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Wildcats beat Central; move on to playoffs after a 24-year absence

By Michelle Loerzel

Varsity football players shed tears of joy after they won their fifth game of the season on Friday, putting them into the playoffs.

The West Chicago Wildcats beat the Naperville Central Redhawks. Both teams had a season record of 4-4 and needed one more win to make it into the playoffs.

West Chicago is ranked in the number seven seed out of eight seeds in class 8A football in the state. About four teams are in each seed. The Wheaton North Falcons were ranked in the top seed.

Not only did We-go make it into playoffs in the last game of the season, but they did it at home and during senior parent night. They also beat last year's second best team in the state. We-go

broke the Redhawks' streak of making it into playoffs. They have gone into playoffs for 10 years in a row and several before that.

We-go will have a challenge on Friday, when they play at Lake Park, whose record is 8-1 and ranked in the number two seed.

"We feel ready for this team and the defense will do their part to support the team," said linebacker Roger Strike.

The last time West Chicago made it into playoffs was when Larry Parker coached the team in 1978.

West Chicago lost to Joliet Catholic 0-22 in that playoff game. Joliet Catholic went on to win state that year in class 5A.

West Chicago won first overall in the state in 1974. Paul Unruh coached the team

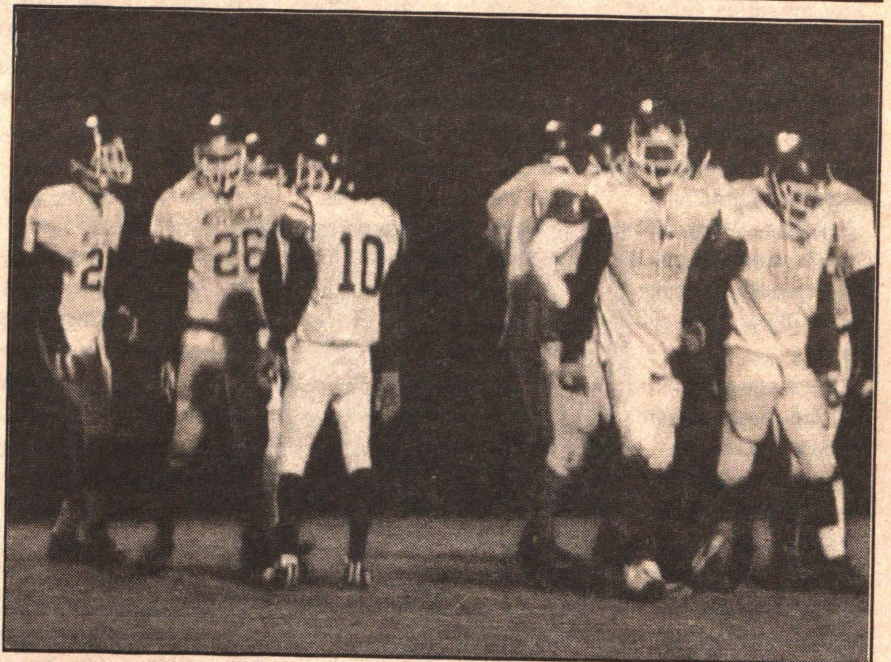
to win that year. We-go beat Wauconda, Geneseo, Elmhurst and Mt. Carmel in the playoffs to win state.

This year will be coach Bob Stone's first season going to playoffs with We-go. He has been coaching at We-go for six years.

Stone had gone to state with his previous team, Joliet Catholic, in 1990 going undefeated and went to the playoffs in 1992 and 1995 in class 5A.

"Friday's game was the best win I've ever had in my career of coaching," said Stone.

The only teams who made it into the playoffs this year from the DuPage Valley conference are the Wheaton North Falcons, Naperville North Huskies and West (See Football page 16)



Staff Photo

The Wildcats practice hard for Friday night's football game against Naperville Central.

Peers give their care and support to injured student Nolan with donations

By Stephanie Bodane

Lee Nolan, who was severely injured when a car hit him on Route 59, has received a lot of support from his fellow students.

Since the accident, Adam Jones and many other of Nolan's friends have made an

effort to raise money for him.

For about two weeks, Jones and some other people ran a fundraiser at school by setting out a bucket and asking students to show their support by donating money.

They were able to raise \$600, which will be given to the Nolan family in order to help pay for medical bills.

As well as raising money, Nolan's friends have also

placed a banner in commons where students signed their names and left their thoughts and prayers.

Art teacher David Exner created the poster for Nolan, which was hung in commons for two weeks.

"Mr. Exner drew out the banner. We asked him if he would do it and he said he would love to," said Jones. (See Nolan page 4)

Driver's ed. fees to significantly increase

By Kyle Bullis

We-go will request that the maximum cost of driver's education be increased from \$50 to \$200 for the 2003-2004 school year, although students would not be charged the maximum.

We-go must request this increase in the form of a waiver, which must be approved by the Teacher's Association, support staff, and eventually the state legislature.

A waiver is a request to al-

low a law or rule to not apply to a certain individual or group.

In We-go's case, the waiver will allow the school to potentially charge \$200 for driver's ed., though it doesn't mean that is how much driver's education will cost said Supt. Lee Rieck.

Rieck said if the waiver is granted, We-go will be able to increase the driver's ed fee to \$98.

The class costs approximately \$627 per student, and

only a \$50 charge makes the course a very expensive program said Rieck.

With the waiver, We-go will be able to save more money to maintain the course. The summer course prices will not change.

In order to get the waiver in effect, the proposal must run through a series of approvals before it can be given to the state legislature.

The proposal must first be given to and approved by both the Teacher's Associa-

tion and support staff.

An advertisement must be placed in the local newspaper to inform the public of the upcoming waiver. The ad will also announce a public hearing Nov. 19.

During the hearing, the public can participate to voice their concerns about that waiver and allow the school to take certain issues into consideration and then balance them accordingly.

Once approved, the (See Driver's ed. page 5)

C-span likes technology in our government classes

By Stephanie Bodane

C-Span will showcase the use of technology in government classes this year.

C-span, a news broadcast station, wanted to know if there was a school that used technology in their government classes.

Government teacher Mary

Ellen Daneels said that her name was given to C-Span.

"So C-span contacted me and wanted to do a story on how we incorporate technology in the teaching of government," said Daneels.

C-span may feature We-go in their magazine and link the school's website to their own.



Staff Photo

New York City honors heroes

Editor in Chief Stephanie Bodane recently took a trip to New York City with her father, the fire chief of Carol Stream, to attend a firefighters memorial, honoring the firefighters who lost their lives in the Sept. 11 attacks.

She snapped this picture of a cross made out of a part of the World Trade Center's beams. The cross was found like this, in the wreckage following the tragedy.

See Features page 9 for Stephanie's full story and more photos of the memorial event.

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Europe will put on summer Showcase for We-go students

By Sam West

We-go students will have the opportunity to go to the European Showcase taking place this summer.

Sponsor Mary Ellen Daneels said that people that can get teacher recommendations will be able to go on the trip.

"There's no cap," she said. A dozen people are already signed up for the trip.

The trip starts in London where students will see St. Paul's Cathedral, the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace, and Hyde Park, among other sites.

From London, they will take the Eurostar, a high speed railway, to Paris.

The Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame are the most famous attractions in Paris, and the tour will stop there, as well as in other French cities such as Verdun, Champagne, and the Alsace region.

En route to Switzerland, they will see the Black Forest.

Then in Rome, the participants will meet on the Spanish steps to begin a walking tour. Also in Italy, the tour will stop by Sorrento and Pompeii.

Then the tour stops in Greece. Students will see the Parthenon, the Agora, and the Athenian Cemetery in Athens.

The final leg of the tour is

the three day cruise to Turkey and the Greek islands.

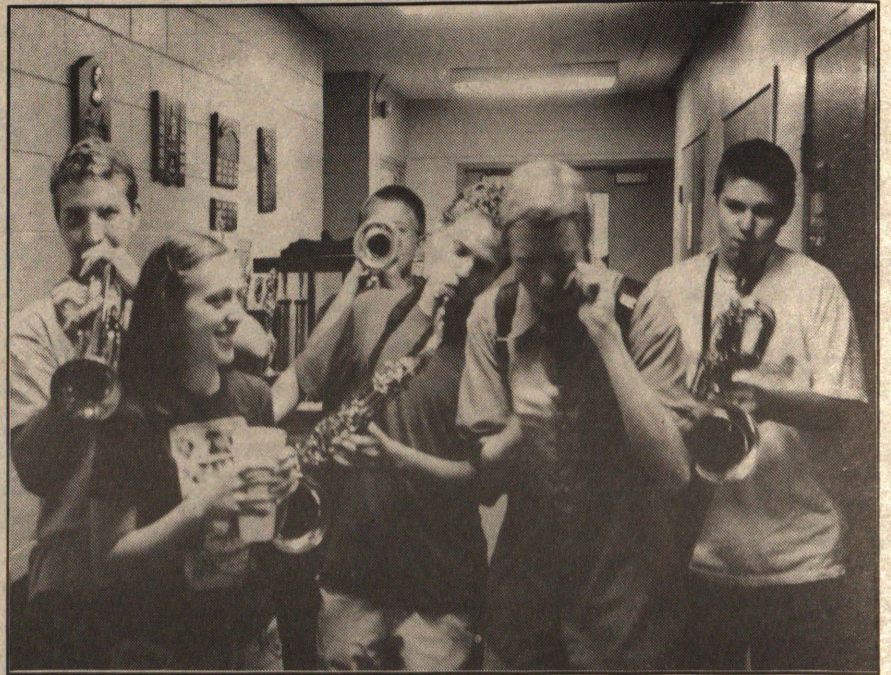
Daneels said that the Showcase is important because experiential learning is very meaningful.

"It is something that will stay with you for a lifetime," she said. "It is kind of a walk in someone else's shoes."

Senior Jeremy Rose, who went on the tour as a sophomore, said that the trip was a good experience.

"You kept not believing you were actually there," he said.

Rose also said that he made new friends on the trip and that the hardest part was adjusting to a different language and culture.



Staff Photo

We-go band members jam in the music hallway. CJ Wostratzky and Kevin Roloff play trumpet while Brett Palmer plays tenor sax and Rick Camp plays baritone sax. Joe Tumidalsky goes at it on the jaw harp and Melissa Lund looks on.

Bands split into two for new season; not enough space to hold full band

By Sam West

The We-go band is splitting up into two for concert season.

Director of bands Jim Guter will conduct one band, and choir director and assistant band director Brandon Fantozzi will lead the other. Guter's band is called the symphonic band and Fantozzi's is called the concert band.

There are two reasons why the band has been split up into two, said Guter. The band room was built for 60 people and Guter said, "it got kind of tight" when there were 130 people in the room.

Moreover, Guter said, the room was not safe since it held twice as many students as it should have. If there was a fire drill or an actual disaster, it would be difficult trying to get 130 people out one door at the same time.

Guter added, "I thought the band was getting to the point where we had to separate the kids who were into music from others who weren't."

He said the ability levels of the players were different and some needed individual help. Now, Guter said, they have to produce sound on their own, and they aren't used to that.

Tryouts were held in the first weeks of October and placement in symphonic or concert bands depended on how well one played. Those who played well went into the symphonic band.

Fantozzi said that the concert band will focus on playing music.

"We're going to work on the fundamentals of musicianship," Fantozzi said. The fundamentals include intonation, expression, and technique.

There is one downside to the split bands, according to Guter.

"The kids in the concert band don't get to hear the kids in the symphonic band and emulate them," Guter said. "Once they get into it, they'll get better at what they're doing."

Many are happy about the split.

Brian Steere, who plays baritone horn in the Symphonic band, said that he liked the new arrangement. He said, "It pretty much rocks because I'm in the top band," but says that the people in the concert band are less fortunate than he is.

But not so, said Guter. He said that those who are in the concert band placed where they did based on their audition.

Sarah Swatsworth, the bassoonist in the symphonic band, said, "When you separate the band, it raises the level of difficulty. The symphonic band plays better music."

However, not all band students are happy with the new bands.

Alison Dahl, who plays clarinet in the symphonic band, is not fond of the two

bands. She said, "I hate (the split bands). It is telling people who's good and bad and it's about how hard you work and your attitude in general."

Michele Walters, a clarinet in the concert band, said, "I hate it. I don't like the idea; I don't get the idea."

Fantozzi has noticed some of the bad attitudes from some concert band members.

"Once we start working hard and understand that music is hard... hopefully, the attitudes will step up," Fantozzi said.

His goal is to raise the concert band's level of musicianship, raise each person's accountability with their instrument, and to have fun.

The first practice with the split bands was on Oct. 11, during second hour.

Many of the symphonic band members noticed that there was a lot more space in the band room after the sections were rearranged to create a more comfortable atmosphere.

There are about 60 members in each band. For each concert, Guter said, the bands will combine to play a song, or possibly two songs.

Guter will set up a challenge each concert. Any person from the concert band can challenge someone in the symphonic band for their position. It will most likely be a blind audition, which means that Guter won't know who is auditioning, he will judge only on quality of sound.

Thespians decide that it is time to get away with murder

By Melissa Stevens

We-go thespians are getting away with murder.

Many thespians are participating in We-go's fall production of Stephen Sondheim's and George Furth's play "Getting Away With Murder."

The play is a murder-mystery about an eminent psychiatrist found murdered in his office. The suspects are all members of one of the doctor's group therapy sessions.

"It was time for us to do a mystery again," said director Mary Hafertepe.

She chose the play because of a four year cycle of genres. The play also presents a challenge for the cast and more roles for students

to fill.

"The cast is trying very hard not to let the cat out of the bag," said Hafertepe about the play's mysterious plot.

Cast members are not allowed to divulge information about the play, even to their friends.

The cast is as follows:

Dr. Conrad Bering: Jessie Lord; Martin Chrisholm: Sean Warren; Dossie Lustic: Dana Grant; Pamela Prideaux: Emy Krauspe; Vassili Laimorgos: Mike Giese; Gregory Reed: Jonathan Hall; Dan Gerar: Andy Dameron; Nam-Jun Vuong: Jessica Stentz; Young Man: Ryan Nel; Roberto: Steve Migliorato; and Charmaine: Kaitlyn

McAvoy.

We-go mystery lovers can check out "Getting Away With Murder" on Nov. 7, 8, and 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Weyrauch auditorium. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students with an I.D.

Math is as easy as "pi" for Becker

By John Jennings

We-go's Jason Becker came in first in orals at the math team's first meet of the season against Elk Grove, Lane Tech, Walter Payton, and Loyola.

Orals consist of a team member receiving a math problem beforehand and presenting an answer to the judges.

Overall, freshmen and sophomores came in last, juniors came in fourth, and the seniors were awarded with a ribbon for second.

All of We-go's teams are expected to do well, especially the seniors said Kristina Nuesser, one of We-go's math team coaches. Nuesser said that the seniors in particular are very strong.

Usually a few of We-go's seniors and juniors make it to state. This year both the freshman team and the junior team have a very small group.

The next meet is on Nov. 6 at Larkin. The competitors are Schaumburg, Glenbard East, Larkin, and Illinois Math and Science Academy, one of the top state teams.

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Book Club solves mysteries

By Jessica Myers

Book Club was busy solving mysteries in October.

"Each month will have a different genre for the book we are going to read," said

adviser Jill Marchiando.

October's theme is mystery. The club is reading any book by Joan Lowery Nixon, a mystery author.

November's theme is his-

torical fiction.

