

# Wildcat Chronicle

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## Highland takes job as principal July 1

By Sam West

The search is over; Community High School has a new principal for next year.

Associate principal John Highland was accepted as We-go's new principal at a Board of Education meeting, Feb. 5.

Highland said that he applied for the job just after Christmas, after being associate principal for four years.

Before he was associate principal, Highland was assistant principal, dean, assistant dean, and a high school football coach.

He also taught PE at West Chicago Middle School for five years before coming to the high school.

"I've literally spent my entire career in West Chicago," Highland said, adding that he had worked in West Chicago for 27 years and an administrator here for 22 years.

Highland said that he has had a lot of experience with different principals and superintendents throughout his career as principal. The experiences "helped me develop my belief system in education," he said.

As a dean, he worked with bringing students into a school setting, and as the assistant principal, he worked in the with students in the counseling department and had a lot of interaction with students.

As a director of student activities, Highland saw that kids not only had to learn, but have fun.

"I realized how important that aspect of kids' lives was," Highland said.

When Highland was associate principal, he gained skills that helped him get the job as principal.

"We need to be sensitive to the needs of the kids," he said. "It is important that we try to create an atmosphere that reaches out to all kids, not just the most talented or most gifted, but the least talented and least gifted."

Involving kids in activities brings about pride and ownership in themselves and their school, Highland said. "We need to make people feel like this is their school."

So far, Highland feels that he has accomplished the goals he has set as an associate principal.

But becoming principal will require a bit more work. "I will be responsible for all systems that are in place," Highland said.

He will have to work with everyone involved with the school, including the teachers, the school board, parents, and students. Teacher union president Susan Junkroski said that Highland (See Highland page 5)

## Art Works rises after hiatus

By Mary Beth Selby

After remaining dormant for two years, Art Works will finally be shown again.

"Art Works 2002 is a showcase of all the art work at the high school level to the community and the rest of the school," said fine arts department chair James Guter.

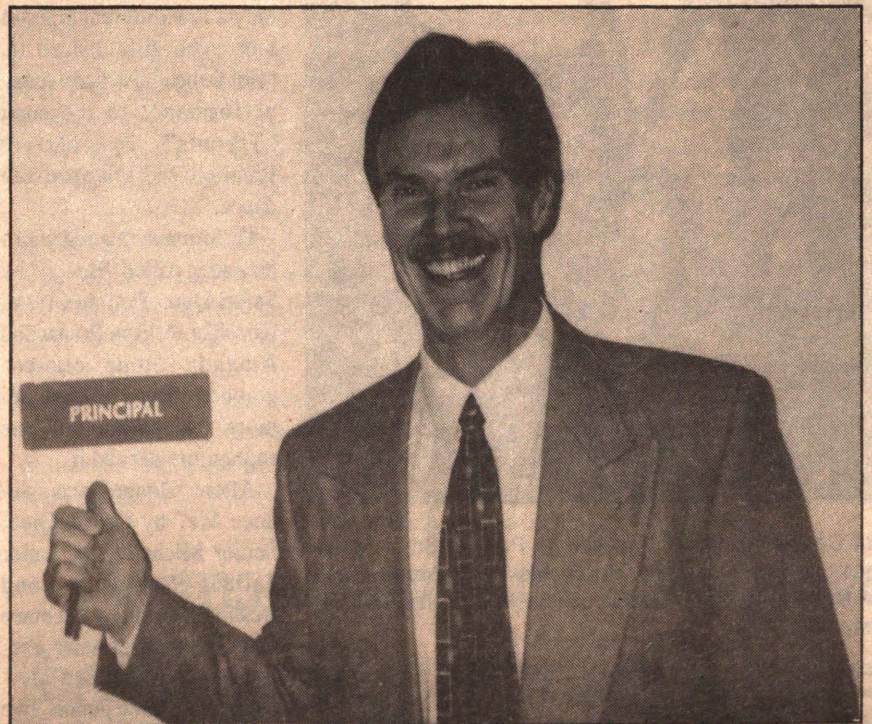
Guter received much enthusiasm for reinstating Art Works, so the plan moved ahead.

"I thought we needed to do something to show everyone

about our fine arts department, so I brought up the idea about Art Works," said Guter.

The first Art Works was done four years ago. Guter wanted to do Art Works every year, but because of all the construction that took place two years ago, Guter had no access to the auditorium and couldn't do it any place else.

People didn't have much interest in the idea last year, so it wasn't done. But Guter (See Art Works page 4)



John Highland will take office as We-go's new principal July 1.

Staff photo

## Forensics speaks for themselves in Verbally Yours

By Mary Beth Selby

Forensics students voiced their talents at the eighth annual Verbally Yours recently.

Before the show started, supervisor Steve Kellner gave a short speech about the forensics team and their season.

"This year they have done a fantastic job. They have improved with every successive tournament we have gone to and they are doing really well," said Kellner.

After Kellner's speech, the show opened with a quick introduction by sophomore Stan Lemon and junior Mike Doll, who did stand in front of the audience, but actually spoke through microphones from backstage.

"For the broadcast, we have 45 minutes prep time and then we go into a back room and perform the 'broadcast'," said Lemon. "This is a nice way to perform because there is no memorizing. But I get marked depending on how I speak instead of what is said."

Throughout the show, they introduced the acts as if broadcasting live on a radio show.

Sophomore Dana Grant performed first as a special occasion's speaker (SOS) about the importance of manners. SOS requires the speaker to memorize a speech they had written.

Grant's speech was well presented until she forgot part of her speech and had to pause momentarily to recover.

"It was sort of hard to recover from because I had rewritten my essay the night before and was trying to remember it," said Grant. "So when I paused and couldn't remember what I wrote, I just started reciting my original speech, the one I already had memorized."

Co-captain senior Julie Volk followed Grant with a dramatic interpretation, and sophomore Stephanie Neumann performed an oratorical declamation after Volk.

Neumann's declamation was the same speech that she will be performing at regionals.

"Some of the forensics members found the story 'Tocatta and Fugue in me, A minor' on the internet and said that I should do it. So I did," said Neumann. "It actually wasn't that hard to memorize."

Neumann performed "Tocatta and Fugue in me, A minor" at regionals Feb. 2 and at sectionals Feb. 9.

Following Neumann was sophomore Emy Krauspe prose reading "Coming Attraction" and then a radio news break from Lemon and Doll.

Senior Katie Kammes did the only act including some kind of foreign language. She presented an original comedy about the making of a German exchange video.

"My comedy was inspired by my exchange trip to Germany last summer. For the most part, all of the events were true," said Kammes. "The challenge with an original comedy is when there are four or five characters in one scene, but in this piece, it was always one or two characters in a scene at a time."

Sophomore Jeff Hansen then performed his regionals-qualifying original oratory about aggression.

The humorous duet acting about a PMS talk show done by seniors Copper Tuma and Nicole Patel brought laughter from the audience.

"PMS was a Saturday Night Live skit. We just tweaked it for our own presentation," said Patel.

Verbally Yours ended with Performance in the Round, "The Laramie Project."

As the only forensics performance allowed to have more than two people and props, freshmen Bridget Geraghty, Becky Boranek, Emily Doll, and Elyse Damsch, Lemon, and juniors Heather Coakley and Missi Sheme acted out the difficulties of 'all American town' that experienced a murder.

## Dance Production proves that "Got Dance?" does a body good



Staff Photo

"Got Dance?" production students Pamela Boyle, Angie Rojas, Joanna Szesczycki, Kristin Nickleson, Aimee Paran, Lisa Martin, and Molly Knaak pose backstage after their performances.

By Michelle Loerzel  
Dance production ended their year with a wonderful performance. "Got Dance" included 23 acts.

The performance included a variety of music; ballet, jazz, hip-pop and punk were only a few different types of music the girls danced to. "Got Dance" also had a funny performance to the song "Tryouts" by Marvin Hamlisch and a cute can-can dance.

Performance started with a jazz song called "Bongo" by Safari Duo. Seniors Crystal Kirschke, Allison Rovtar and Amanda Stone choreographed "Bongo." Five seniors, two juniors and one sophomore danced it.

After "Bongo" was "Seduce Me" by Celine Dion. Senior Michelle Ott, junior Tatiana Podstavkova and freshmen Monica Pecoraro and Caitlin Riermaier choreographed "Seduce Me." One senior, three juniors, two sophomores and two freshmen performed to "Seduce Me."

The next dance was a group performance to "West Chi What?" with singers;

Petey Pablo, Christina Milan and Crystal Method. "West Chi What" was choreographed by seniors Pamela Boyle and Kristi Hall and junior Kristin Nickleson. The dancers included five seniors, three juniors and two sophomores.

The first duet performance on Jan. 25 was performed and choreographed by senior Amanda and sophomore Melanie Stone. The Stones danced a ballet dance to "Point on Edge" by Michael Jackson.

The following dance "Sweet Dreams" was performed at the Fox Valley Showcase earlier this year. "Sweet Dreams" was choreographed by Mary Pilalis, Hope Vock and Lindsey Nash. "Sweet Dreams" is sung by The Eurythmics.

The next group performance was "Tryouts" and Goorley, Kirschke, Gianna Pigoni, Rovtar and Stone choreographed it. This dance had a variety of uncoordinated dancers trying out for a performance.

Boyle was the first solo to perform Jan. 25. Her song was "What About That?" by Janet

Jackson. Boyle also choreographed her solo.

Juniors Katy Kostal and Kristin Mederich choreographed the junior dance. Ten juniors danced to their song; it was a mix of Run DMC, Destiny's Child and DMX.

Seniors Jamie Nadolny, Angela Rojas, Aimee Paran

and Christina Wilbur choreographed "Smooth Criminal" by Alien Ant Farm. The seniors also danced in the punk theme performance.

"Come on Over" was choreographed by sophomores Molly Knaak, Jill Novak and Lisa Martin.

Junior Joanna Szesczycki (See Dance page 4)

## We-go coping with economy problems

By Kyle Bullis

The economy has taken its toll on Community High School, but the financial situation is not bad, according to Superintendent Lee Rieck.

"We are a lot better off than most other schools," Rieck said.

One of the problems Community High School is having financially is that the school is losing revenues, giving the school less spending money.

The school is planning to increase taxes to deal with the issue.

"State law allows a tax increase at a percentage consistent with the consumer price index," said Rieck.

This means that if the school needs a tax increase, it will be allowed as long as it is within a reasonable amount according to the tax-

payers' price range.

Also, school medical insurance is increasing by double-digit percentages.

The school might have to lower the extent of the insurance to keep everyone covered, said Rieck.

Medical insurance has increased 16 percent from last year. Family insurance has gone from \$688 a month last year to \$798 a month this year.

Individual insurance is up to \$234 a month from \$201 a month.

Lincoln School has also been a debatable issue.

The boiler in the school is around 40-years-old and in need of replacement.

Currently there are no plans to discontinue school renovations and no after school programs or sports are being cut, Rieck said.

## SADD talking about more than drunk driving

By Nicole Patel

Throughout February, SADD will sponsor month long campaigns on dating awareness and seatbelt safety.

SADD will put up signs and place announcements about the importance of seatbelts and dating awareness.

SADD president Rebekah Boyd hopes "to schedule a volunteer from the DuPage Women Against Rape Association to speak to gym and health classes about rape."

During March, SADD will

have its annual "Grim Reaper Day," where random students play "dead" for the school day. Boyd explained, "This activity statistically represents how every 33 minutes one teenager is killed from drunk driving."

The exact date of the activity has not been determined yet.

Also in March, SADD will run a month-long suicide awareness campaign. Information about teen suicide will be shared with students via signs and morning announcements.

## Chamber choir sings their way to Germany

By Suzanne Smith

Chamber choir has lots of places to explore on their visit to its sister city, Taufkirchen, Germany.

The choir will meet at the high school to leave for O'Hare Airport at 4:40 p.m. on Feb. 23.

They will arrive at Munich International Airport the next day. The rest of that day will be spent with their host families.

The choir will begin their sightseeing in Taufkirchen on Feb. 25.

They plan to visit a castle, a historic museum and a fire department.

The next day, the choir will take a trip to Salzburg, to sightsee. Ernst Bartmann, an organ player and student of Salzburg Mozarteum, will take them on a tour of the Mozart House, castle, and an organ performance.

A reception at Taufkirchen City Hall will take place in the evening.

The choir will visit the Taufkirchen elementary and junior high schools and take a tour of Freising on Feb. 27. In the evening, the choir will accompany Freising High School with a concert pro-

gram.

On Feb. 28, they will visit High School Dorfen where they will sit in on classes. In the evening, they will participate in a concert with the school's big band and percussion group.

Sightseeing in Munich will take place on March 1. They will visit downtown Munich, Castle Nymphenburg, and the Olympia Tower.

They will have a meeting at the Taufkirchen Youth Center with Bavaria's State Minister of Science and Arts at night.

The chamber choir students will have a chance to go on different tours with their host families during the day on March 2.

Taufkirchen's Community Center will host the Big Choir Concert featuring Liedertafel Taufkirchen, Gospel Choir All Together, Men's Choir Dorfen, Folk Group Gedensbach, Big Band of the Middle School, and chamber choir.

The last night they spend in Germany, March 3, will include a farewell party in Taufkirchen's castle with all friends and host families.

## Mind's Eye looking for final submissions

By Mary Beth Selby

The literary magazine is beginning to close the doors for submission entries so they can finalize details about this year's magazine.

"Right now, on a weekly basis, we are reading entries and trying to decide what ones we are going to use in this year's issue," said supervisor Andrea Cipcich.

Cipcich said the literary magazine has gathered nearly 30 submissions of written work. Most of the work has been poetry, and 15 submissions of art.

They will keep accepting submissions until the end of February.

At the start of the year, the literary magazine discussed different fundraising options but now have turned to selling concessions to produce another magazine.

"We were thinking of asking a writer to come and read their work, and we'd charge an admission fee, but I don't think there is anyone known enough that we could attract a crowd," said Cipcich.

Though they will have to sell candy to fund the magazine again this year, Cipcich said that the club might hold a poetry slam at the end of the year for the club members.

Cipcich is also looking forward to next year.

"We have 12 students involved with the magazine, but six of them are seniors," said Cipcich.

"But I am looking forward to the start of next year because we interested many eighth graders at the open house, and if they join the club next year, the sophomores and juniors from this year will be able to help them."

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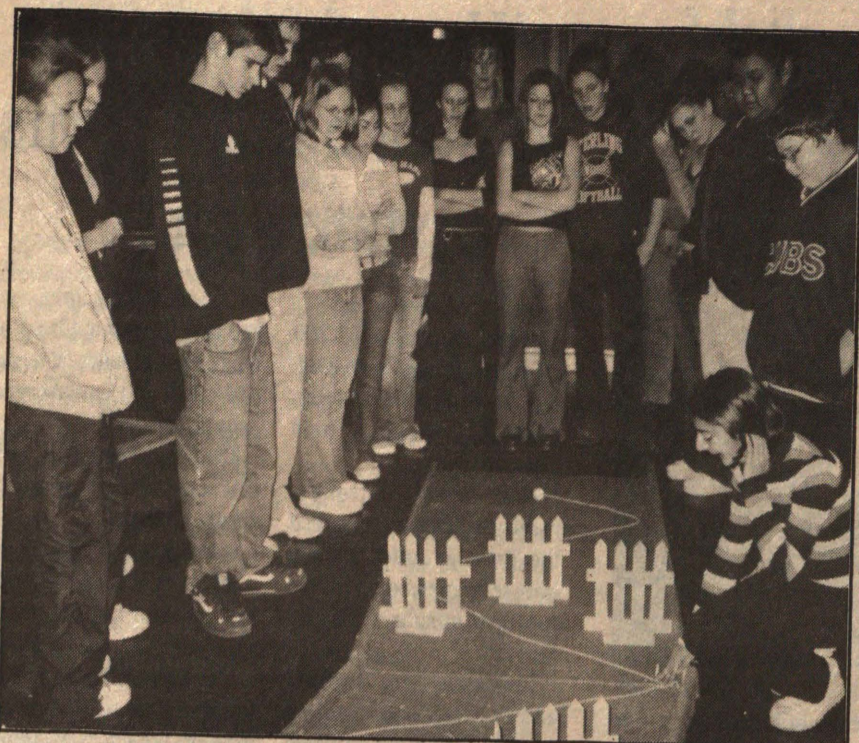


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Students try making a hole-in-one in this class-made golf course.

