

## Sports

Check out which track and softball athletes are the stars this month on page 10.

## Perspectives

Do animals deserve rights like humans? Are you for or against animal rights? You'll soon find out, read page 5.

Check this out!

## Features

Spring break is right around the corner. We've got ideas for you if you aren't on vacation. Make sure you stop by page 8.

## News

Make sure you see why Jazz band was smoking at their concert on March 10. Read the front page.

# Wildcat Chronicle



West Chicago Community High School  
Volume 31, Issue 6  
Thursday, March 16, 2000

## FBLA presents Late Night with West Chicago

By Marc Berry

The Weyrauch Auditorium was packed, Thursday, March 2, as many West Chicago High School students and parents tried to catch a glimpse of the talent at Wego.

FBLA's annual variety show completely sold out, and some attendees were even escorted to the balcony in order to allow as many people as possible to see the show. Cass Streicher, director of the event, estimates that 50-100 people were turned away at the doors, because there was not enough room for them.

\$1500 was raised for March of Dimes, a charity for muscular dystrophy. FBLA clubs throughout the state compete to see who can raise the most money for the organization. Through this and FBLA's "data match" fundraiser, they managed to pull in \$1900. They won first place in the competition last year, when they had raised \$500 less.

The event, which carried the theme of "Late Night with FBLA," was set up to resemble "The Late Show with David Letterman." Jazz combo played during

the 15 minute intermission, a video was shown of "Stupid Human Tricks" (short, random displays of talent from around the school), a "Top Ten Reasons to go to Wego," was counted down, and a game of "Know your Cuts of Meat" was played.

The Masters of Ceremonies introduced the acts and provided small entertainment throughout the night. They included seniors, Allison Brown, Leslie Shambo, Pete Sorrato; juniors, Jenny Skrzypczynski, John McPheters; and sophomore Nicole Patel.

However, all these things were only secondary to the acts themselves, which all involved music, in one way or another.

There were thirteen acts total ranging from a solo tap dance (sophomore Jamie Nadolny performing to Bette Midler's "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy) to a Christian rock band (seniors, Jeff Tilson, Ryan Dorn, Ryan Hammer, Greg Wheaton, and Bob vanGorkom performing to "Hope to Carry On" by Caedmon's Call).

The evening opened with sophomores, Hilary Blanchard, Amy Koltz, and

senior, Sean Peterson performing the humorous country song, "Goodbye

Sean Ziech, Brian Krieg, and Steve Salinas.

The audience really got noisy during the "Battle 2K" performance when seniors, Nishil Patel, Jon Mam, Mo Resendiz; sophomores, Jeremiah Briggs, Jon Lim, Tad Netzel; freshmen, David Gonzalez and Alberto Allende individually showed off their break dancing moves.

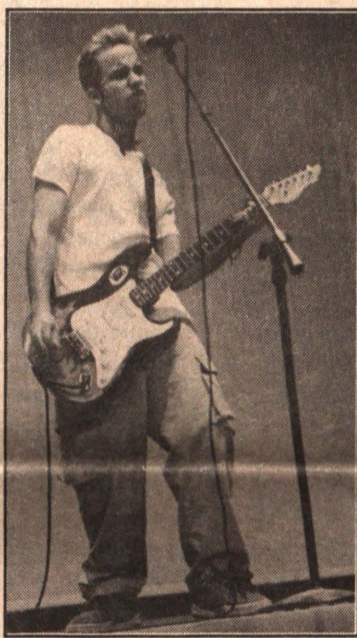


Photo by Wendi Slotke

Senior Chris Radousky is singing his heart out to Bush's "Glycerin" at FBLA's variety show on March 2.

Earl."

From there, there were such performances as a duet to "All I Want is You" by senior, Sara Knox and junior, Anders Walker, and a freshman rock band named "Cud," which included Dustin Stern, Brad Sabathne, Tom Aguirre,

The night ended with 5gether, a "band" of seniors, including Eddie Hernandez, Brian Jones, Dan Fortier, Jesus Favela, and Chris Pagnozzi. They sang to "I Want It That Way," by the Backstreet Boys. After their performance, they offered to give a rose to every We-go girl who showed them their programs.

"I thought the night went really well," said Streicher. Judging from the crowd's reaction throughout the night, she was not the only one.

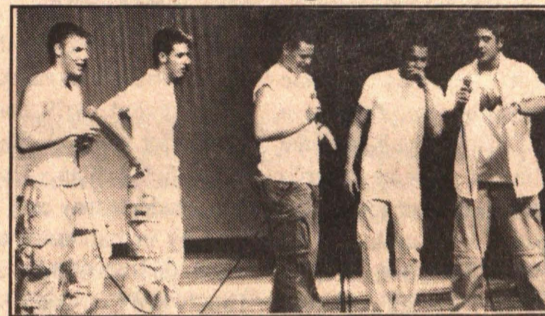


Photo by Lauren Nickelson

Seniors Dan Fortier, Chris Pagnozzi, Bryan Jones, Eddie Hernandez, and Jesus Favela performing a song from the Backstreet Boys on Thursday, March 2, at the variety show.

### FBLA's Top Ten Reasons to go to We-go

10. The tasty, healthy fries in the cafeteria.
9. All the on-sight parking available for seniors.
8. It's a nice place to pick up good-looking guys.
7. It's a nice place to pick up hot girls.
6. The easy-to-walk-through hallways.
5. The debris the construction leaves behind.
4. The consistent climate control.
3. The administration is generous enough to give us five whole minutes to get from one school to another.
2. Our buff security staff gives us a "safe" feeling during the day.
1. You've got to love the effective IDs.

## Fiddler is coming to We-go's roof

By Sarah Kochniarczyk

This year's musical is "Fiddler on the Roof" and will be showing on Thursday, May 18, Friday, May 19, and Saturday, May 20. This years cast is made up of 25 people.

Cast:

Terye, the dairyman	Chris Thomas
Golde, his wife	Sara Knox
Tzeitel, their daughter	Kendra Norton
Hodel, their daughter	Elissa Dupree
Chava, their daughter	Anna Schullo
Shprintze, their daughter	Jessica Varble
Bielke, their daughter	Monaca Thomas
Yente, matchmaker	Meredith Moore
Motel Kamzoil, a tailor	Beau Brown
Shandel, his mother	Nicole Patel
Peichick, a student	Anders Walker
Lazar Wolf, the butcher	Matt Grogan
Mordcha, an innkeeper	Jesus Favela
Russian singer	Nick Pray
Rabbi	Chris Pagnozzi
Mendel, his son	Tony Palombi
Avram, bookseller	Luke Taylor
Nahum, beggar	Anthony Delegge
Grandma Tzeitel	Amy Aiello
Fruma-Sarah	Copper Tuma
Yussel, a hatter	Steve Knox
Constable	Chris Gerber
Fydeka, young man	Mario Marrero
Sasha, his friend	Chris Hendricks
The fiddle	Ami Godoy

## Jazz band performs with a spark

By Leslie Shambo

The March 10 band concert was interrupted by a small fire that nearly burned one performer and destroyed a sheet of music.

During the song "All the Things That You Are," a spotlight exploded, and sparks flew down toward the jazz band performers. The flames barely missed freshman Brian Toms and burned a hole in his music sheet.

Band director Jim Guter exclaimed, "What a hot thing that was! Everything's on fire tonight!"

The fire was not enough to stop the performers from completing the concert, which featured a plethora of songs.

The symphonic and jazz

bands performed "Second Suite in F For Military Band," "An Irish Ayre for Winds," "A Welsh Rhapsody," "Three Ayres From Gloucester" and "A Longford Legend."

Jazz band then performed "Miss Fine," with a flute

**"What a hot thing that was! Everything's on fire tonight!"**

- Jim Guter

solo by senior Mercedes Koch and a trumpet solo by senior Mike Kostal.

Junior Cheryl Winter provided vocals for the song "All the Things You Are," while junior Jesse Askin had

a trumpet solo in "Empty Spaces."

The concert ended with "Cabeza de Carne," otherwise known as "Meathead," which featured senior Chris Pagnozzi on tenor saxophone, juniors Bryan Jones (trombone), Shane Ness

(trumpet), Frank Check (drums), Sean Palmer and Tom Barta (both percussion players), and freshmen Melissa

Lund (piano) and Brian Toms (baritone saxophone).

Guter said, "[I hope the students found] a sense of pride in a job well done and an appreciation for the different types and styles of

music performed. [It was] a cultural gift to the school and community."

Assistant Principal John Highland said, "I thought all the kids did a great job. They're getting better and better, especially the jazz band."

Kostal added, "I, personally, did a good job. I thought the band did an excellent job performing and entertaining the crowd. Brian Toms did a great job of saving the band from a burning inferno."

The jazz band is now preparing for their upcoming performances at Hackney's Restaurant and at the ISU Jazz Festival on March 22 and April 1 respectively.



# Student Activities

## Shoe drive

"Your old running shoes can change someone's life."

Social Studies teacher Mary Rash and her four geography classes have organized a Shoe Drive to collect shoes for children in Kenya. They are working in accordance with Beyond Shoes, a non-profit organization that transports used running shoes to children and young adults who live in Nairobi.

The geography classes took two weeks to prepare for the Shoe Drive, creating posters, fliers, banners, announcements, speeches and shoe deposit boxes. They have also enlisted the help of the bilingual students to write announcements and design posters in Spanish, and the Special Ed classes to count and sort the shoes into boxes. Benjamin Middle School, Winfield Middle School and West Chicago Middle School are also collecting shoes. Local businesses are encouraged to help out as well.

Rash said, "It's a West Chicago High School family project."

We-go has set a goal of 2,000 pairs of used athletic shoes. As of March 10, 198 pairs of shoes had been collected. All students are encouraged to participate; there are drop boxes in room 173, Commons, the main office and the Dean's office. Students can turn in one pair of old athletic shoes for a P.E. makeup or to get out of detention.

Freshman and geography student Dana Lawrence said, "[A pair of shoes] is something that means so little to us but it would mean the world to someone else."

Shoes would make a difference in a Kenyan child's life. In Nairobi, there is no access to clean water. Children and adults who walk barefoot through the infested water may contract Worms, a disease which causes brain deficiencies and eventually eats away the body. There is medicine that can cure Worms, however, most of the people in Nairobi cannot afford it. The only hope for them is a pair of shoes; even old run-down shoes can prevent people from contracting the disease.

The Shoe Drive will continue until March 24, when the shoes will be counted and taken to a Lombard depository. For more information on Beyond Shoes, check out the website:

<http://www.beyondshoes.org>

## VICA

VICA is now preparing for Family and Consumer Science Night, held on April 6 at 7:00pm in the school cafeteria. There will be a fashion show by the clothing classes, a mock wedding performed by the Contemporary Life classes, and a nursery school performance done with the assistance of the Child Development 2 classes. The Foods 1 classes will make reception cookies and the Foods 2 classes will bake a wedding cake, as well as specialty cakes that will be available for auction.

The event will raise money for the USA Skills VICA Scholarship. However, students may only attend by invitation. Interested students should ask Family and Consumer Science teachers Patti Kozlowski or Patti Clifford.

VICA is also looking forward to the State Competition held on April 13-15 in Springfield. Students were required to take an eligibility test on February 19. Those who qualified include: seniors Mike Orseno, Carl Thoemmes, Mike Boes, Isabel Guerro, Jessica Villa, Dan Hernandez, Jenny Rugaard, juniors Shannon Sterne, Laura Schaefer, Kari Schmidt, Jon Brown, Tony Ballines, Brian Wakefield, Julie Hendron, Brian Campbell, Mark Kowal, sophomores Jason York, Ed Abante, Erin Kirby, and Bernice Leal, and freshmen Christine Hendron, Kristen Mederich and Josh Hartman.

## Math team

All of We-Go's Mathletes entered the Regional Tournament February 26 at Northern Illinois University with high hopes for qualifying members for state competition.

Freshman Patrick Bauer, junior Tom Barta, junior Sean Palmer, and senior Misha Shemyakin came out with regional victories and will be competing down state.

Bauer will be competing in Algebra I, Barta and Palmer will be competing in Algebra II. Shemyakin will be in the Pre-Calculus and oral competition.

The state tournament will be at Southern University on April 28. The team's advisors are Robert Gammelgaard, Rick Cazzato, Jeremy Babel, and Christine Mack.



Photo by Matt Shane

Junior Brianne Rehmus and senior Dan Barzso are entertaining the crowd with their creative play from German class, on Thursday, March 2.

## German plays

German plays kicked off another year, called "The Millenium Edition," with all the German classes participating.

Freshmen classes acted out commercials that they wrote to perform in between German plays to give the actors time to set up the stage before their plays.

The other classes did skits that they had written before Christmas break, and had been working on for approximately one month.

The plays were performed in the auditorium with an audience of family members, other German classes, and classes that had been brought in by their teachers. This year German teacher Terry Strohm said there was a large audience.

