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Demolition day draws near for Lincoln School

By Mary Beth Selby

Administrators scheduled demolition day for Lincoln School for Tuesday despite previous plans that the school would be destroyed over the summer.

Last year, West Chicago administrators decided to tear down Lincoln, which has stood for about 80 years. Without air conditioning and with an old heating unit, the renovation costs were greater than the cost to demolish Lincoln.

Assistant superintendent of business Gary Grizaffi said the summer priority was to clear all the programs out of Lincoln's rooms. Though it was a big change, Grizaffi has not heard many complaints about having the programs moved.

Once the programs, which include the welcome center, weight room, and foreign lan-

guage classes, were moved into the main building, Lincoln went through abatement for asbestos removal.

Without abatement, the school cannot be salvaged for value of its raw materials. Raw materials include concrete, cast-iron piping, wood, and brick.

The abatement process required that Lincoln have pipe insulation, boiler breaching (which means the boilers were wrapped in blankets), and removal of floor tile and glue.

Proposals for asbestos removal were collected and the school signed with the lowest bidder, who turned out to be EHC for \$254,000. EHC is an environmental abatement industry located in Wauconda that salvages raw materials that can be recycled to the production of other buildings.

Demolition is set to begin on Tuesday, and it will con-

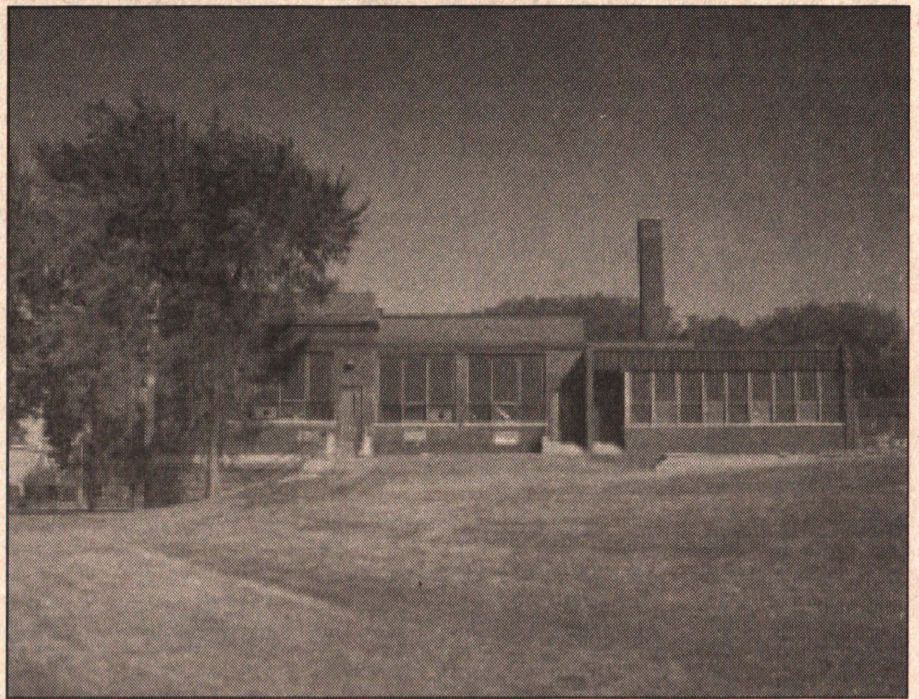
tinue until about Nov. 9.

The Lincoln bridge will be cut off from the main building. Once demolition has finished, Lincoln will be left as a rough graded surface until administration determines how to use the land.

Administrators are still planning to add green space for P.E. classes and create practice fields. Another possibility is to create more student parking.

"There is no determination of how the space will be used, except it is supposed to have multiple purposes," said Grizaffi. The demolished Lincoln area will be left as a rough grading through the winter and leveled off in a final grading in the spring.

Grizaffi estimates that the cost to create the fields or parking will be about \$322,000.



Staff Photo

Lincoln School, built in 1921, is scheduled to come down at the end of this month after decades of service. It most recently housed the weight room, the welcome center, and foreign language classes.

We-go's parking woes finally solved with raffle

By John Jennings

Last year the student council came up with the idea of a parking lot raffle to solve the school's parking problems.

A solution was necessary because students arrived at 6 a.m. to get a parking spot and entered the building before there was adult supervision available.

The Board of Education and Principal John Highland liked the raffle because they were worried about the students waking up at 5 a.m., driving in the dark, and not getting enough sleep.

A student survey indicated that most of the student body supported the idea of a parking raffle.

Only seniors were allowed to enter the raffle because

Highland said, "You get more privileges as you move on in school."

One-hundred-thirty parking slots were raffled off, and that included spots in the parking lots by entrances A and B, Lincoln School, and the circuit in front of the school.

The price for a space in one of the parking lots is \$50 per semester. Highland said the price was set based on the average of what neighboring districts were charging for parking privileges.

There will be another lottery at the start of the second semester to ensure that students who didn't get a spot first semester will have another chance.

But that shouldn't be a problem because everyone

that entered into the raffle first semester received a parking spot.

Although juniors may not park in the spots that were raffled off, they still have the option to drive. They may park at the library, Kerr-McGee, or on either Joliet or Wood streets.

"The parking situation has worked out well," said Highland. "We've had some problems initially, but they have been resolved."

Along with the raffle came a new time to enter the building. Students cannot enter the school until 7 a.m., and Highland said that has helped solve many of the old problems in the hallways.

Now there are more staff members to watch the students and halls.

Chronicle receives highest honor from Press Association

By Sam West

The Wildcat Chronicle has yet another award to add to its collection, as it won the National Scholastic Press Association's Pacemaker award.

This award, started in 1927, was given to the 42 best papers out of the 274 entries in the nation, and is the NSPA's highest honor.

Judged by a panel of Washington Post writers and editors, the Chronicle was chosen based on its excellence in coverage and content, quality of writing and reporting, leadership on the opinion page, in-depth reporting, layout and design, and photography and graphics.

This award covered the entire 2002-03 school year, so everyone in the journalism 1 or production classes

contributed to earning the award.

Chronicle reporters for 2002-03 are: Stephanie Bodane, Kyle Bullis, Bridget Geraghty, Michelle Loerzel, Jessica Myers, Anna Nubie, Brittany Rose, Logan Schrage, Mary Beth Selby, Melissa Stevens, Elliott Tinnes, and Sam West. Brandi Ruiz was the Chronicle artist.

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Perez, Tony Perham, Doug Sieder, Nicole Skala, Nic Tynczuk, and Jen Zimmerman.

Said adviser Laura Kuehn, "We had a diverse staff with different writing experiences and skills and they all came together to create a professional-looking and sounding product."

Stephanie Bodane, editor-in-chief for 2002-03, said, "This award reflects the hard work and dedication the staff had put into the paper in the past year. I know that there will be many awards in the future as the Chronicle continues to better itself."

The Chronicle will be honored at the JEA/NSPA Fall National High School Journalism Convention awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. in November.

Homecoming changes set up to involve students, community

By Mary Beth Selby

Student council changed the set up of homecoming events to increase student and community involvement, hoping to spread the homecoming spirit.

Student council adviser Dan McCarthy said they were facing difficulties trying to

introduce new events to the schedule, but had full confidence they would get everything done.

The first change, most noticeable by students, is the re-scheduling of the king and queen coronation. Rather than finalizing the homecoming festivities, the coronation

marked the start of homecoming as it took place a week before the game.

McCarthy said Pep Club supervisor Candace Kairys wanted the coronation first so the court could be involved with the homecoming activities.

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School makes statement with new mission posters in classes

By Sam West

Students may notice the school's new mission statement posters in their classrooms and around the building.

That is just what Principal John Highland and Supt. Lee Rieck want.

Rieck said that the previous mission statement for Community High School was too long and hard to follow. The new one reflects the school's core values.

Under the alliteration "Learning, Leadership, Living," there are three core values, as Rieck described, that begin with the letters C, H, and S, for Community High School.

"We needed something (students) could embrace, something that would stick in their minds," said Rieck.

After multiple revisions, the final product was put on a poster, with a logo designed by computer art student Jesse Yang, an '03 graduate, and it was distributed throughout the school's classrooms.

Rieck said, "We thought that with these posted, the chance of students, teachers, and community leaders knowing Learning, Leadership, Living is greatly increased."

The hope is that students will learn the statement quickly. Rieck said that there

will be more students that know the new mission statement than students who knew the old one.

"(The previous statement) wasn't as easy to grab as the new one," Rieck said.

Highland said that the new mission statement reflects who and what West Chicago is, and what its beliefs are.

He said, "It's important that the people who work and thrive in an institution have a basic vision of the essence of the school."

Highland also said that the biggest challenge was to make the statement brief enough so that it encompasses everyone in the school. This includes the 75 percent of new teachers (in the past five years) in the building, said Highland.

"The old mission statement was not reflective of this staff," Highland said.

Later this year, a high expectations brochure with 35 to 40 statements will be produced, Rieck said, and will be given to all students.

They will also be available for parents and the community. In all, Rieck said that a few thousand copies will be printed.

Key Club springs into action with blood drive

By Andrea Bradley

Key Club is springing into action as it plans for the first blood drive in November.

Members will help set up appointments and provide snacks for those who donate blood. Last year Key Club had great success with the blood drive, said club sponsor Ward Rau.

To donate one must be 16-years-old, and if under 21, must have permission.

Key Club has two different jobs: serving the community and providing activities for others. Members help the community by donating items, raising money, and helping keep the area clean.

For example, every year Key Club cleans up the Prairie Path. Another service project they participate in is collecting winter coats.

They then donate the coats

to people who need them.

Key Club also sets up a parade for smaller children. There the members take pictures and hand out candy. They also provide games and prizes.

"My goal is to teach kids that there is value in serving the community, even if you don't get any payback," said Rau.

Club secretary Melissa Prusko understands this, Rau said. In order to become an officer, one has to show dedication. She understands that there is good in helping others even if she doesn't get anything in return, said Rau.

Anyone can join at any time of the year. All a person needs is the willingness to help others less fortunate, said Rau. Even non-club members can volunteer to help in a project of interest.



Photo courtesy of Mia Wirth

Nick Kuras and Dominique Scott present their seventh and fourth place awards (respectively) at FBLA nationals in Dallas, Texas over the summer.

FBLA members mess with Texas, come back with awards

By Doug Sieder

This summer FBLA went to nationals in Dallas, Texas and came back with two national winners.

FBLA spent a numerous amount of hours of fundraising and accepting

donations so they could fly to Dallas.

Dominique Scott placed 5th in impromptu speaking and Nick Kuras placed 7th in computer applications.

"We did fantastic with two national winners," said Mia Wirth, who went on the trip with the students.

Eighteen students qualified for nationals besides Scott and Kuras they include: Jeff Cisowski, FBLA principles and procedures, Brain Nelson, Erich and Stan Lemon, website development, Heidi Colliander, parliamentary procedures.

Tyler Hempel, business law, Nick Kuras, Michelle Macrito, word processing, Mike Oleksiak, technology concepts, Amy Axelrod, business math, Matt Shambo assisted by Alex Baker, community service presentation, Jackie Batty and Greg Moore, emerging business issues, Rob Casey, C++, Tim Boltz, word processing 2.

"This year was one of the best years we've ever had for

FBLA," said Wirth.

Even though FBLA went to Texas to compete, they also got to do other things beside the competitions.

Fourteen students were able to go to Hurricane Harbor, they all went to a Texas Ranger's game, and got to see where President John F. Kennedy was shot.

FBLA has kicked off the new year with the homecoming window painting that took place last week, and they were also involved in the fun fair.

Oct. 5-10 is Illinois Coordinating Council for Career and Technical Students Organization (ICCCTSO) week.

FBLA will try to get a softball game going with VICA and Future Educators of America, and on Oct. 14 and 15 the Variety show try outs will be held.

For anyone interested in joining FBLA, they hold meetings Thursday mornings at 7:15 every second and fourth weeks of the month.

Laugh, cry, and speak with the forensics team

By Matthew Hancock

Comedy, drama, impromptu speaking, and competitions are all a part of forensics.

"You'll never be nervous speaking in front of others ever again," said coach Jason Kling.

