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New security at We-go

New IDs, better cameras add to security

By Alexandra Patin
Carrie Zeffield

The administration at We-go has taken a new approach to making sure students are safe on campus.

Among new additions to security this year are IDs, which must be worn and are the most prominent complaint among students, and more security cameras covering the building.

"I feel like I am wearing a dog tag," said freshman Jamie Velna.

Sophomore Billy Inch said the security is a good thing because it "is for the purpose of keeping people who aren't supposed to be here out of the school, and that's what it's doing."

Many students were forgetting their IDs and borrowed temporary IDs, which has been a problem.

Associate principal John Highland claimed the deans run off about 40 to 100 temporary cards per day. These

were made of plastic and laminated to look like students' and staffs' regular ID.

But students were not returning the temporary IDs.

Beginning the week of September 27, the deans office started using cardboard temporary IDs for students and staff. This is expected drop the cost of production and supplies.

The new temporary cardboard IDs include a name and date, and are valid for only one day.

Staff have predominantly positive reactions to the IDs.

Dan Johnson, PE department chair, said the IDs are benefits to the students and are part of a bigger picture. This is the need to protect students from danger, according to Johnson.

Associate Principal John Highland said his biggest concern is keeping people out of the school who don't belong.

"Safety is the whole rea-

son we are doing it," said Highland. "We've had very little opposition."

If a student refuses to wear an ID, he or she must go to I.S.S. After the first warning to wear the ID, the student must face O.S.S.

"We consider this to be very serious," said Principal Alan Jones.

People will be required to wear IDs "until we can keep kids safe without them," said Highland.

IDs won't be the only new addition to school security. New and better quality security cameras are also under examination.

According to Highland, the new cameras would have several features that the current cameras do not, like the ability to monitor both interior and exterior of the building, and congested areas of hallways.

The cameras would also be able to zoom in and pan around many different areas at one time.

Construction changes everything

By Sarah Kochniarczyk

Hallways

Some hallways have been closed off. Those closed off will not be done until next year. The hallways, which are taking up half the hallway, are a hassle the students have said. These hallways are in areas by the auditorium, library, computer labs, and other places near there.

Parking

The new parking was made for student parking and not senior parking because there is no way the school staff could monitor the area. So the school decided to make it for everyone. However students are complaining still about parking.

"The students should have priority over the construction workers," said Bob VanGorkom.

There were about 88 spots added to the new parking lot. Within the next few years there is talk about putting in new parking on the north side where the tennis courts are. Possibly the pool area will be open up as well. However, whom these areas will be open to is not known yet.

Entrances

There has been new entrances added to the school. Entrances are now at commons and the new parking area. However students aren't satisfied "They are a pain because they are out of the way if you need to get into the old part of the school," said Matt Shane.

Classrooms

What has been added to the new classrooms? "New telephones, TV monitors, and Internet excess," said John Highland. Within time these new additions will be added to the old rooms as well.

The new classrooms have been made slightly larger with better lighting. They also have heating and air conditioning in the classrooms. Though some students think it's a hassle.

Cafeterias

The cafeteria has been remodeled and has new lunch lines this year. The students have said the lines are faster, but it doesn't seem like much of a change. The cafeteria food is being provided from a different company this year and the prices have gone up. "It's an outrage," said VanGorkom that milk prices have gone up. The students aren't happy about paying more money for their food.

Officer Theodore hits the scene

Officer Rich Theodore is the new police liaison officer for We-go. He is replacing Officer Tony Quarto, who transferred back to the police station. Theodore assists administration at We-go and deals with problems concerning residents of West Chicago and the school.

He also deals with parking problems, such as where a fire truck or ambulance could go in case of emergency.

Theodore says his biggest concern for the safety of the people at school happens at football games because he is worried about pedestrians being trampled. He says he wants to make sure everyone gets out safely.

SADD (Students Against Driving Drunk) is preparing for their yearly homecoming activities, which include window painting. The goal of this club is to promote awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving.

Other notable events throughout the year include the following: red ribbon activities, the Chain of Life, guest speakers, and D-day. D-day is a yearly event that occurs in the spring, where names of students are randomly selected.

These students must pretend to be dead for a day. They cannot speak or interact with others. This activity is meant to represent the daily number of deaths caused by drunk driving.

