



Photo by Keyuri Parmar

Even four days after the storm, flooding is still apparent in some areas. A pond off of Arbor Avenue in West Chicago shows water overflowing.

April showers bring power outage, floods

Extreme weather results in students having two half days

By Liz Ramos
Co-Editor in Chief

With the rainy spring weather came problems for the school causing half days and safety procedures to take place.

In a 24 hour period almost 7 inches of rain fell in DuPage County on April 18, according to Tom Skilling at WGN Weather.

After the major rainfall, the school did not suffer any major damage but did have a few problems.

"Vaguely, there were some ceiling tiles and some different leaks that were by entrance A, a few H and just random acts like that," dean David Pater said. "There wasn't any flooding in the basement that we would have to pump out."

Classes were not affected by

the leaks but the school closed at 12:10 p.m.

"The school was released due to major flooding and road closures in the area and because of the threat of further inclement weather heading our way," Pater said.

On April 10, half of the school's power went out at 8:25 a.m., sending students home at 11:45 a.m.

"Supposedly a lightning bolt struck a generator and it wiped out power to half of our building and then the west end of West Chicago, and the police department in that end," Pater said. "It kind of knocked half of our (building) and half our building is on emergency power."

Power went out in the math and science halls, which was bad because there are no windows, so there is no way for light or ventilation to get into the rooms, according to Assistant Principal Peter Martino.

"We had to transfer classes from the math wing into the small gym and the science wing into the main Bishop gym," Pater said.

In case of emergencies like power outages or leaks in the

school, there are safety procedures in place.

"This is the procedure we would follow for power outage in that half of the building," Martino said. "If it was a different half of the building or a different floor, procedural it would have been different."

In order to make the decision, the school was waiting for ComEd to notify them when the power would be turned back on.

"Initially they told us it was an hour. Then it went to two hours. Then it went back to an hour," Martino said. "Then it went to a window of time, and by the time it went to a window of time it made it so that we didn't have half of the building to work with."

Everyone in school was notified of the early release.

"Teachers are notified like everybody else is notified, through e-blast, and announcements," Martino said. "We notified everybody within 20 minutes of making a final determination. Everybody was essentially notified at the same time, students, teachers, the community."

According to Martino, every emergency has a different set of procedures based on what's best to do for the specific situation.

"There's no way that anybody will know this is exactly

what we're going to do for this because you don't know the circumstances," Martino said.

Although there are set procedures for any given event, procedures can change.

"You could have a set procedure in place and make adjustments based on where the fire is, how many students are affected, evacuate the whole building immediately," Martino said.

Even with the Newtown shooting, Boston bombing, etcetera, the school has not taken drastic action on security due to the possible response from students.

"The more attention you give to it (the more) students will recognize more security around and that makes them nervous," Pater said.

In case of an event like a shooting, the school has safety procedures.

"We do work really close with the West Chicago Police Department," Martino said. "We do something with them yearly or biannual to talk with them just to refresh our crisis plan."

On top of have security guards, the school has two police officers in the school.

"The nice thing about us is that we have two armed police officers here which is not normal in every other high school," Martino said.



Photo by Liz Ramos

With the power out in the math and science halls, students go to Bishop gym to attempt to learn while ComEd fixes the electricity problem.

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Photo courtesy of Maria Wirth

While at the state competition, juniors Erin Powell, left, and Gracie O'Malley receive an award and qualify for nationals.

Taking top spots, moving ahead

Students qualify for nationals after competing at state level

By Darcy Akins
Perspectives Editor

Members of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) are preparing for nationals after they qualified at the state competition April 12.

Seniors Matt Wenz and Justin Hajec and juniors Grant Hosticka, Gracie O'Malley, and Erin Powell have been invited to the FBLA national conference in Anaheim, Calif. on June 27-30.

"I went in to the competition hoping to place first or second, so I would qualify for nationals again and I quali-

fied and I will be competing," Wenz said.

Although they didn't make it to nationals, juniors Natalie Warkins, Nicole Reitz, and Shelly Molskow competed as a team in entrepreneurship and placed fourth.

"After getting into the top five, we were really hoping to go to nationals, so we were definitely disappointed about that," Warkins said.

Although Warkins' group didn't place high enough to go to nationals, many other members and groups placed high enough.

Even though many students didn't place as high as

they might have liked to, the results were better than adviser Maria Wirth had expected.

"(The students) did as well as I thought and even better. You never know, there were 1,400 students all over the state of Illinois competing," adviser Maria Wirth said. "They were up against some tough competition, so to have 25 of them place in the top 10 is just amazing."

In the future, students and advisers of FBLA would like to see more of the students studying before their competitions.

"I think we (could have) prepared more. We definitely weren't as knowledgeable on the subject as we would have liked to be and needed more practice in things like the case study," Warkins said.

Motor causes interruptions

By Gus MacPherson
Reporter
And Sarah Szremski
Reporter

Many after school activities were interrupted on April 2 when the fire alarm was pulled by Sharks swim team coach Mary Beth Zarndt due to smoke accumulating in the boys' swim locker rooms.

According to Zarndt, a parent from the Sharks swim team notified her there was smoke in the boys' pool locker room.

Zarndt discovered a small amount of white smoke coming out of an air vent in the

ceiling.

"Within a few minutes the amount of smoke had increased greatly. I did think there was something wrong, but due to the fact the smoke was white and it had an electrical smell I didn't think it was an open flame," Zarndt said.

Zarndt pulled the fire alarm around 5:30 p.m. and the fire department came.

A pump for the heating motor seized up and started smoking in the boys locker room, according to Director of Business Services Gordon Cole.

"It's probably a 15 year old

motor. For some reason it seized up, started grinding or something, and created a lot of white smoke," Cole said.

By 6:15 p.m. the smoke was gone, according to Cole.

Other than a malfunctioning motor, there was no damage.

All after school activities were interrupted and had to vacate the building.

"We were interrupted during our game (against Glenbard North) and had to go across the street," freshman volleyball player Kyle Paup said.

In an attempt to stay warm, both the school's and

Glenbard North's freshman volleyball teams went onto the Glenbard North bus and made a Harlem Shake video.

"Because we were cold standing outside, the Glenbard North freshman coach offered for us to go on their bus, and one of the kids had a Harlem Shake app on their phone," Paup said.

After everyone was allowed back inside, the game resumed.

Girls soccer was also playing a game during the time of the alarm, however they were not interrupted.

"We just continued because our coach didn't think we should stop. We were already outside," sophomore Anna Clark said.

Additional assistant principal for school

By Akeem Asani
Reporter

A new assistant principal will join the school after the Board of Education approved the position earlier this month.

According to board president Katherine Doremus, the new assistant principal will focus only on curriculum while current Assistant Principal Pete Martino focuses on the deans and the safety of the school.

Tax dollars, and state and federal funds will be used to pay for the position.

The board based the decision of a new assistant principal on the recommendation of the administration.

"(With) the changing requirements for education and the onset of Common Core Standards, it will become more critical to have someone focused solely on curriculum," Doremus said.

The board hopes to announce a new assistant principal by early May who will start working on June 1.

Interviews are currently in progress.

"All qualified candidates will be interviewed and a team of staff and administration will narrow down the best candidate who will then be selected and presented to the board for approval," Doremus said.

Funny Thing on the Way to the musical

By Ericka Hauptman
Reporter

WeGo Drama is looking to offer nonstop laughing with its performance of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" on May 9, 10, 11.

With all the musicals WeGo Drama has done, director Mark Begovich picked a funny but challenging musical for his crew, wanting to push his students to higher levels, according to Begovich.

"This play is funny, hilarious, side splitting funny," Begovich said. "There's a joke every 30 seconds, it's that funny."

Senior Luke Jaconis has the lead role of Pseudolus, who is the slave searching for his freedom. Jaconis is making his first appearance in a

musical.

"It's been pretty cool. I wasn't expecting to get (the lead role) at all, but I got it and it's been really awesome," Jaconis said. "It has been a lot of hard work, but I've been working hard. Everyone's working hard, and I'm excited for everyone to see it."

With nothing but laughter in rehearsal, the cast is excited about the musical.

"With time winding down, the cast is pushing themselves, and were excited to show the audience how hard they've been working on the show," Begovich said. "Rehearsals have been going really well. The cast ends up laughing quite a bit."

According to Begovich, the audience can expect to laugh during the musical.

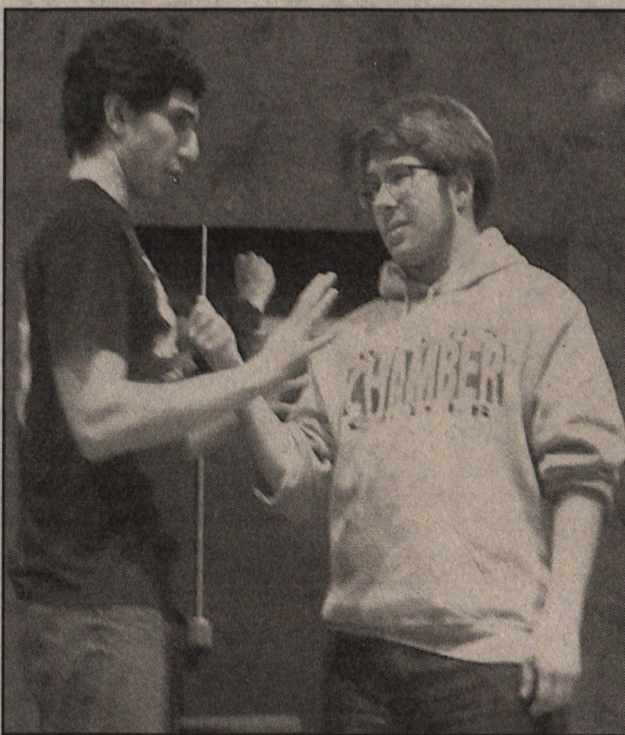


Photo by Sarah Szremski

While rehearsing for the musical "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," senior Aaron Morden, left, asks senior Luke Jaconis what his final word is before he "kills" him.

"I can guarantee you the most jaded person will laugh," Begovich said.

Tickets for students are \$5 and for adult's tickets are

\$8 and can be purchased on www.wegotheatre.com or purchase them during all lunch periods starting Monday.

Experiences for everyone

By **Giuliana LaMantia**
Center Spread Editor

From exploring Chicago to making new friends in a different country, French students showed their exchange students life in the United States.