## Math classes create a hole-in-one

By Marc Berry  
Math teacher Eric Lasky's two geometry enriched classes teed off in January when they unveiled their miniature golf course in Wego's Weyrauch Auditorium. Between the two classes, 15 unique holes were created for the portable course.

The course was the result of a project assignment given to the class.

According to Lasky, he talked to the class about it, and there was a lot of interest.

Groups of two or three teamed up to create each hole, starting out by planning the hole on graph paper.

Afterwards, they put it into a computer, and finally, they began work on the actual construction of the hole.

According to Lasky, much of the work was done on the students' own time.

Only one day was given in class to do the computer work and another day was spent setting up the course. Lasky said, in addition, they would sometimes spend the first 10 minutes of class just talking about it.

Other than that, though, students were expected to do it on their own time, com-

pleting the majority of the construction over winter break.

The builders were also required to supply their own materials for the project.

According to Lasky, the students also had to take extra measures to make their holes portable, in order to transport them from their houses to the school.

Lasky talked to administration ahead of time, in order to clear the project and reserve a place to set it up.

He said they were very helpful and supportive in the matter.

The classes spent a morning charging We-go students \$1 to use the course before school.

Lasky also took his math classes into the auditorium throughout the day, allowing them to reap the benefits of their hard work.

According to Lasky, around \$100 was raised for the Central DuPage Hospital Treasure Chest Charity for children with cancer.

Lasky said he believes the project challenged students. There were factors that made the actual holes different from the computer counterparts, forcing students to make adjustments to determine how to

score a hole-in-one.

Lasky said the participants in the project also gained a deeper understanding of several geometry concepts, such as reflections, transformations, angles, surface area, and using different measurements.

More than that, however, Lasky said he thinks students enjoyed the project.

"Instead of just doing the project to get it done, they put a lot of time and effort into it to produce the best golf hole they could," he said.

"The holes were far better than I ever expected."

This was the first year such a program has been done at We-go, and Lasky said it went well. It also drew the attention of several publications.

"With a project this big, you never know if it's going to turn out successful or disastrous," said Lasky.

He also said he wanted to wait to see how the project turned out before deciding whether or not to do it again next year.

Since he said it did indeed run smoothly, it will ultimately be up to next year's students to determine whether or not We-go is home to another geometric mini golf course.

## Spanish Club does the Salsa

By Nicole Patel  
Spanish Club hopes to take Salsa dancing lessons in late February.

Currently, the club is looking for a Salsa dancing teacher to come in after school and teach in the school's dance studio.

Spanish Club will invite the French and German club

students to attend the Salsa dance lessons, once the date is set.

Students who are not part of the language clubs can talk with club adviser Susan Junkroski for special arrangements to attend.

Spanish Club will also watch the Spanish version of Toy Story 2.

The club also hopes to spend a Saturday afternoon at the Field Museum.

They'd like to view the Ancient Mayan and chocolate exhibits later this spring.

The students will also see the artifacts left behind by the Mayans, but they will also see the evolution of chocolate.

## Troy sings his way to All State Choir

By Suzanne Smith  
Earning top scores at the All District competition earned senior Aaron Troy the chance to participate in the All State Choir in Peoria recently.

Troy said when he was chosen for All State Choir he was very surprised.

He was the only We-Go student to go to the competition.

"I looked forward to the experience, but I was a little intimidated at first. Once I got over the intimidation I realized I was there for a reason," Troy said.

The All State Choir was under the direction of Alan Schwartztoph, a professor from the University of Indiana.

The choir rehearsed for two days at the First Methodist Church.

They were preparing to perform for their concert on the third day of the trip.

Troy said he met a lot of new people while he was there.

The All State Choir would split into quartets, so Troy was able to hear the other voice parts and meet new people in the process of the event.

After the first day of practice, the students saw a performance by Turtle Island.

They were a string quartet who played jazz music, Troy said.

"One of the guys played his violin like a guitar. It was

pretty cool," Troy said.

The All State Choir performed at Jumer Castle, singing seven music selections altogether, Troy said.

The choir performance began with the men singing "Hava Nageel," an Israeli traditional folk song.

The combined choir sang "America the Beautiful," "Oh Clap your Hands," "Right Mich Golt," and "The Battle of Jericho." "The Battle of Jericho" was pretty fast paced. I liked it," Troy said.

The All State Choir also sang two songs that were sung at the All District as well.

The songs included, "Whether Men Do Laugh or Weep" and "O Magnum Mysterium."

## German plays talk about love handles and swimming floaties

By Marc Berry  
German students will tuck in their schwimringe's for their performance Feb. 27.

According to German teacher Terry Strohm the theme word this year is "Schwimringe," which translated means either "swimming floaties" or "love handles".

Each play must include the word. First year German students must use it at least once, second year needs to say it twice, third year, three times, and fourth year students are required to put the word to use at least four times.

Last year, the theme word was "nonsense."

The German students began practicing their plays in the auditorium this week.

According to Strohm, the German 1 class was given about an hour to work on the scripts for their plays, while the German 2, 3, and 4 classes worked on them for three to

four hours.

The plays will take place in the Weyrauch Auditorium and will be held from 8-11 a.m.

Strohm said first year German plays typically last around a minute, while second year plays last from five to seven minutes, with third and fourth year going anywhere from five to seven minutes.

Awards will be given for various categories, including best actor, best actress, and best play overall.

The judging panel will be made up of former We-go German students and community members who know German.

The only other requirements for the plays, other than using the theme word, are to keep them classroom appropriate.

"We try to limit the violence," said Strohm.

The number of people who

come to watch the plays vary, but Strohm said that sometimes the auditorium has been completely filled up.

According to Strohm, all of the German classes attend, and other classes, including drama and child development, often attend, depending on the respective teacher's itinerary.

However, it is necessary that the teachers reserve a spot for their class in advance, in order to see the show.

Students that have a period off are not allowed to attend without supervision from a teacher.

The German students will also be graded for their work on the plays.

"Basically, they are graded on how well they follow directions," said Strohm.

She said whether or not they improve on what they are told to, is the strongest factor in determining the grade.

## Concert choir preparing for upcoming activities

By Suzanne Smith  
Concert choir is busily preparing for a packed spring schedule.

Eight ensembles are participating in the Illinois High School Association Solo and Ensemble Festival at Hinsdale South High School on March 2.

They will have a chance to practice in class while chamber choir is in Germany, choir director Lisa Smith said.

The spring concert is on March 14. The choir concert theme is "Americana," Smith said.

Students will also have a chance to participate in the Artworks Festival on March 14. It will take place in commons from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Smith said.

Concert choir plans to go on a field trip on April 19 to the School of Music at the University of Illinois for a

clinic.

They will attend conducting classes and receive a tour of the university. The students will also get to spend time in the student center at the university, Smith said.

This will help them prepare for the Music in the Parks Festival on May 4. Joe Grant will critique the choirs performance to help them make final preparations for the festival.

## Dance... (Continued from page 2)

and Nash performed a duet to the song "Able to Love." Nash, Junior Norah McAvoy and Szesczycki choreographed this song.

The two freshmen in dance production choreographed and danced a duet together.

Riermaier and Pecorara performed a ballet dance to "Strangers" by Tamia.

The seniors also had a dance together choreographed by Nadolny, Paran, Rojas and Wilbur. Their song was by Britney Spears, "Not yet a Woman." Twelve girls danced to this song.

Stone and Novak choreographed "Stupid Cupid." Sophomores Knaak, Martin, Nash, Novak and Stone danced to Mandy Moore while sophomore Jared

Schneider played the part of cupid.

Schneider added a little bit of flavor as he danced among the stage; ending the dance with Stone and Novak giving Schneider a kiss on the cheek.

Freshmen Riermaier had an outstanding ballet performance before the finale. She danced to "Dream a Little Dream" by Cassy Elliott.

The finale for the dance show included five different groups or singers singing songs with the word "dance" in it. Seniors Meghan Brandstedter, Linnea Caputi and junior Goorley choreographed the finale.

Each class had a section of the dance in which they performed and choreographed.



Photo by Mary Randle

Patti Kozlowski presents at the child abuse conference.

## We-go's domestic violence team earns state grant

By Stephanie Bodane

After receiving a \$7,200 grant, the We-go Teen Dating Violence Prevention Team is beginning to train new members.

After meeting all requirements, the team was awarded the grant in order to help train team members over the next two months at Family Services.

In March, Kim Brafford and Dan Johnson, program coordinators, along with two other students attend a conference for two days at the Merchandise Mart in downtown Chicago.

Along with this, the team has already booked their guest speaker, Tom Santoro, who will appear later in the year discussing his case of violence against his daughter.

Over eight organizations such as, the state's district attorney office, Warrenville Youth and Family Center, the Glen Elyn YMCA, and many more are sponsoring the team.

The team is also hoping to begin a student-made television program, which will promote the team and discuss dating issues.

Students already on the team have been acting as recruiters, trying to achieve publicity and gain more students.

Recently Johnson was asked to be on a Domestic Violence task force for the 18<sup>th</sup> circuit court.

"We're trying to get 50 high schools to do surveys on the frequency of violence

in school," said Johnson. The task force is made up of three sub-committees: legal, education and underserved populations.

The legal committee will deal with the laws about domestic violence.

The education committee is trying to identify how often violence occurs in school.

The underserved committee is for those who don't have the resources available to them for domestic violence.

"We sent a message about the task force to DuPage County superintendents, we had over a dozen requests to be a part of the task force," said Johnson.

The Teen Dating Violence Prevention Team is now waiting to receive their second grant from the Illinois Violence Prevention Authority, which will then be used to fund programs.

The amount of the grant, however, remains undetermined until the program needs are determined.

"It depends on the programs we want to offer. Basically you tell them what you want, and they evaluate it, then you receive the amount needed," said Johnson.

After completing training and deciding on programs, the team should receive the grant.

The 24 members on the team should meet soon.

"The more people we get involved, will make work that much better," said Johnson.

## Cell phones in the halls of We-go?

By Stephanie Bodane

The State of Illinois is considering changing the cell phone laws within the school, and We-go is watching and waiting to see what is going to happen.

The state is considering allowing cell phones in school, in case of emergencies.

"Because of Columbine, cell phones may be allowed in school. We have the benefit, however, of having phones in the classrooms," said principal Allan Jones.

Originally, cell phones and pagers were not allowed in school because at the time they were assumed to be used by drug dealers, Jones said.

However, the high school has no actual policy against the use of cell phones and pagers, now.

"We use the term electronic devices, we don't mention cell phones or pagers," said Jones.

Jones also explained that

there haven't been a lot of problems with cell phones in school, and most students seem to be understanding and follow the guidelines that the school has set up.

Although students do bring cell phones to school, as long as they are turned off and don't disturb class there is no real issue. If students were caught using their phone, or if it were to ring, they would just receive a warning, Jones said.

The policy, if enforced by the state, would be no different than the policy that We-go has set up now.

Schools in the area are also continuing with their original rules, however, some schools are probably rethinking the issue.

"Schools with no communication may be re-thinking the issue, and permitting it," said Jones.

The state has not yet made a decision when to hear arguments regarding the issue.

## Senior class preparing for graduation

By Suzanne Smith

Senior student council has several things to celebrate as second semester begins.

The seniors recently celebrated having 80 days left of school by posting a sign in senior hall.

Senior parents and student council members gave donuts to the seniors in celebration that the seniors are coming closer to the end of high school, said senior student council president Jamie Nadolny.

Senior class is currently working on the theme for

Turn About that is planned for April 5. They have decided to have an informal dance where students can come casually dressed, Nadolny said.

The DJ has not yet been chosen yet. The seniors are trying to find a DJ with the best variety of music. All of the money raised will go towards the senior gift, said Nadolny.

The senior class of student council meets every other Wednesday morning in room 188 at 7:15. All seniors are encouraged to attend.

## Students address child abuse

By Sean McTighe

More than 100 students listened to a 10-member panel discuss their experiences with child abuse at the American Legion on Jan. 9.

English teacher Judy Minor and family consumer science teacher, Patti Kozlowski organized the event.

The purpose of the event was for students to learn about child abuse and how to get help, said Kozlowski.

The panel included members from the police department, state's attorney office, and the DuPage County Children's Center. The members explained how to handle situations of child abuse.

Students were presented with scenarios and asked how they would handle each situation.

### Art Works... (Continued from page 1)

thought it was finally time to bring Art Works out again.

This year, Art Works 2002 will take place on March 16 in commons from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All fine arts classes will feature an activity.

People who attend Art Works will be able to learn how to do ceramics, photography, computer art, music technology, and calligraphy.

Paperboy, a comic book company, will demonstrate the making of a comic book, speech team will demonstrate their technique, drama club will show their skills.

Dance production and jazz band will give performances for the display.

Students were given a question/answer time with the panel members, and later sat down and discussed careers with the members.

Students from English and communications 3 and child development classes were required to read the book "The Child Called It" by David Pelzer before attending the event.

"We hope to get David Pelzer to speak at the event next year," said Kozlowski.

They also hope to set up a web site on child abuse for West Chicago added Kozlowski.

The students attended the event all day and were supplied a breakfast bar by Jewel and pizza by Dominick's Pizza.

Consumer sciences displays of art and interior design work will hang along the walls.

"Demonstrations and presentations will mostly be run by kids. Teachers will have very little influence," said Guter.

Art Works has been planned for about three months, and now decisions about when the events will take place are being finalized.

"Something like this takes lots of time to put together," said Guter.

"Everyone, like the dance production, jazz band, drama club, is continuously practicing for their own productions," he said.

**Seniors, don't forget to let the Wildcat Chronicle know what you're doing after high school! Information coming soon.**

## Thespians return from Theatre Fest

By Sean McTighe

Thespians had the chance to meet other actors at the annual Theatre Fest at Illinois State University recently.

Theatre Fest is a get together of 3,000 students to watch other high school plays that were chosen by judges.

Former Thespians Chris Thomas and Beau Brown chaperoned the group.

"It was a really good experience to see the diversity of talent from across Illinois," said Thespian President Nicole Patel.

Thespians are encouraged

to take part in the spring musical, "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown."

The play will have a double cast, which will allow more people to get roles. Director Mary Hafertepe plans to write in more characters to the script.

The show will also take place four times instead of the typical three nights, beginning May 16.

Thespians are also preparing for Art Works on March 16. They plan to perform a dramatic scene from "The Children's Hour."

An April 20 play in Chicago is also planned.

## Highland... (Continued from page 1)

land will do a fine job. "He is very committed to this place," Junkroski said. "I can't think of too many people who love this place like he does."

Junkroski said that a good principal is important because the school board, who makes the final decision on who is principal, deals with the principal two to three times per month for an hour, while teachers deal with him/her every day.

