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Bands need more money for London

By Alexandra Patin

The We-go band will hold a benefit concert on November 19 to interest people in and raise money for the London band trip.

The band is trying to hire either a university band or a professional musician to play at the concert. If a musician plays, the We-go band will probably play a piece in accordance with the style of the musician's. For example, according to James Guter, director of bands, if a major jazz musician performs, then the jazz band will perform.

Tickets will cost approximately \$5- \$10, and the price will vary depending on the performer or band scheduled to play.

The ticket sales will help to fund the upcoming trip to London that the band was invited to. The students have contributed some of their own money, and they have also raised \$25,000. The total cost for the London trip is \$190,000, or \$19,000 per person.

Guter said everyone is going, which totals 75 students and 25 chaperones.

He also said the community and parents have responded very well to fundraising activities. Parents have helped out by soliciting in the street because the students are not legally old enough to, according to Guter.

A new superintendent dedicates a new wing to We-go

By Becky Guerrero

We-go's new west wing was dedicated in a ceremony by the school's new Superintendent Dr. LeRoy Rieck on October 9 at 11:00 a.m.

Rieck was a superintendent at his last high school, Franklin's Regional, outside of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Rieck started his job at We-go over the summer. Rieck said his job has been so far he likes it here and the year has been good and said, "I enjoy it and meeting new people."

Some of his current goals for WCCHS include getting to know the people and the school district. As a long-term goal, he "would like to

complete the construction project."

"I am pleased with what got done with so far for the beginning of the school year," he said, however, "I am not pleased with the temperature."

Rieck has talked to 10 administrators; 90 teachers, 12 support staff, 61 students and 45 citizens. He has asked them same four questions.

These include: What do you believe the strengths of Community High School to be? In your view, what are some urgent needs at Community High School? What issues do you believe need

the most immediate attention? What advice would you like to give me as the new superintendent?

Many of the people asked had different expectations and concerns for the high

school. Many people want to improve the attendance policy and improve the image of the school.

"Many people also mentioned improving the athletic conference affiliation,"

said Rieck. Other things Rieck would like to improve include respect to diversity, and let the public notice the positive things about WCCHS.

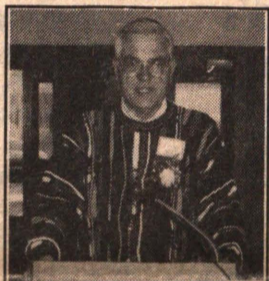
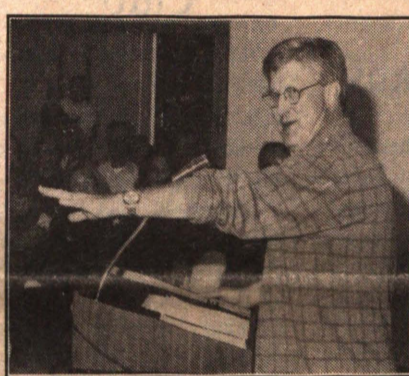


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On Saturday October 9 a dedication for We-go's new wing was held in the lobby at entrance C. At 11:00 a.m., a group of approximately 100 people including the school board, administration, staff, students, alumni, citizens, the mayor, and even some past superintendents gather for the ceremony. Board President Rich Nagel opened with a short speech and the presentation of the key of the west wing to Leroy Rieck. Rieck managed to avoid a key injury, said a few words and introduced Allen Powell, to speak as the person most responsible for the passage of the referendum. Powell told jokes and stated that "I am a prostitute," but that being a prostitute allowed We-go the benefit of now having Rieck as superintendent.

Fall play won't be "foreign" to We-go soon

By Sarah Kochniarczyk

"The Foreigner," by Larry Shue, is a comedy about language and prejudice. "The Foreigner" was not the first choice for this year's fall play. "We couldn't secure the rights to our first choice 'Bleacher Bums,'" said Mary Hafertepe. Although it wasn't the first pick it will be an interesting play to attend.

The play has a small cast with only seven parts. According to Hafertepe it's

easier to work with a smaller cast. "The director is able to give each cast member more attention," said Hafertepe.

With a smaller cast working together is not a conflict. "We have a really tight cast because of the size," said senior Chris Thomas.

"With a small cast it's easier to get to know each other," said senior Kendra Norton. Thomas and Norton have been in numerous plays all years in high school, so they know how

aggravating it can get at times.

The advantage of having a small cast is the focus each one puts forth. "Considering the small size of the cast, things are more focused and going well. It's always stressful, of course,

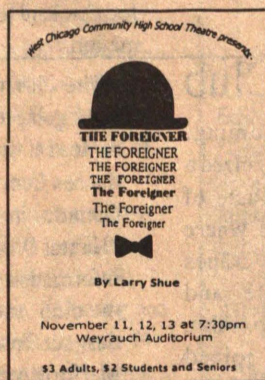
but the show always comes together in the end," said Norton and Thomas.

It may seem that things would fly by with such small numbers, but it takes just as

much time and practice to produce a good performance.

"Any work of art is a process that moves through several phases of "success" and "failure," but artist have faith in the process to lead them to a discovery of whole," said Hafertepe.

"The Foreigner" will be performed on Thursday, November 11, Friday, November 12, and Saturday, November 13 at 7:30pm. in the auditorium.



Chronicle editor takes second place at editorial write-off competition

West Chicago High School junior Alexandra Patin won second place in an on-the-spot writing competition for student journalists held October 15, at the University of Wisconsin, Whitewater.

Patin was one of 15 high school students from Illinois and Wisconsin who participated in the competition. After a lecture and question-

and-answer session presented by UW Political Science professor John Kozlowski on the topic of "The First Amendment and Hate Speech," participants were given 75 minutes to complete an editorial on the topic.

In the analysis of Patin's article, "Hate Speech and the First Amendment," the judges commented "Great

editorial! Well-reasoned, well-written and highly effective in stating your views."

Patin has been a member of the Wildcat Chronicle staff for two years, serving as a reporter and co-editor of the Feature section. This year, Patin is the News editor.

Over 1,250 students attended the one day confer-

ence, including Patin and other members of the Wildcat Chronicle staff, seniors Sarah Kochniarczyk and Leslie Shambo, and sophomore Jamie Nadolny. The conference featured over 60 "how to" sessions with leaders in scholastic and professional journalism.

In addition, Patin attended the "1999 Chicago Tribune High School Journalism

Conference" held at the Chicago Tribune, Friday, October 29. Journalism advisers and high school journalists from 70 schools in Chicago and the immediate suburbs attended the day-long conference.

During the conference, 112 Tribune employees volunteered for tours of the newsroom, critiques of high school papers and informa-

tive sessions. Tribune columnist Mary Schmich in her session, "Writing Editorials and Commentary," asked participants for suggestions for topic ideas.

Patin's suggestion was used and published in Schmich's commentary Sunday, October 31, "Students learn any column idea is better than none."

Student Activities

Two schools joined through music

By Alexandra Patin

"I sing music in the shower" said sophomore Copper Tuma, to prepare for the chorus concert on October 28 at 7:30 called "Joining Communities through Music."

"Praise His Holy Name" stirred up the audience as several people let out loud whoops of appreciation during the song and most everyone gave a standing ovation at the end of the piece.

"[Gospel] is probably one of the most popular genres of choir music," Smith said. She said this is because it gets the audience involved and is "spontaneous."

This song combined both the We-go Concert Choir and the Elgin Chamber Choir. The Elgin choir and We-go choir sang other songs as well together: "Angus Dei," by Peter Williams, and "The Promise of Living," by Aaron Copland, which were both I.M.E.A. all-district pieces.