"They (went) on a lot of field trips to Chicago and the museums and places down there and then they also (went) to class with us a few times," senior Jessie Hansen said. "Outside of school, (they've been) hanging out with their host families and doing various activities."

The French exchange students arrived April 12 from Lycéemounier High School in Grenoble, France and will leave Friday.

Students who went on the France trip last year were excited to catch up with the friends they made.

"I haven't seen (my french exchange student) in a year and we're really close now so it's great to see her again and show her my life now that I've seen hers," Hansen said.

Besides hitting the city, hosts enjoyed showing their

French exchange students every day activities.

"My friend who is also hosting, (senior) Sarah Triner, and I thought it would be fun to take our Frenchies to Medieval Times and let them experience how that is as well as just going to the outlet malls and shopping around," senior Jessica Senko said.

Students also took their French students to the movies, bowling, and out for frozen yogurt.

"I (took my French exchange student, Clara Fontana) ice skating because she took me (in France), and it was my first time," senior Gaby Hernández said. "Also, I (took) her to the Taillight Years and Summer Runner show Saturday."

English teacher from Lycéemounier, Jacques Couvatin, says the experience allows the students to learn more about speaking a foreign language.

"The students' favorite part is living in dreamland," Couvatin joked. "We have a lot of American movies and TV shows, so this is their American experience."

The French exchange students looked forward to everything they learned on the trip.

"(I liked) learning to speak

English better, meeting new people, discovering how the young people in America live, and making new friends," sophomore Arnaud Picq, senior Davis Steinbrecher's French exchange student, said.

Students hope to be friends with the people they meet for life.

"The exchange program has benefited me because it has started friendships that I think will be life-long," Triner said.

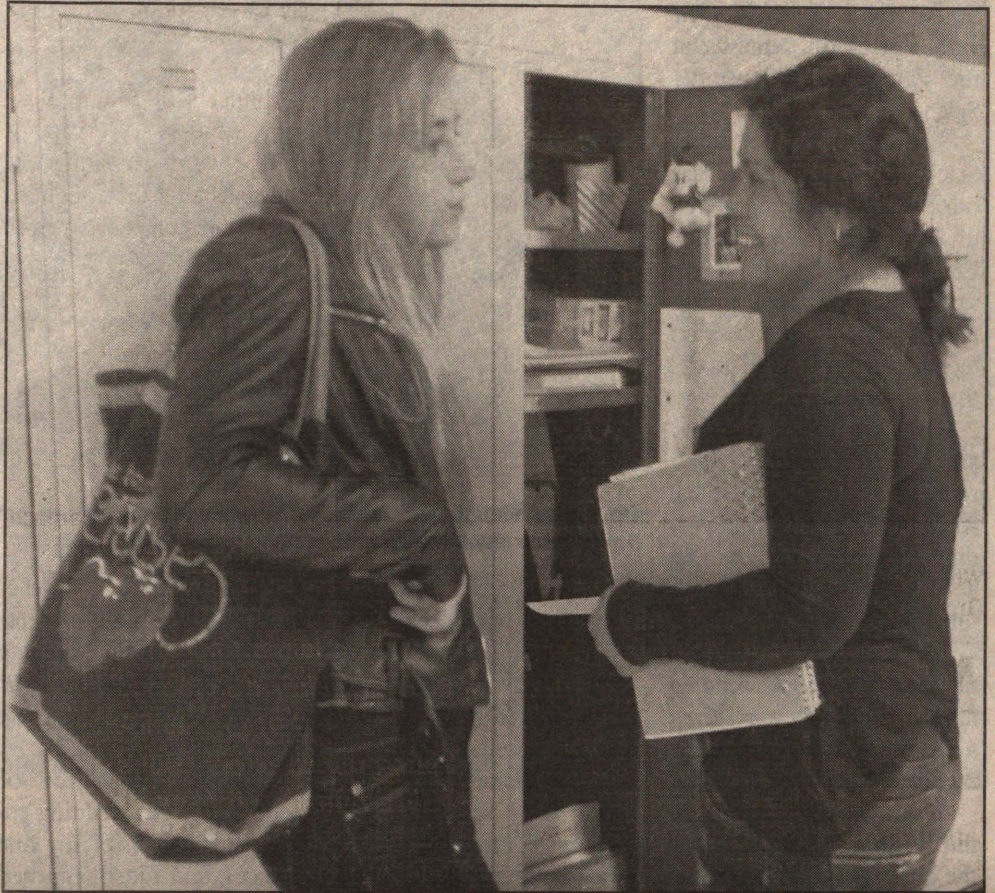


Photo by Giuliana LaMantia

While at school, French exchange student Clara Fontana, talks with her host, Gaby Hernández.

Theater cast, crew brings home honors

By **Guadalupe Blanco**
Lifestyles Editor

After taking fourth place at the IHSA state competition, WeGo Drama cast and crew also got additional honors.

Senior Gaby Hernández and sophomore Zandra Starks received All-State Honors for their performances in "Frankenstein," while senior Dan Stompor and junior Josué Muñoz received double All-State Honors for their performances in both "Frankenstein," and "Pedro & Me" on March 29 and 30.

"The competition was intense. Every year schools come and bring everything they have," Hernández said.

According to drama adviser Mark Begovich, it was a victory in itself that the performances and cast received so much recognition.

"It went very well, (and) they performed incredibly. The group interpretation did not make the finals, but the drama was ranked fourth in the entire state," Begovich said.

According to Begovich, it all came down to votes and judges.

"A judge can vote for out-

standing performance. If you get four votes, you're considered All-State cast honors, and you get a medal," Begovich said. "I was incredibly pleased because getting those votes is incredibly difficult."

Despite putting in so much work into their performances, receiving the honors came as a surprise.

"A lot of us didn't expect to place. We only had four platforms, a table, and a chair, so we never expected it," Starks

said.

According to Hernández, her All-State award was pleasantly unexpected.

"My character was not necessarily the biggest part or lead role in the show. It was just really exciting that we put all our work out there and the judges saw that," Hernández said.

While the cast and crew might not have taken first place, simply seeing the other competitors and competing was rewarding.

"You need to have confidence in your art. We are doing something amazing and we're progressing every single performance," Starks said.



Photo by Sarah Szremski

During "Pedro & Me," sophomore Ben Skipor as Pedro addresses the good and bad of living with AIDS.

Contract settled for support staff

By **Keyuri Parmar**
Co-Editor in Chief

After 13 months of negotiating, the Board of Education and the West Chicago Community High School Support Staff Association hammered out a contract that was unanimously accepted on April 2.

"On March 23 we talked about the contract and asked 'can you make this concession' until we reached an agreement," support staff spokesperson Monica Piszczek said.

Agreeing on salary caps, insurance, and retirement bonuses were not easy to agree on.

"We had a six or seven hour long session and hammered out details we had not agreed on yet," board spokesperson Tony Molinaro said.

A lot of the changes were in favor of what the support staff wanted.

"We agreed to a salary cap, the retirement bonus was increased, and they were generous about insurance changes," Piszczek said.

A salary cap puts a limit on the maximum pay a support staff member can make.

Since the support staff agreed to keep a cap, the cap was made higher by 2.5 percent for this year, 2.75 percent for 2013-2014, and 2 percent during the 2014-2015 school year.

The lowest minimum wage on the contracts is \$11.01, while the maximum is \$37.18. The highest maximum wage for a new hire is \$21.40.

"(Everyone in the association) is satisfied that we have a contract now, but we had to give up our four percent step schedule. We did not want to, but it was needed to reach an agreement," Piszczek said.

Prior to the impasse, the board had discussed firing all of the custodial staff at the school and hiring a company to do their work. The board's purpose of mentioning the idea was to lower salary costs.

"I just feel a weight lifted off my shoulders. I had felt a burden for the custodial staff attempting to be outsourced and not having a contract," Piszczek said.

The contract will be in place from the 2012-2013 school year until the 2014-2015 school year.

Night of festivities, April love for classes

By Alexandra Garibay
Reporter

Family and Consumer Science classes came together on April 4 to showcase their work during the semester at the Family and Consumer Science (FACS) Night.

"Family and Consumer Science Night is to showcase our entire curriculum offered in the FACS Department," FACS teacher Brittney Bauer said. "Child development preschoolers sing, fashion technology students model their sewn projects, foods 1, 2 and 3 have cookies, cakes, and cupcakes on display and raffled and contemporary life students hold the mock wedding since they are learning about relationships and their future."

When students bought a ticket for the mock wedding during lunch they received a wedding invitation for the night.

A skit was performed by the wedding party on how the bride and groom, juniors Olivia Vanderlei and Alex Starkey met.

"Olivia asked me if I want-



Photo by Alexandra Garibay

During the Family and Consumer Science mock wedding, junior groom Alex Starkey and junior bride Olivia Vanderlei cut the wedding cake.

ed to be the groom and since I've known her since forever, I said yes," Starkey said. "My favorite part was when my friends yelled 'I object.' It was pretty funny."

Contemporary life classes prepared by separating into different committees for different parts like wedding coordinator, bridesmaids, and DJs, to plan the wedding.

Since there were different

roles to fill, FACS teacher Patty Clifford had students write down what wedding role they wanted and she chose based on what their top choices were.

"I like talking in front of people so I put wedding coordinator as one of my first choices, and I just happened to get the role of being the wedding planner," junior contemporary life student

Marta Podbielska said.

Although there were several classes involved in the night there were still some challenges to face.

"The hardest part of getting this night ready was probably getting everything set up and making sure people knew what they were doing. We wanted FACS night to run as smoothly as possible and have everyone enjoy

their time," Podbielska said. Both child development and contemporary life classes have been preparing for the event for one month.

Child development classes prepared by voting on the theme.

"I was one of the students who said we should do a Hollywood theme. Then we all thought of different ideas and put them together," senior Priscilla Rivas said.

Preschoolers presented "Glamorous," a singing talent show, for the audience.

Afterwards, the preschoolers received awards from child development students.

Fashion technology classes have been preparing all semester by learning different techniques.

"We've been making our outfits since the beginning of the semester and it was really exciting to show off our hard work," junior fashion student Kim Kraus said.

Students and teachers involved worked hard for this night.

"After all the hard work everyone put towards the wedding it was successful in the end," Podbielska said.



Photo courtesy of Mark Begovich

In addition to attending several workshops, members of Drama Club were able to go sightseeing while in New York.