Membership is open to anyone. The club meets Wednesdays in room 122. For more information see Diana Alcalá in room 107.

What's new and going on?: check out these clubs to join this year

FBLA is geared towards We-go's Future Business Leaders of America. The purpose of FBLA is to foster interest in business education and free enterprise systems.

FBLA has open membership with meetings on every second and fourth Thursday of the month in room 226 at 7:15 am.

Upcoming activities for FBLA include Career Day on October 7, career mini-field trips to local businesses, and Youth In Industry Day.

The group will participate in window painting for Homecoming.

FBLA members compete in topics such as Impromptu Speaking, Word Processing, Publishing, and English.

If you're interested in FBLA, contact Streicher or Crickard for more information.

International Club

Sponsor: Spanish teacher Sarah Bellis

On Wednesday the September 29 the International Club will be electing officers. The club will meet in room 401 in the mornings. No specific dates have been set yet. The purpose of the club is to promote awareness of other cultures. Anyone can join the club. Bellis said the club will do fundraising, and a float for homecoming. Bellis said she wants students to share the traditions and the diversity of the school.

Clown Team is designed to inform young children on ways to say "no" to drugs, cigarettes. The message is spread through skits designed by members. The group goes to elementary schools, parades, and Central DuPage Hospital to spread its message. Though membership is open, your own personal commitment to stay substance free is advised. For further information on clown team see John Highland.

Forensics, speech team, is organized by history teacher Steve Kellner, and meets every Monday from 3:30 until 4:00 in the afternoon.

Students attend competitions with students from 20-30 schools and

perform in different acting and speaking events. Coming up is a Halloween Tournament on October 30, in Lake Park.

The club held a car wash on September 18.

Interested students should contact Kellner.

French Club, sponsored by French teacher Marjorie Appel, meets every other week, in room 408. Any student studying French may join in the club's activities.

Such activities include a recent pot-luck dinner, folk dancing, and visiting the Art Institute of Chicago during the winter season. The club also participates in the Taste Of West Chicago, offering French crepes. It is appropriate that members attend at least five of the after-school activities.

Officers of the French Club include senior Katie Holt (president), junior Meghan Burlinson and senior Michelle Lasky (vice presidents), senior Allison Brown (secretary), and senior Terri Jensen (treasurer).

We-go under construction control

Students see construction as nuisance; Administrators say end in sight

By Becky Guerrero

Mazes, turns, and corners.

All throughout WCCHS there have been confused, frustrated, lost and late students daily.

"We are having trouble with the clock system and the bell system," said Principal Alan Jones. Starting off with the bell system and clocks, what time do the students get out? A minute after the bell, before the bell, or when the bell rings? A student could be in class with a minute to spare before the bell rings and the halls are already crowded. Students are either being dismissed early and/or the bell system is just a little off that day.

Senior hall is a disaster and the worst is the bishop Gym stairwell to get to senior hall. It takes about two minutes to get from the girl's locker rooms to the senior hall, and that is just up stairs. Seniors, do you even hear the minute bell in the hall if English teacher Mr. McNamara isn't blowing his horn?

You can definitely hear the bell in the addition, and the

clocks are up to time. There is one thing that is irritating about the addition, turns, curves, and DOORS! There are doors separating the addition from the old. The doors stop student traffic and hit people as they try to get passed someone who is coming from the opposite direction. You are probably already running a little late from class with only a five-minute passing period, and then you have to stop, because a door hits you. Some confusion will be ended by the 27th of September.

According to Assistant Superintendent of Business Gary Gizoffi, the fire doors are there to contain a potential fire.

Signing will be finished; for example "keep out" signs and "danger" signs will be up. Cameras will be added inside and outside of the school. The old cameras will be updated to the new ones. This will hopefully stop most conflicts in WCCHS, and keep those who should not be here out. The LRC will be done as soon as possible for those that are waiting to be in there.

Auditorium falling apart

By Copper Tuma

Almost everything in this school has been or is being renovated.

Almost.

Everything except the auditorium and the music rooms. You may have wondered why that is, or maybe you haven't given it a second thought. That is the problem, most people haven't given it a second thought.

The problem is the auditorium is falling apart, and the music rooms could use at least a new coat of paint.

There are rows in the auditorium where only ten chairs are left fully standing, and there is constantly garbage being stored on the stage.