"It's been a really pleasant experience for both of us," said the conductor of Elgin Chamber Choir Kathi Kalsow to the audience.

"Lollipop," sung by the Girls' Ensemble, was a hit. Senior Sara Knox used a piano.

An announcement by Smith said the names of the students from We-go who had been chosen to go to finals for I.M.E.A.

The students are: Anne Schullo, Knox, Cheryl Winter, Beau Brown, Anders Walker, Matt Grogan, Ryan Dorn, Chris Thomas. They will reaudit on November 20 for a place on the I.M.E.A.

Tuma said she was not nervous because she loves performing in front of an audience, so the concert went well. She said the Women's Chorale has a great sound, and is working on blending their voices. Knox said the Concert Choir has lots of guys in the choir and the alto section sounds really good.

In addition to the upcoming concert, the new chamber choir has been selected. There are four people in each section, soprano, alto, tenor, and bass. The singers had to audition for the positions they were awarded.

Elissa Dupree of the Women's Chorale said she was pleased they are singing with the Elgin choir. She said, "When you are in the choir room, all crowded together before the concert, you really feel like you're a part of everything."

Senior Class

The Senior Class didn't win any homecoming competitions. The class also lost money for tee-peeing the school. They were required to pay for half of the cost of a cleaning service that was hired.

"Let that be a lesson to you all," said Senior Class president Sara Knox.

The class is looking at some senior T-shirts. They are also trying to find someone to do the senior mural. If any seniors are interested in painting the mural contact the Student Council.

Thespians

The Thespians are working hard to make this year's fall play, "The Foreigner," a success so that it may be entered into Theatre Fest. At Theatre Fest there are approximately 3,500 students, some of which are performing. West Chicago has never taken a large performance down to Theatre Fest.

In 1991 and 1993, West Chicago took a short performance to the fest. According to teacher Mary Hafertepe, it is very exciting to even be considered for participating. People called adjudicators will judge the fall play. If they like the play enough, it will be recommended for Theatre Fest.

French Club

For Homecoming, French Club organized a booth at the Taste of West Chicago, where members sold crêpes with chocolate and strawberry syrup. Also, French Club joined Spanish Club for a trip to the Art Institute of Chicago on November 2.



Photo courtesy of Marjorie Appel
The French Club met for a potluck dinner at Nelly Guerrero's house September 27.

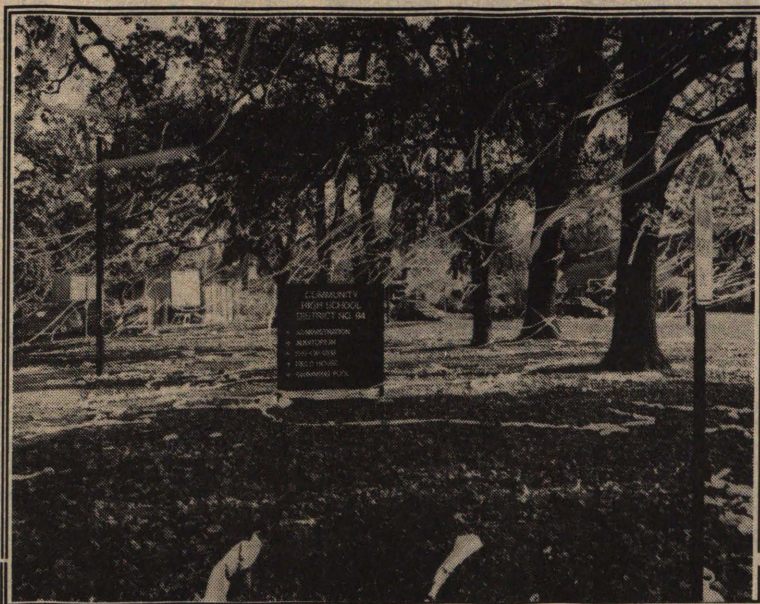


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Very early on the Friday morning before Homecoming, a group of about 80 We-go seniors spent a few hours adorning the school trees with toilet paper. According to the statement of one of the participants, the group spent as much time running and hiding from the police as they did in the actual decorating. Apparently, the police were successfully avoided, as no arrests were reported. The TP artists did a thorough job on the trees and the effect was very impressive as the sun rose on Friday.

International Club

At the first meeting of the International Club, students talked about what they would be doing this year. The meeting was held on September 29. The students will learn different cultural dances, such as the salsa, said sophomore Zoe Churan. Fundraisers were talked about at the meeting. About five people were at the first meeting. The club is still open to new members. If you are interested, talk to teacher Sarah Bellis.

FBLA

FBLA has an open membership with meetings on every second and fourth Thursday of the month in room 226 at 7:15 a.m. Anyone wanting more information about FBLA should contact Cass Streicher or Joe Crickard for more information.

The club now anticipates going to Fermi Lab to learn various folk dances from France and Canada, including the "Hanter Dro." For more information concerning the club and its activities, see French teacher Marjorie Appel in room 408 or senior president Katie Holt, junior vice-president Meghan Burlison, senior secretary Allison Brown, or senior treasurer Terri Jensen.

"Mind's Eye"

It isn't too late to become a staff member for West Chicago's Literary Magazine, "The Mind's Eye."

Students interested in writing short stories and poems, art, and photography can attend club meetings two or three times a month in room 180 at 7:15 a.m.

"Anyone who is a dedicated, hard worker can attend club meetings," said English teacher and advisor Andrea Cipcich.

"There are no officers for 'The Mind's Eye,' and everyone in the group participates equally in creating the literary magazine," Cipcich said.

After the first semester, the club usually meets around six times a month to put together a magazine in May.

"The Mind's Eye" staff is looking for We-go students who would like to submit work for the magazine.

If anyone is interested in submitting work, they should contact Cipcich for more information.

The magazine staff recently sent in last year's magazine to the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE).

They are currently awaiting recognition for the NCTE for their hard work.

Members of "The Mind's Eye" will also participate in fundraisers this year to raise money for club T-shirts and field trip opportunities.

Students interested in joining "The Mind's Eye" should talk to Cipcich for more information about staff meetings.

Math Team

Got numbers on the brain? Consider getting involved in the math team. Currently, there are thirty members and anyone wishing to join is welcome. However, there are a limited number of students that can compete.

Practices take place before school Tuesdays and Fridays in room 149. Math teacher Robert Gammelgaard is the team's advisor.

The group last participated in their second meet against Huntley, Barrington, Hoffman Estates, and St. Charles. Juniors took home second place. Junior Misha Shemyakin also grabbed second place in the oralist part of the competition. The team will attend their third meet December 2 at Proviso West.

German Club

German club is preparing for two of their upcoming activities: German club watched a soap opera on November 1, and went to the Art Institute on November 2, with the French and Spanish club.

German club has kept in contact with Robin Leary and Liz Rebe who were given scholarships to study in Germany for the school year. According to German teacher Terry Mitchell-Strohm, the two students are learning a lot and doing well. This spring, the club will be taking the German visitors on at least one activity.

Sophomore Class

Sophomore Class took first place overall at Homecoming, and won two hundred dollars. Their float and hall decorations won first place.

The prize money will go to prom of 2001. During November the sophomore class is working to start a candy fundraiser. English teacher and advisor Patrick Clifford will be selling lollipops during his classes.