Trip to Big Apple for theater students

By Guadalupe Blanco
Lifestyles Editor

Finding time between performances, members of Drama Club traveled to New York City, and got a taste of real-life performing in the big city.

With a limited amount of time from March 29 to April 1, there was a lot of work and experiences to get through.

"We never really stopped

moving. We were at the top of the Empire State Building at 1 in the morning, and on average, wouldn't get back to our hotel until around midnight," Morden said. "It was really exciting, granted that my feet hurt at the end."

For many of the students, it was a memorable trip.

"New York was amazing. It was so much fun, seeing the city lights, and seeing Times Square," sophomore

Teaya Brown-Stacker said. "It was funny because even though we were on vacation, (there were) lots of people still doing work. There was lots of singing and people losing their stuff."

During their time in New York, the students were able to explore and expand their acting abilities through all the activities they had planned.

"We did more in 3 and 1/2 days than most people do in a week. We saw five shows, several different sites, did five tours, and did a workshop with the Roundabout Theater," drama club adviser Mark Begovich said. "It was very hands-on, moving, and wearing yourself out. It was exhausting, but it was a blast."

Among the students, new friendships formed.

"I had the chance to meet the 'drama kids.' I'm not really involved, but meeting so many people, I made lots of friends and got closer to them," Brown-Stacker said.

According to Begovich, all the different aspects of the trip brought it all together to make it special.

"The experience of it was so eye-opening," Begovich said. (New York City) is the theater capitol of the world, and it's just an amazing city.

They did a lot of work to get there. They did fundraisers, and those kinds of things. I saw it as a good experience."

Getting lost in the city of Atlantis

By Alexandra Garibay
Reporter

As the year comes to an end, upperclassmen will be getting lost in "Atlantis" for this year's prom.

"Student Council brainstormed ideas and looked online to have an idea of what prom could look like," senior Student Council member Elizabeth Youngwith said.

Prom will have the theme incorporated in many ways.

"The room will have a balloon drop. The prom favors will also add to the theme (blue and white sunglasses)," Youngwith said.

Prom will be at The Diplomat West in Elmhurst.

Students are excited about attending this eventful night.

"I am most excited about the dress, the dinner, and just the overall experience," junior Gina Hernández said.

After prom will be held on the Spirit of Chicago at Navy Pier, with tickets available for \$40.

Students attending prom have 15 minutes before the buses leave to Navy Pier to change into casual clothing.

Buses will leave at 11 p.m. for Navy Pier.

Students are not allowed to drive to Navy Pier. They must go on the buses provided by the school.

"(This) ensures that everyone is there on time and arrives safely," said director of student activities Marc Wolfe.

All buses will return to the school at approximately 3:30 a.m.

Price for tickets have decreased due to the fundraising the Booster Club's after prom committee, All Night Long, has done.

Fundraising included eat out fundraisers where a portion of the nights' restaurant sales went towards the All Night Long Committee.

"The biggest fundraiser was the Bunco night. It included a silent auction, three rounds of Bunco playing, and refreshments for all who attended. It was a fun and successful night," WeGo Boosters member Matthew Hey said.

Boosters and Student Council put in a lot of work to make sure prom is enjoyable for everyone.

"I think prom will be a great experience for everyone attending," Youngwith said.

Life changing trip for musicians

By Liz Ramos
Co-Editor in Chief

Traveling to Germany was not just an opportunity to perform with another music group but a life changing trip for jazz band members.

"The trip was awesome. The students from West Chicago formed great bonds with the students from Germany. Our hosts were amazing. The food was amazing," adviser Steve Govertsen said.

Since the band performed the day after they arrived in Germany on March 22, the students still had jet lag and did not sleep well affecting their performance, according to Govertsen.

"The performances went just fine. I'd be lying if I said they were the best performances we've ever given. Everybody was exhausted during the performance," Govertsen said.

During the trip, the jazz band members became closer.

"We all bonded like Gorilla Glue. We all spent loads of time together and it is an experience that I think it is fair



Photo courtesy of Sam Roskamp

While in Germany, junior Sam Roskamp, right, and his host father bond and enjoy their time over dinner during one of the students' nights out.

to say changed our lives and no one else is a part of that except for ourselves," senior John Draughon said.

While in Germany, the students stayed with host families taking in a new lifestyle and culture.

"It was actually very comfortable. My host (Sandra Jahrmacht) and I had started a relationship already on Facebook and when I got to Germany her smile just made me relax," junior Antonia Loboeki said.

Along with going to Germany, the jazz band went to Austria with their host families where they made a Harlem Shake video.

Junior Sam Roskamp came up with the idea to create their own German-American Harlem Shake video while on the trip.

"I assumed we'd become

great friends if not close friends during our one week visit," Roskamp said. "After the Harlem Shake, it only strengthened the friendship we had between each other and it's a mere 30 seconds of our trip that we can watch and re-watch and remember one of our most memorable days in our lives."

Saying goodbye was not easy for the students and their hosts.

"The last day was rough. Not only did we have to be at the bus terminal at 6:15 in the morning, but you had the feeling of not wanting to leave," Loboeki said. "Sandra and her family had gotten me a charm for my Pandora bracelet which was sentimental to me. When we got to the terminal, my host mom started to cry which made me cry."

Pie for charity

By Ericka Hauptman
Reporter

Pie flying into teachers' faces helped raise about \$150 for the WeGo 2 Africa at the April 5 pep assembly.

"Students were able to buy raffle tickets for a dollar to be able to smooch a whipped cream pie in a teachers face at the pep assembly," social studies teacher Margaret Haas said.

German teacher Nora Wessels, biology teacher Brianne

Ferreiro, and English teacher Brian Turnbaugh were the chosen ones to be pied.

"When I found out I was going to be pied I was surprised," Wessels said. "I asked my students if they really hated me that much."

Donations will be going to kids in Africa to help ones that have very little schooling and education.

"I didn't mind getting pied, but it was nice that all the proceeds went to a good cause," Wessels said.

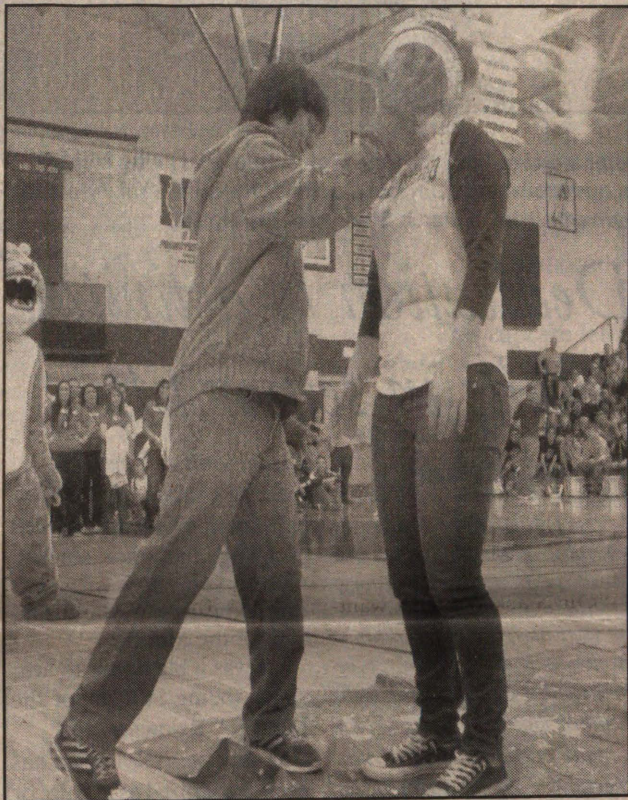


Photo by Liz Ramos

As a result of the fundraiser for WeGo 2 Africa, junior Marc Cuiriz pies German teacher Nora Wessels.

New perspective on Spanish culture

By Keyuri Parmar
Co-Editor in Chief

Spain exchange students returned with a new perspective of the Spanish culture and language.

Some students did not realize how much they would benefit from the trip.

"I didn't expect it to be so beautiful and beneficial. My Spanish has improved so much. I never expected to have such a great time," senior Quinn Ellis said.

Although the trip was beneficial, it was not always easy to adjust to the language and culture. "It was extremely hard at first to communicate with my family and others but after a few days it got a lot easier. I am able to form complete sentences a lot faster," Ellis said.

Even though some students did not bond with their host student as much, they still made connections while on the trip.

"My brother, Alvaro, barely talked to me and was very shy. I liked him though, he was sweet," Ellis said. "I absolutely loved my (host) mom and dad so much, they treated me as their own."

Going to a soccer game al-

lowed the students to experience what the Spaniards do for entertainment.

"One night there was a soccer game and Alvaro (my brother) and I went to a bar with other (hosts) and their kids. We got to see how

they watch games, which is loud and crazy, and eat good tapas," Ellis said. "It was just a nice quaint time."

Being in a different country and having new experiences was a highlight of the trip.

"The trip has been life

changing. It (was) so much fun," junior Vinny Romano said. "My favorite part (was) walking around town meeting new people and seeing their country."

Students enjoyed the scenery in Spain.

"I loved Toledo, the view was beautiful and I never wanted to leave," senior Lindsay Curriegan said.

Some of the minor changes had the most impact on the students.

At first being in a foreign country with an unfamiliar family was difficult for some students.

"It was hard to get used to living with a stranger especially when there's a slight language barrier with the family but it (got) easier and I (had) fun," Curriegan said.

Yet, for other students it was an easy transition to the new lifestyle and host family.

"My host and I have been talking for a while, so we've gotten along great. We're really close friends now, we're brothers," Romano said. "His family is amazing, they're sweet and kind."

