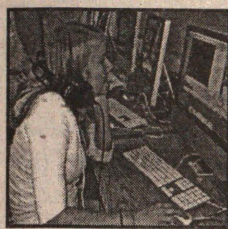




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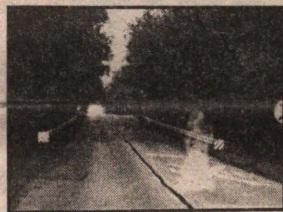
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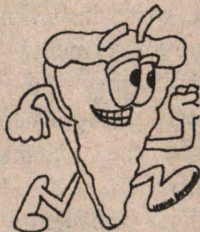
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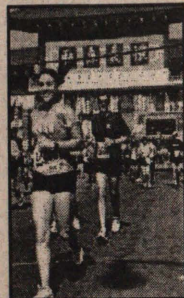
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# Cameras come to class

## FOX News highlights ESL success on national broadcast

By Oscar Grajeda

The camera lens turned on the bilingual program recently when FOX News reported on the program's success.

FOX's visit was prompted by a Sept. 2 article in the Daily Herald where Board of Education President Tony Reyes stated that "we coddle (Spanish-speaking) kids and pretend that they're stupid."

According to the article, Reyes believes it is best for ESL students to "spend the vast majority of the day in accelerated English programs" as their best way of learning both the language and the culture.

FOX visited ESL teacher Mary McCarter's classroom to show the success of the program, which is proven by its steadily rising test scores.

"Every year we review our standardized test scores and pinpoint the areas students need to improve on," said world language division head

Janelle Stefancic.

The program compares scores to the World Class Instructional Design and Assessment standards (WIDA).

"We go back and see how the scores match up to WIDA standards and if they don't then work needs to be done," said Stefancic.

Although there is a progression every year, math is the

biggest challenge right now.

While struggles in math continue, reading scores have dramatically improved over the past two years.

Twin sisters and seniors Liliana and Stephanie Perez were interviewed by the FOX crew.

Both girls were interviewed about how fast they learned English and how they progressed in the program.

"Being twins, it was interesting that one left the ESL program faster than the other. It just proves that every student learns differently," said

Stefancic.

Both Perezes were coached on how to answer possible questions that would be asked. Unfortunately, their clip was not aired.

McCarter was also interviewed by FOX and was featured on the show "Special Report with Brit Hume."

"I really just tried to anticipate what they were going to ask me, there was no real preparation. I was just reviewing my thoughts about everything," said McCarter.

FOX News declined any interview opportunities.



Photo by Oscar Grajeda

ESL teacher Mary McCarter, right, believes the bilingual program is on the path of success.

# DVC switch back on board

By Sara Fouts

Leaving the DuPage Valley Conference is a main concern for the Board of Education. However, no decision is coming soon.

"At this time we are being very exploratory with different conferences and thinking of realistic options for our school," said Supt. Lee Rieck.

Leaving the conference is not easy since the process is long. The school has to find and fill out an application for a new conference, then withdraw from the DVC.

One conference the board is considering is the Upstate Eight, which includes Bartlett, East Aurora, Elgin, Lake Park, Neuqua Valley, South Elgin, St. Charles East, St. Charles North, Streamwood, Larkin, and Waubonsie high schools.

Participation, winning, competitiveness, enrollment, travel distance, cost, and academics are the key factors considered while looking for a new conference.

"The DVC board knows we are exploring other options,

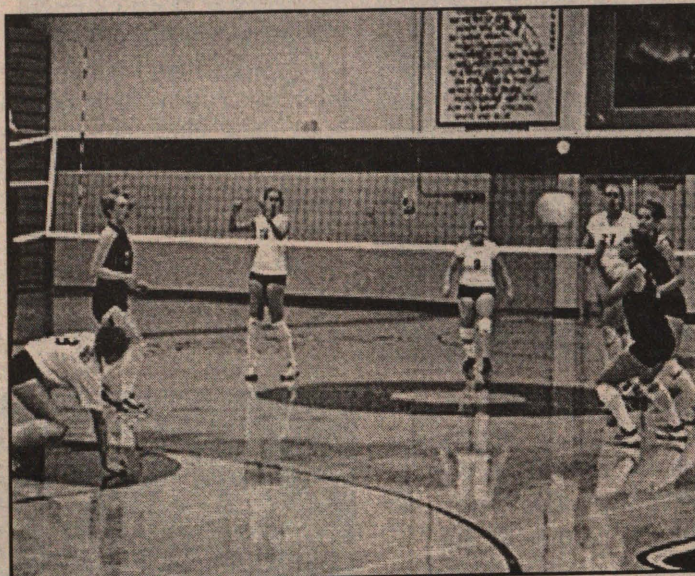


Photo by Alex Lima

After suffering a shocking season, coach Kris Hasty believes that leaving the DVC might be the best thing for school sports.

but we don't know when we will make our move. It will most likely happen sometime in the next two years, but nothing is certain," said Rieck.

The school has been part of the DVC for 40 years.

Volleyball coach Kris Hasty said she loves the DVC, but it is not the right place for the school to be competitive.

"Experiencing loss after loss

throughout the season makes it difficult for athletes to remain positive. Opportunities for winning would be greater somewhere else," said Hasty.

Volleyball captains Randi Ritchie and Amy Bytof have different views about leaving the DVC.

"The DVC is a very competitive conference and most of our teams don't do so well,

so it might be a better idea to be in a conference where we can keep up competitively," said Ritchie.

Bytof is unsure on the issue.

"I'm still undecided because I don't want to bail on things when it gets tough, but I think we should do what's best for our school and the future," said Bytof.

Entering an appropriately competitive conference could help boost spirit and morale, as well as help to motivate students to participate in sports.

Many coaches are in support of the move. According to Rieck, 95 percent of coaches signed a letter requesting to leave the DVC. However, the school weighs student opinions more than the coaches thoughts.

"We are moving slowly, trying to explore all the options that are available to our students. Our desire is for students to participate and gain some excitement back for the athletic program as a whole," said Rieck.

# Forced out of the ring by complaint

## Supporters protest former coach Mike Pineda's sudden dismissal

By Jacob Wucka

Facing an unknown future with the wrestling team, former coach Mike Pineda and supporters are upset with the Board of Education.

Pineda was released from the coaching staff at the Sept. 18 Board of Education meeting due to an anonymous complaint. After the dismissal, Pineda requested reinstatement.

At the Oct. 16 meeting, Pineda asked the board if they had decided whether or not he would be rehired for the season which begins Nov. 5.

According to board president Tony Reyes, they have yet to vote and do not know when they are going to.

After leaving the room Pineda said, "I guess I'm more upset that no one really knows what's going on. The Board of Ed. has no vote, and I'm just flustered."

Pineda also expressed his confusion over the situation.

"I'm disappointed that whoever made the complaint had the opportunity to confront the board and tell them their story, and seeing that they are not here is hearsay," said Pineda.

He compared the situation to a federal trial stating that if the plaintiff didn't

show up, the case would be dropped.

Pineda then explained that his dismissal has left a cloud of bewilderment over the team and his life.

"The worst part is being without knowledge of a job, and the students having no knowledge of an extra coach," said Pineda.

At the Oct. 2 meeting, wrestling coach James Phillips and about 20 wrestlers and parents appealed Pineda's release.

"If there was something he did that would cost him his job, we wouldn't be here right now," said Phillips.

Phillips defended Pineda's coaching style, stating that strict coaches are needed to teach wrestling and meet the sport's demanding hours.

Pineda is partially held responsible for leading the team to many successes.

According to Phillips, before Pineda the team was at the "bottom of the barrel," and since joining, the team has doubled in size and quadrupled in wins.

"Losing him is a loss to the team and the coaching staff. We can never build a good program when the staff is flopping around," said Phillips.

Varsity wrestler and senior Austin Hall and former stu-

dent and wrestler Jesse Ibarra defended Pineda. Both wrestlers considered Pineda more than a typical coach.

"He's never lost faith in us. We can go to him for support and I can turn to him for anything," said Ibarra.

Sophomore and junior varsity wrestler Brandon Rhodes believes that Pineda has taught the team useful skills and techniques to better in competition.

Pineda's faith in his wrestlers was known by all, especially by parents.

Parents said that Pineda taught their children that discipline is love, and said it's a shame their children will not experience Pineda's coaching.

"He's a remarkably gifted motivator. If Pineda was the leader for every team, we'd win every sport," said Wayne Sills, father of senior and varsity wrestler Doug Sills.

Parents expressed Pineda's influence on their children's life and in school.

"Education is important to him. He knows that it's one thing to learn to be a wrestler, but it's another thing to be disciplined and push for education," said Mark Sankovitch, father of junior and wrestler Stuart Sankovich.

# Ban-AIDS Now spreads awareness

By Jessica Bergmann

Juniors Caitlin Shiga and Lia Smith formed the new WeGo 2 Africa project Ban-AIDS Now in order to help raise awareness of the AIDS epidemic in Angola.

"Caitlin and Lia had come to Community Leadership on the first day of class with the logo they had made over the summer. We then talked to Rise International who was very excited about the idea," said community leadership teacher Mary Ellen Daneels.

Shiga and Smith formed Ban-AIDS Now knowing that the community leadership class organized different fundraisers to support a variety of causes. They designed a -shirt in hopes of being able to sell them around school.

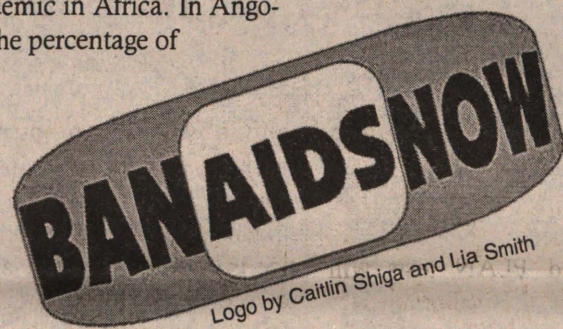
"We had designed the shirt because the disease is a rising epidemic in Africa. In Angola, the percentage of

about the disease to prevent the it from spreading.

The money from the purchased shirts will go towards a curriculum called It Takes Courage, which trains teachers about relationships, communications, preventing diseases, and organizes future plans in order to educate students.

"Many Angolans have never even heard of HIV/AIDS. The money made from the Ban-AIDS Now shirts will purchase the curriculum so we can help stop the disease before the people of Angola become another statistic," said Smith.

Beginning Friday, students in advisories will participate in WeGo 2 Africa week, which will help to educate them on the program and help to get them involved.



HIV/AIDS

victims is low and we want to try and keep it that way," Shiga said.

According to a 2003 report from USAID, 17 percent of the Angolan population lives with HIV/AIDS. Angola has a lower percentage compared to neighboring countries after ending the 22 year civil war when the country became cut off from their surrounding countries. Still, the Angolan people need to be educated

Daneels wants to get advisories involved in making fleece blankets to send to Angola to keep the children warm, as well as making rag dolls for them to play with.

"These projects are a great way to lead the school in getting involved because we can do more as an entire school than one tiny class," said Daneels.

Preorders are being taken by Daneels and students in commons.

# Air Wego promises to inform and entertain

By Amanda Rathe

Air Wego has hit the radio waves through the broadcast communications/production class in an attempt to let students air their opinions.

"It gives a platform to discuss and respond to current events within the high school and the world's stage as well," said adviser Dave Jennings.

Segments include sports, academics, culture, and editorials. These segments are chosen by their relevance to the school and appeal to students.

Some students assume that Air Wego and television program "Wego Through the Tube" are the same. However, both projects are produced

in a different fashion.

Air Wego is planned before the segment is recorded by the student producers, but "Wego Through the Tube" is an interactive show because it involves the student body.

"Air Wego is less of the school's opinion and more individual opinions aimed at getting the school talking," said Jennings.

Air Wego involves a lot more editing than "Wego Through the Tube." Yet, the hard work doesn't faze production students like junior Edgar Barrera.

"I enjoy working with others and hearing the end results," said Barrera.

Each student must choose

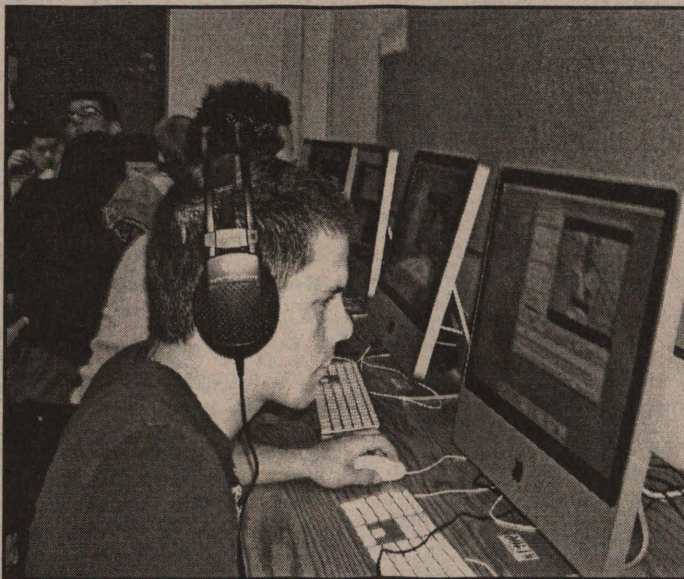


Photo by Amanda Rathe

The broadcast communications/production class produces Air Wego along with "Wego through the Tube." Senior Neil Luka, a multitasker, works double duty being an announcer for Air Wego and a fixture on "Wego Through the Tube."

a part of the show to work on, write the script, and record the segment.