Forensics

Forensics returned from its Halloween tournament at Lake Park on October 31. Events included Dramatic Duet Acting, Dramatic Interpretation, Extemporaneous Speaking, Humorous Duet Acting, Humorous Interpretation, Impromptu Speaking, Declamation, Original Comedy, Original Oratory, Prose Reading, Radio Speaking, Special Occasions Speaking, and Verse Reading.

For Homecoming, Forensics sold drinks and Airheads candy at the Taste of West Chicago. On November 6, Forensics is co-hosting the We-go/ North Tournament at Downers Grove North.

See Social Studies teacher and advisor Steve Kellner or seniors captain Kendra Norton, co-captain Chris Thomas, secretary Meredith Moore, or treasurer Sara Knox for more information.

Chess Team

The chess team started their season, and their first tournament is on December 3. Practices take place on Tuesdays. The chess team has open membership team.



photo by Beth Deutsch

German Club and advisor Frau Strohm pose for a picture before float judging October 9 during Homecoming festivities

Spanish Club

If you're in a Spanish class and looking for a way to combine culture and fun into an activity, Spanish club may be your answer. Meetings are held every Tuesday in room 403. Advisor Sue Junkrowski seems pleased with the turn out they've had so far this year.

On November 2, the Spanish, French, and German clubs plan to visit the Art Institute down town Chicago.

On November 4, they will experience the Cuban "Copa cubana restaurant." Saturday, November 13, they will view the "Day of the Dead" exhibits at the Pilsen Mexican Fine Arts Center. The Spanish exchange students left on October 2.

Should religion be in or out of school?

Not appropriate for school

By Alexandra Patin

What's the first thing that comes to mind with the thought of school?

Classes, work, boredom, whatever. Your first thought is probably not "religion." That's because we live in a society where we believe in the "separation of church and state." This is America that says that the church, whichever one it may be, may not interlock with government or school.

However, over the years more and more cases have been brought up involving students and government officials using the word of the Christian god as a fixture in schools and government or as an answer to different problems.

One example of the clash between church and school is found with Nick Becker, 18, about to receive one of the most important documents of his school years, what he had strived for since school started, his high school diploma.

At the graduation ceremony a Christian prayer was recited by some of the highest elected officials in the county. Becker walked out of the ceremony and the state police threatened to arrest him when he tried to pick up his diploma. The school then told him he couldn't go on the post-graduation cruise, for which he had already paid. This was in Maryland, almost 40 miles south of Washinton, D.C. at Northern High School.

It wasn't as if Becker ignored the prayer in rehearsals and practices. He had heard the prayer and decided to take action before the ceremony. When Becker finally had the ACLU and the Attorney General of Maryland agreeing with him, the principal removed the prayer from the plans.

Tragically, Becker's graduation turned into humiliation for both him and his family and friends. What could have prevented this incident and prevent others like it?

Obviously, there is no way to recognize every religion in school. Nor would people want every religion to be recognized.

But even if there was a way to recognize every religion that is in We-go, would we want to? Our education should not be based on every religion's beliefs; it should be based on the core subjects that cannot be disputed or opinionated.

Teaching of religion should be left outside of school, where people have a choice to listen. However, where does that leave individual students who want to spread their religion in school?

The U.S. Department of Education stated "students may pray in a nondisruptive manner during the school day when they are not engaged in school activities and instruction."

This means that as long as students are not involved in anything to with a school sponsored activity they may pray to themselves. Teachers are not allowed to endorse this prayer or lead it either.

Students are also not allowed to "make repeated invitations to other students to participate in religious activity in the face of a request to stop."

There is a fine line illustrated in these statements. A student can pray, however, they may not engage in praying during a lesson or during a school-sponsored activity. Also, students can try to spread their religion; however, they may not persist when they have been requested by another student to stop.

Students should be allowed to pray during school and they should be allowed to express their religious beliefs freely; however, staff should not be allowed to encourage or endorse praying in school or any of the different religions.

Religion should be kept outside of school, and if it is inside, then it should not cross the fine line between praying during school and instruction or trying to spread religion and harrassing an individual.

Speak your mind and be heard about religion

By Sarah Kochniarczyk

What is crossing the line with religion in school? "See you at the pole"? Praying before school and during lunch? The yearbook page? Showing others who Christ is? Is this really crossing the line? Trying to save others, and teaching others what they may not know?

Many people have commented on the Christ page in the new yearbook. I think it's great since it lets students know what youth group and Campus Life are about. It's activities like these that keep teenagers busy and away from dangerous options. People should know what students do after school and what they are involved in.

Although this page is an awesome idea, there was a mistake. A quote was put in the yearbook about senior Jeff Tillson saying he doesn't care to talk to those not of his faith. "The Jeff Tillson misquote really disturbed me, especially since I know that is something he'd never say," said senior Ryan Dorn.

This quote is an example of why non-Christians may think Christians look down on them. "That misquote really bothers me because it came across totally against what I stand for and that's love," said Tillson.

The students in school who talk about God aren't trying to say they're better than those who aren't believers of Christ. Plain and simple, they are sharing their beliefs.

"I try my very best not to look down on others who aren't Christians. Everyone is entitled to their own beliefs," senior Dorn.

Christians aren't trying to act as if they are better but to show what God can do for others in their lives, at home and at school. "It has helped me realize what a weak man I am without Him. Depending on Christ has made a world of difference in who I am," said Tillson. "I realize how far I have to go in becoming a better person," said senior Andrew Vock.

Not only do Christians want to share God with others, they are thankful to have had people bring them to Christ.

Praying before school has lighted a new path for some students such as Tillson. Why does he do that? "It sets a good tone for the whole day. Christ always prayed and great things happened in his life. If I want to live my life like Christ, I have to live it on my knees," said Tillson.

Is it really a bother? I don't believe so. According to

Steering through the hallways

By Nicole Patel

Just about everyone I've ever met has something that drives them completely up the wall-be it the sound that people make when they chew their food or the annoying Mentos commercials. In my case, it is the crowded hallways at school.

Why is the concept of walking to the right side of the hallway so hard? The majority of high school students are age 15 or above, which means they know the rules of the road. If a car stays to the right, why can't people?

I know of several staircases that students avoid because of the congestion. Through weeks of study I've come to the basic conclusion that students can't comprehend these four basic principles of hallway procedure:

1. Walk to the right!
2. Walk at the pace of traffic. Do not slow down

because the little voices in your head told you to.

3. Do not bump people on purpose. The reason they are probably moving slow is because some moron not following rule number two is in front of them!

4. Kissing and groping: You can do it, but I don't want to see it, let alone bump into it. "Kissing and groping is not a sport. No one is going to cheer you on," said sophomore Copper Tuma. My thoughts exactly.

Then there is the dirty look. Why is that every time someone bumps into you they give you the look of death; as if it were your fault they rammed into you?

It is a tired case and we'll probably never reach an agreement. All I have left to say on the matter is that a little respect and a little bit more consideration goes a long, long way.

Vock, it's good to see people praying when they feel the need. "Many people from the football team, including myself, pray after practice everyday," said Vock.

There's a big difference between preaching God and talking to others about it. If students feel uncomfortable talking about Christ, then by all means they should state their mind, or get up and walk away.

Christians are just trying to show and teach about Christ. There is no need for a student to sit through a talk if he or she feels differently.

Everyone makes mistakes, but bringing Christ to school can't be that big of a mistake. When a student is asked to join a religious group he or she doesn't have to come, and isn't looked down upon if he or she chooses not to go.