Highland has worked heavily with security, so far, Junkroski said. "I think this is a wonderfully safe and secure building," she said. "But he will have to shift his focus."

He will need to make the school "his own," like every principal does, said Junkroski.

Junkroski said that retiring principal Dr. Alan Jones has done a good job as principal, focusing on curriculum.

Curriculum here is very good and the school offers many programs, she said.

But, she added, there are other needs in the building.

"(Students) need to know their principal better," said Junkroski.

"He did a very good job," she said about the curriculum aspect of the school.

Jones said that he retired because he was eligible and "maxed out in the retirement system."

"I wanted to try some other things out," he said.

Those other things include teaching at area colleges and writing.

He has wanted to do these activities previously, but never had time.

He also plans to travel to Europe and possibly South America with his wife after he retires.

Jones' goal as principal was to have a quality teaching force, which he feels he has accomplished.

Jones also wants school to be a friendly and accepting environment.

"I want (school) to be an interesting place for all students," Jones said.

The one goal Jones feels

he did not meet was to make school a fun place to be.

"I'm not sure I was able to do that at West Chicago," he said.

Jones also added, his observations show that students in general do not like school very much.

Jones' advice for Highland is to listen to what people say and feel.

"Listening to people is extremely important," said Jones.

With 17 years together, Jones said that he will probably have an influence on Highland, but the two will not be alike.

They are very different people with very different interests, said Jones.

Highland also wants to be an influence in students' lives.

"Thirty years from now, I hope they'll remember, 'high school was really cool,'" he said.

Highland also said that all of the staff is outstanding, including the kids, and the board of education.

"When you put this all together, it creates tremendous potential," he said.

So far, nobody is set to be We-go's new associate principal, although the interviewing process will begin in two to three weeks, Highland said.

"(The new associate principal needs to) be willing to listen, have empathy for people, and draw upon experiences from the people around you," said Highland.

"It's an awesome responsibility," Highland said of being a principal. "And Dr. Jones has provided great leadership in a number of areas."

Highland said that his goals as principal will not be drastically different than they are now.

He believes that the leadership of a principal comes from a team effort with all the staff participating.

"It's not any one person doing one thing, it's a group of people working together and drawing upon all of their experiences," he said.

are president Summer Hassan, vice president Becky Bonarek, secretary Ashley Rawls, treasurer Nicole Franz, and librarians Maria Perez and Jill Musick.

ings are Monday mornings at 7:15 in room 401. Club adviser Sarah Bellis welcomes new members, "We would love to have anyone come to meet-

## Math team counting their wins

By Mary Beth Selby  
Math team is preparing for their conference meet on March 7 while focusing on improving their standing.

"We have another meet to pull up our standing in the North Suburban Math League," said supervisor Aaron Hayes.

Their standing in the NSML depends on their performance and the amount points they gather at a meet.

Currently, West Chicago's points are 519, which ranks them 38 out of 55 schools.

Math team participated in their fourth meet on Feb. 7 at IMSA High School.

Overall, the team took third place out of five teams behind Hinsdale South.

Freshmen placed fourth, sophomores fourth, and juniors third.

Hayes said that no seniors came to the meet due to prior

arrangements and sports.

"We did a pretty good job, especially being at the best school in the NSML," said Hayes. "Geoff Palka even placed third for his oral presentation."

Their DVC meet occurred Wednesday at Naperville North.

Even though they did well at IMSA, Hayes believes that they would be higher in the

NSML ranking if they had done better in their first meet.

The first meet took place in October at Downer's North High School.

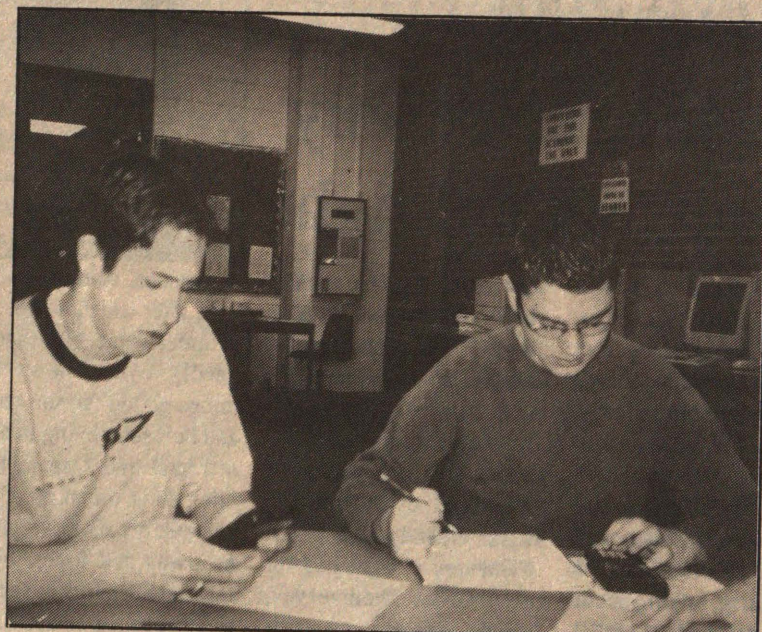
The freshmen didn't score any points, which is why the total score was as low as 92 out of a possible 350.

"The first meet was kind of rough. The freshmen didn't score at all, so we fell back in the division," said Hayes.

Academic Skills Center teacher Barbi Mathews believes that they could do better next year.

"We are trying to get new kids interested for next year because we are low on some levels," said Mathews.

Though their next meet is conference on March 7, at Evanston High School, they still hope to do well and have fun, said Hayes.



Staff photo

Nathan Roberts and Sean Warren concentrate hard at their last math team practice before their fourth meet.

## Forensics team is talking about state

By Mary Beth Selby

The first We-go sophomore ever to qualify as an individual is heading to the state forensic competition Friday and Saturday at Downers Grove South.

Stephanie Neumann is excited about her chance to go to state.

"I placed second at sectionals and was really surprised to hear that I would be going to state," said Neumann.

Kellner welcomes anyone who wishes to see Neumann perform to come.

Sophomore Emy Krauspe and junior Mike Doll also competed in sectionals and placed.

Kellner said Krauspe placed fifth and Doll placed fourth, just missing the

chance to go to state.

The team placed tenth out of 30 teams.

"They all exceeded my expectations at sectionals," said Kellner. "I like to be optimistic, but they all did a fantastic job."

Other performers at sectionals were seniors Copper Tuma and Nicole Patel performing an original comedy.

"They did a very good job, but the judges didn't seem to agree," said Kellner.

Also freshmen Bridget Geraghty, Becky Boranek, Emily Doll, Elyse Damsch, Heather Coakley, and sophomore Stan Lemon gave a performance in the round, "The Laramie Project."

"There was a divided opinion about the 'Laramie

Project,'" said Kellner. "One judge thought they should go to state, another thought their performance wasn't that good, and the other thought they were somewhere in the middle."

Kellner was very pleased with the team's support of one another during the long day at Warren Township in Gurnee for sectionals on Saturday.

Forensics performed well enough at regionals on Feb. 2 to advance to sectionals.

Of 25 students on the forensics team, 18 students competed in regionals.

The students that advanced to sectionals were freshmen Geraghty, Boranek, Emily Doll, Damsch, Coakley; sophomores Neumann, Krauspe,

Lemon; juniors Mike Doll, Missi Sheme; and seniors Tuma and Patel.

At regionals, Neumann, Krauspe, Tuma and Patel all placed fourth, which is the lowest possible that allows an act to advance to regionals.

"The Laramie Project," which was performance in the round acted out by Geraghty, Boranek, Lemon, Doll, Damsch, Coakley, and Sheme, took third place.

Doll placed second for his radio speaking.

"They all did a very good job, especially at sectionals," said Kellner.

"I thought sectionals was a very tough competition because everyone was competing for state. But the team did real well under all that pressure."

## Book Club turning pages

By Kyle Bullis

Students who enjoy reading can join We-go's very own Book Club.

Book Club has elected new members for this year. They

Book Club is currently reading *The Hobbit*.

Book Club meets in room 305 every other Wednesday after school. The club's adviser is Jill Marchiando.

ings that is interested in joining us this semester."

Bellis encourages students to see her about joining if they have any questions.

## Poms clinic raises money for group

By Michelle Loerzel

Over 100 girls, some as young as 3, participated in the annual poms clinic recently raising \$2,400 for poms.

"Freshmen were also welcome to come too this year," said sponsor Cindy Stone.

Cost was \$20 per child and that included a dance lesson, tee shirt, and a snack.

"We had more girls come this year than last," said Stone.

The girls learned dances in which they performed at the boys varsity basketball game Jan. 4.

Two poms choreographed each halftime performance at the boys varsity basketball home games.

The two girls taught the other girls the routine during practice. Everyone gets to help make a routine for half time.

Poms tryouts are coming

soon.

Tryouts start Feb. 25 and run through the end of that week. The first day will be a meeting and dancing will start Tuesday.

Freshmen through juniors can join poms for next year. Senior pom girls and some teachers from school will be the judges of who makes poms, said Stone.

For tryouts girls will be judged on their skills.

## International Club traveling the distance

By Nicole Patel

International Club will take a trip to the Cleopatra exhibit at the Field Museum at a tentative date this spring. Meet-

## Berry's Stuff

### Stealing: Not only wrong, but not right

By Marc Berry

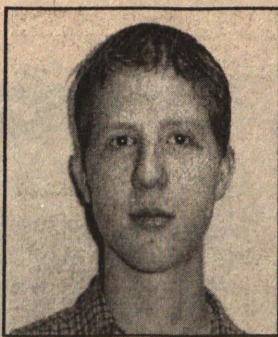
Lately, there's been an issue that's troubling me greatly. In fact, it's causing me a lot of trouble. Many people don't think about this particularly, and that's why I believe I have to spread the word. It's a serious issue, and it rhymes with "stealing". I am, of course, talking about stealing. It's bad. And I'll tell you why. And hopefully I can take up as much space as possible doing so.

There are multiple reasons. First of all, if stealing in America continues as it has been, odds are eventually something that is stolen will belong to me. Which is exactly what has happened. You see, recently, something that I held very near and dear was tragically ripped away from me. Since then, I have been asking myself a variety of questions. Such as "why?", "how come?", "for

what reason?", "what was the purpose?", and again "why?". Unfortunately, though, no answers have made themselves apparent. The only answers are questions, and if they are questions can they still be answers? Nobody knows.

Thievery is even bad for the thieves themselves, though. Think about it. If everybody were to go around stealing things, soon there would be nothing left to steal, sending many kleptomaniacs into withdrawal. Remember – the less that is stolen, the more there is to steal.

And lastly, taking other people's property may seem like a game, but it never stops there. It begins by stealing small things such as pens and yogurt, but this eventually leads to much bigger things such as clothing and bigger yogurt. Next thing you know, the offender's stealing



By Alex Patin  
(Former Chronicle editor-in-chief Alex Patin is spending the year in Germany on the Congress Bundestag Scholarship. She sends her thoughts on Germany to the Chronicle each month.)

Although the Euro is finally here, one might notice that it's not being greeted with such a welcome as was given for months by the politicians and economy experts of Europe.

For the most part, the people here are greeting the Euro warily, and not very enthusiastically.

As the question, "So, what do you think about the Euro anyway?" keeps circulating through my host family, school, neighborhood, it is almost always answered with either a "Well, you can't do much about it whether you like it or not," or "I'll tell you what I think about this foreign money."

The exceptions to this are the students in my school,

who answer the question mostly with caution, but say they are looking forward to a more standardized system.

Whatever the answer is, the people here cannot seem to contain their interest, whether they are unenthusiastic about the actual effects of the Euro or not, in what this new money actually looks and feels like.

Before Euro Day, Jan. 1, 2002, even arrived, all the banks of the city had Disney World-like signs posted outside, saying that the wait in the lines to the counters were 45 minutes and longer, because people were waiting to receive "Euro-Starter Kits," which was a small amount of money in Euros in exchange for a set amount of Deutsch Marks.

Even after the craze of the "Euro-Starter Kit" had died down, the lines at the banks in the city and outside were not any shorter. People all wanted to either hurry up and exchange all their old "black money" into the new cur-

rency, or they had simple questions about how to calculate the currency exchange in their heads.

Now that the confusion has died down, the lines are back to normal at the banks and the people are also back to normal. That is, no one is still trying to give out twice as much money at the supermarket (1 Euro = about 2 old Deutsch Marks).

However, the people are overall, except for the students at my school, still not especially happy about having the Euro, although there haven't seemed to be any specific, concrete reasons as to why or why not.

As for having fun with this curiosity of how the new money looks and feels, friends have already started competing to see who has Euros from the greatest number of countries (the pictures on the reverse sides of the coins differ from country to country), and who has seen all of the different bills up to the purple 500 Euro bill.

## Mr. Larson answers the question...

# Is there anything to miss from U.S.?

By Brad Larson

(Larson is teaching English in Scotland as a Fulbright Scholar for the year. He writes a column for the Chronicle each issue. Teaching in Larson's place at We-go is Oscar Marletta.)

I don't know about you, but I sometimes get a little bored with the never-ending "TOP 10" lists with which we are bombarded.

Nonetheless, lists can be an effective way of concisely conveying information, so I have composed three lists based upon my experiences in Scotland thus far.

I haven't counted the number of items in any of the lists, and the items aren't in any particular order.

They're just a compilation of some of my perceptions and reflections to date.

### THE BEST THINGS ABOUT BEING IN GLASGOW AND SCOTLAND

#### THE KINDNESS OF STRANGERS

Moving to a new country is quite a daunting experience.

When I first arrived here I knew no one in Glasgow in person, and I have had to rely

many, many times upon the kindness of strangers.

To date, I have never been disappointed. Many of the strangers I've met have become friends, and every one has met me with courtesy and helpfulness.

We sometimes perceive our world to be a very dangerous place and avoid those we don't know because of this, but talking to strangers has become sort of a way of life for me here, and it is a lot more rewarding than some would have us think.

#### THE WEATHER

Mr. Marletta will think I'm crazy when he reads this, but I'm serious. If nothing else, the weather here is entertaining.

It seems to be on a 15 minute schedule, and you really can experience at least three seasons' worth of weather on a single day, sometimes in a single morning or afternoon.

O.K., it tends to rain a lot, but it isn't nearly as cold here as it can get in Chicago.

I have no complaints about Scotland's weather thus far.

#### THE BEAUTY OF THE COUNTRYSIDE

Scotland's striking natural

beauty is vast and varied. Standing atop a mountain and looking down a valley filled by a loch on a sunny day is among the sights not to be missed in this life.

#### GLASGOW

It is difficult to describe Glasgow. If it makes any sense to say this, Glasgow is real in ways that some other places aren't.

It has beautiful buildings, and it has great culture, but at its core it is a working city that has seen very hard times and has survived. Its people are hardworking, hardplaying, confident of who they are, and unpretentious. It is a wonderful place to be.

#### HAGGIS

Some of my students have never had haggis. Before I came here I was asked by many people whether I would try haggis.

Its reputation as something exotic, possibly disgusting, is far out of proportion to the reality.

Haggis is really a kind of sausage that doesn't come in links or patties.

It is good, both because of how it tastes and because having eaten it gives me am-

munition against those who are faint-of-heart and would prefer the "ya takes yer chances" meat in Chicken McNuggets.

#### FOOTBALL

There is great soccer in Scotland, and Glasgow boasts two great teams, the Rangers and the Celtic. The histories of the rivalry between these two teams, unfortunately, has been mired in religious bigotry, but some progress has been made in changing that.

