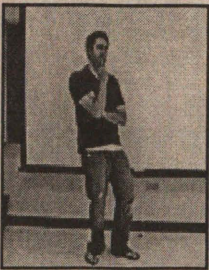




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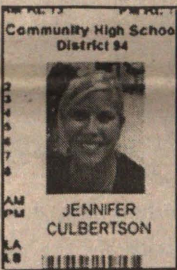
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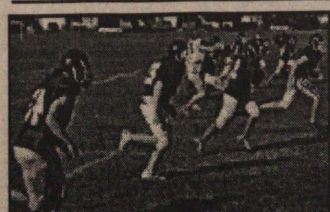
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# Big picture in focus

## Principal excited to work in diverse environment with staff and students

By Kym McDaniel

New principal Moses Cheng dares students to experience and participate in activities and athletics.

"I expect students to stretch themselves academically," said Cheng. "I also see value to contributing to the community as a whole."

Cheng, who has been in education for 15 years previously worked at West Aurora High School as a science teacher, dean and head varsity volleyball coach. Most recently he was at Hinsdale South High School as assistant principal.

However, Cheng says the staff and diversity he has found in students distinguishes West Chicago from previous high schools he has worked at.

"That was a big reason I wanted to apply at Community High School; the diversity in the student body," said Cheng.

He believes that students

should see value beyond the skin of their peers and should respect them no matter what.

Cheng feels his most important task is to lead in a way that allows teachers and administrators to do their jobs as best as possible.

"I enjoy working with teachers and seeing the big picture of education at a smaller classroom level," said Cheng. "Working with people in a belief that education is important (to me)."

Although Cheng admits that changes do create anxiety, he wishes that "these changes may not take away from what we do in classes."

"I want these changes to be implemented smoothly," said Cheng.

Several of these changes such as the new tardy policies were not Cheng's idea because they were in development last year. All changes made were school board decisions.

However, his goal to pass AYP successfully in the future has changed since the previous years.

"If every student really excels and puts forth their best effort academically and our teaching staff does our job the way we are supposed to, then AYP will take care of itself," said Cheng.

Meanwhile, Cheng encour-

ages students to see value beyond skin color and to be well disciplined.

"We have good things in place here," said Cheng. "We must continue those things successfully to make Community High School an accepting place where students can grow and receive education to help them for the rest of their lives."

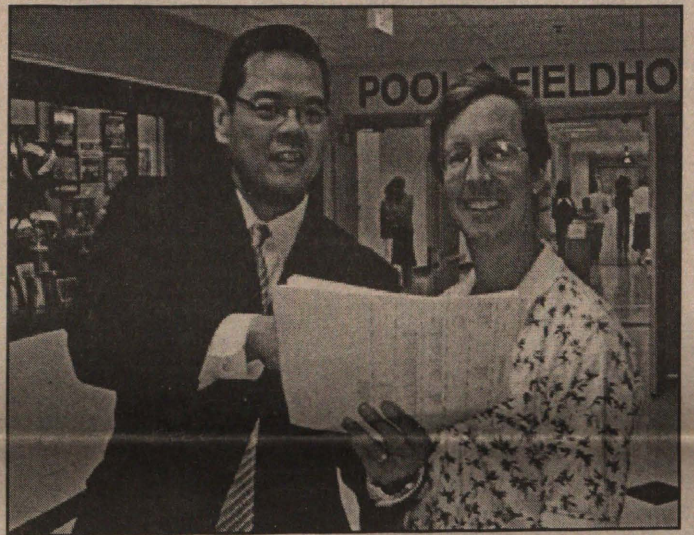


Photo by Jacob Wucka

Dr. Cheng hopes that students and parents realize diversity is a positive attribute to the school. Here at open house he helps a parent find his way to the classroom.

## We've waited all year for this

By Greg Vodicka

The floats have been built and the windows have been decorated. Students have been waiting all year and homecoming is finally here.

This year's homecoming theme is "We've waited all year for this..."

"Some students are confused about the theme," said Student Council president Natalie Pacelli. "Every year we look forward to homecoming, we have waited all four seasons and now it's here."

Freshmen represent spring; sophomores, fall; juniors, winter; and seniors, summer.

Homecoming festivities begin with dodgeball tournament and squad shirt distribution on Monday in the Bishop gym from 6-9 p.m.

"Students get really excited

for the dodgeball tournament because it is the real kick off of homecoming week," said Pacelli

day and get ready for the powderpuff game starting at 6:45 p.m.

After the game there will be

an outdoor pep rally.

Navy blue and white should cover the school Thursday when the dress theme is school colors.

Friday is the day to show off your squad shirts.

Winners from the advisory movie competition will be announced with the parade following from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

The varsity football team tackles Glenbard North on Friday at 7:30 p.m., with the homecoming court during half time.

Saturday will wrap up the festivities with the homecoming dance from 7-9:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door.



Photo by Jessica Bergmann

Seniors and homecoming king Tom Wilson and queen Sam Nolte smile after their coronation.

Tuesday's theme is summer dress so wear your favorite outfit from summer.

Wear class shirts or powderpuff uniforms on Wednes-

## Senior class fails to meet AYP

By Jacob Wucka

Juniors should begin studying now, because the school didn't meet adequate yearly progress.

AYP is judged by the Prairie State Examination taken each spring by juniors.

According to Supt. Lee Rieck, the class of '08, which 36 took the tests last year, had 15-20 students that didn't meet AYP.

"It was very close," said Rieck.

In the reading and math categories, the class needed an average of 55 percent. Yet the class scored an average of 51.9 percent for reading, and an average of 50.1 percent for math.

"AYP is unrealistic," stated senior Krista Kraus. "You can't make all kids do 100 percent."

See AYP page 2

## AYP: The school reacts

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This year's schedule isn't affected by these scores, yet if the junior class doesn't pass many changes are expected.

"If we don't make AYP this year, we'd have to make some choices. We could transfer students to a nearby school that made AYP, but there are none and if there were any, there's no room for transfer students," said Rieck.

Other choices could be decided by a school improvement committee. Some options include more internal programs to prepare students for PSAEs, or expanded summer school.

Senior Francis Beifuss believes they didn't pass because the safe harbor average increased 7.5 percent. Yet he also thinks the seniors weren't motivated.

"If there were more incentives, it would've been more likely we'd pass," said Beifuss.

Feeling the pressure to pass, many juniors have begun preparations to ensure a

passing grade for the PSAEs.

"I heard the test is really repetitive and easy, so I'm going to read everything I've done over the past years," said junior Ashley Jefferson.

Junior Rob Delege knows not to become egotistical when taking the test.

"Every kid thinks they are going to pass because no one knows enough about it, except that it's a standardized test like the ISAT tests," said Delege.

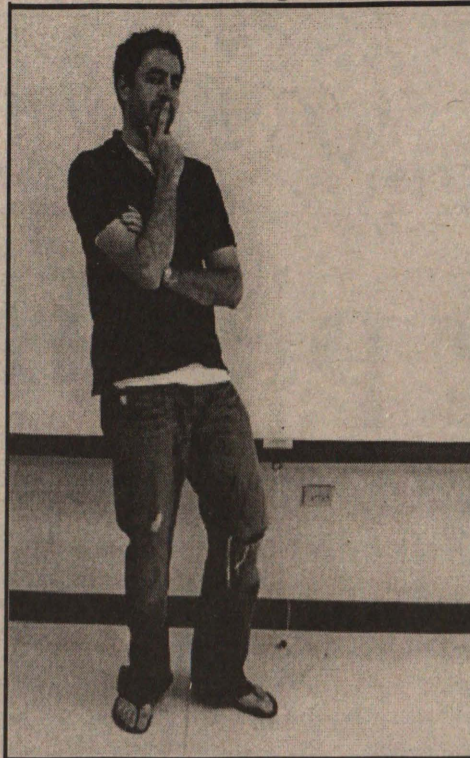
Whatever the reason, Principal Moses Cheng believes that the juniors will pass AYP this year.

"It's always a goal for me and the teachers that the students are striving and learning to the best of their capabilities. We all should be doing our best now," said Cheng.

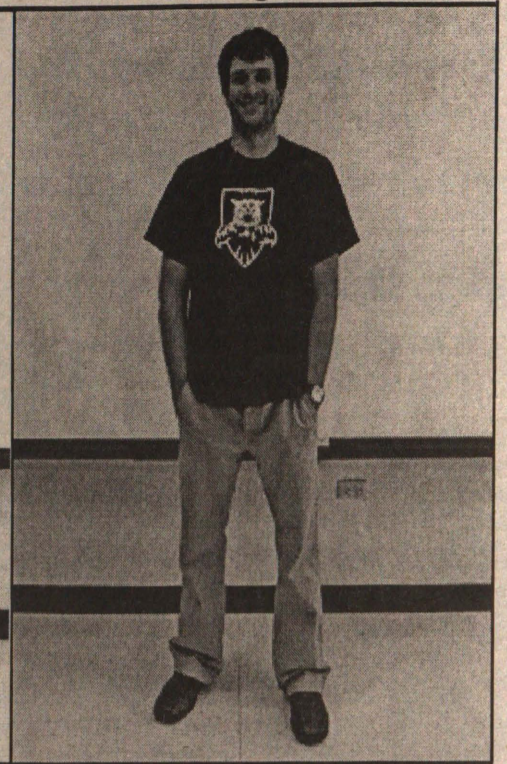
Cheng also added that it is the teacher's responsibility that students are being challenged, and taught.