"See you at the pole," is an example of sharing Christ with those who are unsure of God. The last thing in the world Christians would want is to bother students and make them scared.

According to senior Janet Drenth "See you at the pole" didn't bother her at all, "No it doesn't bother me because it's not in school, and people that are involved are not pressuring you to go and be involved." So I disagree with those who were complaining about "See you at the pole;" it caused no harm.

Sharing Christ with others has been such a gift to me. There are so many things to follow and always areas for improvement in your walk with Christ. Many things we may never accomplish or things we may fall back on. A lot of Christians struggle and need help to overcome these battles.

That's where youth groups, Campus Life and bible study groups play a big role. They provide the help we need, the answers for questions we ask, and the love we are searching for at times.

According to senior Jared Winqvist, "Fellowship in Christ, and opportunity to have ministry. Showing Christ with others. Having fun," is a big reason for youth group, Campus Life, and "See you at the pole." It's a welcoming place for Christians, people who question God, those who want to know more, and those who don't have a clue about God.

These places will never turn anyone away whether Christian or not. They are there to help. If asked to come to a place like these don't shy away and judge before you see what it is like.

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Halloween for teens or not?

By Sarah Kochniarczyk

Imagine when you were about five or six on Halloween. Remember that pretty pink princess outfit or the cute orange pumpkin outfit your mom sewed for you. Your first time trick or treating the joy of tons of candy just for you.

Now think back to when you were nine or 10. Remember the witch costume or even the vampire costume. You got to pick these costumes out. By this time it has been numerous trick or treating moments.

Now look at yourself in high school. Are you getting too old for trick or treating? Are some parents right when they say teenagers should not be out trick or treating?

Senior Tracy J. Erickson disagrees with those who say high school kids are too old. "Yeah, I'm all about that. Plus, a sugar high is

much safer than a lot of the "highs" teenagers get now." According to Erickson

It's all right to trick-or-treat within your years in high school. Even senior Sara Knox agrees. "Yes definitely, what other day of the year can kids get free candy," said Knox.

If so many kids are all for trick-or-treating than why do so many adults think it's a bad idea? Is it because of all the high school kids who go around and take little kids candy, smash pumpkins on driveways and the streets, or is it because they remember all of the bad high school kids and what trouble they have caused in the past?

Do all high school kids participate in these cruel activities. No, and people must realize that.

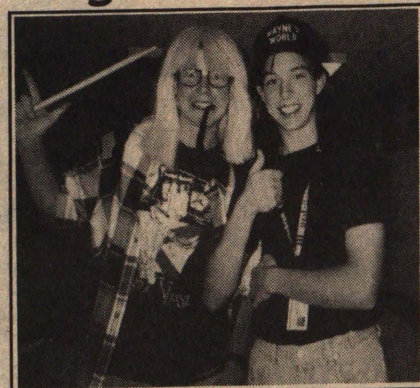
The high school kids who go out and get dressed up for free candy are doing it for

fun. Sophomore Copper Tuma believes trick-or-treating causes no harm. "Why shouldn't teens be able to dress up, have some fun, and get lots of candy? It's fun, and it doesn't hurt anyone, so I say go for it," said Tuma.

Of course there will be trouble around, and people will assume the older kids are just out to cause trouble. But lets make a difference and prove we aren't out to just make mischief we just want to have fun and get lots of good candy!

I hope many of my fellow students relived their kiddy days and celebrated Halloween. I hope you were safe and kind, because maybe next year the adults will reconsider their thoughts on teenagers trick-or-treating, hopefully. If you did go trick-or-treating then the best way is, in words of Knox "Trick-or-treat till you die!"

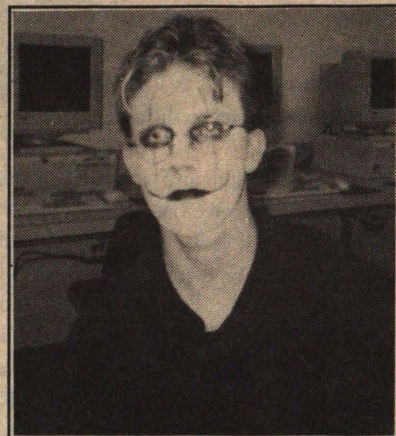
We-go in costume



Juniors Matt Raymond and Denis Janek posing in senior hallway.



Retro look for senior Michelle Lasky.



Junior Dustin Seelinger sits as quiet as the dead.



Senior Sara Knox is looking groovy!

Being madly in love can kill

By Becky Guerrero

Imagine being locked in a coffin with a dead person and waking to find where you are.

Twenty-four million in the top slot was an estimate of how much money the standard-issue thriller *Double Jeopardy* made the week of October 4, 1999.

The action/thriller starring Ashley Judd plays Libby a housewife, a loving mother and friend. Judd would also have been

seen in *Simon Birch*, and *Kiss the Girls*.

Tommy Lee Jones, who plays Judd's probation officer, used his time trying to track Judd down every time she escaped.

The movie is about a housewife madly in love with her husband. She is accused of murdering him on a private getaway they take. She is then found guilty and sentenced ten years in a prison. While in jail, Libby

tries to stay in touch with her younger son, Matty.

It is brought to her attention (during one of her calls to her son) that her husband is not dead. Libby is told in prison she can't be convicted of the same crime more than once. She's released and sets many plans to kill him since she was already convicted of killing before.

The thriller movie *Double Jeopardy* is a rated R movie with a running time of one hour and forty -six minutes.

Is "Candy" all she has?

By Leslie Shambo

Following in the footsteps of Brittany Spears, Christina Aguilera, and Jessica Simpson, fifteen-year old singer Mandy Moore is climbing the charts with her debut single "Candy."

Doesn't this trend seem old? Blonde teenage girls, singing upbeat songs about serious subjects? For instance, Brittany Spears' "Baby One More Time," which remained number one on music charts for several weeks, lamented about the pain of loneliness. "Candy" explains that love is like an addiction to candy, and when you have the craving, it's nearly unbearable.

Old? Perhaps. Popular? Definitely. In the short period of time from the single's August release, Moore has made significant strides. "Candy" entered the Billboard singles sales chart at #26 in its first week, and leapt to #11 by October 30. On September 11, "Candy" debuted at #88 on the Billboard Hot 100. As of November 6, "Candy" remains at #44 on the Hot 100.

Does "Candy" have number one potential? I doubt it. The lyrics, not to mention the idea behind them, lack maturity. Moore sings, "Can't you hear me calling, begging you to come out and play?" You get the idea that the girl isn't old enough to be in high school, let alone have a love interest.

Yet, when asked if she believed she was growing up too fast, Moore said, "I don't

feel I've missed out on anything about growing up because I feel so fortunate. There are so many kids that would love to be doing what I'm doing."

There is also the agonizing four line narration, in which Moore recites something similar to an embarrassing love letter. She says, "You know who you are. Your love is as sweet as candy. I'll be forever yours. Love always, Mandy." It's nearly comical.

This is not to say that the song is bad. The melody is completely original, and the song is catchy, upbeat, and exciting.

The "Candy" single also has a short sampling of her other songs including "So Real," "What You Want," "Lock Me in Your Heart," and "Quit Breakin' My Heart."

"What You Want," sounds incredibly familiar as well as annoying. The melody is very similar to that of Jordan Knight's "Give It To You." Throughout the song, Moore and the back-up singers whine like children. In "Quit Breakin' My Heart" Moore uses an irritating wispy voice. Also, the song is too slow. She seems to be trying too hard and it just sounds fake.