Claudio Reyna, captain of the U.S. National Team, played for the Rangers until recently.

I've been to see both teams, and I hope I get to go again.

#### CASTLES AND PALACES

There are castles all over the place here, and a few palaces too.

The romance of castles and palaces captivated me as a kid, and I'm taking every chance I get to climb the highest towers and peer into the darkest dungeons. I hope I never grow up!

#### MY STUDENTS

Teaching here has been a great challenge and incred-

ibly rewarding.

In most ways, the students here aren't all that different from the students at West Chicago.

There are, though, divergences. The students here seem not nearly as concerned with social status as some American students.

While they seem somewhat more sure of who they are, they also have a somewhat more limited world experience than many West Chicago students.

Making these kinds of broad generalizations is, of course, always dangerous, and nothing I've said here would necessarily apply to any given individual.

The real joy of teaching is getting to know the individual student. I've met some fine, smart, funny, really nice individuals in my classes here.

#### DRIVING ON THE LEFT

I still go to the wrong side of my car to get in on an almost every day basis. Driving on the left presents challenges, like judging the distance between you and the car to the left of you. On the whole, though, it's quite fun to drive a little differently.

It certainly requires me to

pay a lot more attention to what I'm up to as I tool down the road than I would at home.

#### TRAVELLING BY TRAIN

There are a lot of complaints in the news just now about problems travelling by train in Britain, but I love it.

There's the challenge of figuring out the system, the opportunity to people-watch and meet others on the move, and the chance to watch the scenery go by.

I'm 10 minutes from the Glasgow city center by train, and I can get just about anywhere I want by train. It's a grand way to travel!

#### THINGS ABOUT HOME I DO MISS

#### FAIRLY DETAILED, FAIRLY ACCURATE WEATHER FORECASTS

Weather forecasts in the United States can hardly be said to be perfect, and forecasting the whims of nature has always been a robust mix of art and science, but at least in the U.S. we get forecasts that tell us what the coming day will be like, not to men- (See List page 7)

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tion fairly reliable five-day or even seven-day forecasts.

The thing here is that the weather is unpredictable—that is, mother nature may give every indication of being ready to send down buckets of rain just before she trots out the sun and makes it a glorious day.

As a result, while forecasts are made (usually covering no more than the coming 24 hours), the truth is what the weather will do is anybody's guess.

Very often, I've noticed, the weather actually turns out to be nicer than predicted. I suspect this is the forecasters' attempt to avoid complete public contempt ("See—it wasn't as bad as we thought it would be!").

I'd be neurotic if I had to try to forecast the weather here.

### CONCRETE SIDEWALKS

This may sound like a strange thing to miss, but it is something I notice almost daily. Most of the sidewalks here (called "pavements") are not of concrete, but of black tar asphalt.

On hot days, I'm told, the sun softens the pavements, making them sticky and pliable.

While not all American sidewalks are things of beauty to boast about, the white concrete does provide a sort of frame for our streets, creating an appearance of finish and cleanliness.

The pavements here don't accomplish that, and, though they are black, seem to show the grime somewhat more than American sidewalks. I miss concrete sidewalks.

### HAVING 90 T.V. CHANNELS FROM WHICH TO CHOOSE

I get only five T.V. channels here, and while the programming is generally quite good, when there's nothing on there's really nothing on.

Having only five channels makes channel surfing rather pointless. I don't watch all that much T.V. anyway, but having 90 channels from which to choose, while it may be excessive, it something to which I have become accustomed.

### SWITCHES YOU PUSH UP TO TURN ON THE LIGHTS

The common household electrical switch is designed somewhat differently here, and, believe it or not, they are pushed down to turn the lights on.

Sometimes, especially in the middle of the night and in the early morning, I get a little confused by this.

There is some method in this madness. Every electrical outlet in my apartment and classroom has an individual switch next to it which must be switched on before the vacuum or the computer can be powered up.

When I push these down, the red top of the switch pops out to show that the plug is live. There is no similar red top on light switches to show that they are on. I guess it is assumed having the light on should be indicator enough.

### GETTING OUT OF SCHOOL IN THE FIRST HALF OF JUNE

We started the school year here at nearly exactly the same time as you did in West Chicago, but my last teaching day will be June 28.

There are, of course compensations. For instance, I got a week's break in October, I had two weeks of break over the holidays, and I have a two-week spring break coming up. Still, the end of June seems an awfully long way away.

### SEEING ALL OF MY CLASSES EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK

I only see each of my classes four days of the week, and I see each class at different times each day. I could not tell you the order in which I will see my classes tomorrow without looking at my timetable, and I've been following this schedule for nearly six months now.

I do, at least, know which classes I see which days. It seems to me, though, that we don't get nearly as far in a week as we should.

The trade-off here is that students carry many more courses at a time than students in the U.S. Some of them seem as confused by their timetables as I am some days.

### THINGS ABOUT HOME I DON'T MISS

#### A FAST FOOD PLACE ONEVERY CORNER

Not to worry—if you find yourself in Glasgow with a craving for McDonald's or Burger King, if you wander about long enough you'll find one, but they are far less common here than at home, and I'm glad of it.

There are fast food places around, mostly chippies (fish and chips shops) and curry shops, but most of them are of the family-run variety and sell a variety of foods well beyond what is available in Mickey D's or B.K.

#### FAIRLY DETAILED, FAIRLY ACCURATE WEATHER FORECASTS

So, I never know what the day will bring as far as weather...what's the big deal? Expect the worst and be pleasantly surprised. Or not.

For example, on January 28, the forecast called for gales of 80-90 miles per hour through the central lowlands of Scotland (including Glasgow). By midday the winds were really howling.

Windows popped out of some rooms in the school. The roof of a nearby garage was blown off and into the school yard. I don't know precisely how hard the wind actually blew exactly where I was, but there were places nearby where gusts were measured at 110-130 miles per hour.

The buses and trains stopped running, and the bridges over the River Clyde were closed, but the lights only flickered—they never went out. Adventure.

### HAVING 90 T.V. CHANNELS FROM WHICH TO CHOOSE



I can find much more productive things to do than channel surfing, and I really only watch about 10 or 12 of the 90 channels I have at home.

Having only five channels means looking through the T.V. listings here is a whole lot simpler and more informative than at home, and I can't say I actually miss any of the programs I normally follow at home. After six months, five channels seems perfectly sufficient.

### HAVING TO CHECK THE TRAFFIC REPORTS BEFORE TRYING TO DRIVE INTO, THROUGH OR AROUND CHICAGO

Glasgow is a city of roughly half a million people, and while it is a busy place, there's really only one thing you need to know about the traffic here: don't try to go over the Kingston Bridge during rush hour. (The Kingston Bridge is the motorway connection over the River Clyde.)

Other than that, traffic here is a breeze compared to Chicago, and I'm loving it.

### HAVING TO BE AT SCHOOL BY 7:30 A.M.

School here starts just before 9 a.m., and we're done at 3:30 p.m.. While I'm usually in school by around 8:15 a.m., that little bit of extra sleep sure is nice.

### ATTENDANCE CARDS

I've hated the attendance card system since I started teaching. I'm horrible at remembering to pull my cards, let alone to put them on the door. I don't miss attendance cards at all.

### SEEING ALL OF MY CLASSES EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK

Because I only see each class four times each week, when the going gets rough I always know that I have either a day without a class or a weekend not too far away. These breaks from each other can be very beneficial for all involved.

### THE FLATNESS OF ILLINOIS

Alas, I am not a native of Illinois. I grew up in a place of rolling hills, and I have missed the variation of landscape ever since moving to the Prairie State.

I can walk out my door and see mountains (okay, big hills) here, as well as a river valley, and a variety of other landscapes within a short distance.

It may be frigid and snowy on the east coast of Scotland, but there are palm trees that thrive in some places along the western shore. The diversity of landscape and vegetation here is wondrously varied. It is kind of nice for a change.

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from "Captain Hey Don't Steal Because It's A Stupid Thing To Do And It Might Really Upset Some People Especially If You Steal Something That's Really Important To Them, Turning Them Into Sad, Dispirited Excuses For Human Beings" and the "Hey Don't Steal Because It's A Stupid Thing To Do And It Might Really Upset Some People Especially If You Steal Something That's Really Important To Them, Turning Them Into Sad, Dispirited Excuses For Human Beings-ateers"?

No, I'm afraid to say we did not. Why? I have no idea. Instead, we got "The NEW Adventures of Captain Planet and the Planeteers."

With such a lack of concern by those who we looked up to, it is no wonder the situation is not much worse than it is.

Clearly, the West Chicago police force needs to do some serious cracking down on this crime, rather than, say, writing parking tickets for

## Heading down the slopes at Mach 2

By Kyle Bullis

Yes boys and girls, it is winter.

Snow has fallen, which means that it is time to pack up and head for the good ol' skiing resort.

Well, you can go. I'm staying right here. You say, "C'mon! It'll be fun!" You secretly think to yourself that I, not wanting to go skiing, must have some mental problem or something.

You couldn't believe that this kid wouldn't want to career at Mach 2 down a hill sloped pretty much vertical. My simple reason is that, well, skiing to me is not that much fun.

I realize how you could have fun skiing, but the fact is that unless the hill took 20 minutes to get down, had no trees, and it had a ski lift with rocket boosters, I'd rather stay here and watch T.V.

Fine, you say. You'll just go and have a good time while I stay here and veg-ete, you say. Am I not having a good time? Well, you go have fun, but I am staying right here.

Little do you know that I have gone skiing, and I vow never to go again if I have anything to do with it.

It all started when I was

not having your right wheels to the curb – a rule that, by the way, makes no sense at all. Are they talking about my right or their right? It's impossible to know with these things.

What is clear, however, is that something needs to be done about the issue at hand, and it needs to be done now. From now on, I declare February 14 to be National Stealing Is Bad Day.

Eventually, it will grow big enough to the point where school will be closed, parades will be held, and special greeting cards will be sold everywhere (Front of card: "Stealing is bad." Inside of card: "It makes people mad." Ha! It's cute because it rhymes! Back of card: "Hallmark Greetings U.S. \$2.95 CAN. \$3.95.

But for right now, it will consist of turning to your neighbor, wishing them a happy Stealing Is Bad Day, giving them a hug, and if you're sneaky, taking their wallet from their back pocket.

eight, or seven, or whatever.

I had never gone skiing and I wasn't very enthusiastic about going. But when you are 8-years-old and your parents are going somewhere, you're going with them.

Failure to cooperate is punishable by death. So I went. It was, judging from how much ice had formed on my finger tips, already 30 below outside.

Perfect skiing weather. We decided to go to a nice little family skiing place. We didn't want to spend too much money at the resort because we had to factor in the medical bills.

When we arrived, we headed over to the ski rental area. The pair I got was about two times my body length. Plus they had boots. I thought to myself, "I don't need boots, I already have boots."

Ah, but these are special boots designed to not allow blood flow to the foot so that you won't feel anything when your ankle breaks.

I was very quick to point out that the boots were destroying my feet. Oddly, they are supposed to be like that, so they don't fall off.

So I waddled out of the skiing lounge with my skis on nice and tight and headed to the top of the hill.

"Dad?" I asked. "Don't I need to have poles or something?"

I always saw professionals hold poles to help themselves steer down the slopes, and I wanted them badly, but instead, I hear.... "You don't need them. They are for older people."

Excuse me?

Then I fell. I don't know why I fell, but I knew that it wasn't uncommon in the skiing community. People fall over for absolutely no reason, like they decided that standing was getting boring.

Once I managed to get back up, I looked down the hill. Steep. It looked more like the edge of a cliff than a hill. The other danger I saw were trees, which are always really prickly and stab you when you crash.

My dad, being the loving father he is, gave me a little nudge toward the slope. I immediately crashed to the ground, on purpose, to avoid my death.

I got up and before I had (See Skiing page 8)

Have a voice!

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## Issues on testing

### Are more tests heading our way?

By Sam West

Did you know that the State of Illinois is preparing to add more and more exams into our school year? It's true.

According to *Education Week*, under the new plan, public school students will take annual tests from grades three through 11. *Education Week* also says

the plan "would require Illinois public school students to take many more standardized tests than they do now."

How many students want to take even more tests than they take now? In a typical junior year, students would take the Prairie State Exams, the ACTs, final exams in every class, regular tests and quizzes in every class, and the new tests covered in the plan.

Not to mention all of the "beneficial" battery tests or voluntary tests that you take to see how well you will do in college.

According to *Education Week*, former state schools Superintendent Max McGee says that another annual test will help the schools in the long run.

"Unless you have an annual test, we're not giving [schools] the information they need to put through school improvement plans," McGee says.

It is doubtful that adding yet another test will determine how well students do in school.

Isn't there enough information on students through final exams, regular exams, and voluntary battery exams? If it's not enough information, it should be.

Illinois currently has a law that states that students cannot take more than 25 hours worth of tests in their school career. *Education Week* says that that law would have to be altered to accommodate the new testing plan.

Furthermore, the plan will

cost a whopping \$58 million per year. That means that there might just be a tax hike heading our way.

*Education Week* says, "Critics of the plan said it would test students too often, taking up precious classroom time."

That is a good point. Do you want to actually learn something, or do you want to be tested all year on what you know (or don't know, really)?

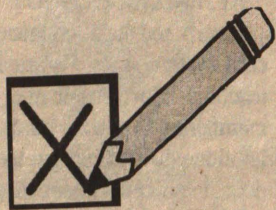
The article written in *Education Week* that is referred to is dated Nov. 1, 2000. But the plan puts the new testing in place by this year.

Adding these new, worthless tests is a bad idea. It does not promote a better learning environment, it costs almost \$60 million, and it adds yet another test to our already test-filled schedule.

It is just not worth it!

What are more exams good for?

Nothing.



### How to deal with the stress

By Stephanie Bodane

High school students everywhere are tested for almost everything. Not just the standard math test at the end of the chapter, but tests such as, finals, ACT, SAT, Prairie State, and the ISAP.

Testing is supposed to be used to measure how much you've learned and applying your knowledge.

Successful testing requires studying and understanding the topic. However some students who do understand the topic, and might even be extremely confident with the subject, are still failing and doing poorly on these tests. The question is, why?

Recently a condition among students called test anxiety has received a lot of notice. Test anxiety is known to effect the performance on tests/quizzes. Many things can cause it, according to the State University of New York website.

According to the site a simple lack of preparation can cause test anxiety. Many students find themselves

cramming the night before a test, having no time to organize notes, not leaving enough time to study, and just routinely having poor study habits.

Students who have a habit of poor test grades, or are worried about how others do on the test, or even the punishment that waits for them at home if they do poorly, have test anxiety that comes from too much worry, the university says.

Then there are those physical problems. Let's say you sit down to take the ACT and your stomach begins to turn, your pulse goes up, and suddenly your head is pounding. Not the way you'd want to feel when sitting down to take a test as big as this one

However, these physical changes are yet another form of test anxiety. This is only where it begins.

Everyone wants to do well; there is no feeling of accom-

plishment when you receive a bad grade. Especially when it's something you know, or you studied for. All students have been in the situation where their minds go blank at the question they know the best, and then remembering the answer the second the test goes back to the teacher.

But all is not lost. The university said students can reduce the anxiety. Students need to make sure they leave enough time to study for a test.

Finding study habits that really work such as, typing notes out, highlighting key words, studying with a peer, or doing review questions, may help the student to remember the material even under a stressful situation.

But most of all make sure to get a good night's sleep, and eat a good breakfast the day of the test, the university says.