"AYP is a measure of how much the students learned, and it's the student's responsibility to that on this test," said Cheng.

The Wrong Way



The Right Way



Photos by Jessica Bergmann

English teacher Dave Jennings, left, wears attire that is deemed inappropriate for staff. Social studies teacher Mitch McKenna sports clothing acceptable to guidelines.

# School straightens up dress code enforcement

By Jessica Bergmann and Jacob Wucka

Be careful what you wear to school, because the school is cracking down on student attire.

"There are no actual changes to the dress code, except for how we enforce it," said Assistant Principal Josh Chambers.

New enforcement will include the deans randomly checking clothes as students enter the building. If a student's outfit is deemed inappropriate, students will have to change.

Depending on the nature of the clothing, students can flip their T-shirt inside out, cover it up with a sweatshirt, call their parents to drop off appropriate clothing, or wear school sponsored clothing.

Chambers also stated that no clothing items are being banned from the school.

"If there is some clothing item that has safety issues, or disrupts the education of other students, we would consider banning it," said Chambers.

However, sophomore Sar-

ah Massie believes the school needs harsher enforcement because many clothes are distracting.

"The school never tells you what to wear, and I do get surprised by what I see," said Massie.

Yet Chambers knows that imposing stricter rules for the dress code isn't as easy as people think.

"Anytime you have a policy, you have to look at the reality. Students and adults have different perceptions on clothing," said Chambers.

Students are not the only ones watching what they wear this year. Staff has a new dress code policy.

School staff is required to dress appropriately by the guidelines of the Board of Education. These guidelines do not allow the following: flip flops, clothing revealing shoulders, low back, stomach, breasts, or cleavage, and shirts with logos on them. Undergarments are also expected to be covered at all times.

"There was no formal staff dress policy in place prior to

this new policy passed by the board. Without one, there was difficulty in explaining our expectations regarding professional dress to new employees," said Kim Chambers, director of human resources.

Some staff feels like the new dress code policies haven't changed their idea of appropriate work attire.

"There's not a whole lot that's really different except for teachers can't wear shirts with logos," said social studies teacher Mitch McKenna. Teachers are also encouraged to wear Wildcat gear whenever they'd like.

"I'm a big fan in regard to wearing Wildcat clothes. I could wear one every day of the week with some nice pants if I really wanted to," said McKenna.

Just like students, teachers are watched to make sure they wear appropriate attire to school.

"Supervisors are responsible for making sure that all staff members are adhering to all policies," said Kim Chambers.

## Pleasant surprise for two FBLA members

By Jacob Wucka

Two members from the Future Business Leaders of America nabbed the seventh place position at the National Leadership Conference over the summer.

Senior Paul Warkins and 2007 graduate Dan Rizzo seized the entrepreneurship title after delivering a hard hitting response to a business related situation.

Warkins and Rizzo had to act as business consultants, and advise the judges on a solution to the situation.

"We thought we were getting tenth, so we were definitely surprised to get seventh. We probably looked stu-

pid on the big screen though, when we had to smile at the camera," said Warkins.

When Warkins and Rizzo placed seventh, FBLA adviser and Information and Technology division head Nancy Blume was ecstatic.

"We are extremely proud of the accomplishments of all our FBLA members in qualifying for nationals and especially pleased with Paul and Dan's seventh place finish," said Blume, who spoke for business education teacher and co-adviser Maria Wirth and herself.

Ten other students from FBLA competed in the competition.

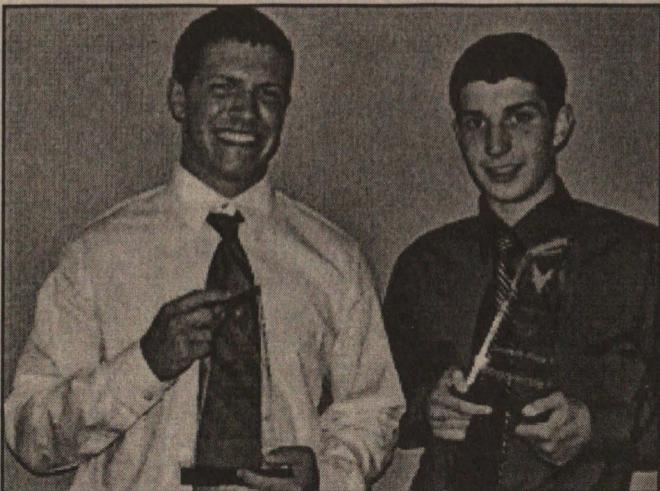


Photo courtesy of Nancy Blume

Paul Warkins, left, and Dan Rizzo placed seventh at a National Leadership Conference, a surprise for the two who believed they would place tenth.

## ESL opens after-school program

By Greg Vodicka

Second language learners who are interested in extended computer and library access now have that opportunity.

Due to a bilingual grant, the LRC will be open until 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday targeting ESL and bilingual students.

"We've received a substan-

tial amount of money for this after school program," said world languages division head Janelle Stefancic.

An American civics class will be offered on Tuesdays, while a computer class will be offered on Thursdays for bilingual parents.

It is not mandatory to attend, but it is encouraged.

"Parents that complete

the course will receive a certificate at the end," said Stefancic.

Night classes are free of charge.

The LRC after-school program will not be advertised in the daily announcements, but students and parents who are serious about taking advantage of this opportunity are welcome, Stefancic said.

## Putting the brakes on teens

New law has teens balking over 100 hour requirement and permit phase being extended to nine months

By Jessica Bergmann

Students, buckle up your seat belts and get ready for one hectic ride. Illinois recently passed new laws for teen drivers, which goes into effect Jan. 1, 2008.

After that date, all students who have not yet received their permits will be forced to follow the new laws including: the permit phase being extended from three to nine months, double the number of practice driving hours to 100 hours, driving with one unrelated teen extended until 12 months after earning a license, court supervision for drivers under the age of 18 who are ticketed for traffic violations, and a cut on curfew hours.

Sophomore Madeline Urban thinks the new laws are too strict, but could help to make the roads a better place to drive.

"The new driving laws seem harsh, but they should make the roads safer so that's all that matters," Urban said.

However, Dan Johnson, head of the driver's education program, believes the laws are appropriate and not at all out of line.

"I think the laws are all very good. Their intentions are good. They are structuring it so that teens will have more practice time before they get on the road and drive," said Johnson. "Teenage driving statistics are staggering. Accidents are the number one cause of death for kids under the age of 19."

National statistics from RMII.com show that 16 year olds have the highest crash rating than any other age group, one main reason why the new laws were passed.

However, Johnson's opinions differ from those students

affected by the new laws.

"I think the new laws are really unfair and harsh," said sophomore Anna Mercaldo. "How can they expect us to have 100 practice hours? It's ridiculous."

Although the state has good intentions for making the new laws, they might not exactly benefit schools.

Students will be required to have six hours of behind-the-wheel practice with a safety instructor instead of practicing on simulators.

"Having both simulators and behind-the-wheel allows the school to drive 30 percent more students. But, if we can't hire enough staff in order for every student to drive, we'll have a decrease in the amount of kids we can put in behind-the-wheel," Johnson said.

Johnson suggests freshmen and those affected by the new laws to take driver's education over the summer. A program is also offered through the school where students can take the behind-the-wheel class before or after school.

## Stock team honored

By Jake Bradley

After winning the Stock Market Competition for the fourth time, West Chicago received recognition from the Illinois legislature.

Adam Olsen, Mike Diemling, Nate Sullivan, and adviser Donald Zabelin received certificates for official recognition for their achievement from state representative Michael Fortner.

"It was definitely not expected," said Zabelin.

The stock market competition is an annual event where

over 1,000 teams compete to see who can make the most pretend money in about 10 weeks.

"We have always been one of the more successful teams," said Zabelin. "Generally the competition doesn't have a national but one year we were invited and we won that also."

Zabelin enjoys the competition saying that it gets students interested in investments and it is great to see students taking information and using it in life.



Photo courtesy of Donald Zabelin

The State recognized the 2007 team after winning their fourth stock market game. From left, graduates Adam Olsen, Nate Sullivan, Mike Diemling, and adviser Donald Zabelin.

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## Our View

### Students should dress tastefully, even without the strict dress code

It's about time that school officials took time to address the school dress policy.

Not only is it inappropriate for young women to wear revealing tops and skirts, the Board of Education's policy on dress code is reasonable for the school day.

For example, the board has prohibited chains, dog collars, choke chains and other "inappropriate or dangerous apparel." The school is not a pet playground so are dog collars and choke chains necessary?

It is understandable that some students argue that these help exemplify their personality, but it is also reasonable that not wearing these items outside of school may be in their best interest so they do not scare harmless children away.

The board has also banned clothing containing obscene writing or graphics, alcohol, drugs, or sex. Thankfully women throughout the school do not have to endure the "I love backseats" popular slogan or the "awkward mornings beat boring nights" t-shirts available at Abercrombie stores nationwide.

Fortunately, students are also required to wear

shoes at school. Although it is hard to believe that anybody wouldn't want to contract athlete's foot from the floors, everybody is going to have to restrain themselves and kick off their stinky gym shoes at home.

Meanwhile, more sensible rules involving women comprise of no bare midriffs, see-through garments, bare backs, halter tops, low cut blouses and pants.

Sociologist George Gilder from The National Association for Single Sex Public Education said, "Some boys, it's true, can focus on their work even if a girl is sitting in the seat in front of them. But, if that girl is wearing revealing or form-fitting clothes, then even the most studious boy will be distracted."

Therefore, it is understandable why the board has banned this dress.