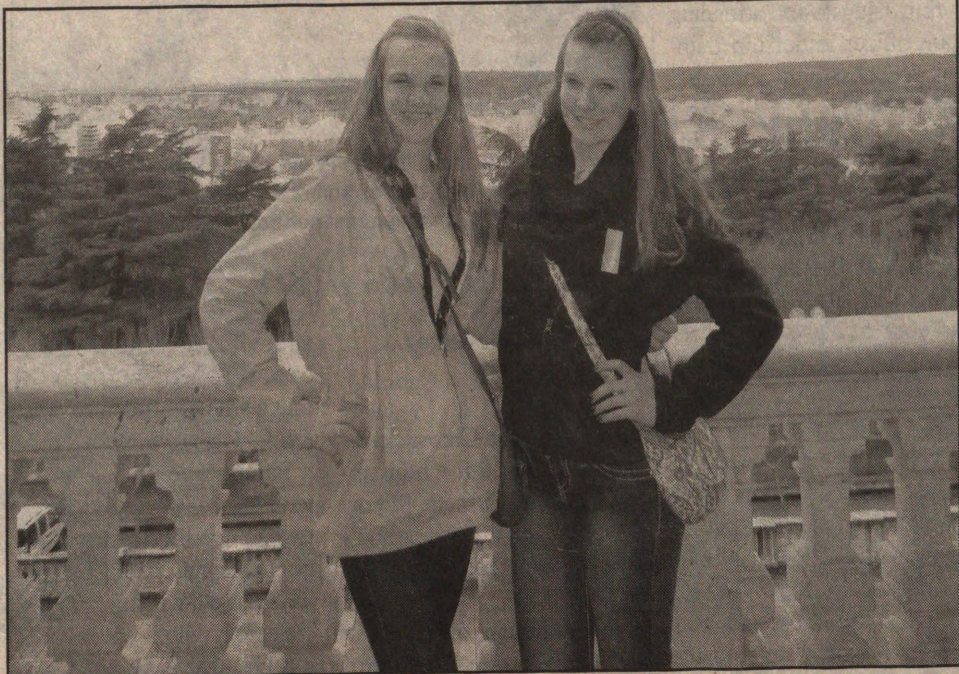


Photo courtesy of Katie Yackey

As they visit Spain for the Spanish exchange trip, junior Catherine Serio, left, and senior Lindsay Curriegan visit El Palacio Royal.



Photo by Yesenia Gonzalez

After working hard through high school and being involved in numerous extracurricular activities, senior Sam Ryłowicz earns the title of March Student of the Month.

Dedication to activities results in senior title

By Yesenia Gonzalez
Reporter

Student of the Month is based on a solid academic history, commitment in extracurricular activities, and community involvement. Students must be nominated by at least one staff member, and the final selection is made by the student activities director and committee made up

of additional staff members.

Being captain of the football and tennis teams as well as being an honor student, senior Sam Ryłowicz has earned his title as March Student of the Month.

"It was a big honor to hear about (being Student of the Month)," Ryłowicz said.

In the past, Ryłowicz has been recognized as a Voice of

Democracy district qualifier, DVC Academic All-Conference in football and tennis, a National Merit Commended student, a Wildcat Scholar Athlete and an Illinois State Scholar.

"I have felt very honored to receive each of those awards, but awards are not my primary motivation," Ryłowicz said.

Other than his past recognitions and activities, Ryłowicz is currently involved in a club and National Honor Society (NHS).

"(I'm in) Philosophy Club (and I've done) some volunteer work through National Honor Society," Ryłowicz said.

Having reached many achievements, Ryłowicz feels his brother is his inspiration.

"(My inspiration is) probably my brother," Ryłowicz said. "I've always looked up to him, I wanted to follow in his footsteps."

Ryłowicz will attend Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Penn. to major in physics.

After being in football for four years, Ryłowicz will continue his football career in college.

"I have been playing football since I was 6 years old, and I have always really enjoyed it. I knew as I was starting to look at colleges that I wanted to be able to continue that experience in college," Ryłowicz said.



Photo by Yesenia Gonzalez

While at the blood drive, senior Brenda Espinoza gives blood.

'A positive' experience

By Yesenia Gonzalez
Reporter

Donating blood may seem painful but in the end it's rewarding.

InterAct Club collected 131 pints of blood at the blood drive on Friday.

The blood drive was held to raise awareness of the need for blood in blood banks around Chicago.

"Blood banks in the Chicagoland area often experience shortages resulting in life or death situations," InterAct Club sponsor Gavin Engel, said. "Every donation can save up to three lives."

In October, InterAct Club collected 153 pints but fell short of meeting this goal in

spring.

"We came up a little short of our goal. Historically, the spring blood drive has had less donations than the fall," Engel said.

Blood donors each have their own reasons for donating.

For some participants, donating meant saving lives.

"I want to get the feeling that I did something good for the community," sophomore Ulises Flores said.

Other donors can relate to people who need blood.

"(I donated) because when I was younger there was a point where I needed blood," sophomore Patty Wilcox said. "I want to return the favor that was given to me."

Hard work, 'Skills' take students to nationals

By Darcy Akins
Perspectives Editor

At the state competition on April 10-12 members of Skills USA showed their talent, and two students brought home new titles and awards.

"Mariela Montenegro placed second in commercial sewing," adviser Brittney Bauer said.

Montenegro, a senior, has competed for four years.

"I was in shock. I saw (Bauer) in front screaming and she had a big smile on her face," Montenegro said. "I was confident that I wasn't going to win because I saw all the pretty fabrics all the other girls had, and mine was just a black and grey hoodie."

Along with Montenegro, senior Keyuri Parmar competed and earned a spot as a post-secondary state officer.

"I was excited (to get the spot) because I have been a secondary state officer for two years and now it will be a

different experience," Parmar said. "I'm looking forward to being on the new team (of officers)."

The next competition is the national conference in Kansas City, Mo. on June.

"I will be attending as a voting delegate and attending state officer leadership training and observing contests," Parmar said.

For some members, this year was their first time going to the state competition.

"It was a really good experience and I'm happy I was able to be part of it for my last year (of high school)," senior Giuliana LaMantia said. "I regret not joining sooner though."

Although many students did well, members and Bauer would like to see more people joining Skills USA and competing.

"The hope for the club next year is to get more students involved. All of this year's members were seniors," Bauer said.

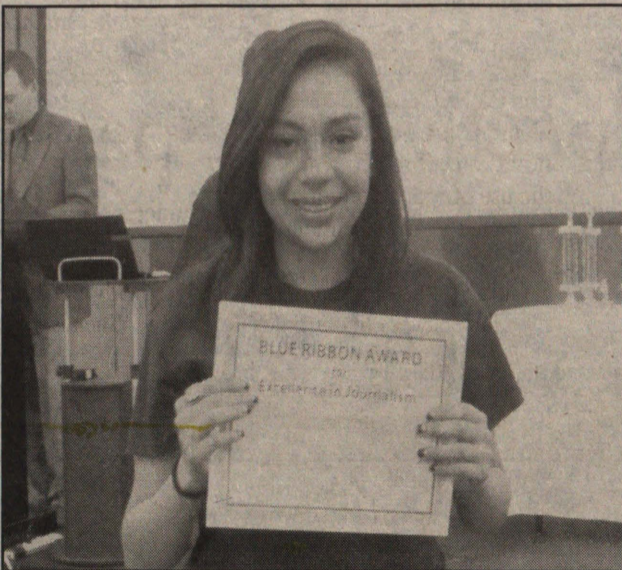


Photo by Liz Ramos

While at the Northern Illinois Press Association's spring conference on April 12, sophomore Guadalupe Blanco receives a blue ribbon award for her editorial writing.

Paper writes way to success

By Yesenia Gonzalez
Reporter

The Wildcat Chronicle reporters received five blue ribbons at the Northern Illinois School Press Association's spring conference on April 12.

Even though they have a small staff, senior co-editor in chief Keyuri Parmar was amazed with their awards.

"I was really impressed

with all the awards we came back with because it showed that a small staff can be powerful," Parmar said.

Parmar was unable to attend the conference, but won two honorable mentions for photography and for individual in-depth writing.

Senior center spread editor Giuliana LaMantia also could not attend the conference but was happy to hear she won two blue ribbons,

one for feature writing and another for review writing.

"I'm really proud of our staff for all of our hard work and I'm happy it's being recognized," LaMantia said.

While attending the conference, winning wasn't the focus of sophomore lifestyles editor Guadalupe Blanco who won a blue ribbon for editorial writing.

"I was more focused on learning as much as possible," Blanco said. "I knew that we had entered pieces and there was a chance that I might win, but that was in the far back of my mind."

For sophomore perspectives editor Darcy Akins it was also a surprise she won an honorable mention for column writing.

"I didn't expect to win so it was a shock, but very exciting," Akins said.

Akins also won a blue ribbon with senior co-editor in chief Liz Ramos.

"Getting an award my senior year is an honor and I'm leaving high school on a high note," Ramos said.

The Chronicle hoped to win a Golden Eagle, the highest honor, but is happy with their silver award.

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Our View

School should step up security

Lately, with all the violence that has been going on, it can really make a student wonder if school is safe and the answer to that question is "no."

With the recent bombing at the Boston Marathon, many people have been on edge wondering when the next big attack will happen, and how they can make security better.

What people aren't seeing is that violence is happening every day in, close to, or around schools and students in general are not safe.

According to the Chicago Tribune, on April 18, a 15-year-old boy was seen walking behind Hilda Walker Intermediate School in Tinley Park, with a BB gun.

Police quickly responded and took the boy into custody, as the school was in lockdown.

Whether or not the gun was a 'real' gun, there is potential danger in any weapon. Even though it didn't have

real bullets, it just goes to show how easy it would be for someone to walk up behind a school and start shooting.

With the ability of anything being able to be turned into a weapon and used to harm someone else, the question that lingers is whether or not the violence can be stopped.

If someone is determined to commit a violent act, they are going to go through with it whether or not a security guard gets in their way.

However, security guards could help the situation and take out the attacker faster.

That being said, security guards don't follow students to class, so by the time they even hear about a threat, the act may already be carried out and people could be injured.

With the current security measures in our school, it is highly unlikely that you will find a student who feels

completely safe while at school.

Who could forget the Newtown school shooting in Connecticut?

A big part of the reason why this terrible event happened was because of the lack of good security.

Even though the shooter broke through a window to get in, security guards could have helped to diminish or lessened the severity of the attack.

When really thinking about it, any one student or visitor could just walk into school on any day and decide to set off a bomb or shoot someone, or who knows what other kind of violent act.

Besides the fact that IDs are required by every student and staff member and visitors must have a pass, security guards do not check backpacks, bags, and coats that people bring into the school.

Even if security measures begin to increase and there is stricter security,

the person who would commit the crime might still do it.

Security didn't stop the offender in Newtown, or the shooters in the infamous Columbine attack.

More programs should be put in place to teach youth that violence is not the answer.

Health classes should also cover a unit on violence and how it can be prevented.

Drills could also be implemented and be put to use more.

The more staff and students that know what to do in an emergency situation, the fewer lives will be lost.

There should also be a day of school when teachers from every class run a seminar to talk about how to stop violence.