### Skiing... (Continued from page 7)

time to think, I was moving a bit more down.

It is through skiing that I have learned that the brain carries this tiny mechanism that detects obstacles while skiing, and then makes you turn toward them.

I thought I had cleared the tree until my legs shifted left, and I was moving almost completely horizontally toward the tree.

After I regained consciousness, my dad pulled up right by me. He gave me a hand but once I regained control, he pushed me back down.

I screamed because I saw the forest area coming up ahead, and I had no chance of avoiding it.

As previous demonstrations

showed me, falling stops you from going pretty much anywhere. So I fell.

I skidded across the snow for a few feet, and I came to a halt well before the hill.

Ah, the ski lift, that's where I can rest. But it costs money so I have to wait for dad.

Dad has no money, so I have to walk like a duck all the way back up the hill. Almost all the way up, I slipped and slid all the way back down.

When, by some miracle, I made it up the hill, it was time to leave.

Now I look at all the people having their definition of a good time. I still vegetate.

## Bad squirrels ruin it for all the good woodland creatures

By Nicole Patel

Tammy Lockert, who works in the school's copy room, used to enjoy feeding the squirrels that roam the school roof.

"I used to go out to Jack's Salt and Feed and buy peanuts for the squirrels," she said. Everyday, her favorite furry friends would come to the window, anxiously awaiting Lockert's peanuts.

Life felt right for both Lockert and the squirrels, until a couple rotten squirrels took their play a little too far.

Lockert was told that a few squirrels were being destructive downstairs and that she was no longer to feed them. Obediently, three days before winter break, Lockert ceased to feed the squirrels. Though "saddened" by this change, Lockert said, "I'd love to still feed them, but I completely understand that they were being destructive, so I can't."

When Assistant Superintendent of Business Gary Grizaffi was questioned about the decision to stop feeding the squirrels, he said, "We do have squirrels who inhabit the trees about campus, but that is the extent of

it." Which leaves the question why then was Lockert deprived of such a simple joy?

Clearly, the squirrels still infiltrate the trees and will still be destructive if they want to be, regardless of whether or not Lockert feeds them.

Furthermore, if squirrels

were being destructive at one point, how come few people have heard of their heinous acts? Perhaps this was just an isolated instance?

Instead of fixing the problem—i.e. getting rid of the holes in the building where squirrels can get in—someone decided to take Lockert's selfless display of love towards nature away.

A little destructive squirrel lurks in each one of us, waiting to destroy someone else's pleasure. Take for example, the students who steal from the lunch lines—thanks

to them, we have all seen an increase in the price of nachos and other fine snacks.

Why should the actions of the few, stifle the progress and joys of the masses?

Lockert should still be able to feed our furry little friends. Feeding squirrels poses no immediate threat to any student or faculty member's well being. If anything, a fed squirrel is a happy, less-destructive one.

Perhaps the few squirrels that were being destructive had empty bellies? No one knows for certain, and certainly those horrid trouble-making squirrels have not moved out of town or even learned their lesson—their potential threat still exists. In fact, at this very moment they could be twiddling their whiskers, plotting their next destructive maneuver, regardless of whether their bellies are full.

The problem cannot be solved or even lessened by laying down authoritative demands. Just as our school makes it theoretically impossible for an unidentified person to enter the building, our school ought to make it impossible for squirrels to enter.

Lockert, a feeder of squirrels, a friend of nature, and a woman of obedience, deserves justice.

Feeding squirrels—or any other tiny creature—offers an extremely human element to the task of work. Perhaps that is why the guidance department stocks a cute bird feeder at the south side of the building.

Being charitable to man and nature ought to yield reward, not punishment.

By Erica Fatigato

There must be a ghost in the athletic locker.

People's things seem to keep disappearing. Lock up your lockers and make sure you have all your belongings with you.

Recently, people have forgotten to take some of their things and didn't lock them up. The next day they went back to the locker room and their possessions were gone.

In one incident a girl forgot a pair of jeans on the floor in the locker room. The next day she came back and they were gone.

The only items that were

found were her two IDs lying on the floor. The funny thing was the girl's jeans were hemmed to fit her, so there's someone walking around with flood pants on.

That's not all. Another girl accidentally left her small green gym bag in the locker room. The next day she looked everywhere for it, but it was gone. The bag had a nice pair of pants in it and a pair of American Eagle boots.

Even girls practice shorts were taken. Come on, why would someone want sweaty basketball shorts?

People, this is not just any old thing you brush off and

forget about. Students pay for their clothes and shoes. This stealing is costing money.

People should have some consideration about other people and their things.

It is sad that people would steal from others. What kind of society are we living in?

Unfortunately, some people will just have to learn the hard way that unless they lock up their things and make sure they have everything, their possessions may not be there the next day.





## Peters skates a silver at regional competition

By Sam West

To win silver medal in the regional competition of the USFSA, you have to be a good figure skater.

Junior Mike Peters is one of those good skaters.

Peters won the silver medal in the regional competition, which includes the states and areas around the Great Lakes.

According to Peters, the USFSA (United States Figure Skating Association) sanctions over the competitions like the NBA would for basketball.

"It is the NBA of figure skating," he said.

Peters has been skating competitively for six years, but he began skating around ten years ago.

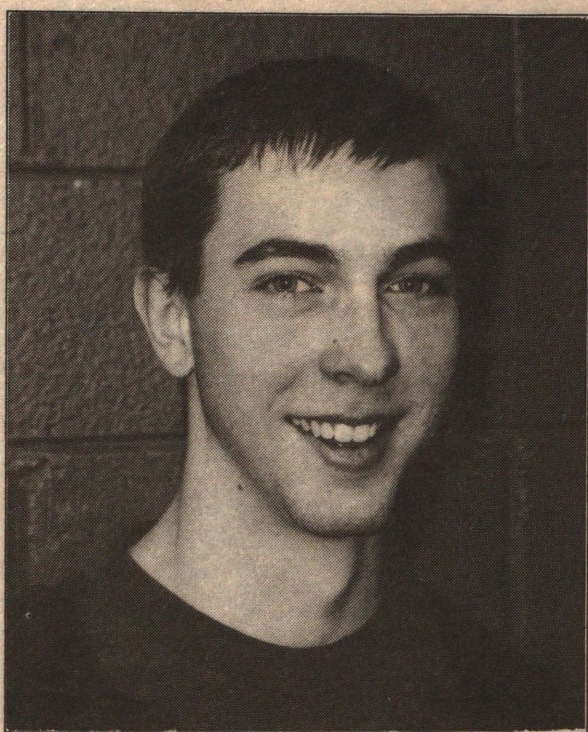
"If I could wear (skates) in here, I probably would," said Peters.

Peters thought that it was pretty cool to win the silver medal.

"It was a tough competition and to place where I did was exciting," he said. "I skated the best I could and I was really happy with my placement."

Peters said it was an honor to place that high in his first year in the level in which he skated.

Figure skating in Peters' "thing". He hopes to continue skating as long as he can. "It's what I love doing; what I look forward to every day," he said. "I'll keep skating until something tells me



Staff Photo

When figure skater Mike Peters isn't competing, he's a junior at We-go.

I can't."

Peters said that his parents are the biggest influence in his skating life.

"They're the ones who are always there for me," he said.

His coach pushes him to

do his best, as well.

What's next for Mike Peters?

"The Olympics would be nice," he said. "It's what I have dreamed about since I was 10."

## European History Tour sets sail this summer

By Sam West

A group of We-go students will fly to Europe this summer as part of the Mediterranean With a Cruise tour, taking place this summer.

The purpose of the trip is to experience new cultures and lifestyles from around the world.

According to sponsor Mary Ellen Daneels, experiencing lets students learn better.

"I think students learn best when they experience things," she said. "The trip lets them experience history and what they've learned in geography class and history class."

About a dozen students are participating in the tour, Daneels said. Several more students have expressed in-

terest, too.

The tour includes about a week in Spain, a few days in France, four days in Italy, and five days in Greece. As the group cruises the Mediterranean they will head to Greece, where they will visit many Greek islands, including Mykonos, Kusadasi, and Rhodes.

The Spanish tour will be through the cities of Madrid and Barcelona. In France the group will visit Nimes and Avignon, and in Italy they will see many cities, including Pisa, Florence, and Rome.

For about \$2,500, participants of the trip will get roundtrip airfare, 16 overnight hotel stays, nine sightseeing tours, 23 special (See Cruise page 10)

## We-go students head to Costa Rica this summer

By Sam West

This summer, 10 We-go students will be transported to a whole new world. They are a part of the Costa Rican exchange program.

The We-go students will leave here in the summer for three weeks, probably around June or July, according to Susan Junkroski, who is the coordinator of the trip.

Junkroski said that the coordinator is the person who makes all the phone calls, collects paperwork, and handles money, among other things. For this trip, she is also a chaperone.

Spanish teacher Sarah Bellis is the second chaperone for the trip.

This year, the exchange program is taking place at a different school than before. Junkroski said that after Sept. 11, the exchange program was called off, meaning that We-go would not go to Costa Rica and Costa Rica would not come here.

Since then, the other school has made plans with a school in Florida, and Junkroski has made plans with another school in Costa Rica.

So far, Junkroski does not know much about the new lo-

cation.

"I haven't received any paperwork on the new school," she said.

The school is near the capital city of San Jose. Junkroski said that a school near the city is better than a rural school.

"(The city) is where all of the cool stuff is," she said.

The Costa Rican government has no army, so they dedicate their defense money to history and education. According to Junkroski, they decided to spend their money on better things.

In San Jose there is a museum of pre-Columbian gold.

Junkroski said, "There is room after room after room of cool gold stuff."

A former jail has been converted into a children's museum, as well.

During the trip, the students will also journey to the cloud forest, which is a forest so high in the mountains that there are always clouds. There are also many wild animals there.

"We've never seen jaguars, but we've heard them," Junkroski said.

The We-go students will be matched with students in Costa Rica. Students from We-go and from Costa Rica

fill out forms that explain their personality and interests and are matched up.

"They fill out a huge questionnaire that says what you like to do, what you do with your time off, the chores you do at home, if you have pets, the subjects you study at school, and then the host fills out one like that," Junkroski said.

In Costa Rica, We-go students will have to speak mostly in Spanish. The hosts' families don't know English, so to communicate, students have to speak Spanish.

"They'll spend about 75

per cent of the time in Spanish," said Junkroski.

According to Junkroski, Costa Rica is different from West Chicago in a lot of ways. For instance, the country is much smaller—the entire population of the country is less than the Chicago area's population.

There is a lot of traffic, however, with buildings and pollution in the cities.

"I don't ever remember anybody having to adjust to the country," Junkroski said. "It's not that much different."

Junior Katie Taylor, who has been to Spain with the (See Costa Rica page 10)

## How have the Sept. 11 attacks changed your life?



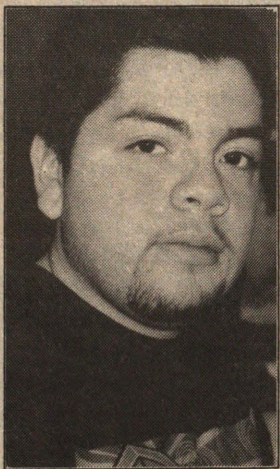
Marlene Correa sophomore

"I don't like the government and, I'm scared to live here. I blame the government for what happened, and they waited to put security after it happened. I don't feel safe anymore."



Zayra Pedraza senior

"Try to focus on more important things in life. Do not worry about the small things. I try to live life to its fullest."



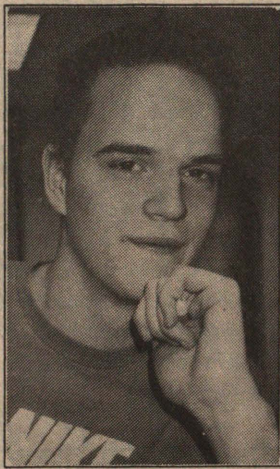
Sergio Martinez senior

"It made me realize our country isn't as strong as we think it is."



Ashley Mazzola junior

"I've realized the country weaknesses, and I am always thinking that they are going to hit Chicago next."



Harold Visser senior

"Didn't really change me significantly but it has made me think more worldly and more about how the U.S. should handle politics."



Jackie Vavrek sophomore

"The corresponding reactions to September 11th attacks executed by the U.S. will eventually result in our own self destruction."

## First Student of the Month of 2002: Sarah Bass

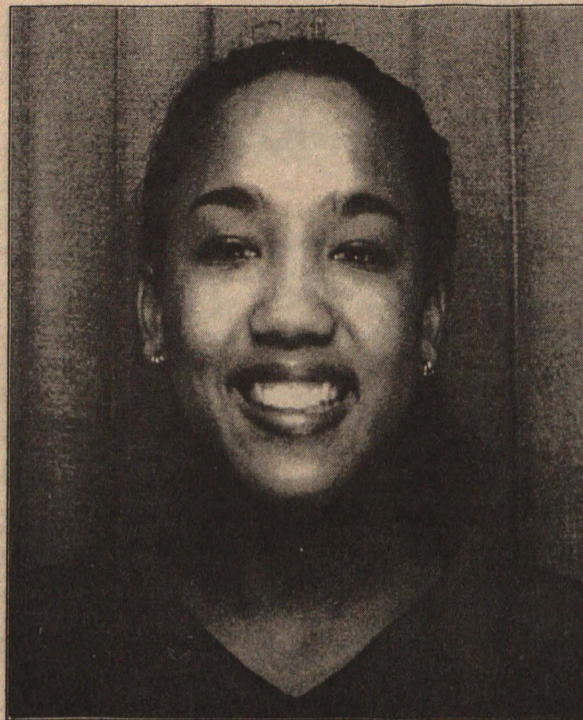


Photo courtesy of Sarah Bass

Sarah Bass

By Stephanie Bodane  
*What were your accomplishments and activities throughout your high school career?*

I have been to Spain, Mexico, and Nicaragua, two trips were through a mission organization.

I am actively involved in a community out-reach for the homeless and convalescent.

The only sport I play is basketball, and I played three years in high school, two of which were for West Chicago.

*What is your favorite activity/class in high school?*

AP English 4. I love the written word.

*Where do you plan to go to college, and what are you going to major in?*

I am undecided.

If I had to choose, however it would be between University of Chicago, Vassar and Princeton.

I plan to pursue a double major in English and international relations.

*What do you see yourself doing 10 years from now?*

Practicing law here in the U.S. or in England.

*Why do you think that you were chosen for Student of the Month?*

I was completely shocked when I found out that I got Student of the Month.

I attribute this to the kindness of the teacher recommendations.

### Cruise... (Continued from page 9)

attractions visits, seven sightseeing tours, and four walking tours through cities.

Each student who goes on the trip will receive .25 credit, Daneels said.

But in order to participate, students must have two teacher recommendations.

The recommendation shows that the students are responsible enough to go on the trip.

The trip is scheduled to leave on June 30.

Although, Daneels said, the schedule is not "locked-in" until the plane tickets arrive.

Senior Nicole Patel went on last year's European History Tour, which covered many of the same countries as this year's trip will visit.

"It was great," Patel said. "Switzerland was really pretty."

Patel added, "Italy was, by far, the best part of the trip. The Italians were very friendly.

As highlight of the Italian part, the group spent a day at the beach on the Italian coast.

"I actually enjoyed all of the hiking we did," Patel said about the walking tours of Rome.

"I regret not exploring the ruins more. It's amazing to stand there thinking, 'Wow, people lived here thousands of years ago,'" she said.