Forensics is open to anyone who wants to join. Interested students should come to meetings Mondays at 3:15 p.m. in room 321 and meet with coaches Steve Kellner and Kling.

Along with club meetings there are 10 tournaments throughout the year, starting with the first in late October.

Like any other IHSA event, forensics competes in regional, sectional and state tournaments.

At the tournaments students perform three times for judges and are ranked one through six. The top performers from each group go onto the final. All the finalists are recognized and the top three in each event receive awards.

At the forensics season's end in February all forensics members put on the annual event Verbally Yours for an audience of parents, students, and community members for free. They will perform their best acts from the year.

Life not complete without choir

By Brad Grant

To some, the year wouldn't be complete without singing or performing in a choral concert.

Choral Group fulfills that need, as it starts with its fall concert Oct. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

If students are interested in joining Choral Group, they should talk to their counselor and then audition with choral leader Bradon Fantozzi.

Choral Group meets every day to read and they work and focus on choral literature.

Fantozzi said that he hopes it is an enjoyable experience and atmosphere.

Some of the top performers have the opportunity to be chosen to go to IMEA district competition.

To get advice or information, talk to Choral Group veterans Andy Dameron or Jasmine Martinez.

Intramurals made for sports buffs

By Mark Tonchick

Students who enjoy sports, but do not want to play on a school team or who want to improve their sporting techniques in the off season may turn to Intramurals.

Starting in November, every Tuesday and Thursday students can go to the field house from 7 to 9 p.m. and play any sport they would like to.

Julio Del Real, assistant of the club, said that the most popular sports are basketball and soccer. The club is open

to suggestions on what other sports should be played.

Right now, the structure of the club resembles an open gym format, but that might change.

"We [the club] would like more tournaments," Del Real said.

Intramural Club would like to see a bigger turnout this year because they feel the whole student body is not represented there. Membership is not limited to just students; teachers are also welcome to come.

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We-go new source for weather

By Kyle Bullis

Thanks to a \$10,000 grant from the Aurora Foundation, Community High School teamed up with WeatherNet to install a weather station on top of the building.

The full amount of the grant was finalized in May. The grant helped pay for the station, but the school had to pay \$3,000 to install the station. The installation was done by Rick Flowers from the maintenance department.

WeatherNet is associated with WMAQ (which broadcasts NBC on channel 5) and it will help meteorologists gather more accurate information of the weather

conditions around the area.

The closest weather station West Chicago citizens had before the one on top of the building was at DuPage airport.

The new station will allow meteorologists to compare the weather of urban areas versus more suburban areas.

There are currently 6,000 weather stations in the U.S., with 300 of them positioned in the DuPage County area.

"We hope this is a good, positive thing to help the community," said science teacher Annette Rubino.

The station's data will allow the school to be more aware of severe weather conditions in the area and will

give more advanced warning in case of an emergency.

The station will also help any students that are studying the weather in their classes. A real-time display of the weather conditions outside is set up in the second floor display case.

The hook-up for the display was done by technology technician Beth Schuck.

Four members of the science department, including Rubino, helped bring the weather station to the school. The other contributors were science department chair Jo-Ann Tunt, bilingual science teacher Eduardo Montoya, and science teacher Jodi Donovan.

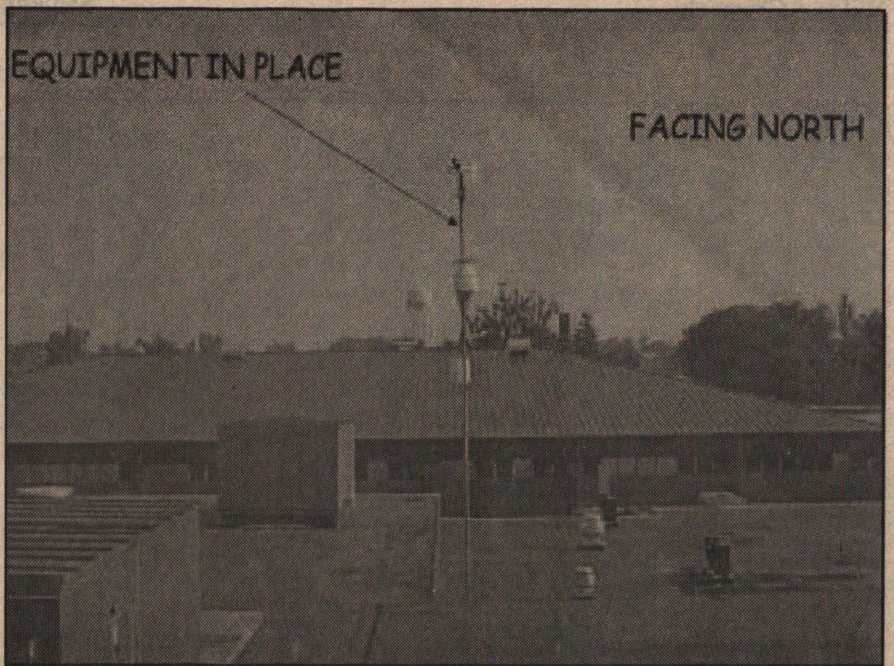


Photo courtesy of Annette Rubino

The new weather station sits on top of the school building, courtesy of a grant from the Aurora Foundation.

The halftime show went on with absence of marching director

By Sam West

The marching band has performed its halftime show at football games twice already, but the show has gone on without director of bands Jim Guter.

Guter has been sick since the beginning of the school year and has not been able to come to band rehearsals or classes.

Because of Guter's absence, the band has been under the direction of choir and orchestra director Brandon Fantozzi, drum majors Sam West, Sarah Swatsworth, and Bethany Inch, percussion instructor Sandy Hallman, and colorguard director Rachel Troy.

Fantozzi said that Principal John Highland asked him to fill in for Guter, and he was "more than willing to help out," even though it put extra stress on him, with also teaching choir and orchestra.

The band has one big difficulty, said Fantozzi, and that is staying quiet and not goofing off during practice.

"When the boss is gone," Fantozzi said, "there's usually a little more screwing around."

Drum Major Sarah Swatsworth agreed with Fantozzi.

"There's not the same level of authority as what Guter shows," said Swatsworth.

Swatsworth added that it

takes about six or seven times to get the band to stand at attention.

Tuba player Ricky Camp said that seniors have had to set an example with Guter absent.

"There have been a few students who have stepped to the forefront and helped out," said Camp.

Meghan Dalton, clarinetist, said, "Those are the people who are encouraging people to have passion for the band."

Camp said that the band is a lot more together with Guter.

"Everybody listens to him because he has a grasp on everything we do," said Camp.

Scott Storey, tenor saxophonist, said that Guter helps get the music played the way it is supposed to be played.

"There is no one to confirm our playing style (without Guter)," Storey said.

But Fantozzi said that the

band has been doing a very good job overall.

"We've all been doing our best to stay focused," he said.

Moreover, Fantozzi said that every performance has been better than the last, and that the ensemble was growing in its music and marching skills.

Fantozzi said that the band has met We-go's standards and his own expectations for performance.

"The entire marching band continues to strive for excellence," Fantozzi said. "If they continue to have that mentality, the performances are going to be outstanding."

Guter returned to school on Sept. 15, and was at the band's Thursday night practice the week before.

"It's great to be back," said Guter.

He said that he still wasn't feeling 100 percent.

"But I'm really enjoying being back," said Guter.

Horticulture Club has plans to grow this year

By Rich Visser

The Horticulture Club is looking for members who would like a chance to participate in botany without actually being in the class.

The club sponsors are Corrie Steiglitz and Annette Rubino, and meetings are after school in room 232 at 3:15 on the second Tuesday of each month.

The first meeting was Tuesday Sept. 2, and officers were elected. The president is Maria Rubio, the secretary is Judy Reza, and the treasurer is Kathia Rubio.

The club had big plans for homecoming week, including making the flowers for

candidates on homecoming court. They also participate in the window painting contest where they took third last year.

The club also does several other fun projects throughout the school year including decorating miniature Christmas trees and painting heart shaped vases on Valentine's Day.

The club plans on taking field trips to the Planters Palette in Winfield and to Hauserman Orchids in Villa Park.

Anyone can join the club, and dues are \$3, which helps offset the cost of some of the projects.



Staff Photo

The alto saxophone section of the marching band performs "West Side Story," the halftime show, at the football team's home opener.

Highland has high hopes for second school year as principal

By Mary Beth Selby

Even though Principal John Highland thought his first year as principal was a success, he has high hopes for improvement his second year.

Highland felt that there were major steps taken towards school improvement, noticing the students were very happy and the staff enthusiastic.

For this year, Highland is proactively working on school improvement.

One focus is a school-wide reading increase. Highland said that active reading

is an important skill for success.

Highland hopes active reading will help to meet expectations of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, commonly referred to as the No Child Left Behind Act, that was established in February 2001.

Another of Highland's plans is to involve the entire student population to make the school more inclusive.

Also, Highland wants to instill a deeper respect for all people.

"All areas are works in progress, as on-going initia-

tives from last year," said Highland.

These goals were established based on a committee of about 20-24 members including teachers, students, clerical and custodial staff, administrators, and the community. This committee identified the strengths and weaknesses of the school and made plans to fill the gaps.

"I was quite surprised as to how well the year went," said Highland.

He also said that nothing was disappointing about last year. With this, he hopes to keep the momentum going.

S.A.D.D. gets early start on big project for prom

By Jennifer Kamphaus

Plans are already in motion for Students Against Destructive Decisions (S.A.D.D.), including a variety of events, like the "big project" set to take place for prom.

If enough funding is raised, S.A.D.D. is planning

a crash simulation.

Amanda Slobodecki and Kristina Mallon replaced Bob Hein, who retired in June. The pair is hoping for the crash simulation to take place so that they may raise awareness for S.A.D.D.'s cause.

Mallon said, "There's just a lot of driving incidents with

students involving alcohol."

The overall goal of S.A.D.D. is to make the students think about their decisions and how those decisions affect others, and to make them aware of their surroundings.

For prom, S.A.D.D. is taking action with these goals

in mind, filling the event with much more than the usual speaker.

The crash simulation is filled with excitement. Paramedics, police, students posing as victims, and the jaws of life cutting students out of cars are a part of the simulation.



Photo courtesy Mary Ellen Daneels

A group of students stands in an Ireland valley on a previous European History Tour. After its initial cancellation, the trip may actually resume next year.

Canceled tour may go anyway

By Isaiah Ly Buado

In spite of initial thoughts of canceling next year's trip, the World History Tour will be available to students in the summer of 2004.

This past summer, the tour was moved from Europe to locations in the Pacific because of the situation between Europe and the U.S. caused by the war in Iraq.

The trip was also changed because of the threat of terrorism.

Mary Ellen Daneels, government teacher and sponsor of the trip, said another reason touring was not going to

be available in the upcoming summer was because one school year wouldn't be enough time for students to fundraise and save about \$2200 for the trip.

But due to popular demand, the trip has been reinstated.

Delaying the tour would have allowed more students to acquire enough money for the trip and give more students the ability to go, said Daneels.

And for seniors who are worried they won't be able to go, all students who are currently enrolled into the

high school or were enrolled previously are welcome to go.

The trip to Europe will take place next summer, from July 1-13. Participants will go to Ireland, Wales, England, and France.

Highlights of the trip will include seeing the scenery of Snowdonia National Park, located in Wales, going to the Eiffel Tower in Paris, and visiting the landing site of D-Day in Normandy.

Students who have questions or are interested in going should contact Daneels in room 206.

Homecoming... (Continued from page 1)

"It is an honor (to be on the court), and they should respect that honor and represent themselves in the festivities," said McCarthy.

Another change is that student council is hosting homecoming tea again. This is an event where old teachers are invited to come back.

"The reason we didn't do this last year is because we were on a full-day schedule," said McCarthy. However, since Friday is a five-hour day, homecoming tea is scheduled for 2 p.m.

Student council is reintroducing the homecoming pa-

rade Friday afternoon. When student council met over the summer, members voted to do the parade again, hoping to increase homecoming spirit.

This year, for the first time, student council organized a Fun Fest. Board member Linda Gilbert suggested the idea of a Fun Fest, which she got from Benet Academy where her son goes.

Organized by student council, and supervised by Gilbert and McCarthy, memos were sent out to all of the clubs requesting their involvement.