Following the first Air Wego, many listeners criticized the content of the show.

The broadcast students worked to make Air Wego more professional.

"We are trying to make it fun and informational so people don't take it as a joke," said junior Courtney Macko.

After the second Air Wego, sophomore Chelsea Ross is optimistic.

"It was very professional and well put together," said Ross.

Air Wego broadcasts in all advisories on Mondays.

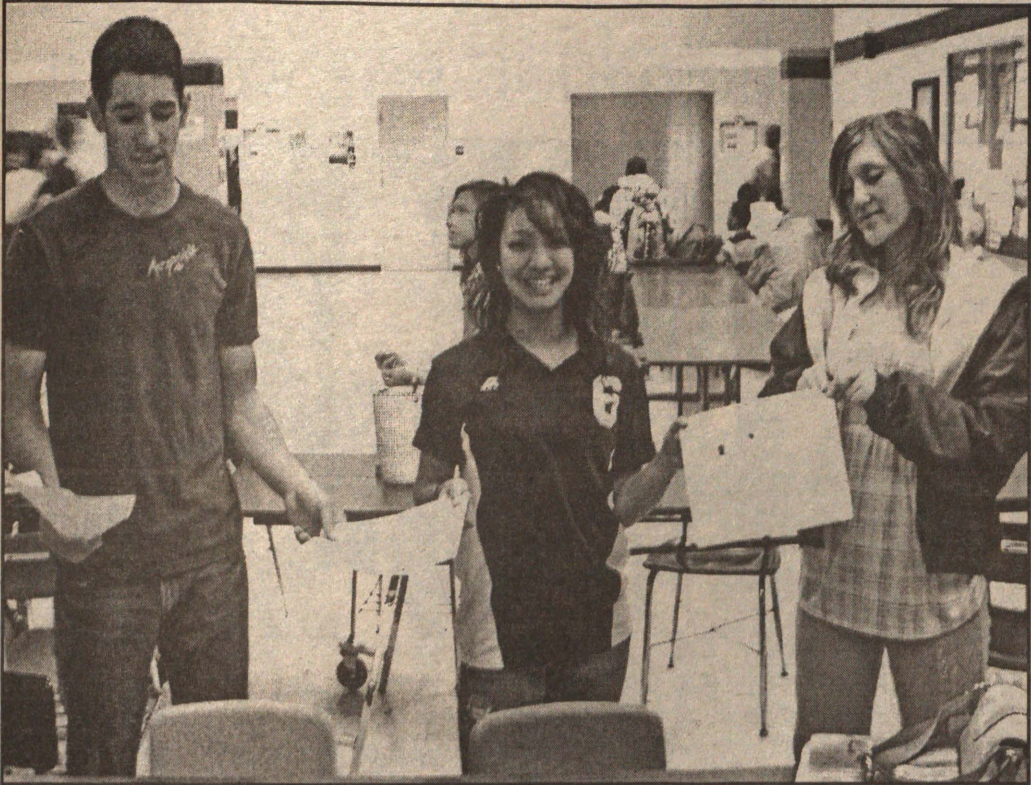


Photo by Jacob Wucka

Junior Tyler Christ, overwhelmed by the impending ACT and PSAT tests, passes a retired ACT test to optimistic sophomore Connie Tan, who is excited to see how the test will prepare her for the ACT. Tan passes a retired PLAN test to confused freshman Lauren Pugh.

## Preparing underclassmen for PSAT and ACT tests

By Kym McDaniel

Scheduling problems the week of ACT and PSAT testing for juniors will be solved by tests from Catapult Testing Services.

Retired PLAN tests will be given to freshman class and retired ACT tests will be given to sophomores while juniors are taking the PSAT and ACT tests.

Underclassmen will take the tests in April, when in previous years, students took their PLAN tests in fall, and the EXPLORE tests in the spring during junior PSAT testing.

However, the tests are not

only in preparation for the PSAT.

"In a way, they are preparation," said Principal Moses Cheng. "But they are not to provide direct help. Test practice is the main reason and to receive student reports of their student results."

Results from the tests will be sent to the school within two weeks from Catapult Testing Services.

Cheng hopes that every student will want to do their best on the tests, stating that these grades don't reflect on only themselves but the school as a whole.

"We are going to take a

look at pre-test and post-test data," said Cheng. "Then we will look at all the data in the different groups of kids."

Cheng said that the student reports will help "take a look at what the kids are doing."

Along with the student reports, Cheng said it will help scheduling for the week of the PSAT and ACT tests.

Catapult Testing Services were also used in District 88, and, according to Cheng and the district liked the information the services have provided.

"The testing service will generate individual student reports," said Cheng.

## Key Club hopes to break bank with units of blood

By Jessica Bergmann

Roll up those sleeves and prepare for the needle. Key Club's fall blood drive is Nov. 2.

Donators must be over 16 and have parental consent unless they are 18 or older.

Other requirements include weighing at least 110 pounds, having general good health, and not donating blood within 56 days.

All potential donors are given a questionnaire to ensure that there is no potential danger behind the blood being donated.

"They are very cautious about the blood being received and do not want anything to be wrong with it," said Ward Rau, Key Club ad-

viser and coordinator of the blood drive

This year, Rau is hoping to gather 140 units of blood compared to last year's 125 units.

"In a school this size, 140 units of blood is possible if we can get students to sign up," Rau said.

Students are encouraged to talk to teachers two hours after their appointment since each individual has a different recovery time.

"We do not want donating blood to impact the students' performance in the classroom and want teachers to understand if it does," Rau said.

However, the small side effects should not stop students from participating.

"Blood donation is a great way for people to help others in a small but great way. There is always an increasing need for blood and we can help to provide it to people," Rau said. He also pointed out that there is no synthetic substitution for blood to give to patients who need it.

"When a person needs blood, they need the real deal. There is no alternative for blood and when it's gone, it's gone. We can help make sure that it never disappears," said Rau.

Students who cannot give blood this time around are encouraged to donate at the next drive in spring.

Students should see Rau if interested in signing up.

## Youth Commission rakes in volunteers

By Jessica Bergmann

The West Chicago Youth Commission is gathering volunteers for their leaf raking project on Nov. 10.

The commission is looking for teen volunteers to rake over 30 elderly citizens' yards. Although raking leaves seems like such a simple task, some cannot do it by themselves.

"We have a long list of seniors developed by priority, starting with the neediest at the top of the list and working down. We don't want to turn down any seniors," said Dona Smith, Youth Commission chairperson.

Smith also encourages teens to get more involved in projects that benefit the community and thinks that leaf raking is the perfect opportunity.

"By giving up one afternoon and working with your peers and friends, you can make a difference in someone's life," Smith said.

Students who wish to volunteer are asked to contact Smith to register or can participate the day of the event. Groups will be sent out at 9 a.m. so teams should meet at the Fox Community Center on Main Street at 8:30 a.m.

## Speech team talking tough to competition

By Mike Dalton

Public speaking does not have to remain a spectator sport for the speech team.

Just ask the new team members who joined the five veterans: senior Maria Grabiec, juniors Kasha Grabiec, Bill Heinze, Jamie Roman, and sophomore Carrie Liszka.

Liszka is excited to return to the team and be with the new members.

"It really helps you develop your speech skills, and you meet a lot of fun people along the way," said Liszka.

Although the team is low on returning veterans, there are high expectations for the newest members.

"We lost a lot of our leadership, but we have some really talented new members," said coach Jason Kling. "There's good energy right now; I think they'll get along well."

Students compete in a range of 13 different events, filtered through three main categories: limited preparation, public address, and interpretation.

Meeting every Monday after school, the speech team is gearing towards their first tournament Saturday, Nov. 3 called "WeGo North."

Students that compete in a tournament are given a rank by one of the judges based on the level of impressiveness their performance held. The final round then consists of the top six students in each event, where one will come out the tournament champion.

Typically the tournaments begin at 8 a.m. and last until 5 or 6 p.m.

"We had three girls make it to sectionals last year and we hope to send someone onto state this year," said Kling.



Photo by Jacob Wucka

Speech team veterans senior Maria Grabiec and junior Kasha Grabiec prepare for the WeGo North tournament. Their performance parodies a fight.

## Career Day gets students thinking

By Jake Bradley

Students will be able to try a career during Career Exploration Day on Nov. 9.

Career Exploration Day is a day where students get a first hand experience at careers that they are interested in.

While shadowing, students can ask questions about education or training needed for the career and complete a handout that helps the student evaluate the profession.

Students can choose from several career clusters to find out what career suits them.

They state their desired career, and then the school along with the Winfield and West Chicago chambers of commerce set up a mentor for the student.

"In the past, some students shadowed careers such as

horse trainers, participating in a crime lab and other unique careers," said education and careers coordinator-Peggy Peach.

Students in the past traveled far to places like Northern Illinois University to shadow an athletic trainer and different businesses in Chicago.

"We try to keep the students in a 10 mile radius of the school," said Peach.

The day will be starting at 11:38 a.m. when students meet with Peach in room 211.

From there, students can go out to lunch and start driving to their mentors. Students must have their own transportation.

If students are interested in Career Exploration Day, there will be another opportunity to sign up in March.

## 'Get out of jail' shirts a sensation

By Jacob Wucka

Seniors are no longer expressing their senioritis by calling themselves in sick and not doing homework; they're wearing it.

Seniors Natalie Pacelli and Robyn Nickelson created the orange "Graduation, our get out of jail free card" shirts as a joke among friends about the new school policies.

However the Monopoly card shirts quickly became a non-profit sensation among seniors, selling over 170 shirts.

"Once the idea came around, the students got excited. The seniors love it," said Nickelson.

The staff praised and supported Pacelli and Nickelson's idea, such as dean Pete Martino and social studies

teacher Barbara Laimins.

"Anytime students want to express their freedoms, I encourage it," said Martino.

However Martino doesn't support the manner in which the shirts were distributed.

"They didn't give me one. Student Council gives me shirts all the time," said Martino.

Laimins, who purchased a shirt, believes the idea is creative and clever. She also believes the shirts aren't meant to offend the new school policies and express a different meaning.

"I think everyone feels like they are looking forward to the future," said Laimins.

The shirts are not the official senior class shirts. Student Council has yet to create them.

## The anticipation was worth it



Photo by Jacob Wucka

At the Sept. 28 homecoming parade, the junior class claimed the 1st place prize for their float, themed "Winter." From left, juniors Melissa Conway, Jessica Bedard, Michelle Blackman, Chrissie Rovtar, Monica Montoya, Lindsey Johnston, and Chelsey Wilbur rode on the float. The sophomore class "Fall" themed float came in second, followed by a third place tie between the senior class "Summer" float, and the freshman class "Spring" float. When it came to window decorating on Sept. 22, the Horticulture Club came in 1st, place, followed by FBLA, and the junior class. The winners received gift certificates to Dunkin' Donuts.

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What started as a joke among friends quickly caught on, and now seniors and staff sport the shirts created by Natalie Pacelli, left, and Robyn Nickelson.

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## Variety of talents calls for an exhilarating show

By Jessica Bergmann

Suit up for an action packed night at the annual variety show on Nov. 29.

Future Business Leaders of America will sponsor the show with this year's theme being James Bond.

"The theme is really only for the students who are emcees for the show. This way they can perform skits and other things based on the theme. None of the actual performances have to follow the theme," said adviser Maria Wirth.

Wirth is looking forward to seeing fresh faces and new talent this year and wishes everyone could participate.

"The show is usually really popular, but we can't include everyone who tries out because we don't want to put on a show longer than two hours," Wirth said.

Twenty-five acts auditioned, but only 14 acts were chosen. However, Wirth is thrilled about the acts that made the show.

"It's really exciting to get to see up and coming student talents, especially since I see them before everyone else at tryouts," said Wirth.

Students can expect to see solo and group performanc-

es, band performances, piano acts, and dancers.

Tickets will be sold at all lunch hours the week of Nov. 12-16. Prices are \$2 for the 4 p.m. and \$3 for the 7 p.m. show.