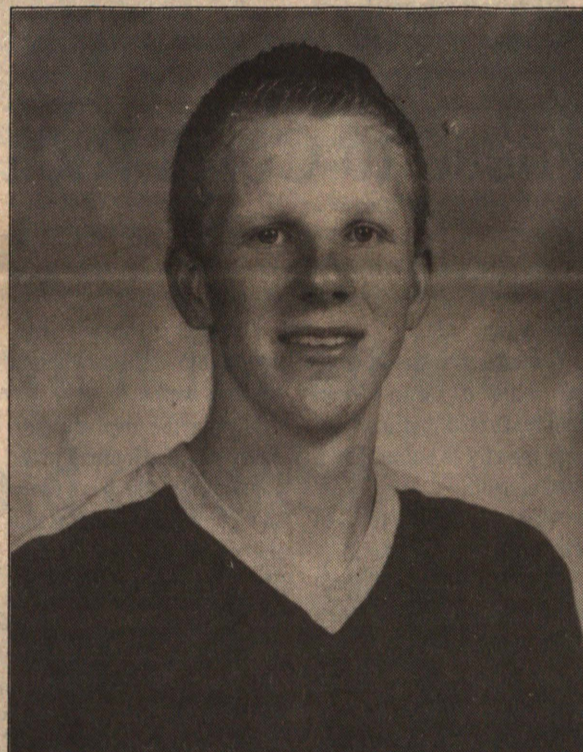
Patel said that she would like to go to Europe again sometime, maybe in college.

"I think about that trip a lot," she said.

But she had some advice for students planning on participating in the trip.

Because of the food and the heat combination, students should be prepared for unexpected events.

Patel recommends "bringing Pepto Bismol."



Challenge photo

Ben Keller

## Ben Keller ends the year with award

By Suzanne Smith  
 December Student of the Month: Ben Keller

*What were your accomplishments and activities throughout your high school career?*

My main activities aside from academics include swimming, cross-country, and track.

I am also part of both the National Honor Society and the German Honor Society.

My biggest accomplishment was receiving all conference in cross-country.

Other accomplishments include being on high honor roll every semester and being recognized as Student of the Month.

*What was your favorite activity/class in high school?*

My favorite class was human anatomy.

*What is the best part of your school day?*

The best part of my school day is hanging out in the morning before the first bell rings.

*Who is your favorite teacher at We-Go? Why?*

My favorite teacher is Mr. Gimre because he makes class fun.

Most of the time, it seems like we joke around more than we learn.

*What is your favorite memory of high school?*

My favorite high school memory is shooting a test tube stopper through Mrs. Tunt's new ceiling during an experiment gone wrong.

*Where do you plan to go to college and what will you be majoring in?*

I am not sure where I plan to attend but I plan to major

was approached by Laimins about the project after she read that he had a family web design business in a family history project Musick had turned in.

She also knew that Steere had a background in creating web pages, because he made one for a project last year.

Casey is in FBLA and FBLA adviser and business education teacher Nancy Blume recommended him to Laimins.

The three are marked as student assistants and receive a quarter credit for each semester that they work on the site.

In addition, the trio is working on a web page for the city of West Chicago. This site will carry information regarding miscellaneous activities going on in the city, including those for after school, the park district, and the middle school.

According to Musick, this site will be easy to update, in case anyone wishes to add anything that is not included on the site. The city is also paying for this job.

If you wish to visit the new school athletic site, from the school's homepage, click on "Departments and Curriculum Web Pages" and then click on "Athletics." Otherwise, entering the address, "http://www.laimins.com/wechs/" will take you directly to the site.

Thanks to the work of the three students, you can have an athletic experience sitting at your computer.

### Costa Rica... (Continued from page 9)

exchange program, said that she is looking forward to the Costa Rica trip.

"I'm excited to be able to travel to Costa Rica," she said.

Taylor said she loved Spain, and Costa Rica would be fun. "I'm looking forward to going to the cloud forest," she said.

Junkroski said that the

exchange program was important because it gave the community a connection with part of the rest of the world.

"I can feel the more we know people from other places, and the better we understand them, the less likely we are to blow each other up," she said. "I think we forget everybody in the world doesn't do things the same way we do."

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in pre-med.

*What do you see yourself doing 10 years from now?*

I see myself trying to get a firm foot in the door in my career, hopefully in a residence program at a hospital. I also see myself possibly getting married.

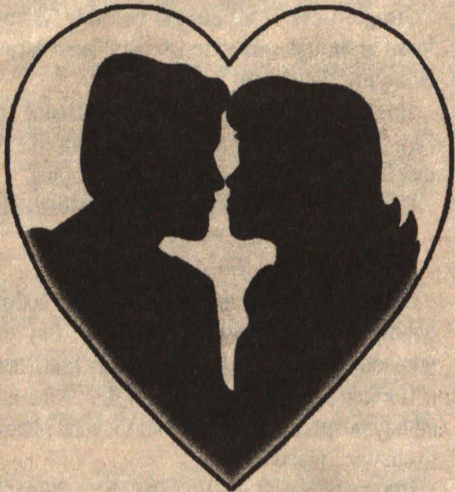
*Why do you think you were chosen Student of the Month?*

I think I was chosen because of my academic and athletic success while attending Community High School.

*What inspiring words do you have for teenagers today?*

Do what you enjoy. If you aren't having fun doing something, it is a waste of your time.

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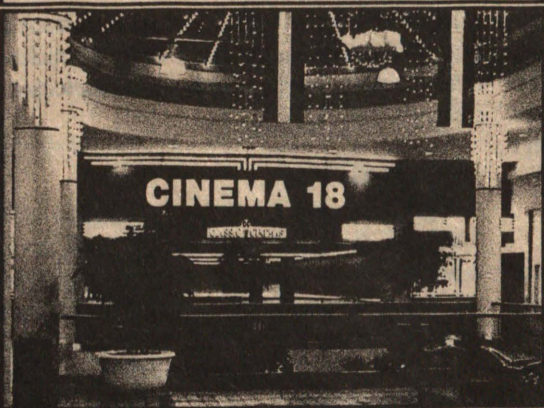
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4. <i>Moulin Rouge</i>	[ ] Richard Gere	[ ] Cher
5. <i>Titanic</i>	[ ] John Cusack	[ ] Kate Beckinsale
6. <i>She's All That</i>	[ ] Leonardo DiCaprio	[ ] Princess Fiona
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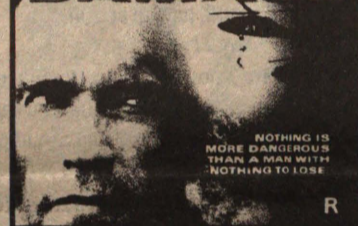
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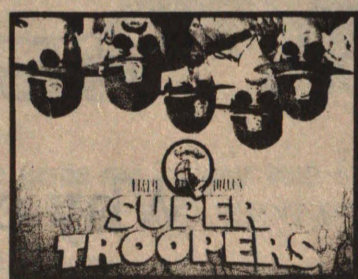
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## What's in the stars for you this Valentine's Day?

By Stephanie Bodane

### **AQUARIUS (Jan. 21- Feb. 19)**

Single: After crushing on that certain someone for the longest time, your dream may finally become a reality this Valentine's Day. Remember that not all things come easy, and it may be somewhat of a challenge.

Hooked up: Big plans this Valentine's Day? Do not expect too much on this romantic holiday, you may discover just being you is all that your guy/girl needs and wants. Your day will be more than perfect.

Choice of flower for your sweetie: Carnation.

Meaning of flower: Fascination and love.

### **PISCES (Feb. 20- March 20)**

Single: Although you are compassionate and eager to fall in love, your shyness may cause this Valentine's Day to be nothing more than sitting at home...alone. The stars say someone is out there for you, be a risk-taker and make a decision.

Hooked up: Make this holiday special, but realistic. The stars have something wonderful in store for your relationship, go with the flow. Love is definitely in the air.

Choice of flower for your sweetie: Cyclamen.

Meaning of flower: Modesty and shyness.

### **ARIES (March 21- April 20)**

Single: You're a friendly person, and most everyone enjoys being around you. This Valentine's Day might be a big deal or a big flop. It's your decision to make; it may be a decision that will reflect what happens not only on Valentine's Day, but future Valentine's Days as well.

Hooked up: Look out this Valentine's Day, things may be a little bumpy. Try and make your plans romantic, yet subtle. This will help give you time to talk and rekindle your love.

Choice of flower for your sweetie: Iris.

Meaning of flower: Warmth and affection.

### **TAURUS (April 21- May 21)**

Single: Taurus, you are known to be very vulnerable and this Valentine's Day proves that. Make sure you truly know who should be your valentine and don't be afraid to look at other possibilities.

Hooked up: Your Valentine's Day looks promising, but

just remember to be cautious with your heart. Just because you have one good day doesn't mean you've found the "one".

Choice of flower for your sweetie: Forget-me-not.

Meaning of flower: True love and remembrance.

### **GEMINI (May 20- 21 June)**

Single: If you haven't found that one yet, no worries. The moons are beginning to move into place for you. Try treating this holiday as a self-indulgence day.

Hooked up: Pace yourself this Valentine's Day. Try thinking about what you really want from your relationship, the stars say your wish will be granted.

Choice of flower for your sweetie: Chrysanthemum.

Meaning of flower: I love you.

### **CANCER (June 22- July 22)**

Single: Try getting comfortable with yourself first. People will take notice if you don't mope about being single on Valentine's Day. Remember single doesn't mean alone.

Hooked up: Surprise, surprise. The stars have a promising day planned for you, just remember, follow your heart and things will be more than you expected.

Choice of flower for your sweetie: Tulip.

Meaning of flower: Love.

### **LEO (July 23- Aug. 23)**

Single: Recently single? Try and think of all the good times you had on past Valentine's Days. You may fall in love with someone who was once before a part of you.

Hooked up: Well don't just sit at home and cuddle, get out and have a good time! Think of this day as a time to try new things. Try something new together, like ice-skating.

Choice of flower for your sweetie: Mimosa.

Meaning of flower: Sensitivity.

### **VIRGO (Aug. 24- Sept. 23)**

Single: Another year with you being single, but try not to think about it. The moons are moving into place and the future is looking bright. Love is closer than you think.

Hooked up: Valentine's Day is not looking as planned for you and your sweetie. Try not to let the little things bother you so much, in the end they won't even matter.

Choice of flower for your sweetie: Peach blossom.

Meaning of flower: Captive.

### **LIBRA (Sept. 24- Oct. 23)**

Single: Looking for love this Valentine's Day? Looks like you may want to just take your time, love may not be in the air on this day, but there is definitely something in the future.

Hooked up: This month seems to have you both under each other's skin. Try doing something relaxing and in a way that will help to really connect the two of you. The stars say it is worth it.

Choice of flower for your sweetie: Apple blossom.

Meaning of flower: Better things to come.

### **SCORPIO (Oct. 24- Nov. 21)**

Single: Love is all around you this Valentine's Day. It looks as though someone who you least expect may end up being just the person you need.

Hooked up: Everything looks promising this Valentine's Day. Someone new just came into your life, do not let go of them. They are most likely worth keeping.

Choice of flower for your sweetie: Orange blossom.

Meaning of flower: Purity.

### **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22- Dec. 21)**

Single: Although there appears to be nothing like you're hoping for, do not give up so easily. Buy some candy for yourself, or for a friend who recently had a rough time.

Hooked up: Looking to be single? After a romantic time with your special someone your view on relationships is sure to change. Good luck!

Choice of flower for your sweetie: Lily of the Valley.

Meaning of flower: Return of happiness.

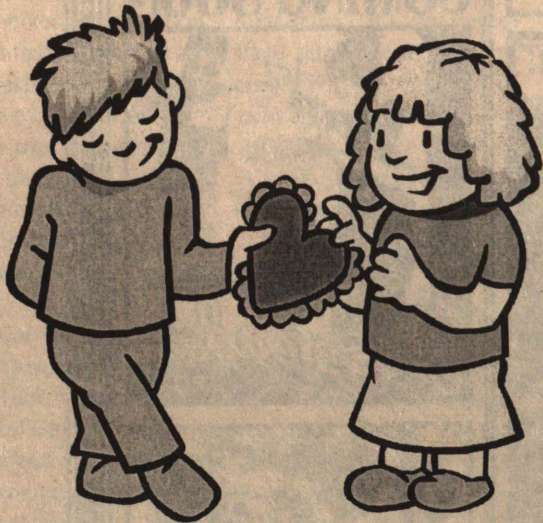
### **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22- Jan. 19)**

Single: Do not worry, you will not be single for too much longer! There is someone who has an eye on you and it may just be the same someone you have your eye on.

Hooked up: You're in luck this Valentine's Day, everything looks like it will go smoothly. You might even catch yourself saying, "I love you" to your boy or girl.

Choice of flower for your sweetie: Sweet Pea.

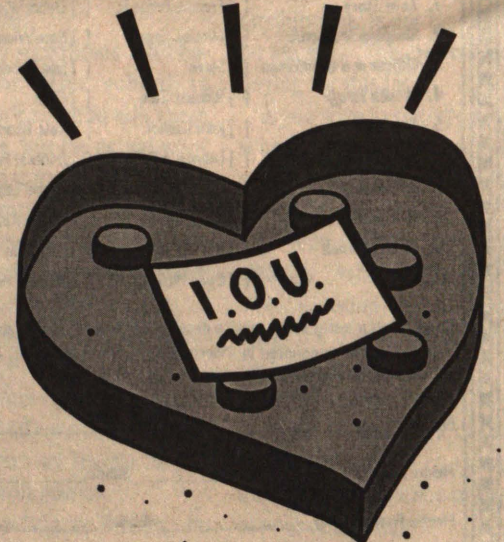
Meaning of flower: Forever.



### Suzy Q's Top 10...

Things to get your girlfriend/boyfriend for Valentine's Day

- 1.) A message in the Wildcat Chronicle- Too bad you missed your chance
- 2.) Love poem- written by you
- 3.) Jewelry- the promise ring is always a plus
- 4.) Flowers- preferably roses
- 5.) Homemade cookies- their favorite, of course
- 6.) Stuffed animal- a nice, soft cuddly one
- 7.) Mix CD of love songs- So romantic
- 8.) Framed picture of you- maybe with them in there too
- 9.) Chocolate- yummy!
- 10.) Card- if you're not feeling poetic



## Why cook when you can just dine out?

By Suzanne Smith

Are you looking for a place to take your date on Valentine's Day? So many choices, but what exactly do you have a taste for? Here is a wide variety of different restaurants that are close to home and will provide a romantic evening for the both of you.

### **Pal Joey's Restaurant**

Italian restaurant located in West Chicago on Roosevelt Road. Perfect place for teenagers on a date. They serve Chicago's finest pizza. The dinner specials are very tasty. Begin your date with stuffed portobello mushrooms and rock shrimp scampi for appetizers. Try the king crab legs, prime rib, or the chicken franchise. End your delicious meal with some Italian desserts. It's all good for a reasonable price that teenagers can definitely afford.

### **Lin's Garden**

Chinese restaurant located in St. Charles on Main Street. Food is very authentic and delicious. Split a romantic meal with your date in the nice cozy and quiet atmosphere. Service is very good. Try crab rangoon and egg rolls for an appetizer. The won ton soup is also an excellent choice for

the cold winter weather. They have meals with vegetables, pork, shrimp, and chicken in them. Personal favorites include orange chicken and sweet and sour chicken. End the night with a fortune cookie. Remember, you have to eat the entire cookie before you peek at your fortune or it won't come true!