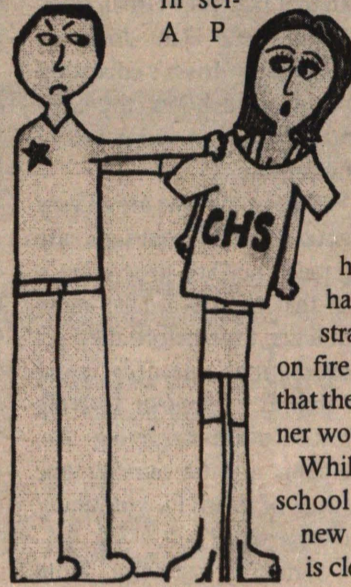
Halters and bare back tops are made for summer wear and once school has started and

fall begins, it is either time to put them in the back of the dresser drawer for next year or bring a jacket or cover up to wear over.

Among clothing and jewelry calls into the question of hairstyle and grooming and what is appropriate for school. The board cites that any hairstyle that is hazardous will not be permitted into laboratories, physical education and art classes.

It is not unusual to use flammable substances in science classes such as chemistry, chemistry, and AP biology, among other science classes throughout the school. These classes involve "burners", or devices that are lit to produce a flame. Although it would be an interesting experiment to test how quickly a head saturated with hairspray weaved with multi-colored strands forming a mohawk would set on fire in a chemistry lab, it is implied that the hair of the poor victim's lab partner wouldn't want to be the control.

While many students throughout the school may be cursing the board for new tardy and attendance policies, it is clear that the dress code is sensible and effective guidelines that are easily followed.



### Going green can save environment, resources, and life

In a time when the leaves change to yellow and red, people should start taking action to become green, and act to protect the environment.

It's no secret; the world is changing around us due to global warming. Many people have been talking, ranting, and some have acted to warn the world of how this disaster may, or will, impact the future.

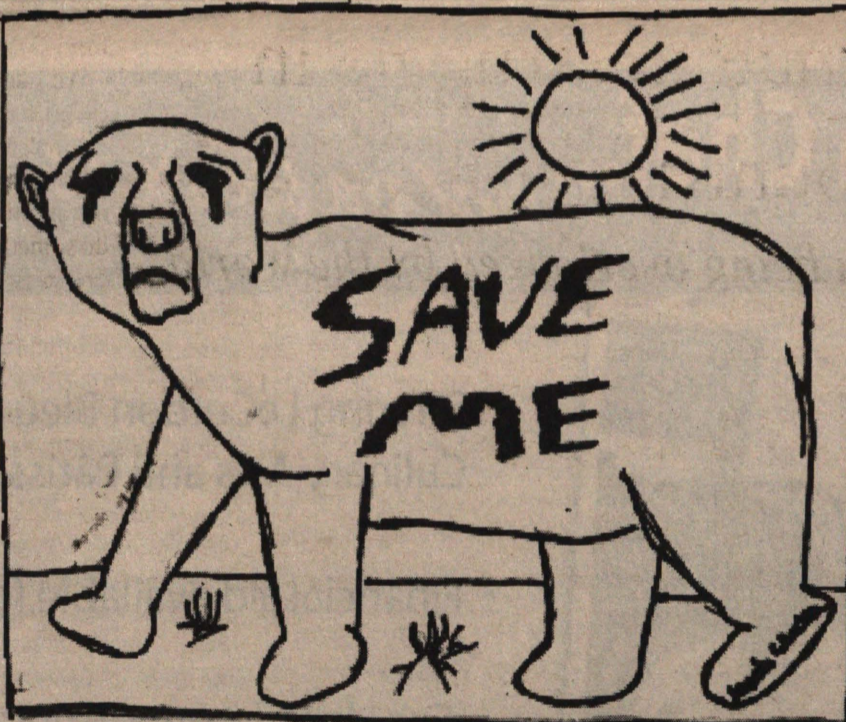
Yet many of their pleas have fallen flat.

Hybrid cars reduce green gas emissions, but few can afford the high purchase price. Yet, SUVs which help spread deadly emissions continue to roll off the assembly line.

Windows remain locked tight against summer heat because air conditioning is so comfortable.

Maybe it might take something drastic for the world to change its ways; for example the extinction of an animal that has been trying to survive while its home melts away.

The United Nations predicts that by 2050, the



summer sea ice off Alaska's coast could shrink to half its 1980 size. As a result the entire population of polar bears living in Alaska could die.

Will that convince the public to stop burning the

leaves that were just raked up?

People are destroying the world, killing animals, completely reshaping the world's polar ice caps, and wiping out entire habitats.

And don't think that the destruction will only be felt in Alaska, it's also happening in West Chicago.

The West Chicago City Council voted on Sept. 4 to rezone 200 acres of farmland for the construction of homes. The problem is that the farmland is adjacent to a rare wetland known as the fen.

Without the runoff water from the farmland, the fen's supply of water will be cut off and the fen will make like the polar bears and die.

This isn't just the last of the fen, but the animals that live in the fen. Does West Chicago need another subdivision that will destroy the rare wetland?

It's times like these when people need to stop and smell the flowers, because they might be gone tomorrow.

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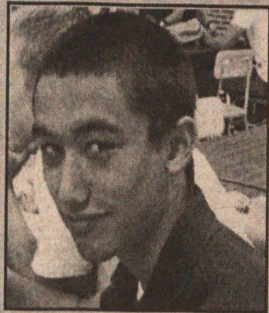
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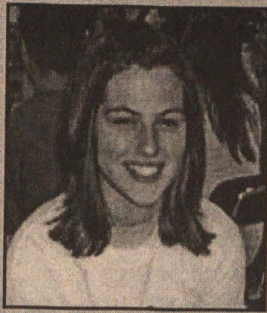
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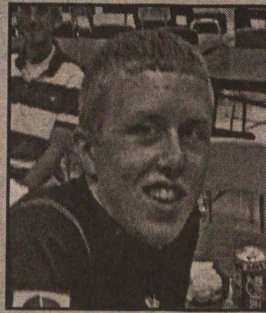
Senior  
**Jon Reyes**

"It's useless because you take longer to get your pass from the dean. Instead of being late one minute you are late 10."



Freshman  
**Taylor Ballek**

"It's actually better than middle school, we only had two or three minutes to get to class. At least we have FIVE here."



Senior  
**Mike Wall**

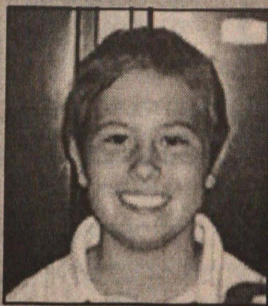
"It's unfair how they shortened passing periods by one minute, and still made everything stricter."

### How do you feel about the new tardy policy?



Junior  
**Ileana Tapanes**

"Teachers should have a five second rule. If the bell rings and I'm right there, just let me in."



Freshman  
**Nick Shurba**

"It's too strict because you have to go get a pass from the dean, and if you get two it is a detention"



Sophomore  
**Kim Busch**

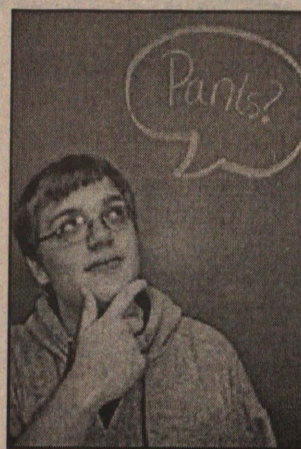
It's lame. We should be on time but we shouldn't get sent to the office."

## An old fashion is a new crime

### Police in the South looking for a different kind of fugitive

Everyone knows that when you are in school, you have to wear something "tasteful." Of course, what students and teachers think is tasteful is very different, but it is common courtesy to cover your underwear.

But the old school rule of tasteful dressing is



**Jake Bradley**

now moving to the streets as some cities and towns across the South are making it illegal to wear baggy pants. In fact, police can now give you a \$500 fine or up to six months in jail for wearing your pants too low.

The police in Georgia defines baggy pants as wearing pants low enough expose "some

of your privates" or "the crack of your behind." So plumbers, watch your back, literally.

The City of Chicago has yet to try the ordinance but the law is getting popular, spreading all the way from California to New Jersey.

All I am wondering is why the police are wasting their time.

Don't the police have more important things to worry about? Burglary, aggravated assault, and murder are still common around the U.S., and we need to do something about it. I know the police cannot stop every crime, but our police force needs to work hard to keep that number as low as possible. People living around the U.S. need help and the police should be there for its tax paying residents.

There are 425,000 people living in Atlanta alone; are the police officers really going to check every person on the streets looking to see if their underwear is visible?

Why not drive around the city and look for people damaging public property with graffiti, or breaking laws that affect the society as a whole. Do not worry about how low a person's pants are, or what the latest fashion is. And since when was fashion a crime?

I always thought of the United States of America as the land of the free, but if teenagers are being hassled for what they wear, how can we keep that free title?

I am not saying that wearing your pants low is a good thing. I do not want to walk down the street and see someone's butt hanging out of his or her pants either. But some things like that just have to be let go.

This ordinance is also a little too late. Baggy pants were in style when people looked up to rappers like Vanilla Ice and Public Enemy. Now when you walk down the hallway you see Hollister, American Eagle and Abercrombie now ruling the school. Baggy pants are no longer the dominant style.

And for the people who like to have their pants sag, just remember to hide your underwear or wear a longer shirt.

There are plenty ways people can get around this ban, so you just have to be creative

Baggy pants are so last decade police, so go fight other criminals and make Chicago a safer place to live.