Featuring 25 clubs, Fun

Fest took place from 5 to 7 p.m. in the field house on Wednesday.

The purpose of the Fun Fest was to involve the community in the homecoming spirit and raise money. Student council sold tickets at the door, and each booth required tickets to participate in the games.

Finally, student council classes hosted their homecoming morning games all on Thursday morning. The reason for it all being one day was to lessen confusion and possibly create more participation.

Cheerleaders show their talent at camp

By Sabrina Potirala

Cheerleaders for all sports showed off their talent at UCA cheer camp at Northern Illinois University over the summer.

"We brought home a couple first place prizes. JV brought home two trophies for camp champ and varsity also brought home various trophies," said Eva Silva, the coach for football and basketball cheerleader.

The cheerleaders met twice

a week and practiced for their performance at camp.

Silva believes the girls worked their hardest and was satisfied with the overall outcome of camp.

The girls will showcase their skills during the year, however their time performing at football games has been cut in half.

"We are disappointed because most of the girls are in cheerleading for the half-time. That is the time when

they can show their friends what they practice for and have accomplished," Silva said.

Up-coming events involving the football/basketball cheerleaders include a Kiddy-Clinic in October and a DVC conference meeting involving all cheerleaders and pom-pom's to perform various routines they have learned.

Cheerleading try-outs are set for March 15 to March 18.

Photo Club enters the future with flash

By Kyle Wiersbe

Photo Club is getting ready to flash into the future.

Head adviser Chris Bardey and assistant adviser Mike Conroy are planning to expand into the digital world of photography.

Bardey is filled with energy and a hopeful feeling for this year.

Plans for this year include field trips to art galleries and fundraisers, such as the valentine and homecoming pictures.

Meetings are held on the first and third Thursday of every month and are open to

all students.

"One of the best things about this group is they always feed you," said Bardey.

Last year's club had about 15 students that attended regularly.

The group allows open dark room and is considering allowing all students access to the facilities as well as community involvement.

Students and parents are welcome to come and learn, said Bardey.

Bardey took several of last year's members to visit art outlets over the summer. Five members of the club went to

the DuPage Art League, a countywide contest for artists.

Two club members competed in the photography competition and three competed in computer art. The group was also visited by a former member who is now a junior at Columbia College Chicago.

Bardey welcomes and encourages all students to come and see what the club is all about.

Bardey said, "We all take pictures so why not come out and learn how to take them better?"

Cafeteria looks and functions updated

By Isaiah Ly Buado

As sophomores, juniors, and seniors walked into commons this year, they couldn't help but notice the new layout of the lunch lines.

"Whoa. Neon lights," said sophomore Mark Halberg.

Sophomore Danni Shaw said, "It looks like the place from Saved by The Bell, The Max."

As well as the new colorful lighting, TVs are set up in every food line, including the snack line, showing the regular menu and their prices as well as the daily special.

Assistant superintendent of business Gary Grizaffi said the reason for the change of food providers was for financial reasons. Every five years, the school has the option of setting up a bid for a new food provider.

This is done to find better providers for a reasonable price. Arbor Management's

bid for the job had a better guarantee than last year's provider, Quest, and all the other bids for the job.

Not everyone is new, however. There are still many cooks and servers that worked here last year who have returned to work.

The new food in the lineup has also caught the attention of the students. Vienna hot dogs, Starbucks, Sprite Remix, Uno's pizza, and Krispy Kreme donuts are a few companies that are new this year.

Jo Anne Minzner, manager of the new food service Arbor Management Inc., said all the food this year will be made fresh daily.

Minzner said, "All the servers are trained by the Vienna Beef [Corporation] on how to make the specialty hotdogs and Italian beef. And we cook everything in the back from scratch. There is never any reheating done."

Not everyone is happy with the changes, however. "[The fries are] not worth buying. You get less fries for the same price [as the years before]," said junior Amanda Massih.

Uno's pizza, however, has acquired great marks among all classes.

Minzner said, "[We] care about what students think. They're the customers and Arbor Management is open to suggestion."

Shortened days lengthened

By Doug Sieder

All early dismissals are now at 12:50 p.m. this year so that all classes will meet.

Last year, teachers brought up the problem that they didn't get to see all their students and that some classes would get behind on early dismissal days, said Principal John Highland.

The Board of Education decided that it would be best to change the dismissals and have all shortened days be five-hour days.

"We wanted all classes to meet so no one got cheated or got behind," said Highland.

Highland also said that it makes the school more organized and there won't be any reason for students to get behind.

The school also had to make sure that the buses could adjust because they have to pick up students from different schools.

The school confirmed everything and it deemed the change all right. That was one of the final pieces to make the new schedule a reality.

"The idea makes sense and it improves the school and the teachers are happy," said Highland.

Orchestra warms up for its new year with concert

By Cristina Samelli

Orchestra is getting ready to start a new year with its first concert Oct. 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Brandon Fantozzi, orchestra director, is preparing his students for their first concert every morning during first hour.

To join orchestra, you must know how to play a string instrument. Fantozzi said that he wants his students to be able to play at a more advanced level and learn different kinds of music.

Along with this, orchestra comes with many fun activities such as picnics, concerts,

and quartets.

Although orchestra hasn't had any recent activities or competitions, they will attend the IMEA (Illinois Music Educators Association) competition later this year.

As for Fantozzi, this is his first year teaching orchestra. Fantozzi replaces Anne Branch whose position was eliminated because of budget cuts.

For Fantozzi, every day is a learning experience.

"There is no other job that allows me to interact with young adults on a daily basis," Fantozzi said. "I love my job."

Something spark your interest? Write a letter to the editor!

Our View

Bans filter out public smoking indoors

Smoking or non-smoking? That question is asked in the majority of sit-down restaurants throughout the U.S.

Smokers go into their half of the restaurant and non-smokers go into their half and they all enjoy their meals.

There usually isn't a problem because most restaurants are well ventilated to keep the smoke away from the non-smokers.

However, it looks like that isn't enough for the restaurant patrons, and now there are bans throughout the U.S. that prohibit smoking in bars and public places.

Here's an actual statistic: A non-smoking bartender inhales the equivalent of approximately 35 cigarettes, or five cigarettes short of two packs, during his/her shift.

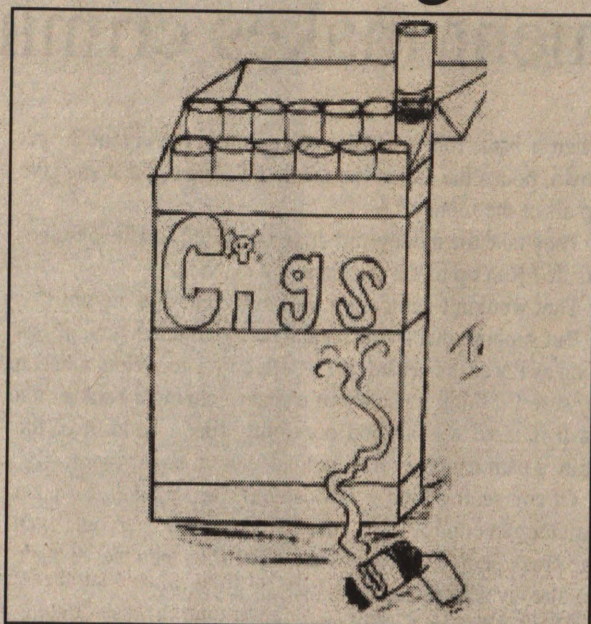
Now, bar patrons can go have a good time without breathing in nasty, smoky air.

It is also good for asthmatics, who can enjoy breathing without gagging on cigarette smoke.

If people walk into a bar or restaurant, they shouldn't have to put up with all of the smoke, even if it just happens to be part of the environment.

Some people didn't take kindly to the bans. For instance, citizens of France are openly defying their smoking ban, which was set in 1992.

Students are lighting up during school and people still



smoke in subways and airports.

Banning public smoking isn't a new thing. U.S. airlines have been keeping their flights clean for almost a decade now, and London Regional Transport banned smoking in all

London buses.

The ban has also been enforced in post offices, movie theaters, and now bars and restaurants.

The war against smoking has been raging for years but it is now at its peak.

Now that cigarette ads are banned from television, more anti-smoking campaigns can be broadcast without any backlash, the most notable campaign being the Truth ads, which depict people setting examples for ordinary people about the evils of smoking and tobacco companies.

Back in the '50s, smoking was considered cool and sophisticated, and not harmful.

Cigarettes are now widely known causes for cancer, giving them the nickname "cancer sticks."

It's a relief that much of the public is finally beginning to see the dangers of smoking. People have been giving up smoking for other reasons besides health issues.

Smoking stains your teeth, gives you bad breath, and eats away at your pocket book. Cigarette prices are on the rise, and dropping a smoking habit can save about \$1,500 a year.

The country is getting close to completely phasing out public smoking and keeping the air clean for healthy, non-smoking citizens.

Someday, maybe we can get rid of smoking altogether.

Athletes abuse role model status

When love, family, fame, and fortune weren't good enough for basketball player and role model Kobe Bryant, he went out to get a little "more," with a woman who is now accusing him of rape.

"I didn't force her to do anything against her will," said the role model in his admission of cheating on his wife.

Considering this event one must ask, does Bryant or any other sports player deserve the title of role model? This question has been asked many times ever since Bryant was accused of sexual assault.

The answer is no. Bryant probably ruined his career and possibly will never get an endorsement again. Because of the accusation of the affair, his role model status is tarnished forever.

Before this, Bryant was the perfect role model for sports fans everywhere. He is a phenomenal basketball player. He is good looking and has a wife and child.

Companies from everywhere wanted Bryant to help sell their products, including Sprite, Burger King, McDonald's, and Adidas.

Another sports figure who doesn't deserve role model status is Michael Jordan.

Jordan, like Bryant, is one of the best basketball players of all time but his off-the-court problems should make some people think twice about whether he is a good role model.

Jordan has been accused of adultery and then paying his mistress \$5 million to keep quiet about the affair. When his

wife filed for divorce Jordan had to talk her out of it.

Another incident was when basketball player Allen Iverson kicked his wife out of the house and then threatened two men with a gun while looking for his wife.

These three men are not the only ones. Babe Ruth was famous for being a big time smoker and drinker.

Companies that are trying to sell products shouldn't endorse people that are accused of rape, have affairs, or threaten people with guns.

Why can't companies use people are good role models like teachers, firemen, policemen and other respected people that really do make a difference in people's lives?

If you want a sports player to look up to, the perfect one would be David Robinson who played for the San Antonio Spurs last season.

Robinson scored a 1320 out of 1600 on his SAT college board exam. He also went to the Naval Academy and earned a bachelors degree in mathematics while he was there.

After graduating he couldn't go straight to the NBA because he served his country at a naval base in Georgia.

David Robinson is the perfect sports role model for any person for what he has done on and off the court.

Kobe Bryant should never get another endorsement again for what he has done off the court.

The only way someone might want to use him in an ad ever again is if they are trying to sell condoms and they may have to go to a Colorado state prison to shoot that commercial.

Bush fights forest fires with chainsaw

In the midst of war, terrorism, and debates over the 10 Commandments, environmental issues seem to have been shoved to the back burner.

As many Americans are aware, massive forest fires have ravaged the western U.S. this summer, and this has spurred our president to take action and prevent forest fires. But Bush hasn't joined forces with Smokey Bear; instead, he decided that the obvious way to prevent forest fires is to destroy the forests.

With logic like that, everyone can be assured that there will be absolutely no forest fires ever again.

The undertone of Bush's environmental plan is logging. Bush has pushed for the construction of roads and allowances for logging in our national forests for a few years now. And now there is a perfect opportunity to get his way with fires spreading throughout the West.

According to a recent Washington Post article, the logging industry in America's forests yields only 13.7 percent of the U.S. Forest Service's \$35 billion in revenues versus the 77.8 percent gained from recreation, fishing, and wildlife activities.

Not only does logging represent a small portion of our forests' income, but logging is a detriment to the forests themselves.

Trees are not the only living things destroyed; so are the animals that live in the forests and their habitats.

Species can become extinct at an accelerated rate if their environments are suddenly destroyed.

Those species could possibly have been around for millions of years more had logging not taken place.