"I feel that drama opens up a window of opportunity for

young aspiring actors and actresses who deserve a well kept and renovated acting community, just as much as any athlete. Actors and actresses are athletes in their own right," said sophomore Nicole Patel.

This is not to say that the football players don't deserve a new field, or that the rest of the school does not need some renovations. However, the Arts are just as deserving of a nice environment, and at the very least, one that is not falling apart, such as the auditorium.

"I think it shows lack of character on the school when they only financially support one kind of activity," said sophomore Class President Jamie Nadolny, "when there are others in need."

We-go an icicle?

By Becky Guerrero

Below zero is exactly what it feels like in the addition of WCCHS. Many students agree that the weather in this school is not matching the weather outside.

Not to mention many of the students either have a jacket/sweater in their locker or on them daily. It may be 70 degrees outside, but students are wearing sweatshirts inside the school.

"They need to regulate the temperature. I would rather have it be all cold or all hot. Not this 50/50 crap," said Ami Pirela.

Regarding the heat system Principal Alan Jones said, "The HVAC quality system haven't been adjusted. They need to balance temperature with the new and the old, the first floor and the second."

During the days you wear a sweater it is hot and the days you wear a tank or T-shirt it's cold. "It's freezing, and I feel like a penguin," said senior Rachel Lawrence.

It affects learning when a student feels uncomfortable in class whether they are too hot or too cold. They're not going to pay attention, but will mainly worry about how they could keep their cool or keep warm.

I like to feel a steady temperature in the school and see fewer people sick from the weather difference between the school and outside. The air system should be done by the week of September 20, or September 27. Students should either be patient or dress in layers to take them off when they are uncomfortable.

What are teachers really teaching us?

By Jamie Nadolny

There's one word that applies to every single student at West Chicago Community High School.

Stereotype. It's just a plain four syllable word. We use it every day in our English language. However, its effect on adolescence and adults alike is much more profound than we think it is.

Everyone in high school has been labeled before. Everyone has been called a prep or a nerd or maybe a freak. They've been called a jock or a geek or maybe a skater. But let me ask you

this. Who comes up with those labels, and how can a person fit into one of those categories when a human is much more complex than a one word slur?

All of those terms have only one thing in common. Those terms are all based on looks and physical appearance. You can be named and categorized by looks in only a few seconds.

Going to school and being dubbed one of those titles is just a part of every day teenage life. Students just want to go along with their friends, and they don't give

name calling a second thought.

When adults or teachers make the same decisions as students, however, the problem goes a step further.

We hate to admit it, but we actually look up to those who are older than we are. As much as the freshmen say they dislike the seniors, and as much as the seniors say they dislike their teachers, we know deep down that those are the people we want to be just like.

Our elders are our role models. We try to follow the examples that our teachers set for us, but what happens

when the example is one of prejudice or dislike?

During the second week of school, we were let out of our second hour classes to participate in a routine fire drill. As my classmates and I made our way back into the building, I watched the other students in line around me trying to get back into the school.

In front of me was a student dressed in black and baggy clothes. His hair was dyed dark and he wore it half shaved and half long. His ear was pierced multiple times.

It didn't bother me to see the student at all, and I applauded him for being able to express himself.

The way you dress doesn't change your morals or your values. Adults and the reactions they make to teenagers can change you, instead. Their opinions can change the way you act and behave and the way you think.

Adults are the biggest impact that society can make on our age group. Our elders want us to look up to them with respect, but how can we respect them if they don't respect us first?

Homecoming Schedule of Events 1999

Saturday, October 2

Window painting 8:00 am-11:30
Float Building 1:00 pm-10:00 pm

Monday, October 4

"Pin the tail on the Dinosaur"
7:20 am
Float Building 4:00 pm-10:00 pm

Wednesday, October 6

"Mummy Wrap" 7:20 am
Theme dress up day
Float Building 4:00 pm-10:00 pm

Friday, October 8

Hall Decorating 6:00 am-7:45 am
Blue and White spirit day
Foodfest 12:45 pm
Pep Assembly 1:00 pm
King/Queen Coronation 2:00 pm
Float building 4:00 pm-10:00 pm

Sunday, October 3

Float Building 1:00 pm-10:00 pm

Tuesday, October 5

"Juggling" 7:20 am
Float building 4:00 pm-10:00 pm

Thursday, October 7

"Chariot Race" 7:20 am
Float Building 4:00 pm-10:00 pm

Saturday, October 9

Parade 9:00 am
Alumni brunch 10:00 am
Dedication ceremony 11:00 am
Soph Football 11:30 am
Varsity Football 1:00 pm
Dance 7:00 pm

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By Carrie Zeffield

Horoscopes: What do the stars hold for you?