## People continue to struggle in Africa but countries still sit back

### Genocide in Sudan being overlooked by the world

The crisis in Darfur has been going on since 2003, but little has been done to end the mass murder of civilians in the African country.

It began as a challenge to Sudan's president by two rebel groups; the Sudanese Liberation Army/Movement and the Justice and Equality Movement.

In order to defeat the groups, the government of Sudan increased arm supplies to the militia known as the Janjaweed. The Janjaweed have wiped out entire villages, destroyed food and water supplies, and murdered, tortured, and raped hundreds of thousands of Darfurians. The attacks the Janjaweed perform are supported by the government's armed forces.

The civilians that have not been killed have been forced to move from their homes and into refugee camps, which depend on the United Nations for food, water, shelter, and other basic needs.

But what happens when what we're giving is not enough?

In 2006, the government of Sudan and the Sudanese Liberation Army/Movement signed the Darfur Peace Agreement in hopes to end the genocide. Unfortunately, the agreement only made the violence worse with the rebellion groups that did not sign.

According to SaveDarfur.com, "the human suf-

fering in Darfur continues despite the fact that the United States Congress, President Bush, and two U.S. Secretaries of State, have all labeled Darfur a genocide - the first time in U.S. history that a conflict has been labeled as such while it was still going on."

In April, President Bush demanded that the president of Sudan end the genocide. Well, sadly Mr. Bush, not everyone will follow your demands simply because you say so. You can't just expect other country's leaders to follow your every demand.

However, America has the potential and the power to influence and change the world around us.

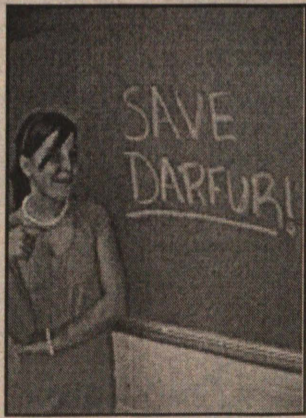
I often hear that we as Americans should focus on the problems in our country, which I can't deny we should. However, everybody in America has the opportunity to make something of themselves, something those in Sudan do not have.

It is our job as a strong country to help the world around us, especially when it means putting an end to violence and murder of so many innocent victims.

In no way am I suggesting the United States go and begin another war, but I do think we need to raise our voice and encourage the United Nations to get more involved as well as push the issue on civilians so they may get involved.

For instance, thousands of activists worldwide joined on Sept. 16 to promote "Global Day for Darfur." The activists wore blindfolds as a way to urge political leaders not to look away but to face the problems in their entirety.

Small but powerful acts like these are what changed the world and made it a better place to be, but we still have a long way to go.



**Jessica Bergmann**

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## WORLD LANGUAGES

## SPECIAL



Erin Johnson

Johnson's favorite country is Italy.



Gail Greene

"I have a senior student whose 8th grade sister was a student of mine at my last school!" says Greene.

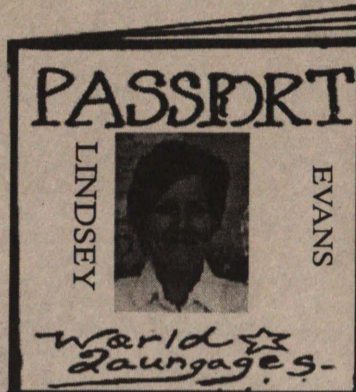


Kukovec teaches Spanish.

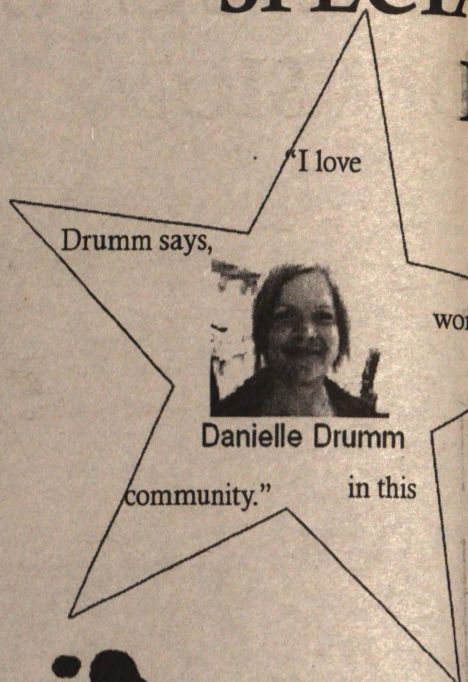
Jane Kukovec

Lucinda Sanders

"I have a student that speaks Kurdish!" says Sanders.

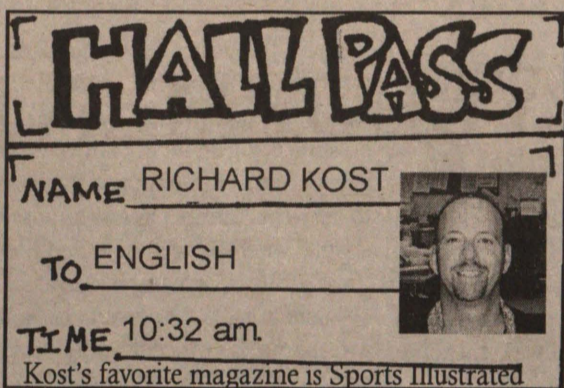


What is your favorite country? Evans says, "France!"

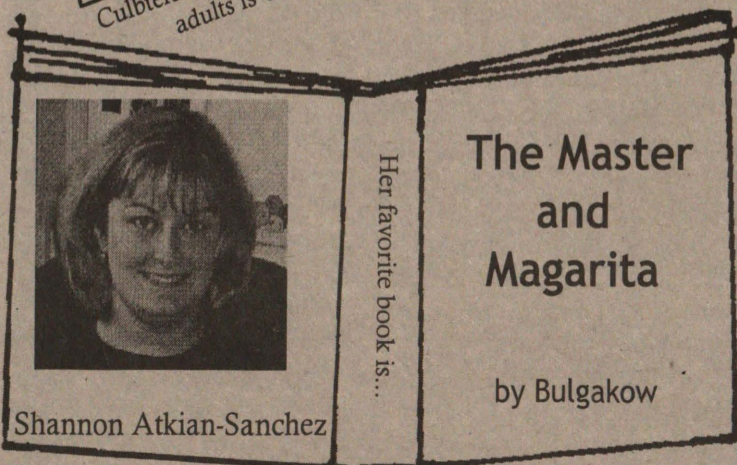
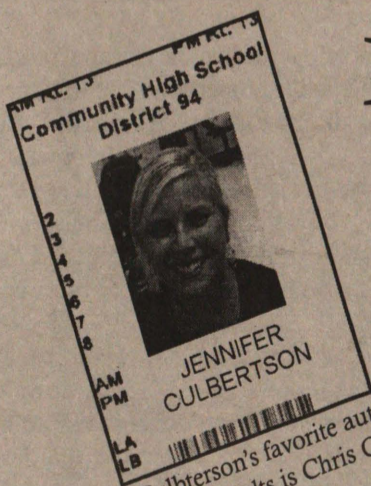


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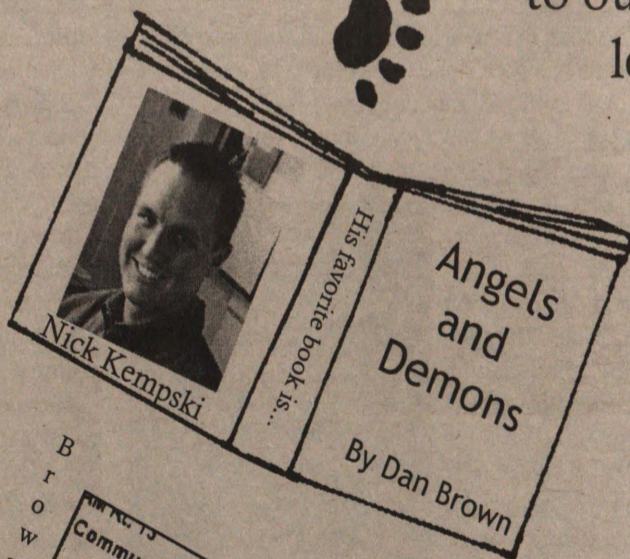
Twenty five new faces to our school to learn your



## LANGUAGE ARTS DIVISION



Shannon Atkian-Sanchez



Nick Kempski



Brown's favorite book is "To Kill a Mockingbird."

## INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY



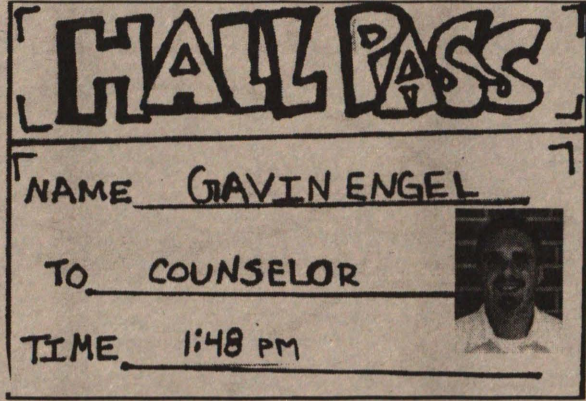
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What is Clearly's favorite architect? Frank Lloyd Wright

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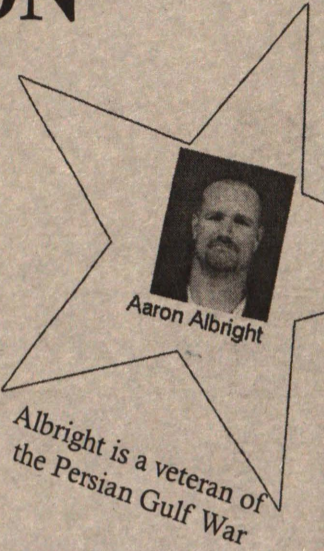
## AL EDUCATION DIVISION

A former elementary school teacher, Morrone is enjoying the age of the students here.