The next meeting is Friday Nov. 1 at 7:15 in room 305. Members will discuss the mystery books and pick a book to read for November.



Staff Photo

Lolly Petusky, from the College of DuPage, chats with FBLA members about the business environment over breakfast.

FBLA: breakfast of champions

By Ian Rewers

October was an eventful month for the Future Business Leaders of America, even though their first competition is more than three months away.

FBLA had its annual breakfast recently with the Chamber of Commerce.

Students had the chance to eat and mingle with the West Chicago and Winfield Chambers of Commerce.

It gave students the

chance to ask questions about business, such as what it's like to work in a business atmosphere, how to succeed in business, and what challenges there are to being a business owner.

One of the key points was that to succeed, it takes perseverance and you have to take the good with the bad, said Maria Wirth, one of the FBLA advisers.

They also had two guest speakers at the event.

Cary Groth, Northern Illinois University's athletic adviser, and Rob Judson, head coach of the Northern Illinois basketball team "The Huskies", acted as motivational speakers for the event.

They spoke about the importance of having perseverance in the business workplace, according to Wirth.

Wirth said the students enjoyed speaking and they learned a lot.

Wildcats show who the superheroes really are with tee shirts for good cause

By Melissa Stevens

Economics classes are selling tee shirts to support 9/11 victims.

The tee shirts are available in blue or gray with "FDNY" on the front and "Wildcats salute the real superheroes" on the back.

Economics students are running every aspect of the fundraiser, including the production and sale of the shirts.

Senior Aron Morris suggested selling the shirts after seeing the social studies department wearing similar shirts during homecoming week.

"I thought, hey, I want one of those shirts," said Morris.

Profits from the tee-shirts will go to a 9/11 scholarship fund that provides scholarships for the children of victims of 9/11.

"It's a good opportunity for students to get involved and take action against 9/11 and to show unity," said senior Beca Duran.

The students are looking for businesses to match their contribution as well.

"We're looking to get more community involvement in this too," said economics teacher Candace Kairys.

They may sell shirts to lo-

cal firefighters and community members to raise awareness.

They also plan on giving a shirt to a 9/11 survivor scheduled to speak at We-go in February.

People interested in the shirts can order them for \$10 in commons during lunch periods. Sales will continue until Nov. 4.

The shirts should be in sometime in the beginning of May.

Students that want to contribute to the fund but not buy a shirt can also donate money to a donation box set up on the table.

others," Hendron said.

Students compete in various vocational activities of which adviser Paul Junkroski handles mechanical drawing and other activities that correlate with his teaching strengths. Adviser Patti Kozlowski shares responsibilities with Junkroski, helping with sewing, interior and floral design, and cooking.

The club's next major activity is a food drive.

By Tyler Link

Melissa Sheme and Christine Hendron took home medallions for their achievements at the annual National Leadership and Skills Contest.

Sheme took eighth place in Extemporaneous Speech, a 7-minute impromptu speech, while Hendron placed 24th in Advertising Design.

Members of VICA take a

multiple-choice test in February. The 24 students with the highest scores go to Springfield in April to compete in the hands-on state competition.

But VICA is not just learning new skills. Members take part in prearranged activities at nationals, such as visiting amusement parks, attending baseball games, and dances.

"It's not just learning about ourselves, but learning about

Musick is September Student of Month

By Jessica Myers

Erich Musick was selected as September's Student of the Month.

What were your accomplishments during your time at We-go?

Freshman year, simply because high school was a new thing for me. I was especially concerned with my studies and did not participate in really anything related to school.

Outside of school, though, I continued to work with computers and continued to refine my web design skills. At that time, I also learned Perl, a programming language for web sites.

During the summer between freshman and sophomore years, I created three programs in this language and made them available at no charge so others could take advantage of them. Sophomore year, Mr. Crickard introduced me to FBLA and recommended that I participate in the accounting competition. The computer concepts competition caught my eye, though, and I went on to win second in state for it, which qualified me for the national competition in Orlando.

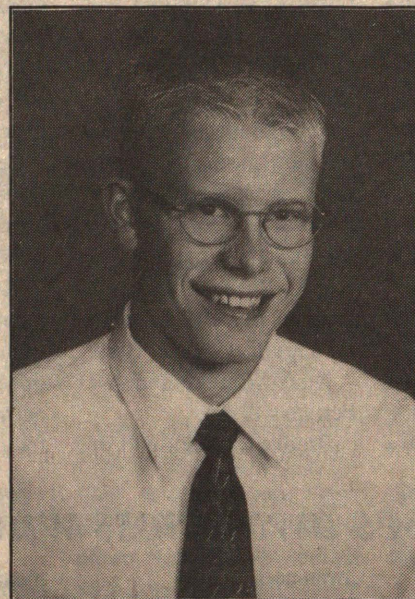
Last year, I competed in the technology concepts event, which was very similar to the computer concepts competition. I won first in state for the event and continued on to compete in the national competition, held in Nashville.

Also last year, in a family heritage project for American history, I mentioned my web design business. Mrs. Laimins expressed her desire for an extracurricular web site.

After planning the site, Brian Steere and I worked diligently on it. We included photos, schedules, rosters, and information pertaining to our school's clubs, activities, musical organizations, and sports teams. Because of the complexity of the web site, I thought up a program that would simplify the process of updating the content. This program would also en-

able teachers with a limited knowledge of computers to update portions of the web site. Over this past summer I completed the program.

This year, in addition to the continual work on the extracurricular web site, I joined



Erich Musick

cross-country. Though I am nowhere near the top runners, I have improved my race time. One year ago, I struggled with running a mile. Now, I run one mile each day as a warm-up.

Throughout high school, I have also been involved in various church activities. I have participated in the yearly See You at the Pole, an event at which students gather around the school's flagpole to pray for the students, teachers, and country. I have been involved in daily prayer on the steps by the auditorium since freshman year.

Who is your favorite teacher in high school?

Over the course of my four years here at West Chicago, I have had a multitude of exceptionally great teachers. As a result, it is difficult to select a single one as my favorite. I can only go so far as to say that Mr. Crickard, Mr. Burzynski, Mr. Gimre, and Mrs. Moran were the best teachers I've had - I cannot narrow the list any further.

What is your favorite activity in high school?

As far as the classroom goes, I would have to say my favorite activity was programming in Mr. Burzynski's computer science class. In

terms of extracurricular activities, though, my favorite is the work on the school's extracurricular web site. I created a program that manages the site and enables teachers to update specific pages with information such as calendar events or team results. Since my interests lie in programming and computers, this is easily my favorite activity. At the same time, though, I enjoy cross-country and FBLA.

Where do you plan to go to college and what do you want to major in?

In the fall of 2003, I plan on attending MSOE (Milwaukee School of Engineering) to major in software engineering, which is similar to computer science.

What do you want to do for a living?

I would like to write software, preferably for a small company.

What is your favorite pastime?

In addition to working with computers, I enjoy deep discussions with friends, biking, running, playing baseball or Frisbee, reading, and sleeping.

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

Because I have not been involved in many typical extracurricular activities, I did not expect to receive such recognition. What I failed to recognize was the fact that extracurricular activities are not the only major selection factor.

A Student of the Month must also be a good student. I think I was selected because, as one teacher writes about me, "He shows that you can be bright, get good grades, be involved, and be a regular guy."

He also explains, "He has a lot of ability but still works hard in his classes." Ultimately, anything I've done right, any "goodness" I have inside of me or portray in my life comes not from within, but from God, from His work in my life.

Leo Club sets "sights" high

By Jessica Myers

We-go students can help someone else out by donating used eyeglasses until the end of January.

The Leo Club, the youth chapter of Lions Club, is asking for any used eyeglasses that students are willing to donate.

You can drop off eye-

glasses in officer Rich Theodore's office, the dean's office, or the attendance office. Theodore is the Leo Club's sponsor.

Dan Johnson, department chair for physical education, is helping the club by allowing PE make-ups for donating used eyeglasses. One pair of eyeglasses donated

will make up for one day.

Students can also substitute a detention by donating eyeglasses.

"The Leo Club restores the eyeglasses and gives them to people who need glasses but can't afford them," said Theodore. "It feels good to help someone who doesn't have what we have."

FBLA offers to take We-go to the Emmys with variety show

By Jessica Myers

FBLA is taking "We-go to the Emmys" with the variety show.

Two shows will run on Nov. 15, one at 4 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. in the Weyrauch auditorium. Tickets will be sold Nov. 12 until Nov. 14 in commons during all lunch hours for \$3 per person. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

"All proceeds will go to the March of Dimes," said FBLA sponsor Mia Wirth.

Twelve acts will be in the variety show. Two bands, White Rice and Bean and Blind Home, will perform. Jake Walter will deejay for

break-dancers Alberto Allende, Fabian Cruz, DJ Henning, Ricki Jimenez, Tony Perham, and Gil Valenzuela.

Javier Cruz will perform a traditional Mexican love song.

"The ladies love him," said Wirth.

The variety show will feature Jeff Linsenmyer singing the "Star Spangled Banner," Nicole Chudoba and Gil Valenzuela singing "Only Hope," Rebecca Wilkening singing "At Last," and Jennifer Veguilla singing "Hero."

Aimee Beutke and Alex Serrato will rap.

Brooke Bachelor will sing

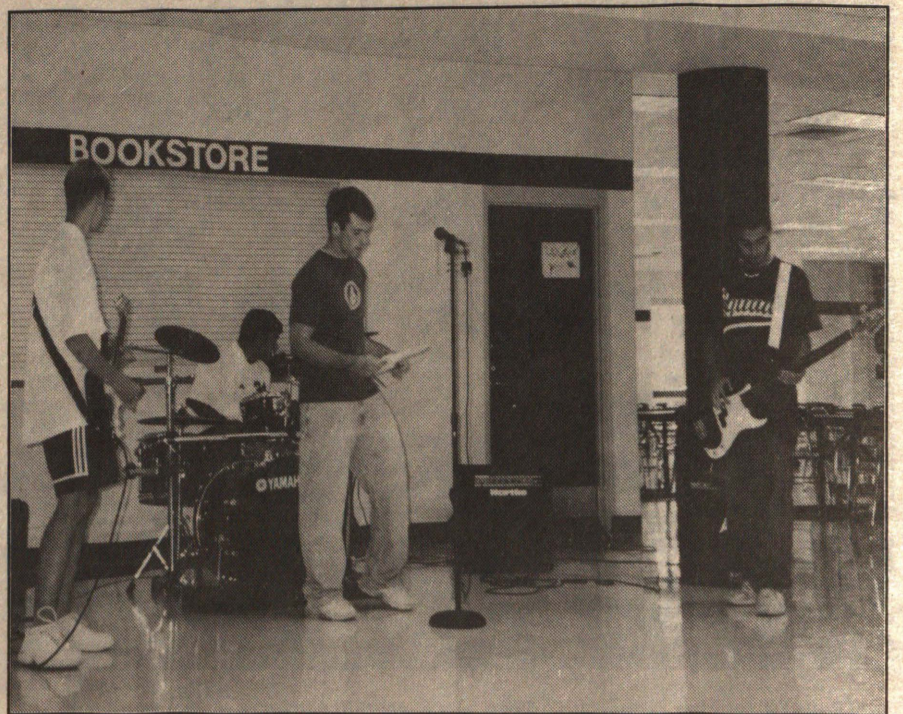
"The Past Was Another Land" with piano accompaniment by Yuko Otsuka.

Quin Barclay is going to play a guitar solo.

Hilda Garcia, Ruth Gonzalez, Jessica Garcia, Angelica Morreno, Dianna Morreno, and Milagros Proa will do a traditional Mexican dance.

Leticia Acosta, Marciela Ballines, Denise Gonzalez, Monica Haros, and Alyssa Santiago will also dance.

The variety show also has a surprise act. Wirth said she cannot give out any information about the act so to find out you need to come and see for yourself.



Staff Photo

The members of White Rice and Bean (from left to right: Brian Romanelli, David Aguirre, Tim Murray, and Brian Calabrese) try out for the variety show.

SADD raises awareness with ribbons

By Jamie Velna

Students Against Destructive Decisions recently took part in Red Ribbon week.

Red Ribbon is a national program aimed towards awareness and prevention of drunk driving.

SADD set up a booth in commons during lunch hours the week of Oct. 22, and handed out bumper stickers, keychains, candy and red ribbons to hang on cars to anyone interested in promoting

awareness.

October has the highest rate of car accidents, said adviser Robert Hein. Although the rate of accidents decrease each year, with an average of 46,000 deaths due to car accidents, there is still plenty of work to do, Hein said.

In other activities, SADD won the window-painting contest between clubs for Homecoming. There was great participation at the group meetings and the

members came up with some very creative ideas, said Hein.

Students are still welcome to join the club at anytime by attending the meetings held every Tuesday at 7:20 a.m. in room 164.

New members are still deciding what to do in November. Among the new members are students Brittany Boehm, president; Jessica Boyd, vice president; Melissa Prusko, publicity; and Heidi Colliander, secretary.

Student Council and Horticulture Club team up

By Greg Moore

Student council will work with Horticulture Club to remodel We-go.

On the west side of the school they want to plant

trees, plants and bushes.

Landscaping costs are too expensive for student council; therefore, student council will pay for some and hopefully raise the rest of the

money through fundraisers.

Horticulture will do the actual planting of these trees and bushes.

Before winter, these clubs plan to get some work done.

Club's yearly activities start to blossom

By Brandi Bodie

Horticulture Club jumped into the school year with homecoming activities and setting goals.

During homecoming week, the club painted windows for the sophomore class.

Botany student Den Zavala was the artist who came up with the idea of painting the villain, Poison Ivy. Poison Ivy said, "Get an itch for Horticulture Club."

"I asked all the students in my classes to sketch a picture, but Den was the only one who came up with an idea. Then all the other members agreed that it was good,"

said adviser Corrie Gilgallon.

The club also sold flower suckers in the lunchroom, but it didn't turn out as well as planned.

Gilgallon went to the store and bought the suckers, which were very expensive. They ended up not making much profit, because they didn't sell as many suckers as they had planned to.

Gilgallon said, "They need to decide whether to try selling the suckers again or to throw the whole thing away and start over with a new idea."

The next goal is to create a new display case near rooms

227 and 228. Last year's display case had each member's name inside a flower, and read "Horticulture Club: Come Grow With Us."

Gilgallon said that they were still trying to figure out what to put in the display case.

The Ball Seed Company sent the Horticulture Club bags of seeds, and the botany students brought in some bags of seeds.

They have just started planting flowers.

Any student that still wants to join should listen to the announcements for the upcoming meetings.

Respect snowballs at We-go

By Jessica Myers

Snowball will teach students about respect at an all-day leadership conference set for Nov. 16.

Snowball runs from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and costs \$10.

Students interested in attending Snowball can find applications in the counseling office. Applications must be returned by Nov. 8.

This year's theme is "Respect: learn it, earn it, abuse it, lose it."

Cat Thielberg, co-director of Snowball, said that public speakers will attend large-group discussions.

The speakers will talk about self-respect and respect for others.

Adult volunteer leaders and teen leaders co-direct small group discussions.

"The small groups will dis-

cuss teen issues that are relevant to teens today in hopes of finding solutions to the problems," Thielberg said.

Rachel Moguel is a teen director this year and was one last year as well. She said, "It's fun, it's not all about drugs, there is so much more trying to get across."

Fellow teen director David Aguirre said that he attended snowball last year and didn't think he would get much out of it, but he did.

Parents can also take part in Snowball at a meeting to talk about respect with parents.