Aries (Mar. 21 - Apr. 19)

The stars are looking down on you this month. Your life is going well. Your heart is full of love for that special someone in your life. The moon will be half soon, have fun. Spend your money wisely. Saturn is moving in full speed around its moons with its blue surface. The color blue may bring you good luck so wear it proudly. Your love match Sagittarius and your lucky stone rose quartz.

Taurus (Apr. 20 - May 20)

The sun will revolve around you this month. Be happy and cheerful, the sun looks for other ways to shine its light. Everyone will be watching you and looking to you for leadership and advice. The planet Jupiter is navy this month, try sticking to that color. Life may not be going well, but your life will become better when Jupiter becomes Navy. Your love match Libra and your lucky stone is the tigers' eye.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21)

This month the meteorites are in full force and moving throughout the galaxy. This

means you have been putting off, stop! Do what you need to do. The stars near Gemini will make a small explosion. Love looks great for you don't wait. Pluto is white this month, so stick with white. Your love match Aquarius and your lucky stone emerald.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22)

The moon is bright this month, so have fun and enjoy life. Your constellation is hiding. Don't hide your feelings talk to people. It will help you for next month when your constellation is shining bright. Mars is silver this month, so make silver part of your wardrobe.

Your love match Capricorn and your lucky stone garnet.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 21)

You are paired with Neptune this month. Neptune will out, but stubbornly and slowly revolving around its moons. Don't be a lion try to concentrate on school, and other things that matter to you. Your attitude may

effect other people. Be careful, you'll hurt a lot of people. Neptune is gray this month. Gray tends to be a dull color. Don't let that effect you in our day. Your love match Scorpio and your lucky stone ruby.

Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)

Uranus is bright yellow this month and very proud to be settled where it is around its moons. Yellow tends to put people in a good mood, and that is one thing you'll be doing this month. Life is very clam and relaxing right now, enjoy it. The stars will shine on you in a time of sadness. Stay calm and remember you are not a harsh person. Virgo is calm and innocent. Your purity will help you through hard times with many friends. Your love match Pisces and your lucky rock topaz.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)

The meteor shower in space will give you strength that you have been looking for. Emotions will stir between you and a good

friend. Don't let the argument get you down. Keep your head up and let your feelings be known. You and your friend will get through it and be the best friends you were before. When the stars shine, you will be relaxed. Money is looking good for you. Your love match Taurus and your lucky rock aquamarine.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 24)

Venus this month is moving slowly and cautiously around its moons. Don't be too serious and paranoid. Things will go great, even though it doesn't seem like it. Give things time, and let problems work themselves out. Venus is orange this month, so stay away from that color. You will only stand out more and it will make your day harder. Your love match Leo and your lucky rock amethyst.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Earth is green this month, and we all know that green is a scary color. Don't be afraid. Your paranoia will get some people and your-

self down. Be brave and take risks. That is what life is all about, right? You are really learning to respect those around you and taking on a leadership role. Your relationship with the one you love becomes a very important thing. Earth shows that love is definitely in for you. Your love match Aries and your lucky rock diamond.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

When Mercury reaches its hottest temps during the day, you will begin to feel agitated and angered at people around you. Don't be such a red head! When mercury reaches its coolest temps you will settle down and become relaxed. People may be looking for advice from you give them your best shot. Since Mercury is red this month, you might want to steer away from that color. It makes you mad.

Your love match Cancer and your lucky rock opal.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

We all know the sun is the center of the solar system,

and this month you will inhabit the suns attention. Look forward to being the center of attention. Smile and shine bright. Make yourself known. The moon will appear more this month due to less cloud cover. This shows the night is yours and glam is on your side. A friend may be feeling a little left out. Take them to center stage also and enjoy, because it's yours! Your love match Gemini and your lucky rock Sapphire.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20)

This is your month for relaxation. The stars that make up your constellation are calm but shining. Don't let little things bother you. When the moon shows, you will notice a need to have fun. A family member is in need of help. Be the best helper you can be and do what you can. Since Mercury is red this month, you will tend to be more hot headed toward the end of the month. You and Mercury will share many personalities together. So get out and relax now. Your love match Virgo and your lucky rock Peridot.