### **Greek Island's**

Greek restaurant located in Lombard on 22nd Street. Feel like you want to visit Greece? Here is the perfect place for you to go on your date. All of the waiters are Greek and have a Greek accent. Impress your date by ordering saganaki. They light this cheese on fire right in front of you and cheer, "Opa!" Taste the classic gyro, spinach pie, or lamb chops. The meal is very filling and you'll think it's definitely money well spent. (Be sure to borrow a couple bucks from your parents, or the bill might startle you!)

### **Olive Garden**

Italian restaurant located in St. Charles on Main Street and in Bloomingdale on Army Trail Road. "When you're here, you're family." The genuine hospitality of the waiters at this restaurant makes you feel at home. You can never pass up

those breadsticks and salad. Pasta is at its finest at this restaurant. Try the linguine alla marinara, the chicken giardino, or the shrimp primavera. Such excellent selections for nice, reasonable prices.

### **Red Lobster**

Seafood restaurant located in Bloomingdale on West Army Trail Road. If you're in the mood for seafood, this is the place to go. Try the ultimate feast that has broiled Maine lobster tail, snow crab legs, shrimp scampi, and fried shrimp. Save room for chocolate plunge cake or key lime pie. They definitely are a treat. If you want a real taste of the sea, this restaurant is for you.

### **Bennigan's**

Irish American restaurant located in St. Charles on Main Street. Don't wait until St. Patrick's Day to spend a little green. This restaurant is a fun place that will be money well spent. The Health Club Stir-Fry is perfect for all of the weight watchers out there. It includes veggies, Asian sauce, and tender chicken. The chicken teriyaki and the Monte Cristo sandwich are two of many Bennigan's classics. For dessert, have a filling white chocolate chill out with oreo cookies.

# Valentine's Day

## Do you know what you're celebrating?

By Suzanne Smith

When February comes around, the idea of love comes to mind. Everyone who has an object of their affection races around trying to find the one thing that can express how much they love the other person.

Meanwhile, many people are straying away from the history of St. Valentine's Day. But everyone should know the history of this holiday that we all celebrate.

St. Valentine's Day originates all the way back into the fourth and fifth centuries. The Catholic Church was trying to get rid of the common pagan fertility rite that Romans were involved in.

A lottery was held in mid February for the celebration of a young man's right of passage to the god, Lupercus.

This lottery meant that the teenage man would be assigned a young woman as their companion for the entire year. Willing teenage girls' names were put into a box and drawn at random by the teenage men.

Another lottery would be held the next year.

As Christianity began to spread, church leaders began to disapprove of this event. Instead, they replaced the god, Lupercus, with a lover's saint.

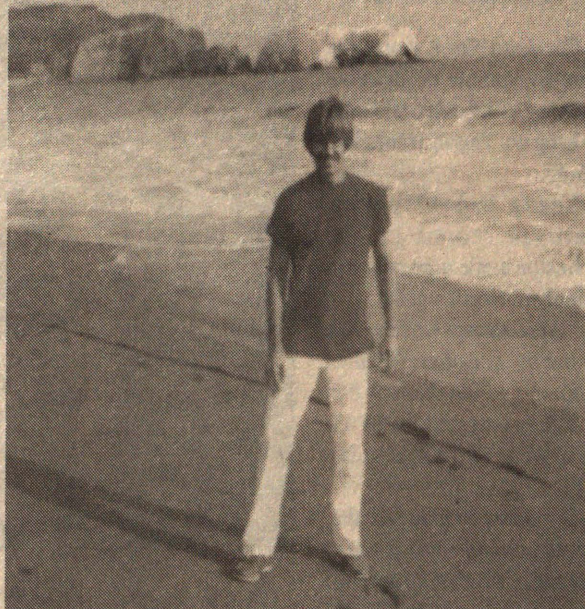
The leaders picked Valentine, who was a bishop of Interamna. He was martyred in the third century AD for the cause of love.

Emperor Claudius foreboded marriage because he thought married men made poor soldiers. When he found out that Valentine was secretly marrying young couples, he threw him in prison. Later, he was stoned and beheaded.

While Valentine was in prison, tradition says he sent letters to those he cared for. He also fell in love with the blind daughter of Asterius, a prisoner as well.

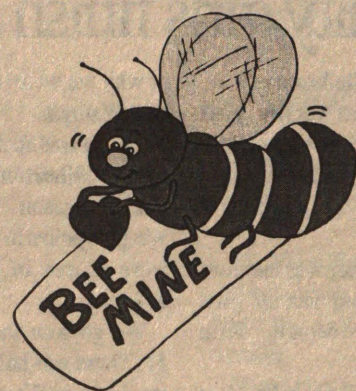
In 496 AD, Pope Gelasius outlawed the Lupercian festival.

Love is in the air, and now a hint of the true reason of the celebration of St. Valentine's Day is there too.

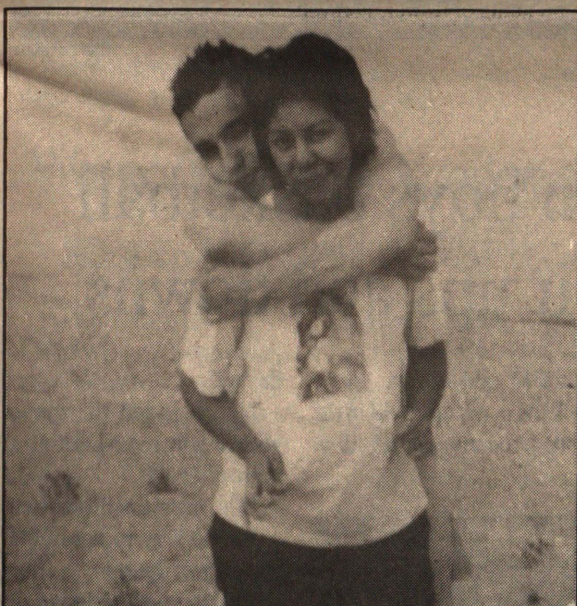


To the new principal, Happy Valentine's Day!  
From,  
Officer Theodore

Aux élèves de Français III:  
Vous êtes toutes et tous très chouettes et  
vachement sympa. Se vous souhaite une journée  
amusante et romantique.  
Mme diLiberti

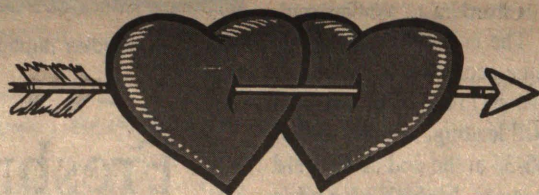


Amanda Caroline Tollas  
Beauty, Desire, Passion,  
Love, Completely  
These words describe only one  
person for me. Her voice soothes me  
and her smile encaptures me. She is  
my love, my angel, my life, and forever  
she will be my Mandy.  
-Daniel Carncross-



I love you Judy. I'm nothing without you.

-John



Justin,  
I Love You  
Love,  
Kimi

Happy Valentine's Day,  
Nanny!  
Love,  
Bessie

Happy Valentine's Day  
to Marc Berry.  
Love Peace and Chicken  
Grease

Maggie,  
Happy Valentine's Day,  
Hunny!  
Love,  
Sergio



-Nathan-  
You've made me happier than I have ever  
been! I LOVE YOU SOOO MUCH!  
- Missi Sheme-

-LM-  
One day...  
Anonymous

Miep-  
Happy Valentine's Day!  
I love you sac!  
-Love Marg



Sparky, I want you, I  
need you, Ohh baby!  
Ohh baby!  
Leopard Shorts

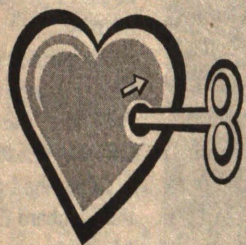
Happy Valentine's Day,  
Jackie and Sean!  
From,  
Dana  
Shibby

All Love Mighty  
Mouse  
Sparky and Pyro

You're my best friend  
ever Jenny.  
Kimi

Derek,  
My turn

Thanks for looking out for me and always being there.  
It means a lot to me since you show you care.  
I know I need to tell you this, cuz you always say you're not.  
Every time I see you I still think you're really hot.  
Katy



I Love You, Elliott.  
I Love You more,  
Bridgette.  
Love,  
Elliot

To My Gurl!  
Hey Chiquita!  
Te quiero un Chingo!  
With Luv,  
Chiquito  
Juice, my eye itches!

To my future wilderness  
man,  
P.7 may not be the best  
place to nest. Too open  
(though plenty of  
"food") Try Boston  
Common or even  
Zimbabwe. Happy Val-  
entines Day, Ricky.  
KiKi

Playbunny,  
You know I love you.  
Much Love,  
Your Girl Playbunny



## Varsity girls finish season with win

By Michelle Loerzel

The We-go varsity girls basketball team ended their last season game with a win against West Aurora Feb. 7 at home.

"First quarter was the most exciting," said varsity girls basketball coach Kim Wallner.

The girls were up 18-12 at the end of the first quarter. Forward sophomore Lauren Johnston scored 10 of We-go's points in the first quarter. Seven out of her nine attempts to score were made.

Girls were in the lead the whole game, and halftime score was 24-21. Full court defense helped We-go put pressure on West Aurora. The ending score of the game was 52-41.

Wallner said, "Defense was excellent at this game."

Senior Meghan Young ended her season scoring 17 points and making 10 out of 13 of her free throws.

We-go was in the lead the entire game against Glenbard East Feb. 2.

Young led offense with 14 points, Johnston scored 13 and sophomore Shaina Sullivan had 11 points.

"Nice scoring during the game," said Wallner.

The girls scored 18 points in the first half and were up by nine at halftime with a score of 30-21. Glenbard East was able to cut it down to six points in the second half.

West Chicago had the lead by 13 points, but Glenbard scored a basket at the buzzer to end the game. We-go won by nine with a score of 61-50.

We-go lost to Naperville Central, 74-48, who was fifth in state earlier this year. The first half was balanced scoring for both teams. The halftime score was 25-25.

"We were proud, believe it or not, to be tied with Naperville Central at half time even though we lost," said Wallner.

We-go got blown out in the second half, Wallner said. We-go players could not match up with a couple of Naperville's players, including Candis Parker. Third quarter ended with We-go down 51-31.

Although West Chicago lost, there were some important players at this game. Senior Lisa Thomas had a good game, scoring a couple of nice points for us, said Wallner.

Junior Nicole Skala scored 13, and she scored six out of the 17 points scored in the second quarter. Sullivan scored eight of the 17 in the second quarter and had 11 points the whole game. Skala and Sullivan were the factor

of why we were in the game, said Wallner.

We-go was up 33-21 at half against Wheaton North earlier this season. Nineteen of We-go's points in the first half were scored in the second quarter.

We-go won the game 60-51. There was balanced scoring amongst We-go's players. Thirteen for Johnston, 10 for Skala, eight by Thomas and seven points for senior Jessica Strock were scored at Wheaton North's game.

There was an outstanding team effort for defense at Naperville North's game, Wallner said.

We-go was down 10-7 at the end of the first half. We-go got the ball turned over to them during the game and the girls didn't give up a lot of offensive rebounds.

Strock's defensive pressure held two six-foot post guards to only four points.

We-go scored 17 for 20 free throws to keep them in the lead. We-go girls outscored Naperville North 12-1 in the second quarter. Johnston led the shooting with 14 points, Thomas had 10 and Young scored nine for this game.

"We not only pressed full court, but also played good half court," Wallner said.

Varsity girls outscored Wheaton Warrenville South 15-4 at the end of the first quarter Jan. 19.

We-go girls were up 25-12 going into the second half. We-go girls won the Wheaton Warrenville game with a score of 45-37.

Only one player had double figures from Wheaton Warrenville, scoring 11 points. We-go girls did not let a lot of inside players score, Wallner said.

Young had 14 points, five rebounds, four assists and five steals. Strock scored 10 points and had four steals, she also had six for eight free throws that kept the girls going. Sullivan had 10 points and Johnston had nine.

"Both teams looked a little fatigued at Wheaton Warrenville's game," Wallner said.

We-go girls were up the whole game against Glenbard North, and ahead by five with a minute to go, but it wasn't enough.

The girls held a Glenbard guard to only six points the whole game, but she scored the two baskets with a minute to go, making the two teams go into overtime. Young had a shot to win the game and it bounced out. The score at the end of the fourth was 41-41.

"We thought we scored enough," Wallner said, "We should have won the Glenbard North game."

Glenbard North scored the first five points in overtime making it difficult for We-go to keep up. The end score was 56-45.

Young had 17 points, Sullivan scored 12 and Johnston made nine points in Glenbard North's game.

"West Aurora was not one of our better games," Wallner said.

The ending score was 53-43 at West Aurora's game Jan. 17.

The score was 16-15, We-go was only down by one at the end of the first quarter and down by three at the half with a score of 24-21.

The girls could not pull it off in the second half. Zero for 10 three-pointers were scored, and only 30 percent of the points were scored overall.

We-go was down by seven in the third quarter.

There were some really big players on the other team, Wallner said.

Young had 11 points, six rebounds, two assists and a steal. Skala scored 10 points, had two rebounds and three steals.

"Sullivan had a nice all around game against Glenbard East," Wallner said.

The end score was. Halftime score was 29-24, with We-go in the lead. The girls still leading, with a score of 50-33 at the end of the third quarter. Eight We-go girls scored 17 points together in the fourth quarter.

"The other team was shorter than us and we used it to our benefit," Wallner said.

Young led the team with 21 points, five rebounds and five assists; nine of her points and three assists were in the third quarter.

Sullivan had 13 points, a block, eight rebounds, four assists and two steals during this game.

Strock scored eight points, had eight rebounds, two assists and four steals. Thomas shot four for five from the field. She had 13 points, five rebounds and four block shots.

The girls had a loss against non-conference Nazerath earlier this season, the score was 49-42. The girls were only down by two at half.

"We played really hard that game," Wallner said.

Young had 12 points, four assists, three rebounds and three steals. Johnston scored 11 points, and had three rebounds, four assists and three steals. Thomas had seven rebounds that game.

Defense rebounding was a good aspect of the game, Wallner said.

At the end of the third the girls were down by eight.



The girls practice their jump shots and rebounding skills.

Staff Photo



The team huddles during a game.

Staff Photo

## Freshmen boys basketball have their ups and downs

By Michelle Loerzel

Although the We-go freshmen boys basketball team was up 44-31 at the end of the third, they could not pull it off in the end against Glenbard North Jan. 26.

"A game Glenbard North should not have won," said Tim Martin.

Four guys from We-go shot seven or more points.

The boys were up the whole game.

They had a little run in the fourth, said Martin. The ending score was 53-48.

We-go had a strong defeat against non-conference Plainfield earlier this season.

The boys were up 36-9 at the half and won the game with a score of 61-34.

Greg Callahan scored 13 points. Sam Acosta had 16 points and four three pointers.

"The team played extremely well," said Martin.

John Doeseckle and Acosta both had double figures playing in We-go's game against Larkin.

Doeseckle had 16 points while Acosta scored 12.

"A good team effort against

Larkin," said Martin.

We-go was up 33-13 in the second quarter and 36-19 at



the half.

We-go ended the game with a win over Larkin, a score of 66-42.

"The team dominated the game in every aspect of the game," said Martin.

The boys played fine in the first half against West Aurora with a halftime score of 20-19 Jan. 19.

We-go was down by one point at the end of the first half.

The boys played an average game that wasn't very good, said Martin.

"They tried to make a run in the fourth quarter, but couldn't get anything," said Martin.