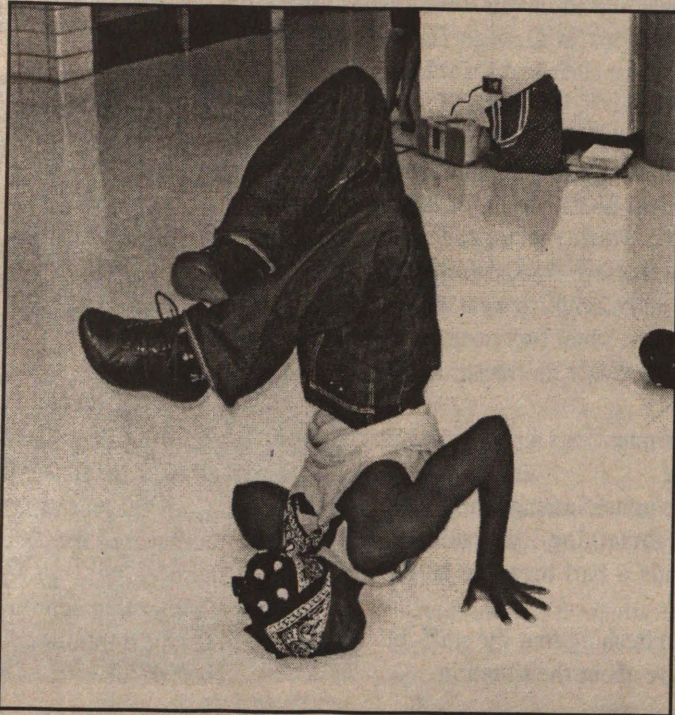


Photo by Jacob Wucka

Twenty-five acts tried out for the variety show, but only 14 acts made the final cut, including freshman Daryl Thomas whose hip hop dance impressed the judges.

## Picture inspires student to help

By Mike Dalton

The people of Angola do not have much, but they make do with what they do have.

Soccer is one of their passions, even if they do not have shoes to cover their dirty feet or even a pair of legs.

When "Sports Illustrated" printed a picture of these disabled soccer fanatics playing the game they love, sophomore Gaby Villa became interested.

"I saw the picture and figured I could send them our old soccer stuff we were keeping in the garage," said Villa.

World geography teacher Maggie Haas volunteered to help Villa with this project, even offering her freshmen students to get involved.

"I am so proud of her (Gaby) for coming up with this idea," said Haas. "My classes are excited to help out with this as well."

So far 21 pairs of cleats, 12 balls, three pairs of shin guards, and \$114 have been

donated to the cause.

"After the sophomore boys soccer game the other day, a young man came right up, took off his cleats and handed them to me," said Haas. "It's amazing that someone would do that."

Villa and her family have donated six pairs of cleats so far.

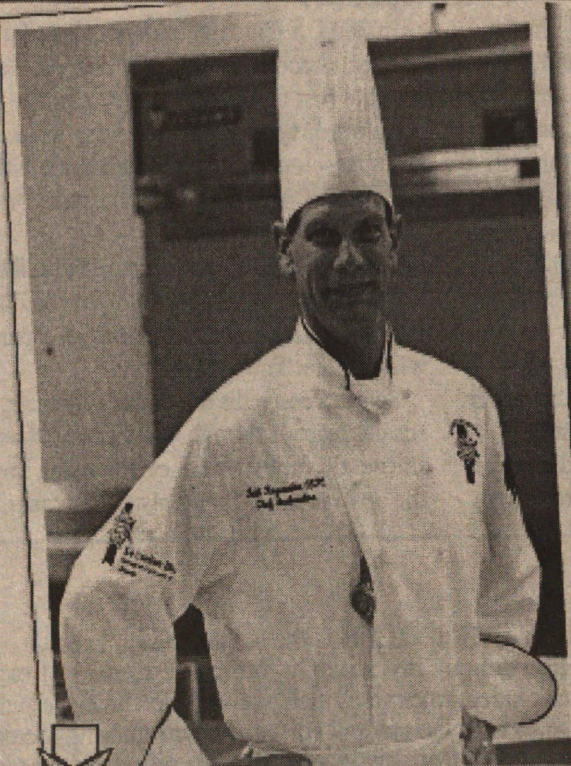
"I feel like a caring person because I'm helping people out. I'm not being selfish for once," said Villa.

Jars will be set up in commons through Tuesday to collect money or equipment donations.

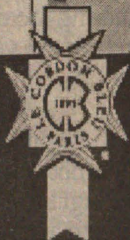
Anyone who donates will automatically be entered in a raffle where they can win a variety of prizes including: a \$60 gift certificate to Buffalo Wild Wings, a \$10 gift card to Family Video, and McDonald's coupons.

All equipment will be sent out with the donated school supplies at the end of the school year.

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## Our View

### Seniors express opinions without starting trouble

Sporting bright orange and black T-shirts with a barcode and a get out of jail free card on them, the seniors represent their seniority and make their statement clear to the school.

The senior class planned, ordered, and purchased these clever shirts on their own.

Since it was not school related, they could have made the shirts say anything they wanted, with or without the school's approval.

The back of the shirt reads, "Graduation our get out of jail free card" referring to the school being like prison with all the new rules implemented this year.

It takes participation and leadership to pull this off, something the class of '08 proves to have plenty of.

Whether this lighthearted joke was taken seriously or not, the seniors did not target anyone to offend or break any dress code rules.

It is admirable to see the senior class making a statement, without crossing a line.

Some people may think this stunt was inappropriate. However look at Oswego East High School where their senior class had a similar idea.

Their shirts read "Class of .08, don't blow it" referring to a class full of students drinking and driving.

This offended staff and students since it followed a recent alcohol-related car accident involving two students under the influence.

Clearly this message crossed the line. Students who believed they had a right to wear whatever they want were set straight when two of their fellow students who were responsible for the shirts were suspended from school.

This punishment was for spreading an inappropriate message.

Obviously underclassmen look up to the seniors. Promoting something like drinking and driving quickly sends a bad message to the rest of the school.

It is also refreshing that the staff did not do anything negative about the situation.



It would not be surprising if the shirts were not allowed in school because they did not approve the message, but instead of banning the T-shirts, there were a few teachers who purchased and wore them.

With this school participation this may even become a tradition for Wego seniors, started by the class of '08.

### When police take advantage of their power *Police abuse their rights which results in many unnecessary injuries*

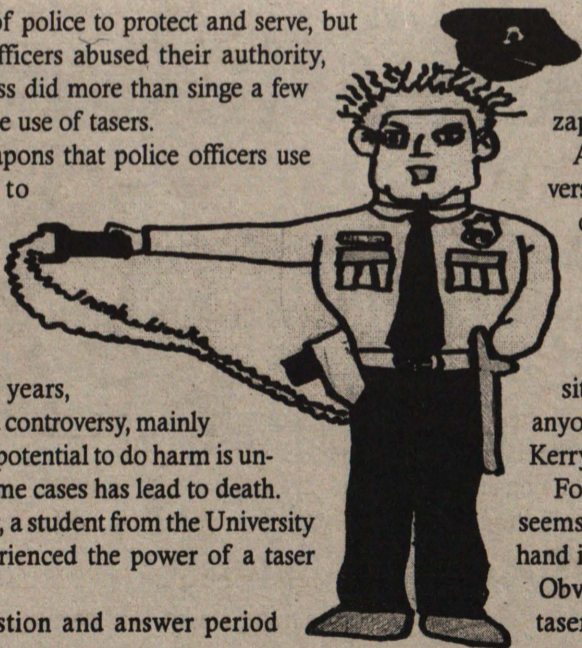
It is the duty of police to protect and serve, but recently some officers abused their authority, and in the process did more than singe a few eyebrows with the use of tasers.

Tasers are weapons that police officers use and are meant to subdue a person by shutting down his or her muscles using electric shock.

Over the past years, tasers have stirred controversy, mainly because a taser's potential to do harm is unknown and in some cases has lead to death.

Andrew Meyer, a student from the University of Florida, experienced the power of a taser first hand.

During a question and answer period



following a speech from Sen. John Kerry, Meyer hogged the microphone. As a result, he was zapped by the police.

According to a report by the University of Bradford in England, police officers are using tasers more as a compliance tool, than as an alternative for using lethal force in a life threatening situation.

What was the life threatening situation? Meyer was not harming anyone. And he was not threatening Kerry.

For such a small act, this tasing seems unnecessary, but on the other hand it was better than being shot.

Obviously firearms are deadlier than tasers but according to a report by

Wake Forest University, three out of 1,000 tasered people received injuries.

Still, many officers underestimate the taser's capabilities.

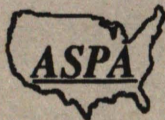
In 2005, a Chicago man was killed after being tasered. According to The Arizona Republic, it was the first fatality caused by a taser.

Before his death, people who have died after being tasered were classified with either heart conditions, mental illness, or were on drugs at the time.

But how likely is it a person will tell the police of a physical impairment or being drunk or high? It is the equivalent of gambling on a person's life, without that knowledge.

Before a cop pulls the trigger on a taser, he or she should react as though it is a gun, and ask if he or she would shoot the person for acting improper. If the answer is no, then holster that taser.

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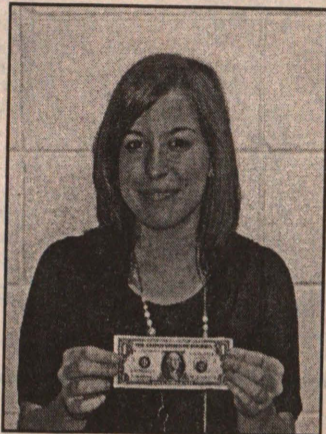
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## College grant gives students \$5,000 but it's not enough

As juniors prepare to look at colleges, they must keep one thing in mind: Choose wisely or forever swim in debt.

We are no longer living in the '60s when a college education was not a key qualifier for getting a job or a financial burden.

Today, education is the foundation for almost every job in the country.



**Jessica Bergmann**

So if education is such a key factor for success, why has it not been made affordable?

President Bush recently signed legislation to make college more "affordable" for lower and middle class families. The idea sounded good until it was put on paper.

The legislation raises the maximum Federal Pell grant (a money grant from the government that does not have to be repaid) from \$4,310 to \$5,400 over the next five years. That is a little more than \$1,000 extra for college expenses, and only if you are qualified.

At Illinois State University, that extra \$1,000 is just enough to cover the cost of books for one year. You know books, pieces of paper with words on them that usually cost less than \$10 at Border's.

A \$5,000 grant is not going to help out the families who qualify for such aid. I mean, let's look at the

reality. The government is not going to give away money to just any family; it's going to give it to those who really need it.

But for those who really need aid to relieve the burden of college finances, \$5,000 is not going to make a dent in the \$100,000 they will have to pay for four years at college.

Bush was recently quoted in the Daily Herald saying, "I have the honor of signing a bill that will help millions of low-income Americans earn a college degree."

In actuality, he is signing a bill that will help those low-income Americans drown in a pool of debt as soon as they graduate, if they can afford to get there.

Besides, why only focus on low-income Americans? There are plenty of middle-lower class citizens struggling to make ends meet in order to pay for college expenses.

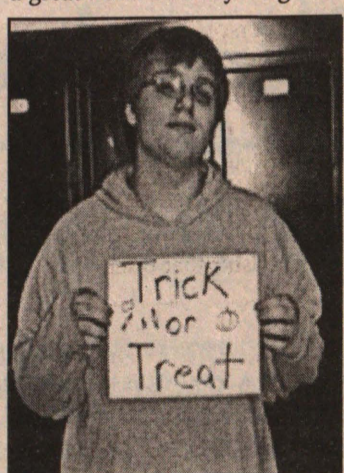
For most of us, our parents are not only paying for us to go to a four-year college, but siblings as well. I do not think many, if any, parents are going to say, "I'm sorry dear, but you can't go to college because we could barely afford to pay for your brother/sister to go."

When it comes to a good education, parents are not going to deny their son or daughter the right to make the best of his or her life.

If education is really going to remain the key qualifier for getting a job, the government needs to work harder in order to make it affordable for everyone, not give a lousy \$1,000 and pat itself on the back for making a difference when in reality, the government has done next to nothing to help.

## It's time for teens to take a break from an old holiday

Once a year, children dress up as vampires, fairies, and cartoon characters to go to houses, ring doorbells, yell "trick or treat" and get candy. It has been a great tradition for young children. Little kids love



**Jake Bradley**

running around for free candy.

But today, the spirit seems to be gone.

Instead of just little kids, older kids run from house to house wanting more candy to rot their teeth. As the kids grow up into teens, they take advantage of their parents and run around the neighborhood without supervision.

To make matters worse, their costumes go from cute to inappropriate, and the spirit of Halloween is diminished.

Police receive complaints about children 'tricking' instead of 'treating.' And numerous homes get damaged each year by troublemaking teens.

Then do not forget the houses that have the chairs on their porches that say, 'Please take one' but then the bowl is not even there anymore because someone took everything.

The police try to crack down on these teens but there are just too many kids wandering the streets

and it is hard to keep of track who is good and who is bad.

Halloween is a privilege, but teens abuse it.

A set time is established for trick or treating, so go back to your house when trick or treating is over. And instead of wearing costumes, teens 'dress up' in blue jeans and put on face paint and call it a costume.

It is bad enough with teens running around and getting free candy, so at least get in the Halloween spirit, and buy a cheap \$20 costume.

If it was up to me, I would just take this holiday off the calendar.

It may seem like all fun and games but in reality these obnoxious teens are just causing the neighborhood trouble, wasting people's money, and making parents worry.