Try as security guards might, security measures are not going to prevent violent people from committing the acts of crime.

Tanning taken too far

If you think tanning makes you one of the "cool kids," maybe you should consider what the consequences are, which is what Illinois government is doing.

Although the teenage years are the "golden years," tanning may cause teens to worry about more than just acne, but melanoma, which is a form of skin cancer.

According to the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), research has shown "tanning bed use raises the risk of melanoma of the skin by 75 percent when use starts before the age of 30."

Melanoma accounts for less than 5 percent of skin cancer cases but causes a large majority of skin cancer deaths, according to IARC.

Due to the health concerns arising from young people tanning too much, Illinois is considering passing legislation banning anyone under the age of 17 from being able to tan in tanning salons.

Currently, the ban is at the age of 14 but anyone between 14 and 17

must have parental permission in order to tan.

In Chicago, if tanning salons do not follow this possible new law and allow minors to use tanning beds, the salons can be fined at least \$250, according to the Tribune.

Raising the age to 17 is a great idea because tanning too much can cause health issues that the person tanning may not consider.

Even the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Commission on Non-ionizing Radiation Protection "recommend that the use of indoor tanning should be restricted in anyone under the age of 18."

Going to the tanning salon one time for an event like prom is not bad; it's the people who go tanning constantly and have orange skin believing they look good that are doing harm to their bodies.

It's puzzling why people are tanning at the age of 14.

Fourteen year olds should be more concerned with school and getting

ready for high school, not whether they look tan enough.

Starting at such an early age can cause health concerns earlier in life.

Some people may not realize what they have done to themselves until it's too late, just like paralegal Donna Moncivaiz, of Beach Park, told the Chicago Tribune.

Moncivaiz was a constant tanner

"Society makes it seem like being tan is one of the only ways to be beautiful; well, it's not."

and two years ago was diagnosed with melanoma.

She also brought her daughter along with her to the tanning salon putting her in danger as well.

"I let (my daughter) go (tanning) before every dance, before parties on the weekends, whenever she wanted to go," Moncivaiz said to the Tribune. "If I had known what I know now, it never would have happened."

This is where the problem comes from. Parents are teaching their children their habits without knowing the consequences of their actions.

As a result of this mother's permission to let her daughter tan, her daughter faces the early stage of melanoma.

WHO has elevated tanning beds to its highest cancer risk category, "carcinogenic to humans" when tanning beds were previously classified as "probably carcinogenic to humans."

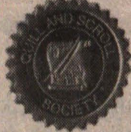
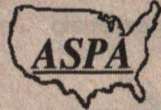
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According to the Tribune, "in Illinois, opponents argue that state government is going too far in restricting a popular activity among teens and perhaps pushing them into riskier tanning practices."

We disagree. The state government isn't going too far in restricting teens; they are looking out for their health. Tanning won't seem as important when you are battling skin cancer.

It's good that Illinois is looking out for the health of teenagers because it doesn't seem that some parents are.

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Take a bite into insight of some

This delicious journey to seven countries around the world will leave your mouth watering

Canada

By Sarah Dalla Costa
Reporter

Canada, though it may resemble the states in some ways, offers food distinct to its culture.

The signature poutine originates from Quebec. Poutine consists of fries and cheese curds doused in gravy.

Meat-filled pie defines tourtière. In addition to tourtière are meat sandwiches, or smoked meat, which is only one aspect of Montreal's fame.

Beavertails are not made of beavers and actually contain no meat. Beavertails are buttered, baked dough, usually covered in various toppings like cinnamon sugar or chocolate, shaped like the tail of Canada's national symbol, the beaver.



The beavertail (not actually made of beaver) is a popular dessert in Canada

France

By Liz Ramos
Co-Editor in Chief

France is known not only for the Eiffel Tower, but the food as well.

"(I think of) croissants, baguettes, escargots, and crepes," French exchange student Apolline Descroix said.

Baguettes are long, thin loaves of bread that are eaten at every meal.

"A meal without baguette is not a meal," Descroix said. "It's crucial, it's like a meal without water."



Brioche Dorée
Courtesy of Jessie Hansen

Argentina

By Guadalupe Blanco
Lifestyles Editor

Despite the idea that in South America the food is exotic, traditional Argentinean food isn't so unusual.

According to adult education teacher Kristin Moran, who was raised in Argentina until she was 18, Argentinean staple foods are heavy in meat and starch, but not in rice and beans.

While the food is varied, Argentina does have its own signature dishes.

Some of these include the asado, an Argentinean barbeque and chorizo, milanesa, a breaded fried steak, and ñoquis, a potato pasta.

Perhaps the best known part of the cuisine is mate, an infusion of yerba plant leaves and twigs, with near-boiling water added.

The drink is placed in a cup that's usually made from a gourd, and is sipped through a straw called a bombilla.



Mate

Morocco

By Keyuri Parmar
Co-Editor in Chief

Moroccan food is a savory combination of various meats, vegetables, and sauces.

The most popular items in Moroccan food consist of chicken, lamb, and fish. Some of the most well-known spices are saffron, turmeric, and cumin.

"Couscous is a very popular dish which is made in tagines which were created by our natives. It is commonly served with vegetables like potatoes and green peas," Khalid Kamal, Shokran restaurant owner said. Shokran is at 4027 W Irving Park Rd., Chicago.

These students enjoy food from another country on a daily basis

Not just mythology

By Yesenia Gonzalez
Reporter

When thinking of Greece, people may think of Greek mythology or Athens but not Greek food. Senior Andrea Skipor experiences the Greek culture through ordinary and exotic Greek delicacies. "We eat a lot of lamb, chicken, feta, lentils, and potatoes," Skipor said. "Weird things (that we eat are) octopus, lamb intestines, and gut sausage."



Spit-roasted lamb

Courtesy of Laura Kuehn

Although there are many dishes to choose from, Skipor does have her favorites.

"(My favorite is) grilled octopus, saganaki, or lamb with the lamb intestines," Skipor said. "It's all good and hard to pick a favorite."

Along with enjoying eating the food, Skipor also enjoys helping to prepare it.

"I (have helped) my uncle with the lamb spit ever since I was little. We put it in our yard for Greek Easter," Skipor said. "I haven't actually cooked anything because they are all homemade recipes that are too complicated for me."

The essential

By Giuliana LaMantia
Center Spread Editor

Coming from Korean descent, Korean cuisine is an important part of my life. Although they do not eat a Korean meal every day, Roskamp eats with every meal.

"Rice and kimchi is the basic combo and has been the basic of my diet since I was a child. Rice and kimchi is the basic of my diet since I was a child."



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Courtesy of Anna Roskamp

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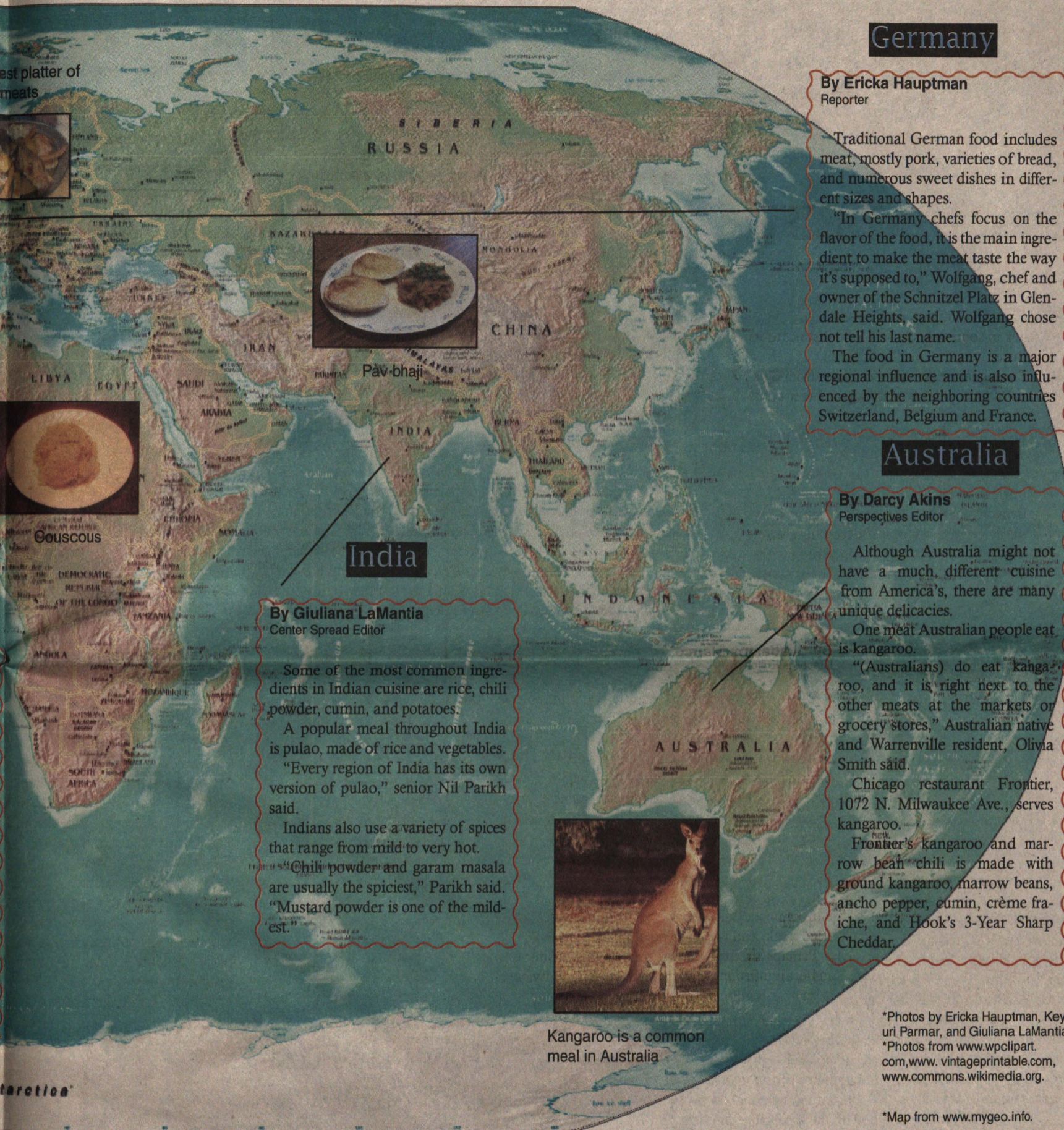
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World in 7 Dishes

Some tasty and cultural cuisines



Germany

By Ericka Hauptman
Reporter

Traditional German food includes meat, mostly pork, varieties of bread, and numerous sweet dishes in different sizes and shapes.