Stirs the emotions and the laughter

By Alexandra Patin

Be careful what you wish for. Maybe this would be a good name for the new movie, *Stir of Echoes*, the story of an ordinary man who wishes he could be a little less ordinary.

This is a remarkably spooky, yet humorous, tale of an ordinary family turned upside down by a ghost and her request. Tom (Kevin Bacon, from *Footloose*) is an everyday guy, whose son, Jake (Zachary David Cope) happens to talk to ghosts, until Tom goes to a party with his wife, Maggie (Kathryn Erbe, from *D2: The Mighty Ducks*).

At the party, Lisa, his sister-in-law (Illeana Douglas, from *Message in a Bottle*) hypnotizes him and suggests that he have an open mind to everything.

Tom comes back and starts seeing a girl who's a ghost. He wants to find out what the girl wants, but can't find her again. After he hears his son talking to "Samantha," his son and him talk about his visions. Tom finds out that the ghost wants something, through another hypnosis. Tom finds the ghost wants him to dig.

While ripping up all the floors and grounds of his house, Tom delves deeper into the ghost mystery and turns up clues to her history.

This movie is a great combination of humour and thrills to keep adrenaline

rushing throughout the movie.

Although Bacon's character is shallow, Bacon makes up for it in acting skills and charisma on screen. He's especially good at showing how his ordinary character is not so ordinary in many scenes throughout the movie. He is great at portraying the frustrated dad and husband who just wants to go back to the way things were before the hypnotism.

The other characters are deep enough to add a dimension to the movie. While staying back to let the plot happen on its own, especially Maggie who tries in her way to cure her husband while constantly getting pushed away by her estranged husband.

This movie definitely relies on suspense and not gore. There is hardly any blood, which makes the movie better because the plot is thicker in scariness and less shallow with special effects.

This movie is almost parallel to *Sixth Sense*, another ghost thriller, because of many details. For example, a little boy talks to ghosts that no one can see, the ghost wants something and one character has to figure out what it is and how to do it. Even with these similarities it's good and just as much fun to watch.

This movie is definitely a

good pick to see on a late night, perhaps after a party or before. While the movie provides you with lots of jumps and thrills, there is also subtle comic relief throughout.

Trendy Flicks

By Becky Guerrero

Horror flicks were the biggest trend at the box office this summer for high school students. *Sixth Sense* starring Bruce Willis as Dr. Malcolm Crowe, released for five weeks this summer in the number one spot.

Out of an informal pole of 120 students, the best summer movie was *Sixth Sense*. Tied with it was *Blair Witch Project*. "It looked so real," said junior Vanessa Spencer. Other popular movies this summer included *Matrix*.

We-go Summer Flicks

- Sixth Sense/Blair Witch Project*
- Big Daddy*
- The Spy Who Shagged Me*
- Runaway Bride/The Deep*
- Blue Sea*
- The Wood*

Box office Summer

- Flicks**
- Sixth Sense*
- Runaway Bride*
- Bowfinger*
- Thomas Crown Affair*

Summer fun: What did you do this summer?

By Sarah Kochniarczyk

Three words high school students hate to hear around this time "Summer is over." Back in school, no more sleeping in, staying out until late hours at night, and going on road trips with friends. It's work, work, and more work.

So what are the things you miss about this summer? What fun pranks did you pull? Where were some of the places you visited?