The large audience coupled with complications from construction made the plays harder to perform than years past, but the show went fairly smoothly for all skits, aside from some occasional loud noises from drills and construction equipment.

## FBLA

The FBLA Variety Show had a fabulous turn-out and a montage of terrific acts. "Late Night With FBLA," which followed a 'David Letterman' format, was held on March 2. Many talented students performed in the show, which raised \$1500 for the March of Dimes.

FBLA members are now preparing for the State competition, held March 24-25 in Springfield. Twenty one members will be competing against other schools in Illinois in various business-related tests. Those who score in the top three will continue top Nationals, which are held in Long Beach, California during the summer.

## SADD

In April SADD will be holding activities to tell kids about Alcohol Awareness Month.

On April 17 during ninth hour, a presentation will be held in the auditorium, with a victims panel to discuss the consequences of drunk driving. The presentation will be open to all classes, but will be most directed to Drivers Ed classes.

There will also be a pre-prom assembly to warn students about the consequences of driving drunk. One feature Ms. Alcala said she is most excited about is phone cards that will be distributed to everyone in the assembly.

The phone cards can be used to find a designated driver by people who are under the influence, specifically on prom night. All the person needs to do in order to get the ride is give the card to someone who is sober and who can drive.

"At prom where it's a time of celebration, just use a little more caution," said Alcala.

SADD is also planning their activities for May. Alcala said the club is thinking of either D-Day, which is an annual activity, or another activity which she could not comment on.

D-Day is a day when the SADD members go to class and twenty students from each class will be asked to participate. In order to participate students must wear a black carnation and carry on silence throughout the day, except in classes in which they would be required to talk.

At the end of the day, all the people who are participating represent the injuries or deaths that occur because of drunk driving each year.

DoughNET.com invites teens to voice their concerns about the environment

SAN FRANCISCO - DoughNET.com, the premier young adult management Web site, is offering teens all over the country an opportunity to take part in this year's Earth Day celebration, inviting them to write brief essays that present their ideas for protecting and preserving our planet.

In honor of Earth Day 2000, April 22, teens are invited to respond to DoughNET.com's query - can you tell us about a practical solution to address one of your concerns about the environment?

"Today" teenagers are a particularly resourceful and environmentally conscious group, very aware of how the way they live affects the planet. They believe in change and they will positively impact their world." Said Ginger Thomson, DoughNET Inc. CEO. "Our Earth Day contest will challenge them to not only think about how the can improve the environment but also put their plans into action."

To that point, the grand prize-winner and a guardian will receive an all expense paid trip to the National Youth Summit in Orlando, Florida on June 22 through June 25, 2000, complete with an extra day in Orlando and an all-day pass to Walt Disney World. The National Youth Summit is the first time young people and adults across the country will meet to discuss community events and develop action plans to take home to their local communities.

Confirmed judges for the doughNET.com Earth Day 2000 Essay Contest have first hand experience with teens and their commitment to our environment. They are:

**Daniel Katz** - co-founder and executive director of Rainforest Alliance

**Danny Seo** - environmentalist (he's 22 and started a nonprofit at age 12) and author of 2 books, "Generation React: Activism for Beginners" and "Heaven on Earth: 15-minute Miracles to Change the World"

**Ginger Thomson** - CEO of DoughNET Inc.

**Miguel Cancino** - 17-year-old founder/president of the Junior States of America Chapter at his San Francisco high school

**Yvon Chouinard** - environmentalist and founder of Patagonia

Details of the Earth Day 2000 Essay Contest can be found on the teen site as of March 15, 2000 and the contest will run through May 3, 2000. In addition to the grand prize, a photo of the winner and his or her essay will be posted on the site in June 2000 and runners-up will win prizes from DoughNET.com's merchant partners such as AllPosters.com and Fogdog.com. All students 13 and over, with or without a DoughNET.com account, are eligible to enter the Essay Contest.

As the only site on the web offering its users the ability to save, shop and donate with their own money directly out of their own online bank accounts, DoughNET.com also enables its members to make online donations to four non-profit environmental organizations: the Natural Resources Defense Council, Rainforest Alliance, The Humane Society of the U.S., and the National 4-H Council.

DoughNET.com is rapidly becoming indispensable to young adults who have longed to participate in e-commerce but have not been able to in the past because they lacked credit cards to shop online. DoughNET.com provides a new set of fully integrated technologies that connect online spending and banking alongside comprehensive money management tools so its members can budget, plan, save, give and manage all aspects of their money in one place. Boasting 128-bit encryption to provide the highest commercially available security on the web, DoughNET.com's totally free service integrates over 80 retailers, nonprofit organizations and bank partners in one easy interface.

## Xtreme Roller Hockey League

Meeting March 10 in commons at 3:20 p.m. No rules!!! No pads necessary, Goalies can wear them if they want. Goalies don't need SK8S... Questions? Leave a voice mail: (630) 367-0932.



## Mr. Wildcat: Tillson left standing on stage as "da cat"

By Sarah Kochniarczyk and Jamie Nadonly

The Wildcat cheerleaders hosted the Mr. Wildcat Competition for the second time on Thursday, February 24, at 7:30 p.m. This year's Mr. Wildcat was Jeff Tillson, first runner up was Eddie Hernandez, and Bryan Jones was second runner up.

The Mr. Wildcat contestants were seniors Ryan Dorn, Tillson, Jones, Chris Pagnozzi, Hernandez, Pete Serrato, Sean Peterson, and Dan O'Hara.

The judges were Cathal Walsh (last year's Mr. Wildcat,) Jim Smiley (former Mr. Wildcat contestant,) Michelle Kolodick (former We-go student,) and Gina Clifford (former We-go student.) The emcees were seniors Matt Grogan and Meredith Moore.

The eight contestants were judged in three areas: casual wear, talent, and formal wear. Each contestant had a certain amount of time to perform in each area.

The curtains opened with the male students in their casual wear and all pimped out on a couch. The boys each picked music that best represents them and performed dance moves, while shaking their bodies to provoke the crowd with laughter.

Jones made a good impression with the crowd and judges when he creatively

danced to "Mr. Jones," by the Counting Crows. Also, Pagnozzi got the audience to shout lyrics while he was singing to "Calculus" by 2Gether. All eight contestants came on strong without a doubt. The auditorium was filled with laughter as the audience members



Photo by Allison Brown  
Seniors Ryan Dorn and Jeff Tillson show their sensitive side while performing at Mr. Wildcat on Thursday, February 24.

chanted and applauded for their favorite contestants.

Most of the contestants shined in the talent portion of the Mr. Wildcat Competition. Hernandez put on an extraordinary performance with a staff, and the audi-

ence members were in awe of his smooth moves and excellence.

Also making a breakthrough performance was Dorn as he sang to his girlfriend, senior Kristin Leitherer. Pagnozzi also sang with Dorn with the Backstreet Boys in the background.

O'Hara added a creative rendition to the talent competition with the help of Peterson. The two contestants put on a hilarious skit to the theme of "Who wants to be a Millionaire." They based all of their questions on students and teachers at We-go.

However, Tillson stole the show with his numerous talents. He "ran" with the other contestants to his creative music, acted out "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air," and played the guitar as he sang about his long-term girl-

friend.

The last area the contestants contributed in was formal wear. As the boys walked into the auditorium dressed in their tuxedos, Grogan and Moore read off

some of their accomplishments, goals, and ideas for the near future.

Serrato made quite an impression on the audience when he walked out dressed in a tuxedo, tails, top hat, and cane. The other contestants looked stylish in the tuxedos that they had rented from Gingiss Formal Wear.

Peterson had the audience convinced he was a sweetheart, including senior Kendra Norton, when he asked Norton to prom in the formal wear portion of the Mr. Wildcat Competition.

After all of the contestants walked out in their formal wear, the judges totaled the scores for the first runner up, second runner up, and Mr. Wildcat. The contestants also received prizes along with their titles, including certificates from Borders bookstore, Pal Joeys, Dominicks, Fresh and Silk Flowers, Subway, and McDonalds, Prom tickets, and Kane County Cougar Tickets.

This was the second year that the cheerleaders hosted Mr. Wildcat. The goal of the competition was to name the biggest male role model at the school, but also to raise money for new uniforms. The cheerleaders made over \$1,000 by hosting the competition.

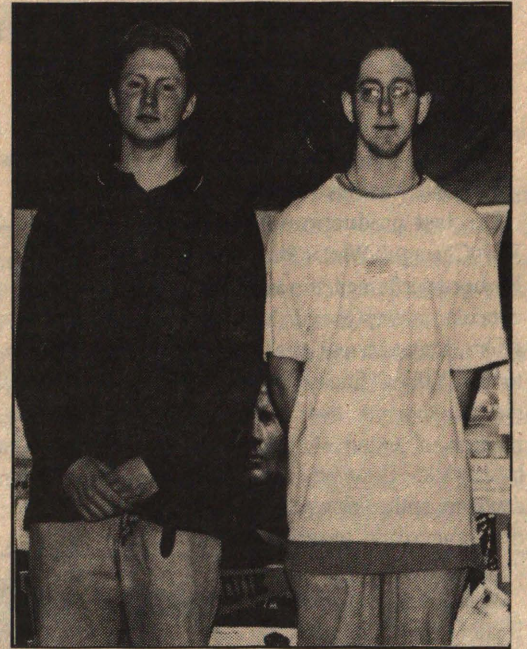


Photo by Matt Shane

After their recent interviews, seniors Ross Jeambey and Paul Mantz have been selected as winners of Congress-Bundestag Scholarships for the coming year.

It is an all-expenses paid trip paid by the German Government.

Jeambey and Mantz are among 300 students chosen nationally to participate in this program and will live with a German family and study at a German school as guests of the German governments.

## A white wedding

On Thursday, April 6, from 7 p.m.-9 p.m., our contemporary Life classes will hold their annual "Mock Wedding." This year's theme is "A Precious Moment."

Along with the wedding ceremony, our Child Development classes will participate by leading their nursery school children with a few songs.

Also that evening...

The clothing construction class will hold a fashion show, both casual and formal.

Cookies and the wedding cake will be provided by the Foods 1 and 2 classes.

Photography Class will be on hand to take pictures of the night's events.

Don't miss the fun. Tickets are available through the Family and Consumer Science Dept. Contact Mrs. Clifford for an invitation.

All ticket sales go to the VICA Scholarship fund.

## Thomas, Knox, and Norton go down state

By Laura McQueen

We-go's Forensics team sent three students to state competition Friday, February 18 and Saturday, February 19. Senior Kendra Norton placed seventh among 18 competitors in state for prose reading, which is the reading of short stories.

Seniors Chris Thomas and Sara Knox took twelfth place out of 18 state competitors in their duet performance.

To get to state, students first had to go to the regional tournament at Wheaton Warrenville South High School. After regionals, five events from We-go qualified for sectional competition at Wheaton North. Norton, Thomas, and Knox's events were sent to the state tournament at Elk Grove High School.

"It's fabulous! They gave some of their best performances," said Forensics coach Steve Kellner.

On Friday, We-go students performed their pieces for one preliminary round. They stayed overnight at a

hotel and on Saturday they performed again for the other preliminary round. Though they were not one of the six teams to qualify for the finals, they stayed to watch the rest of the tournament.

The state competition marked the last tournament of this year. "There was a lot of dedication this year. Everyone consistently got better," said Knox. Next year's season opens with its first tournament on the last weekend in October.



Seniors Chris Thomas and Sara Knox (above) and Kendra Norton (right) perform the scenes that they took to state.

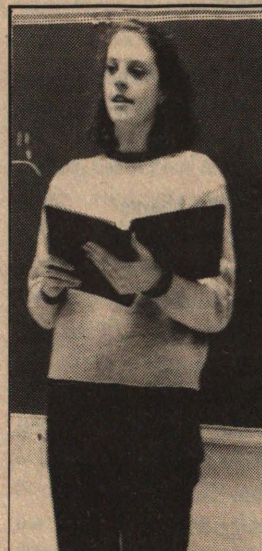


Photo by Chris Thomas

## Choir in tune with their success

By Alexandra Patin

Sixty students from the concert choir will be going to state for choir on March 15 and 16 in Springfield to perform some pieces.

The state senators and representatives will be at state to introduce the choirs, said Choir Director Lisa Smith, and she said although there are no awards, "the award is being chosen."

About 50 choirs sent in a tape audition, but only three choirs were chosen to perform. We-go was the only school in this area of Illinois selected. The other two schools are Whitney-Young High School, and Decatur-Eisenhower High School.

Smith said they submitted a 10 minute long audition tape in December and found out in January that they were

selected.

Smith said the choir is getting ready by working on their pieces and their dynamics and expression.

"They have a very good tone and blend as a choir but we're working on more expression," said Smith, "They're sounding great and we're all very excited."

While the choir is down there, they will be able to visit the Senate floor to see the capital in action.