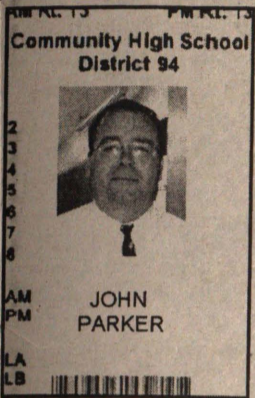
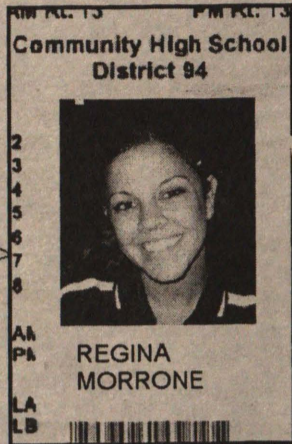


Engel used to work in a school of 70 students!

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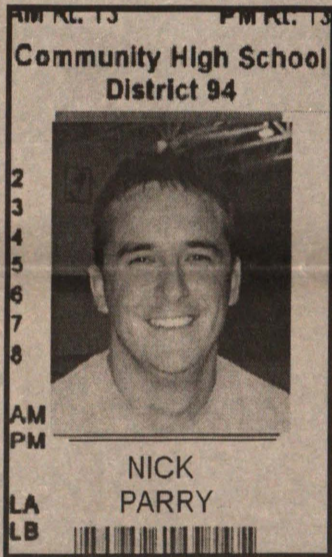
Albright is a veteran of the Persian Gulf War



Parker says, "I enjoy working with the children."

## COMING FACES

Faculty were introduced this year. Look and new teachers!

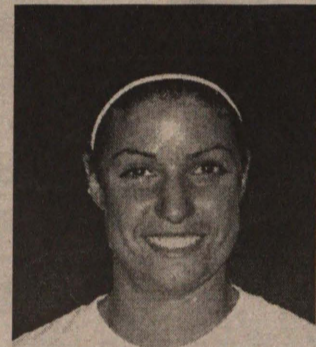


The Florida State Seminoles is Parry's favorite football team.

What is the best part about coaching volleyball?



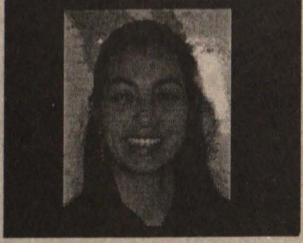
Kovadas says, "Seeing the kids improve."



Pamela Kovadas

## PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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Tanimura says, "My students are wonderful!"


Rozanski likes the larger variety of classes offered at CHS.

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Tricia Lazzaro

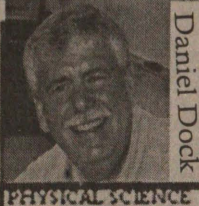
Lazzaro teaches biology and earth science.



Electrons or Protons? Novak says, "Protons- they're happy!"




Krysta Rozanski



Daniel Dock

Dock and Ferreiro's favorite elements? Gold and carbon.



Cheryl Novak

## MATH AND SCIENCE DIVISION

## Fundraising brings children to school

*Three teachers help spread education in school built by WeGo 2 Africa donations*

By Oscar Grajeda

After two years of helping raise over \$10,000 to build a school in Angola, social studies teacher Mary Ellen Daneels visited the school this summer.

The mud bricked school with 120 students and only three teachers has been open for a few months.

Daneels visited the school during summer and was proud to see it.

"They white washed the walls and stenciled numbers above the class rooms, it was nice to see that extra bit of detail," Daneels said.

The Angolan school teaches math, science, Portuguese, a little bit of art, reading, and health.

Daneels visited the school for three weeks with International Rise, who helped with the project.

"They made grass huts for us. There was no running water, or electricity. I was roughing it for a while. It was fun," said Daneels.

Daneels tried exotic foods like goat, and corn meal mush, but also had the traditional chicken.

The parents and people in the town praised her for taking the time to build a relationship with them by knowing how they live.

"They said that groups like UNICEF only help out but don't try to build relationships or stay in grass huts like we did," said Daneels.

Although she was in the school she was not able to teach a class.

While she was in Angola Daneels ran teacher workshops in Angola, Labitu, Cholanda, and Lamolo.

She taught teachers leader-



Photo courtesy of Mary Ellen Daneels

Daneels was praised by the Angolans for spending time building relationships with them.

ship and cooperative learning.

Since the towns were too far apart to drive, Daneels flew but was only allowed 25 pounds of luggage with her at a time.

After visiting the school she was proud to see everything complete and how excited the students were to finally

have a place to learn.

With possible plans to go back next summer, Daneels is excited to see the progress and changes.

"If my schedule and finances allow me to, I am more than ready to go back and visit again," said Daneels.

Daneels claims that it is assuring that the children will

now have a better life and future.

She also claims literacy is very important for these people who do not even know what medicine to take.

"I just want to remind the students to be grateful of what you have, teenagers in Angola are just learning how to read," said Daneels.

## From nabbing criminals to the clean school hallways

By Greg Vodicka

Every kindergartener has dreams of future jobs such as a firefighter, astronaut, or race car driver. Being a police officer was always on officer Joe Gaztambide's mind even at this young age.

"It is just something I had always known I was going to do," he said.

Prior to coming to Community High School, Gaztambide worked with the West Chicago police department for five years.

"I am currently a forensic investigator (CSI) and am a certified field training officer, where I train new officers," said Gaztambide. "I was assigned to the patrol division prior to getting the school resource officer position."

While working in the patrol division, Gaztambide taught the Too Good For Drugs program at Pioneer School.

"I already knew a lot of the kids from the elementary schools," he said.

Gaztambide's goal is to get to know all of the students

and the administration.

"The foundation has already been laid here. It is a matter of maintaining relationships and helping keep the community safe," he said

Growing up on the south side of Chicago, Gaztambide attended St. Rita High School.

"My favorite class was American history," he said. "I just loved to learn about our country and my family

in the past."

After graduating high school, he moved on to Loyola University with a major in criminal justice.

The first three years after college, Gaztambide served in the military in the first operation Desert Storm.

Gaztambide is excited to work with students.

"It is going to be a challenge and an adjustment. This is going to be a great environment to work," he said.

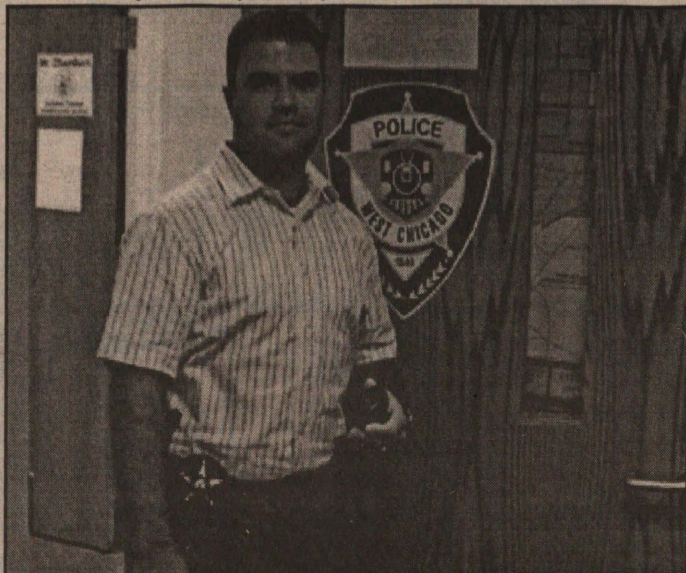


Photo by Greg Vodicka

Joe Gaztambide always wanted to be a police officer. Now he gets a chance to control order in the school hallways.

## Community service pays off for teacher

By Jacob Wucka

Coordinating projects that benefit the community helped clothing teacher Patti Kozlowski win The Outstanding Consumer Service award.

"I was surprised to win. You don't do these events to get awards. A lot of people, teachers, and students do the same things and don't get recognized," said Kozlowski.

Kozlowski received the award after coordinating many events including the SkillsUSA food drive, an event that helped special needs children, and a project where her clothing students made blankets for pa-

tients at Children's Memorial Hospital.

The Illinois Family and Consumer Sciences Teachers Association gave Kozlowski the award.

For future events, Kozlowski plans to hold a cookie and lemonade sale, make shirts to benefit WeGo 2 Africa, and organize a better parenting workshop for adults while their children are in the care of child development students.

She also plans to continue the food drive which works with a local food pantry to feed those in need.

"We can reach bigger and better things when we work together," said Kozlowski.