- "Going Fishing with my family and the Raymonds." - senior Dan O'Hara
- "Went to the World Cup in California." - freshman Amy Lichtfuss
- "Hanging out with friends in Germany!" - seniors Erin Lichtfuss and Jenny Wiechert
- "Hung out with the cheerleaders!" - sophomore Michelle Cosco
- "T-P Shane's house three times in one night!" - senior Andrew Vock
- "I loved boys!" - sophomore Bridget McPike
- "Me and my boyz lighting dog poop on Kristin Weiser's front step." - seniors Rog Guzman, Dan Fortier, Nesim Kerimi, Robbie Rohrbach, and Josh Meyers.
- "Went rafting in Wisconsin." - junior Ashley Link
- "Went to Washington D.C. and saw the House of Representatives debate about gun control." - freshman Jackie Demes
- "Went to Canada and went fishing." - senior Sean Peterson
- "Went on vacation to Wisconsin." - sophomore Kari Schmitt
- "Taking my baby cousin to the pool, because she is really cute!" - senior Edercy "DC" Abante
- "I got kissed by four guys from Munich." - junior Brianne Rehmus
- "Hanging out at my girlfriend's pig farm." - senior Jeff Tillson
- "Definitely not work, um... hanging out with my friends." - junior Laura Schulze
- "Spending time and creating memories with people." - senior Tracy Erickson
- "Rafting down Wolf River with two of my closest friends." - Campus Life leader Mike Santino
- "My choir tour." - senior Chris Thomas
- "I had a conversation with a drunk lady from Munich!" - senior Dan Barzo
- "Going to the beach." - freshman Cheryl Drenth
- "Coming to America!" - senior Henrik Muhlbrudt
- "Went para-sailing in Aruba." - sophomore Julie Wiechert
- "Being in Clearlake, Indiana with family boating and skiing with the kids." - Math teacher Kevin Gimre
- "Went to Puerto Rico!" - sophomore Carla Marrero
- "I went white water rafting!" - senior Michelle Skala
- "Meeting my friend Katie after the longest time and realizing how much we have in common." - senior Noemi Flores

Girls running for victory

By Sarah Kochniarczyk
 "We're just taking it one little step at a time while focusing on having fun with running and continually striving for personal bests," says girls cross-country coach Aaron Carper. This is Carper's first year coaching

The team has a few goals this year. "To place better in conference than the past," said senior Rachel Altergott.

This year's team is young but they work well together. There are no captains, "This year's team has a broad base of seniors which all contribute to the role of captain," said Carper.

According to Carper, the team is strong and everyone puts forth her effort. The seniors on the team are Altergott, Terri Jensen, Missy Krueger, Michelle Lasky, Adriana Rodriguez, Rachel Watson, and Jenny Wiechert.

"Most of our key runners are sophomores Angelica Garcia, Erin Kirby, and Meghan Young," said Carper.

Leading the pack is freshman Katy Kostal," said Carper.

We-go met Glenbard West at the DuPage County Meet on Saturday, September 25. The Cats didn't do too well, coming in last place with a score of 342.

The Wildcats had a meet against West Aurora on Tuesday, September 21 where the Varsity team had three girls make the top 15: Kostal in seventh place, Garcia in tenth place, and Kirby in 12th place. The JV team had five girls making the top 15: sophomore Jenny Boyd in ninth place, sophomore Jessica Strock in tenth place, sophomore Marina Savenok in the 13th place, freshman Carmen Saucedo

in 14th place, and freshman Krystal Muhlberger in 15th place. This was a good turn out for the Cats.

On Saturday, September 18, the Cats placed seventh out of 23 teams with a total of 169 points.

Two girls from Varsity and JV placed well in the meet on Tuesday, September 14. Garcia placed seventh and Kostal placed eighth for Varsity. Saucedo placed seventh and Muhlberger placed 11th for JV.

The girls did very well on Saturday, September 11 at Wauconda. The Cats Varsity team placed seventh and JV placed 14th out of 35 teams.

Altergott is happy with this year's Varsity team. "Strong Varsity team this year, the under classmen are doing really well," said Altergott.

Catch the Wildcats at Lisle Maine at 9:30 am on Saturday, October 2.

Soccer season hurting

Boys soccer

By Becky Guerrero

The boys started the soccer season at the top.

On August 31, We-go won 8-0 against Bolingbrook. The next game was also theirs with another 8-0 victory. The next few games weren't wins, but the team has showed a lot of pride, and strength in each game.

The team's strength fell when senior Mike Streams badly injured his left knee at a home game against Naperville North, September 14. "I tore my MCL and might have torn my meniscus ligaments." The team

lost 2-0. Although Streams is out for rest of the season he feels he gave all his effort when he played. "I gave all I had this season and played my hardest," said Streams.

His injury has affected the whole team. "I feel the injury of Mike Streams hurt us tremendously. I believe our team has the talent to overcome and even though we haven't played our best soccer, we hope to turn around for the second half," said senior David Boyle.