The parents' component of Snowball is the same day at 8:45 p.m. until 9:15 p.m.

When the students apply to attend Snowball, there will be information about the parents' Snowball.

"I would love it if every student's parents attended," said Thielberg.

After the parents' meeting there will be an award ceremony.

"It's a neat program that is co-directed by adults and teens, who work together," Thielberg said. "Snowball is, at heart, a drug and alcohol prevention program, but it is bigger than that."

Snowball is meant to give teens information to help them make good decisions. The teens then can influence the decisions of their friends, and then it will snowball from there.

For answers to questions about Snowball, talk to the directors, Thielberg, Kim Brafford, Moguel, and Aguirre.

Nolan... (Continued from page 1)

would love to," said Jones.

Along with Nolan's friends raising money, the sophomore student council was also collecting donations.

With every donation that students made over 25 cents they were given a sucker.

Key Club has also been working on raising money for Nolan.

Key Club raised \$500, which they donated to Nolan's family in order to help pay for medical expenses.

During lunch hours, Key Club set up donation jars

where students were encouraged to donate money.

During the homecoming football game on Sept. 27, Nolan and a friend were riding their bikes across Rt. 59 and Main St.

Officials are not sure if the light was green or red; however a blue four-door Honda sedan sped through the intersection traveling at an estimated 35 miles per hour.

Nolan was crossing the busy highway on his bicycle when he was hit.

A woman at the scene called the police to report the accident.

Nolan was then rushed to the hospital and immediately listed in critical condition.

Jones was at the football game when Nolan was hit, and wasn't informed about the accident until the next morning.

"I didn't know there was an accident until I was coming home and saw that

(Route) 59 was blocked off. I didn't know it was Lee until the next day," said Jones.

Nolan, soon after being admitted to the hospital, slipped into a coma.

Since then however, he has made some significant improvements.

He has reportedly opened his eyes and has made some other body movements.

According to West Chicago Police Detective Commander Lazario Perez, "No arrests have been made yet. I cannot release any information."

However, many of Nolan's friends have been unable to visit him because the family has requested that only family and close friends be allowed to see him.

"He's made a dramatic improvement," said Jones, "I am so thankful. I am hoping to see him in school soon and when he is, we will all be happy to see him."

Students get a preview of business life

By Anna Nubie

Youth Industry Day is planning to help students choose careers again.

It is a day designed for students to get an idea of a job they are interested in. Business teacher Cass Streicher is

sponsoring the day.

"Students pick an area they may want to do with the rest of their life," Streicher said. Then they are matched up with someone of the same profession who lives locally.

The student typically stays

with their host from 1 p.m. until the end of the school day. In some cases the student may stay longer.

Students have done this three years in a row. The students are able to change the profession of the person they

want to shadow each year they attend.

Youth Industry Day occurs in the fall and spring with nearly 50 to 60 students attending. This session they will shadow the person on Nov. 21.

Photo Club snapping pictures

By Logan Schrage

Any student who needs help taking pictures, or more time to take pictures, can join the Photography Club.

"The Photography Club now is available to all students who might want to try a new and different club," said Miguel Arroyo, club sponsor.

The club covers school and community activities, gives members experience, and lets them take pictures for the school yearbook and the Wildcat calendar.

"We are talking to the West Chicago Public Library about putting on some sort of photography exhibit, and possibly have an art fest at the school, if there is room," said Arroyo. Members should bring in a camera.

Arroyo said that the club gives students a chance to gain experience with photographs. They will also go on field trips and have projects outside of the school. "Funds are badly needed for the club. The school will try to pay for

most of the materials, but members may still need to pay for some of their own materials," said Arroyo.

If some students do not know how to develop film, or take different kinds of pictures, help will be available. The pictures will be mostly in black and white.

The club elected President Katie Patnaude, Vice President Nina Slater, Treasurer Melissa Stevens, and Historian Gwen Smith.

The club meets in room 192 after school on Tuesdays.

We-go forms human rights club

By Stephanie Bodane

We-go has formed the Student Action Club to address human rights issues.

English teacher Brian Turnbaugh sponsors the club, although it is considered a student run organization.

Last spring, students approached Turnbaugh expressing that they wanted to raise awareness about human rights.

"The first issue we wanted to address was what can we do as a student body to enforce free trade items that haven't been made with

sweatshops? It's a big issue, and we thought we could educate students," said Turnbaugh.

In order to help educate the student body, the club plans to set up informational booths during lunch hours as well as starting petitions.

They are also hoping to have student council participate by promoting and selling tee shirts that were not made in sweatshops.

"We want to know if people would pay \$1 extra to buy something from free trade," said Turnbaugh.

Throughout the rest of the

year, the club plans to explore other human rights issues.

They plan to use "We-go Through The Tube," the newspaper, and other forms of communication to publicize the new club.

"The key word is student action. The majority of the work is done through students with their effort," said Turnbaugh.

Turnbaugh also explained that many members involved in the club wanted to show their concern on human rights issues because of how teenagers are viewed.

"Students are tired of being labeled as a selfish generation. They want to put the word out there," said Turnbaugh.

The goal for the club is to make We-go a "free-school," meaning that it does not promote sweatshops.

Later, the club plans to raise money in order to send members to a convention regarding human rights issues.

"It would be really cool to get them there (the conference). We want students to become models, to become infectious. I think it could work," said Turnbaugh.

The club has an open membership and encourages anyone to join. The club meets every Tuesday morning at 7:30, in room 220A.

Juniors successful with homecoming festivities

By Jaclyn Demes

The junior class received second place for float building and window painting in homecoming festivities and the junior girls won powderpuff.

Adviser Candace Kairys said, "The girls really got into it with their hair ribbons and shirt decorations."

The juniors also sold class shirts for \$13 and gave them out during homecoming week.

The class be will forming a

prom committee in November.

Any juniors that are interested in participating are encouraged to come. They will be discussing songs, decorations, favors, and themes for the dance.

"We're looking for all types of people and lots of ideas for prom," said junior class president Jackie Vavrek.

Keep an ear out for more information on when meetings will be in the morning announcements.

Midnight Madness returns to We-go

By Jessica Myers

The Madness will return to We-go in November.

However, Midnight Madness is not at midnight, it is at 7 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. on Nov. 14 in the Bishop Gym.

Students can buy tickets from any student in marketing.

Before the event, tickets are \$3 or two for \$5. At the door, all tickets are \$4.

Midnight Madness helps kick off the basketball season.

All profits will be donated back to Community High School.

The boys and girls varsity

basketball teams will be introduced to the crowd.

The We-go cheerleaders, poms, and the Jesse White Tumblers will perform.

There will also be games such as sumo wrestling, a hot dog eating contest, a pie eating contest, and a frozen tee shirt contest, said marketing student Nick Bernard.

People will be picked from the audience to participate in the games.

Everyone who participates will win a prize.

Students have the opportunity to win gift certificates from Gianorio's pizza, Rosati's pizza, and more.

Other prizes include a year membership to Lifetime fitness, an autographed baseball bat by San Diego Padres player Ryan Klesko, and an autographed baseball by Magglio Ordonez.

There will also be a basketball shoot-out to get the chance to win a Buick Century.

Dan McCarthy's marketing class is running Midnight Madness this year in order to teach the class different techniques in marketing.

McCarthy said, "They do this on a college level to kick off the basketball season."

Mind's Eye looking for a few creative works of art

By Anna Nubie

Mind's Eye wants to see students' creativity.

The school magazine is looking for student or teacher submissions of short stories, poetry, pictures or artwork. Entries can either be anonymous or credited and will be accepted until Jan. 31.

The magazine comes out in May and can be purchased for \$2.

Adviser Andrea Cobbett says the club is trying to find new ways to advertise the magazine. "We're hoping to get on 'We-go Through the Tube,'" Cobbett said.

Recently elected officers will soon take charge of the magazine. Melissa Stevens was elected president, Kirsten Stockhoff vice president, Javier Terrazas treasurer, and Erin Linsenmeyer secretary.

In March and April the club will begin to make decisions on what to publish in the magazine.

Each member of the staff is given a packet of all the included entries. Then they select the 20 best submissions.

Watch for flyers around the school for more information.

Driver's ed... (Continued from page 1)

waiver is taken to the state legislature and they then vote on the waiver. If it passes, then We-go is granted the waiver, and it will go in effect next school year.

The price of driver education is not expected to go past \$98 in the near future.

It is also highly unlikely that the fee will reach the \$200 maximum, unless We-go faces a severe budget emer-

gency, said Reick.

"The \$200 limit is for latitude," said Reick.

A \$200 limit was chosen because that price is the minimum paid for private driving lessons, which range from \$200-\$300.

After five years, the waiver must be renewed.

The proposal must again go through an approval process and past the state legislature.



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Prescription drug payoffs must stop

Doctors uphold a great responsibility. Whether it is saving a life or curing a cold, their job is to help their patients to the best of their abilities.

Diagnosing people and prescribing medications are duties that every doctor carries out for the good of their patient's health, or is it? Certain doctors have found a new reason to prescribe certain medications: the gifts drug companies are giving.

Recently, the government accused big drug companies of abusing the law and federal fraud for bribing doctors with gifts so that they prescribe their drugs. The government warned drug companies not to offer any type of gifts to doctors who prescribe their medications.

One of the most astonishing findings is of certain drug companies offering actual payment to doctors to prescribe their name brand drug.

Posters and pens that endorse the drugs they prescribe are visible in many medical offices across the country. And although they are only intended to suggest a helpful medication, the government sees it more as a bribe.

Doctor offices may have to take down those advertisements. New guidelines state that any drug company that offers gifts, money, travel, meals, or any other sort of gratitude

will be evaluated and subjected to civil and criminal charges.

Not only should the doctors be charged with this crime, the medical office should be as well. After all, it is the medical offices that are hanging these advertisements, and they have to know that their doctors are being paid off.

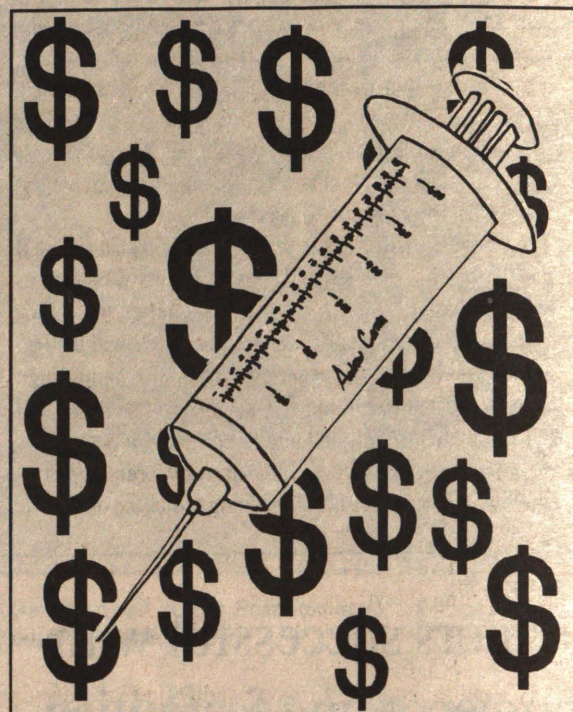
Shouldn't a doctor's office offer medical advice free of bias instead of being a walking sales pitch?

It is unsettling to think that, instead of a medication being prescribed based upon someone's actual sickness, now it may be prescribed in order for the doctor to win a free meal at some upscale restaurant or an all expenses paid vacation in a foreign country.

Not only is it a selfish act by medical practitioners, but think of those who cannot afford to pay for name brand drugs. Instead of paying for a generic brand, these patients are being forced to spend extra money to get a drug that their trusted doctor prescribed or recommended just because they were rewarded for doing so.

Years ago doctors would never prescribe a medication solely on the fact that they'd be rewarded. Nowadays it seems that money and luxury replace trust and health.

Stephanie Bodane
Editor in Chief



Bush attacks Iraq for own agenda

George W. Bush needs to get a clue. A pre-emptive strike against Iraq is a terrible idea.

Nobody except Bush needs a war. A war with Iraq in the not-too-distant future is a guaranteed re-election winner.

Nobody wants to switch presidents during a war. It is generally not done. And Bush has less of a chance of winning re-election if he doesn't go to war. It's politics!

Moreover, it seems that Bush is saying "To preserve democracy, I must become dictator!"

Evidence of this comes from his "National Security Strategy of the United States," which is his own opinion about how Iraq should be run.

The "Strategy's" main

goal is to give Bush sole power to decide what to do with Iraq and when to do it. It sounds just a bit unconstitutional, don't you think?

In other words, he has come up with a ridiculous plan that basically gives him dictatorial power.

Does this seem wrong to anyone? It should.

In the "Strategy," Bush said, "In the world we have entered, the only path to safety is the path of action."

So, if someone were to punch a "threatening" person in the face as a "pre-emptive strike," who would the perpetrator be? It's obviously not the "threatening" person.

Bush is making America seem like a world-class bully. Since Sept. 11, he has been bent on taking all weapons away from any non-ally with whatever force he deems nec-

essary.

He has his own agenda, and passes it off as the will of the American people. His plans are ethically wrong and he masks it by saying, "better safe than sorry."

During the Cold War, our enemies aimed nuclear missiles at the U.S. Iraq is not even doing that.

In the past, we have not attacked a "threatening" nation before exhausting all options.

We have used our national intelligence and the common sense of our leaders to achieve peace.

With the collapse of the Soviet Union, we are the superpower of the world.

We don't, however, control the world.

The Bush administration needs to listen to the UN and also other nations, who have

good reasons and notions as to why attacking Iraq is a bad idea.

The UN needs to get tougher on Iraq, though. While Bush is doing way too much against Iraq, the UN is not doing enough.

In order to preserve peace, the UN needs to put stricter regulations on Iraq and not let it get away with concealing weapons of mass destruction.

As a recent Chicago Tribune editorial said, the United States' dominant military power is something that should be used for worthwhile reasons.

And it should not be used as a first resource, rather, as a last resort.

Just who is it that needs the regime change?

Sam West
News Editor

Injuries just a part of the game

High school level sports, alongside their professional and amateur counterparts, have become bigger and faster than ever. As the level of intensity rises, to many it seems that severe injuries have become more common.

High school sports are not exempt. Football, one of the most physical high school sports, has yielded its share of injuries. As unfortunate as injuries are, they are no reason to scare people away from sports.

In the opening week of DuPage Valley Conference football, Matt Rochwick, a defensive lineman for Naperville North, suffered massive trauma to the head. In a play against conference rival Wheaton North, Rochwick ran full speed into an offensive lineman. After the play he went to the sidelines, complaining of dizziness. Moments later, after losing feeling in his arms and legs, he was transported to Central DuPage Hospital. He then underwent a four-hour emergency brain surgery to remove a blood clot.

Rochwick is now on his way to recovery. He has been out of an induced coma and is fully conscious and aware, although doctors are not yet sure what his capabilities will be after he is fully recovered.

Injuries such as Rochwick's, as terrible and tragic as they are, are very rare. Doctors compared the injury to a person running head first into a brick wall at 30 mph. These types of things do not happen often and warrant people no reason to be scared.

Injuries in sports are freak accidents, just like anything else. Much is done to prevent them, including new, safer equipment, and rules protecting players from unnecessary hits. Nonetheless, injuries are inevitable in any aspect of life, sports included.

Some may argue that sports injuries are preventable by abstaining from the activity completely. By the same standard, one could argue that driving is dangerous because of the constant risk of an accident. That does not keep people from driving, though. As long as people are aware of the risks that surround their actions, they eliminate 99 percent of their chances of being injured.