The same Post article states that at least 1 percent of America's native plant and animal species' has become extinct and many more are endangered.

This is due to the destruction of their habitat, the forests (this is without the recent logging proposal).

Also, logging hurts other revenues in the recreation category.

The destruction of forests leaves an ugly scar on the land. But people go to forests to see natural beauty.

Stumps aren't very natural, and they certainly aren't beautiful. Americans won't pay to see stumps.

Instead of thinning our forests in order to prevent massive fires, we should be clearing unnecessary debris and undergrowth from the forest floors, setting up controlled burns that simulate what nature has done for uncountable years, and not allow logging in them.

Our national forests won't just spring up again next year. The Bush administration is making a huge mistake with its logging proposal.

Forests should be saved and preserved for our enjoyment, but more importantly, for the environment.

Internet virus nothing to sneeze at

We-g'o students who have Microsoft Windows should be careful of e-mails they open. Since a new virus, SoBig.F, showed weaknesses in the capacities in Microsoft software, everyone with Windows needs to be alert.

The first version of the SoBig computer virus appeared in January. The virus was named SoBig because the sender was big@boss.com, according to Newsweek.

CNN said the virus has infected over 500 computers with the Microsoft programming, causing their Internet connections to slow and even knocking the systems offline.

On Aug. 26 the sixth version, SoBig.F appeared and according to CNN it is unsure if it will expire by the end of September.

As if the Internet wasn't slow enough with pop-ups and junk e-mail.

Now thanks to a new computer virus, Internet connections will get cut off or slowed down. What's worse is most people use Microsoft for their computers and that means they are vulnerable to the SoBig.F computer virus.

To try to keep their computer safe We-Go students should

scan e-mails containing headings like: Thank You!, Re: My Details, Re: Approved, Re: Your Application, Re: That movie, because the virus is said to arrive with those headings, said CNN.

After an infected e-mail has been opened the virus scans the user's computer for e-mail addresses. Then it sends infected e-mails to the e-mail addresses it collected.

One out of every 17 e-mails that have been sent have the SoBig.F virus said CNN.

AOL reports that 98 percent of the e-mails they scanned contained the virus.

CNN reports that 200 million e-mails have been sent by infected computers.

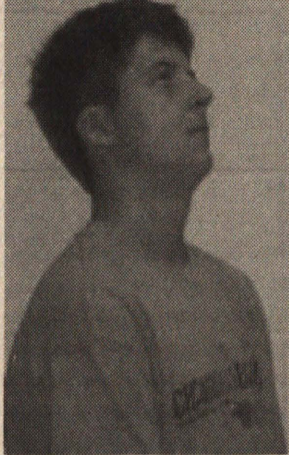
That means that We-Go student won't know if e-mail sent to them has been infected or safe to open thanks to this virus. And if We-Go students do open infected e-mails they risk friends getting the infected e-mails too.

SoBig.F was posted on a news group with the name alt.binaries.pictures.erotica and other adult news groups by (See SoBig page 6)

Point/Counterpoint

Legal gun concealment makes criminals think twice

By Kyle Bullis



their coat or tucked away in their pants. So what happens

I would like to get one point across before I continue any further. We need better gun control laws. People shouldn't be able to buy guns at a K-mart and convicted felons shouldn't be able to get their grubby hands on them.

The sad truth, though, is that convicted felons *do* get their grubby hands on guns. Quite often in fact.

They also feel it to be perfectly fine to walk down city streets with one concealed in

when a bank robber strolls in and orders everyone to get down, points the gun at the teller and demands that she give up all of the money?

They take the money and drive off. What can the bystanders do? Run up to the assailant and mace him?

That wouldn't get them a shot to the chest or anything.

But suppose that it was legal to carry around a gun, just as long as it was concealed. If I were a convicted felon, you can be sure I'd think twice about trying to chump a bank of it's cash if there was a good possibility that a handful of the store's patrons were carrying loaded 9mm's with them.

Of course, this kind of law can only be passed *after* we get stricter gun control laws, because if we have everyone, even the crazy people, carrying loaded firearms then we've made an already serious problem a whole lot worse.

There'd be gun fights around every street corner and any-

one who had a problem with anyone else would pump that person full of lead.

Only responsible people, people with no history in crime or mental illness, should be allowed to own a gun, and those people would be allowed to carry their guns concealed safely.

It should be assumed that if people who don't have any past criminal history should be able to use a gun responsibly.

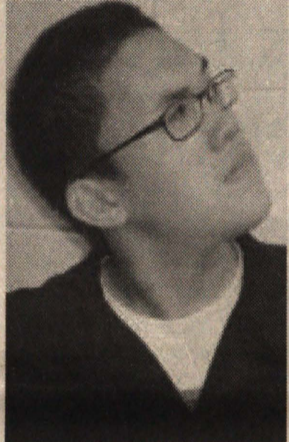
Not everyone is as much of an emotionally unstable psycho as people seem to think.

It's ironic that to pass a more lenient gun law, we should first pass other laws to make gun control more strict.

Now, if the country just didn't have guns altogether, that would be even better, but that probably isn't going to happen in our lifetime, so we need to think more realistically, and I think stricter gun control laws combined with legal concealed weaponry is a step in the right direction.

Legalizing concealed guns only increases the problem

By Isaiah Ly Buado



For instance, on Sept. 6, a man in San Diego shot and killed his own son because of a custody battle between him-

The fact that several states are legalizing the ability for anyone to have a concealed weapon is a step in the wrong direction. Giving people guns isn't going to make things safer. That just means there will be more accidents and/or dead people.

Even though you all have probably heard this already, statistics say that people with guns are three times more likely to hurt or kill a family member than an intruder.

self and his ex-wife. He *murdered* his son just because he didn't want his ex-wife to have him. These people are getting guns and doing horrible things with them.

Criminals, regardless if the victim has a gun or not, will still use guns to get what they want. Actually, the thought of their victim carrying a concealed weapon will probably make them paranoid, and they'll be more likely to shoot the victim if they were to move suddenly.

It's highly unlikely that someone would go and buy a gun just for protection, anyway. It's all about getting a sense of power. In a way, it opens doors not previously accessible to them.

What will stop a person from registering for a gun, and use it to whack all the people that annoy them?

Sure, there will be background checks and psychological exams before they get the gun, but what about those two simple words where someone can change from a kind, gentle

person into a raving lunatic: road rage.

I've been in dozens of cars with a wide range of people, and most, if not all, of them are great people out of the car. If you met them, you'd never think they had any meanness or violence in them.

But put them behind the wheel of a car and you'll meet the anti-Christ. Allow them to have a gun, and I assure you driving will not be pleasant.

Alcohol is another example where, when consumed in large quantities, completely changes someone.

Unless the government monitors all the people who get drunk, there will be a lot of bar fights that won't end up with just a couple bruises and a hangover.

Unless in the future the positives outweigh the negatives, allowing people to have concealed guns will only reduce the amount of safety we have now. Is legal gun concealment an okay thing? I don't think so.

Republicans want Schwarzenegger

By John Jennings

Why do people like movie star Arnold Schwarzenegger, TV legend Gary Coleman and ex-baseball commissioner Peter Ueberroth think that they can run for governor of California? Schwarzenegger has absolutely no political background, and until recently he hasn't even told voters where he stands on critical issues. The same also goes for Coleman and Ueberroth.

The Oct. 7 gubernatorial recall election features 135 candidates. Schwarzenegger is one of the front-runners in the race along with democrat Cruz Bustamante, the current Lt. Governor of California. In this election, the republican candidate is not the best choice. Many of the people who will vote for Schwarzenegger will use his being the "Terminator" as their main reason. While he has charisma and self-proclaimed leadership abilities, he has no substance to bolster his campaign.

But Gray Davis is just as bad. Davis has chosen none other than former President Bill Clinton, the master of giving sage-like advice. Davis has become paranoid over losing his job. He said that the recall was "a national effort to steal elections that republicans can't win." He was also quoted as saying, "Make no mistake. I am going to fight this recall and the right-wing forces behind it. You can take that to the bank."

Davis' campaign slogan for the election is, "no on recall, yes on Bustamante." He wants to retain his job, but if he can't he wants another democrat to take his place. He has gone way too far with the republican conspiracy theory. The latest polls show that Bustamante had 35 percent of the votes and Schwarzenegger had only 22 percent.

Unfortunately, Schwarzenegger's numbers will be going up after Bill Simon, a Republican candidate dropped out of the race on Aug. 23. The Republican Party is also pushing for fellow Republicans Tom McClintock and Peter Ueberroth to drop out, so Schwarzenegger to get more of the republican vote. They think that by having a unified candidate that everyone can stand behind will make all of the voters that vote in favor of Republicans, vote for Arnold. Hopefully,

this will not happen. Both McClintock and Ueberroth have said that they will not drop out of the race. They both said that they are in this thing till the end.

The important question that voters should remember is: why would you vote for someone who has no idea what they are doing? Californians should remember that when they are voting being a famous actor does not qualify anyone to be a governor.

You want to write a letter to the editor? Send your signed letters to the Wildcat Chronicle mailbox in room 319 or put it in Ms. Kuehn's mailbox.

SoBig... (Continued from page 5)

someone with a stolen credit card.

According to CNN, the person behind the SoBig.F is someone who is trying to make money out of spam. Even with the FBI tracking the SoBig.F sender it would be hard to find them, said CNN.

CNN estimates that SoBig.F caused \$50 million damage to the United States alone.

Microsoft users decided that if they were going to use the Internet connections, they were putting their computer at risk of a virus.

Still experts worry that a new version of the SoBig virus could show up.

According to CNN the first version of the SoBig virus had no expiration date and the other five versions appeared before the other versions of SoBig expired.

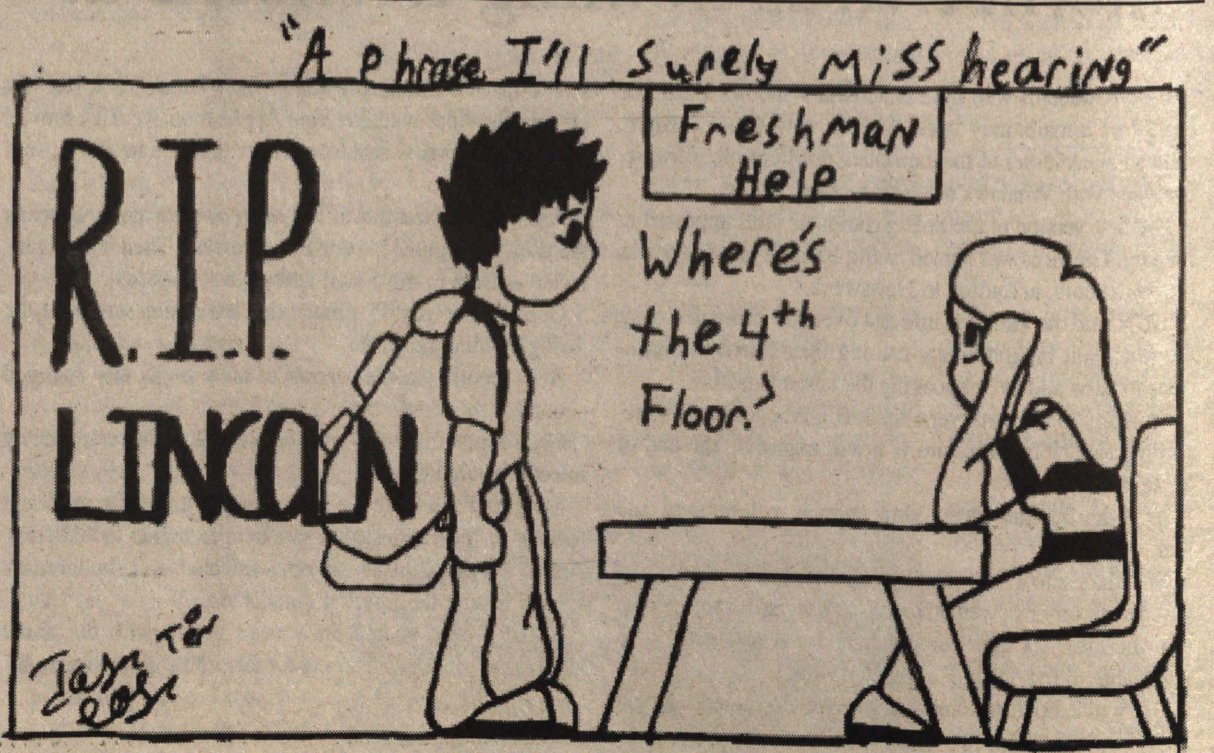




Photo courtesy of Peggy Werle

Vocalist of the Month: Peggy Werle

By Bridget Geraghty

September's Vocalist of the Month is senior Peggy Werle.