The choir will sing "Praise the Lord" (a Cameroon folk song from Africa), "Macedonian folk songs," "Agnus Dei," "Mouth Music" (a Celtic folk song), "Hark I Hear the Harps Eternal," "The Storm is Passing Over," and the Illinois State Song.



## Killjoy: The play must go on

By Jamie Nadolny

The last production of West Chicago's Winter Play has been performed, the auditorium is empty, and the actors, actresses, and directors of "Killjoy" finally have time to relax after over two months of rehearsals and hard work. However, students are still talking about the romantic comedy thriller.

Performances of We-go's Winter Play were scheduled for February 17, 18, and 19, but the Friday night performance was canceled due to the weather. Ice and snow made driving conditions treacherous. Associate principal John Highland made the decision to cancel the production.

"The actors and I were disappointed that we were forced to cancel the play due to the snow, but it was the right decision. The weather was really bad, and the conditions outside were terrible. We didn't want to risk the possibility of accidents," said director Ross Collin.

The cancellation caused major inconveniences for students who purchased tickets for the Friday night performance. They had to buy tickets at the door in order to see the production on Saturday, and they had to refund their money in the Dean's Office at school. Also, students had to present their purchased tickets in exchange for their money.

The production of "Killjoy" went well despite problems due to the weather conditions. Collin said the cast

didn't stress out that much before the performance, but that they were a little nervous.

Sophomore Nicole Patel, who played Carol in "Killjoy," opened the performance with a confession to sophomore Tony Palombi,

Jenny Rugaard. Her ex-husband, Victor, treats their children horribly, and Carol (Patel) wishes that he wasn't alive to ruin their lives.

After contemplating murdering her ex-husband, getting caught up in a scandal

evening included Patel's graphic facial expressions, Palombi's humor, and Kallas' dance moves. Most of the actors and actresses performed for the first time in front of a large audience, but Collin thought that they did a great job.

"I was definitely happy with the cast of 'Killjoy.' All of the actors and actresses wanted to make the winter play a success, so they tried their hardest to put on a good show," said Collin.

It took the actors a lot of hard work in order to make the Winter Play a success. To help memorize their lines and learn blocking, they

practiced every day after school for over two months. Collin said that the practices were frustrating at times, but that the experience was incredible.

"I think that overall, the play went really well. We did the best we could do with what we had—first time directors and a lot of first time actors. It was a great experience and a lot of fun," he said.



Photo by Sandy Weiss

Sophomore Nicole Patel and junior Tim Axelrod take center stage at the winter play.

who played Father Mulcahy the Irish priest. Carol (Patel) stated throughout the play that she wanted to murder her ex-husband, played by junior Tim Axelrod, and the priest (Palombi) continually avoided the situation.

In the play, Carol (Patel) has two children named Sonny and Vicki who are played respectively by junior Justin Kallas and senior

with her ex-husband's lawyer, played by junior Brian Jones, and her ex-husband's new wife, played by freshman Erin Henry, and going through a mid-life crisis, Carol (Patel) finally moves on with her life.

"I thought the winter play was humorous and exciting," said sophomore Lisa Calabrese.

Highlights of the

## We-go students get recognized for their excellence

On March 7, 2000, 61 students from Community High School were inducted into the National French, German and Spanish Honor Societies. Membership in these Honor Soci-

eties represents outstanding achievement in at least two years of study of a foreign language, academic excellence in all other classes and the intent to continue the study of a foreign language.

New members of the German National Honor Society are:

Carly Anderson  
Tyler Belding  
Erika Dauber  
Kurt Fenner  
Ashley Link  
Jose Miguel Martinez  
Mike Masschelin  
Sarah Meyerholz  
Meghan Michalek  
John Pollman  
Kristina Shilling  
Timothy Warren  
Julie Wiechert

New members of the Spanish National Honor Society are:

Edward Abante  
Brooke Adams  
Amy Allison  
Lisa Calabrese  
Joe Caniano  
Zoe Churan  
Tony Ciolino  
Daniel Godoy  
Mary Megan Kalvig  
Erin Kirby  
Maggie Knaak  
Mercedes Koch  
Brian Lanners

New members of the French National Honor Society are:

Hilary Blanchard  
Jenni Boyd  
Michelle Cosco  
Oriza Ayde Gil  
Terry Jensen  
Patrick McCluskey  
Laura Martinez  
Michael Olson  
Zayra Pedraza  
Sean Suwalski  
Copper Tuma

Lauren Migliorato  
Jamie Nadolny  
Geoffrey Palka  
Aimée Paran  
Nicole Patel  
Heather Prochnow  
Bill Rocha  
Josh Rogers  
Misha Shemyakin  
Michael Slusar  
Arlene Smothers  
Theresa Uy  
Steve Vander Naalt  
Julie Volk  
Cristina Wilbur  
Jessica Willes  
Nate Williams  
Jason Woodbury  
Tom Wojcicki  
Jill Wolter  
Jason York  
Meghan Young

## Use Your Math Skills Before Drinking

By The WCCHS Wellness Committee

You're at a party with all of your friends. Great music is playing. You are dancing with a friend...or maybe with that "special someone." Somebody offers you a drink...what crosses your mind? Math? No? Well, maybe it should. Many students believe that the use of alcohol equals a good time. The We-go Wellness Committee reminds you that before you take that drink-or encourage a friend to do so-do the math. Does this add up to a good time for you?

Nationally, the use of alcohol is involved in:

- ◆ 70% of all murders
- ◆ 70% of all boating accidents
- ◆ 66% of fatal accidents
- ◆ 65% of all arrests
- ◆ 60% of sex crimes against children
- ◆ 53% of fire deaths
- ◆ 50% of rapes
- ◆ 45% of drownings
- ◆ 44% of traffic fatalities
- ◆ 41% of assaults
- ◆ 37% of suicides

Source: ILLCAAP, 1132 W. Jefferson, Springfield, IL 62702; 217-546-6871

## Sophomore class

The sophomore class is currently meeting on every Wednesday of the month under the supervision of advisor Patrick Clifford. They hold their meetings in room 220 at 7:15 a.m. to discuss fund-raisers, prom, and other activities.

Members of the sophomore class are currently short a vice-president due to the resignation of sophomore Bill Rocha. The class will vote on a replacement in the upcoming week. Current possibilities for the position are sophomores Jennifer Taylor and Christina Wilbur. Both members ran for vice-president last spring but lost to Rocha.

The sophomore class is also looking forward to selling class T-shirts and ID necklaces. The items will be on sale before the end of this year, but an exact date has not been set. They are also looking into co-hosting a dance with We-go's Spanish Club. All of the money the sophomores raise will go towards next

year's prom.

Four members of the sophomore class recently visited possible banquet halls for next year's prom. President Jamie Nadolny and representatives Brian Lanners, Taylor, and Wilbur traveled to four places. Their first choice, the Odyssey Cruise Line, was not approved because of the distance. Instead, they have decided on another place, but will not reveal the name at this time.

"We don't want to start talking about next year's prom yet, because our class wants to wait until after this year's prom is over. We don't want to take away from Prom 2000, but we know where we are going to have prom this year, and we guarantee that it will be very nice," said Nadolny.

If anyone is interested in any other upcoming sophomore class events, they can visit the Class of 2002 bulletin board located on the guidance office wall in commons.



Photo by Demir Elmaz

Senior Lauren Belding speaks at the Foreign Language National Honor Society Induction in the LRC.



## Fur Facts: *The truth about cats and dogs*

By Leslie Shambo

Some people like dogs better than cats. Some people are allergic to dogs and cats. And some people wear dogs and cats.

The Disney movie "101 Dalmatians" depicts the evil Cruella DeVille, a woman so desperate for a Dalmatian fur coat that she kidnaps puppies in hopes of having them clubbed and skinned. Audiences couldn't help but hate Cruella DeVille, yet they don't realize that the movie is not far from the truth.

According to activist group "Compassion Over Caring," billions of fur-bearing animals are skinned each year, including domestic dogs and cats.

Stores like Nieman Marcus, Macy's and Burlington Coat Factory have been accused of selling these products. Because of human vanity, animals are murdered.

Supporters of the fur industry would like consumers to believe that animals killed for their fur are done so humanely. The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) discovered in an eighteen month investigation that many animals are raised on "fur farms," where they are confined to small cages, in which almost all of their natural instincts are frustrated.

These animals more often than not are driven to insanity and resort to stereotypic behaviors such as nervous pacing and self-mutilation. When the need for their fur arises, they are either gassed, electrocuted, hanged, or crushed to death.

Perhaps fur supporters would have you believe that trapping animals in the wild is more humane because at least those animals had a brief glimpse at freedom before losing their lives.

However, according to "Compassion Over Caring," animals trapped in the wild can suffer in steel leghold traps for days or even weeks before the trapper arrives to club or crush them. With no food, water, or protection from predators, victims in leghold traps will sometimes chew off their own legs to free themselves, only to die from exposure or blood loss. These traps also kill millions of eagles and other "non-target" animals yearly.

According to HSUS, nearly 2 million dogs and cats, most of which are stolen pets, are slaughtered each year for the international fur trade industry.

Dog (especially German Shepherd) and cat fur and skin may then be sold as coats, hats, gloves, decorative accessories, drums and musical instruments, car upholstery, sporting goods, stuffed toy animals, even dog chew toys. Many boots are lined with dog or cat fur.

Dogs and cats face similar conditions to other animals killed for fur. Rick Swain, HSUS Vice President of Investigative Services, reported, "We witnessed live dogs being kept in an unheated room in the bitter cold surrounded by the bodies of dead dogs hanging from hooks at one dog farm in Harbin [China]." In the Philippines, slaughterhouses may kill up to 100 cats a day.

Inhumane means are used to kill canines and felines for their fur as well. HSUS investigators witnessed animals dying by slow suffocation, hanging, bludgeoning and clubbing, or even bleeding to death. Cats are often strangled by wire nooses or drowned. Sometimes the animals are still alive when they are skinned. These meth-

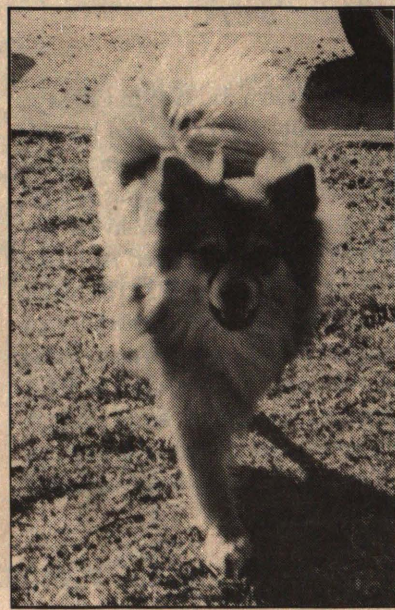


Photo by Eddie Hernandez

A cute, fluffy dog seems to "smile" for the camera. However, nearly two million domestic animals, including dogs and cats, are slaughtered every year for their fur.

Why? The main reason is the price. A German Shepherd skin may sell for \$9 at an auction; a cat skin for as little as \$2.09.

HSUS records show that the United States has not been held responsible for the manufacture of these products. Most of the animals are skinned in Asian countries, such

as China, the Philippines and Thailand, then sold to manufacturers in France, Germany, Italy and Russia. These countries then ship the finished product around the world, with a majority of their products landing in the U.S. This is not to say that the United States does not disagree with skinning animals; of the 90 nations to ban steel leghold traps, the U.S. is not one of them.

The fur industry may deliberately mislead the public about product composition. A dog product may be sold as gae-wolf, sobaki, fox, goupee, Asiatic raccoon or Asian jackal (dog skin may be labeled as lamb skin or mountain goat skin) while cat products are often dyed and then sold as wildcat, goyangi and katzenfelle, among others. In many cases, U.S. laws do not apply, because a product under \$150 need not be regulated by law (U.S. Fur Labeling Act).

The U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census holds statistics on fur and leather imports and exports. But species-specific data are recorded only for certain animals; a large range of fur-skin products are grouped together in one category, designated NESOI (Not Elsewhere Specified or Otherwise Indicated). This category includes pelts from any species of animal not specifically defined by the bureau, including cats and dogs. Federal law does not prohibit the importation of domestic dog or cat pelts into the United States.

Most recently, Burlington Coat Factory was exposed by HSUS as selling dog pelt coats under the brand "Mongolian Dog Fur." DNA testing proved that the jackets were actually made from domestic dog fur. Company spokesman Ric Bramble told authorities in New Jersey that he believed the coats had been made from coyote skins. Unless DNA testing is done, consumers have no way of knowing whether the product they are purchasing is actually made from dogs or cats. Hence, if you are wearing a fur product right now, you could actually be wearing someone's beloved pet.

There are an estimated 53 million domestic dogs and 59 million domestic cats in the United States. Surely a pet owner would not knowingly subject their animal to the torture endured by other animals that are skinned (domestic or not). Yet, no one can be absolutely sure that the gloves or coat they are sporting are not made from the same type of animal that they love and cherish.