An athlete is aware of the risks that are posed through the sport they play. Rarely will one see a center fielder struck in the head by a baseball because they were not paying attention. Constant awareness is an athlete's primary defense against injury.

Skill, speed, and intensity are not what make sports dangerous. Chances are, as long as a player is concentrating on what is going on around them, they will be safe.

Any football coach can often be heard telling their players that they will only get hurt when they do not go full speed. With the exception of a few cases, Rochwick's included, this is true.

(See Sports Safety page 7)

SUVs take environment for a ride

Concern for the health of the environment is taking a turn for the worse.

The way U.S. consumers live their lives has changed over the last few years compared to the way past generations cared for the environment.

Cars have changed for the worse. SUVs have sucked a high percentage of car consumers into their grasps. Through keen advertising, car companies tell consumers that SUVs are a great way to experience nature, but that's not true. All you may be doing is harming it.

Only five percent of SUVs are taken off-road, this means the rest are used for everyday

driving, adding to the problems of air pollution.

SUVs are also changing the climate, which may result in serious health related consequences, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

SUVs can give off 30 percent more carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons and 75 percent more nitrogen oxides than passenger cars.

According to the EPA, these pollutants cause and contribute to ground level ozone which causes asthma and lung damage.

Scientists strongly suggest that the quick buildup of CO2 (carbon dioxide) and other greenhouse gases in the

atmosphere are raising the earth's temperature.

Fuel consumption rates improved greatly through the mid 1970s and the late 1980s. From there, consumption rates have worsened.

Instead of conserving, vehicles are using more gas than before.

The EPA said that one of the most important actions consumers could take to reduce the risk of global warming pollution is to buy cars with better mileage.

Choosing a vehicle that requires 25 mpg of gas over one that can go 20 mpg prevents 10 tons of CO2 from being released into the atmosphere.

A car such as the Volkswagen Beetle, which gets 27.5 mpg, releases 54 tons of carbon dioxide in its lifetime. An SUV such as the Lincoln Navigator gives off over 100 tons of CO2 in its lifetime.

Every gallon of gas a car burns releases 20 pounds of CO2 into the atmosphere.

Federal law also gives heavy sport utility vehicles authorization to allow higher levels of toxic pollution.

Consumers need to realize if they want to preserve the environment, they need to drop the obsession with SUVs and buy smaller cars.

Anna Nubie
Special Sections Editor

Kyle's Kolumn

I think therefore I am...or am I?

At one point I had the best idea for a column in the history of the world, but after a long period of Mountain Dew's, staying up until 5 a.m. and frequent brain shutdowns, I have completely forgotten what that idea was.

I hate when that happens. And it happens a lot. I'll be walking, driving, or whatever, and this magnificent, world-changing idea will blaze into my brain, but there is never a pen and paper handy.

So I try to remember this idea all the way home, and then when the moment of truth comes, the moment where the ink touches the paper, I completely forget what it was.

This will totally ruin my day, at least until I forget that I forgot the idea.

Now I have this vague memory of an awesome thought that I thought at one point but forgot until I forgot that I forgot and consequently remembered it. Vaguely.

Mind failures like this come in many different forms.

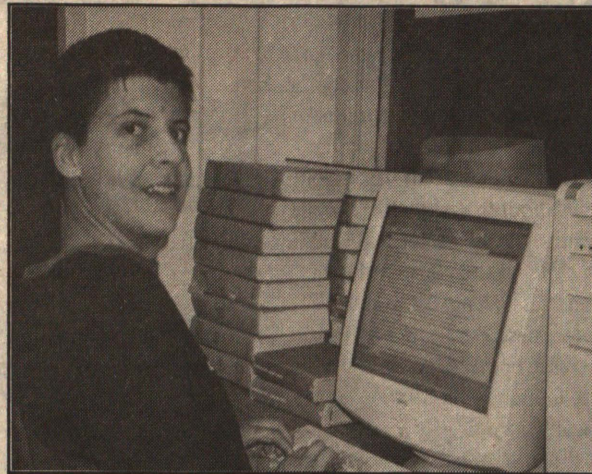
A few common ones are; forgetting the name of someone you've known your whole life, forgetting how to spell an easy word (I've forgotten how to spell "drop" and "does"), and forgetting everything at once.

I don't know if anyone else gets this, but on a few rare occasions I completely forget everything.

My mind shuts down, goes on standby, and I stand/sit/lay there for a long time drooling and staring at nothing until my brain decides to work again.

The opposite of brain failure is brain surging, where you think about some thought that stretches into infinity and your brain comes to the brink of exploding.

For instance, since we seem to be on the brain topic, I once had a thought. The thought was that, if my brain controls everything I do, then technically it's making me think and



talk about my brain.

The explanation? My brain is self-centered, and the more I talk about my brain the more conceited it actually is.

Think about it. I dare you.

Think about the universe, and how it never ever ends. I am convinced that at the end of the universe there is the world's largest brick wall and, if a satellite ever managed to travel that far, it would crash into it and all data would be lost, except for the last few seconds of a recording showing a giant wall heading towards the camera.

I don't even want to think about what is beyond that wall.

Perhaps giant flying bunny rabbits and a massive ocean of peanut butter. Whatever, just use your imagination.

I can think of only one way to stop these problems...to stop thinking altogether.

This may have a few setbacks, such as not being a function-

ing member of society, but it will certainly save us the torment of rummaging through our brain to rip out half-baked thoughts that have no potential of making a single change to anyone's life.

So that's my plan. If everyone decided to just stop using their brain, the world would be a better place.

In fact, I have no objections whatsoever to inventing robots that will do all the work for us.

This will free up time for us to simply lay around being lazy and unproductive, which is what we really want to do all the time, if we can dig deep enough and admit it.

Robot slaves are our future, unless something goes terribly awry and we all end up being human Energizer batteries like in the Matrix.

The problem with all of these plans is that I haven't the faintest clue how to start them, which means that we humans will have to produce some great thinkers, which we don't seem to have anymore.

Back in ye' olden day, we had tons of people who changed the world with their inventions, art, and theories. We don't seem to have those anymore.

The greatest thinker of our time is, without a doubt, my dog, who has managed to escape the fenced yard despite the fact that I have conjured up every single way to prevent this, including welding the gate shut and gluing my dog's feet to the ground.

I am pretty sure she is using some sort of advanced laser technology.

Okay, I'll save the robot slave plan for the future. But for now, I will pay top dollar to anyone who can manage to create something that will keep my dog put.

She might escape and take over the world.

Our View—

Reality show makes a mockery of the presidency

The next step in the reality show trend is one step too far. The FX network announced the start of a new reality series that will give TV viewers the chance to pick their own candidate for president.

Following the success of such viewer-oriented reality shows as "American Idol," producers Jay Roach and R.J. Cutler hope to offer the public a chance to participate directly in the election process.

"The American Candidate" begins sometime in January and end in Washington D.C. on July 4, 2004.

Any naturalized U.S. citizen who will be at least 35-years-old by Jan. 20, 2005 can apply for the show.

The application process includes a 30-minute video describing why he or she should be president, and a petition signed by 50 supporters.

What kind of people will this show attract?

If anyone who gets 50 signatures can run for president, who's to say that the petitioners are qualified candidates for the presidency?

The American public could be opening the door for the most incompetent president in our history. Do we really want just anyone in the highest office in the country?

The first episode will introduce the viewing public to the 100 semifinalists, two from each state.

Sports Safety...(Continued from page 6)

Players are hurt because they are jogging down the field not paying attention and are unexpectedly hit. At full speed, a player might be hitting harder, but their body is braced for impact, allowing them to suffer the blow.

Injuries in sports will always be regrettable. In some cases they just can not be avoided. For the most part though, athletes can be assured that they will be all right, as long as they keep their eyes open.

Elliot Tinnes
Sports Editor

Audience participation, telephone viewer votes and a point system will determine the winning candidate.

The winner can choose not to run, though.

FX is also the network responsible for bringing us "Son of the Beach," a fine piece of American pop culture in its own right.

FX President Peter Ligouri told CNN that the show will not make a "mockery of the electoral system."

Roach, for those of you who may not know, is also the director of the "Austin Powers" movies. Such prime examples of hard-hitting, emotional American cinema.

The show will broadcast debates and speeches from different locations, such as Mount Rushmore, Gettysburg, and the

Statue of Liberty. Some of the most distinguished places in America, symbols of American pride and ingenuity.

Also, it is a great way to get patriotic viewers to tune in.

By capitalizing on the wave of patriotism American citizens have undergone since 9/11, the show demeans the very essence of this country.

It trivializes the most important position in our country, turning it into something near the likes of "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?" or "Survivor."

The reality show craze has gone too far this time. The public needs to step up and say "that's enough" before the most powerful position in the country, if not the world, becomes a complete and utter joke.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

After reading the article printed about former president Bill Clinton, I was enraged and disgusted about what was printed about him. I'm not saying that he was or is the greatest person in the world, but he was a good president. I agree that he made a horrible mistake by cheating on his wife but that is none of our business. I agree that it was even worse that he lied about the affair but it still wasn't any of our business.

What Mr. Clinton did was a mistake that he will probably regret for the rest of his life but it had nothing to do with occupation as president of the United States of America. I believed then and I still do that his affair with Monica Lewinsky was between him and his wife and Chelsea.

This is all I have to say on this subject.

Sincerely,
Athenna Joyce-Olsen

Dear Editor,

How should the United States respond to the situation in Iraq? The situation in the Middle East is much more complex than most believe. Much of the complexity is created by the very ideals that we hold so dear and are the foundation of who we are if we truly are citizens of this great nation.

A government of the people, by the people, and for the people can only respond as the people choose it to do so. This is possible to the extent the people have accurate information, critically analyze this information, decide on the most appropriate action, which will demonstrate their ideals, and then inform their political leaders of their decision.

We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice insure domestic tranquility, promote the general welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution of the United States of America.

If this is what we preach, we better put it into practice. The truth of our ideals will only be proven to be true to the extent we hold ourselves accountable to them.

Whatever we the people decide to do, let us insure it mirrors the Spirit of the words we hold sacred: Justice, Tranquility, the General Welfare, and Liberty. By doing so, we will insure a more perfect union of all those who have been created equal.

Timothy R. Shelly
GED Instructor

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Brafford works to liven teachers' spirits

By Melissa Stevens
Kimberly Brafford is looking for ways to help teachers have fun.

The former support services liaison is happy to be back at We-go as the new human resources director.

After a series of formal interviews with Supt. Lee Rieck and Principal John Highland, Brafford officially took over the position in July.

The human resources department hires new teachers, evaluates staff performance, and handles personnel affairs.

As director, Brafford is expected to keep track of staff benefits, secure substitutes for teachers out sick or on vacation, and handle teachers' contracts.

She represents the Board of Education while bargaining with the teachers, though contract negotiations ended earlier this year.

Brafford's biggest goal for the year is to have her office be "truly a resource for all staff."

Because her office deals with such personal affairs, Brafford wants all of the staff to feel comfortable coming to her with their problems.

Since the department also handles employee benefits, the faculty depends on her to make sure their insurance is in order.

She is also the Title IX officer.

This means that Brafford must investigate allegations of sexual harassment or discrimination regarding students and faculty.

She is also in charge of grants for the different programs in the school.

All grant money comes through her office first before going to different programs.

When programs need money, they will have to

come to Brafford for approval.

Her other goals include adding some fun into the daily routine of the staff.

"No matter how old you are, it's better to come to work if it's a fun day," said Brafford.

She began accomplishing this goal on the first day for teachers.

Instead of having the usual routine where new teachers stand up and introduce themselves, Brafford arranged for a game show activity.

The new teachers were asked to write two pieces of information about themselves on a board.

Then they stood onstage while current faculty acted as contestants and guessed which information was fact and which was fiction.

This creative idea added a little fun to a normally boring process, Brafford said.

Instead of just sitting qui-



Staff Photo

Kim Brafford is trying to make her office a resource for all staff members.

ety and listening to boring introductions, the current staff was able to participate

in welcoming the new staff. Though it might have been embarrassing at first, it

helped bring the staff together and added a little bit of fun too.

Maguire looks to parents for career path

By Michelle Loerzel
With both parents as teachers, Brett Maguire did not have far to look for a career.

Maguire grew up in southern Illinois, with his mom as a special education teacher and his dad as a science teacher.

With both parents as teachers, Maguire said he could easily see himself becoming one. New to the social studies department, Maguire was a substitute teacher at York High School in Elmhurst for a year.

"Being a full-time teacher

is better than a full-time substitute," said Maguire.

In addition, he worked at Zeigler-Royalton High School near Carbondale. He also taught at Pacific High School in Missouri for a year.

"I did not like it in Missouri which is why I came back to Illinois," said Maguire.

He said Missouri was too far from his family and friends.

Maguire attended Fairfield High School, which had a student body of 500 students.

"It was nice because you

were able to get to know everyone," said Maguire.

In high school, Maguire played football every year. He played baseball during his first year and track the other three years during the spring season.

He was also involved in the math, science and Spanish Club and he was in National Honor Society.

After high school, Maguire enrolled at Wabash Valley for two years.

After two years Maguire transferred to Southern Illinois University to be close

to where he grew up. He earned his teaching degree at SIU.

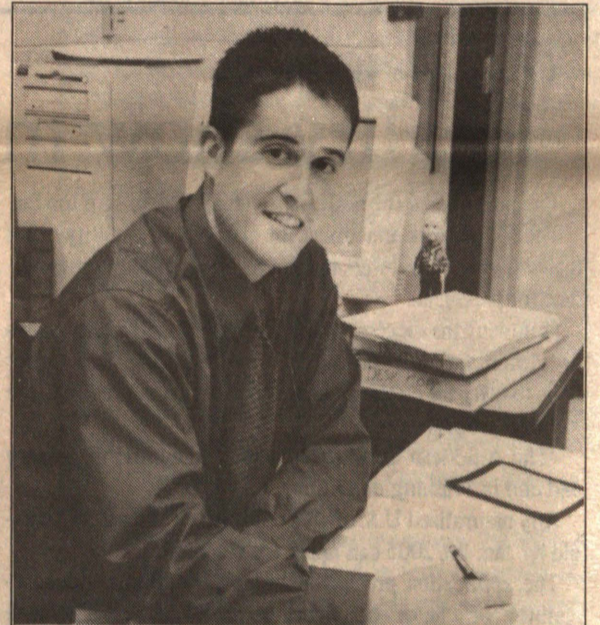
At Southern Maguire played football, softball and basketball in intramural sports.

Maguire also tutored students with learning disabilities, mainly in social studies.

"I would help students write their essays for their social studies class," said Maguire.

Maguire would like to go back to college in the next five years for his masters.

But for now Maguire is



Staff Photo

Brett Maguire came back to Illinois to teach.

enjoying his time at We-go. "We-go is a nice school, there

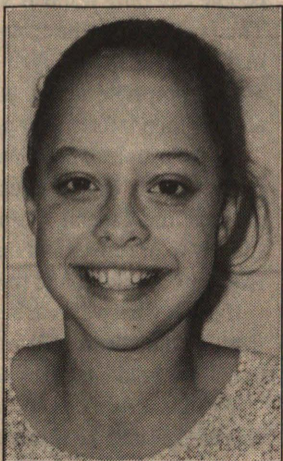
are nice kids and a great administration," said Maguire.

What is your favorite cartoon show?