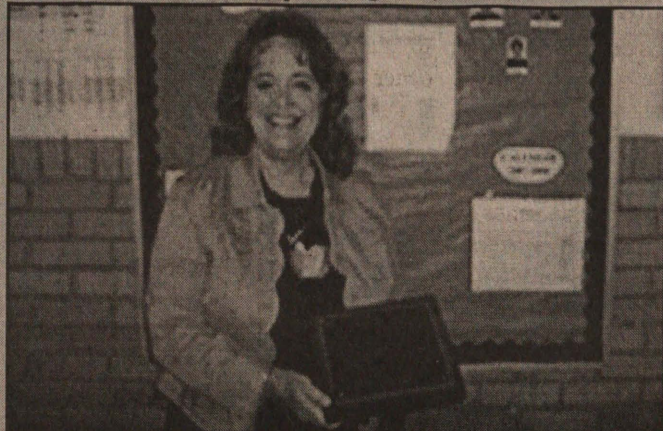


Photo by Jacob Wucka

Patti Kozlowski won the award for planning benefit events.



## Kanye West vs 50 Cent: Start the next epic hip-hop battle

*50 Cent is heading right to retirement*

By Oscar Grajeda

It seems that Kanye West has made it better, faster, and a lot stronger than alleged rival 50 Cent.

With reports of 50 and West dueling it out to be the number one hip hop/rap artist of the year, this feud went straight to the bank.

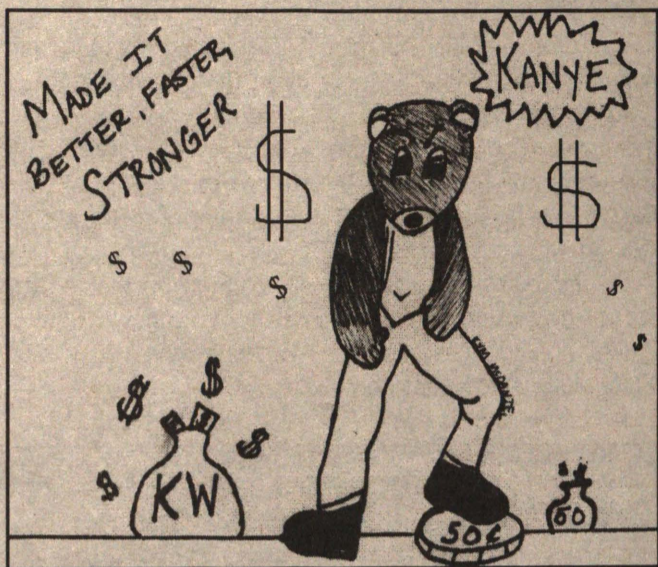
Instead of guns and bullets, the two major hip hop/rap artists hurt each other with dollar bills and words.

Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson reportedly stated that if West was to sell more albums, 50 would retire.

Although 50 is allegedly leaving the solo artist scene, he will continue to produce music.

With already four unsuccessful singles out 50 would have to be out of his mind to make a public statement about "retirement."

West on the other hand has released two very successful hits that cannot be avoided on radio.



It seems that 50 will have to keep his word with album sales for "Curtis" at 691,000.

West went strong with a very big lead of 957,000.

50 claims that the battle is yet to be over, and feels that the only reason West is winning right now is because his record label, Def Jam, is promoting more.

Regardless of what 50 says, critics predicted since the start of the battle that West would be victorious.

West's single "Stronger" was a huge hit with radio stations but 50's "Ayo Technology" was considered okay.

The iTunes store has had West's single at number one for one week while 50 has

been falling short at number five.

America's Top 40 Countdown also has West on its list at number 15 while 50 fails to even make it on the countdown.

After listening to both songs West deserves to win this battle.

His music is rarely repetitive and always has catchy tunes.

When listening to 50's song, it feels like it has been heard before and is not unique.

Not only is 50 not that talented, he relies on his thug status to carry him through his career.

Most critics have claimed that with "Graduation" West

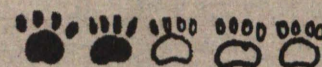
seems to be at his best right now and deserves to win the battle.

As the clear winner West pushes 50 to retirement.

West's "Graduation" receives:



50's "Curtis" receives:



## 'Balls of Fury' is not so ferocious

By Jake Bradley

In the sport of underground table tennis, it's either live or die for washed up table tennis star Randy Daytona in the new comedy "Balls of Fury."

Daytona (Dan Fogler) is just getting by; showing people ping-pong ball tricks at a dinner theatre to earn his money. Ernie Rodriguez (George Lopez), an FBI agent, approaches the entertainer and asks him to go on a secret mission to eliminate a ping-pong-passionate criminal named Mr. Feng (Christopher Walkin).

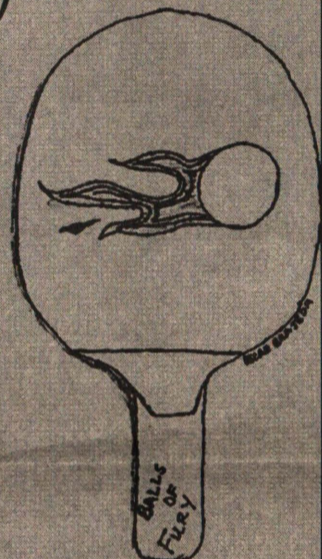
Daytona decides that he will enter the underground table tennis game Feng is holding and hopes to avenge his father and bounce back into the sport.

Daytona, needing to relearn the skills of a true ping-pong player, goes to Master Wong (James Hong) for spiritual guidance. There, Daytona falls in love with the mistress of pong Maggie (Maggie Q).

Daytona arrives at the tournament realizing it's a win or die situation, and he questions himself. Does he have what it takes?

A movie with actors like Walkin and Lopez aren't expected to bomb but it wasn't the actors that hurt the movies, it was the writer.

"Balls of Fury" ended up to be a series of one-liners and skipping from one scene to another. Oh and you can't forget the series of kicks to



the groin now and then.

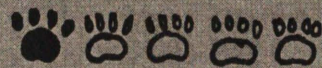
The movie lacks in creativity and skips into cliché, from an over-weight sweaty guy falling in love with an attractive female, to the same sweaty man facing the same man who defeated him in the Olympics as a child.

"Balls of Fury" did have its high points though. With so many jokes it's hard to not laugh at least once. But some jokes seemed to be thrown in without notice and the writer relies on racial and handicap jokes.

There was also a great celebrity death match where stars from "Reno 911" fight Folger.

Viewers expecting to see a movie that resembles "Dodgeball" or "Talladega Nights" will be disappointed. After all of the hype and the entertaining previews, all viewers get is a dud.

For the bad jokes and cliché plot "Balls of Fury" receives:



## Get in 'touch' with your music and videos

*The touch screen ipod, at \$299, could be the next hot thing on the market*

By Jessica Bergmann

With the creation of the new Apple iPod touch stirring up the market, technology geeks as well as ordinary people are on their toes for the release.

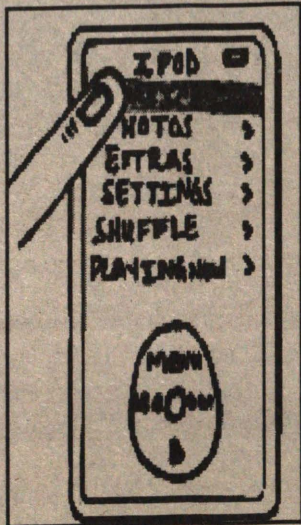
"They always seem to be creating something better than the last," said junior Caitlin Shiga.

This holds true, the new Apple iPod comes equipped with touch screen controls, music and video playing, as well as Wi-Fi web browsing capabilities and access to the iTunes music store.

Even though the iPod Touch is well equipped, buyers may be skeptical about the price tag that comes with it.

"The only reason I wouldn't buy the new iPod is because it is too expensive for the small amount of hard drive it has," Shiga said.

That could possibly be the



one flaw that Apple did not consider. For a price of \$299, buyers only receive 8 GB of hard drive which stores fewer than 2,000 songs. Compared to \$249 for the redesigned iPod Classic which has 80 GB, the iPod touch falls short of wowing the critics and buyers.

So will Apple have what it takes to hook buyers into purchasing the new iPod? Or will this creation flop like the Apple iPhone?

Only the anticipated release will be able to show whether Apple has invented the next best thing, or if they're in over their heads trying to create bigger and better.

The new iPod Touch is scheduled to ship to stores on Sept. 28, but as of press time no date was announced.

## Wildcat paw rating system

- 1 paw- I would have rather chewed electrical wire.
- 2 paws- Don't waste your money it's not worth it.
- 3 paws- It had potential, just didn't pull through.
- 4 paws- I might go buy it or see it.
- 5 paws- Why are you still reading this? Go get it or see it!

## Team looks to future for success

**By Jacob Wucka**

Varsity football players and coaches believe that getting in the winning mentality, hard work, and long hours should boost them into playoffs.

In his first year as varsity head coach, John Walters had little time to celebrate the accomplishment of his new-found coach status.

"It's been busy, not a lot of time to lie around and bask in the glory of my achievement.

The time you do have, you use to make your team a better team," said Walters.

And this year, a better team is what Walters is striving for.

"We're trying to be eligible for playoffs this year," said Walters.

Expectations for the season were set high by, not only the coaches, but the team. And senior and defensive tackle Dan Guerrero knows how

the team will reach playoffs.

"We just need to figure out a way to put points on the board," said Guerrero.

So far, the Wildcats have a 1-2 record, with a win against Evanston, and losses against Batavia, Wheaton Warrenville South, and Naperville.

"At this point, the playoffs are in view," said Walters.

Senior and quarterback Chris Wille agrees that playoffs are possible as long as

the team maintains a winning mentality.

"I think we are in the middle of the toughest part of our schedule but coach Walters always says 'It doesn't matter who we play, as long as we do what we need to do we will be fine'," said Wille.

And to ensure that the team will do what they need to do, Walters made a few slight changes.