"In Germany chefs focus on the flavor of the food, it is the main ingredient to make the meat taste the way it's supposed to," Wolfgang, chef and owner of the Schnitzel Platz in Glendale Heights, said. Wolfgang chose not to tell his last name.

The food in Germany is a major regional influence and is also influenced by the neighboring countries Switzerland, Belgium and France.

Australia

By Darcy Akins
Perspectives Editor

Although Australia might not have a much different cuisine from America's, there are many unique delicacies.

One meat Australian people eat is kangaroo.

"(Australians) do eat kangaroo, and it is right next to the other meats at the markets or grocery stores," Australian native and Warrenville resident, Olivia Smith said.

Chicago restaurant Frontier, 1072 N. Milwaukee Ave., serves kangaroo.

Frontier's kangaroo and marrow bean chili is made with ground kangaroo, marrow beans, ancho pepper, cumin, crème fraiche, and Hook's 3-Year Sharp Cheddar.

India

By Giuliana LaMantia
Center Spread Editor

Some of the most common ingredients in Indian cuisine are rice, chili powder, cumin, and potatoes.

A popular meal throughout India is pulao, made of rice and vegetables.

"Every region of India has its own version of pulao," senior Nil Parikh said.

Indians also use a variety of spices that range from mild to very hot.

"Chili powder and garam masala are usually the spiciest," Parikh said. "Mustard powder is one of the mildest."



Kangaroo is a common meal in Australia

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Necessary way of life

important part of junior Sam Roskamp's life. Roskamp's family eats rice and kimchi, a spicy cabbage,

the basic combo of my eating life. Every dish will have kimchi," Roskamp said.

up describes kimchi as "the Starbucks coffee or mac n' Korea."

favorite meal is this spicy soup called 'soon-doo-boo ch' which consists of) pork, beef, seafood, tofu, some fish oil, and flavoring to make it spicy," Roskamp said.

ing to Roskamp, Korean food is extremely healthy.

Asians in that region live past 100 years because of their Roskamp said. "Korean food involves creativity, the necessity, and kimchi. You (have to) have kimchi."

By Akeem Asani
Reporter

Some students may not know what food from the Philippines tastes like, but senior Carla Dannug considers Filipino cuisine a necessity.



Adobo

Courtesy of Carla Dannug

"I can't go a day without meat or rice or I seriously feel off," Dannug laughed.

Typical Filipino ingredients include fish sauce, soy sauce, white rice, sugar, and sweet and sour sauce.

Out of all Filipino dishes, her favorite is known as kare-kare. It consists of meat, bok choy (a form of cabbage), green beans, eggplant, and an orange sauce.

Some people consider Filipino dishes strange, but to Dannug, it's a way of life.

"I've eaten fried bugs called al arro, and my parents eat ballot, which is a dead baby chicken," Dannug said. "I've gotten used to the strangeness."

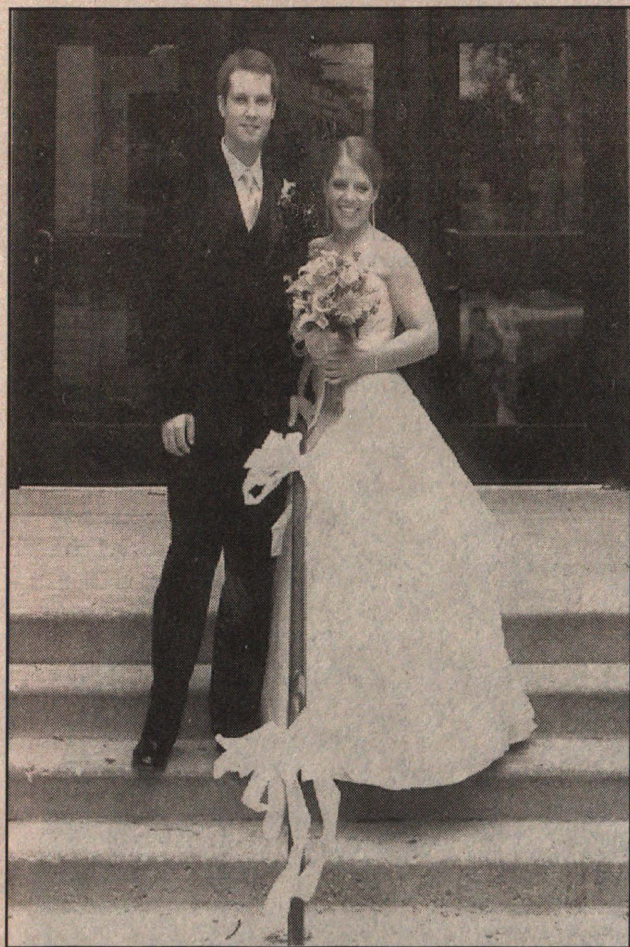


Photo courtesy of Steve Govertsen

After meeting through work, music teacher Steve Govertsen, and Spanish teacher Elizabeth Govertsen married in the school auditorium.

High school romance comes to life for teachers

By Liz Ramos
Co-Editor in Chief

Many couples decide to get married in a church and work in different places but that's not the case for the Govertsens.

Music teacher Steve Govertsen and Spanish teacher Elizabeth Govertsen started their relationship in 2005.

"I started working here in 2003, and he came in 2004," Elizabeth said. "He was pretty antisocial his first year of teaching and rarely left the confines of the band room. What am I saying? He's still pretty antisocial and rarely leaves the band cave."

The first time Steve saw Elizabeth was in a picture hanging in the administrative office.

"In the main office by the principal's office there's always a picture of new teach-

ers. When I came here for my interview the year before I got here that picture that was hanging on the wall was her picture," Steve said.

However, one email changed the lives of these two teachers.

"Mr. and Mrs. Fantozzi encouraged me to ask him out. Even though they warned me that he was kind of dorky," Elizabeth said. "I was too embarrassed to ask him in person, so I sent an email."

Two years later, the Govertsens married in the school's auditorium.

"Our students were integral to making us get together, so we wanted to make sure they could be invited to the wedding. The auditorium being as old as it is and the front of the school looking the way it does by entrance F worked out really well. It was also free."

Being married in the auditorium is special for the couple.

"I love it. WeGo is very special to both of us. Having our students there made the day even more memorable," Elizabeth said.

Working together is one of Elizabeth's favorite aspects of their relationship.

"(We have) students in common. We love to psycho-analyze them. We talk about school a lot," Elizabeth said.

This year, about a third of Elizabeth's period 5/6 class goes directly to Steve's period 7/8 class.

"It's fun because we get to share the same students so we're able to double-team those students and give them a hard time about something," Steve said.

Getting married in the auditorium wasn't such a bad idea after all.

'42' knocks it out of the park

By Liz Ramos
Co-Editor in Chief

More than just sports fans will enjoy the movie "42."

Since "42" opened in theaters on April 12, the movie came just in time to honor Jackie Robinson, the first African American to play in baseball's major leagues.

On April 15, all baseball players wore the number 42, Robinson's jersey number, hence the name of the movie.

"42" showed the audience a man who just wanted to play baseball, but ended up making history as the first African American player on a white baseball team.

In the movie, a spot opens up in the major leagues in which owner of the Brooklyn Dodgers, Branch Rickey (Harrison Ford), decides to take Robinson from the African American baseball league to the Montreal Royals and then the Dodgers.

Robinson decides to try out for the Royals and undergoes the frustration of being the only player who isn't white.

Throughout the movie, viewers can see the hardships Robinson went through as he

was surrounded by insults, threats, and people either against him or rooting for him.

Even people who aren't baseball fans or sports fans in general will enjoy this powerful movie because of its insight on segregation and the emotional rollercoaster the audience will go on.

Chadwick Boseman's role as Robinson was well executed, as he captured the emotional intensity and pain that Robinson went through to fit in with the baseball teams.

After every insult or threat made against Robinson, Boseman's restraint to fight back showed all the torture Robinson felt inside.

Ford did a phenomenal job capturing Rickey's passion for baseball, love for making money, and attempt at making major leagues not just for whites, especially in lines like, "Dollars aren't black and white. They're green."

Comedic scenes and witty comments keep the audience laughing and lightened the mood of the movie.

"42" did justice to a heroic man that changed not only the game of baseball but his-

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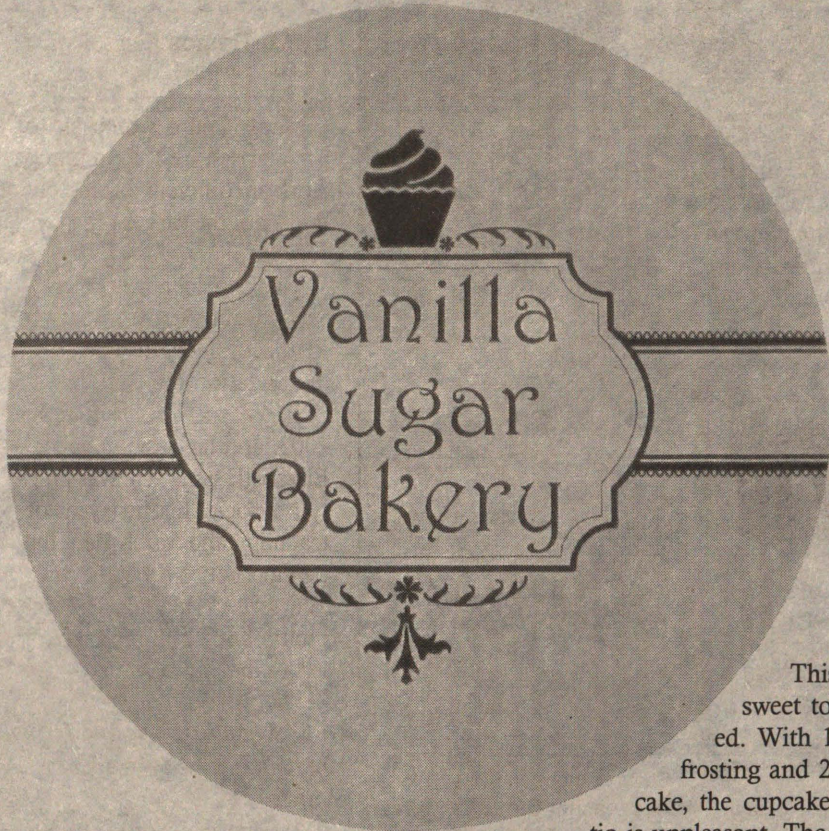
Vanilla Sugar Bakery:

Chic and modern, this new bakery, located in the heart of Winfield, offers a variety of sweet treats. 0S050 Winfield Rd., Winfield. 630-480-0316. Open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.