Fur is dead. Buying a fur product sends the message that fur is desirable rather than deadly. Any demand for fur ensures that somewhere an animal is suffering and dying to fill that demand—maybe, in some freezing, dreary corner of the earth, an animal just like your own pet.

## Construction workers aren't working to improve

By Jamie Nadolny

Since the day students at West Chicago High School started school last September, we have seen construction workers. There are construction workers in the hallways, in commons, and in our classrooms. With all of this work being put into the school, you would think that We-go is becoming a much more pleasant place, right?

Wrong.

I will admit I enjoy the new section of our school, and the football field and track certainly make attending sporting events much more enjoyable. However, the construction also brings a lot of downfalls to We-go.

On the first day of school, the construction brought a lot of confusion to the students attending WCHS. Most of my classmates went back to their lockers and to their classrooms for the first time in the school year, only to find they had

to re-route. The freshmen were surprised to see that the building they had toured at freshman orientation had been remodeled. A trip to a locker or a classroom that usually took two minutes began to take five.

The construction workers tried to stay out of our way at the beginning of the year, but lately, they haven't been successful. Just the other day, I was walking to commons with one of my friends when a construction worker was trying to fix a lighting fixture outside of the new library entrance. As we were talking, the construction worker immediately started his "blow torch," and he scared us out of our minds. We didn't expect to be greeted in the hallway with a bright blue flame. We weren't in any immediate danger, of course, but we were startled.

The workers insist on always putting ladders in the

hallways, which slows the already dragging traffic of students trying to get back to their classes. The construction workers enter and exit through the wrong doors, they make unnecessary noise that disrupts our classroom, and the smell of smoke constantly lingers throughout the hallways of We-go.

Sure, the construction workers are ultimately trying to concentrate on making We-go a much more pleasant place, but do they really have to make our lives miserable in the meantime?

All of this hard work during the school year has not gotten students much, either. The same hallways have been blocked off during the entire year, and our classrooms are for the most part the same. It seems like most of the work was finished over the summer, when we aren't in

school.

For example, the trip to the foreign language department always requires a jacket, the library entrance has been changed twice, and the auditorium still only has one floor. The heating and cooling systems always work sporadically, as well, constantly making students experience all four seasons in one school day.

I don't understand what the construction workers have accomplished by invading our school territory. If the construction workers have actually improved We-go during the school year, it has slipped my mind.

It seems to me like the school isn't necessarily improving all that much. We publicize the things that our school has done, but we don't discuss the changes that need to be made. I think that its time we start thinking about what might actually be needed at We-go.

### Wildcat Chronicle

326 Joliet Street  
West Chicago, IL 60185  
(630) 231-0880

#### Editors:

News Editor: Sarah Kochniarczyk  
Sports Editor: Alexandra Patin  
Perspective Editor: Jamie Nadolny  
Features Editor: Leslie Shambo  
Reporters: Marc Berry  
David Conaway  
Laura McQueen

#### Advisor:

Carrie Mocarski

The Wildcat Chronicle is the student newspaper at West Chicago Community High School. The views and opinions of the Wildcat Chronicle do not necessarily reflect or represent the majority of the staff or student body.

Any suggestions or comments for the newspaper can be delivered to the advisor Carrie Mocarski in room 230.

Letters to the editor should be signed if they would like to be printed. The newspaper has the right to exclude any letters that are inappropriate or will not fit in a particular issue.

The Wildcat Chronicle is a forum for freedom of expression and encourages readers to express their views and thoughts.



## Who are you going to vote for in November?

By Jamie Nadolny and Leslie Shambo

Who are you going to vote for in the 2000 Presidential Election? If you're between the ages of 18 and 21, you're probably not planning on voting at all. Records indicate that people under the age of 21 participate the least in elections.

So who is voting? Who's electing the people that run our country? It's people between the ages of 55 and 64.

Every president that has been elected has been chosen by less than 50% of the electorate (possible votes). Lyndon B. Johnson had the highest number,

with 38%.

Over the years, the electorate has grown to include nearly everyone in the United States. In the Colonial Era, voters were required to be Caucasian, male, Protestant property owners. The 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment, ratified in 1870, granted all male citizens over the age of

21 the right to vote, regardless of race, color or previous servitude.

Then the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment of 1920 granted equal suffrage for women. In 1971, the 26<sup>th</sup> Amendment allowed 18-21 year olds the right to vote.

Why, if so many people are allowed to vote, don't they? Perhaps it is because most people do not under-

stand what the candidates stand for. MTV launched their Choose or Lose program, which provides viewers with election information and candidate bios. But if you haven't had a chance to check out the Choose or Lose broadcasts or website, why not read about the candidates now?

For more information about the Presidential Election, visit the following websites!

- [www.algore2000.com](http://www.algore2000.com)
- [www.keyes.org](http://www.keyes.org)
- [www.georgewbush.com](http://www.georgewbush.com)
- [www.mtv.com](http://www.mtv.com)

### George W. Bush

**Bio:** George W. Bush was born on July 6, 1946. He grew up in Midland and Houston, Texas. He attended Yale University where he earned a Bachelors Degree. Afterwards, Bush received an MBA from Harvard Business School. Bush first served in the Texas Air National Guard and worked in the energy industry at an oil and gas business in Midland until 1986. Bush was elected as the forty-sixth Governor of Texas on November 8, 1994, with 53.5% of the vote. He also became the first Texas Governor to be elected to consecutive four-year terms on November 3, 1998 when he won 68.6% of the vote. Bush currently resides in the historic Governor's Mansion in Austin, with this wife Laura and their 18-year old twin daughters.

**Party:** Republican

**Issues:**

#### Abortion

- Pro life with exceptions for rape, incest, and life of the mother
- set goal that all children should be welcomed in life and protected by law
- supports parental notification of pregnancy, banning use of taxpayer funds for abortion, and banning partial birth abortion
- supports efforts to increase adoption

#### Education

- outlined a plan to five states, local districts, and parents to set priorities and chart the path of greater student achievement
- supports testing students every year in grades 3-8 in areas such as reading and math: states would be free to choose their own tests, and the federal government would equally share the costs
- supports establishing the Carter School Homestead Fund to provide \$3 billion of loan guarantees to help establish or improve 2,000 charter schools nation wide
- establish Project Sentry, a federal state partnership to prosecute juveniles who brings guns to school or use them illegally
- establish the American Youth Character Awards to honor acts of character in America's young people

#### Gun Control

- supports stronger enforcement of existing gun laws
- supports automatic detention for kids who commit crimes with guns
- supports requiring instant background checks at gun shows by allowing gun show promoters to access the instant check system on behalf of vendors
- supports the current ban of automatic weapons
- supports voluntary safety locks

#### Health Care

- wants to strengthen Medicare by providing more choice and more private sector alternatives for the elderly
- supports offering a prescription drug benefit to Medicare recipients
- supports medical savings accounts as a health insurance options

For more information about George W. Bush's campaign, visit his official website at: <http://www.georgewbush.com>

### Alan Gore

**Bio:** Al Gore was born on March 31, 1948 in Carthage, TN to former U.S. Senator Albert Gore, Sr. and his wife Pauline LaFon Gore. After his service in the Vietnam War, Gore attended Divinity School and worked nights as a Police Reporter and City Hall reporter for the Nashville Tennessean. Gore married Mary Elizabeth "Tipper" Aitcheson and purchased a farm in Carthage, TN in 1973. The couple has four children. Later on, he attended Vanderbilt Law School and ran for Congress in 1976. He was then elected to the U.S. Senate in 1984 and was re-elected in 1990. During his House and Senate years, Gore would return to TN almost every weekend in order to hold town meetings throughout the state. Gore also currently holds the title of Vice-President of the United States.

**Party:** Democrat

**Issues:**

#### Education

- \$115 billion of budget surplus to create an Education Reform Trust Fund which will fund new educational investments: universal preschool, reforming the American high school, high quality of teachers, fixing failing schools
- new American high school with smaller classes, smaller schools, individual attention for each student to make schools better and safer
- less than 699 students, break up existing schools, 20 students per class
- \$453 million on after school tutors for students who need extra help in their studies
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Teachers Corps to ensure quality teachers, \$60,000 scholarships for those studying education and who agree to teach for at least four years
- challenge every state to raise the compulsory age for quitting school to 18 and providing matching grants to those states that do
- make preschool available for every child
- second chance schools where students with serious problems can get help

#### Gun Control

- Gore Anti-Crime Bill puts 100,000 new police officers on the streets and recruits 50,000 more community police
- works for new measures to protect police officers: life-saving bullet proof vests, death penalty for those who murder a law enforcement officer
- tougher punishments with a "Three Strikes, You're Out" rule to get criminals off of the streets for life
- expansion of death penalty for kingpins, murderers, and 60 kinds of violent felons
- enacted the Brady Law which stopped over 300,000 felons, fugitives, and stalkers from buying guns
- Rural Anti-Crime Agenda includes youth crime initiative to keep guns out of schools, tougher punishments for crimes against children, increased youth oriented crime prevention

#### Health Care

- working to ensure all children have access to affordable health insurance by 2005
- expanding health care coverage for working parents
- providing affordable health care options for Americans ages 55-65
- assuring people with disabilities can keep their health care coverage when they return to work
- making health insurance more affordable and more accessible for small businesses
- assuring tax equity through a new tax credit for individual

health insurance

- maintaining and strengthening health care delivery systems serving the uninsured

#### Minority/Welfare Issues

- requiring all fathers who owe child support to pay or go to work, strengthening child enforcement, increasing the amount of child support that gets paid to poor families, making it harder for parents who owe child support to get new credit cards
- ensure more child support actually goes to the children

#### Taxes

- Create a Life Long Learning Account: can contribute up to \$2,500 a year into the account, family sets aside \$10 each week
- marriage penalty relief by raising the standard deduction
- relieve the marriage penalty for families receiving the earned tax credit
- make the R&D tax credit permanent
- modified universal savings account

#### Foreign/National Defense

- believes in the use of military force when necessary to defend America's vital interests in the world

For more information, visit Gore's official website at: <http://www.algore2000.com>

### Alan Keyes

**Bio:** Alan L. Keyes was born in New York, NY on August 7, 1950. He graduated from Harvard University with a Ph.D. in government. He, his wife Jocelyn, and three children currently reside in Maryland. Keyes is the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Social and Economic Council and the Assistant Secretary of State for International Organizations. Keyes was a Republican candidate for the presidential elections of 1996. Keyes is also the author of two books: *Our Character*, *Our Future* and *Masters of the Dream*.

**Party:** Republican

**Issues:**

#### Abortion

- Pro life
- medical procedures resulting in the death of an unborn child, except for when trying to save the mother's life, are inhumane

#### Education

- rebuild moral education and establish character formation

#### Health Care

- no federally funded health program
- health insurance vouchers would be consistent with the principle of federal disengagement

#### Minority/Welfare Issues

- end government programs like the family-destroying welfare system
- end sex education courses that encourage promiscuity
- supports the marriage-based two-parent family

#### Taxes

- tyrannical taxation and excessive government spending and borrowing are threats to the economy
- income tax is a twentieth-century socialist experiment that has failed
- return to the Constitution of economic liberty (only sales, excise, and tariff taxes allowed)

For more information, visit Keyes' website at: <http://www.keyes2000.org>



## The biography of biology teacher Mrs. Burke

By Sarah Kochniarczyk  
Teacher of the Month:  
Mrs. Burke

**How do you feel knowing that the students chose you as their favorite teacher?** Very honored and more than a little surprised. It's always rewarding for a teacher to be recognized by our students.

**Three words to describe you?** Persistent, independent, and curious.

**What is your goal for your students every year?** Each year my goal for my students is for them to acquire a deeper understanding of nature and the world around them, and to become more independent learners.

**Where did you go to college?** I attended Michigan Technological University for three years, then I moved to Illinois and completed my degree at Northern Illinois University. I also received my Masters and an Admin-

istrative Certificate from NIU.

**What is the best memory you have from West Chicago High School so far?** I don't recall one single big memorable moment just lots of little things such as the look on a student's face when they suddenly "got it," or the times when a student comments about how "neat," something is that we just learned or did in lab. There are the kinds of things that can make my day a little brighter.

**Why did you choose to become a teacher?** I had several teachers in high school and college that inspired me. I guess you could say that I wanted to do the same.

**What are some of your hobbies?** Hiking, camping, canoeing, spending time with friends and family at my cottage, and reading.

By Sarah Kochniarczyk

### Three words to describe Ms. Burke

"Helpful, caring, and honest," Science teacher Carol Parks.

"Knowledgeable, kind, and compassionate," Science teacher Aaron Carper.

"Concerned, self-reliant, and knowledgeable," Science teacher Deborah Musgrave.

"Hard working, unselfish, and strong," Social Studies teacher Dave Sayner.

"One classy lady," English teacher Patrick Clifford.