On the other hand, "Lock Me In Your Heart," speaks of magic and fantasies, the song is great. It is completely original and different. The lyrics show creativity. Similarly, "So Real" is

also a good song. The tempo is fairly quick and the lyrics have a lot of thought behind them.

Moore has an incredible voice, which she showcases in the singles, and in her appearances on several television shows, promoting her upcoming CD release "So Real." On October 27, "Candy" was featured on the new WB drama "Roswell." Moore's upcoming release "Lock Me in Your Heart" will be featured on "Roswell" on November 10.

Moore toured with N' Sync July through September. She now joins the Backstreet Boys for their "Into the Millenium" tour. She appeared at the Allstate Arena in Chicago with the Backstreet Boys October 5 through 7. In early November, the group will find itself performing throughout Canada.

I think that Moore has a successful future ahead of her. Within a short time, "Candy" has leapt from an unknown to #11 on sales charts. Her other songs show creativity and promise. She is also gaining a fine reputation through her appearances on several morning talk shows and with the launch of her modeling career. Only time can tell whether this success will be long lasting.

The new remix of "Candy" is scheduled to hit stores November 23, while "So Real" has a release date of December 7.

NOTICE TO ALL STUDENTS...

The West Chicago Wildcats Track & Field Team is looking for athletes to enroll in the late winter and spring of 2000 season. If you are interested in finding out more information about Track & Field, please contact one of the head coaches soon.

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Horoscopes: What sparks do the stars have for you?

By Carrie Zeffield

Aries (March 21 - April 19)

The stars are looking down on you. Your life is going pretty well. Your heart is full of love for that special someone in your life. The moon will be half soon, so 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 this month, so wear it proudly. Your love match is Sagittarius and your lucky stone is rose quartz.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

The sun will revolve around you this month. Be happy and cheerful, for 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, so try sticking to that color. Life may not be going well, but this month, your life will become better when Jupiter becomes Navy. Your love match is Libra and your lucky stone is the tigers' eye.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21)

The meteorites are in full force and moving throughout the galaxy. This means that whatever 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, so don't wait. Pluto is white this month, so stick with white. Your love match is Aquarius and your lucky stone is an emerald.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22)

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

Your love match is Capricorn and your lucky stone is garnet.

Leo (July 23 - August 21)

You are paired with Neptune this month. Neptune is out, but stubbornly and slowly revolving around its moons. Don't be a lion this month and try to concentrate on school, and other things that matter to you. Your attitude may affect 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 affect you in your day. Your love match is Scorpio and your lucky stone is ruby.

Virgo (August 22 - September 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 will be doing this month. Life is very clam and relaxing right now, so enjoy it. The stars will shine on you in a time of sadness. Stay calm and remember that you are not a harsh person, Virgo is calm and innocent. Your purity will help you through hard times, along with the many friends you have. Your love match is Pisces and your lucky rock is topaz.

Libra (September 23 - October 23)

The meteor shower in space this month 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 eventually get through it and be the best friends you were before. When the stars shine this month, you will be relaxed. Money is looking good for you this month. Your love match is Taurus and your lucky rock is aquamarine.

Scorpio (October 24 - November 24)

Venus this month is moving slowly and cautiously around its moons. Don't be too serious and paranoid this month. 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 try to stay away from that color. You will only stand out more and it will make your day harder. Your love match is Leo and your lucky rock is amethyst.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)

Earth is green this month, and we all know that green is a scary color. Don't be afraid this month. Your paranoia will get some people and yourself down. Be brave and take risks. That is what life is all about.

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 is Aries and your lucky rock is a diamond.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19)

When Mercury reaches its hottest temperatures during it's 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 temperatures you will settle down and become relaxed. People may be looking for advice from you, so give them your best shot. Since Mercury is red this month, you might want to steer away from that color. It makes you mad and angry. Your love match is Cancer and your lucky rock is an opal.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18)

We all know that the sun is the center of the solar system, and this month you will receive the sun's 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 that the night is yours and glam is definitely on your side. But don't let it get to your head. A friend may be feeling a little left out. Take them to center stage also and enjoy this month, because it's yours! Your love match is Gemini and your lucky rock is sapphire.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20)

This is your month for relaxation. The stars that make up your constellation are calm this month, but still shining. Don't let the little things bother you this month. When the moon shows, you will notice a need to have fun. Go out and enjoy yourself. 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 toward the end of the month. So get out and relax now. Your love match is Virgo and your lucky rock is peridot.

Where can I turn for help?

By Becky Guerrero

Conflicts between students have become very serious within past years.

Schools districts have come up with different ways students can deal with problems they have with their peers.

One of WCCHS options is Peer Mediation. It organizes a time and a place when students can meet with whom ever they are having the conflict with and try to resolve it peacefully.

Junior Liz Bucio said, "I think it helps people relieve stress to talk about it."

On the other hand, senior

Glenn McCants said it doesn't help to go to peer mediation. After attending a session, McCants said that it wasn't confidential like he was told it would be, "It's gossip. You don't know if anybody will tell and it gets out anyway."

Mediation takes place with other neutral peers and a teacher as an observer. The students whom are present hear both sides of the students with the conflict.

Both arguing students must agree to hear each other out and make an agreement at the end of their session as to where they stand. Not all problems can be

solved, "Certain problems, like fights, but I don't think family problems can be solved at peer mediation," said junior Christina Garcia.

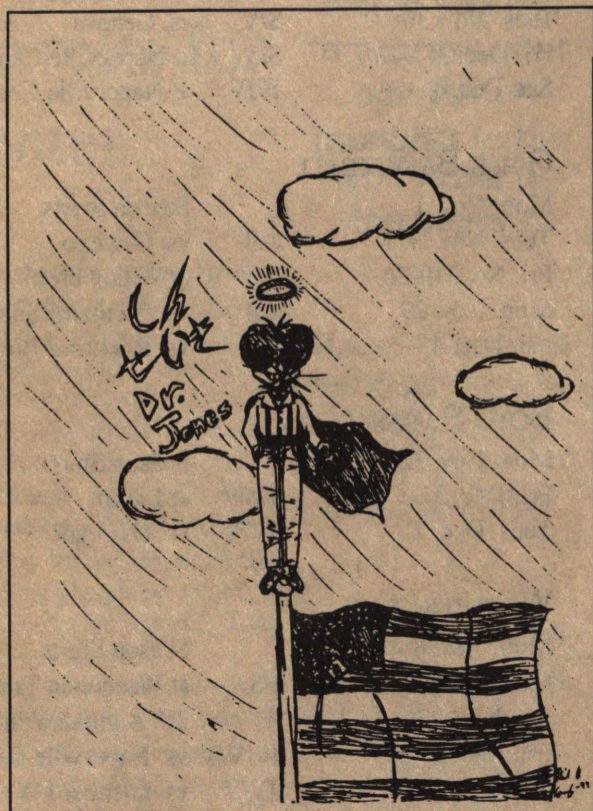
Peer Mediation has been at We-go for 10 years. Most problems are he said/she said fights, relationship issues and students carrying old baggage from junior high, said Gail Aronoff.

Aronoff was part of the committee nearly ten years ago. The committee was then called the PPS, Pupil Personal Service team. "It is a very neat feeling when you help people work out their problems," said

Aronoff.

What if the mediation is not a success? If the students have an unmanagable conflict, they can then request another mediation. Whoever previously witnessed the mediation will let the deans know that the first was not a success. Students are also advised to speak to someone that they are comfortable with.