So to all the teens who see Halloween as an excuse to hang out with friends, hang out inside or at least stop bothering neighbors with your not-so-funny pranks. It is ruining the holiday, not only for neighbors but the future generation trick or treaters.

It is bad enough that those teens run around tackling balloon blow ups and stealing lawn decorations just to destroy them, but just think of the people who want kids to have a fun night.

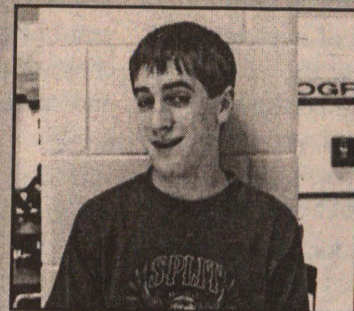
If people keep vandalizing houses why should townfolk continue to pass out candy if teens do not deserve it.

We are growing up, and we have responsibilities. And if teens keep up with their bad behavior, towns might wipe the holiday off the calendar for good.

The spirit of Halloween is gone and all that is left are the pumpkins smashed on the street.

## Students Speak

### Do you believe in the paranormal?



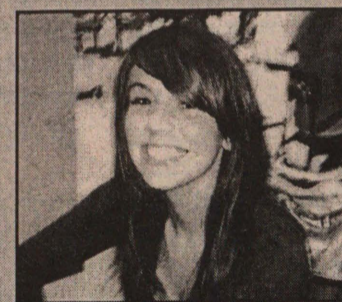
*Freshman*  
**Darrek Sams**

*"No, it's baloney because when you die, you die. You don't hang out on earth."*



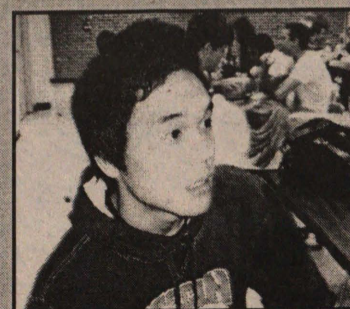
*Sophomore*  
**Quin Gable**

*"Yes, because I have seen tons of ghosts before!"*



*Junior*  
**Katelyn Casey**

*"Yes, because I've heard stories from friends who have encountered, the paranormal, like Eric Selcke."*



*Senior*  
**Abe Buado**

*"Yeah, because my faucet turns on by itself sometimes."*

# Are you afraid

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## Drawing out the devil

By Jacob Wucka

The 1973 movie "The Exorcist" is famous for portraying the life of a preteen girl possessed by the devil, levitating above her bed, speaking in tongues, and exhibiting great strength.

But do not believe that this movie is fiction. An exorcism is performed to expel evil spirits. A person who has become overwhelmed by these demons is considered possessed.

According to the Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago, "The Exorcist" fairly portrayed the acts a possessed person would experience. However, it is unlikely that a person would exhibit superhuman capabilities.

In the article "Exorcism in Russia" by About.com, an assistant to an exorcist tape-

recorded the sounds of an exorcism.

The tape described a 16-year-old girl being held to a chair, while the priest prayed and covered the room in incense.

During the prayers, the girl groaned in a deep tone, and then lashed at the priest in a demonic voice, shouting words of defiance to the prayers.

Another baffling symptom of being possessed is speaking in tongues, or languages outside of the person's native language.

Although the reasons for demonic possessions are confusing, some believe they have found a scientific explanation for them.

According to a report by Stanford University, possessions occur when someone

suppresses emotions after experiencing a traumatic event.

Another report from About.com links Tourettes syndrome, schizophrenia, epilepsy, and other psychiatric diseases to the mysterious ailment.

However priest Bill Conway of St. Mary's Church, West Chicago, believes that there is a deeper explanation to possessions.

"One has to be careful when dealing with the idea of possession. I wouldn't deny the possibility," said Conway.

Conway said that the idea of possession has had people guessing for years. However, he believes possessions come from practicing unhealthy religion. He believes the perception of a punishing God, causes the possessed to show hatred towards prayer and re-

ligious items.

Conway also stated that exorcisms are similar to the practices of voodoo and black magic.

"Voodoo does have a certain power over people. It may be superstition, but it creates fear and people have died in shock and fear of those beliefs," said Conway.

The Catholic Church has seen an increase in exorcisms. As of 2005, the Catholic Church has 400 certified exorcists in Italy, and 100 more took courses at the Vatican to become certified.



## Seeing into the future

By Kym McDaniel

Looking into the future has never been so accessible in the 21st century.

The philosophy of predicting the future has been around since the legends of Hippocrates and Aristotle, who supposedly were knowledgeable in the use of palmistry.

Psychics today have expanded their knowledge to everything from palmistry to crystal balls.

"I have experience in palm reading, tarot cards, psychic reading and crystal ball reading," said Naperville psychic Julia Roberts.

Helping people draws Roberts to the supernatural business.

Roberts runs her company out of her home and while is interested in bartering a fee, she charges \$35 for palm reading and \$55 for tarot card and psychic readings.

"I have experience in telling the future," said Roberts. "I can predict love, marriage and business."

Psychic reading is the most popular of Roberts services.

Roberts, who describes herself as "clairvoyant," also be-

lieves in ghosts.

While Roberts lives in Naperville, many other extrasensory individuals like "Mrs. Lynn" live in Chicago.

Mrs. Lynn, who runs psychic readings out of 200 W. Ohio St. offers a variety of services including meditation classes, energy clearing, feng shui, spirit release, and psy-

candle to create awareness or using prayer.

Other more aggressive attempts to improving one's well-being include psychic vibration, which is especially helpful in recognizing health or energy problems.

Psychic vibration involves analyzing your spirit, which, according to Mrs. Lynn, "constantly emits and receives energy."

According to her website, White's treatments can help release these problems that may be obstructing one's job or love life.

Also located in Chicago on Park and Ashland near Wrigley Field is Sarah White, who specializes in reuniting loved ones.

White, like Roberts, can provide help in health, family, love and business but White also offers crystal and aura readings.

White can also predict her client's future over the phone.

While it is clear that psychics can be accessible-prices are not cheap.

White's prices, like Roberts, are \$25 for a palm reading to full life predictions at \$75.



chic vibration.

According to her website, Mrs. Lynn has experience in energy clearing for over 30 years.

The process of energy clearing is only for those who have a "result of negative energy leaving an impression on your personal life."

Energy clearing can be done by lighting an incense

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By Oscar Grajeda

Ghosts stay around long after Halloween. These haunts will terrify visitors for years to come.

### Nitetime Edition

From Navy Pier to O'Hare Airport, famous ghost tour guide Richard Crowe guarantees to not disappoint.

People pay \$40 to \$50 to hopefully experience paranormal activity in Crowe's "Nitetime Edition."

A 34-year-ghost hunting veteran, Crowe invites people to join him for a night filled of ghost stories and hunting.

Crowe's dealings with the supernatural help him make the

best experience for the public.

A few of the sights the tour will focus on are the site of the St. Valentine's Day Massacre and Chinatown. A record 835 ghosts have been seen on the tour.

According to Crowe, it is not guaranteed that paranormal activity will take place, but the rush for possibly seeing ghosts is still there.

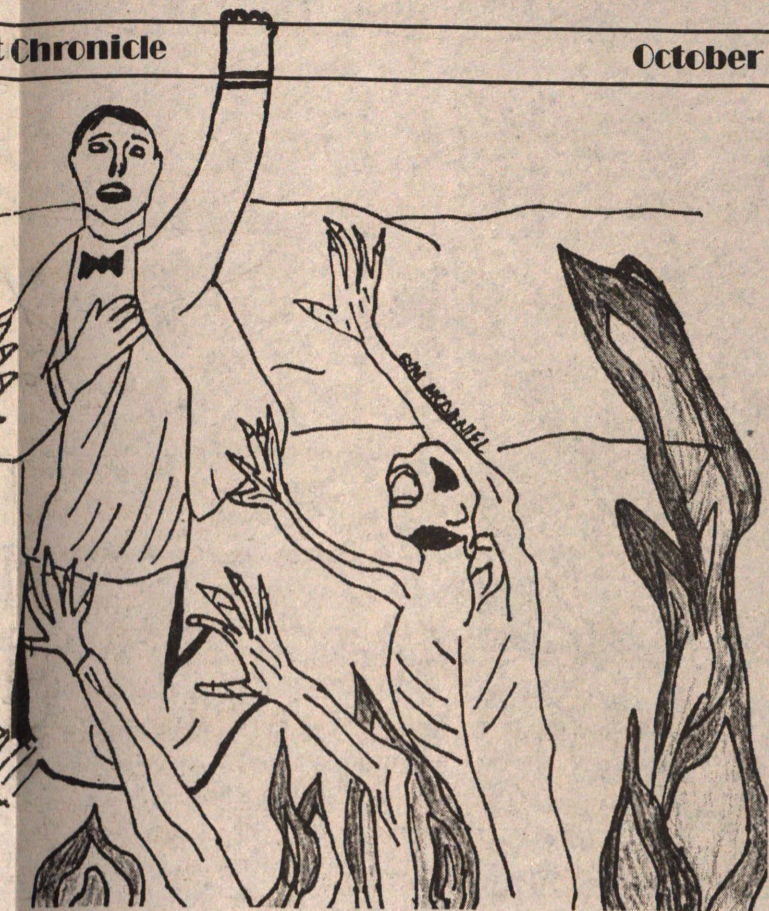
The tour is held on a coach bus and lasts about four hours.

The bus leaves at 7 p.m. and returns at 11 p.m. daily until Nov. 4.

The tour starts at Goose Island Brewpub in Clybourn Place Shopping Mall, 1800 N. Clybourn on the north side of Chicago.



# of the dark?



## The road of no return?

*Wildcat reporter experiences Munger Road head-on*

**By Greg Vodicka**

Munger Road seems harmless, but is it?

Devil worshipers, insane neighbors, sacrificed animals, and suicides are all part of the urban legends of this one lonely road.

The most common story of Munger Road begins with a bus full of kids on their way home from school. According to [hauntedillinois.com](http://hauntedillinois.com), the bus was struck by a train crossing the tracks.

Everyone inside the bus was instantly killed. According to this myth, the children killed on the bus now haunt the tracks. If you test this myth, they either let you get hit by this ghost train, or push your car off the tracks.

Anyone willing to test it is told to drive on the tracks and put the car in neutral. Many teens put baby powder on their bumpers to see if fingerprints are left by the children.

After hearing the stories of Munger Road, this Wildcat Chronicle reporter decided to investigate.

When I drove to the road, I began to think I might be lost. There are no houses on the road, and there is some thick forest combined with open fields.

The tracks themselves are nothing special. They look like any other railroad tracks, and are still in use today.

When I got to the tracks there was a large metal control box with a light above it on the side of the road. It is dented on one side, and has graffiti on another. The paint is in the shape of a face with detailed eyes.

This box might be the most eerie thing about the road. After staring at this face in the dark you can't help but let your imagination get to you, especially when your car starts rolling down off the tracks.

Some people think the car rolls because the tracks are on

*I admit I thought  
I heard a train  
whistling down the  
tracks.'*

a slight hill. Whether it was ghosts or gravity pushing my car down the slight decline the tracks rest on, my skin began to crawl.

The next thing the story says you may experience is the sound of a train going faster and faster down the tracks.

As I was sitting in my car slowly moving forward and staring at the painted face on the control box, I admit I thought I heard a train whistling down the tracks.

After I left the scene, I thought about the sound of

the train I heard.

Munger Road is out in the middle of nowhere. It is so quiet that you could hear a pin drop.

I began to think it was possible that I heard another train in the distance, not just my imagination deceiving my mind.

A group of my friends also went to test the myth.

However, unlike my own experience, they not only heard a train, but swear they saw something supernatural that night.

"I saw it stick its head out from behind the box for about 10 seconds and then went back behind it," claimed junior Ivan Desfassiaux.

Defassiaux said that he witnessed the ghost right before the car started to roll.

He also said that he looked at the driver, junior Steven Romanelli, staring right at the same spot near the control box.

Romanelli confirmed the sighting of the ghost later that night saying, "I definitely saw something that looked like a face behind that box."

The next morning I felt embarrassed that I let myself think there was something real about the myth.

All I can say about Munger Road is there is a weird feeling in this empty place. As for the true story, that is up to you to decide.

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### Investigative Tour

Chicago Ghost Investigations takes customers on a search for ghosts.

Chicago Ghost Investigations is a paranormal research group.

This tour visits Chicago's most haunted pubs, theaters and other locations.

At \$55 per person, the guide will try to bring ghosts back and ask why they could not pass on to the next world.

Groups are given a brief tutorial on ghost hunting tools before experiencing the tour.

The two tours start at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. and will last about three hours. The daily tours end Nov. 30.

This tour meets at the intersec-

tion of East Chicago Street and North Michigan Avenue.

### Ghost Walk Tour

Naperville is also an attraction for ghosts in Illinois.

Diane Ladly gives 90 minute walking ghost tours throughout Naperville at \$20 per person.

An award winning storyteller, Ladly has been telling folk stories since 1992. She presents her audience with legends of Naperville.

The tour is daily at 8 p.m. until Nov. 4.