In choir, are you a soprano, alto, tenor, or bass? I am a soprano one (highest range).

When did you start singing? In seventh grade, my friends kept bothering me to join and I finally gave in.

In which musical organizations do you perform in at school? Chamber choir and concert choir. I also organized girls ensemble (a student-run organization) with a few other girls. We sang all a cappella pieces in 4-7 part harmonies. Our most well-known piece is the "Star Spangled Banner" which we sang at honor's night and graduation last year and at the marketing class' DVC-ESCC Challenge.

How many years have you performed in the various school music organizations? Chamber choir for three

years; mixed choir for one; women's chorale for one; concert choir for two; and girls ensemble for two.

Do you perform in any musical organization outside of school? I was in a pretend band in eighth and ninth grades called "Legend" with Bethany Henning and Jenny Veguilla. I did IMEA District Festival last year and Fox Valley Festival the year before that.

Which music group(s) do you like performing in the best? Chamber choir because we do the hardest pieces and we do the most performing. It's the "varsity choir."

What kind of music do you like best and like performing best? I like all different kinds of music but I like performing more challenging pieces.

In what other activities have you been involved with in and out of school? In school, the musical for fresh-

men and sophomore year and NHS. But I'm heavily involved in the choir program and don't have time for anything else.

Do you plan on continuing to sing after high school? For college, for fun, or both? For fun, yes, but for college I'm undecided. I'd like to be in the choir, but whether music will be my profession or not, I don't know.

Which vocalists have influenced you the most? Tori Amos; not only as a vocalist but as a musician. She uses her voice as an instrument, to paint a picture. She is also very honest and deep in her work. Plus, she's eclectic like me!

Does anyone in your family play a musical instrument or sing? My dad and I both play guitar, and I'm teaching myself to play the piano. I used to play the viola, drums, and the oboe.

From black to pink, Homecoming style shows

By Mary Beth Selby

Not only do kids get to shout and scream, rant and rave, during the homecoming football game and festivities, but homecoming is also about style.

The homecoming dance is a significant opportunity to hang out with friends and, for the girls especially, to dress up.

"Homecoming is a time to get dressed up and get fancy," said Briana Harte.

Ranging from dark colors to light colors, from straps to strapless, from fishtail hems to A-line cuts, We-go has a style to appeal to the masses.

The Chronicle tried to capture the style and significance of We-go's homecoming dance with a student survey.

While every color has a different meaning and appeal, most girls tend to dress in dark colors for homecoming.

Purple, maroon, or lavender is sweet and subtle, but still stands its own ground in the mix of colors.

There is a reason "Lady in Red" is a song: a red dress stands out as a stylish hint of spicy fun.

Pink is also a fav for those feeling a little perky. Whether navy or light sky, blue is a school color nonetheless.

What better way to appeal to the mass of We-go students and teachers than in an authentic blue dress?

Finally, no girl could go wrong with a timeless black dress. Black is nowhere near normal, dark, and drab.

Black looks good on anyone and, even though it has only one shade, it significantly stands out as a lasting beauty.

Of the students surveyed, no one described many light colors. Though light colors look better on some than others, the majority of those surveyed seemed to dress quite dark.

Perhaps the fall season, being darker than springtime for prom, is why so many girls choose dark core colors.

Other than the color, dresses style differently. The majority of those surveyed described a spaghetti-strap dress. Homecoming is a very fast-paced dance, so straps help to keep the dresses up.

Other popular choices were halter V-neckline dresses and a few strapless dresses.

Girls like to go long when it comes to the dress length. A few, select surveyors told of short, knee-length skirts that flowed outward.

Now into the meat of it all: the design. Across the board, girls just picked what they liked, no particular style stood out for We-go dancegoers.

"Homecoming is special to me because it gives everyone a chance to show their true school spirit. I love the chance because you can see everyone dressed beautifully. I feel like a princess," said Kelly Wdowiarz.

Girls can feel like royalty in a princess-cut dress. The top of a princess-cut dress narrows in toward the waist and then flows back out again over the hips in a full skirt.

Similar to the princess-cut is the A-line skirt, except the top is straighter and not quite as fitted as the princess-cut.

Dancers better learn the "swim" dance move, because some fishtails will be at homecoming.

A fishtail hem is the design that starts just below the knee in the front and gets longer and tapers in the back to look like a fish tail.

No one can go wrong by going in a straight dress. Simple, shapely, and still movable, without too much skirt to drag around, a straight dress is a modern style.

When it comes to shoes, name your type because everyone feels comfortable in different styles.

A popular choice for girls is a high-heeled sandal, allowing for girls' feet to cool off.

In respect to cooling off, not only does pulled back hair keep it up and off your shoulders, away from sweat, but pulled back hair can be changed into so many styles, such as elegant, spunky, retro and shocking.

Not many guys had much to say as to their dance clothing styles. Perhaps a simple suit and tie or clean shirt will do the guys just fine. In fact, matching their date's ensemble can be symbolic of unity.

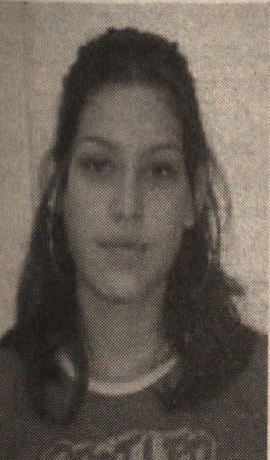
"If you have a date, you will always remember at least one special moment you had," said Amy Ackerman.

However, what about those students, guys or girls, without dates? No matter. A group of friends to hang out with is just as much fun as a date.

"Homecoming is special because it brings together all four grades. They never all get a chance to do things together," said Kim Mueller.

So no matter the style or friend group, Homecoming is a rare chance to dress up, show off, and have fun.

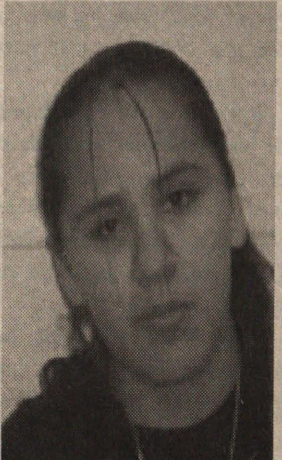
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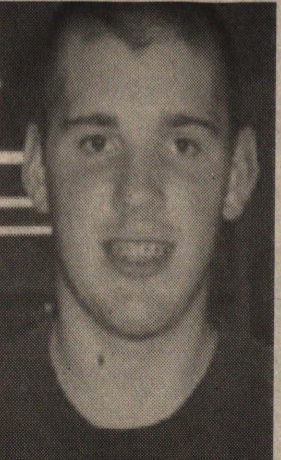
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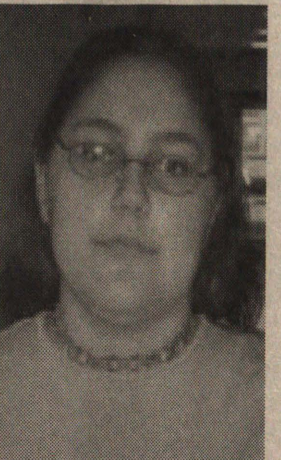
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Carolina Rodelo

It has been okay and fun because I am meeting a lot of new people and my teachers treat me fairly. I hope that I can pass this year.

It has been great and I got to meet other people. My teachers are really nice and right now my goals are to pass my classes and have good grades.

It's been great. The teachers are nice. The only thing I want is to pass every single one of my classes.

I really like highschool. It is fun because I'm allowed to do whatever I want and express myself. I don't want to be a second year freshman.

It's been kind of confusing. I got lost lots of times but other than that it's been cool. We are much more free here than in middle school. Most teachers are cool, too.

High school has been great. Even though I got lost three or four times. The teachers are friendly and so are some of the students.

New teachers join We-go's ranks

By John Jennings
Eighteen new staff members and teachers have joined the ranks this year at Community High School.

The new teachers are Elizabeth Kruse in science, Eva Silva in math, Michael Malinsky in English, Kimberly Maloney in physical education, Michael Conroy in Industrial Arts, Lorena Samaniego in Fine Arts, and Elizabeth Malinsky and Karin Sammons in foreign language.

The other new staff members include Mary Roley, Susan Cisek, and Amy Collins in counseling, Danielle Drumm, Margaret Lawrence Block, and George Petmezas in special education, Alina Cyrus and Tammie Murphy in support services, Cara Blevins in FACS, and Peter Martino in the ASC.

"All of the teachers are do-

ing very well," said Kim Brafford, director of human resources.

Job-seeking candidates could apply on-line for their specific position. Five or six people interviewed for most positions.

The interviews consisted of asking the candidates about their field expertise, and how they can relate to kids.

Most of the teachers were impressed with We-go and its atmosphere. The department heads have all received positive feedback from the new teachers.

A few of the new staff members double as coaches for some of the sports.

Martino is a football coach, a basketball coach, and the freshman class sponsor. Maloney is volleyball coach for both boys and girls. Also, Silva is a cheerleading coach.



Photo courtesy of Mary Randle

Eighteen new teachers join Community High School this fall. Front row from left: Eva Silva, Amy Collins, Elizabeth Kruse, Elizabeth Malinsky. Second row: George Petmezas, Susan Cisek, Karin Sammons. Third row: Margaret Lawrence Block, Mary Roley, Michael Conroy, Michael Malinsky. Fourth row: Lorena Samaniego, Cara Blevins, Kimberly Maloney, Peter Martino.

Students surf the Pacific on a history tour this summer

By Isaiah Ly Buado
Surfing, operas, bungee jumping, and avoiding dingoes were just a handful of the many events the Pacific History Tour participants experienced.

Students who participate in the World History Tour travel across the world to see and experience many other cultures. From July 1-17 over the past summer, 13 students and two teachers went to New Zealand, Australia, & Hawaii.

In the past, students toured Europe, but the trip was changed to places in the Pacific because of problems between the U.S. and Europe regarding the war in Iraq.

Mary Ellen Daneels, government teacher and chaperone, said "I taught in Australia for a semester, and I backpacked in New Zealand and Hawaii so I knew the stu-

dents would enjoy the trip."

The first stop on the trip was in Auckland, New Zealand. There students ate a traditional Hangi feast, consisting of pork, chicken, fish, potatoes, kumera (a type of sweet potato), pumpkin, cabbage, and watercress.

At a hotel in Rotarua, students met a Maori warrior, where the guys learned how to do the ancient battle face, which consists of sticking out their tongue which is supposed to intimidate enemies.

While in Australia, students learned how to play rugby from a semiprofessional rugby player. Billy Burlison, one of the students who went, said the students played a little skirmish game and he was voted MVP.

At Surfers Paradise, a town almost completely dedicated to surfing, the students

learned how to surf.

Barbara Laimins, social studies teacher and the other chaperone, said her favorite experience was at the Sydney Opera House.

Burlison said one of the most memorable experiences he had was when he got lost in Sydney with Erin Linsenmeyer, another student who went on the trip.

"We were separated from our group and were lost for two hours. We ended up joining another tour group, and we were confused and scared because we didn't know where we were. It was great," Burlison laughed.

Some of the food in the land down under was different from what the students were accustomed to.

Laimins said, "We ate kangaroo and alligator/wallaby pie. It tasted great."

Fraser Island, off the coast of Australia, is the world's largest sand island, a nature preserve, and another destination on the tour. There, wild dingoes run along the landscape with no restrictions, so the students and teachers were taught how to protect themselves if a dingo were to approach any of them.

"So when we saw our first dingo, we all ran away screaming," Laimins laughed.

The last destination on the tour was in the Aloha state, Hawaii. There the students just kicked back and relaxed for the last to days of the trip. There they visited Pearl Harbor and saw the U.S.S. Arizona, one of the first ships which was hit in the Pearl Harbor bombing.