He changed things such

as formations, workout, and the player's dialogue towards each other.

"Anytime a head coach leaves, things change. And this year we've made some subtle changes, but nothing wholesale. Changes that fit my vision for the team," said Walters.

Many players believe that these changes have helped the team in a positive way overall.

"Our coaching staff has gone through so many changes and they've all been on top of things," said Guerrero.

Other changes are off-season workouts which included more working out in the weight room and mandatory agility training.

With a tough start to the season, many players have been prepared to continue to dominate for what should be an easier end to the season.

"The future looks bright as long as we do a lot of hard work and preparation," said Guerrero.

The team will continue to work hard, but senior and offensive guard Guillermo Blanco pointed out, the seniors have some competition from their underclassmen counterparts.

"I believe that a lot of the juniors stepped up this year. I didn't expect a lot of them to be playing but they've proven themselves to be able to play on Friday nights," said Blanco.



Photo by Jacob Wucka

Varsity boys football team prepares for their upcoming game after three straight losses. Although the team is off to a difficult beginning, they continue to practice hard and refuse to be discouraged.

## Swimming dives into an early lead with two wins

**By Mike Dalton**

Fighting through the DVC competition, girls swimming started their season off with some wins.

"We have a good outlook for the team this season," said new coach Nick Parry. "We hope to qualify at least six girls for the state meet at the end of the season."

With a win against York and Jacobs high schools, senior Jamie Lesniak said state feels closer than ever. The team stands this season with a record of 2-1. Coming up is the Bartlett invitational on Saturday.

"The best part of this season is that there is no drama,"

said Lesniak. "Everyone is so close."

The most unpleasant part of swimming are the daily team practices at 5:30 a.m. and again in the afternoon. If the team wins a meet, they are rewarded with no practice the next morning. It is different methods like this that bring some fun to the team.

Lesniak and senior Rachel Howe agree that it is exciting to have a new coach.

Parry's previous jobs include coaching at Carthage College for three years, followed by two years as head coach for the Bartlett club team. His experience in coaching gives the girls a

great workout, even if it is not so enjoyable at times.

"Distance days are not the best," said Howe. "But we are seeing our times drop dramatically."

Only .7 seconds keep Howe from reaching her goal of state qualifying time of 24.84 in the 50 yard freestyle.

Not only are the seniors working hard, but freshman Kelly Dunn helps lead the way for the seven new members. As one of the top swimmers on the varsity team, Dunn said the reason she is able to do so well is because the older swimmers are inspirational along with the coach.

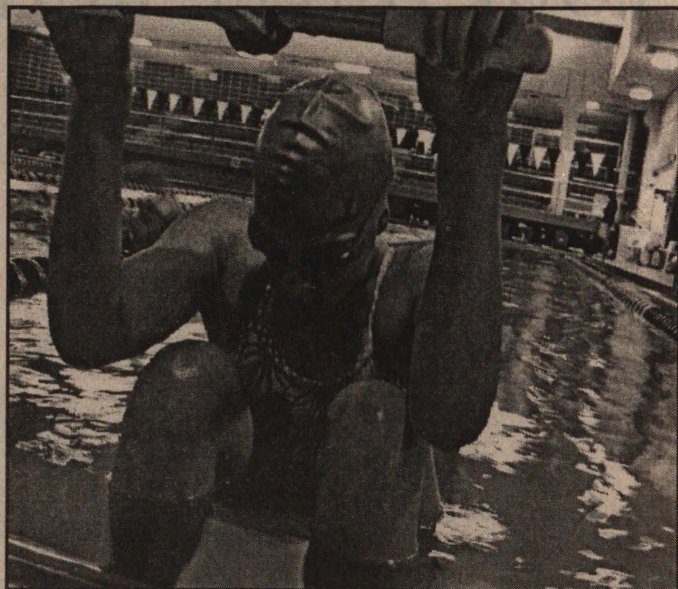


Photo by Mike Dalton

Young member of the varsity team, freshman Kelly Dunn works hard in practice to help lead the team to victory.

Sophomore Caitlin Madsen also looks up to the seniors. "They make things more fun during practice, and they push us harder," said Madsen.

"It's a really great group of girls," said Parry. "Not

only are they good swimmers and students, but they're always asking questions about what they're doing and why they're doing it. They want to learn about the sport as much as they can."

## Anticipating victory in conference games

By Jake Bradley

With high hopes to reach sectionals, the varsity boys soccer team is giving it all they've got.

With a 6-4 start they are on their way to that goal, even after a tough loss to

practice on putting the ball in the goal.

"We have always been a passing team and have had great ball possession," said Brugmann. "But what we need to work on is finishing. We will have the ball 80



Photo by Jake Bradley

Juniors Tony Alcala and Ismael Sanchez work on their ball position and scoring, while keeping their passing game.

Naperville Central, making their conference record 1-2.

"I think we should be able to win the conference and hopefully we can win sectionals, too," said varsity coach Steve Brugmann.

In their last game against Elgin, the team did not have three starters but still won 3-0.

"Our team has great depth," said Brugmann.

Brugmann also said se-

'I think we should be able to win the conference and hopefully we can win sectionals, too.'

-Steve Brugmann

nior Tim Schuda and junior Ismael Sanchez looked great at the midfield position last game.

After an 11-11-0 season last year, Brugmann hopes to do better this year by continuing to have the team

percent of the game, but we need to finish up and score goals."

The team also has a new defensive strategy called a flat back four which focuses more on a zone defense than man to man.

Varsity has done great in the DVC in past years except for last year, when the team lost a lot of players, according to Brugmann.

"This year we have some fresh new players and we have no gaps in our roster," said Brugmann.

The team also has veteran captains in seniors Tim Schuda, Aldo Mendoza, and junior Tony Alcala.

"We have 11 plus strong players and a great bench," Brugmann added.

Brugmann says he is also impressed by freshman Adrian Procyo, who plays on varsity, and his abilities at keeper. But surrounding him are great defensive players seniors Joseph Caballero and Jonathan Alvarado who have been real "workhorses" on defensive so far.

"The team is showing great work ethic," said Brugmann. "Sectionals is our main goal, it's been awhile since we've won."

## Volleyball continues to struggle to set up a victory

By Oscar Grajeda

Girls volleyball is having a hard time pulling it together after coming off a loss to Glenbard North on Thursday.

However the team remains optimistic, and hopes that a win against the Wheaton North Falcons is possible and would challenge to the team.

Naperville Central also proved to be a tough game for the team with scores of 25-8 and 25-7.

The annual Wheaton North tournament seemed to be an improvement.

"We were glad scoring in the double digits against Naperville North, after the disappointing showing we had against them," said senior Sara Fouts.

With very close scores the girls went 0-4 in the Bartlett Invite, and many of the girls considered it a winnable tournament.

"It was such an easy tournament that losing it was just terrible, we should have won," said Fouts.

Fouts claims that the team just could not come together when the scores were close and they could not execute.

Next up for the team was the number six seed in the state, Naperville North, with a top 10 recruit on the roster.

"The toughest teams that we're going to face are, of course, your Napervilles and Wheaton South but hopefully we're ready," said Hasty.

With scores of 25-4 and 25-7 Hasty was proven right.

Wheaton Warrenville south was the next obstacle for the team to overcome.

It was another upsetting game of 25-9 and 25-11.

After a loss to York the girls were motivated to get the win against the Glenbard East Rams.

The team started out strong with a 7-0 lead but lost the first game 25-15, and the second at 25-19.

"It was tough, Glenbard East wasn't as overpowering as York and we started out strong but the girls just let Glenbard East control the tempo," varsity coach Kris

Hasty said.

The season kicked off against the York Dukes, the girls started out strong but couldn't do enough to stop the tall York team with scores of 25-9 for both matches.

"York was a solid, overpowering team and we could not set our blocks up," said Hasty.

Although the team is at a 0-16 overall record seniors and team captains Randi Ritchie and Amy Bytoff are not losing faith.

"As captain I feel we can only do our best and that's all I can really ask for," said Bytoff

Ritchie feels that the team is getting there, slowly but surely, and is confident they will do better.

Hasty has also done things to make sure the program is getting some of the best

coaching possible.

Former player for Hasty and Division III player Megan Michealek, and Division I player Pamela Kavadas joined the coaching staff.

"Coach Kavadas is just an awesome coach. She's very skilled and coach Michealek is just a great addition to the staff, she has been through the program and knows my expectations," said Hasty.

Both coaches are working the girls hard and it shows on the court.

The freshman A and sophomore team went to sudden death against the Huskies, but could not pull it off.

Kavadas claims her team is doing pretty good, but still needs a little bit of work.

Hasty's main goal for the year is to improve every game, to stay positive, and to keep working hard.