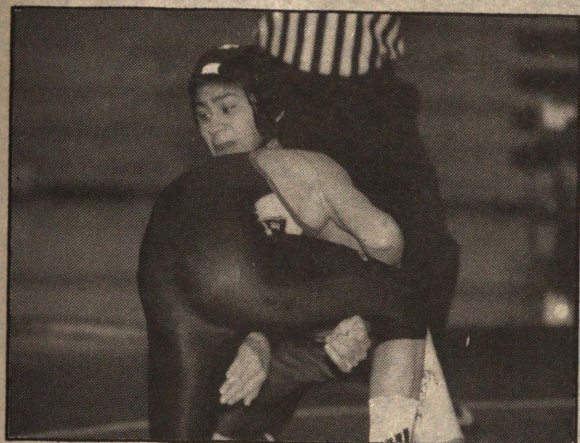
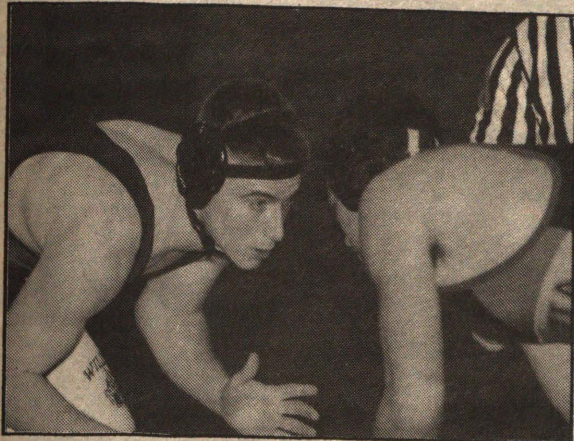
We-go was up 13-7 in the first quarter and up 21-19 at the end of the second half at Glenbard East game.

"They had a good start in the Glenbard East game," said Martin.

The other team had a good third quarter getting ahead of We-go.

West Chicago came back in the fourth, winning by seven points. The end score was 51-44.

Callahan had 17 points.



Challenge photos We-go wrestlers show their moves during competition this season.

## Wrestling team gets pinned

By Sam West  
Senior Derek Boorsma lost to Glenbard North's Travis Cherry in a controversial 5-4 decision in wrestling finals last week. According to the *West Chicago Press*, Boorsma said

that Cherry won because the referee was intimidated by Glenbard North. Boorsma was the second place finisher. Also, sophomore Tyler Hempel was victim of a tech fall by Wheaton North's Nate Aye in 3:43.

## We-go/Wheaton Academy scores top post in ISHL

By Erica Fatigato  
The We-go/Wheaton Academy came out on top in ISHL action this season after defeating St. Charles East 6-5 Feb. 3.

The win came after junior Brian Nelson placed the game-winning goal in the third period, giving the Wildcats a 6-3 lead.

Although this was the first season for We-go to play in the Illinois Suburban Hockey League, they wrapped their season with 13 wins, three losses and one tie.

Jonathon Shaver and Shaw Garrett, both from Wheaton Academy lead the league in scoring.

Sophomore Ron Michalek was ranked the second top goaltender in the league.

Junior Mark Labbs followed him ranking the tenth position.

The whole team has played a big part in their winning.

"It's amazing how much the team gets along and respects each other," said team manager Nancy Baumrucker.

**Graduation is just around the corner!!! Hey, you should buy a message for your graduating friends, family, and pets for placement in the May issue of the *Wildcat Chronicle*. Starting in March, you can give any messages to Ms. Kuehn in room 320. Prices are 10 cents per word and \$2 a picture. Say "goodbye" for only 10 cents! Do it. It'll be fun. Spoken words are forgotten. Written words in the *Wildcat Chronicle* last a lifetime!**

## Upcoming sports

### Boys Basketball

Friday, Feb. 15 S/V	Naperville Central	6:00 p.m./ 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 16 S/V	@Glenbard East	6:00 p.m./ 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 22 S/V	West Aurora	6:00 p.m./7:30 p.m.
Friday, March 15 V	State Finals	
Saturday, March 16 V	State Finals	

### Boys Lower Level Basketball

Saturday, Feb. 16	Naperville Central	9:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m./11, 11
FA, SB/FB, JV		
Monday, Feb. 18	@Glenbard East	6, 6/7:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
FA, SB/FB, JV		

### Girls Basketball

Thursday, Feb. 14 V	Regional Finals
Monday, Feb. 18-19 V	Sectional Semifinals
Thursday, Feb. 21 V	Sectional Finals
March 1-2 V	State Finals

### Badminton

Thursday, March 14, JV/V	@Oswego	5:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m.
Friday, March 15, JV/V	@Streamwood	4:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 19 JV/V	@Plainfield	5:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 20 JV/V	Glenbard West	4:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 2 JV/V	West Aurora	4:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 3 JV/V	Larkin	4:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 4 JV/V	@Glenbard East	4:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 9 JV/V	Wheaton North	4:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 11 JV/V	@WW South	4:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 16 JV/V	Naperville North	4:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 18 JV/V	@Glenbard North	4:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 20 JV/V	@DeKalb-invitational	8:30 a.m.
Monday, April 22 JV/V	@Naperville Central	4:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 24 JV/V	Glenbard South	4:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 25 JV	DVC @Naperville Central	4:30 pm.
V	DVC @Glenbard North	4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 27 JV	DVC @Naperville Central	10:00 a.m.
V	DVC @Glenbard North	10:00 a.m.
May 2-4 V	Sectionals	
May 10-11	State Final	

### Boys Baseball

Tuesday, March 19 FA/S	@Bartlett	4:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.
V	Bartlett	4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 20 FA/S	Streamwood	4:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.
FB/V	@Streamwood	4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 27 FA/S	@Geneva (doubleheader)	11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m.
V	Geneva (doubleheader)	11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 30 FA/S	St. Francis (doubleheader)	11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m.
V	@St. Francis (doubleheader)	11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m.
Monday, April 1 FA/S	@Batavia	4:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.
V	Batavia	4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 3 FA/S	@Benet	4:15 p.m., 4:15 p.m.
V	Benet	4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 6 FA/S	@Fenton (doubleheader)	11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m.
V	Fenton (doubleheader)	1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.
Monday, April 8 FA/S	@Glenbard South	4:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.
V	Glenbard South	4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 9 FA/S	Glenbard North	4:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.
FB/V	@Glenbard North	4:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 10 FB/JV	Glenbard North	4:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 11 FA/S	@Naperville Central	4:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.
FB/V	Naperville Central	4:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 12 FA/V	Plainfield	4:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.
V	@Plainfield	4:30 p.m.

## Girls JV b-ball improving over time

By Anna Nubie  
The girls JV basketball team is improving throughout the season.

Coach Heather Dunlap said she hopes to end the season with a few more wins.

The girls are looking to finish up the season on a good note.

The team experienced a loss to Geneva and Naperville North but came back on Jan. 26 and beat Wheaton North for the sec-

ond time 32-27. The girls played a great game against Wheaton Warrenville South but fell short and ended with a score of 42-34.

In the beginning of the second round of DVC the team lost a harsh game to Glenbard North with a final score of 39-37 in double overtime.

After experiencing a tough loss to Glenbard East with a score of 35-24 the team

bounced back in a win of 43-36 against West Aurora.

"That has been the best performance to date. The girls played four quarters of basketball, and did a great job executing both offensively and defensively," Dunlap said.

Elizabeth Jacques and Kori Flagg stepped up in this game.

After winter break the girls took charge over Wheaton North with a score of 30-17.

## Sophomores satisfied with season

By Mary Beth Selby  
Sophomore basketball finished this season with satisfaction.

"Our [team] defense has really improved. That takes a lot of skill, but we need to watch our off-ball defense," said coach David Sayner.

The team's overall record was 11-7, non-conference 8-1, and conference 3-5. The B team's record is 6-5.

"Our non-conference performance was a lot better than last year," said Sayner.

Some individuals that really pulled through and improved were sophomores Tim Murrey, Jason Shreeram, and Leo Baylor, said Sayner.

"Tim, being 5-foot-10, was real good at rebounding. Jason, who is 5-foot-11, did well against Wheaton Warrenville South by eliminating their shots," said Sayner. "Leo Baylor kept improving. He scored 20 out of 44 points at the Glenbard North game and 13 points against Monroe."

The teams have really gotten the hang of rebounding and defense, and their scoring became more and more consistent, said Sayner.

"As long as we put in the effort that's necessary, we did a fairly good job," said Sayner. "It was nice to see how we improved, winning three games in a row, and going into our game against Naperville North confident for a win."

Unfortunately the A-team did not win against Naperville North Feb. 2. They lost 49-40.

"We should have won," said freshmen Doug Seider. "We were winning until the fourth quarter. Then we were throwing the ball out of bounds and practically giving it away."

However, the B-team won their game against West Aurora Feb. 6 with a one-point lead.

"This was a nice comeback because we lost to West Aurora the last time we played them," said Sayner.

Greg Prill performed well with 10 rebounds and 10 points scored, and, though they were down until second half, Brad Bytof scored 13 points in the second half to help them win, said Sayner.

As the season closes, some of the players are looking towards next year.

"We need to work hard over the summer to prepare for varsity level if we are chosen," said Rob Jeffery.

## Varsity hopes to end on high note

By Marc Berry

The We-go boys varsity basketball season is nearing the end.

The team's last regular season game is held on February 22.

Tomorrow, they will play Naperville Central at home.

Most recently, the Wildcats took on Wheaton North at North's home court on Feb. 8.

The final score was 65-51 with Wheaton North taking the game.

On Feb. 1, the Cats played at home against Naperville North.

It was a close game throughout, but Naperville got the better of the team and ended up winning 59-51.

On Jan. 29, another home game was held against Wheaton Warrenville South.

At the end of the fourth quarter, the game was tied up at 57-57, sending it into overtime.

We-go was only able to score two points in overtime, which caused them to lose the game 68-59.

Jimmy O'Hara scored a total of 22 points throughout the night.

"It was a very competitive game until the end," said assistant coach Eric Lasky.

On Jan. 25, We-go traveled to Glenbard North where they lost 69-59.

However, Nick Michael had a good game, scoring 27 points.

We-go traveled to Larkin to take on its team Jan. 22.

Michael scored 24 points during the game.

With ten seconds left, the game was tied.

O'Hara scored two points, and the Wildcats won the game.

"It was nice to finally pull through on a close game," said Lasky.

Jan. 18 saw the Cats heading to West Aurora, where they lost 89-42.

A week earlier on Jan. 11, We-go competed in another close game against Glenbard East.

They lost 56-53.

They played Wheaton North on Jan. 4, losing with a

score of 77-60.

Over Winter Break, the team participated in the Christmas Classic Tournament at Waubonsie Valley.

According to Lasky, one of the better games in the tournament was against Waubonsie who is number one in the area.

The game was tied up in the final minutes, but a couple mistakes allowed Waubonsie to grab the win in the end with a final score of 62-59.

"It was almost a really big upset," Lasky said.

The Wildcats' final standing in the tournament was fourth out of the eight competing teams.

Head coach Kevin Gimre said he is proud of the hard work the team has been putting in throughout the season.

"We're capable of beating teams. Unfortunately, we haven't always come out ahead, but we just have to keep working hard and make things happen ourselves," he said.



Staff Photo

Steve Vandernaault practices hard on his freestyle speed.



Staff Photo

C.J. Wostratzky shows off his team dedication by shaving his head for DVC.

## Swimmers prepare for state

By Rachel Rivera

The Wildcat boys swimming team finished in third place in their DuPage Valley conference on Saturday Feb. 2.

The Varsity team will continue swimming until sectionals on Saturday.

Some of the swimmers have already achieved state cut times.

They are expected to compete at the state meet on Feb. 22, said head coach Bryan Artel.



## Freshmen girls bring strong finish to basketball season

By Erica Fatigato

As the basketball season comes to an end, the freshmen girls finish strong.

The B team took fourth place in their conference, and the A team was fifth in their division.

Both teams battled against Wheaton North on Jan. 26. The A team lost 44-28, but the B took the victory and beat them for the second time this year with the score 32-29.

On Jan. 24 the teams played against Naperville North. The A team lost with the score of 39-23. The B team won 29-20.

Both teams were defeated for the second time against Wheaton Warrenville South on Jan. 19. The A lost 38-11, and the B team lost 34-18.

Both teams played a close game against Glenbard North on Jan. 17. The A team won 19-17, and the B team lost 24-18.

The teams played West Aurora on Jan. 12. The A team lost 28-17, and the B team won 20-14. The girls played Glenbard East on Jan. 10. The A team's score was 28-22 and the B team's score was 21-12.

Naperville Central defeated the teams on Jan. 5. The A team played a close game with the score of 22-19. The B team lost with the score of 44-11.

The teams played a tough

game against Wheaton North on Jan. 3. Both teams played with close scores. The A team

lost 31-25 and the B team won 24-20.

The girls played against

Naperville North on Dec. 13. The A team lost 36-18 and the B team won 21-11.

## Boys JV team shoots to win

By Michelle Loerzel

West Chicago boys JV team beat West Aurora Feb. 6, with a score of 46-43.

The two teams went back and forth, scoring the entire game.

We-go took the lead back in the fourth quarter and kept it.

"Defense went very well," said JV coach Eric Lasky.

Defense was often switched, and their pressure gave them 12 steals.

"They were taking care of the ball nicely and scored enough points to take the lead," said Lasky.

We-go also beat Wheaton South's JV team 54-51 Feb. 4.

Junior Danny Callahan had nine straight free throws.

Callahan was schooling the other players in the game, said Lasky.

Callahan also helped draw the ball close to the basket, Lasky said.

Junior Mike Paschke was another key player for West Chicago during this game.

Paschke worked the ball nicely around during the game for us, said Lasky.

We-go was in the lead the entire game against Naperville North, but was

very close in the end.

West Chicago ended up winning 63-57.

"There was not any major players from that game," said Lasky.

Defense was frequently changed from full court, half court, man, to zone the entire game against Naperville North.

We-go lost to Naperville Central Jan. 26 in a very close game.

The score was 65-61.

The boys were up 35-34 at half and only down by one at the end of the third quarter.

"The game kept going back and forth," said Lasky.

Lee Corning scored 16 points and Paschke made 14 points.

Paschke really helped to lead us in this game, said Lasky.

West Chicago's offense came out and scored against Glenbard East on Jan 12.

The score was 91-51. We-go had the lead 53-21 at the half.

Two freshmen basketball players played on JV this game.

Freshmen Doug Seider did all right, said Lasky.

Auston Monroi scored 12 points

This was one of Johnny Weir's better games, said Lasky.

Lasky said Weir was able to disrupt the other team's concentration on the ball.

He had 10 assists.

Callahan had 14 points this game.

Weir was also a major player in the Marion game earlier this season, according to Lasky.

Weir had eight points and was able to score well offensively.

"There was a couple of key steals to keep them in the game," said Lasky.

Jason Adams made eight points.

Corning made 10.

Corning played well offensively during the game, said Lasky.

"Defense was really good during Marion's game," said Lasky.

West Chicago beat Wheaton North 51-45 earlier this year.

We-go was in the lead at half-time with a score of 28-19.

Weir made 13 points that game.

"We had control," said Lasky, "with about a 10 point lead the entire game."

Seniors!  
Look for your very own survey to be filled out for the Wildcat Chronicle coming soon! Using the survey, we will compile a list of the future plans of We-go seniors, to be printed in the May issue of the Wildcat Chronicle.



Surveys will be passed out in all consumer education and government classes. If you are not enrolled in either of

these classes this semester, please pick up a survey from Ms. Kuehn in room 320. Thank you for your help.