The meeting place for the ghost tour is in front of the Giordano's Pizza in downtown Naperville. Giordano's Pizza is located at 119 South Main St., Naperville.



Photo by Greg Vodicka

Munger Road, located in Barlett, is known for its chilling urban legends and ghostly appearances some drivers claim to see.

## Exchange students experience American food, life and culture

*Tears and smiles filled the air when the Spanish exchange program ended*

**By Oscar Grajeda**

Fourteen new students transferred from Spain for a week and experienced American life.

The 14 students from Soria were hosted by Spanish three, four, and native speaking students.

Although the Spaniards had a great time, they had some trouble adapting to American lifestyles and picking up American culture.

The biggest difference between Spain and America was the atmosphere, and the fact that teenagers do not have much independence.

"I do not know if I would come back to Chicago because Soria is a lot more relaxing and not as stressful," said Diego Muniz.

Food was another major difference between the two cultures.

Ignacio San Miguel said, "Teenagers in America seem to love junk food. It is very good but really bad for you."

Visiting Spanish teacher, Oscar Abellon, seemed to adapt rather well. He preferred the Chicago hot dog over the New York hot dog.

"The Chicago hot dog is a lot more unique and different from anything in New York. It tasted better too," said Abellon.

Other students seemed to agree with Abellon saying that the hot dog was their favorite food in America.

Not only did the Spaniards enjoy the new food, they loved the entertainment as



Photo by Oscar Grajeda

Junior Katelyn Casey hugs Pablo Jimenez for the last time.

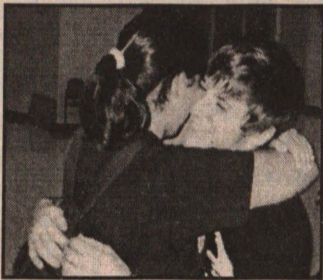


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Senior Matt Smeraglia says goodbye to Ana Herrero.

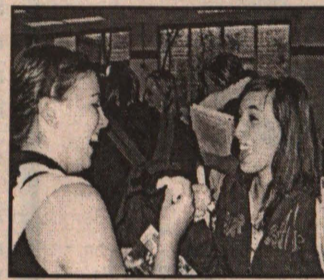


Photo by Oscar Grajeda

Junior Lizzie Gola shares a laugh with Paula Rodriguez.

well.

The homecoming dance was something that all of the Spaniards said was very different from their own.

"The dance was fun, but tailgating before the game was very weird," said Alvaro Martinez Vallejo.

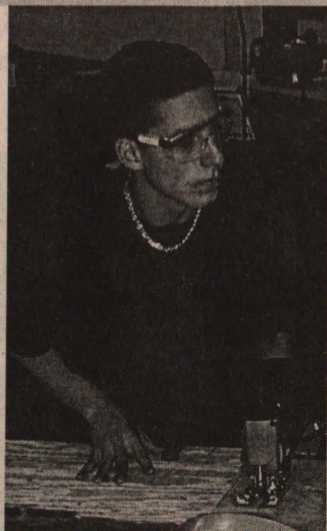
He claimed that he had never seen or done anything like it and grilling food outside of the school was very strange.

With all the unfamiliar customs, the Spanish students were not the only ones experiencing culture shock.

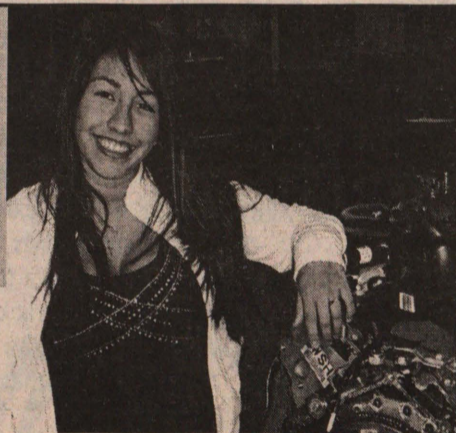
Senior Matt Ziffra said, "My Spaniard [Nacho Hernandez] did things that were not very American-like; he did things that he was used to and not what my parents or I were used to."

Most of the students claim they will keep in touch with their Spaniards no matter how far apart they are.

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## From an African village to the Chicago suburbs

By Oscar Grajeda

From the lion's den to the wildcat's den, senior Katie Jealouse made the move from Africa to West Chicago.

Jealouse returned to America three months ago after spending time in Africa.

respond," said Jealouse.

Jealouse's fluency in French allows her to excel in her French 4 class.

Already part of the varsity volleyball team and concert choir, Jealouse is having no trouble making friends.

Her attitude is good motivation for the team claimed Liszka.

Although she is having a great time in America, the move was difficult for her.

"Life here is really fast paced and there is always something to do. You just cannot stand around and let time fly by," said Jealouse.

Her daily life in Africa was anything but fast paced.

Living in a village for a couple of years, Jealouse was not able to go to public school until she was older.

"I lived in a village for a while and just got home schooled by my parents," said Jealouse.

After a couple of years she was able to get enrolled in public school.

Jealouse has no plans to return to Africa due to her entering college.

Jealouse is anxious to graduate and move on but hopes to continue helping African natives.

Although she is not moving anytime soon, Jealouse already has plans to visit her old village during Thanksgiving break.

"I'm really excited to go back home, it'll be nice to go visit some old friends," said Jealouse.

Many ask about her life in Africa and the questions she gets are interesting.

"I just want to let everyone know that I didn't have lions as pets, didn't live in a mud hut, and I had running water and electricity," said Jealouse.



Photo by Jessica Bergmann

Katie Jealouse (center) lived most of her life in Africa and learned French. Although she's fluent, she still studies hard.

Although she is new to the school, Jealouse is not a stranger to the American lifestyle.

Jealouse lived in America while she attended first grade and visited every other summer after moving to Africa.

Jealouse's parents are missionaries and although they would have loved to stay in Africa, their time there ended.

Jealouse normally would have stayed to complete high school.

"I was going to stay but God was calling us back to America, and when God calls, we

"It was really convenient having volleyball start before school started because it was easier to make friends," said Jealouse.

Jealouse proved she belonged on the team during the summer camp and has improved throughout the season.

Fellow teammate and senior Christy Liszka had nothing but positive things to say.

"It's really nice having her on our team because she is such a positive addition and we have learned so much from her, she is a great asset to the team," said Liszka.

## Welcome Center continues success

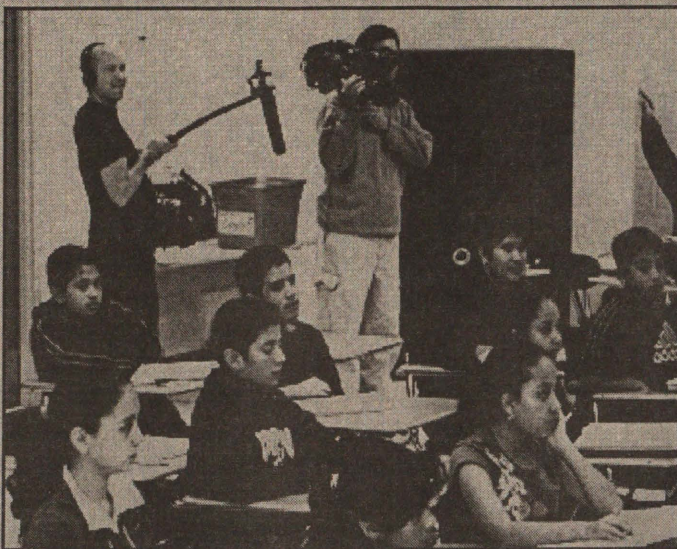


Photo by Kym McDaniel

The Welcome Center students put forth their best efforts to give the camera crew a good shot for the video.

By Kym McDaniel

Tiny but potent is the way Welcome Center director Miguel Arroyo sees the program and now the rest of the United States will see why, too.

KMB Pearson Publications filmed Welcome Center classes on Oct. 12 as a model for training teachers who will teach ESL courses and for second language certification.

"The Welcome Center is a unique situation," said Arroyo. "We are a model for other programs."

The Welcome Center hasn't been filmed before, but other centers in Ohio, Utah, Oklahoma City, and Michigan have inquired about the center and visited in the past.

"There is an emerging population of Angolans in Ohio," said Arroyo. "We hope to help make it easier for students to accept new changes in the culture."

Other welcome centers

that are starting in Arlington Heights, Elgin, and West Aurora will develop their curriculum based on West Chicago's.

Arroyo said that the Welcome Center tries to familiarize students with American culture while teaching them English.

"We feel it is extremely important (for the kids) to realize where they came from and who they are," said Arroyo.

The Welcome Center is the only center in the area with grades 4 to 8 and high school levels.

Along with teaching English to students, the Welcome Center takes trips to Chicago to help continue blend American culture into the students' native cultures.

"The video is trying to give them (other centers) a full scope of what we do," said Arroyo. "We do things in the community. We are tiny but potent."

## West Chicago museum receives \$10,000 grant

*History Channel provided money for the special exhibit and website*

By Kym McDaniel

West Chicago will be able to save its history with \$10,000 funding from the History Channel.

The History Channel awarded the Save Our History grant to the West Chicago City Museum to fund the Building a Community: Creating a Dialogue about Mexican Contributions to West Chicago and five other educational exhibits.

Sara Phalen, education coordinator at the West Chicago City Museum, wrote the grant proposal to the History

Channel in May 2007 and the museum discovered they received the grant in July.

The channel gives away \$250,000 every year to organizations who want to teach students about their city history.

The museum is one of 27 history organizations to receive money from the channel.

Building a Community: Creating a Dialogue about Mexican Contributions is about exploring the lives of Mexican immigrants in West Chicago.

According to saveourhistory.org, the museum received the grant from the channel because most Mexicans came to West Chicago as laborers, and so much of their history remains unknown.

"We want to bring awareness," said Phalen. "Many people don't know about the history here and we hope to create understanding and respect."

The museum is interested in working with students to gather an oral history of Mexican immigrants who have joined the community.

"We hope to teach high school students and younger students about the importance of our local history," said Phalen.

The students will create oral histories from Mexican and Mexican-American community members. The interactive web site will provide the opportunity for other community members to post their stories also.

Phalen also said she feels the exhibits are important to the community because Mexican immigrants who have come to West Chicago in the 1920s and 1940s have lived in West Chicago and never had history about them exposed.

"We don't have a lot of information of when they came," said Phalen.

While the Building a Community exhibit and Immigration to West Chicago exhibit are on display, the new grant

exhibit and web site will be available in May.

Phalen's overall goal for the new exhibits is to teach students about the importance of local history.

The additional exhibits from the grant include an Exploration, Settlement, and Colonization; Industrial Revolution; the Great Depression and the New Deal; World War II; the Civil Rights Movement; and International and Global Studies.

Phalen encourages any teens who are interested in oral history, designing web sites or working in a museum to contact the museum at wchistory@yahoo.com.

The museum is located on 132 Main St.

## Giordano's vs. Lou Malnati's in the deep dish pizza showdown

### Chicagoland pizzerias face off in Naperville

By Oscar Grajeda

The Chicago deep dish pizza is often replicated in many places but some can not seem to get it right.

Giordano's Pizzeria and

Prices differ for the two pizzerias tremendously.

Prices for Giordano's are small, \$12, medium, \$16, and large, \$17.75.

Lou Malnati's pizzas range

"It's not as greasy and it just tastes a lot better," said Jeff Pierpoint.

Librarian Edie Freud also agrees with the Pierpoints.

"I have had Giordano's but it was not my favorite, it was too saucy for me," said Freud.

However, senior Jeannette Rodriguez disagrees.

"I prefer Giordano's just because the pizza has a better sauce and you get the biggest bang for your buck," said Rodriguez.

When tasting both pizzas, Giordano's had more flavor in the sauce and the crust was flakier.

Giordano's small pepperoni stuffed pizza came out in half an hour but was well worth the wait.

From the tip of the slice to the flaky crust, Giordano's pizza was jam packed with flavor.

Plus, with the stuffed pizza there is no need for an appetizer.

Senior Alex Mills also en-

joyed the taste of the Giordano's pizza just as she was about to enter practice for the pom squad.

Lou Malnati's, on the other hand, needed seasoning and the crust was tough and dry.

It took 45 minutes to deliver the pizza and there was hardly anything to be happy about at the end of the meal.

The pepperoni was cheapened and there was no flavor on the sauce.

An appetizer and dessert to help fill out the meal would be needed for Lou Malnati's.

Both restaurants provide a traditional Italian environment.

The atmosphere at the Lou Malnati's in Naperville was chaotic and rushed, but Giordano's in Naperville was calm and relaxing.

The service was also better at Giordano's.

Waiters were quicker to refill drinks and were focused on attending the customers.

Lou Malnati's waiters were running around trying to get orders in and food out, and barely paying attention to guests.


Senior Terri Mangialomini said, "The service at Giordano's is always quick and they are willing to get the food out quicker."

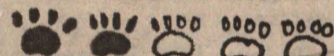
Although Lou Malnati's is a Chicago staple, they are lacking good service and taste in the sauce.