To request peer mediation, students can sign up in the councilors office, talk to a dean and/or teacher. Tutoring coordinator Josh Chambers is the advisor in charge of Peer Mediation.



Sports

The Wildcat Chronicle is starting a new section. We will be selecting a few athletes from various sports and highlighting their opinions about their sports.

Football

senior Dan Fortier

What do you like most about football? The friendship you develop within your team. You become close to all the guys that are on the team.

What goes through your mind before every game? What I must do to get the job done.

What do you feel you are good at/contribute to the team? I feel I am good at getting my job done for the most part whether it be catching a pass or blocking my opponent.

Favorite football team? Green Bay Packers.

Game superstitions? Before every game I sit by myself and listen to my Walkman and concentrate.

What do you think the team can improve in? Confidence, not just our team but the entire school. We

don't receive very much support from our peers.

What would you like to see We-go football to accomplish within the years? I would like We-go to develop a positive reputation within our conference, but the only way we do that is to earn it.

Cheerleading

junior Ashley Link

What do you like most about cheerleading? I love the people. It's fun just getting to know them. We have to spend a lot of time together, so after a while you become pretty close. I also like the fact that I have to go to every game, otherwise, I doubt I would.

Favorite memory from cheerleading? That's got to be our cheerleading bonding

nights last year. Both were fun and we all have a lot of memories from that.

What do you feel the squad can improve on? I think we could work better as a squad. We need to improve our spiriting and do some jumps.

Should We-go have guy cheerleaders? I think if we do we should have at the very least two. One boy just sticks out too much. It would be nice to have their strength. We could do a lot more.

Does our school have spirit? No! Sadly enough though, I think since we got the new stadium it has gotten better. Still it's lacking.

What runs through your mind before the games? I usually run through the cheers to make sure I know them all. I also hope we will win!

Swimming

senior Michelle Skala

What is the hardest thing in swimming? Getting up at five in the morning to go to morning practice then to swim again after school.

What do you feel you can improve on? You can always improve on your times, and the stroke performance.

Why do you like swimming? It makes you work hard and it's fun. We always cheer each other on.

Do you have any game superstitions? To be the last one to the blocks before my race.

Favorite moment in swimming? Getting the courage to actually swim the 200 IM and then getting first place.

Favorite teacher from high school? Mrs. Kozlowski, she is fun, easy

to talk to, and loves children.

What runs through your mind before your meet? What you need to do to improve your time, how to flip and push off the wall just right.

Poms

junior Amanda Campagnoni

What is your favorite moment from poms, so far? My favorite moment. Well, I have many from eating pizza, to making up a sideline tape in the tent, we've had great times.

One of my favorites, and I'm sorry to create any embarrassment, was when my good friend split her pants while performing in front of boys! Oh yeah, how could I forget that "light," shining into Jacki's window, or the "unfunctioning" keyboard. I remember how pleased we all were with our performance at homecoming.

Do you think our school spirited? Well, in a way I think our school has spirit. I know that when it comes to cheerleaders and poms, spirit is definitely there.

However, it seems as though the spirit of the students depends on the standing of our football team, which doesn't tend to create spirit. This year though, due to our new field, the spirit has increased somewhat.

We need some more!
What is the best thing about poms? Well, since I've joined poms I've made ten new best friends. I would have never been friends with most of the girls if it hadn't been for us all being in poms together. Without poms, I would have been missing out on such special people.

Three words to describe poms to you? Wild, food-crazy, and sisters.

What runs through your mind right before you perform? My throat gets dry and I always feel like I have to go to the bathroom. I always tell myself, "Ok Amanda in two minutes you'll be done." It's nerve-wrecking.

What is the hardest thing about poms? Keeping a positive attitude when you get annoyed. I know we all

By Sarah Kochniarczyk

get annoyed and aggravated a lot, whether it's with each other or the routine, but keeping your cool can sometimes be hard. I know this from experience. Four-hour practices during the summer can be hard.

Have you girls improved since the summer? Oh yes! A few girls, in particular, have learned to do their splits. Including myself. Poms isn't something that comes naturally, let me tell you.

This summer was just getting to know the basics. After that we were all more comfortable and natural with our dancing.

I think we should be given more credit. Only three poms returned from last year. I can't say we've been a spectacular squad, but we're sure getting there.

Color guard

senior Andrea Enger

Why have you chosen to be part of color guard? It looked like a lot of fun watching them perform my freshman and sophomore years at the football games.

What is the hardest thing about it? Probably doing the routine and the drill (marching) at the same time.

What do you feel is the best about your performance? Probably the first song because we know it so well, we have gone over it so many times.

What have you girls improved on since last year? Well, this year we had about 20 girls and last year only 14, so it was harder this year. I have seen this year that the girls are more interested in it. They are eager to learn every routine they can.

If a guy tried out what would you say and think about it? More power to him! Only I don't know if guys CAN try out.

What three words describe color guard? A thinking process, discipline, and of course tons of fun, you always need that.

Favorite memory from color guard? My favorite memory would be hanging out with Peggy, Jamie, and Amanda last year on the Great America Trip.

Fall Sports Schedule

Tues. Nov. 9 Fall Sports Awards Night 7:30 PM

BOYS CROSS-COUNTRY
Sat. Nov. 6 State Finals-Detweiller Park, Peoria 12:45PM

Winter Sports Schedule

Thurs. Nov. 18 Winter Sports Rules and Drug Awareness Mtg. 7:30 PM

BOYS BASKETBALL

Mon. Nov. 8 Season Starts
Tues. Nov. 23-27 S/V at Oswego- Thanksgiving Varsity Tournament TBA
Mon. Nov. 29 F at Joliet Catholic Academy 5:00 PM
Tues. Nov. 30 S/V vs. Geneva 7:30 PM
Fri. Dec. 3 S/V at Naperville Central 7:30 PM
Sat. Dec. 4 F/JV at Naperville Central 9:30 AM

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Mon. Nov. 1 Season Starts
Tues. Nov. 16 All vs. Oswego 7:30 PM
Fri. Nov. 19-26 S/V at Willowbrook- Tournament 7:30 PM
Mon. Nov. 29 All vs. Glenbard South 7:30 PM
Sat. Dec. 4 All vs. Rockford Boylan 7:30 PM

BOYS SWIMMING

Mon. Nov. 22 Season Starts
Fri. Dec. 3 JV/V at Larkin 5:00 PM
Tues. Dec. 7 JV/V vs. Oswego 4:30 PM

WRESTLING

Mon. Nov. 8 Season Starts
Sat. Nov. 27 FS at Wauconda Take Down Tournament 9:00 AM
Sat. Nov. 27 V 21st Annual Wildcat Invitational 10:00 AM
Fri. Dec. 3 F/JV/V vs. Naperville Central 7:30 PM
Sat. Dec. 4 JV/V vs. Glenbard West, Hersey, Woodstock 9:00 AM
Sat. Dec. 4 F at Woodstock w/Glenbard West 9:00 AM
Mon. Dec. 6 F vs. Oswego 4:30 PM

Girls volleyball comes to a depressing end

By Carrie Zeffield

The girls volleyball team had begun their sectional games on October 25, winning their first match at Streamwood, 15-10, 15-3 at Streamwood high.

Streamwood has not won a game all season, so the was an easy play for the wildcats. The girls went to take on St. Charles, but ended up losing 15-0, 15-0.

With this, the girls season came to a depressing end.

In 1997, the girls volleyball team were regional champions, taking second place in the DVC matches.