### Craziest/funniest thing you've seen Ms. Burke

"She's simply not crazy, and that's a good thing in this school," Carper.

"Try to convince me that there was in fact a time when she had done something crazy," Clifford.

### Best quality about Ms. Burke

"Mrs. Burke is not only helpful to the students, she works hard to help her peers both in and out of the

classroom," Parks.

"Desire to improve even after many years of teaching," Carper.

"Very reliable person; you can count on her being there and helping," Musgrave.

"She knows her subject [Biology] well. She wants her students to understand how science may impact their lives. Thus, she doesn't attempt to teach everything in the book; and tries to focus on current issues in her discipline.

"Mrs. Burke is innovative. She has made connections with other subject areas. She has done projects that involve the community.

"She has dedicated a good deal of time and effort towards the Teacher Association. She is not merely concerned about her working conditions, but other teachers' situations as well. She is not intimidated by people in authority and is willing to express her views," Sayner.

"Her constant willingness to help people-students and teachers alike," Clifford.

## Have a traditional Irish St. Patrick's Day

By Alexandra Patin

When I first heard about this recipe, I was told that it was one of the best sodabread recipes around. I was a little suspicious, so I decided to try it out. After a couple mistakes, I finally got the recipe right and cooked the bread, and let me tell you, this is some of the best bread I have ever tasted!

This is a must for any St. Patrick's Day celebration, and you don't have to be a gourmet chef to be able to make it either. I recommend that everyone add this bread to the menu this St. Patrick's Day, and it will probably become a tradition for years to come.

### Ingredients:

4 cups all purpose flour  
3 tbsp. sugar  
1 tsp. salt  
¾ tsp. baking soda

6 tbsp. butter or margarine  
1 ½ cups raisins or currants  
2 eggs  
1 ½ cups buttermilk

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

In a large bowl, mix the first five ingredients until they are well blended. With a pastry knife or fork, cut the butter or margarine into the dry ingredients until the mixture forms coarse crumbs. Then stir in the raisins or currants.

In a separate bowl, beat the eggs. Remove approximately one tbsp. of the beat egg and reserve. Then blend in the buttermilk. Stir the egg and buttermilk combination into the flour mixture. This will form a sticky dough.

Pour the dough onto a well-floured surface. Put some flour on both of your hands and knead the dough about ten times. Form the dough into a ball.

Place the ball of dough onto a greased baking sheet. Some people like to use a well-greased round casserole for the baking in order to preserve the round shape. With a sharp knife, cut a cross on the top of the dough. The cut will be approximately ¼ inch deep and run across the diameter of the loaf. Some superstitious bakers also poke the knife into each quadrant of the loaf in order to let the fairies out before placing the dough into the oven.

Bake for approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes. Test for doneness by tapping a finger against the center of the loaf to see if it makes a hollow sound. The hollow sound is an indicator of doneness. *This recipe is from Winifred Gaven Feeney.*

By Laura McQueen

That's right, "Erin Go Braugh!" That means "Ireland forever!" Saint Patrick's Day is here again and it's the day *everyone* is Irish! But why do we celebrate St. Patrick's Day at all?

March 17<sup>th</sup> 461 AD marks the death of an important missionary in Ireland. The day is a national holiday in Ireland.

St. Patrick was born in Wales in about 385 AD. He was kidnapped when he was 16 and taken to Ireland to be sold as a slave. He escaped slavery six years later. After his escape he went to Gaul and studied in a monastery for twelve years. He then dedicated his life to converting pagans to Christianity.

Patrick was later appointed as Second Bishop to Ireland. He was disliked by the Celtic Druids for his success at winning converts. He was arrested several times, but he always escaped. For 30 years he continued his mission in Ireland.

Many stories remain of the

miracles that St. Patrick performed. Many believed that Patrick raised people from the dead, and once he was said to have given a sermon so powerful that it drove all the snakes from Ireland.

In Ireland, a sprig of shamrock is worn to commemorate the day. This tradition comes from the story of how Patrick explained to his followers that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit all could exist as separate units of the same individual.

The holiday in Ireland is traditionally spent at home or with friends. All public houses were once closed for the day, but now it is more customary for the stores to observe Sunday hours.

America first celebrated this holiday in Boston in 1737. Now more than 100 U.S. cities hold St. Patrick's Day parades. Chicago's parade was Saturday, March 11 on Dearborn Avenue, and on March 12 there was the South Side Irish parade on Western Avenue.

If you missed the parades, don't worry because there are still lots of ways to celebrate the day. Wearing

green on St. Patrick's Day has been a tradition since the beginning of the nineteenth century because it is the color of Ireland and the shamrock; it represents spring. Before the nineteenth century, St. Patrick had his very own color of blue, called St. Patrick's Blue.

Leprechauns are also associated with St. Patrick's Day, although the reason behind that tradition is not known for sure. One theory is that it was added for commercial purposes (hey, they needed something cute to put on the cards!).

What will We-go students do to celebrate the day? Junior Nick Romanelli eats corned beef and cabbage and sports a ton of green on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Junior Heather Runions is also treated to a traditional corned beef and cabbage meal. "We all go out for dinner," said junior Sean Palmer. "My mom dyes my lunch green!" added sophomore Christine Austin.

Whatever you decide to do for St. Patrick's Day, have fun getting in touch with your Irish roots!

By Jamie Nadolny  
Finally, I have discovered a novel that tells the truth about what it is like to grow up. A harsh, but true, perspective on reality, the author tells young adults the truth about high school experiences and adolescence. *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* makes a shocking debut in provocative fiction, but it also hits home.  
The book was written

in 1999 by movie maker Stephan Chbosky, who creates a significant coming-of-age story that will haunt you. Chbosky formats the novel in a series of letters written by a teenager named Charlie, who is trying to pull his life together.  
From the beginning, Charlie's identity as an outsider is clearly estab-

lished. The reader learns that in the spring of the previous school year, Charlie's best friend committed suicide, and now that his classmates have gone through a summer of change, he has drifted away from his old friends. Out of depression and confusion, Charlie begins to write letters to a friend whose identity is never revealed.

Through Charlie's letters, we learn about what his first year of high school is like.  
Set in the 1991-1992 academic year, Charlie, his friends, and his family are all outrageously authentic. His new best friend is gay, his sister must resolve her pregnancy without the help of her boyfriend, and his grandfather is an

embarrassing dogmatist. Through all of this, Charlie develops into an observant wallflower.  
By the end of the novel, Charlie has maneuvered through a world of love, drugs, friendship, and responsibility. In *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, Charlie deals with the death of his good friend and his favorite aunt,

while going through a roller coaster of emotions.  
Students that do not enjoy reading shockingly graphic novels should not read *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*. The author talks about highly controversial subjects that might make students feel uncomfortable. Still, I highly recommend that every teenager read this book.

## Erin go braugh

## 'Wallflower' offers insight to teenagers



## Great movies to watch over spring break

### Ferris Bueller's Day Off

Ferris Bueller (Matthew Broderick, *The Cable Guy*) is a much-loved student who skips school to spend a day hanging around Chicago with his friend, Cameron (Alan Ruck, *Twister*) and girlfriend, Sloane (Mia Sara, *Timecop*).

Ferris convinces uptight Cameron to let them "borrow" Cameron's dad's Ferrari, so they can go to the Sears Tower, a game at Wrigley Field, join a parade, and get away with it all.

The principal Ed Rooney (Jeffrey Jones, *Sleepy Hollow*) tries all day to catch

Ferris to prove he is just skipping school. You won't want to miss the scene in which Principal Rooney tries to sneak into Ferris's house to catch him, but puts up a fight with Ferris's dog instead.

Along with Principal Rooney, Ferris's jealous sister Jean Bueller (Jennifer Grey, *Dirty Dancing*) tries to catch her brother in the act as well.

This movie is funny and doesn't require much thought, so it would be a good way to start off your spring break. Also it shows some good things to do in downtown Chicago over break.

### Dirty Dancing

*Dirty Dancing*, starring Patrick Swayze (*Ghost*) and Jennifer Grey (*Ferris Bueller's Day Off*), involves a forbidden romance that blooms during a family vacation between a naïve Daddy's girl (Grey), and a bad boy dancer (Swayze) who works at the resort.

This movie is a classic film that no one should miss. Even if you've seen it before, you can't go wrong! It's worth viewing more than once, if only to see a young and studly Swayze show off his dance moves.

### Pretty Woman

When successful businessman Edward Lewis (Richard Gere, *Runaway Bride*) meets independent and carefree Vivian Ward (Julia Roberts, *My Best Friend's Wedding*) their lives are worlds apart.

But Vivian's exciting approach to life challenges Edward's organized, stuffy mind, sparking an immediate attraction. He teaches her about life's finer points, while she teaches him how to love.

This Cinderella romance is filled with humor, passion and unforgettable scenes.

### Dazed and Confused

*Dazed and Confused* is about teens having fun, all night parties, and love. It's a great movie to watch for some laughs. The general stupidity of some of the characters makes it worth watching.

Some names you might recognize in this 1993 film are: Matthew McConaughey (*A Time to Kill*), Parker Posey (*The House of Yes*), and Ben Affleck (*Forces of Nature*).

### The Breakfast Club

Five high school students with seemingly nothing in common spend a Saturday serving detention in a school library: a jock (Emilio Estevez, *D2: Mighty Ducks*) who only cares about his wrestling scholarship. A geek (Anthony Michael Hall, *Sixteen Candles*) who is just trying to fit in. A princess (Molly Ringwald, *Sixteen Candles*) who only cares about her looks and popularity. A weirdo (Ally Sheedy, *Short Circuit*) who no one knows anything about (and she likes it that way). A bully (Judd Nelson, *Light it up*) who puts on an act by pretending he's tough. Along with the relationships between the five main characters *The Breakfast Club* also deals with the hostility between teenagers and adults. Principal Vernon (Paul Gleason) plays a role that represents how adults look down upon teenagers for just being kids.

All five students breakdown their barriers and begin to let out their secrets. After they begin this bond they start to understand they are not bad people, just kids finding their identities.

A very realistic movie especially for high school students who are trying to find themselves within their four years of high school.

It's an excellent movie to watch if you're just sitting around over break.

### The Princess Bride

*The Princess Bride* is one of the best movies to watch when you have nothing to do. It's a spoof on the traditional fairy tale, and it'll have you laughing throughout the entire movie.

In the movie, Cary Elwes (*Liar Liar*) plays Westley, a farmhand on the farm on which Buttercup (Robin Wright Penn, *Forrest Gump*) lives. After Westley and Buttercup fall in love, Westley goes off to find his fortune.

Buttercup is then kidnapped by three very strange characters and sets off on many strange adventures. With her companions, she encounters places like the

Cliffs of Insanity and the Fireswamps, with things like the ROUSs (Rodents of Unusual Size) and pits of fire that explode periodically.

Despite their determination, they are taken back to the castle where Prince Humperdink lives. As the time gets closer to when Buttercup is going to be married to the evil prince, her friends have to race the clock to save her.

This movie is good to watch one, two, or even three times. The best part about it is that it's not a new release, so the video stores will most likely let you rent the movie for a few days.

### French Kiss

After being dumped by her fiancé for another woman, Kate (Meg Ryan, *Sleepless in Seattle*) jumps on a plane headed for France to find her love. On the plane, she meets Luc (Kevin Klein, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*), a crafty con-artist who slips a diamond necklace into Kate's bag to get it past Customs.

Unfortunately, Kate's luggage is stolen within hours of her arrival in France. Desperate to retrieve the necklace, Luc agrees to help Kate look for her fiancé. As the two travel through the French countryside, a strange relationship develops between them.

When they finally find Kate's fiancé, Kate realizes that the man she really wanted was right in front of her the whole time. The movie is comedic and cute, not to mention original. Ryan and Klein give fantastic and energetic performances.

### October Sky

You'll never look at an October sky quite the same again after watching this movie. In a mining town called Coalwood, Homer Hickam (Jake Gyllenhaal) is a teenager expected to work in the local coal mine like his father.

However, in October 1957 Homer's perspective changes when the first artificial satellite, Sputnik, goes into orbit. After watching the satellite shoot through the October sky, Homer becomes interested in rockets and space programs.

He recruits his friends and the local nerd to learn how to build rockets by trial and error. Unfortunately, most of the town, and especially Homer's father, believe that they are wasting their time.

They are encouraged to grow up in the mines, but luckily one high school teacher (Laura Dern) supports them. She tells the boys they can enter a national science fair to win scholarships that could get them out of Coalwood.

In *October Sky* the friends must learn to perfect their craft and overcome the problems that face them as they try to shoot for the stars.

### Saving Private Ryan

A good movie to relieve those "spring break blues" is *Saving Private Ryan*. The movie stars Tom Hanks (*The Green Mile*), Matt Damon (*The Talented Mr. Ripley*), Tom Sizemore (*Bringing out the Dead*), Edward J. Burns (*No Looking Back*) and Jeremy Davies (*Twister*). It is directed by Steven Spielberg (*Jurassic Park*).