With a better atmosphere, service, and pizza, Giordano's wins the pizza war.

Lou Malnati's is located at 131 West Jefferson Ave. Naperville. Hours are: Sunday-Thursday 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

Giordano's is located at 119 S. Main St., Naperville. Hours are: Monday-Thursday 11 a.m.-11 p.m., Friday and Saturday 11 a.m.-midnight and Sunday noon-10 p.m.

Giordano's receives:  for great service and atmosphere.

Lou Malnati's receives: 

due to the lack of service, taste, and the amount of time it took for pizza to get out.

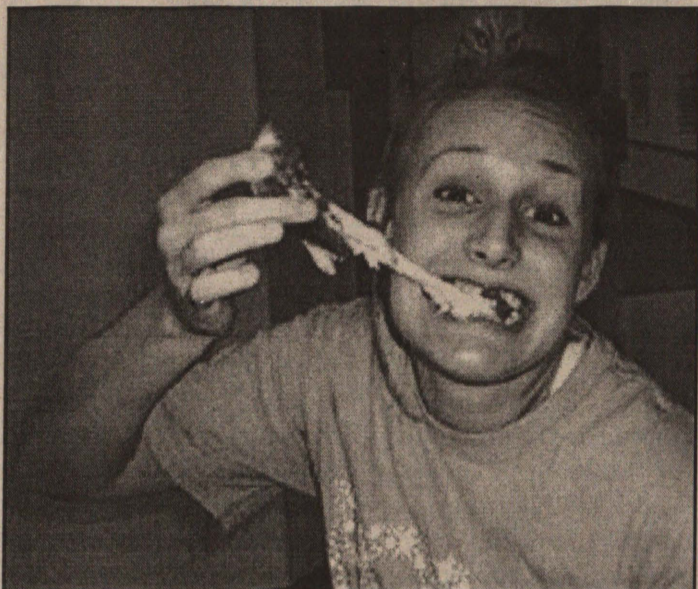


Photo by Oscar Grajeda

Senior Alex Mills loves the taste of Giordano's pizza and is willing to eat a quick slice before Pon Poms practice.

Lou Malnati's are two of the biggest pizzerias in Chicago.

Both have great deep dish pizzas but which one is really the best?

from \$8.55 to \$15.85.

Freshman Jeff and senior Sarah Pierpoint agree that Lou Malnati's is the better option.

## Sonny Acres upgrades the technology to scare guests

By Megan Hernbroth

Family favorite Sonny Acres has improved its attractions to make this the scariest Halloween yet.

Gizell Pollak, a Sonny Acres employee of 30 years, said all new merchandise such as costumes and wigs are in for Halloween.

Pollak also said the haunted attractions have new technology installed to make this year the scariest for Sonny Acres visitors. Managers have installed strobe lights in the haunted hayride and the haunted barn.

"I love working here because every year there seems to be something different. It's always exciting and keeps me busy," said Pollak.

Actors have joined the hayride, too, with a headless horseman and a chainsaw killer on the loose.

Freshman Jen Keilhack said, "They made it realistic

and scary by jumping into the wagon. It's hard to remember they're just actors."

During the day, hayrides are open from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. The haunted hayride begins at 7 p.m. and the last ride

For the haunted barn, any size group is welcome. Actors are also in the barn to scare people, but not to the extent of the hayride. Most frights at the barn are automated with new technology.




Photo by Megan Hernbroth

Kids and parents anticipate what is next on the hayride.

leaves at 9:45 p.m. It costs \$8 per ticket for the haunted rides. Tickets go on sale at 5:30 p.m. the day of the ride. If you plan on taking a group of over 40 people, reservations are needed.

Tickets are \$1 each and rides cost anywhere from one ticket to four.

Sonny Acres receives:  for the family atmosphere.

## Spooky Trail is ready to scare

By Greg Vodicka

Ghosts, ghouls, monsters, witches, and vampires will lurk in West Chicago Park District's Spooky Trail at

market including a rat feast, car crash, splatter room and a haunted house," said West Chicago Park District Recreation Coordinator Anna Rosalez.

General Admission is \$7 for anyone over 3 feet.

Guests can park at the pool and take the hayride to and from the trail.

**Spooky Trail**  
 October 26 & 27  
 At Reed Keppler Park  
 Preschool 6-6:30PM  
 General Public 6:30-9PM  
 \$7 for those over 3'  
 231-9474 or www.wc-parks.org



Reed Keppler Park Friday and Saturday.

Spooky Trail kicks off at 6 p.m. and ends at 9 p.m.

Younger kids and families can visit a non-scary trail from 6 to 6:30 p.m., where the actors have no masks and won't scare them.

Around 80 actors lurk around every corner of the third of a mile hike.

"The trail this year will consist of a maze, crypt, a haunted pirate ship, meat

"We are adding a lot more pop ups this year," said Rosalez. "The pop ups are animatronics, meaning they have moving props, that are on sensors."

Anyone interested in getting involved in the Spooky Trail can sign up at the Park District office.

Students can also contact Rosalez on her office phone (630) 231-9474 or email her at arosalez\_wcpkd@sbcglobal.net.

## 'The Comebacks' fumble the pass at the box office

By Jake Bradley

A ratty old team tries to make its way to the top in a true Cinderella story in "The Comebacks."

Director Tom Brady has directed other movies, most famously known for his work on "White Chicks."

Of course, this is not the first time Hollywood tried to make money off ideas from other movies. "The Comebacks" is the "Scary Movie" of sports movies, but with a more original title.

Coach Lambeau Fields,

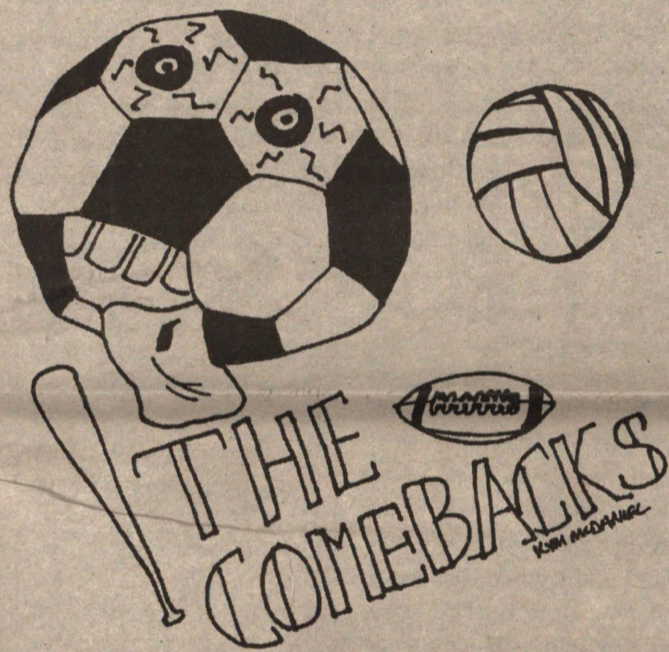
"Rudy," "Invincible," "Stick It," "Drumline," "Friday Night Lights," and "Radio."

But the plot turned out to be just like every movie about a team that comes back from a high deficit.

A team of studious misfits spend their time in a study group rather than partying after winning their game.

The entire concept of the film is basically an excuse to string together and spoof famous scenes from a variety of sports movies.

The collective enthusiasm



(David Koechner a.k.a. Champ from "Anchorman"), is looking to get on top of the coaching world. He sees an opportunity in Texas with a group of misfits from Heartland State University's unlucky football team.

There, he shows his unorthodox coaching style, where practice consists of drinking alcohol, doing drugs, cutting class and behaving badly.

Miraculously, the team of losers and misfits make it to the granddaddy of them all, the Toilet Bowl.

There, the Comebacks face off against Freddie Wiseman, (Carl Weathers a.k.a. Apollo Creed from "Rocky"), and his mighty team, the Unbeatables.

During the game the Comebacks fall 35-0 by halftime but it is not over. They ended up putting on an amazing comeback at the end of the game.

"The Comebacks" was a fun movie making fun of sports movies, such as "Field of Dreams," "Bend it like Beckham," "Coach Carter," "Gridiron Gang," "Seabiscuit," "Remember the Titans,"

of the cast goes a long way toward keeping "The Comebacks" watchable.

Cameos from stars made the movie fun.

Andy Dick, who was the referee in the Toilet Bowl, and Frank Caliendo, doing impressions of John Madden, and Al Michaels all made appearances.

Other stars with small parts of the film included Will Arnett, Dax Shepard, Jonathan Gries, and Stacy Kiebler.

Professional athletes also appeared in the film, including Lawrence Taylor, Dennis Rodman, and Michael Irvin.

"The Comebacks" receives:



for some funny jokes and surprising cameos. Downfalls to the movie are the predictable plot and random scenes.

Classic Cinema in Charlestown Mall: 5:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m., and 9:45 p.m.

Ticket price: \$6.50.

AMC Cantera 30 in Warrenville: 4:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m., and 9:55 p.m.

Ticket price: \$9.75.

## Cranking That Soulja Boy

By Oscar Grajeda

From cheerleaders performing a half time routine, to the DJ playing it four times at homecoming, cranking that Soulja Boy is becoming an epidemic.

The catchy tune and lyrics of the 16-year-old rapper is driving students wild.

DeAndre Way, Soulja Boy, signed onto Interscope Records and the hype is already beginning.

President of Interscope Records, Mr. Collipark has worked with other big names such as the Ying Yang Twins.

Already hitting number one on the Billboard Hot 100 list for two consecutive weeks, the rapper means business.

With a growing success, and album sales of 117,000 in his first week, he could be the next biggest thing.

With the hype surrounding the young rapper and an already successful track, all signs point to a successful album. Not the case, when hearing the CD.

Other tracks on the CD

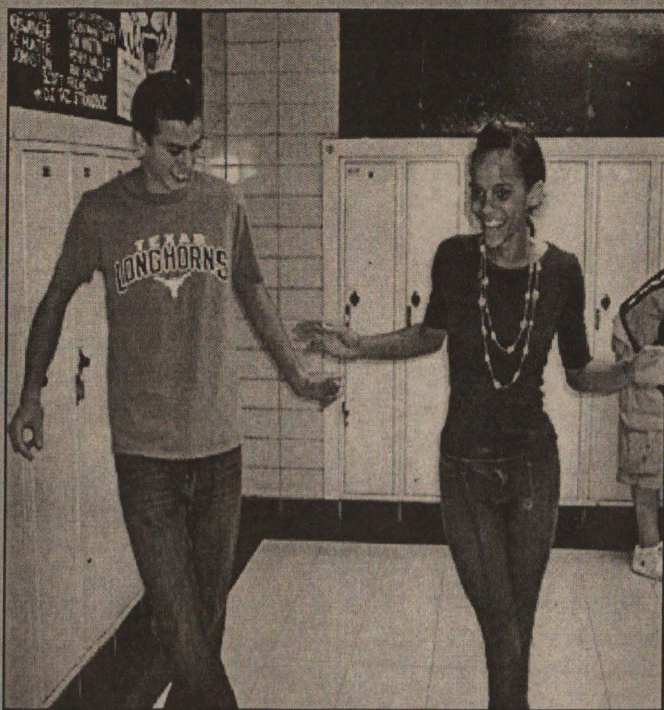


Photo by Oscar Grajeda

The "Crank That" dance is sweeping high schools across America. Seniors John Malandruccolo and Kara Triner join in on the fad.

were very similar to "Crank That" and it was difficult to distinguish one song from another.

"Soulja Girl," the next single, is a set up for a dud. The beat and lyrics are similar to "Crank That" and the listener is caught hearing a slower version of "Crank That."

Although Soulja Boy is getting rave reviews, he is setting up to be a one hit wonder.

With a repetitive CD and a dud for an upcoming single Soulja Boy receives:



## Four movies sure to get the scary fix

Some alternatives instead of trick or treating

By Oscar Grajeda

For students that do not like trick or treating, causing mischief, or dressing up; watching a scary movie is the next best thing to celebrate Halloween.

Check out these four movies which are good enough to get your heart pumping and blood racing.

Revisit your old childhood clown friend, "IT."

The famous Stephen King novel turned movie is a great scare for any age.

The plot consists of seven old friends that have battled "IT" before and swear that if the killer clown was to return they would get together to battle him again.

When the seven friends meet in their old town, they hope to defeat the clown.

Not enough to get your nerves rattled?

Why worry about the fancy digital effects when you get a much better quality out of the older movies?

The original "Exorcist" movie is a great movie to get your Halloween fix.

The 1973 oldie is about the 12-year-old daughter of a fa-

mous actress.

The actress gets worried when she notices that her daughter is behaving weirdly.

A priest joins with an exorcist specialist and they must save the little girl before she is killed by the demon that haunts her.

If you do not want to deal with the old stuff how about the new version?

"The Exorcism of Emily Rose" is a good movie to watch with your boyfriend or girlfriend.

Emily is a college student that believes she has been possessed while attending college.

Emily's dad hires a priest who then kills Emily and the priest is put on trial.

If you cannot get enough of the Halloween spirit, go out and rent the "Halloween" series.

The Michael Meyers series

is enough to get your heart pumping.