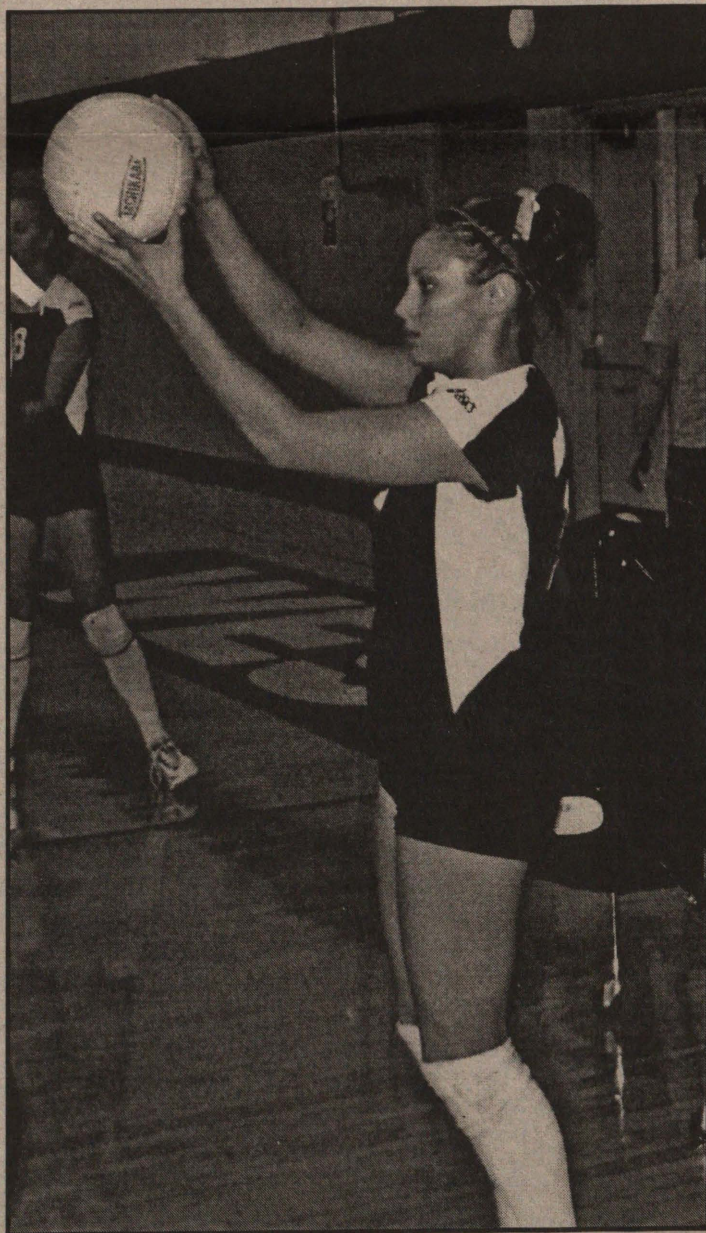


Photo by Oscar Grajeda

Senior captain Randi Ritchie warms up with her fellow teammates in hope for a victory.

### Girls Volleyball Schedule 2007

Sept. 25- West Aurora- Away	Oct. 11- Naperville Central- Home
Sept. 27- Glenbard East- Away	Oct. 12- Glenbard East- Away
Oct. 2- Wheaton North- Home	Oct. 13- Glenbard East- Away
Oct. 4- Naperville North- Away	Oct. 16- Glenbard North- Home
Oct. 9- Wheaton Warrenville South- Away	Oct. 18- West Aurora- Home
	Oct. 20- Downers Grove North- Away

## Small team, big miles



Photo by Kym McDaniel

Girls cross country team takes a warm up run around the school in preparation for their match at Reed Kepler Park.

By Kym McDaniel

Running 300 miles is a warm up for the girls cross country team.

"Because girls cross country is such a short season, it's over by the middle of October, so we build up endurance and use summer running as a prerequisite," said coach Bob Maxson.

Captain senior Adi Huerta and assistant captains seniors Joann Kaczmarczyk and Kara Triner were part of the team who ran over 300 miles in summer running.

"We ran like crazy this summer because our goal was to get 300 miles in preseason training," said Kaczmarczyk.

The team hopes that their training will help them place better as a team at each meet, and according to Huerta, "beat Glenbard North at

DVC and make it to sectionals."

"We have talent this year," said Maxson. "Our goal is to work towards qualifying for sectionals. It doesn't matter if we don't achieve it, the journey is the challenge."

Maxson, who has been coaching cross country for three years, said his goal for the team is to improve overall results at meets from last year.

"We're improving every week," said Maxson, who also said that they hope to place seventh in the DVC or better.

Along with running 300 miles, the girls also went to Michigan to run the Walden dunes in July for preparation for the season.

"We've had vigorous workouts," said Triner. "But really

it's all just mental; your body learns to fight through the pain."

A key to their success this season remains in the fact that the team is close.

"I love the girls," said Huerta. "We are such a small team that it's easy to get along amazingly."

Maxson agreed and said that cross country is a small program, which equals good team chemistry. However, those 300 miles intimidate new members from joining.

"[Cross country] keeps you active, and it helps that all the girls are welcoming on the team," said Triner. "So you'll fit right in no matter who you are."

Maxson encouraged potential members and students to ask about cross country and encourage the team.

## Tennis team rejoices their overall record

By Kym McDaniel

A team of experienced and mature players has varsity coach Sione Moeaki smiling from ear to ear.

"I enjoy every bit of it, we work hard and improve every day, I'm very happy with this team," said Moeaki.

With an overall record of 9-5 Moeaki has a lot to smile about.

"If we can win at least 50 percent of our matches I will be happy. There is more experience and maturity from the players this year, we were lucky to only lose three players last year," said Moeaki.

Some goals for the team include winning a DVC match and improving together.

While the DVC holds the toughest competition in the state for tennis, the team is focused on improving and challenging themselves.

"I look forward to getting better at tennis," said senior Kelsey Gossen. "I also look forward to getting close to the

team and seeing how we all improve."

To help prepare to compete against the DVC tough teams, practices include running, line jumping, sprints, scuffling, lunges, match training, and a good night's sleep.

Captain and senior Heather Knoll said that with these practices she hopes to achieve her goal of doing her best during matches.

"I enjoy having fun playing with the team and our tournaments," said Knoll.

Knoll has played tennis for about four years and is first singles on varsity.

"I work hard, never give up and have a great time," said Knoll.

The team is also a very committed group that does not want to stop playing.

"I like the adrenaline rush you get when you start playing," said Gossen. "I like the challenge to beat your opponent and learning how to correct your mistakes."

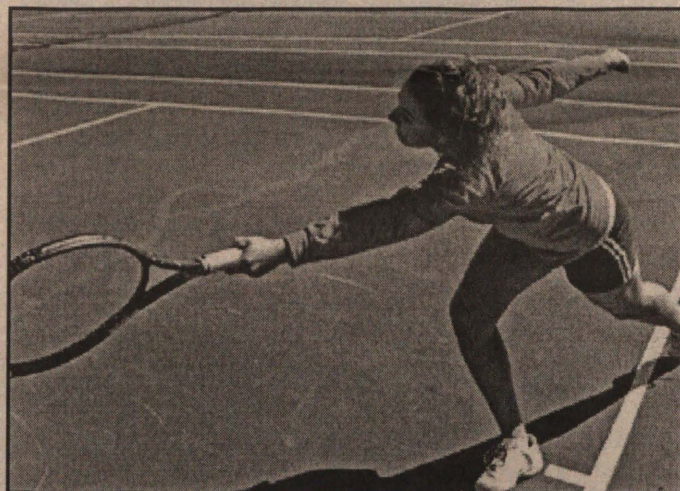


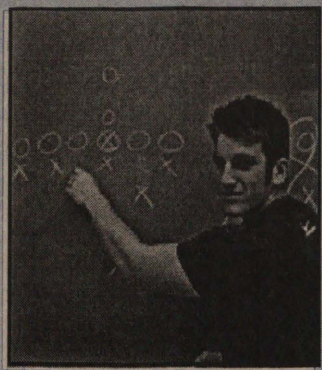
Photo by Kym McDaniel

Senior Melisa Molskow practices for her upcoming matches against Wheaton Academy (away).

## Football games should be enjoyable for all fans

Every Friday night the stadium lights up, crowds roar, and the burgers grill. This creates an enjoyable night for fans of all types.

You may be someone who



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plays on the team or in the band, a parent of one of these students, alumnus visiting for the weekend, or a resident from the community who enjoys coming to

the games.

All fans are spending their Friday nights supporting their team and community.

Each school has their own group of these fans, ours being the Squad, who come out to show their support.

Every season fans find new ways to show their pride and support, but when does support stop and obnoxious behavior begin?

Fans dress in their school colors or even paint their bodies to show school spirit. Chants, cheers, and noise makers flood the stands.

At a recent Friday night game, a harmless beach ball was being bounced around in our student section of the

stands. Within minutes the ball was confiscated.

According to Assistant Principal Josh Chambers, the rules are the same as they have always been. Throwing around balls in the stands is against the rules.

Later the Squad was threatened with detention for swearing. This is also a violation of the school rules and the penalty could be Saturday school or even suspension.

Chambers also added that the IHSA (Illinois High School Athletic) rules say that noise makers are illegal and a penalty flag can be thrown from a referee on the field.

Beach balls and noise makers may seem harmless, and the rule against them doesn't seem to make much sense.

However, high school athletic events are all family oriented. We have to understand that there are children in the stands with their parents. Beach balls and noise makers may bother these young fans, and swearing is unacceptable at all times. It could be our head coach's daughter that hears profanity.

Do you want the community to think that all Wego students don't have respect for their school or their town?

I would much rather hear the community bragging about how our school has a great turn out of students who cheer their team the right way.

I have no tolerance for Wildcat fans being rude towards other Wego fans. Ev-

eryone is there for the same team.

Students need to realize everyone attending the game is there for an enjoyable evening. There are still rules even if they seem ridiculous to some people. Fans should still be able to have fun and enjoy the game even with these simple rules.

One rule that is acceptable is body painting according to Chambers.

Students can paint themselves as much as they want as long as they have proper attire with no nudity, and no inappropriate words painted on them.

So come to the games, body painted and all, and have a great time supporting your Wildcats.