneider.

After the game against Batavia, We-go began the traditionally tough DVC schedule. Due to the construction at We-go, the football field has been leveled, and the Wildcats will not be able to play any home games.

This year's DVC schedule for We-go continues with road games against Glenbard East, Naperville North (homecoming game against team ranked #3 in state by the AP), Wheaton-Warrenville South (ranked #1 in Illinois by the AP), West Aurora, and Wheaton North.

Team goals include competing with teams like West Aurora and Wheaton North.

Another goal is to stay in the second half of games. "We don't want to find ourselves down 30 to zero at halftime," said Stone.

As for the fact that We-go will play no home games, Stone said, "it's another challenge for [the team]."

Since they have no home field, the team has been practicing at West Chicago Middle School.

We-go's record now stands at 1-3.

## Girls golf tees off

By Arlete Penafior

The girls golf team has been up to a head start with all of their practices, preparing for an improving season.

The girls have been very busy, as they have had long practices with Head Coach Mike Cain at Saint Andrews Club Golf.

The team is due to face Nequ Valley on Monday, September 28.

The team has faced several defeats over the season, but in all of these defeats there was a victory against Wheaton-Warrenville South.

The girls feel that as a team their score is a lot better. This year they hit the programs best after three years.

"I really feel that as a team we are working hard, but as my individual performance goes I feel I am very inconsistent," said senior

Molly Saul.

The performance of their coach is what also motivates them to do good as well.

"He is very cool, and especially very patient," said Saul.

"He's great he knows exactly what he's talking about," said senior Ellen McLoughlin.

One thing that could really help them out is having more girls to try out for the team.

"This year we didn't have a lot of girls come and try out, I feel that having a bigger team would be good," said Saul.

They have an overall record of 1-7, and have played three conference matches against Wheaton-Warrenville South, Wheaton North, and Naperville Central. Out of those matches they lost two and won one against Wheaton North.

## Inconsistency, poor play plague girls volleyball

By Dan Young

How do you replace two of the greatest players in your team's history? Just ask head coach Kris Hasty, as her team lost all-conference, all-area Kelly Kaylor and Danielle Murphy.

This will be the first time since 1995 when the Cats are without the Kaylor-Murphy attack, a dynamic duo which has gone on to college.

The Cats haven't quite adjusted yet to the loss of the dynamic duo. The Cats took their two and eight record into a match verse Wheaton Warrenville South. It seemed that the Cats were preoccupied with other things because the Tigers jumped all over West Chicago for a 12-0 lead and a final of 15-2, a real thrashing.

Head coach Kris Hasty said, "We weren't ready out there in the first game. We need to apply intensity."

We-go seemed to heed Hasty's word as they jumped out to a quick 6-2 lead on two kills by senior Kim Ellis and a couple of miscues by Wheaton Warrenville.

Then it all fell apart for We-go, as the Tigers managed to close the gap to nine to seven. The Tigers

then promptly ran off 8 straight points for the win, leaving West Chicago behind to gasp and ask what when wrong.

The Cats, now 2-9, with a conference record of 0-5, aren't even close to were they were last year. Hasty said, "Its really hard on our team to have such a turn around from last years season. Some of the veteran players are really frustrated. What we need to work on is consistency and intensity."

We-go has returning experience despite the loss of Kaylor and Murphy. Seniors Chrissy Daubert and Melissa Acker anchor the middle of the Wildcat's attack with their setting skills. The Cats also welcome back seniors Ana Fernandez, Jeanette Arroyo, Krista Varble and Kim Ellis. Fernandez was the middle hitter on the Wildcats attack last year and Arroyo played middle back. Ellis came off the bench to play some outside hitter and Varble was a defensive specialist. Hasty hopes to have help from juniors Jocelyn Schineller and Kelly Bolton.

Head Coach Kris Hasty said, "I am looking for all of the senior to step up big, especially Acker and Daubert. We are really strong in that position (setter)."

Hasty said, "I hope we can re-strengthen our outside attack, but I think we will develop our back row offense and work on middle hitting more. We have been known for our outside hitting than anything else due to Kaylor and Murphy."

Hasty hopes to finish in the top half of the DVC are going to be tough. She said, "The DVC is one of the hardest conferences in volleyball, so we need to work really hard to accomplish this goal. Wheaton North and the Naperville schools will be really tough this year, but we hope to be competitive in the DVC."

Hasty hopes to have the Cats primed and ready for the regional this year. She said, "We need to develop a powerful offense, and get our confidence up. However, these kids are hard working and very coachable athletes."

## Boys cross country off and running

By Carrie Zeffield

The boys cross county team of 17 runners have gotten off to a start on this years meets.

On Saturday, September 19, We-go took fourth place out of the 56 teams running at the Peoria-Notre Dame invitational. The invitational took place at Detweiller Park. The meet started at 9:00 a.m.

Senior Dan Young placed fifth in 15:21 over a three mile run. Junior Tim Keller placed sixth in 15:22 in the three mile run. Senior Wess Skidgel came in 40<sup>th</sup> place, senior Jeff Stogis placed 81<sup>st</sup>, and Rich Belcher placed 87<sup>th</sup>.

Salem of southern Illinois won Saturdays meet.

The team has done exceptionally well this year, winning 101 meets and losing 4. They have had three minor meets and three major meets, winning all six meets.

The team lost Tuesdays meets to Wheaton-Warrenville South. They have not played Naperville Central.

In the past, Naperville Central

has won meets against We-go.

Last year, the team ran against Kaneland, placing 3<sup>rd</sup> out of five teams.

Junior Tim Keller was last years top runner.

including Tim Keller, Dan Young, Bart Visser and Jeff Stogis, came back this year to compete and complete.

Their first conference meet is on October 16 at home against Glenbard North.

Coach McLeland has many goals for the team during the rest of the season.

"I'm hoping we can get a conference championship, a regional championship, and qualify for state. We are doing very well this year compared to last year. The only major injury this year has been with Bart Visser. He hurt his back."

Bart Visser ended up dropping out of the Waucanda invitational due to his injured back.

The construction has not been a bother for the team. They practice in Reed-Kepler and Pioneer park everyday.

The next meet is a Belvidere invitational. The meet starts at 10:00 a.m. On Tuesday, September 29, the team will meet against Naperville Central along with Glenbard East. The meet starts at 4:30 at Naperville Central.

The boys wrap up their season with state finals on November 7. The time is still to be announced.

"Quality beats quantity," said coach McLeland with a smile and hopes of reaching his and the teams goals.