The difference between this tour and the years before is that the students said what

the favorite thing that they did was instead of what was the favorite thing they saw, when asked by the teachers at the end of the trip. Previous World History Tours involved more sites seeing than cultural interaction. In the Pacific, students participated with or in someplace they saw.

Linsenmeyer said, "(It was a once in a lifetime opportunity, (and I'm) glad I went."

College Column...

It's never too early to start the search for the right college

By Mary Beth Selby
On a monthly basis, the Chronicle will print the College Column to help students with the process of choosing a college, explaining what you should do each month, who to see, and where to go, including important dates.

If you have any suggestions or particular worries about college you want clarified, write a letter to the column through newspaper supervisor Laura Kuehn in room 319 or your counselor.

Choosing a college can be stressful for any student at any grade level. Luckily, the We-go staff, especially the school counselors, is more than willing to help students sort through this major decision.

Juniors should be seriously thinking about their college plans by deciding on their major and college choices.

Counseling department head Maura Bridges said the counselors are trying to help sophomores explore careers and encourage juniors to seriously think about their post high school life.

Juniors should talk to their counselors about their plans and even attend some college fairs.

Representatives from various colleges all over the nation set up informational booths to promote their school at these fairs.

It is an ideal opportunity to find out more about a college or learn about others you have never heard of before.

Even if you have a top choice, you can talk directly with the college representative for applications or find out how to set up a personal interview and tour. There

will be a college fair at the College Of DuPage on Oct. 22.

Choosing a career or college major is the first step through the college process. Choosing a path will help the student to choose their college, Bridges said.

A frequent mistake students make when previewing colleges is to first look at the price tag, said Bridges.

"Don't look at the cost of a school first. There are many opportunities, like scholarships and loans, which can help with the cost. But don't worry about the finances until it comes time to decide where you want to go," Bridges stressed.

When looking at colleges, and even when applying, you do not need to write a check until you send a letter (See College page 9)



Photo Courtesy of Mary Ellen Daneels

Pacific History Tourists gather for a photo at a hotel in Rotarua, New Zealand. The boys stick out their tongues with a Maori Warrior to show their fierce, intimidating faces as if going into battle.

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Biblioteca celebró Días de Herencia Mexicana

Por Maria Perez

El 14 de septiembre a las dos, el programa llamado Días de Herencia Mexicana comenzó con rimas bilingües y canciones por Ticha Huerta.

Para ésta ocasión un cuarto de los programas de la biblioteca estaba decorada con flores de pañuelos a colores en las paredes. Del techo se colgaban pañuelos cortadas con imágenes, también había una piñata en la forma de estrella como decoración. Al frente del cuarto había un peluche koala vestido con rebozo hecho una bolsa de cartón, una pulsera negra, y un sombrero rojo de estilo mariachi.

Huerta contó un historia llamada Tierra Sueño sobre

una mariposa que vuela alrededor del mundo conociendo a todas las cosas de la tierra.

Padres y niños participaron en el cuento Tierra Sueño cuando Huerta les pidió que se pusieran marionetas en el dedo y que hicieran que sus marionetas bailaran a la música y canciones que Huerta cantaba.

Otra manera que el publico participó fue contestar las preguntas de Huerta que los hacia durante el cuento.

Al final del cuento Huerta terminó preguntando a los padres que si querían comprar sus CD's con la música que cantó durante la lectura.

Huerta es nativa de Chicago. Ella ha sido una narradora de historias para niños hace cuatro años.

Apenas está empezando su quinto año dijo Huerta, trabajando con escuelas y bibliotecas publicas.

"Yo nací en Chicago. Mis padres nacieron en México y ellos eran bilingües. Era vital que hablamos español en la casa y mi padre no nos dejaba hablar inglés," dijo Huerta.

Huerta también le avisó a su publico que ella sabe que el momento que te sales de la casa tiene que hablar inglés, por eso debe de platicar el español en casa.

"Si no lo usas, lo pierdes," dijo Huerta.

A las tres quince de la tarde la segunda parte del programa Días de Herencia Mexicana comenzó. Once niños participaron en artesanías mexicanas.

Los niños tenían la opción



Foto de personal

Los niños se divertieron con las artesanías durante la fiesta.

de hacer pulseras de cartón o rebozos de bolsas de cartón les explicó la bibliotecaria Chris Waite.

Para los rebozos los niños tenían que poner hilo en los hoyos debajo de la bolsa. Los niños podían escoger cualquier combinación de colores diferentes de hilos para tejer en los hoyos.

Para decorar la bolsa de cartón los niños podían escoger de triángulos de tamaños diferentes, cuadros, círculos, diamantes y otras formas de tela de colores diferentes. Cada niño podía hacer su propio diseño con las formas de tela y pegárselas a la bolsa de cartón. Los niños podían

escoger una pulsera gorda o flaca de cartón negro para decorar. Luego tenían la opción de pegar frijoles pintados azules, rosados, y verdes, y otras decoraciones.

Al fin del programa Waite dio paquetes de información sobre la cultura Mexicana a los padres que asistieron al programa.

Senior craziness drives guys to join colorguard

By Doug Sieder

If you have seen the band's halftime show recently, you may have seen something different. There are boys in the colorguard for the first time in We-go history.

"It's great that I get to be able to break the trend and the idea that colorguard is just for girls," said Burke.

Gerry Avalos, Burke, and Jorge Martinez all decided to join colorguard this year for some "senior year craziness," as dubbed by Burke.

Colorguard co-captain Sarah Gouskos influenced Martinez and Burke, pushing them to join colorguard so the girls didn't have to cross dress for the West Side Story theme for the football season.

When asked what his favor-

ite part about West Side Story was, Avalos said, "The fight scene because I get to push Jorge." This is also Burke's favorite part.

However, Martinez said that his favorite part is that he gets to be with all the girls.

"Yes, I think it's really really fun. It's a lot more fun than I thought it would be," said Martinez. Burke and Avalos agreed.

"It is my senior year and I thought it would be fun and I am going to go all out this year," said Avalos on why he joined colorguard.

All three say that they didn't really prepare or train for colorguard tryouts, but they did find it difficult to do at first.

Every Tuesday from 6 to 8

p.m., the boys practice their colorguard techniques, and they practice marching with the band on Thursday.

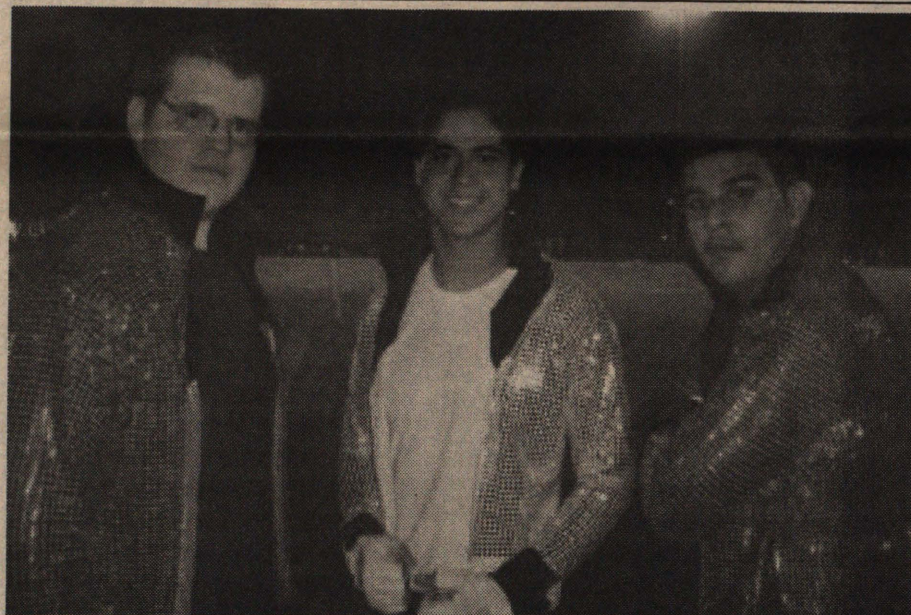
Martinez and Avalos said that they are having such a good time that they would have been willing to join colorguard earlier if they had the chance to.

Speaking of girls, these three refused to say what they dislike about colorguard.

"The girls would kill me," said Avalos.

Don't think that colorguard is the only thing you might see these three males in. Avalos and Burke plan to play water polo and Martinez wants to join track and V.I.C.A. this year.

It all fits the senior year craziness motto!



Staff Photo

The three new boys in the colorguard, (from left) Tom Burke, Jorge Martinez, and Gerry Avalos, show off what they bring to colorguard at the halftime show. This marks the first time that males have been a part of We-go's colorguard.

Guatemalan student speaks out about personal history and civil war

By Maria Perez

For the last 10 years the 25,000 Guatemalans that disappeared during the civil war, when Rios Montt was president, have been found in mass graves in Guatemala.

"My mom and dad talk about him (Montt). They say lots of people disappeared when he was the president," said freshman Priscilla Flores.

Flores was born in Guatemala on May 5, 1989, and she lived there for eight years before coming to the U.S.

"I heard that people were forced to join the army, and that the army killed lots of people and they didn't go to jail for it," said Flores.

Flores herself had no fam-

ily members that disappeared during that time but family friends have disappeared.

"I feel disappointed because of the way my country is changing," said Flores.

Government abuse of power makes the country not care about the government affairs, said Flores.

"My view of what is going on in my country is that people don't stand up for themselves and what they believe is right," said Flores.

Even when she lived in Guatemala, Flores admits that she did not feel safe.

"My aunt was always telling me that the streets weren't safe anymore because one car was stolen from

there and another 1,500 cars were stolen, too," said Flores.

In 1997, Flores moved to the United States but she occasionally goes to Guatemala to visit her grandfather and aunts that still live in Guatemala.

"My dad had to end his career and he thought that the United States was a good place for us to grow up," said Flores.

Flores says that in West Chicago she has no fears because she thinks the police are fair and there is a good government in the U.S. Flores believes that she has a chance of a better future and a better education in West Chicago.

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of acceptance in the spring.

Until then, just continue to apply for scholarships and financial aid.

Bridges suggested that parents attend an informational night with counselor Ward Rau when he goes over the Free Application for Financial Student Aid, or FAFSA, form.

Seniors, however, should already be past searching. Hopefully, during their summer vacation, seniors visited some of their prospective colleges.

"If they have not gone to visit some colleges yet, now would be a good time to start," said Bridges.

While reading up on a college and looking through brochures informs the candidate of their options, an actual visit can make it or break it when it comes to the final decision.

There is no better teacher than experience.

"Actually being on the campus and touring the buildings can give the student the chance to imagine

living there in a year," said Bridges.

However, a college is not just something to look at. Actually, living the college life makes all the difference.

If you have a top choice or few, try setting up a shadow day with the college to spend the day with a student, attending classes and even spending the night in the dorms.

"Going to college" can help you make your final decision when the time finally comes in May.

Gina Adduci runs to varsity cross-country

By Mary Beth Selby

In her first ever year of cross-country, freshman "Pee Wee" Adduci races to the top of the varsity team of We-go girls cross-country.

"I couldn't believe it. I didn't think I'd get there," said Adduci.

Adduci has played soccer for eight years, and was dubbed "Pee Wee" for being the smallest member of the team. Her real name, however, is Gina.

"It's my nickname, but every calls me that. Even my teachers call me Pee Wee," she explained.

While Adduci has played soccer for the majority of her life, she has run the past three years.

In track she ran the 800 m, one mile, and hurdles races.

But in order to prepare for cross-country, Adduci had to run with the team in the sum-

mer camp, and the endurance from soccer helped as well.

She considers her successes as making the varsity team and, on a personal basis, placing 14 in her first varsity invitational race at Crystal Lake.

However, cross-country has not come easily to her, as she explains that she is having difficulty mentally keeping strong in the second mile of a race.

"I want to improve on picking up and keeping a steady pace during the second mile," said Adduci.

Once she overcomes that hurdle, she wants to get a 19-minute time for a 3.1-mile, or 5K, race.

"Cross-country is really fun and it improves my school-work because I am able to talk with and interact with kids from school. I also like meeting people from other



Gina Adduci (right) made the varsity cross-country team this year. Here she hangs out with sister Christy (left).