In the movie, a small unit of soldiers are sent to find Private James Ryan, to notify him that his three brothers have been killed in combat and he is to be sent back home.

The movie won five Academy Awards, including awards for best director, cinematography, sound effects editing, sound and film editing.

Just the opening sequence of the Normandy Invasion is worth watching this movie for, but the rest of it is just as incredible. The soldiers journey on their own into the center of the war and have to make it out of several small skirmishes in their search for Private Ryan.

Powerful battle scenes and unforgettable characters make this movie well worth watching. A word of caution to the weak-hearted, though: this movie is very realistic, and depicts war in its true horror. Some of the scenes might be a bit too gory for some, so you might want to be careful if you don't take the sight of blood well in movies.

### What are people doing over spring break?

By Laura McQueen

There's no doubt that people are doing things this spring break, but what?

"The great country of Tennessee" - junior Vanessa Spencer.

"I'm going to get my groove on in Florida" - junior Sarah Coiley.

"I will be working" - sophomore Harold Visser.

"Playing my guitar and hanging out with my friends" - junior Matt Wdowiarz.

"Probably end up doing some crazy English project, or otherwise preparing for the ACT" - junior Sean Palmer.

## Bored? Find something to do over spring break

By Laura McQueen

Worried about how to pass your time this spring break? Here are a few ways to keep you busy:

- 1. Take a little trip.** Go to the zoo or visit a museum. Some nearby places to check out are Cosley Animal Farm, the Morton Arboretum, and Cantigny.
- 2. Have a few friends over and watch each other's favorite old movies.** With all the new releases lately, you may have forgotten how to enjoy the classics. If you need help picking movies, take a look at the Chronicle's spring break picks.
- 3. Let the springtime air inspire you.** Do something artsy like drawing a picture or writing a poem. If it's not too windy, you could even do it outside. Try drawing or writing about things you see and hear. Notice and appreciate the things you may not normally take time to see.
- 4. Volunteer some of your free time to help others.** Mow your neighbors lawn, help out a little extra around the house, you could even round up a few friends and go to a nursing home to brighten up the day of a few older people.
- 5. Get outside and break a sweat.** Get a group of friends together for a game of football or baseball or any other outdoor game. Take advantage of a chance

to be out in the sunshine. Even if your friends are going to be gone, or they're just not into the outdoors, don't let that stop you from going out exercising and getting yourself in shape!

**6. Appreciate nature.** Go to a forest preserve and have a picnic or take a journey on the prairie path. A few forest preserves to check out are Blackwell forest preserve off 59, and there's also one off of Army Trail Road in Bartlett.

**7. Don't forget the spring-cleaning!** It's that time of year again so don't be shy about blasting some of your favorite music and cleaning out your room or car. Give your old clothes to charity and then check out a thrift store for some low cost replacements to reward yourself.

**8. Check out the new museum exhibits downtown.** The Titanic exhibit at the Museum of Science and Industry is open from February 18 to September 4. The museum hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on weekdays and 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on weekends. At the Field Museum of Natural History the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit opened March 10 and Closes June 11. The Dead Sea Scrolls are the oldest known copies of the Old Testament. It is recommended that tickets for either museum exhibit are purchased in advance, but they can be bought at the museum.



## What do your stars say this month?

By Sarah Kochniarczyk

### Aries (March 21-April 19)

Spring break is just around the corner and you still haven't made plans. You have money to go somewhere, but the rest of the gang is stuck with empty pockets. Don't worry; there are plenty of things to do this break. Get the group packed and head out on a camping trip. The trip won't cost much and the experience will be one never to forget. The gang will dig this idea and in no time you'll be planning a great trip.

Lucky number is 12.

### Taurus (April 20-May 20)

It's time for you to buckle down and get cracking on your studies. You're slipping lately and your parents aren't too thrilled. This is not the time of the year to slack so get going and get that homework done!

Maybe you've been taking on too many things this month. Look at all the activities you're involved in and try to cross out one activity, or just put it off for a bit.

This way you can work more on your studies and your stress level will decrease.

Lucky number is 22.

### Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Get ready for a vicious fight to enter your world this month. Lately it seems as though things are going *too* well. You're right, they are. In no time you'll be drowning in sorrow. A "friend" of yours will be spreading rumors about you; many people won't believe them, but make sure you talk to your friend about it. Things could get worse if you don't ask your friend what's wrong.

This way you'll be the good guy; whether your friend tells you or not.

Lucky number 24.

### Cancer (June 22-July 22)

The past month has been a tough one for you. You're just getting over your life-long crush and it seems as though it gets harder each day. Don't worry; you're in the midst of being cured from heartache; it takes time.

However, there's nothing wrong with letting loose this spring break. Make this break one to remember. Get a group and go hang out at the beach, play some sand volleyball, or go to the park and play football. Have a cook out at a pal's house and just forget that heartbreaker.

Lucky number is 16.

### Leo (July 23-Aug. 21)

Lately you've been feeling like this relationship that you're in is going nowhere; like you've been in the same place for the past few months. This may be a sign that you need to let go of your honey and move on.

You feel as though there is something missing. It seems as though you spend less time with each other and both of your priorities have changed. You're noticing more annoying habits about each other and frankly you're getting irritated. Get a clue; leave this relationship quickly.

Lucky number is 4.

### Virgo (Aug. 22-Sept. 22)

You seem to be falling behind on activities, schoolwork, and chores. However, your biggest concern is homework. Lately, the homework keeps piling on. You're starting to think your teachers have no lives and all they want is to ruin yours.

You just need to get a bit more organized. With that in mind, you should work out a schedule for your activities, chores, and homework. Spend a certain amount of time on each; the stress will soon disappear.

Lucky number is 9.

### Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Starting to feel as though everyone is watching you, people keep asking what you're up to, and you haven't a clue as to why your friends seem so concerned? It's because lately you've taken on a new attitude about losing weight. However, your buddies seem to think you've formed a problem.

Try to clue them in; let them know you're still eating right and your body is doing okay. Explain that you love that they are so concerned, but also explain that you can safely handle this weight loss.

Lucky number is 21.

### Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 24)

Finally you've made up your mind to get a job. You want to go somewhere for spring break, but you've come up empty handed. Your parents won't pay this year; so that leaves you with no dough.

It's about time you've taken on responsibility and your parents seem pretty impressed with your decision.

Just remember, it's not a cinch to get a job, and you don't have too much time before break. So instead of going somewhere over break save the money you make and plan on a summer trip.

Lucky number is 8.

### Sagittarius (Nov. 25-Dec. 21)

Looks like this spring break is a good way to plan for some bonding nights between the guys/girls.

The end of the year isn't too far away and any type of bonding is good. Maybe go out bowling and then have a sleepover, or go to someone's house and have a game night. Break out the Taboo.

Anything to strengthen the friendships you have is a good idea, seeing as it may seem like your friends have been distant lately.

Lucky number is 26.

### Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

It may seem like your gang has been having tons of conflicts lately; that every time you start a conversation with one friend they start bad-mouthing another. You're sick of it; hanging out with them is the last thing on your mind.

Instead of hanging out with your friends make plans to do something with the family. Your parents will be so happy that you've decided to make time for them. Plus, it'll give you some time away from the gang.

Lucky number is 17.

### Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Over spring break find some time to be with yourself. You've been wearing yourself out trying to be there for all your friends; when in reality, you just need time to yourself. You can't fix everyone's problem and you don't have all the answers.

So just relax this break; rent some "oldie but goodie" movies and spread out on the couch with your favorite snack. Just ignore the phone when it rings; you can call your friends when you're ready to.

Lucky number is 28.

### Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Your relationship with your parents seems to be getting better and the trust they have for you is just increasing. Just make sure you don't go do anything that would lose that trust. It's about time you start to be honest with yourself and your family. Don't lie about where you're going or who you will be with. Just be honest and in the end your parents will trust you.

Some interesting days are bound to happen this month. So don't freak out when you end up having to do some project with *that* person; things will go smoothly.

Lucky number is 8.

## Poetry Corner

### Your Power

Your words overwhelm me,

Your heart is being opened.

I just can't help but smile, When your name is mentioned.

Your eyes are soft and noble,

Your smile is secretly showing.

The way I feel inside, My entire soul is glowing.

You have this power, I can't quite comprehend.

It's strong by all means, And seems to have no end.

When I wake in the morning,

You are who I want to see.

The glorious warmth of you,

To my heart you have the key.

-Donna Walker-

### Life

I think that life is just a test.

All people do is panic and try to be perfect.

Life just messes with your mind.

I am tired of all the damn people discriminating against other races, judging people by the way they act, or the way they look, and also by what kind of music the person listens to.

I think other people should respect another persons decisions and should only be able to make suggestions about what the person should do; not tell them or make fun of them just because they are different.

All of us inside are similar because we all never want anything bad in life.

I think everybody should express the way they feel and not be ashamed or scared to show their feelings.

And for all the people who respect how a person feels, acts, etc....

I thank them a lot because they are great people but everybody is a great person in their own way.

-Jason Johnson-

### It Was You

Today I saw the face I once had fallen for  
The eyes dug deep into my soul,

It hit rock bottom with nothing but air  
The further they dug the bigger the hole.

The only stare-seemed hours on end

The once love, had lifted high,

The trance was magical and powerful

Yet, we made no attempt to hear our cry.

The yearning feeling of needing you

The question lay heavy and open to hear,

But stillness was added to such emotion

The ticking clock of time left us in fear.

The distance between us was nothing mere a foot

And yet, we stood tall and firm with no surprise-

Seconds awaiting for some incident to appear

Nothing- nothing at all, but the connection of eyes.

I thought of my life and what it's missing

A flashback lead to you, the past a safe place,

I hadn't been there in days-seemed so long

What's missing in your life-you saw it in my face.

Then it happened, lightning struck hard

Woke up with tears in my eyes-it was true,

My heart was feeling lost and unaware

When all this time of wonder, it was you.

-Sarah Kochniarczyk-

### Locked Down

A life locked down to another and all by mistake. Uncertainty comes over her. Yet this chance she will take. A kid herself locked down by responsibilities, tied into a world of harsh realities. The roads ahead look rough, but she's strong, she holds her head up and moves along. No one will hear her out, she's all alone. She's told to deal with this problem on her own. And you think how hard could it be? Very hard, she's 16 locked down to a baby.

-Dulce Vasquez-



## Three outstanding players show their stuff on the field

Senior Eddie Hernandez, with boys track

**What are some goals you have for yourself this year?** Go down state with on of our sprint relays.

**What do you dislike the most about track?** People who slack and make excuses.

**What do you like the most about track?** The feeling you get after running a great race.

**Do you think our school has school spirit?** Definitely, more than many schools think, and it's for every sport not just the very successful sports.

**Favorite memory from track so far?** Coach Doll bustin' a move in the snow outside the school van after running a great meet at the Panther invite junior year.

**Any superstitions?** On cold days I wear my lightning cap.

Senior Edercy "DC" Abante, with girls track

**How many years have you been running track?** I've been running for 5 years.

**What is your favorite event in track?** My favorite event is the 400-meter run (one lap on outside track.)

**Goal for yourself for this year for track?** My goal is to work hard for the whole season and to put forth 110% effort constantly. I also would like to be a good role model for the younger girls on the team. I want to drop my time in the quarter to be at least 62 seconds.

**One memory you'll never forget from track?** My freshman year, we had a meet at Downers Grove North or South (I don't remember.) My 4x4 team, of Teresa Leach, Crystal Adams, Michelle Lasky,

and me won that race. It was the first time we won, and it was a great feeling. We all thought we were gonna cry. Our splits were awesome! During the race every single one of us passed up one girl from another team, allowing us to advance forward and win the race.

**Do you plan on running track in college? Why or why not?** No, because I'm going to be a nursing major and I won't have a lot of time for a sport.

**What is one reason why you like to do track?** I enjoy track because it keeps me in shape. It also keeps me busy, and I keep my priorities straight. Also, I love racing. I love the technique that I've learned to run my race (400 M.) I feel great when I know that I've worked hard, even if I didn't win the race.

Senior Dayna Catenacci, with girls' softball

**How many years have you been playing softball?** 12 years.

**Name three things that describe softball?** Competitive, teamwork, and motivation.

**Do you think softball is as competitive as baseball? Why or why not?** Yes softball is as competitive as baseball, because both games are based on the same offensive and defensive principles.

**What's your favorite moment from softball?** Starting a hitting rally when we were in a slump last year and the bus rides with Melissa Acker.

**What is your goal for this year's softball team?** To equal or better last years accomplishments.

**Which area would you like to improve in the most by the end of this season?** Not being so hard on myself when an error occurs.