Chocolate Cupcake
\$2.75

Unlike the vanilla cupcake, the chocolate cupcake was perfect. Frosting perfectly complemented the moist and light cupcake with a much better cupcake to frosting ratio. While eating the frosting, the only downside is that the taste of sprinkles disappears. Although the cupcake seemed overpriced, it was worth every penny.



Vanilla Cupcake
\$2.75

This cupcake left a sweet tooth disappointed. With 1 1/2 inches of frosting and 2 inches of cupcake, the cupcake to frosting ratio is unpleasant. The upside was the fluffy whipped cream frosting. Overall this vanilla cupcake was not worth the \$2.75 spent. It looked good, but looks can be deceiving.

Cookie Sandwich
\$2.50

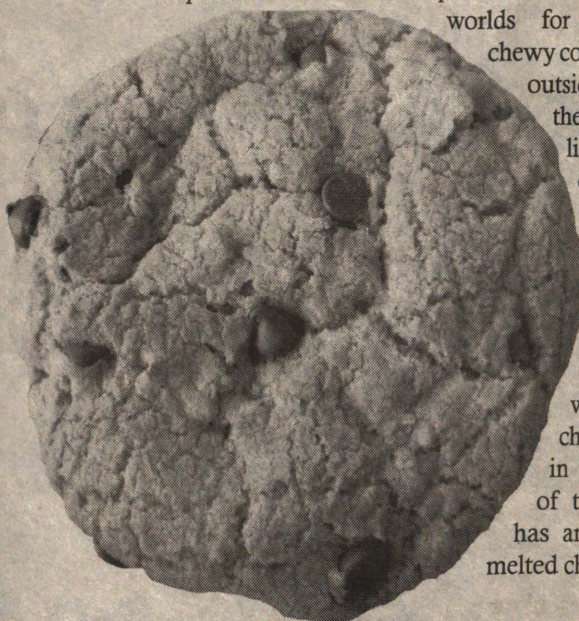


Unfortunately, this treat did not live up to expectations. While the cookies on both ends of the frosting were decent, the frosting itself was just too much. The blue frosting and colorful sprinkles add some fun and charm to the treat. However, there is too much frosting to actually enjoy the treat. Only real frosting lovers would enjoy this treat.

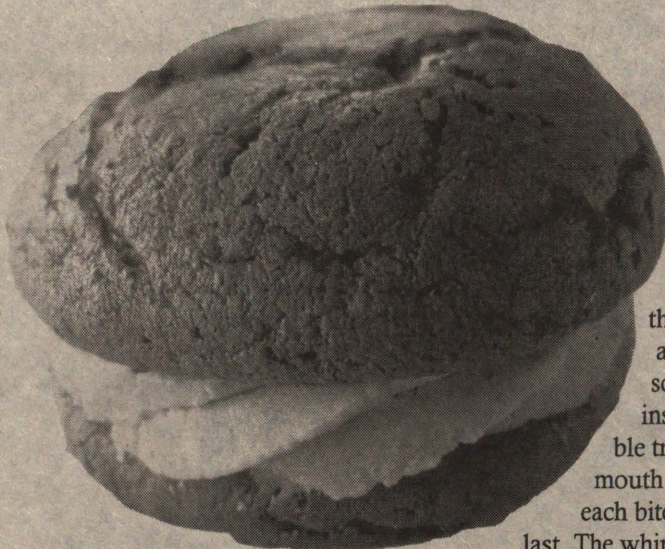


Chocolate Chip Cookie
\$2

This particular chocolate chip cookie is the best of both worlds for crunchy and chewy cookie lovers. The outside portion of the cookie is a delicious crunchy consistency and when one gets to the inner portion the chocolate melts in one's mouth. Along with having chocolate chips in it, the bottom of the cookie also has another layer of melted chocolate inside.



Whoopie Pie
\$3



This perfect chocolate and whipped cream combination will have peoples' mouths watering before they know it. With a firm shell and a soft texture on the inside, this delectable treat melts in one's mouth perfectly making each bite better than the last. The whipped cream frosting makes this pie all the better. It's light and fluffy with a sweet and sugary taste that goes perfectly with the sweet and rich chocolate mix.

Looks: a reflection of musical taste

By **Giuliana LaMantia**
Center Spread Editor

With a variety of music, students see their favorite types of music as something others can judge them by, but also a reflection of who they are.

"I think that people judge each other based on the kind of music they like because the certain genres come with stereotypes, as anything does," senior Heather Mullins said. "Just like the new fashion fads, like 'you're wearing a colorful scarf, that means you're preppy,' and I think like any stereotype, people judge."

Students feel each genre

comes with certain characteristics which have been engrained into society.

"If you listen to metal music you're judged as a metal head, or sad music you're judged like you're depressed, so I can see how people get

on how they dress and how they carry themselves," sophomore Dennis Wright said.

Different genres of music come with a stereotypical way to dress, causing people to make assumptions of what others listen to based on their

However, senior Valerie Schroeder feels music preference does not correlate with looks.

"I don't listen to music based on stereotypes, I just listen to the music that I like," Schroeder said. "But some people listen to music because it's popular and because it's on the radio, and some people listen to music because of what their parents think."

Despite the negative connotation that may come with being judged based on music, students feel the differing music preferences create different cultures that people fall into, which creates stereotypes.

"Surrounding music there's a whole culture that goes with it, so you think of goth people (listening to) heavy metal and really dark stuff, and more preppy people like happy, 'dancy' music or electronic or pop music," Mullins said.

Finding a musical culture helps students to connect.

"I think (musical preferences) help students fit into groups and find more friends," Wright said.

How students obtain the music they listen to is simply by what hits home for them.

"I think people listen to music for a lot of different reasons," Schroeder said. "I just listen to whatever speaks to me, sometimes it's music that's on the radio, sometimes it's old music, sometimes it's rap."

"Surrounding music, there's a whole culture that goes with it..."

--Senior Heather Mullins

judged for the music they listen to," senior Jake Seeman said.

Looks make it easy to know what music people listen to.

"I think when I look at kids I could kind of tell what kind of music they listen to based

clothing.

"Metal heads are more metal core people, like chains and black from what I've noticed," Seeman said. "Indie is more flannels, then there are preppy people that wear sweater vests."

Staff Musical Personalities

Taking into account stereotypes that come with a person's looks, members of the Chronicle share how their looks play into their music choices

Gus MacPherson



My main love of music is heavy metal, but what I didn't put on my playlist is that I am also a fan of rap, and softer alternative music. However, my favorite music is still metal.

Playlist:

"Hand of Blood" by Bullet for my Valentine
"Asylum" by Disturbed
"Fallout" by Crown the Empire

Darcy Akins



Many people are shocked when I tell them that my favorite genre of music is metal, but I've liked metal music, and anything under that category ever since middle school.

Playlist:

"Second and Sebring" by Of Mice & Men
"Renob, Nevada" by Attack Attack!
"Vengeance" by Woe Is Me

Ericka Hauptman

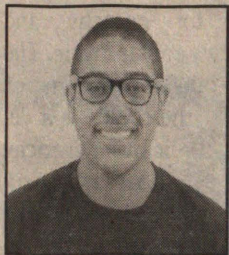


Most people look at me and think I listen to rap or hip-hop, but my favorites are actually country and dubstep because they pump me up and I can relate to them.

Playlist:

"Country Girl (Shake It for Me)" by Luke Bryan
"Eyes on Fire" by Zedds Dead
"Messages" by Dillon Francis

Akeem Asani



I'm really into indie rock. Most people don't assume I listen to this kind of music because I don't necessarily dress like the "hipster" stereotype, but I do enjoy the music.

Playlist:

"Vacation" by Beach Fossils
"King of the Beach" by Wavves
"Floating Vibes" by Surfer Blood

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Photo by Liz Ramos

At the game on April 15 against Wheaton Warrenville South, sophomore Stephanie Mata dribbles towards the goal.

Prep for Wildcat tournament

By Liz Ramos
Co-Editor in Chief

With regionals coming fast, the girls soccer team is getting ready for the Wildcat tournament beginning on Monday to test their skills.

"We are doing well playing good soccer but not getting the result we would like to see," coach Cesar Gomez said.

Throughout the season, shooting has been a weakness for the team.

"If we could just place goals in the back of the net, we could be at the top of the DVC. Our strength is possessing. We can possess the ball up and down the field like it's our job," senior Lauren Ott said.

With a positive attitude, the girls plan to do well in the tournament.

"We always want to be first place, and winning first in both of our tournaments would be amazing and probably never been done before," junior Shelly Molskow said. "But we just want to focus on one game at a time."

Having already played some of the teams in past seasons, the team knows what is coming in the tournament.

"We've already played (Glenbard North) earlier this season, so we already know how they play," Molskow said. "The rest of the teams are good competition, but nothing we can't handle."

Some girls don't believe they will struggle during the tournament.

"I don't think there will be any challenge. (We're) just keeping our heads together and in the game," senior

Shanda Maldonado said.

In order to prepare, the girls are working hard during practice.

"We're practicing hard and training hard. Our warm-ups are extremely important to us too, so as long as we take it all seriously we will get our wins," Ott said.

Winning games is also critical for the team.

"It is always important to do well on any tournament especially now that we are getting to the end of the season," Gomez said.

To be successful, the team needs to stick to "their game."

"I think we will do really well. We have a really talented team and if we keep playing our game we will do great," freshman Karen Ibarra said. "Our game is to possess the ball and to move, so if we keep playing like that I'm sure we will win."

Since the tournament is right before regionals begin, the games are crucial to prepare the team for regionals.

"We get more playing time where we can put our skills to play," Maldonado said.

With the team's potential to do well in regionals, the team will stop at nothing to make this season successful.

"I believe that this year is our year. We will prepare, keep pushing and keep playing hard so we can get the results we want," Ibarra said.

The team is currently 0-4 in the DVC.