An eight film series of the ongoing plot of Michael Meyers and his obsession with killing is sure to thrill.

There is one survivor in each movie that gets traumatized enough to think that Michael Meyers is out to get them.

A good plot gives "IT":



"The Exorcist" is good enough to scare your socks



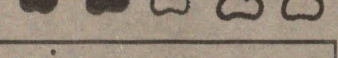
"The Exorcism of Emily Rose" receives:



off:

due to the chills and thrills.

As for the "Halloween" series:



### 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!

## Teachers double as runners in hottest Chicago Marathon

By Joann Kaczmarczyk

Two staff members participated in the first cancelled marathon in the history of Chicago on Sunday, Oct. 7.

Social worker Robert Maxson and P.E. student teacher Megan Frawley both ran and finished the 26.2 miles despite the extreme heat.

Frawley had been aiming for 4 hours flat, but quickly adjusted her goal to match conditions.

"Marathon morning I was hoping for a personal record. After mile one and realizing how hot it was going to be, my goal was to finish. I started out hoping to go under four hours. My best is 4:02. Under the circumstances I ran a 5:19."

Maxson, who was serving as a pacer, had to cut a few miles out to help his group meet their goal of 4:15.

"I cut the course after five miles and walked four miles to meet my group at the 15 mile mark. At that point, only two of the seven pac-

ers remained. The others had dropped out," explained Maxson.

positioned four miles apart. Gatorade was also being served, but did not last much

ran her first marathon in Milwaukee in 2005.

Frawley, whose goal is to

run a marathon in every state, ran in Chicago to assist with the One Small Voice Foundation.

"I ran the marathon for...a little boy named Zach. The money we raised goes to Children's Memorial for funding research. That made finishing worth it," Frawley said.

Despite all the extra assistance, not all runners made it.

Dozens were carted off to the hospital upon collapsing, 11 of whom were in critical condition.

"The experience of completing 26.2 miles is an achievement whether it was a best time or not. The work you put into achieving one goal makes it a rewarding experience," Frawley said, who is now training for another marathon in Virginia on March 17.

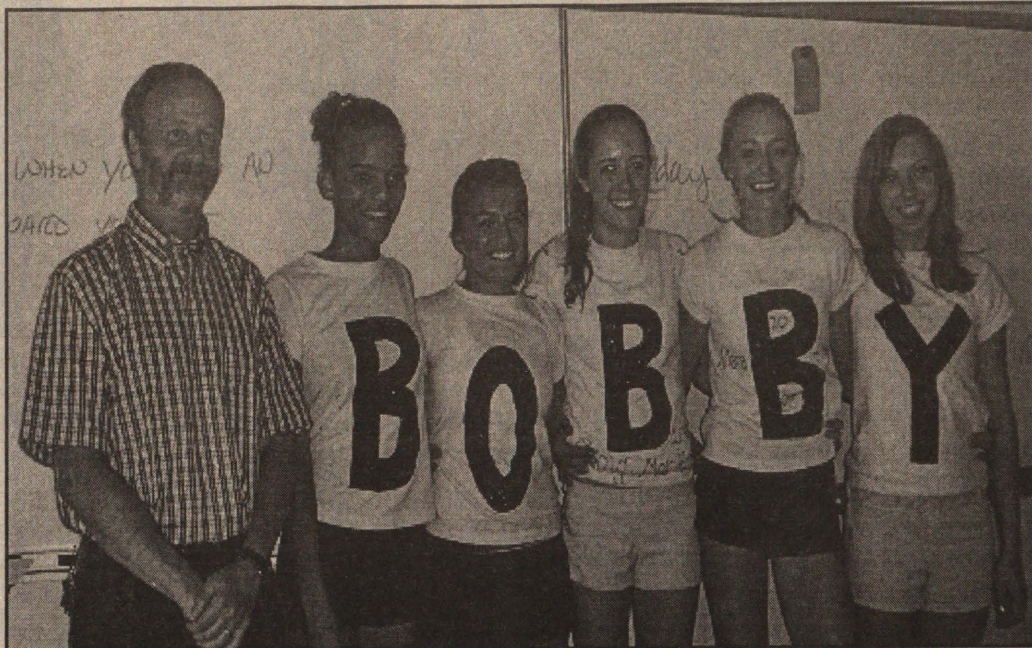


Photo courtesy of Emily Hahn

Girls cross country team supports their coach Robert Maxson with painted shirts. From left, Maxson, seniors Kara Triner and Adi Huerta, sophomores Tanya Starkey and Annette Eichenberger, and senior Joann Kaczmarczyk.

When asked about the predicted heat, Maxson explained that the temperatures would be a minor problem due to low humidity.

"The temperature is expected to be amazingly warm for this time of the year, a small issue but we have not had much humidity," Maxson said the day before the race.

Temperatures soared at an unusual 88 degrees, plus.

Water quickly ran out at the aid stations, which were

longer.

The citizens and spectators of Chicago were quick to jump in with help.

Many distributed water from their homes, while others turned on their hoses and sprayed the runners with cool water.

Frawley and Maxson, both veteran marathoners, credit Chicago with the best spectators.

Maxson has participated in the Chicago marathon numerous times, and Frawley

## Runners battle in final dash of season

By Kym McDaniel

Tough competitors have not stopped the boys cross country team from trying their hardest this season.

"(We wanted to) pass up a few teams at the conference meet," said coach Paul McLeland.

McLeland hoped the team would place between 5th and 7th this year.

The team's goals include improving times and becoming tougher throughout the season.

To help prepare for meets, the team does long distance running and intervals for shorter distances.

"(We also do) aqua jogging and weight lifting," said McLeland.

McLeland said that every season he looks forward to watching athletes improve times, become tougher, and

turn into great human beings.

Senior and captain David Musick who has run cross country for four years said his goal as a team was to beat at least two teams in the conference meet.

"The real competitors are the voices in our heads telling us to stop," said Musick.

The DVC conference meet was Oct. 12.

The team placed 9th at the conference out of 11.

Musick said that they raced against "amazing" runners like David McWilliams and Mike Herbert from Naperville North.

In preparation from the conference meet and against the tough competitors, the team worked hard to push themselves through workouts.

"Our underclassmen this



Photo courtesy of David Musick

Boys cross country team competes in regional meet at Le-Roy Oaks Forest Preserve.

year have really stepped it up," said Musick. "We will be bringing back most of our

top seven runners, so next year we should have a really great team."

## Cubs fail to advance

By Jake Bradley

After finishing the season at a respectable 85-77, excited fans had their World Series dream crushed as the Arizona Diamondbacks swept the Cubs 3-0.

The Cubs struggled to put up runs getting outscored 15-6. Catcher Geovany Soto hit the Cubs only home run in game 2.

Big hitters Derrek Lee, Aramis Ramirez, and Alfonso Soriano, combined for 13 strikeouts and averaged a .158 batting average.

Pitchers also struggled during the division series. Ted Lilly's game 2 ERA was 16.20. And Cub relievers combined for six earned runs in 12 innings.

Pitcher Carlos Zambrano brought his A game to the table having impressive stats, including eight strikeouts and 1 double in game 1.

The Cubs struggled in the beginning of the season. Going into the break this season, the Cubs were four games above .500 and were trailing the Milwaukee Brewers by 3.5 games.

As for Cubs players, newly acquired outfielder Alfonso Soriano preformed like the Cubs wanted, hitting .299 and 33 home runs and 70 RBI's.

Zambrano made a bold statement in the beginning of the year that he was going to be in the running for the Cy Young Award. But going 18-13 with a 3.95 ERA, he didn't have the season he was looking for.

According to [chicago.cubs.mlb.com](http://chicago.cubs.mlb.com), Cub fans can choose who they think is the Cubs MVP. Soriano leads the polls with 31 percent of the fans votes, and Zambrano in last with a shocking 4 percent of the votes.

Another shocker was 1st basemen Lee, only receiving 5 percent of fans votes. Lee hit .317 this season with 22 long balls and 88 RBIs. He was also walked 40 more times than Soriano and had one more double.

Other notable players this year were 3rd basemen Aramis Ramirez, hitting .310 with 26 home runs, and pinch-hitter Darryl Ward, .327 in 79 games.

## Competitive schedule leads to disappointing overall record

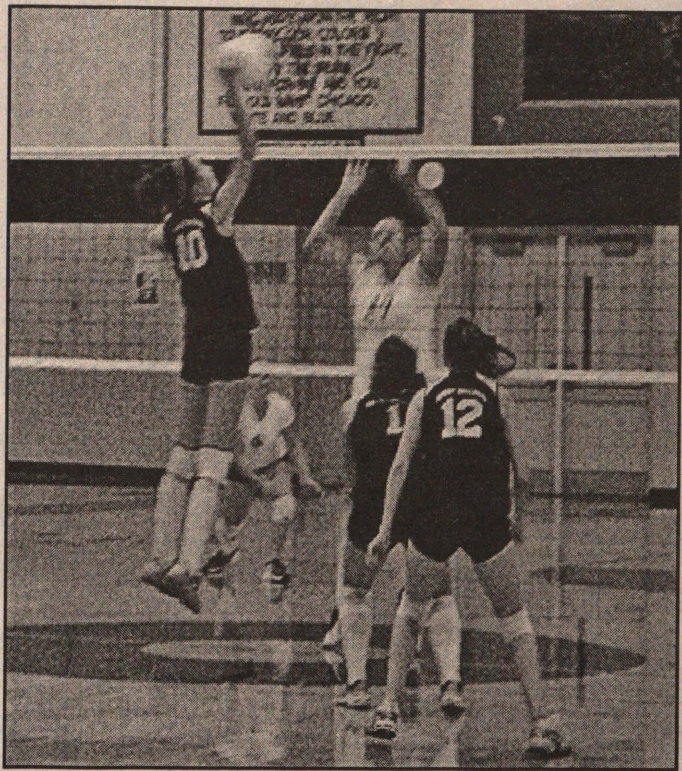


Photo By Alex Lima

Sophomore Ashley Dunn (10) works together with the rest of the junior jarsity team in a game against Glenbard North.

### By Alex Lima

As the season comes to a close, the girls volleyball team reflects on what has been a difficult schedule.

"The girls struggled and faced tough teams," said volleyball coach Kris Hasty.

The team's record is 0-27 with recent losses to Glenbard East, Glenbard North, West Aurora, and Downers Grove.

"The girls improved on passing and they are more aggressive on defense. They are also much better than at the start of the season," said Hasty.

Hasty noticed that the team has had some good plays.

"The girls' morale is not

damaged at all," said captain Randi Ritchie. "We have been playing together for years and we are still close no matter what the outcome is."

Ritchie also stated that the team did not have as much height as other schools, and when someone on the team struggled, they all struggled.

"We all work hard, especially because we are in a tough conference," said Ritchie.

However, the junior varsity girls team was ecstatic over recent wins.

"The season rocked so far, and we played great but we had a hard time coming out with a win," said junior Shawna Serrato. "We've al-

ways kept positive and kept fighting. JV never gave up and I am proud of us for that."

Serrato added that all levels did well. The junior's record was 2-14 and the sophomore's record was 1-14.

"The sophomores are pretty good, and if they stick together they could go really far in the next couple years," said Serrato.

All the girls kept fighting and played hard until the season came to an end. According to many of the players, staying positive is what really helped them.

"It's nice to have other people stay positive on the court because if you're thinking about your mistakes, you tend to make more. So having other people help motivate you really helps," said sophomore Ashley Dunn.

Freshman Yasmyn McGee said that the toughest teams they played were Naperville Central, Wheaton South, and Glenbard East.

"The game against Naperville Central was the toughest game because there was this short girl who would jump really high and spike the ball, but the girls always were able to hit the ball and put it in the air. But we pretty much worked as a team, and all the serves and hits were there," said McGee.

Hasty hopes that next season will be a promising year, with the strong freshmen group, and the incoming 8th graders.

## Rough end to a strong season

### By Oscar Grajeda

From a great start at summer league to a disappointing loss at regionals; the boys soccer team could not pull it together.

With their overall record of 10-9-2 the team was anything but happy with the end results.

Their 12-1-2 record during summer league gave them high hopes for the start of the season.

Senior Mitch Boyd, who was recently named Athlete of the Week for the West Chicago and Glen Ellyn Press, was disappointed in their overall record.

"The talent and experience we had on the team did not reflect our record. We could have done better than 10 wins," said Boyd.

He also claimed that their biggest problem was finishing

games and executing goal opportunities when they were present.

"For some reason we had a tough time scoring against Wheaton North, who was a very beatable team," said Boyd.

The team lost against Wheaton North with a score of 2-1 in overtime.

Senior and captain Tim Schuda claimed that one of their best games was against Glenbard North during conference play.

High hopes of beating Glenbard North slowly faded when the team was faced with what they considered a terrible loss of 2-0.

"We just needed to communicate more; that seemed to be our biggest issue this year," said senior Joseph Caballero.

Caballero claimed that they

should have practiced harder and focused more.

While some captains blame themselves for losses, Schuda does the opposite.