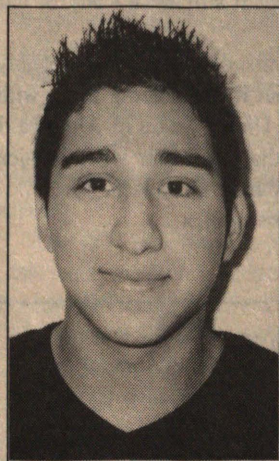
Mandi Kvasnicka
junior

"Powerpuff Girls because they're cute."



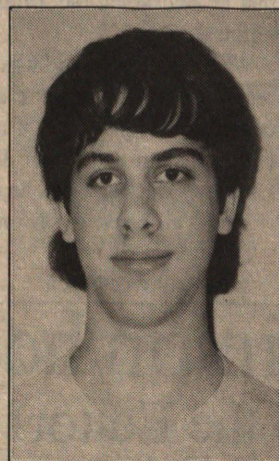
Tracy Opel
freshman

"Powerpuff Girls because they're super heroes!"



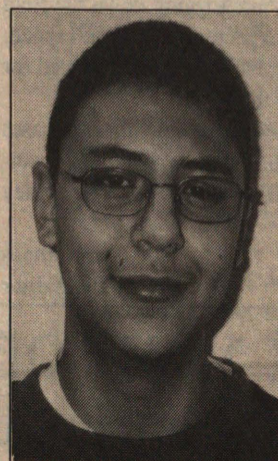
Peter Espinoza
junior

"Dragonball Z because it relates to Christianity."



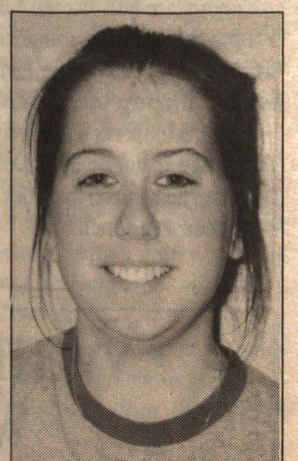
Jim Dieckmann
sophomore

"Anything that's on TV."



Jorge Fong
junior

"Gundam because I like the animation."



Kate Lenertz
sophomore

"Dexter's Laboratory because he's funny, and I like the way he talks."

Firefighters gather to remember fallen heroes

By Stephanie Bodane

Over 100,000 white and navy caps filled the streets of downtown Manhattan in New York City, the rain pouring down on them, yet the heads that held the caps remained high.

Beneath the caps were firefighters, paramedics and fire chiefs from all around the United States and the world, there to mourn their lost brothers.

I was amazed at the sight in New York City where I attended the memorial for all 343 firefighters who lost their lives on Sept. 11. My father is the fire chief of Carol Stream and was invited to attend the memorial in Manhattan along with the other thousands of fire fighters.

We met up with the other firefighters at a corner on 19th Street to march to Madison Square Garden where the families of the lost firefighters gathered to mourn their lost loved ones. The rain poured down and it was around 7 a.m.,

yet the firefighters were more than willing to be there.

I had never seen anything more moving than thousands of firefighters marching in uniform and in single file lines. Stepping on a ledge on the sidewalk, all I could see were navy and white caps filling the streets of Manhattan. As we got closer to Madison Square Garden, civilians from the neighborhood began gathering around to salute the men and women.

In the block before Madison Square Garden two fire engines were parked on both sides of the street, their ladders up. The American flag that once stood over ground zero was strung between the two engines.

Two particular people nearly brought me to tears. One was an elderly woman who was holding herself up on a walker with one arm. She was waving her other arm in the air with a smile

spread across her face yelling, "God bless you, God bless you all," over and over.

The next person was a young New York City firefighter standing on the side of the street dressed in uniform. She was on duty and while she stood watching us, tears gushed down her face and yet she kept her poise.

I had nothing but respect for this woman and for the people of New York City. They had been torn but they still were strong.

About six or seven blocks from where the memorial was held the city had set up big screen monitors to show what was going on inside. As a man sang the national anthem on screen, all the firefighters saluted at once. New York City never sounded so quiet.

We all gathered in front of one of the monitors and listened for 45 minutes while all 343 lost



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Construction crews are working in ground zero to fix the subway that was damaged in the Sept. 11 attack. Visitors can view the site from behind a fence. Thousands of firefighters attended a memorial service in October to remember the fallen firefighters.

firefighters were named off.

Not a single firefighter moved, they all stood straight to show their respect.

Once the memorial was over we all began walking back to our hotels.

Everywhere I looked there were men in uniform, every street corner, every open restaurant. It almost looked as if firefighters had invaded New York City.

When I went to ground zero it didn't seem real to me.

We have all seen it a million times on television but to actually be standing there was unbelievable.

Metal fences border the site where the twin towers once stood to keep visitors safe from falling into the large crater where construction workers are clearing the land to rebuild the subway.

It gave me chills to think

about not only what once stood on top of it, but also what had fallen to create it.

The fences are covered in signs, pictures, letters, tee shirts and more memorials.

The fire station across the street was abandoned; it looked so little standing there with caution signs all over it.

All I could think about was the amount of firefighters that were lost from that station.

When I looked up into the sky at ground zero, there was a huge hole. Something more than buildings were missing. It felt like a body without a soul.

Later I took a ferry ride to the Statue of Liberty. When I looked out at the skyline of New York City there was an obvious gap in the skyline.

A part of the picture was missing. Every souvenir that I purchased showed the famous World Trade Center against the skyline. An eerie feeling came over me when I remembered the tear in the skyline.

On the visit to the Statue of Liberty my father said, "Imagine if you were standing right here in front of the Statue of Liberty when the World Trade Center was attacked. Imagine standing here in front of the symbol of America, watching."

At the time I almost mocked him, but when you see that gap, that open sky that used to be filled, it has an unbelievable effect on you.

The open space will never be filled, but what filled the space will never be forgotten. The scar will always remain.



Staff Photo

Messages dot the fire station located next to ground zero. The fire station is now abandoned and waiting to be cleaned up so it can be put back in business.

Shopping trip changes Matt Benson into a model

By Anna Nubie

Last June senior Matt Benson's life changed.

While shopping at a local mall Benson was approached about modeling and was offered a job.

A short time later he was called about his first photo shoot with Express, a modeling agency.

Following the photo shoots

he auditioned for a fashion show for Seventeen magazine.

He said that about 40 other male models tried out and only four made it.

Over 100 people attended the magazine's fashion show at Charlestown Mall.

Benson said that he thinks a group picture may be appearing in future issues of

Seventeen.

Recently he attended a photo shoot with Abercrombie and Fitch. He hopes they will call him back soon.

For each photo shoot Benson makes around \$400.

"I want to be in modeling for as long as I can be," Benson said.

Lukas finds fit as high school social studies teacher

By Kyle Bullis

New teacher Chris Lukas is enjoying himself so far at We-go. Lukas is a new social studies teacher.

This isn't Lukas's first venture into teaching, however, as he was also a teacher for a middle school in Crestwood, Illinois.

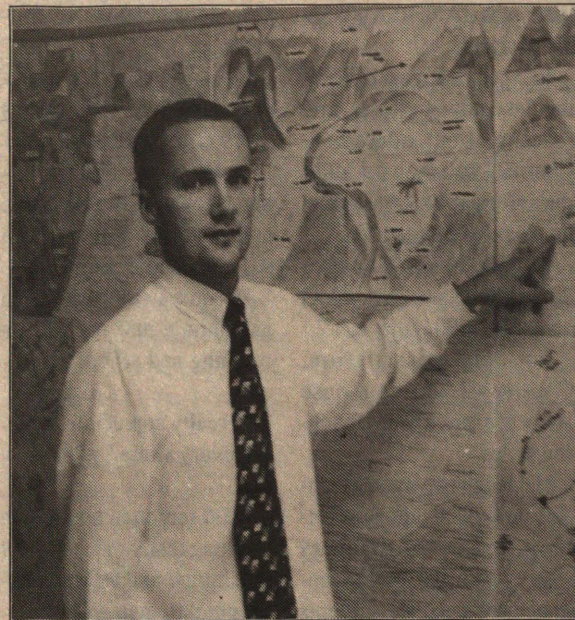
Lukas wanted to teach at a middle school, but a social studies position wasn't available so he looked to the high school level.

He always wanted to teach social studies so he majored in history education at Illinois State to become a teacher.

Lukas went to a few interviews before finally settling on We-go.

"I thought the interview went well. I was also impressed at how organized the high school was," said Lukas.

Lukas plans to host some clubs, although it won't be a



Staff Photo

Landform projects are just one of the ideas Lukas has for his students. He shows them off here.

top priority this year.

Instead, he plans to observe the activities that each club gets involved with.

"I don't want to get into

too much at once in my first year," said Lukas.

He may also coach a sport, preferably baseball which he played in high school.

Student teachers find a challenge in We-go

By Jessica Myers

Community High School's student teachers are learning while they teach.

And they are finding it is not easy.

"You put in a full day's work then four to five hours at home studying and preparing things.

There is so much to do," Miles Jobgen said.

Jobgen is a student from Northern Illinois University who is working in the social studies department.

Vicky Vrinios, a Spanish teacher from Elmhurst College, feels that all the hard work will pay off in the end.

"The work wouldn't be a problem if I was just doing the work a teacher normally does, but I also have class work to do, papers, and a portfolio. It's like having a full-time job and I'm going to school," Bard Housman said. Housman is from Wheaton College and teaching English.

Even though the student teachers knew about the hard work and time commitment it takes to student teach they were still surprised.

Naomi Farmer, who is from Wheaton College and teach-

ing in the art department, didn't expect to enjoy student teaching as much as she does.

"I like working with quality staff and feeling very supported by them," she said.

Rebekah Johnson, who is from Wheaton College and teaching math, also feels supported by all the teachers in the math department.

She said they are very helpful and accepting of her as a student teacher.

Peter Fillicaro, who is from Illinois State University and teaching in the social studies department, agreed.

He likes the professionalism among the teachers at Community High School.

"Everyone works together and shares ideas," Vrinios agreed.

The student teachers had a lot of expectations when they began to teach, but some things caught them off guard.

Jobgen didn't expect how important all the little things like attendance and grade keeping are. Vrinios agreed.

"The little things are so important that you have to do it everyday. With time the little things get easier," she said.

It's not the little things that caught Housman off guard, he didn't expect to be a full time teacher two weeks after the new school year began.

Megan Streid, from Illinois State University, is helping out the special education department, enjoys getting to know the students and the staff at Community High School.

While learning how things run and getting used to the people and teaching, some student teachers reflected upon some embarrassing moments that gave them a few laughs.

One day, Farmer was teaching her 3D-design class in the LRC and she asked a student about his project, then she realized that the student wasn't enrolled in her class.

Johnson said that one day she looked into the mirror and she had overhead marker on her forehead.

Vrinios feels that it's the little things that happen everyday that make you laugh.

Even though student teaching gives them a good laugh, they keep thinking about what they will do after graduation.

Farmer plans to look for a



Staff Photo

We-go student teachers are finding that teaching is more difficult than they thought it would be. Four of the student teachers are from left Vicky Vrinios, Peter Fillicaro, Megan Streid, and Rebekah Johnson.

job in Georgia, where her grandparents live, or in France, where she grew up.

"I plan to take a long nap," Jobgen said.

Some of the student teachers are looking into more schooling to help improve their teaching skills.

Fillicaro is thinking about teaching high school or elementary school.

"I sometimes think that little kids would be funnier to teach," he said.

Streid finds it weird to think that she'll have her own classroom soon.

Before the student teachers can think about teaching their own classes, they use the time they have left before

graduation to improve their teaching skills.

Farmer, Johnson and Housman use journals to reflect about their classes.

"I think about what went well and what didn't and plan to change it for the next class," Johnson said.

Fillicaro looks back on the day and always finds something to change for the better.

All the student teachers get advice from the cooperating teachers and improve their teaching techniques on what they say.

They feel working with the cooperating teachers is essential because they feel that their prior education to this

experience didn't fulfill the needs they have while teaching their classes now.

"No matter what school you go to, it can't prepare you for this," Farmer said. She feels that this is a very intense learning experience.

Fillicaro feels that his school fell short in a lot of ways.

"There is nothing like true experience," he said. "I'm learning as I go along."

Jobgen, is also learning as he goes along. He didn't learn how to write a lesson plan until he came to Community High School.

"You learn so much about yourself," Fillicaro said about student teaching.

Courtney returns with a renewed love of teaching

By Melissa Stevens

English teacher Tim Courtney knows what it's like to be a student again.

Courtney returns to We-go this year after taking a year-long sabbatical to work on his doctorate.

He spent last year collecting data, taking classes, and reading about education. Courtney will then put all of the information together in his doctoral dissertation.

"I have about 80 pages done," Courtney said. "And about 80 or 90 pages left."

For his dissertation, Courtney is doing a case study of curricula and teaching styles.

He spent two months observing social studies, English, and interdisciplinary classes and the level of engagement specific students had in each class.

In addition to his observations, he also collected a writing sample from each student.

He then analyzed the data collected in order to tell the difference between traditional and interdisciplinary

classes. Before he left We-go, Courtney taught world studies along with social studies teacher Barb Laimins.

From the time spent in class, he has developed a new appreciation for students.

In his classes, Courtney experienced the same things every other student does.

Including an overwhelming amount of course work, and teachers who are too strict on their students.

His time away from We-go gave him a new outlook on teaching and school in general.

"I really appreciate teachers everywhere," Courtney said.

He'd forgotten how tough teaching really was, and how much time and effort teachers put into their work.

He took the sabbatical because the constant lesson planning, reading, and grading of papers took away the time he needed for the heavy course load of his dissertation.

He is happy to be back, however. During his sabbati-

cal, he missed his colleagues and teaching kids in general. Though he spent time with other teachers at lunches and meetings, it was not the same as seeing and working with them every day.

The time off gave him the chance to think about how

to change his attitude toward teaching.

"I'm more empathetic because of it," he said. During his classes, he experienced the ups and downs of different teachers' personalities. He now thinks that students can learn better if they can

connect with their teachers.

That does not mean he's become easier, though.

He was quick to point out that he still makes students work hard, he just is not as strict as before.

"I was able to breathe for a while," Courtney said. The

breather gave him the energy and the enthusiasm for trying new things.

Now that he's back at We-go, Courtney feels refreshed and is ready to share with his students the new ideas he picked up during his sabbatical.

You have a friend in Best Buddies

By Kyle Bullis

Want to be somebody's friend?

Check out Best Buddies. The program is designed to allow all special education students to hang out with their peer buddies, who are volunteers of Community High School, twice a month.

Teachers Constance Stadler and Jeanne Hunt, along with student Ashley Saville brought the program to We-go for the first time this year.

A meeting was held to recruit volunteers for the program. Mostly freshmen and

sophomore girls came.

"We need boys," said Stadler.

Another recruitment meeting is not planned but students can join at any time.

When the best buddies get together they can shop at the mall, check out a movie, go to a carnival, and other various fun activities that teenagers enjoy.

The special education students will also talk with their peer buddies once a week either by phone, e-mail, or at school.

Each semester two parties are planned. Party activities

will include watching a movie, having pizza, or having a dance in the classroom.

Best Buddies is not We-go exclusive. Waubonsie High School, Nequa Valley, and

other schools around the state also have a Best Buddies program.

Best Buddies will be around for as long as the program holds interest, said Saville.

Do you have photos that you would like to see in print?

The Wildcat Chronicle is looking for creative photos or photos of school activities. Take your photos to room 319 for consideration.