## Spring sports schedule

### Badminton

Tuesday, March 21	V, JV	at East Aurora	4:30
Wednesday, March 22	V, JV	Dekalb	4:30
Thursday, March 23	V, JV	Larkin	4:30
Tuesday, April 4	V, JV	Naperville North	4:30
Thursday April 6	V, JV	at West Aurora	4:30
Friday, April 7	V, JV	Glenbard West	4:30
Tuesday, April 11	V, JV	at Naperville Central	4:30
Thursday, April 13	V, JV	at Glenbard East	4:30
Friday, April 14	V, JV	Streamwood	4:30
Saturday, April 15	V	at Dekalb	8:30 am
Tuesday, April 18	V, JV	at Glenbard North	4:30

### Baseball

Tuesday, March 21	V	Bartlett	4:15
	S, F	at Bartlett	4:15
Saturday, March 25	V	at St. Francis	11:00 am
	F	St. Francis- doubleheader	11:00, 1:00
	S	St. Francis	11:00
Wednesday, March 29	V	Geneva- doubleheader	11:00, 1:00
	S, F	at Geneva- doubleheaders	11:00, 1:00
Saturday, April 1	V	Waubonsie Valley- doubleheader	1:00, 3:00
	S, F	at Waubonsie Valley- doubleheader	10:00, 12:00
Monday, April 3	V	Batavia	4:30
	S, F	at Batavia	4:30
Wednesday, April 5	V	at Plainfield	4:30
	S, F	Plainfield	4:30
Saturday, April 8	V	Fenton- doubleheader	11:00, 1:00
	S, F	at Fenton- doubleheader	11:00, 1:00
Monday, April 10	V	at Wheaton Warrenville South	4:30
	S, F	Wheaton Warrenville South	4:30
Wednesday, April 12	V	at Glenbard North	4:30
	S, F	Glenbard North	4:30
Thursday, April 13	JV, FB	Wheaton Warrenville South	4:30
Friday, April 14	V, F	Wheaton North	4:30
	S	at Wheaton North	4:30
Saturday, April 15	V	Marquette- doubleheader	10:00, 12:00
Monday, April 17	FB	Wheaton North	4:30
	JV	at Wheaton North	4:30
Tuesday, April 18	V	at Naperville Central	4:30
	S, F	Naperville Central	4:30
Wednesday, April 19	JV, FB	at West Aurora	4:30

### Girls Soccer

Wednesday, March 22	V	Weaton Academy	4:30
	JV	vs. Weaton Academy at WCMS	4:30
Thursday, March 23	V	Larkin	4:30
	JV	vs. Larkin at WCMS	4:30
	F	at Larkin	4:30
Thursday, March 30	V	at Downers Grove South	TBA
Friday, March 31	V	at Downers Grove South	TBA
Saturday, April 1	V	at Downers Grove South	TBA
Monday, April 3	V	St. Francis	4:30
Wednesday, April 5	F	at Naperville North	4:30
Thursday, April 6	V, JV	at Glenbard North	4:30
Wednesday, April 12	F	Glenbard North	4:30
Thursday, April 13	V, JV	Wheaton Warrenville South	4:30
Wednesday, April 19	F	at Wheaton Warrenville South	4:30

### Softball

Thursday, March 23	V	at Glenbard South	4:30
	JV, F	Glenbard South	4:30

Friday, March 24	V	at Bartlett	4:00
	JV, F	Bartlett	4:00
Thursday, March 30	V	Glenbard West- doubleheader	11:00, 1:00
	JV, F	at Glenbard West- doubleheaders	11:00, 1:00
Saturday, April 1	V	at Waubonsie Valley- doubleheader	1:00, 3:00
	JV, F	Waubonsie Valley- doubleheaders	10:00, 12:00
Monday, April 3	V	at Geneva	4:30
	JV, F	Geneva	4:30
Thursday, April 6	V	at Joliet Academy	4:30
	JV, F	Joliet Academy	4:30
Saturday, April 8	V	Elgin- doubleheader	10:00, 12:00
	JV, F	at Elgin- doubleheaders	10:00, 12:00
Monday, April 10	V	Plainfield	4:30
	JV, F	at Plainfield	4:30
Wednesday, April 12	V	Oswego	4:30
	JV, F	at Oswego	4:30
Thursday, April 13	V	at Bolingbrook	4:30
	JV	Bloingbrook	4:30
Saturday, April 15	V	at Momence HS	10:00
Monday, April 17	V	at Wheaton North	4:30
	JV, F	Wheaton North	4:30
Tuesday, April 18	V	Sycamore	4:30
	JV, F	at Sycamore	4:30
Wednesday, April 19	V	Wheaton Warrenville South	4:30
	JV, F	at Weaton Warrenville South	4:30

### Boys Tennis

Tuesday, March 21	V	Dundee Crown	4:15
	JV, F	at Dundee Crown	4:15
Thursday, March 23	V, S, F	at St. Francis	4:00
Monday, April 10	V	Streamwood	4:15
	S, F	at Streamwood	4:15
Friday, April 14	V, S, F	at Larkin	4:15
Tuesday, April 18	V	Wheaton Warrenville South	4:00
	S, F	at Weaton Warrenville South	4:00

### Boys Track

Thursday, March 16	F	at Glenbard North- DVC	5:00
Friday, March 17	S, V	at Glenbard North- DVC	4:30
Tuesday, March 21	F, S	at Fenton	4:30
Tuesday, April 11	V, S	at West Aurora w/Naperville North	4:30
Saturday, April 15	V, S	at Geneva- Co-Ed Invitational	9:00 am
Tuesday, April 18	V, S	Wheaton Warrenville South	4:30

### Girls Track

Thursday, March 16	V, JV	at Lewis University	4:30
Thursday, March 23	V, JV	Plainfield	4:30
Tuesday, April 4	V, JV	Glenbard East, Wheaton North	4:30
Tuesday, April 11	V, JV	Naperville North, West Aurora	4:30
Saturday, April 15	V, JV	at Glenbard South	9:00
Tuesday, April 18	V, JV	at Wheaton Warrenville South	4:30

### Boys Volleyball

Tuesday, March 21	V, S, F	St. Joe's	5:00
Friday, March 24	V	at Hoffman Estates	5:00
Saturday, March 25	V	at Hoffman Estates	11:00 am
Tuesday, April 4	V, S, F	at Naperville North	5:30
Thursday, April 6	V, S, F	West Aurora	5:00
Saturday, April 8	F	Round Robin Tournament	9:00
Tuesday, April 11	V, S, F	Naperville Central	5:00
Thursday, April 13	V, S, F	Glenbard East	5:00
Tuesday, April 18	V, S, F	Glenbard North	5:00



## Girls track continues its season into DVC

By Jamie Nadolny

The West Chicago High School girls track team placed third last Saturday at an away meet at Fenton High School. The track team brought home a trophy after competing in the Ninth Annual Kurtz Klassic against eight other teams. We-go competed against Carl Sandburg High School, Conant, Herscher, Bolingbrook, Elgin Larkin, Fenton, and Addison Trail.

We-go walked away with twelve medals and seventeen personal and relay records at the meet. All of the girls worked hard in their competitions, and West Chicago took first in three of the events. Senior Michelle Lasky nabbed the title in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:07.8, and she also helped her teammates place first in the 4-lap relay. The team consisted of sophomore Krystal Muhlberger, junior Kathy Brinn, and senior Terri Jensen, and they finished in 1:13.2.

Lasky showed that she was pleased with her individual and team performances when she said, "I really wanted to take first in the 400-meter run, because I placed second in the event last year. I'm also proud of everyone on the team, and I'm glad that everyone is working hard to improve their events and to improve as a group."

Senior Jocelyn Schineller also had an outstanding performance in the shot put with a throw of 37'9 1/2." Schineller did not achieve a personal record at the meet, but she did win first place in her event.

The girls track team did well in all of their other field events, also. Sophomores Linnea Caputi and Lauren Openshaw earned We-go points in the high jump competition. Caputi placed fourth with a height of 4'8," and Openshaw jumped 4'6." Openshaw also participated

in the 1-lap dash where she did not place, but ran consistently.

West Chicago's freshmen competed strong in the track meet at Fenton, as well. Amanda Morrison showed a lot of potential when she earned We-go a third place finish in the high hurdles with a time of 8.7 seconds.

Katy Kostal participated in the 2-mile run where she ran a steady race from start to finish. Aurora and Larkin on Thursday, February 17. Kostal finished fourth in the event with a time of 12:40.9 after passing many of her competitors.

Sophomore Erin Kirby competed in the second distance event at Fenton High School. Kirby entered the 1-mile run and placed fourth in the competition with a personal record of 5:51.3, beating her old personal record by two seconds.

"I'm really happy with my time, everyone did an excellent job at this meet. I beat my personal best by two seconds, but it was a group effort that ultimately earned us a third place finish. This was the first time that We-go has earned a trophy (at the Kurtz Klassic) in two years, so everyone is excited," said Kirby.

Jensen earned medals for her efforts in the 1-lap dash with a time of 18.3 seconds, placing her fourth, and sixth in the 50-yard dash with a time of 7.3 seconds. Jensen is this year's jump captain, but the triple jump was not

scheduled at the track meet.

"I think there is a lot of depth (in our track team) this year. There are a lot more girls in track this year, and I think that one of the best parts about the season is our team unity. I joined track because I like the sport, but also because I enjoy working hard for the team," said Jensen.

Carl Sandburg high school placed first at the meet with 110 points, Conant placed second at the meet with 93 points, and We-go took third place with 74 points. Overall, the team's hard work and effort put We-go at the top on March 11.

West Chicago High School girls track team was also successful in its fourth meet in an eighteen-week season on February 29 at 4:30 p.m. The team competed against West Aurora and Wheaton North High Schools, but the events were held in We-go's field house.

The girls track team did an outstanding job at the meet, placing second in both of the junior varsity and varsity levels. Wheaton North took first place in both age groups, but the competition between West Aurora and We-go was close. The win came down to the last race, the 12-lap relay, where We-go stayed strong. Lasky nabbed the competition with her part of the race. She set a new personal record of 63.8 seconds, as well.

Freshman Jessica Cwiak won the JV high jump competition with a height of 4'6." She had a 4" height advantage over West Aurora, which gave her the first place title.

"Track is a lot different

compared to Middle School," said Cwiak. "The team has a lot of fun, and we almost always get along. I like track because it is a challenging sport."

Kirby, Muhlberger, and Openshaw also showed a lot of potential at the track meet on February 29. Kirby placed third for the Varsity team in the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:58.5. However, she is rapidly increasing her personal record, and by the end of the season, she should knock a few seconds off of her times. Muhlberger competed in the 4-lap relay. She ran one lap of the relay with partner and senior Edercy "DC" Abante.

They placed second in the meet with a time of 1:18.4, and their time continues to drop consistently. Finally, Openshaw earned the Wildcats first place in the high jump competition. Her jump measured 4'8," giving her a large advantage over Wheaton North and West Aurora. She also participated in the Triple Jump and placed third.

Schineller did an outstanding job in the shot-put event. She took first place out of the two other schools with a throw of 36'2." She continues to throw at around her personal best, but she is also working at beating her personal record.

"I have been in track for around seven years now," said Schineller. "I really enjoy individual sports, but usually I prefer sports that include a larger team. However, track is a lot of fun, and this year there are a lot more team members involved."

We-go's girls track team also placed first in the triple jump thanks to Jensen, who set a personal record at the meet. Jensen's mark was 31'9" long, giving her an 8'1/2" lead over Wheaton North.

## Volleyball has players hopeful for a better season

By Leslie Shambo

The Boys Volleyball season starts on March 21 against St. Joe's at 7:45 p.m, and practice began on March 6.

Last year they had their first conference game win.

Senior Jeff Griffin said, "This year's volleyball team is not only going to raise the students' hopes of winning but keep them there."

"Many key players are returning this year including Mark Lasky, Brad Olsen, Brian Kerr, Chip Ault and Juan Robles.

"Our goal for this year is to win the conference championship for the first time ever in WCCHS's volleyball history.

"We hope to see all of you guys in the stands at our games, cheering us on."

## Tennis kicks off for a new start

Alexandra Patin

The boys tennis team kicked off it's season on February 28 with about 8 members.

There are a few freshmen on the team, but many are returning players. Two of the top players returning are senior Mike Kostal and sophomore Matt Newman. The duo plays doubles and singles for the team.

The team had a disappointing season last year, being last in the DVC out of eight teams.

Moeaki said, "We will work to improve the whole team- not by winning but improve their skill in singles and doubles."

## Season starts for soccer

By Leslie Shambo

The girls soccer team is anticipating their first game of the season on March 22 against Wheaton Academy at 4:30pm.

Coach Julio Del Real said, "I sincerely hope that the team does well. I hope to get the girls ready for the play-offs, which will hopefully take us farther than we've ever been."

"The team is young, but experienced, which gives us an advantage over the last few years."

Practice began on March 6. Del Real said, "We are starting our training process and the girls are working hard."

"They should be ready for the opening game of the season."