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schools," said Adduci.

Not only is she running hard, but she said that she also leaves cross-country practice early to go to soccer

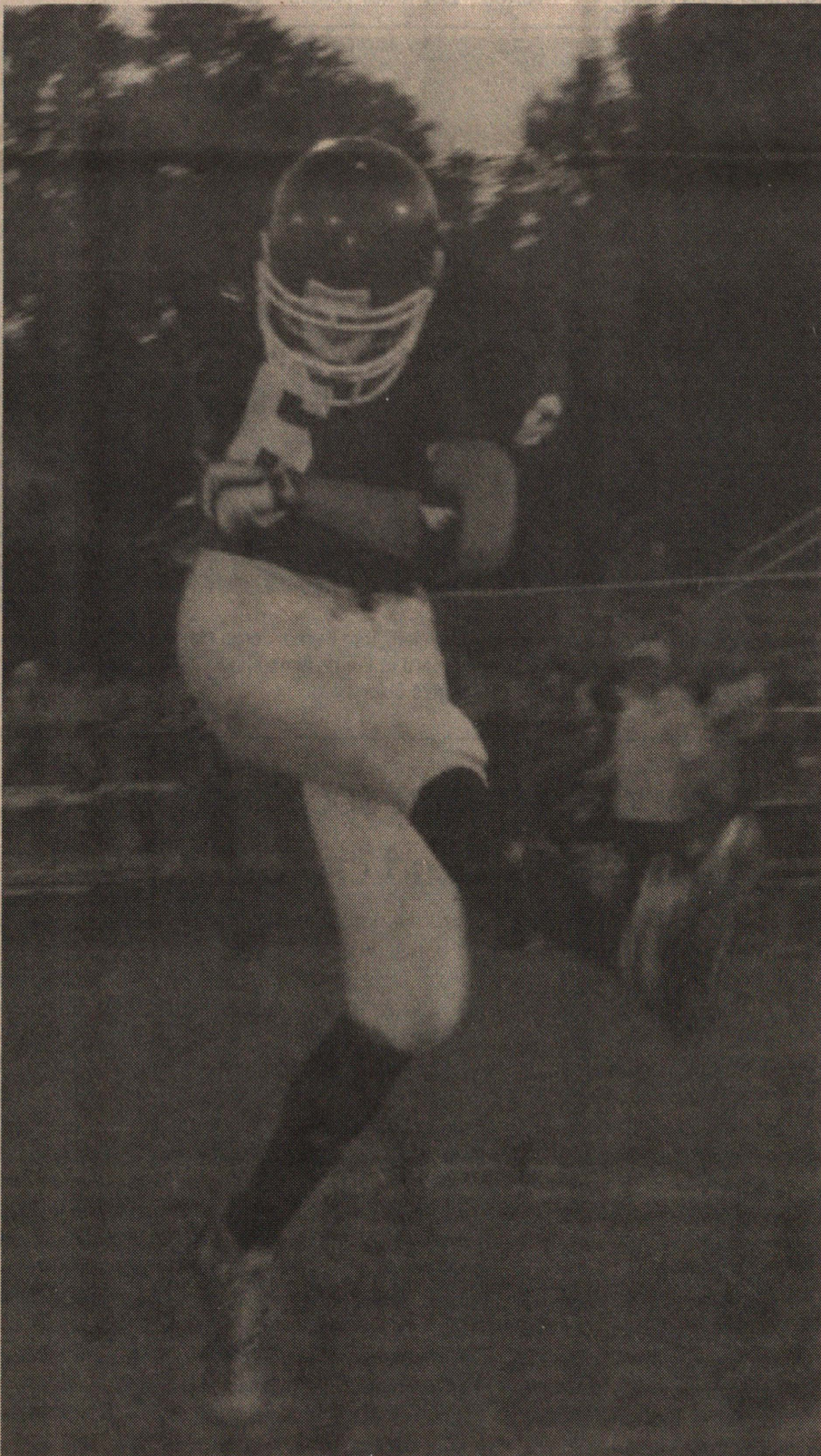
practice with her traveling team every day.

She plans to play soccer for the high school in the spring, but is not sure what she will

do later than that.

"I like cross-country because of the endurance, but prefer soccer because I have been doing it all my life. I

don't know if I will (do cross-country all four years)," Adduci said. "I couldn't have done it without the help of my sister."



This is Dan Harms second year as kicker on the varsity team. Here he kicks off against the Batavia Bulldogs.

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Wildcats kick off another football season with 2-1 start

By Doug Sieder

The Wildcats football team has started off the season 2-1, one of their best starts in recent memory.

They opened the season at home against Plainfield and took control early and never looked back in a 40-8 victory, lead by quarterback T.J. Shanahan.

The Wildcats' offense combined for a total of 467 yards that game thanks to great rushing efforts from running backs Brad Bytof, Andy Denniger, and Elliott Tinnes.

The defense shut out the visiting team until a late fourth quarter touchdown pass which gave them their only score of the game.

This year's fast and powerful defense is lead by returning starters Julio Davalos, Nick Fairbanks, and Ryan Stuhr. Also new starters Travis Saville, Dan Harms, and Chris Walski solidify the defense.

"One reason for our success so far has been our outstanding running game," said varsity head coach Bob Stone.

After the Wildcats opening day win, the Batavia Bulldogs came to We-go for an exciting match up.

On the Wildcats opening drive they drove down to Batavia's 3-yard line before fumbling, which ended up Batavia's ball. The next play

the Wildcats forced a fumble and Fairbanks recovered it at Batavia's three yard line. leading to a touchdown.

Then a gutsy call when the Wildcats went for it on a fourth and goal situation. Shanahan threw a touchdown pass to wide receiver Brian Holt giving them a 21-0 halftime lead.

The second half was pretty much the same story with the Wildcats dominating on both sides of the ball and finishing the game with a 34-7 victory.

"The way Shanahan is passing the ball has been huge for us this year," said Stone.

The Wildcats then had to travel down the road for their first true test of the season against the Naperville North Huskies.

The Wildcats went into the game with the number one offense in DuPage County and were going up against the Huskies top ranked defense.

The Wildcats first two possessions ended in an interception and a fumble leading to two Huskies scores.

But the Wildcats crawled their way back to only trailing by one at halftime 17-16.

The score stayed the same throughout the third quarter and until late until the fourth when the Huskie's quarterback had a 52-yard run on third and nine which would

lead to a Huskie touchdown. It was too late for a Wildcat rally and the game ended at 27-16.

Even though they suffered a loss to Naperville North, the Wildcats still have a great chance to make the playoffs.

"West Aurora, Glenbard East, and Weaton Warrenville South are big games if we want at making the playoffs," said Stone.

Standings

- Naperville Central 3-0 Conf. 1-0
- Naperville North 3-0 Conf. 1-0
- Glenbard North 3-0 Conf. 1-0
- W. Warrenville S. 2-1 Conf. 1-0
- Wheaton North 2-1 Conf. 0-1
- West Chicago 2-1 Conf. 0-1
- Glenbard East 1-2 Conf. 0-1
- West Aurora 1-2 Conf. 0-1

Upcoming Games:
vs. West Aurora
at Wheaton North
vs. Glenbard North
at Naperville Central
vs. Glenbard East

West Chicago swim team dives into another season

By Maria Perez

Music, visualizing, and jumping around help make the girls swim team great.

To prepare before each meet the girls swim team likes a variety of motivational activities.

"Cheers help us to get excited about our meet, which makes us swim faster. Stretching loosens our muscles so we swim faster," said swimmer Nikki Franz.

Most team members said that they like to psyche themselves out before each swim meet and picture themselves in the water.

"I sit there and think about the meet and getting in the water," said Leigh Hellman.

Others prefer to check on their equipment for the meet.

"I usually test my goggles because I have a weird face," said Rachel Hellman.

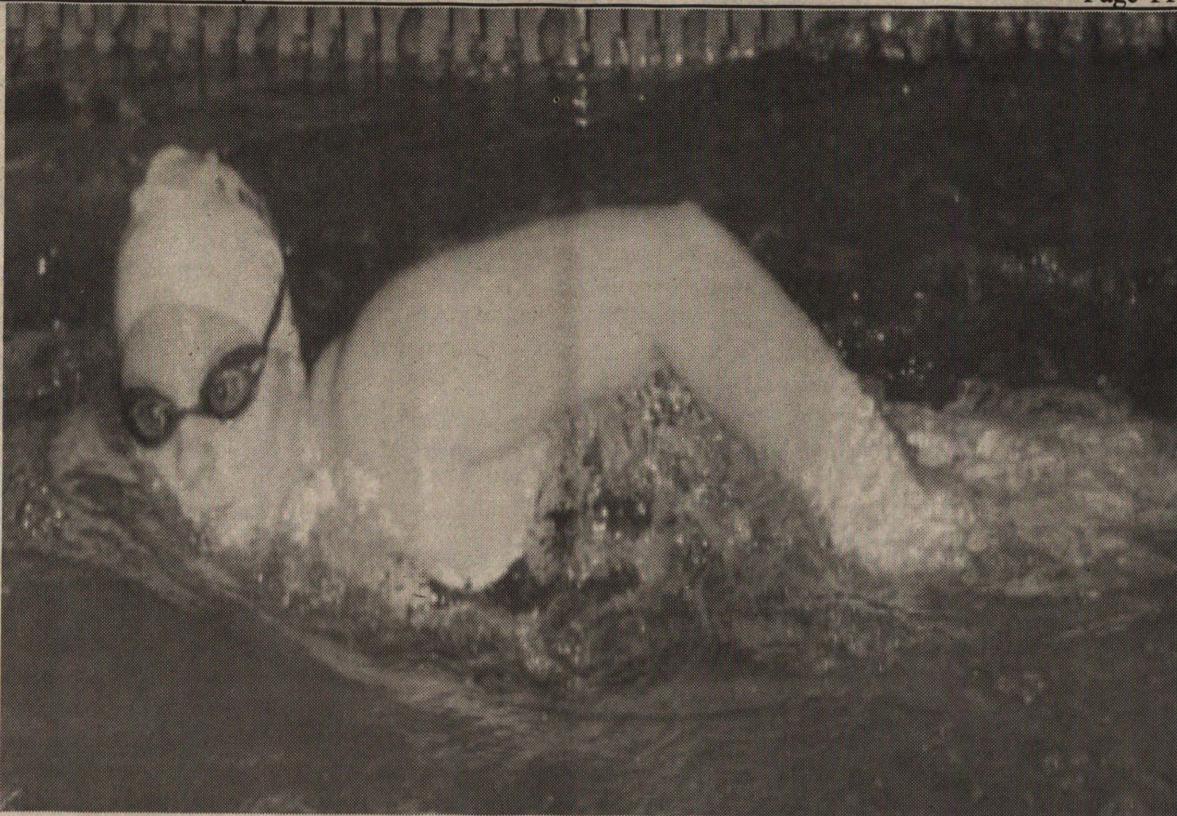
Daisy Sallis said, "I like to psych myself out. Jump around and do my monkey dance."

The strategies seem to be working. The varsity team has won three meets so far.

The swim team has been preparing for the season with two practices a day.

One is from 5:15 a.m. to 7 a.m. and the other from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The swim team expects Naperville North and Naperville Central to be their toughest competition.



One of the Wildcats girls swimmers swims hard for a good time in a freestyle race.

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"They're both in the DVC conference and they have more people than West Chicago," said coach Bryan Artel.

The girls swim team ex-

pects to have a successful season due to new swimmers combined with the experienced swimmers from last year, said Artel.

"Jackie Vavrek, Rachel

Slattery, Caitlin Kvengel, and Katie McLeland are expected to do well this season," said Artel.

They have been working hard, not missing practice,

and are motivated to do well, said Artel.

"I'm intense about the sport and I think the younger swimmers would benefit from it," said Jackie Vavreck.



The boys cross-country team is focused on going to state this year.

Staff Photo

Boys cross-country filling holes

By Mary Beth Selby

Boys cross country is quite enthusiastic about their season, despite a decline in team members.

Varsity runner George Visser said the boys are trying to fill the graduated seniors' shoes and they are doing pretty well.