Halloween

Favorite Scary Movies

The Haunting - Kim Meyerholz
Aliens 3 - Tom Amos
Army of Darkness - Justin Doyle
Jeepers Creepers - Phil Carter
13 ghosts - Gwen Smith
Hellraiser - Josh Bentham
IT - Dennis Heberts
The Exorcist - Heather Ferguson
Signs - Steven Benson
Vertigo - Jason Legear
Nightmare on Elm Street - Jessica Neihoff
Gremlins - Mike Buerger
Signs - Luke Dean
Silence of the Lambs - Diane Sitts
Scary Movie - Robert Marschall
Wait Until Dawn - Brittney Fuchs
Aliens - Drew Weigand
Dracula 2000 - Karl Donovan
The Shining - Amy Infanger
The House on Haunted Hill - Rachel Kuna
Joy Ride - Luisa Perez
Storm of the Century - Minerva Perez
Scream - Joanna Szeszycki
Resident Evil - Jessica Limbrick
Poltergeist - Sean Warren
Halloween - Kenny Mackay
Urban Legend: Final Cut - John Kimber
The Sixth Sense - Chris Wiersbe
Amityville Horrors - Katie Patnaude
Children of the Corn - Carri Wostratzky
Texas Chainsaw Massacre - Becki Wilkening
The Mothman Prophecies - Peter Oelslager



10 worst scary movies

- 10) I Still Know What You Did Last Summer
- 9) Texas Chainsaw Massacre
- 8) Thirteen Ghosts
- 7) Sleepy Hollow
- 6) Santa Claus Conquers the Martians
- 5) Candyman: Day of the Dead
- 4) Urban Legend: Final Cut
- 3) Halloween 4: The Return of Michel Myers
- 2) Valentine
- 1) Planet 9 from Outer Space

Favorite Halloween costumes revealed

"I was a little mouse once," Seana Swaback.
"My friend covered himself in duct tape," CJ Hinojosa.
"Mario from *Mario Brothers*," Eric Gotkowski.
"*Ghost Busters*," Austin Monroe.
"My next-door neighbor, who is a 60-year-old man, dressed up as a woman," Tim Clairmont.
"People from the movie *Dead Presidents*," Rudy Godinez.
"I saw Sponge Bob, it was spongerific," Linsey Perez.
"I saw a couple and the guy was dressed as a prostitute and the girl was dressed as a pimp," Heidi Colliander.
"This one guy wore all black and put yellow tape as stripes down his body and stuck bloody stuffed animals on him as road kill," Greg Stranski.
"My freshman year, I was a pokemon, Jiggly Puff," Eric Oglanian.
"Someone wore veins and a beating heart and if you would squeeze the heart, blood would come down his face," Christina Rodriguez.
"Some girl wore cereal boxes with knives in it on a poster board and called herself a cereal killer," Chase Stearn.

Three movies good for thrills, chills, and laughs

By Melissa Stevens

Scary movies are part of Halloween tradition. Here are three movies guaranteed to make your Halloween a ghostly good time.

IT

IT is one of the most unappreciated scary movies of all time.

Originally made for TV, the Stephen King story is about an evil force in the small New England town of Derry that takes the shape of a clown, but IT isn't clowning around. Instead, IT terrifies youngsters with their innermost fears, bringing some to their untimely doom. It's up to a group of "loser" kids from the neighborhood fight back.

Twenty seven years later the evil resurfaces: meaner, angrier, deadlier, IT starts killing again and again.

The friends must reunite to make a desperate final stand against IT. But can they face their fears in order to save themselves and future generations from IT?

IT is sure to give movie watchers an intense fear of clowns.

Silence Of The Lambs

This movie is so psychologically terrifying that it's sure to give you the chills.

Clarice Starling, a rookie FBI agent, is assigned to help find a serial killer named Buffalo Bill who is targeting young women and skinning

them.

In order to find this killer, however, Clarice must seek the assistance of another serial killer. Anthony Hopkins stars as Hannibal "The Cannibal" Lector, a psychopath that killed his victims and ate them before being put in a mental institution.

Clarice must gain Lector's confidence in time to rescue Buffalo Bill's newest victim: the daughter of an important political figure.

Will Clarice track down the killer before he strikes again?

Whatever you do, do not watch this movie directly before or after eating.

Killer Klowns From Outerspace

A low budget B movie that is so bad it's fun to watch.

Aliens invade a small town immediately capturing and killing the townspeople. But when a group of teenagers discover it, no one takes them seriously.

Why? The aliens all look like circus clowns, use weapons that look clown like, and all have painted on smiles. They pick off the townspeople one by one with weapons that resemble clown props. Only a few of the young people in the town realize the danger and of course, no one believes them.

Armed with an ice cream truck they try and rescue their friends.



Halloween haunts sure to give visitors a fright

By Kyle Bullis

Many places are known for strange occurrences where people are convinced that they saw something supernatural.

They aren't confined to some far off place. You can find many eerie, haunted places near you, if you know where to look.

Chicagoland is home to quite a few famous ghost stories and haunted places.

Resurrection Cemetery in Justice, Illinois, for example is one of the most famous haunted areas in the state, and also home to Resurrection Mary, the ghost who lurks about the cemetery.

Resurrection Mary was supposedly a beautiful young Polish girl, though not much is known about her actual personality.

It is undisputed that she was killed in an accident coming home from dancing at the Oh Henry Ballroom around the 1930s.

The first documented sighting of Resurrection Mary was by a cab driver in 1939. He claimed that he was picking her up, and when he stopped by Resurrection Cemetery, Mary's spirit had disappeared.

She has appeared many times since. Primarily young men have spotted her claiming that she hugged and/or kissed them, and that her

touch was very cold.

She would then disappear.

If you are a curious or are even planning on getting in touch with Mary, you can head over to Resurrection Cemetery yourself.

Bachelor's Grove near Midlothian, Illinois, is another source of strange occurrences, creepy sights, and spooky sounds. Today it is rarely visited, but a top site for ghost chasers or anyone looking for a good scare.

This cemetery became haunted a little more recently than Resurrection Cemetery. The cemetery, for one reason or another, became a teen hangout area when the cemetery was first set up in the 1960s.

The teens left Bachelor's Grove in horrible condition, and soon vandals found the place and began chipping tombstones and wreaking havoc.

The cemetery was forced to be closed in 1965 when the cemetery was beyond chance of being saved. Once the cemetery was abandoned, cults and satanic groups began holding meetings there, as well as practicing Satanic or otherwise Satanic rituals, many times leaving the tools of the ritual laying in the graveyard.

Now the cemetery is said to be infested with all sorts of ghosts and sounds lurking

about, making it a ghost hunter's gold mine.

There have been reports of old monk ghosts and women carrying babies in their arms. Other ghosts have been sitting on the tombstones.

Visitors have caught the ghosts on film with both a regular and infrared camera.

More vandals would come and begin stealing tombstones and in some cases returning them to confuse anyone who dared to enter Bachelor's Grove. The strange happenings of Bachelor's Grove extend beyond the cemetery.

Visitors have reported seeing a ghost farmhouse that appears one moment and disappears the next.

It seems to be a totally random occurrence. The house never appeared in the exact same spot, and would always disappear whenever someone approached the farmhouse.

The farmhouse appears both during the day and at night. Yet there are no records of a house ever existing where it was reported.

There are many more spots to visit within the Chicagoland area. You may even be the first one to spot a ghost. If you are bent on seeing one, bring a flashlight and a camera and head down to either Resurrection Cemetery or Bachelor's Grove.

Homecoming



Homecoming brings fun to We-go

By Michelle Loerzel

Superheroes came together last month to celebrate We-go's homecoming.

Leading the way was homecoming king Emmanuel Vazquez and queen Katy Kostal.

"I didn't think I would make it to the finals when I was first nominated," said Kostal.

Jackie Batty, Katy Kostal, Lauren Martinez, Jami Murphy, and Maggie Wdowiarz were the finalists for homecoming queen.

Final candidates for homecoming king were Joey Klingberg, Greg Moore, Aron Morris, Scott Sieder and Vazquez.

"I was laughing so hard when they nominated me," said Vazquez.

The crowd cheered when Vazquez and Kostal won the crowns at the pep assembly.

During the assembly the previous champions of the teacher tug-of-war, the social studies department, held its title after defeating the math department.

The math department earned the right to go up against social studies with a win over the English department.

Social studies also went up against the senior class. Although it was close, the teachers were able to overpower the seniors.

Homecoming consisted of both an out-of-school pep rally and an in-school pep assembly during homecoming week.

"I was very pleased with the pep rally during the middle of the week, with no problems occurring," said Principal John Highland.

The community and school came to the midweek pep rally for powder puff games, and tug-of-war. Poms and cheerleaders performed and male cheerleaders showed off their cheering and dancing skills.

Highland said there was a nice show for people who came to the pep rally.

Junior and senior girls played football against each other during the pep rally. The junior girls, with scores of 7-0 and 7-6 won both games.

Junior boys' football players Brad Bytoff, Nick Fairbanks, Elliott Tinnes and Jason Jenson coached the junior powder puff team.

Seniors Tony Reyes, Simon Blanco, Jim Rylowicz, Jake Delort and Brian Calabrese were coaches for the senior girls' football team.

Homecoming spread into the community with window painting.

Freshman class won first place for their window. Their painting consisted of two characters from X-men with

a Wheaton Warrenville South Tiger racing towards a football.

"The painting was amazing. We knew it would receive first place," said freshman student council adviser Connie Stadler.

Junior class received second place. They had their Ninja Turtle painting on the Donminicks' window in downtown West Chicago. Seniors had third and sophomores last on their paintings.

The sophomores' painting portrayed a scene of Batman and Robin blind folding the Wheaton Warrenville Tiger.

The Senoir class painted Superman standing over flames.

SADD and VICA also painted windows. SADD's painting was a superhero made up of a combination of Superman, X-men, Batman and Ninja Turtles.

Sophomore class placed first with its float. The float had a background of Gotham City with a miniature Batmobile. There was also a student dressed up as Batman.

"It was amazing to see everyone work together on the float this year," said sophomore student council adviser Jill Marchiando.

Juniors received second place for their float. Juniors Becky Wilkening, Anna Nubie, Dianne Keck and

Chris Oriano dressed as Ninja Turtles on the float. Junior Pat Virnich was the tiger the Ninja Turtles were fighting.

Seniors took third and freshmen received last place for float building.

The seniors' float had a Wildcat character dressed up as a Spiderman shooting his web at a Wheaton Warrenville South Tiger.

Freshmen created a mini football field on their float with a sign encouraging the Wildcats to beat the Tigers.

The homecoming football game was played against the Wheaton Warrenville South Tigers who beat the Wildcats. The game started fast.

We-go scored a touchdown early in the beginning of the first quarter.

Tony Zumpano scored another touchdown for We-go.

A few more points were put on the scoreboard for both teams, but We-go was unable to catch up. The Tigers beat We-go in the end with a score of 31-20.

"Winning the football game would have put the icing on the cake," said Highland.

Balloons and a banner that said, "We-go saves the day" decorated commons for the homecoming dance that was interrupted briefly when the smoke from the deejay's fog machine set off the fire alarms.



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English teacher Brian Tumbaugh models his new fashion at the pep assembly.



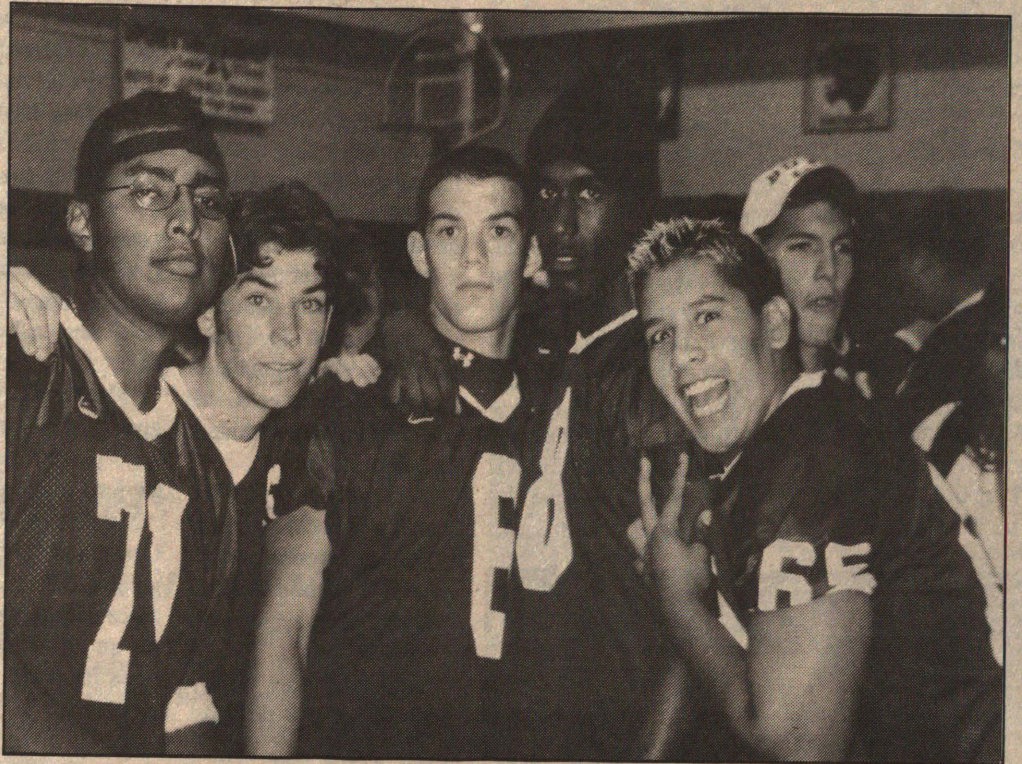
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Homecoming queen Katy Kostal didn't think she would make it to the court.

Homecoming



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Queen Katy Kostal and king Emmanuel Vazquez share a slow dance at the homecoming dance.



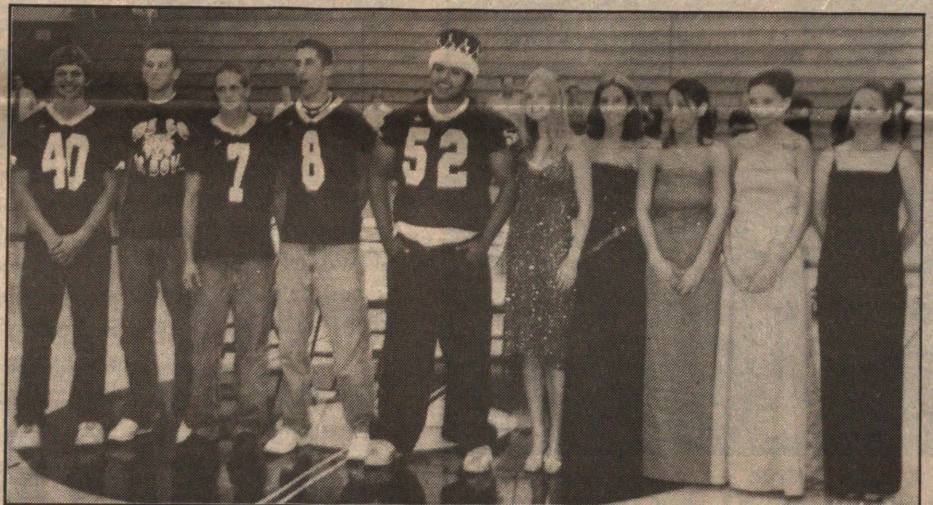
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Senior Wildcats pump up for Friday night's game. From left to right: Simon Blanco, Matt Kallas, Tony Zumpano, Matt Coiley, Mike Martinez, and Tony Reyes.