That year, the girls took a 25-13 record. Since then, the girls records have dropped, making the season less noticeable.

"Our biggest goal this

year was to work together and work hard. I think we have accomplished that goal," said senior Aubrey Hurn.

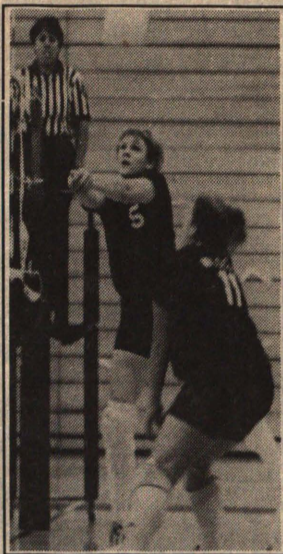


Photo by Sandy Weiss
Senior Jocelyn Schineller backs up team mate junior Lindsay Michael during the West Aurora game, October 21.

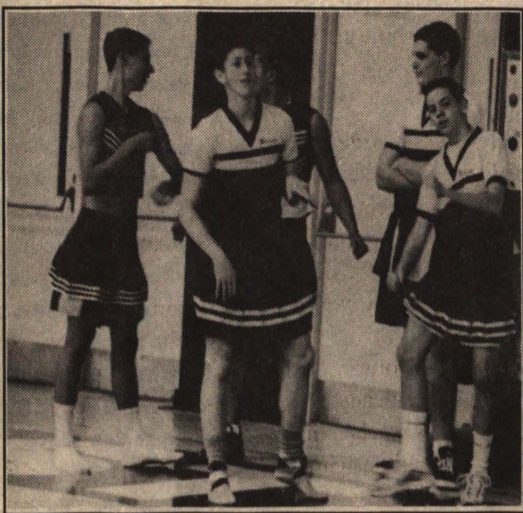


Photo by Sandy Weiss

Members of the boys volleyball team showed their support for the girls team at Senior Parent Night, October 21 against West Aurora.

Surprising ending to the year

By Sarah Kochniarczyk

Over the course of the season, intensity played a big factor for the West Chicago football team and they were fired up, but was it too late?

According to senior Bryan Kelsey We-go didn't have a winning season because of lack of confidence. "We've had some really tough competition and some games we don't go in believing we can win," said Kelsey.

The Wildcats season ended with an upset, losing to Glenbard North 26-21 on Friday, October 22. The Cats had a strong defense throughout the whole game.

Senior Justin Hall had a great passing game. Hall passed 218 yards and two touchdowns, one to senior Dan O'Hara, and one to senior Rob Rohrback. Rohrback was pumped for this game and it showed in hauling five passes for 127 yards.

The Cats were making the plays all night and had the lead until fourth quarter. We-go was up 21-20 until 1.9 seconds left on the scoreboard when North made an amazing play, which won the game for the Panthers.

The sophomore team, on the other hand, had a

successful game and season. Their record in conference was 5-1-1. The Cats took second place in conference almost winning altogether.

The Wildcats played a long and tough game against Wheaton North on Friday, October 15. Though the Cats had been pumped from their win of last week they didn't clench the win. Wheaton barely won 40-34.

The reason for this upset may have been the calls the Refs had been making, but even with a

the game altogether was the best offensive game for the Wildcats. Hall passed over 300 yards and four touchdowns on the game, 189 yards to Rohrback.

Homecoming was a celebration for We-go with the Cats towering over West Aurora 31-9. Not only did the Varsity team go home with smiles on their faces, but also the sophomore team, who killed West Aurora 46-0.

This was the first homecoming game We-go has won since 1992.



Photo by Sandy Weiss

Senior Justin Hall and the entire West Chicago offense fight hard for their Homecoming victory over West Aurora, on October 9.

mistake they had made, the team just didn't pull through.

The game, however, had some big highlights. In the third quarter 37 points were scored and

The celebration was not only for the team but many ex-Wildcat players from years before. Senior Rog Guzman scored the first touchdown and junior Matt Raymond scored the next two.

We-go walks away with a record

By Carrie Zeffield

The girls golf team pulled off a good season, placing 6 out of 8 teams in Regionals, which started Wednesday, October 6 after achieving a 4-5 season.

In Regionals, Wheaton-Warrenville South, Naperville North and Central, and Waubonsie beat We-go.

At the Plainfield Invitational that took place at Wedgewood Golf Course on September 27, We-go placed fifth out of seven teams.

West Chicago and Batavia teed off at 4:00 on October 4 for a non-conference match at St. Andrews golf course. West Chicago won by about 20 strokes.

"I was absolutely surprised," said Coach Mike Kane.

West Chicago has never beaten Geneva before and won by one stroke.

In conference matches, We-go placed fifth out of six teams.

This year, there were no

injuries on the team, which helped the girls get as far as they did. Their matches are 2.5 hours long.

The girls started their season on August 18, followed by a drug awareness night a few days later. They have concentrated on playing mainly at St. Andrews. The teams biggest conquer was Geneva.

Kane says that the team has played its best in four years. His most improved player is Junior Lauren Nickelson. "June 15 was the first time she picked up a golf club ever. She has improved and has a lot of potential."

Senior Beth Warren is another most improved player. She has had the lowest average ever in the history of We-go girls golf.

This year the team had a better record then last year with one more win. They ended the season with a 4-5 record and plan to do better next year.

"Our goal for next year is to do better. I want the girls to enjoy the game and enjoy what they are doing. I also hope for improvement."

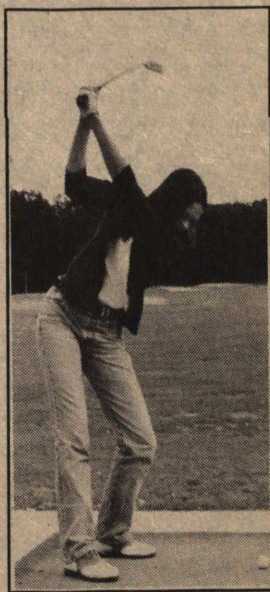


Photo by Lauren Nickelson

We-go senior Beth Warren practices hard at St. Andrews driving range.

Girls tennis rests for the winter

By Alexandra Patin

The girls' tennis team ended a discouraging season, winning one meet and tying two out of 16.

Their score at the winning meet was 14-2 and was at the York invitational against 8 other schools on September 11.

Of the 21 players on the varsity and junior varsity teams, seniors Neha Soneji and Amanda Hallock are the most experienced, playing their fourth season at We-go, according to Coach Sione Moeaki.

Despite the discouraging start, Moeaki said the players are keeping an upbeat

attitude for tennis. He said the team is still very young, and it will take hard work and practice to move them up in the scores.

"I'd figure they have been pretty positive," said Moeaki, and that they now understand "what it takes" to play tennis. He added that most players on the team have never played or seen tennis before.

Did the team meet Moeaki's expectations? He said he didn't have any expectations to meet, and he hopes the players will take lessons before next season and gain experience.

Would you like to express your opinion or thoughts in the next issue of the paper?

Submit your stories and ideas by putting them in Ms. Mocariski's mailbox in the main office.

And remember to read the next issue of the Wildcat Chronicle.

Keller is feeling hot hot hot

Senior runner qualifies for state meet

By Becky Guerrero

Senior Tim Keller will go to the state cross country meet on November 6, 1999 at Detweiller Park in Peoria.

The Wildcat cross-country team is running for victory. The boys have ended a great season filled with pride.

The team is doing, "As good as I expected," said Coach Paul McClelland.