The team lost seniors Pat Baur, Greg Moore, and Derek Jensen, but gained "super" freshman runner Brendon Sullivan. The team calls him "super freshman" because he made the varsity team his first year.

Despite a small number of members, they are doing well in their meets. They started

off the season with a record of 51-3, taking second place at Crystal Lake and third place at Wauconda.

In their meet against Wheaton North and Naperville Central, the boys took first place, beating out both teams.

"We shocked both Wheaton North and Naperville Central by our win. We hope to see them again at regionals and sectionals," said Anderson.

Last year, Wheaton North beat the We-go boys at regionals.

Last Saturday they ran at Peoria-Notre Dame.

Coach Paul McClelland

says their goal going into meets is to lay low.

"If we lay low, there isn't a lot of pressure," said McClelland.

Good plan, to come up from behind. He is very glad with the team this year, saying they have good team spirit, are working hard, and he couldn't be happier.

"We're a tight group, all friends, and we help push each other," said Frank Anderson.

Their focus in training is on multiple intervals and hill workouts. While Anderson says their goal is go run at state, some boys are focusing more on personal goals.

Kevin Duffy suffered tendonitis early in the season, but soon enough made it back into training and hopes to perform well for the rest of the season.

Though tendonitis still lingers, Duffy ran in the JV race at Wauconda and did well. These boys are very dedicated to their training and performances.

Visser also said that the boys are trying to get "the speech," which Jensen played to motivate the boys before a meet. He refused to describe further.

The boys run next against Bartlett at Sunrise Park on Saturday.

Volleyball hits some bumps along the road during season

By Kyle Bullis

The girls varsity volleyball team has been starting off with some rough matches this season.

The season started off with matches against Wheaton/Warrenville South and Wheaton North.

"The team is capable of playing better than they did at Wheaton North," said varsity volleyball coach Kris Hasty.

"We were great against Naperville Central. We need to figure out what we did and bring that every match," said Hasty.

This year's team is fairly new since there are only three returning players. Sammy Kufta, Liz Jacques, and Dana Hernan all returned to the court from last year.

The team utilizes a 6-2 formation for their matches. Kufta and Kristen Roca are the team's two setters. Outside hitters are Yajaira Rodriguez and Sinead Walsh. Taking up the middle is Jacques and Lathie Norton, the team's captain.

The right side is made up of Christine Harris and Hernan. Peggy Saul and Alyssa Claude round out the defense.

The girls practice for over two hours to shape up for their meets which are held every Tuesday, Thursday, and occasionally Saturday.

Every practice all five levels of the volleyball team line up for congratulations for good performance in previous games, and awards for best times. Then the girls get into an "active warm-up" routine.

"I think the active warm-up is fun but the girls despise it," said Hasty.

Then the girls stretch, do abdominal workouts, and then practice on their agility and/or footwork and ball handling.

The girls then split up into their own levels and do the workouts that their coaches assign.

"It's a unique program when all the levels get to practice together. Usually the freshman players never get to see the varsity coach," said Hasty.

During the separate practices the girls work more on skill development through practice games.

"We're learning to pick things up in practice more. We want to play with more intensity," said Hasty.

The team still remains strong with power hitters Norton, Jacques, and Hernan on the team.

"They are also skilled blockers," said Hasty.

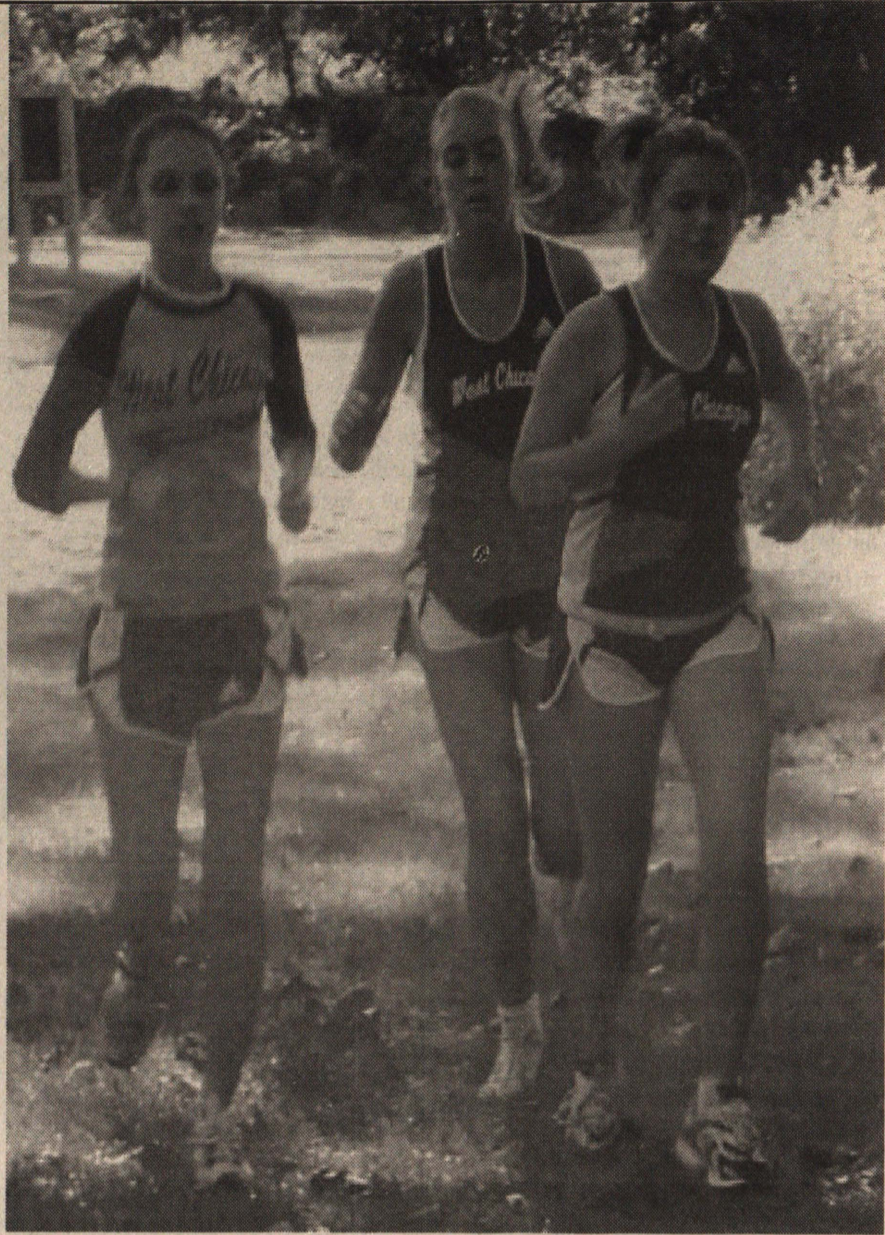
"Come out and see us. It's a lot of fun and an exciting spectator sport. We need

Girls cross-country hopes to make first state appearance

By Rich Visser
The girls cross-country team started the 2003 season with a bang, with two meet victories and a third place showing.
The team has increased in size from 20 runners last year to 28 this year. Senior Christy Adduci hopes the team can qualify for state for the first time in West Chicago history. "We are doing really well, there are a lot of new freshman, and everyone is working hard," Adduci said.
The team competed recently at Kaneland's Larry Eddington Invite.
The previous week at Wauconda, the team placed third out of 30 teams. Some

highlights of the meet were Adduci's fourth place finish, and Junior Kelly Wdowiarz ninth place finish.
Coach Katharina Claiborne believes this season will be a good one. This is her fourth year as head coach.
She hopes to keep the team focused and wants them to peak at sectionals. She hopes the girls can keep their feeling of togetherness throughout the season.
At the Crystal Lake South Invitational, the team placed first in the 18 team field with 59 points, easily defeating second place Buffalo Grove (100), and third place Huntley (124). In a race with 146

runners, the Wildcats had eight in the top 30. Once again, Adduci led the Wildcats with a second place finish, while Wdowiarz placed sixth, Freshman Pee Wee Adduci placed 14, Junior Megan Andracki placed 17, and Senior Amanda Weier placed 20.
The girls started the season with a meet victory, scoring 26 points, which bettered Wheaton Academy (43) Kaneland (71), and Plainfield South (107).
Rounding out the top five were Adduci in first place, Wdowiarz (second), Senior Bryce Wolfe (fourth), Andracki (ninth), and Sophomore Amy Ackerman (10).



The girls are warming up before their Wheaton North match.

Staff Photo

Boys golf has a promising future

By Doug Sieder
The Boy's golf team has started off another season with a couple of quality wins.
The Wildcats had an impressive win over the Glenbard North Panthers 159-167 and also beat St. Edwards.
"We have spent a lot of time on our short games and that has reduces our scores," said Varsity Coach Eric Lasky.
They lost close matches to Glenbard West, Glenbard East, Fenton, and West Aurora
"Consistency has been our

biggest problem this year," said Lasky.
This year the team comes back with many returning varsity players including seniors, Tom Grove Josh Hahn, Dan Polacek, and Dan Bulleri.
Also juniors, Joey Staiton and Evan Skarin are returning varsity players.
Also on the varsity team are Juniors: Austin Curran and Jamon Siefert and Freshman Scott Staiton
"This is the most freshman we have had on varsity in a while," said Lasky.
Tom Grove has been the

biggest surprise this year shooting in the low forties consistently said Lasky.
Lasky said the reason for some of the improvements from players were caused by their hard work and taking lessons over the summer.
"The one thing we need to work on as a team is the mental aspect of the game, but they have worked hard to improve their games and that's what really counts," said Lasky.
After the first two weeks the teams 2-4 record doesn't show how good the wildcats really are.

Boys soccer feels the pain

By Mary Beth Selby
Boys soccer struggles in their season with a shortage of players or mass of injuries.
"Right now we have five injured starters, so we will be better when they are back," said varsity player Paul Reyes.
The varsity record is 6-2 in overall, and 0-1 in conference.
Despite their struggles, fellow teammate Jesse Hernandez said they have good team chemistry, really working hard together. Reyes feels they are improving each game.
As opposing opinion, junior varsity manager Alyssa Campagnoni said that the varsity needs to work on taking advantage of offensive opportunities.

from a loss of players.
"We are waiting for players. Some of the varsity guys were going to help and play with us," said JV coach Cesar Gomez.
The JV now has a record of 0-2.
"This is a good group of guys, but we are still working on skills. First we must crawl, then walk, and then run," said Gomez. He is trying to get the players to work together better, and improve their ball handling skills.

Freshmen are also optimistic about their performance. Though the freshman team lost to St. Charles East, coach Julio Del Real was real proud.
"If we play like we did yesterday in other conference games, then we are doing very well. East is a tough team," said Del Real.
Del Real also said that he hopes to keep the team spirit and their performances strong throughout the entire season.

Tennis team swings into action

By John Jennings
Girl's tennis has roared out of the gates this season.
The team has played three matches and has started the season with a positive two and one record. They started off the season by beating St. Francis and Willowbrook, and lost a close match to IMSA recently.

The team's goal this season is to improve on last year's performance and to win a lot of their upcoming DVC matches. Sione Moeaki, the team's coach, said "Hopefully we will finish in either sixth or seventh place in the conference this year." "We are really looking forward to all of our con-

ference matches."
The team has a great doubles tandem in Krista Johnson and Mary Hesterman, who are currently undefeated in match play. Johnson, along with Vanessa Vergara, are the team's captains. Also worthy of note is that all of the varsity players have a winning record.

Football Wrap-up

Team Defense	Team Offense	Team Leaders
1. Hinsdale Central	1. Benet	Passing:
2. Naperville North	2. Naperville North	T.J. Shanahan
3. Wheaton North	3. WW South	25-36, 401 yds
4. Downers North	4. West Chicago	Rushing:
5. Glenbard North	5. Wheaton North	Elliot Tinnes
6. Lake Park	6. Naperville Central	35 car., 208 yds
7. WW South	7. Immaculate Con.	Brad Bytof
8. Benet	8. Waubonsie Valley	22 car., 169 yds
9. Lisle	9. Hinsdale South	Andy Denniger
10. York	10. Willowbrook	31car., 159 yds
11. Naperville Central	11. Hinsdale Ctrl.	Receiving:
17. West Chicago		Brian Holt
		8 rec., 64 yds,

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