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The senior tug-of-war team pulled to victory at Wednesday's pep rally.



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Homecoming court poses for the crowd at the homecoming assembly. From left to right: Scott Sieder, Greg Moore, Joe Kleingberg, Aron Morris, Emmanuel Vazquez, Katy Kostal, Jackie Batty, Lauren Martinez, Jami Murphy, and Maggie Wdowiarz.



Staff Photo

Football players get psyched up for Friday night's homecoming game.



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At the Wednesday pep rally Jami Murphy and Scott Sieder wait to be presented as king and queen candidates.

Boys soccer captains lead by example

By Mary Beth Selby

Soccer may just be fun and games to some, but to the captains of the West Chicago boys varsity, it's a whole lot more.

Varsity captains junior Ryan Masschelin and senior Daniel Ballines are expected to get the team ready and take care of handling the players conduct for the coach, Jim Brugmann.

"Being a captain, I feel that I have to set a good example and keep everyone in line at practices," said Ballines.

Both being skilled players, Ballines has played soccer for about 10 years and Masschelin has played since he was "a little guy" of about 5, gaining experience playing with Panthers, Kopian, and the Glenbard North team.

"We're a young team, and we may not work well together, but we can play with the best when we're on," said Masschelin.

Both captains share the opinion, alongside their coach, Stever Brugmann, that finishing shots is the team's

biggest weakness. Before games, they work the team, jogging, stretching, shooting, one-on-one drill, getting serious, and basically making the sure the team has all the "stuff they need for a game," said Masschelin.

But no matter how the team performs and what they act like, they all share good memories. The captains recall good memories of the team's "pre-season bonding" techniques.

"A good memory of the team is when most of us went to Hooters, but ended up eating at UNO's," said Ballines. "We started the season with some good wins."

Every year, the varsity goes to eat at Hooters the last

day of tryouts as a way to bond, said Masschelin.

Besides hanging at Hooters, Ballines and Masschelin work very hard to keep up their playing strengths. Before every game, Ballines would go home and watch the World Cup Mexico vs. Italy game, and they both trained really hard each day of summer.

"My best friends have given a lot of support and always pushed me to try my hardest," said Ballines.

Masschelin also said that Cesar and Brugmann are great factors to achieving success, working them hardest on drills and spending extra time with them after practice.

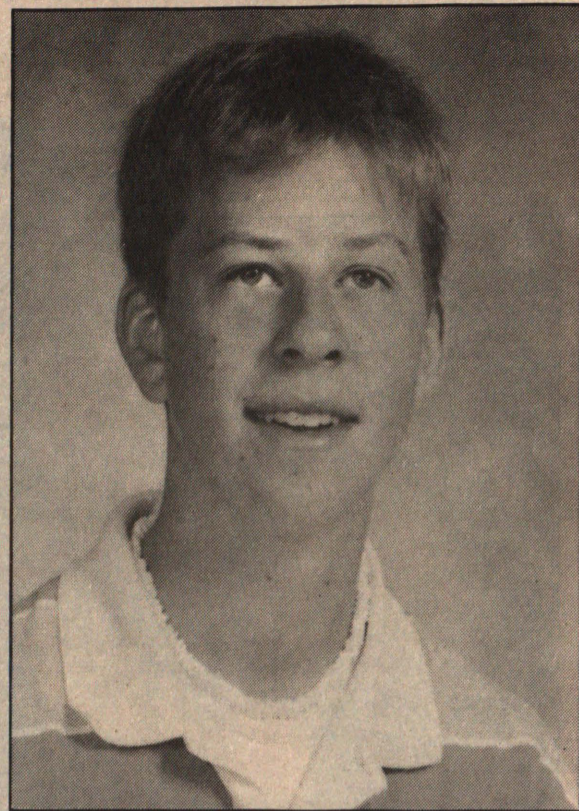


Photo courtesy of Ryan Massechlin
Junior Ryan Masschelin heads this year's varsity soccer team as captain.

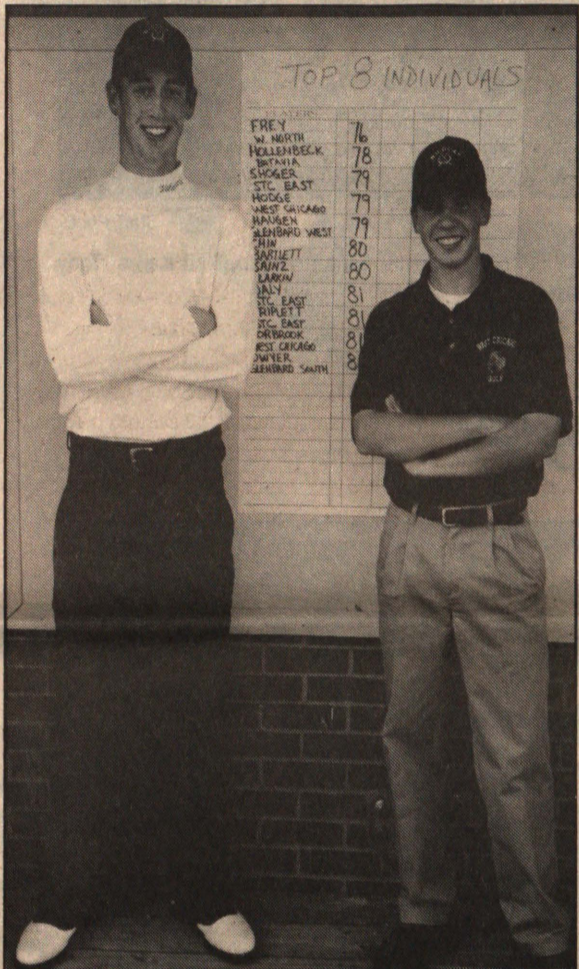


Photo courtesy of Eric Lasky

Greg Hodge (left) and Jason Forbrook made it to sectionals for boys' golf. Here they stand by the competition results.

Strong individual efforts carry boys' golf

By Elliott Tinnes

West Chicago boys' golf came to a close Oct. 15, ending a season of strong individual performances. Although the team did not do as well as they would have liked in conference, the season was marked by strong performances and places in tournaments, said coach Eric Lasky.

A disappointing loss at sectionals left We-go's two remaining golfers, Greg Hodge and Jason Forbrook, out of the race to the state tournament.

Hodge shot a 78, one stroke above the 77-stroke cut to advance. The tournament was led by a 71-stroke outing from Glenbard West senior Eric Haugen.

The sectional tournament took place at the Elliot Golf

Course in Rockford. According to Lasky it was a good course, not too difficult. The greens were a little fast but otherwise soft.

It was cold and windy on the course, said Lasky. "It made no difference. Mentally, Greg doesn't let anything bother him, he battled the tough elements well," said Lasky.

A strong outing by varsity leaders Hodge and Forbrook in the regional tournament helped the two We-go golfers to sectionals. The top eight finishers of each tournament advance. Hodge finished strongly in a tie for third place, shooting a 79 as Forbrook followed two strokes behind with an 81.

According to Lasky, Mike Paschke, who shot an 86, also golfed well.

Improving is all that matters in girls' golf

By Jessica Myers

Girls' golf is swinging down to the end of the season.

The team's record was 0-5 in the conference and an overall record of 2-8.

"We did better this year than we did last year. We won two dual meets," said girls' golf coach Mike Cain.

Community High School beat Addison Trail 226 to 257 and defeated Joliet Catholic Academy 213 to 232.

Cain said the girls' golf

team hasn't won a dual meet in two years.

The scores of the four girls with the lowest scores are added up and the team with the lowest total wins the dual meet.

Community High School finished the DVC conference meet, hosted by Naperville Central, in sixth place.

Cain feels that even though girls golf lost the DVC, the gap between Community High School's score and other teams scores was smaller than (See Golf page 15)

Athlete of the Month - Jami Murphy

By Elliott Tinnes

Jami Murphy has been selected as West Chicago's Athlete of the Month by the Wildcat Chronicle.

Murphy is captain of the 2002 girls' volleyball team. This season is her second year on the varsity level as a back row defensive specialist.

Besides playing for West Chicago throughout her high school career, she has also played two years on a club team. Alongside volleyball, Murphy has also been involved in softball.

If given the opportunity, Murphy says that she may play intramural sports after high school.

How long have you been playing volleyball competitively?

Five Years.

What are your individual hopes for this season?

I'm hoping for our team to go as far as we can. We're already going to regionals.

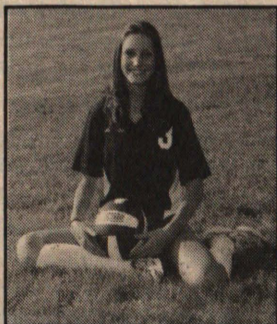


Photo courtesy of Jami Murphy

Jami Murphy
What goals have you set for the team this season?

I hope we can keep playing together as a team. We've all been coming together really well. When we do that, there's no stopping us.

Do you have any pre-game or practice rituals?

I always wear my lucky ribbon in my hair.

Who will be the team's toughest opponent this year?

Probably Naperville North.

What is your best memory from this season?

Beating Wheaton North at home on senior night this year. It was awesome.

Volleyball places first in division at Autumn Fest

By Michelle Loerzel

West Chicago varsity girls lost to Wheaton Warrenville South Falcons at their school.

West Chicago lost to the Wheaton Warrenville South in two games. The scores were 15-1 and 15-4.

We-go varsity volleyball earned first place in the bronze division at Autumn Fest Classic Tournament, after placing 17 out of 25 teams in state.

The Wildcats have not placed this well in the Autumn Fest tournament since 1997.

We-go lost to both Providence and Geneva on Oct. 18, but came back undefeated Oct. 19 against Glenbard West, Mendota and Waubonsie Valley.

"We gave one of the best teams in the state, Providence, a good game, not letting them just dominant over us," said Joanna Szeszycki.

Szeszycki also received "all tournament" athlete.

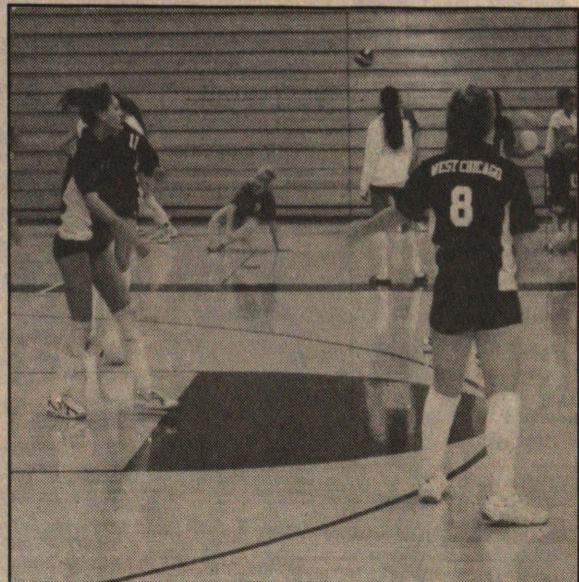
"Stephanie Bodane did a nice job setting for us," said varsity coach Kristi Hasty.

The lady Wildcats defeated Wheaton North for their last home game and senior parent night.

Lindsay Paulson and Szeszycki had 11 kills each, while Bodane and Kelly McCarthy helped the team with 10 assists each. We-go took the game to three and pulled off a win with a score of 16-14.

The Wildcats also beat West Aurora, bringing them to three games as well. We-go led the first game winning with a score of 16-14.

During the second game the Blackhawks were able to sneak in a win with a score of 14-8. Both teams played hard, however the Wildcats pulled off the win in the third game with a score of 16-14.



Staff Photo

Volleyball girls practice to improve their skills.

Golf captures Hodge's interest

By Michelle Loerzel
Having no experience playing golf at all, Greg Hodge decided to take up the sport freshman year.

Although neither Hodge's parents or siblings played golf, he became interested after playing himself.

"My grandpa is a great golfer and the only one who really plays in the family," said Hodge.

"I had tried out because my friend Mike Paschke wanted me to try out with him," said Hodge.

Although he was not a regular golfer at the time, Hodge was picked for the school's team.

Hodge had some difficulties playing at first. He played baseball for years and the two swings do not work together, he said.

Hodge said it was difficult at first starting out as a freshman, when some of the golfers have been playing since they were really young.

Recently Hodge played in sectionals to qualify for state. Hodge was only one shot

away from going to state. He shot a 78.

"Missing state by one shot was the most disappointing time I've ever had in sports. One shot is so little in golf so it was tough to take, but I am proud of the way I played," said Hodge.

Over the years he has learned a lot about himself, how to be able to control his actions on the golf course and to have patience with himself, Hodge said.

He has also learned to adjust his school life with his golf.

"It's always difficult keeping up with school work and playing golf too," said Hodge.

Practicing for golf is not like other sport practices because playing a round of golf can take around four hours. Sometimes practice would go until it was dark, said Hodge.

Hodge would like to go on playing golf in college if possible.

Over the summer you can usually find Hodge playing golf almost every day but when summer ends, Hodge's golf

time doesn't. He still plays golf in other seasons.

Hodge spends much of his golfing time at St. Andrew's Golf Course where he works and plays.

Hodge has worked at St. Andrew's since he was 15. He also receives private lessons for golf there.

Working at the course provides free golf time for practice, so in summer he prac-

tices until dark.

Over the summer Hodge plays for the Illinois Junior Golf Association, which is the junior equivalent of the PGA.

"I would like to see more students just try to play golf and see if they enjoy it. I admit, I was not a very big fan of golf before I really started to play on the high school team," said Hodge.

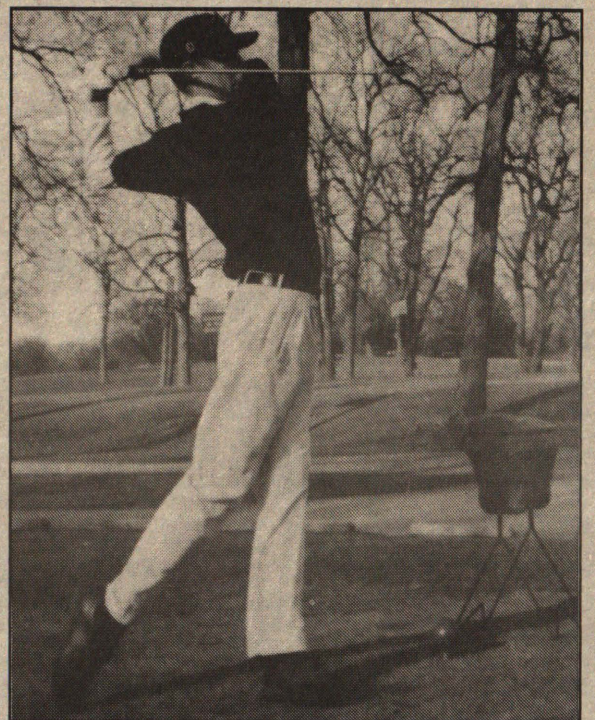


Photo courtesy of Greg Hodge

Greg Hodge spent the summer playing for the Illinois Junior Golf Association, the junior equivalent of the PGA.

Girl runners capture position at sectionals

By Anna Nubie

The girls' cross country team heads to sectionals after receiving third at regionals on Saturday.

Kristy Adduci led the team coming in fourth place with Katy Kostal following behind in fifth.