The Wildcats (4-4-0

overall, 2-2-0 in the DVC) have lost three of their four games to ranked teams. Glenbard East another ranked team was defeated by We-go 2-1 on Tuesday, September 21.

The Wildcats had another victory over Glenbard South (5-0) Saturday, September 25. senior Eric Chorobik made the first goal on Tuesday. The boys' victory with Wheaton North was a score of 4-1. The boys will have their next game on October 5, at Wheaton-Warrenville South.

Golf off to a good season

By Alexandra Patin
 Carrie Zeffield

The varsity level of the boys golf team is done with meets and on October 5 will be going to regionals.

The team is maintaining a positive attitude throughout the season, and junior Tim Yormark said, "We're very positive and getting better as the season goes on."

The team is also looking forward to the DVC meet, said Yormark. Last year's record was 3-5 overall, 0-4

in the DVC.

The boys golf team started the season on August 16 at the home course at St. Andrews Golf Course. The team has had 18 meets since then.

The team consists of approximately nine varsity players and 11 freshmen. This year's changes include a new head coach, which according to Yormark was difficult to get used to at first, but now the team is comfortable.

The girls golf team is advancing to regionals the week of October 5. So far, they've had three matches and have won two of those matches. They beat Geneva and Joliet Catholic Academy.

"Geneva was our greatest pride in beating," said senior Helen Walsh.

On August 27, the girls placed 5th at the Plainfield Invitational.

Sectionals are scheduled to start Tuesday, October 12.

Football not on fire

By Sarah Kochniarczyk

"It's a rush," said senior Dan O'Hara. "It's good to play on your field with your fans there- pride," said senior Bryan Kelsey. The Wildcats are excited about the new field and playing at home this season. The new field and stadium has the Wildcats pumped.

However, this new field is not helping the Cats out too much.

The players believe the problem is the fans, "The mental aspect of the game, people not believing we can win," said O'Hara.

O'Hara said the lack of school pride is what may be causing these losses. Senior Robbie Rohrback said, "Overall team strength and quickness," is their weakness.

The other schools in the DVC are bigger and have more students on their teams. Since We-go is smaller the team may get cheated out of that strength and quickness.

"On offense our passing game is very strong, and defense is always strong,"

said senior captain Sean Peterson. According to players, defense is doing their job but the offense needs some work. "Always trying to play with heart a lot less giving up this year," said Rohrback.

It was an upset for the Wildcats on Friday, September 24 when they played Naperville North. The score was 41-8. The Cats tried to give a good fight the first half, but they didn't fire up until the second half when they scored.

The Varsity team didn't take home a win, but the sophomores did.

The Wildcats faced the Rams on Friday, September 17. The Cats were up for a while in the first half. The Rams scored and had the lead. The Cats played tough all first half but started to lose that intensity the second half and lost the game 34-6.

The Cats may have been fired up to play Naperville Central. So was Central. Central won that Friday night, 41-7 on September 10, 1999. It was a tough loss for We-go, but it gave them

a reason to be pumped for the Glenbard East Rams.

The first game, We-go played Plainfield in a close game. The score was 14-12. The Wildcats played hard the whole game. This was the Cats first non-conference game.

The second non-conference game was the Wildcats first win. The Wildcats played tough. The game was theirs by the end of the night. The score was 28-29 barely clutching the win.

Though the Cats aren't on a winning streak, the players think this year's team is better than last years. "Our offense has scored more in four games this year than all the games last year," said Kelsey. "We're bigger, faster, stronger, and better looking," said Kelsey and O'Hara. The Wildcats may have been off to a slow start but they are geared up for the next game.

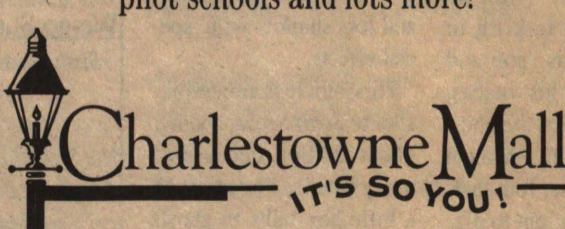
The Wildcats will be playing Wheaton-Warrenville South on Friday, October 1. They will be at Wheaton-Warrenville South.

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