"I mean, I was disappointed we lost, but as a captain I can only do so much to keep the team going. I did what I was asked to do," said Schuda.

Although none of their team goals were met this year, the team claimed that they were proud of beating East Aurora 4-3.

"That was a great win for us because East Aurora is a stacked team," said Boyd.

With seniors moving on with hopes of playing college, junior Oscar Tapia is already taking steps to get ready for next season.

"I'm just going to keep playing so we can try and stay competitive next season," said Tapia.

## Intense training leads to success

*Girls swimming team continues to train hard in hopes of dominating sectionals and qualifying for state*

### By Mike Dalton

With practice sessions more intense than ever, girls swim team is working through the pain as they near the end of their season.

"We're at the toughest part in our season training-wise," said coach Nick Parry. "We want to work them as hard as we can right now."

Destroying the competition throughout the DVC with a recent win in the Bartlett invite, the team is preparing themselves physically and mentally for the DVC meet on Saturday.

Many of the girls will move on to the sectional meet after

are more prepared than others.

Freshman Kelly Dunn is making history, being one of the youngest state-potentials, as she strives to earn three state cuts at the sectional meet Saturday, Nov. 10.

"I'm really nervous for sectionals," said Dunn. "It's scary that I only have one chance to get my state cuts."

Dunn will be attempting to swim three events in the state meet, the 100-yard backstroke, 100 freestyle, and 50 freestyle.

To reach her goal, Dunn must drop .4 seconds in the 100 backstroke, and .5 sec-

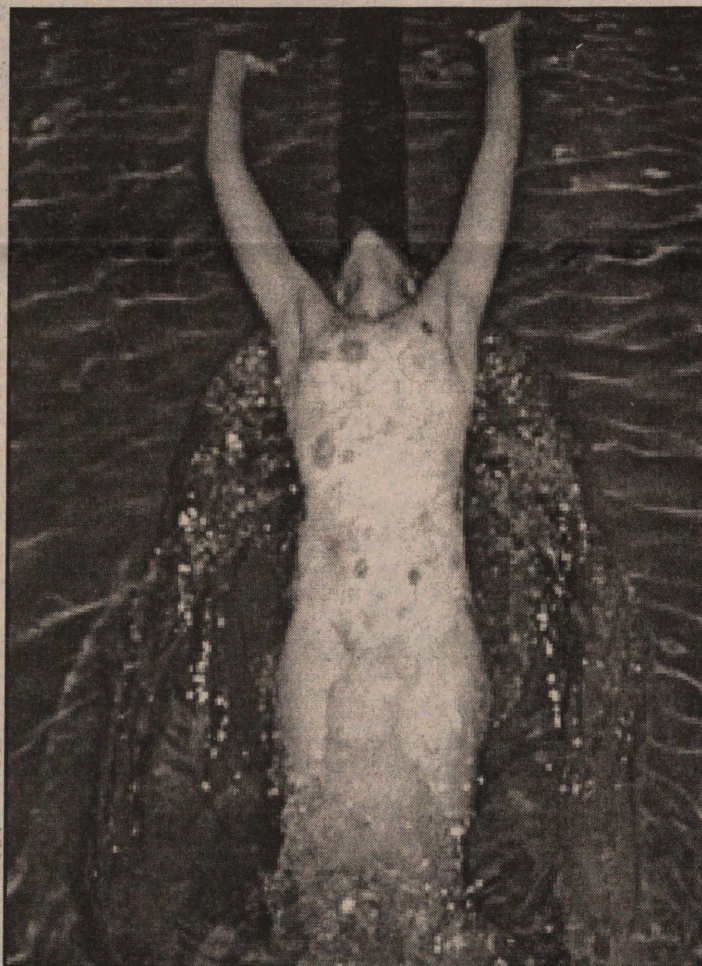


Photo by Mike Dalton

Freshman Kelly Dunn works hard in the pool to be one of the youngest state-potential swimmers.

DVC based on the two fastest girls in each event.

Girls must beat the state qualifying time in their chosen event at the sectional meet in order to advance to the state meet.

"They'll have to swim fast, but treat it like any ordinary meet," said Parry.

The new coach is preparing the girls to advance past the DVC meet, with hard workouts and a good attitude.

"He [Parry] pays more attention to us, so we get a harder work out," said senior Jamie Lesniak.

As the end of the season approaches, some of the girls

onds in the 50 freestyle. She already has reached the state cut for the 100 freestyle, but will need to hold the time for the sectional meet.

"It is so nerve wrecking because I'm scared I'm going to screw up," said Dunn. "Trying to drop time is the worst."

Although nerves threaten to take over, Dunn is confident that with the team's support she will be able to reach her goal.

All the girls on the team are behind Dunn 100 percent, cheering for her during every race and keeping a positive attitude.

# Team fails to tackle competition

By Jacob Wucka

After his first season as head coach, John Walters and the varsity football team know what is needed to be successful next season.

"There's definitely more to coaching than just coaching. It's a lot more than just x's and o's," said Walters.

Even though their record did not imitate Walters' hard work and dedication, the team believes the changes he made to the program will be beneficial in the future.

"The record doesn't reflect on what he did for this team, but he is doing things for the program that really are going to be good later on. Let's just say he is going to turn this program around," said senior and quarterback Chris Wille.

Although Walters is helping boost the program, he still needs the team to work on different areas.

"The guys need to give the type of effort that they had in the games we won. We need to fasten down and be more consistent," said Walters.

Walters was referring to the varsity's 2-7 season and the team's four game losing streak since winning in overtime against Glenbard East.

"One week, our defense was good and our offense was not. Then the next week our offense was good and the defense was not. We were both never on the same page during a game," said Wille.

Wille believes along with consistency, the team has a lot to improve on.

"The team will improve because of what the coaching staff is doing with the workout program and offense and defense," said Wille.

Wille also believes the new off-season program is going to boost the team, and be a

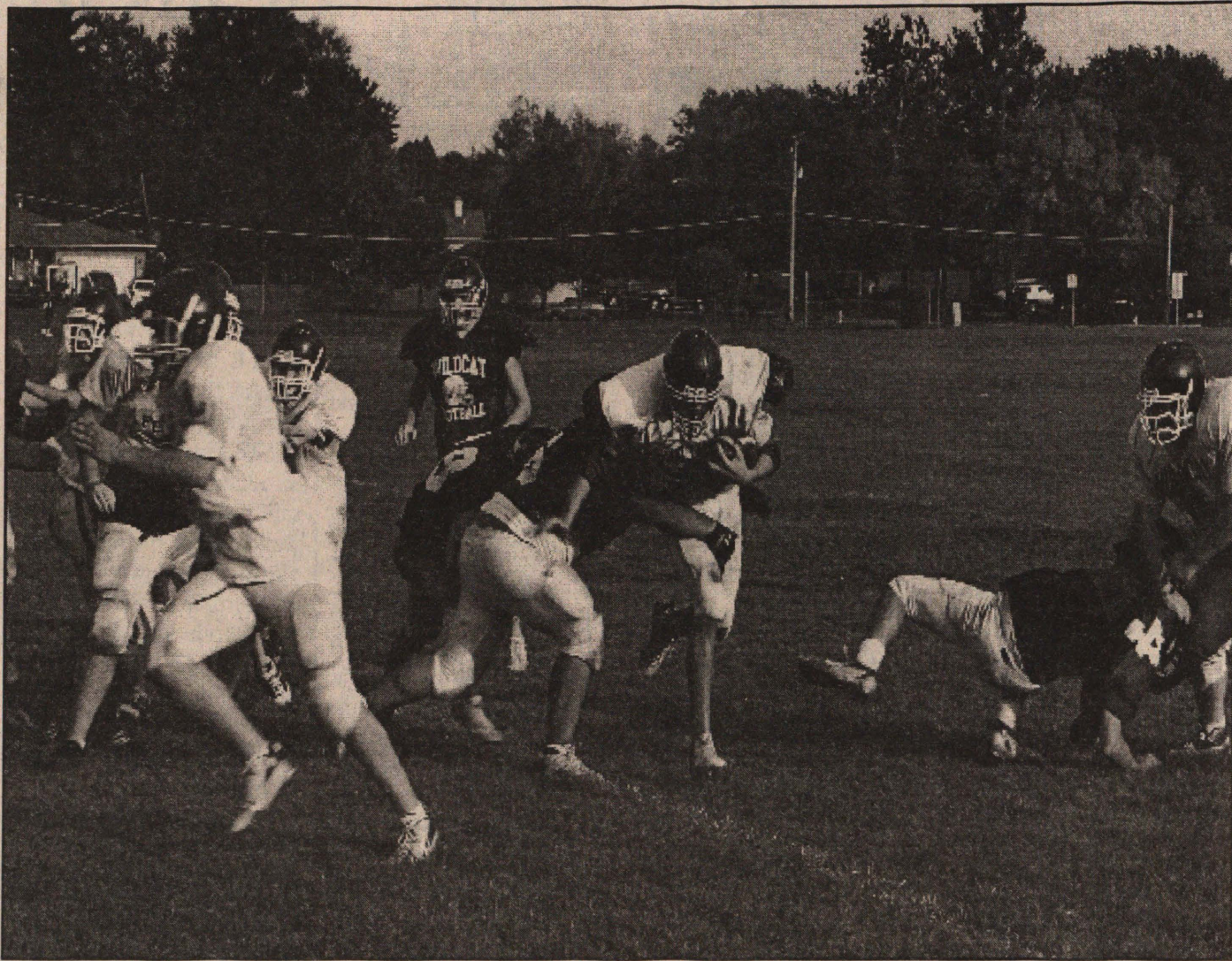


Photo By Jake Bradley

Even with a losing record and the end of the season in sight, the football team continues trying their best to improve as individuals and as a team.

big contribution to success.

"During the off-season, we all had to be doing the same things; we all had to be working out and running together,

season program has worked and will continue to help the team.

"We plan on more weight lifting and speed training, so

"The record doesn't reflect on what he did for this team, but he is doing things for the program that really are going to be good later on."

-Senior Chris Wille

er," said Wille.

Junior and offensive lineman Marco Favela agreed with Walters and Wille, stating that the team has been playing well and the new off-

expect great things next season," said Favela.

Unfortunately, the sophomore team was consistent with an overall record of 0-9. Still, the team is looking

forward to moving up to the varsity level.

Sophomore and quarterback Deven Lopez is looking forward to working with the varsity papers and staff, and improving his skills.

"I think some people just wanted to wear the jersey and don't want to work for it. If you want to be on the team, you have to work hard for it," said Lopez.

"We were 2-7, so we haven't had that much game time success, but we have built a good off-season program," said Walters.

In the off-season, the players are expected to weight and speed train, along with

getting into a winning mentality to improve drastically for 2008-09 season. The team also plans to get involved with the community.

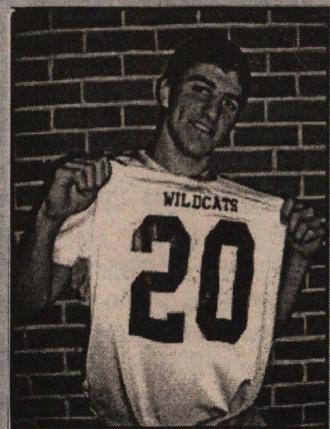
Favela's advice for the incoming varsity players is; "Work hard and play your best; anyone has a shot to play on Friday night," said Favela.

As his last season of high school football comes to an end, Wille wants the team to be successful, and has advice of his own.

"Listen to coach Walters because he knows what he's talking about, and most importantly, have fun," said Wille.

## A reborn tradition or an unjust punishment?

A lost tradition has been brought back and will con-



Trevor Bodie

tinue as long as head football coach John Walters has something to say.

West Chicago 1974 state champions head coach Paul Unroe began a tradition that losing the Friday night football game would keep the jerseys in the closet the following Friday.

The tradition gave a reason for the players to get fired up and let people know they were a part of the community's pride.

Taking something away after losing may hurt an individual's pride and cause them not to want to bounce back from the failure.

I asked Walters if this line of thinking would hurt some-

one's pride. He said "not an athlete."

An athlete should want to be challenged. They should want to bounce back and be better than they were.

An athlete of greater dedication will try harder when a penalty is enforced. An athlete with less dedication or none at all will quit.

The dedication separates the winner from the losers and I for one would like to win.

The jersey to some is a shirt but to others it is their uniform, the jersey holds a number and the number is

your name. I feel significant when someone can identify my number and the good game I had.

Wearing a jersey on Friday puts a good feeling in a player's head. Knowing others notice you are on a team and playing for them makes me think it is not all for me.

I am not only playing for my peers but my coach, my school, even my community. I feel I represent something more; I am something that is part of a bigger picture.

I like to wear my jersey and if dedication is what it takes to wear it then so be it. All

athletes should push to win and have the ambition to wear our jerseys.

Pride can come from the number the jersey holds or the name that we represent. It all consists of the jersey worn by every player on the field fighting as one.

The tradition will not fade under the command of Walters nor will the desire to wear the jerseys.

The boys of '74 had a perfect season allowing them to wear their jerseys every Friday. We should put out the effort needed and the benefits will follow.