Coach Katerina Boves said, "We did what we were expected to, this meet was more of a sigh of relief than excitement. We'll be thrilled if next Saturday goes well."

The girls' team performed well at DVC on Oct. 18.

The varsity team placed fifth out of eight teams.

Kostal placed fifth and Adduci trailed behind in sev-

enth, both winning all conference. On the JV level Bryce Wolfe pulled in at 15th.

Boves said, "This is the best we have done at DVC since 1990."

The team placed fourth out of nine teams on Oct. 12 at the Benet Academy Invitational. Kostal and Adduci lead the team placing fourth and fifth.

On the freshman-sophomore level Gwendolyn Murphy ran her breakthrough meet placing fourth.

Murphy was moved up to varsity for the DVC meet.

Wheaton North was the hardest meet of the season for the girls, Boves said.

Out of 33 teams the team placed 13th on Oct. 5.

Boves said that this was the highest finish at this meet which includes many of the hardest teams to beat.

This meet is also different than most others. Instead of all of one level running at one time, the top runner from each school ran together.

Five out of the seven varsity girls at this meet went home with medals. This in-

cluded Kostal, Adduci, Andracki, Carmen Saucedo, and Kim Palka.

The girls took second place behind Hindsdale South at the Bartlett invite on Sept. 28.

This was a disappointing meet for the girls because they took second place last year, Boves said.

Boves said that it seemed to be an off day although they bounced back the next meet.

Boys' cross country tops invites

By Kyle Bullis

Boys cross country is having a smooth season so far with their last meet at the Dupage Valley DVC, where they finished fourth place out of eight. "That's pretty good for us," said coach Paul McLeland.

The team finished third out of 12 in the Benet invitational with the help of sophomore Tom Harwood and senior Pat Baur, the team's top runners.

Both Harwood and Baur are all conference. At the Crystal Lake invitational, the team finished second out of 16 teams.

It's questionable whether or not the team has improved from last year, but over the

course of the season the team has gained speed and has shown improvement, said McLeland.

The team's meet last Saturday at Kaneland High got them in sixth place out of 10.

"The meet didn't go as good as I had hoped it would," said McLeland.

The top performers were Harwood, who placed sixth, and Baur, who placed 22nd.

"Each guy worked harder this season than ever," said McLeland.

McLeland said it would be tough losing his seniors. Baur will also miss the team.

"(They are) one of the best group of guys I've ever had the pleasure to run with," said senior Pat Baur.

Disappointments pushed aside, soccer looks ahead

By Mary Beth Selby

Despite the continuous disappointments the soccer teams faced this season, boys' varsity soccer hopes to go into their sectional competitions strong.

"I've been telling these kids all year, 'You're better than your record.' I hope we can get some validation for that statement at sectionals," said varsity coach Steve Brugmann. "We've had a pretty disappointing year."

Varsity's record was 0-6-1 in DVC and 5-13-1 overall.

Brugmann said the West Chicago Wildcats are the "underdog" for sectionals as varsity begins competitions Friday at East Aurora. The team would like to beat East Aurora with just as many scoring opportunities as last time they met when the Cats won, 6-2.

"Doing well against Waubonsie would be a huge statement for their talent. It would be validation for what I've been telling them," said Brugmann.

Unfortunately, the problem varsity faced was with their finishing skills, said Brugmann. They would be able to create scoring opportunities, but not put the ball in the net.

"Much like what we saw

last night, against Naperville Central Redhawks, we'd be creating scoring opportunities, within 10 feet of the goal, and it would hit the post, we'd be shooting at the goalie, it would go over the goal," said Brugmann. "We just never got it in."

The score ended with West Chicago Wildcats tied with the Naperville Central Redhawks.

Finishing shots was the skill the team worked on in practice. They would pull off the shots in practice, but not in the games, said Brugmann.

"I think that we also would have done a lot better had I gotten a more solid starting lineup earlier in the season, like a constant eight starting players," said Brugmann.

Towards the middle of the season Brugmann switched players around to create a strong offensive front line of senior Carlos Ramirez and juniors Eduardo Alvarez and Manny Escobedo.

"Eduardo and Carlos seemed to spark when I finally put them together," said Brugmann.

Brugmann also admits that, "without a doubt," having a young team was a major factor in this season's outcome.

"This is the youngest (team) I have ever had. Last

year, I lost nine seniors, and Carlos was the only returning starting varsity player, so I had a lot of young players, especially without varsity experience.

"I have never had more than one freshman and three sophomores on the team at once," Brugmann said.

This year, the team consisted of three seniors, seven juniors, five sophomores, and three freshmen. Though this accounts for limited high school varsity experience, Brugmann is looking forward to next year.

"Varsity looks good for next year, with the players that will return and those coming in," said Owens.

By losing only three seniors, most of his team will be returning next year, and the sophomores and freshmen will be with varsity for the next couple of years, said Brugmann.

"I'm also looking forward to the two goalies that will also be returning next year (junior Ted Gernand and sophomore Bruce Janek)," said Brugmann. "They are really great goalies, lots of skill."

Though the season has been unfortunate for the team, Brugmann was

pleased with the team's determination.

"This team just doesn't give up, and that's a good trait for life," said Brugmann.

Sophomore coach Robert Owens is also pleased with the cohesion of the sophomore team.

"They seemed to stick together well as a team," said Owens.

The sophomore overall record was 14-3, and 4-3 in conference, placing them fourth in DVC.

Owens feels that the disappointment with the sophomore team is that they lost so many players to varsity.

"By the end of the season, nine freshmen and sophomores went to the varsity team, so we lost a lot of really good players," said Owens.

In contrast, this left more playing time and experience for the remaining team members left on the sophomore team, said Owens.

He hopes this extra experience will prep the players for next year.

Owens was glad to see how well the sophomores did. He said he saw them put their tactical training to good use on the field like positional playing and combinations," said Owens.

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last year's.

"We had a good year, the girls improved dramatically over the season," said Cain.

Cain feels that it just takes some time for the girls to figure the game out and hopes that next year We-go's score can be even closer to the other teams.

"Mike has taught us so much this year," said girls' golf team member, Mckenzie Maloney.

Cain is looking forward to the next season already. "We have our two top players returning next year, Jamie

Klingberg and Dana Yormark," said Cain. He said they improved their games throughout the season and lowered their score by five to seven strokes.

Klingberg and Yormark weren't the only players who improved their games, Maloney said that the girls that came back from last year lowered their scores this season.

At the beginning of the season, Cain said that as long as the girls had fun the season would be a good season.

Maloney said she feels that the team had a blast.

Wildcats clinch playoff berth in win over Naperville Central

After 24-year drought, West Chicago finds playoffs in last minute win

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Chicago Wildcats.

The teams that beat the Wildcats this season in conference were the Wheaton Warrenville South Tigers and Glenbard East Rams who did not make it into playoffs.

Tony Zumpano's dream since freshman year, came true. He had wanted the team to make it into playoffs this season.

"It's all what you have put into it. The practices, the weight lifting, off-season practices; it all comes down to it in the end. And tomorrow we will be going to school at 9:00 in the morning to watch film for game ten, which we have not done for over twenty years," Zumpano said after Naperville Central's game.

West Chicago's varsity football record this year ended with 5-4.

Defense was an important and strong aspect of West Chicago's game against Naperville Central.

The score remained 0-0 through out the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Zumpano made a touchdown on a third down but was called back. The reason was that the Wildcats had a holding penalty called against them.

Instead, the Wildcats kicked a field goal to take the lead 3-0 on a fourth down.

No one scored a touchdown by the first half, which ended with the score 3-0.

"We did good, being able to shut them out in the first half and only letting one touchdown get around us in the second. We stood up pretty tough and were able to have a good game," said Strike.

The Naperville Central Redhawks were reenergized after coming back from the half time break and made a touchdown leading the game 7-3.

Soon, on a punt back to the Redhawks, they fumbled the ball giving West Chicago a chance to catch up in the game.

Ryan Stuhr recovered the fumble to help lead the Wildcats gain a touchdown.

After We-go recovered the

fumble, they gained several yards.

Soon Scott Sieder made a 4-yard sweep into the end zone which was the final scoring point.

Some penalties that were called on West Chicago held them back from being able to run the ball down the field further.

A couple of 20-yard penalties were called against the Wildcats through out the second half.

The Naperville Central Redhawks' attempt to catch up was to throw the ball in deep. A couple interceptions to We-go hurt Naperville Central. Aron Morris and Stur caught interceptions in the second half.

In the last minute, Naperville Central Redhawks had a chance to score with in 30 yards and win or make the game continue into overtime.

"We knew we had it, we knew we could stop them in the last minute," said varsity football player Nick Fairbanks.

The Redhawks could have taken We-go into over time if they had kicked a field goal. Instead, they decided to try and over score the Wildcats by throwing in the end zone.

With 15 seconds to go on a fourth down the Redhawks over threw the pass and We-go had a few seconds to hold the ball until they officially won the game.

The crowd cheered with joy when the announcer called out that West Chicago was going to the playoffs. Students rushed the field and joined their Wildcats in celebration.

Wildcats have been waiting over twenty years for this to happen again.

A victory over the Glenbard North Panthers on Oct. 18 put the Wildcats in a possible position for the playoffs.

Elliott Tinnes scored 3 touchdowns and rushed 116 yards.

Tinnes scored his first touchdown after Fairbanks tackled a Panther on kickoff resulting in a fumble that T.J. Shanagan recovered.

The Panthers were able to

complete a field goal and scored a touchdown after the field goal. Then it was 10-7 going into the half.

Sieder scored to help We-go take the lead in the third quarter and made one out of the four touchdowns for We-go in the second half.

Tinnes was able to score again in the third quarter and once more in the fourth. After Tinnes' touchdown, Hall passed to Zumpano for a two-point conversion.

We-go lost to the best team in the conference, Wheaton North Oct. 11.

We-go's defense was able to hold Wheaton North's offense from scoring for the first quarter.

"Although we lost, it was one of our greatest games. We played out hearts out," said varsity linebacker Eric Oglanian.

The Falcons scored twice in the second quarter, leading at halftime 14-0.

In the beginning of the second half, Hall was able to connect with Zumpano on a 73-yard drive for their first and only touchdown of the game.

"We played them really tight in the first half except with some bad calls from the refs, but in the second we couldn't stop the ball and offense couldn't produce every drive," said Zumpano.

The Wheaton North Falcons were able to score two more times in the second half.

It was difficult for We-go to keep up with Wheaton North's starting quarterback Zach Ulrich completing 22 out of 26 passes.

"Defense came out ready. We had to be. We have respect for Wheaton North's quarterback. We had to shut them down as much as we could, to give our boys on offense time to get on the board. We started off solid, then a couple bad calls by the refs and some blown coverage and the momentum shifted," said defensive end Dan Kaylor.

Running back Sieder had a career high, rushing 222 yards in 10 carries during the game against West Aurora on Oct. 4. He also scored three touchdowns as well as a two-

point conversion.

We-go won their first conference victory 47-19 against the West Aurora Blackhawks.

On the first drive, West Aurora went up 7-0.

West Chicago was able to score in the first three drives of the first quarter. Sieder scored the first touchdown on a 45-yard run.

Later Hall passed to Zumpano for their second touchdown of the game.

Brad Bytof ran in from the 4-yard line to score.

Hall again passed to Zumpano for a touchdown with a couple minutes left in the half to give a half time score of 27-7.

On the first play of the second half, Sieder ran the ball 81 yards for his second touchdown.

"Scott played very well with the help of the offensive line," said Stone.

The West Aurora Blackhawks were able to score again late in the third quarter.

Sieder then scored again, dashing 16 yards for his third touchdown.

"Sieder played one of the best games I've seen out of a running back in a long time. He made the big plays when we needed them," said Zumpano.

Tinnes made the final touchdown in the fourth quarter leaving the game with a 47-19 victory over the West Aurora Blackhawks.

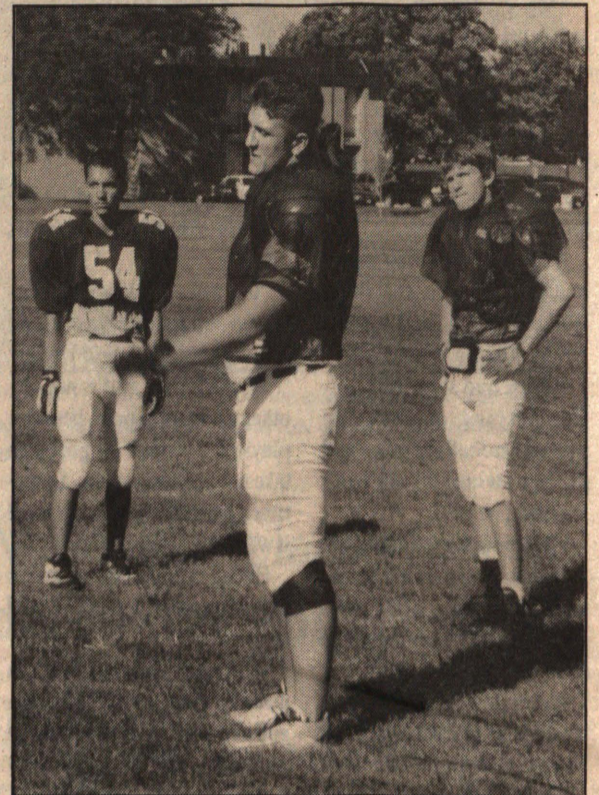
We-go was not able to have a homecoming victory game earlier this season. Wheaton Warrenville South Tigers beat the West Chicago Wildcats 31-20.

The game started off in favor of the Wildcats. Hall passed to Zumpano on a third down for a 23-yard catch to help set up for a touchdown. Sieder soon scored the touchdown after Zumpano's completion.

Then Wheaton Warrenville South ran the football down the sideline on the West Chicago 3-yard line after a kick-off.

Soon South scored making it 7-7 in the first quarter.

Wheaton Warrenville South scored their second touchdown in the beginning



Staff Photo

Captain Chris Sanzeri gives the team pointers at practice earlier this season.

of the second quarter.

Tigers made a field goal after the Wildcats made a fake punt.

Another unfortunate punt by We-go put the Tigers in scoring position to score again in the beginning of the second half.

Shortly afterwards Tigers had a lead of 24-7.

On the fourth down, Hall passed to Zumpano for 22 yards and later passed again to Zumpano for a 23-yard touchdown.

Tigers scored their last touchdown in the fourth quarter.

West Chicago's Bytof scored the Wildcats' last touchdown.

Girls just want to have fun with tennis

By Melissa Stevens
Wildcat girls tennis is enjoying a season of improvements.

The team has not won any of their DVC matches overall, but individually they are doing very well. Winning is not as important as the game itself to many players.

"I don't care as much about winning," said varsity player Andrea Johnson, "I just care about having fun."

Johnson focuses on the friendships made with other players and with varsity coach Sione Moeaki this season.

Practices until 6 p.m. everyday have brought the team together. Their friendships have made the team stronger, overall.

Varsity player Mary Hesterman held the record in

singles this season for winning the most matches.

Johnson accredits the losses to the length of time most team members have been playing. She said that most of the other schools have been playing the game for years longer than her teammates.

The team played well in the DVC tournament Oct. 11 and 12. They also placed second out of four teams at Joliet Catholic High School.

"Overall the whole team needs to improve on their positions," said Moeaki. He believes that the girls are playing well, but their weakness is playing their positions and using the court to the fullest.

Moeaki predicts that lessons learned this season will better the team for next season.