## Badminton starts new season with experience

By Laura McQueen

The Wildcat badminton team is looking forward to a good season this spring, although they did not fare well in the DVC last year.

This year's team is much more experienced, with eight returning seniors and two returning juniors, including last year's sectional champion, senior Linda Xiong.

"Our concern right now is our endurance and fitness level. Once that comes along, I think our skills will mature also," said Varsity coach LaVora Singleton.

The team's first practice was Monday, February 28. There were no tryouts for the team because of low numbers and the availability of an exhibition team.

Ten players will be competing on the varsity team and ten will be on the JV team. All other players will play on the exhibition team, which will compete at tournaments but their scores will not count.

Singleton is the varsity coach and Judy Beckwith coaches the JV team. Seniors Xiong and Mary Kovacs will represent the team in competition.

"I think the team has a real good chance of doing well this year, we have a lot of returning players," said senior Michelle Grove.

## Can Walters lead baseball to a winning season?

By David Conaway

The Wildcat baseball teams started their practice March 2.

Varsity Coach John Walters, who is new this year, said he is glad to be "leading the team into the new millenium."

Varsity is a young team this year, consisting of three seniors and thirteen juniors, but Walters is hoping that the team can learn fast and win ball games. His main strategy this year is to "make the routine plays routine," and

not difficult each time.

The sophomore team is looking to improve their team this year after having a decent season last year as freshman. Coach Kevin Gimre says they are "looking to improve this year both in terms of skills and wins as a team."

Both the team's first games are on March 21, with the sophomore team playing at Bartlett, and the Varsity team's first game is here, against Bartlett as well.

## Softball tries to live up to last year's record

By Sarah Kochniarczyk

Try-outs for the girl's softball teams were February 28 through March 3. The varsity team had 13 girls try out and Coach Jim Shaudt kept 12.

There are four seniors: Missy Krueger, Kelly Bolton, Dayna Catenacci, and Kristin Leitherer. There are eight juniors: Megan Leston, Tonia Pecararo, Alissa Milderbrath, Jamie Schmidt, Shannon Flowers, Lindsay Sewell, Laura

McQueen, and Christian Ruiz.

Krueger will be starting at centerfield, Bolton starting at shortstop, Catenacci starting at third base and Leitherer starting at first base.

The softball team practices every Thursday after school and at night the rest of the days.

The first game will be against Glenbard West on Thursday, March 30 at 11:00 am.

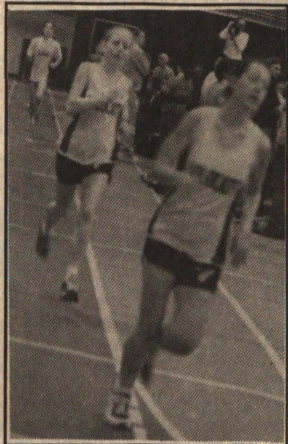
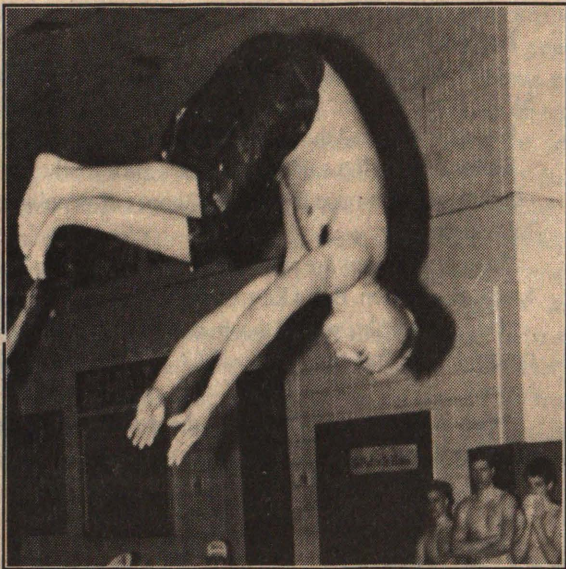


photo by Dave Toney

Seniors Rachel Altergott, Jenny Wiechert, and Jenny Kammes run during one of the home meets against East Aurora and Larkin on Thursday, February 17.



## Lureau and team make a splash at state



Senior Juan Robles doing an inward dive at the sectional competition at St. Charles High School

By Alexandra Patin

At the recent state swimming competition junior Joey Lureau proved he can compete with the best when he finished fourth out of 30 people in the 100 breaststroke. His teammates Matt McKinney placed 25 out of 35 in the 50 freestyle and Henry Somers finished 21 out of 30 in the 100 freestyle.

The boys swimming team went to state and took home an amazing 23 place finish out of a total of 106 teams in the competition on February 26 and 27.

The team finished 12 out of 30 teams in the 200 medley relay and 16 out of 30 in the 200 free relay, and in the 400 freestyle relay the team finished 30 out of 34.

"I thought [the team] competed really well considering that we had really focused on the sectional meet," said Coach Chris Hall.

Hall said the team does not have anything really specific to improve, but "we will have to focus on state" for next year.

In the summer, the team will be coming back to work mostly on individuals and their skills.

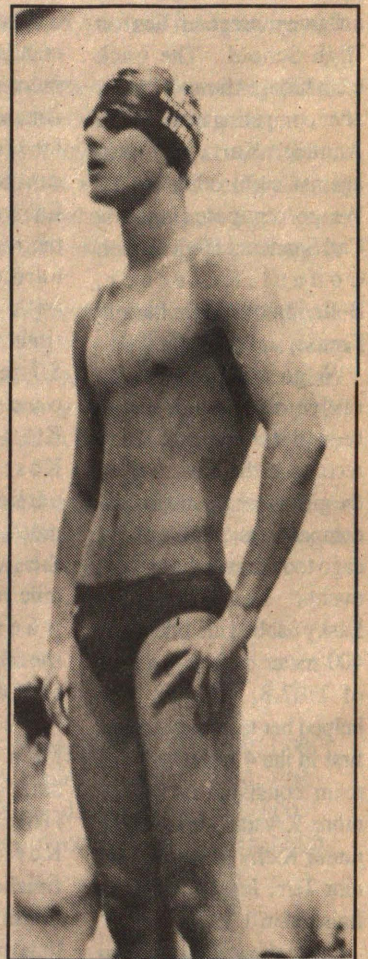


photo by Jenny Cwiack  
Joe Lureau gets ready to jump in the water at Sectionals

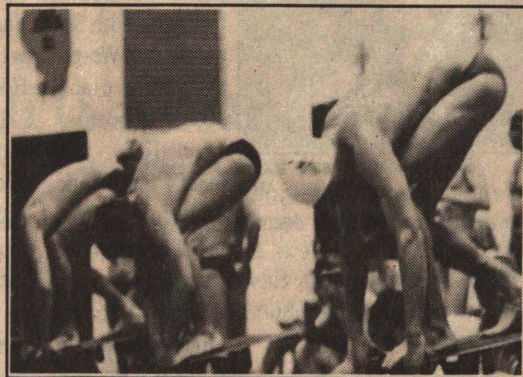


photo by Jenny Cwiack  
Senior Matt McKinney takes his mark before his race

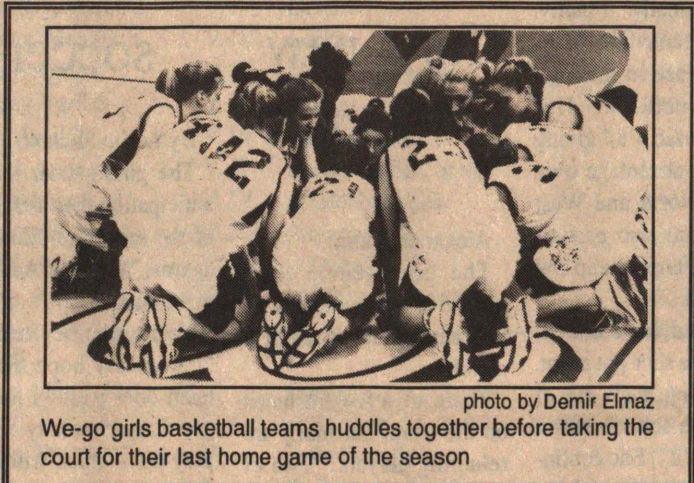


photo by Demir Elmaz  
We-go girls basketball teams huddles together before taking the court for their last home game of the season

## Boys track improves greatly from last season

By Marc Berry

The DVC indoor meet will be held at Glenbard North on March 17. Assistant coach, Matthew Doll sees the team's successes so far this year as a good sign.

"The DVC meets are always a question mark," explained Doll, but he expects to

do well. Last year, the team moved up from eighth to seventh place. He believes this year the team has the potential to take fourth or fifth.

Assistant coach Eric Lasky shares his enthusiasm. "It is not only important to have quantity but to have quality also," he explained, "and we've got both."

The We-go track team recently competed in four meets. They did extremely well at each of them.

Most recently, on March 7, the track team competed at home against Larkin and St.

Francis, and they took first place.

Freshman Wyatt Schayler took first place on the varsity level in shot put with a distance of 45'2". Also, junior Brian Howard took first in the high jump with a vertical distance of 5'11".

On March 3, the Varsity team competed at the Glenbard North Panther Invitational. They finished second out of nine teams.

Seniors Nick Chapman, Dave Boyle, Eddie Hernandez, and junior Matt Raymond took first place in the four-lap relay with a time of 1:20.

Senior Tim Keller, again, broke the record for the mile with a time of 4:21.

Also, senior Rich Belcher took first in the 3200 meter with a time of 10:14.

On February 26, the team met at Fenton for the annual Spivey Invitational. They placed second out of eight teams. This was a great improvement from last year when they placed fifth. The team competed strongly with approximately ten per-

sonal bests.

Several Junior Varsity members scored on Varsity levels including the following: Sophomore Corey Coleman took third place in the long jump; sophomore Jon Ortiz placed third on the Varsity level; and sophomore Mike Nubie scored in hurdles on Varsity level.

Doll said he is extremely pleased with the team's performance. "We have a lot more depth on the team this year, and a lot of good sprinters," he said, "Our field athletes are also improving... and of course, we have Tim Keller, as well."

Keller won the 800 meter at Fenton but lost in the mile. It was his first loss this season. "I think the loss could be good for him, though," said Doll, "It will encourage him to push himself even harder."

On February 22, they faced off against Elgin and West Aurora and won by a large amount. It was the team's first win against Aurora in 11 years. A new record was set in the 4 x 1 relay. The relay team consisted of sophomores Coleman, Joey Park, Tom Wojeicki, and Joe Caniano.

## A disappointing season ends with a loss

By Sarah Kochniarczyk

The Wildcats boys basketball ended their regular season with a 7-18 record, and no wins in DVC.

The Wildcats played at Geneva for their first regional game. Geneva was seeded sixth and West Chicago was seeded 11.

The Wildcats lost to Geneva playing a hard game, but just couldn't pull through with the win.

The Cats played at Wheaton Warrenville South on Friday, February 25. We-go played tough the first half taking the lead, but by the end of the game the Tigers took control and beat We-go 45-37.

Senior Robbie Rohrback walked away with 14 points.

The loss of star player junior Steve Gilbert was crucial to the Cats. Gilbert tore ligaments in his left thumb.

Senior parent night was held on Saturday, February 19 at the boy's basketball game. We-go played Wheaton North and lost adding another upset to the Cats record.

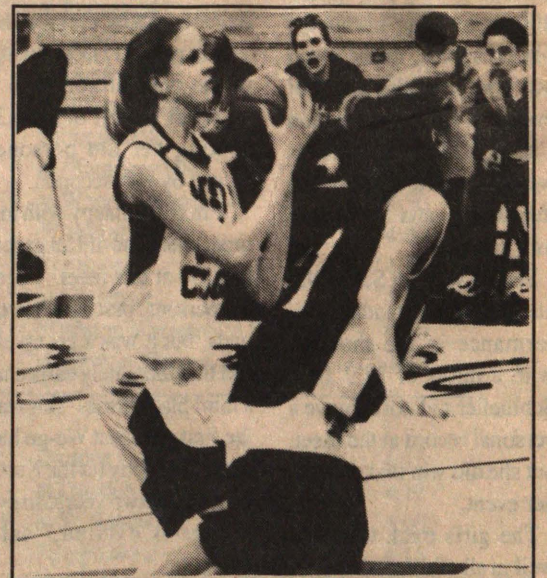


photo by Demir Elmaz  
The last home girls basketball game, and junior Beth Brinn shoots to score.

## DVC stars get recognition on all-conference teams

Some outstanding athletes have been selected to the All-DuPage Valley Conference teams for different sporting events. Some We-go students received a unanimous vote to all conference status.

On the girls basketball team:  
Junior Beth Brinn by unanimous decision

Special mentions for:  
Junior Alissa Mildebrath  
Senior Kim Olson

Honorable mention for the boys basketball team:  
Senior Rob Rohrback

On the wrestling team:  
Senior Ben Stevens