The varsity top runners consist of seniors Tim Keller and Rich Belcher. The Freshman/Sophomore team includes junior Javier Antonio, and freshmen Greg Moore, Derek Jensen, and Jason Pillion.

"Varsity's strengths are seniors Tim Keller and Rich Belcher. Everyone works hard," said McClelland.

Keller has won almost every race and he was second in the DVC at

Naperville Central, Friday, October 15. Keller is captain of the team, and set a new course record at the regional meet, Saturday, October 23.

"Tim has improved throughout the season, and works very hard," said McClelland.

"I have made a lot of improvements not a lot of great times though," said Belcher.

However, the weaknesses of the team are the lack of number and lack of depth. The team has fourteen members.

The team placed second at the Belvidere Invitational, Saturday, September 25.

The Wildcats placed third at the Wauconda Invitational Saturday, September 11, at Crystal Lake South, Saturday, September 4, and at the Benet Invitational,

Saturday, October 9. At the DuPage Valley Conferene meet the varsity squad came in fifth and they placed third at regionals. The team got third at regional by three points.

Other meets were close in scoring as well. They beat Wheaton North by two points and Batavia by one point.

"The whole team at regional made improvements on times," said Belcher. The team qualified for sectionals and Belcher said he wouldn't be angry if the team didn't qualify for state, because overall the team has made a lot of good impressions to the other schools.

The team overall performed better last year because, "We had six graduated seniors, five of the top seven," said McClelland.

Getting wet with We-go

By Alexandra Patin

Girls' swimming sectionals are coming up on the November 13 at St. Charles. This season the team has high hopes for three relays to qualify for state. These relays are the 200 free and medley and the 400 free relay.

According to coach Chris Hall, the team is also hoping to send seniors Tracy Drzal for the 100 butterfly and

Abby Grant for the 100 breaststroke to state. He said another outstanding swimmer is freshman Emily Bianaclana, who is one of the fastest freshman swimmers.

Before that, Hall said, the team is focusing towards meets. He said

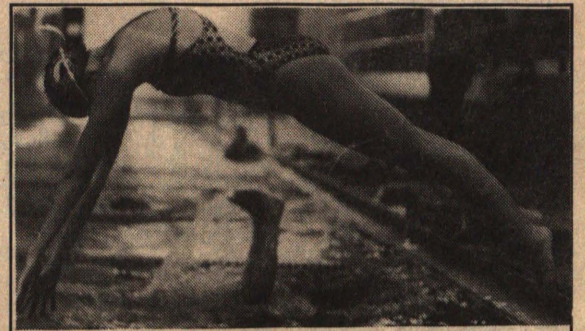


Photo by Eddie Hernandez

Wildcat swimmers go head over heels for the water.

these meets are like "dress rehearsals until sectionals."

Junior Jenny Cwiak also said the sectionals will be good, and the team has a good lineup. She believes the team will place within the top three.

The DVC meet for diving was held at Naperville Central on October 29.

The 25 swimmers on both junior varsity and varsity have strong tal-

ent coming through from the Sharks, and the team is getting bigger and better each year, according to Hall. He said the team needs to work on greater depth when swimming.

"The team's attitude is positive for the most part. We have our days; however, in the end we all come together and support each other," said Cwiak.

She also said the teams are really supportive of each other and are cheering each other on; however she said the swimmers and divers need to come closer together.

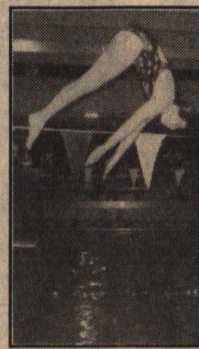


Photo by Heather Lakics

Freshman Katie Patnaude does a front pike.

Close call for boys soccer

By Becky Guerrero

The boys soccer team lost 2-1 Tuesday, October 26. The game was against Elgin Larkin. senior Neal Fuchs made the point for the Wildcats.

Senior Kenny Schuda and senior Eric Chorobik were awarded and named All-DuPage Valley Conference Team. Seniors Angel Correa and Ryan Dorn were mentioned All-DVC.

Senior parent night was a success for Glenbard North, Tuesday October 19. The senior parent night took place at Glenbard North. The Wildcats lost 1-0 against the panthers. The score was made by a Panther player in the first half of the game.

However, We-go scored two points on senior parent night. The game was on Saturday, October 16. Junior Alex Ortiz

and Correa made the points. The cats played against Elgin High School in the pouring rain. The game was a close one, but barely clenching the win Elgin took it home.

The Varsity Cats played a very strong game Tuesday, October 12. The soccer team played against West Aurora Blackhawks. They went into double overtime and the team had the crowd in suspense. The game was a long and hard battle, and both teams were not going to give up. Even though the Wildcats gave a good fight they ended up in a tie with the Blackhawks.

The freshman stayed undefeated all season sporting blue and white proudly to every game. The sophomores, also, having a successful season, lost one game.

Young runners lead girls team

By Sarah Kochniarczyk

Team bonding and solid friendships have held this Wildcat cross-country team together through their season according to senior Jenny Wiechert. Improvement has been made in many areas.

The Wildcats had two runners qualify for sectionals, freshman Katy Kostal and sophomore Angelica Garcia. Neither qualified for state but out of 157 runners Kostal took 26th place, and Garcia took 31st.

Within the year 14 We-go runners set personal records for their mile pace such as: seniors Rachel Watson, Michelle Lasky, and Wiechert; junior Kathy Brinn, sophomores Meghan Young, Garcia, Erin Kirby, Jessica Strock, Zoe Churan, and Stephanie Opel; and freshmen Kostal, Maggie Wdowiarz, Krystal Muhlberger, Carmen Saucedo. Also, setting personal records: sophomores Marina Savenok and Jenni Boyd.

The Cats have improved in many areas since last year. "I think we know how to run

our races better this year," said Wiechert. Carper has taught a lot to the girl's cross-country on how to improve in running. "Carper says we should try to keep our pace and that'll improve our team standing," said Wiechert.

The Cats had regionals at LeRoy Oakes Park in St. Charles it was the 2.4 mile course. We-go took seventh place out of 11 with 150 points not too far from sixth missing it by three points.

We-go had seven players who placed out of 77 other runners. Kostal took 10th, Garcia 12th, Kirby 24th, Young 41st, Boyd 63rd, Brinn 65th, and Wiechert 68th.

We-go didn't place very well at their meet on Friday,

October 15. They had their meet at Northside, Wheaton where Varsity finished seventh with 157 points out of eight teams. The freshman-sophomore team had 199 points ending in last place.

Though they didn't do too well on Friday, the freshman-sophomore team placed first out of 12 teams on Saturday, October 9 at the Benet Academy invites at Lisle Community Park. They had a score of 22 points.

According to Wiechert the freshman-sophomore team is very strong, and work well together. At the Varsity level We-go placed a solid seventh place out of 12 teams with a score of 209 points.

Final Standings for the DuPage Valley Conference

1. Naperville Central
2. Naperville North
3. West Aurora
4. West Chicago
5. Glenbard North
6. Wheaton Warrenville South
7. Wheaton North
8. Glenbard East

DVC girls cross-country individual results (place)

- Katy Kostal, 15:58.6 (20)
- Angelica Garcia, 16:05.2 (23)
- Meghan Young, 16:10.5 (24)
- Erin Kirby, 17:07.5 (42)
- Jenni Boyd, 17:47.3 (48)
- Michelle Lasky, 18:33.3 (50)
- Rachel Altergott, 18:33.7 (51)