"DVC is always the toughest. We are 0-4, but played three of the four games very well, including the one vs. Naperville North, where we played them for 65 scoreless minutes," Gomez said.

Young team needs voice

By Keyuri Parmar
Co-Editor in Chief

Although a young softball team will be beneficial in the long-run, as of now the girls need more experience and communication.

"Weaknesses are that the young players don't have as much experience but the strength we have is that they have a lot of time to learn and grow," senior Amanda Gosbeth said.

With over 10 games left in the season, the team is optimistic about growing.

"Our coach says we have growing pains but we have many more games to come," junior Jill Staton said.

The girls' record 3-7 and 0-1 in conference, does not

necessarily show how the team has been doing.

"Looking at our wins and losses doesn't show the improvement we are making," Gosbeth said. "We are a young team and will continue to work and improve."

By the older teammates, the team is considered young because they have not had much experience on varsity. All the girls have been playing for a long time though.

"We have all been playing softball for many years. Our pitchers are sophomores but that just means our varsity team will have great pitchers for another two years," Staton said.

A major struggle is lack of communication.

"We all need to communicate. I know we will accomplish this goal," Staton said.

Coach Kim Wallner agrees that communication has been a struggle.

"We are focusing on hit-

ting and communications, two things that take time to develop and feel confident about," Wallner said.

The challenge of continuous communication is seen most during games.

"It is hard to overcome the natural quietness that the team has. We are working to talk more and be louder during the games," Gosbeth said.

At practice the girls have made it an obligation to talk to each other a lot more to prepare for game.

"In games we don't always call the ball or say where to throw or where the runners are," Gosbeth said.

Double headers have been a struggle for the girls.

"We just have not been up and ready to work through the whole second game. We lose our excitement and stop talking, but we have been working on that," Gosbeth said.

Small, injured but mighty

Team pushes through injuries, accepts size, heads to DVC

By Keyuri Parmar
Co-Editor in Chief
And Akeem Asani
Reporter

Although the girls track team is smaller in size and has been pushing through injuries, it has not stunted them or their plans for DVC.

Many girls were affected with small injuries such as shin splints and pulled muscles, but some had more serious injuries.

Senior Carla Dannug was out for two weeks due to a slight stress fracture on her foot while junior Liz Carrillo had a tear in her quad muscle.

"We're both good and healthy now. We're just trying to prepare for sectionals and DVC," said Dannug.

Even though there have been injuries, new freshmen have helped the team out.

"A lot of new freshmen are coming into the picture, which is great because we need all the girls we can get," senior Quinn Ellis said.

Even though the team is smaller, the team is still set to do their best.

"We are a small team. We have lots of talent and have set lots of personal best," senior Erika Macias said.

Throughout the season the girls have been able to fill up a line-up with the size of their team.

"The line-up has never re-

ally been a problem. The girls are very flexible with their events and always willing to join a relay in order to help the team," Macias said.

Individual girls have been preparing for one event for DVC all season.

"We always have one event people focus on and then we fill in the gaps if needed. In track the minimum events you usually run is two," Macias said.

Within the girls individual events the girls are working

on how to do better at DVC.

"We are all working on perfecting our forms and techniques in each of our personal events," Ellis said. "The sprinters are working on accelerations and starting on blocks. Relays are working on hand-offs, distance on running their full potential throughout, and jumpers are working on techniques to get further."

The team has potential to send some girls to state.

"I think we may get a couple girls to qualify for state," Macias said.

DVC is May 2 at Naperville North.



Photo by Liz Ramos

During the meet on April 9, against Wheaton North and Glenbard East, sophomore Rachel Martin begins to run as freshman Kelly Conlon approaches with the baton.

Athletes continue their dreams



Photo by Darcy Akins

Parents, Eligiusz and Barbara Kruk, watch senior Yvette Kruk sign to the ISU swimming team.

Yvette Kruk:

School: Illinois State University

Sport: Swimming

Event: 100 freestyle, 200 freestyle, 100 breast stroke, possibly 50 freestyle

Q: What are you most looking forward to?

A: Having a new coach to train me and having a new group of girls to train with. I think it will be a better experience for me to start off new again and hopefully that will make me get faster.

Morgan Dastych:

School: University of Wisconsin at Parkside

Sport: Softball

Position: 2nd base

Q: How did you choose that school?

A: I found them when I played softball in the summer, I played with a travel team. (They) approached me and had said that she had liked the way I played and thought I was a really good athlete.

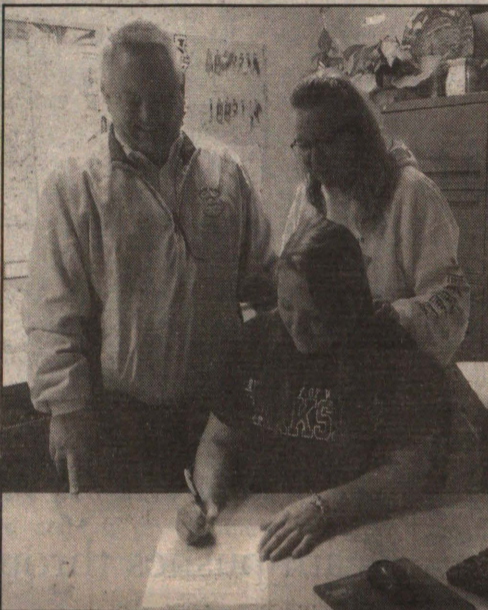


Photo by Giuliana LaMantia

Parents, Charlie and Mary Dastych, smile as senior Morgan Dastych signs with University of Wisconsin

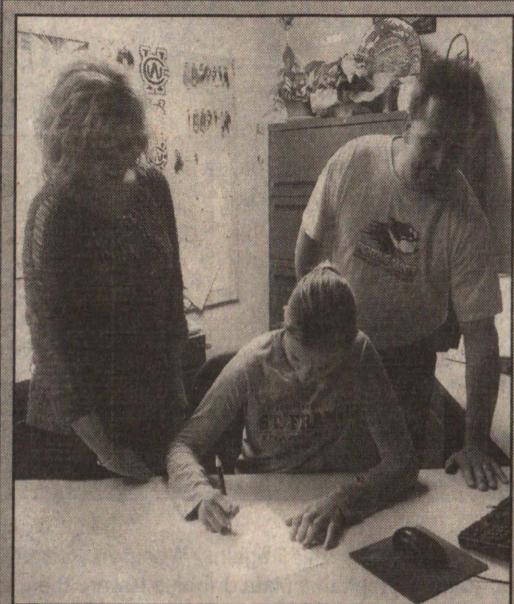


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Senior Julia Caithamer signs with University of St. Francis' track and cross country team with parents Thomas Caithamer and Suzanne Zafinou's support.

Julia Caithamer:

School: University of St. Francis at Joliet

Sport: Cross country and track

Events: 5k, possibly 10k

Q: What were your feelings while signing?

A: I'm overwhelmed, it hasn't really clicked. It probably won't until this summer when I'm packing up all my stuff and leaving. I don't know what to feel, it's just good and bittersweet.

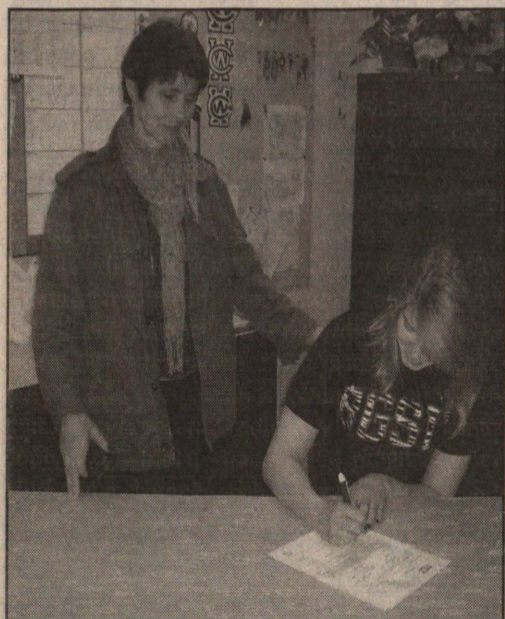


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Mother Halina Skorupski, encourages senior Maya Skorupski while she signs to Bowling Green State.

Maya Skorupski:

School: Bowling Green State University

Sport: Swimming

Position: Backstroker, freestyle sprinter

Q: What drew you to this college?

A: The facility, pool wise was the best. I got along so great with the coaches and the team. I just like the environment there, and it's a pretty campus.

Nora Palermo:

School: University of Illinois at Springfield

Sport: Volleyball

Position: Outside hitter

Q: What made you choose this school?

A: I really like the team, and the coach and just how they all work together.

Q: What is the most exciting aspect about going to college for you?

A: I'm really excited to take my volleyball to the next level.



Photo by Darcy Akins

Senior Nora Palermo signs to UIS as parents Pete and Mary Ann Palermo watch.



Photo by Giuliana LaMantia

Senior Laura Panicali's family, Robert, Julia, and freshman Elizabeth Panicali, observe her signing to Beloit College.

Laura Panicali:

School: Beloit College

Sport: Basketball

Position: Guard/Forward

Q: What part of playing (at Beloit) are you most looking forward to?

A: I'm looking forward to the college game and camaraderie. I really like the coach and players and I am really looking forward to continue to play the sport I love in college.

Focus: improvement, skills

By Darcy Akins
Perspectives Editor

Even though winning is usually the focus of many teams, the lacrosse team is focusing on improving their level of play, and showing other teams the skills they have.

"For me this (season) is about having a great time and showing the other teams in our area the talent that our team has this year," senior Ben Stibal said.

With a big win, (8-3), against rival team Wheaton Academy on April 6, the team is making big strides to show their progress this season.

The team is working with many new players and returning players, making the change to playing with each other a little harder for the team.

"They are still adjusting to

each other and learning how to be cohesive so that they can play as a team rather than individually," coach Brandon

Kutilek said. "It has been a rough start here in the beginning of the season but we still have a long season ahead

of us and two tournaments remaining to improve as a team."

With the love of lacrosse in common between the boys, focusing at practice is not an issue.

"All the kids love this

sport, so when it comes to practice or games they have the desire and drive to be there and make the most of their time," Kutilek said.

A skill the team would like to improve is their focus.

"The team needs more focus, as our coach would say and I would agree with him, but if we can get focused, we're set (for the season)," junior Jake Pioch said.

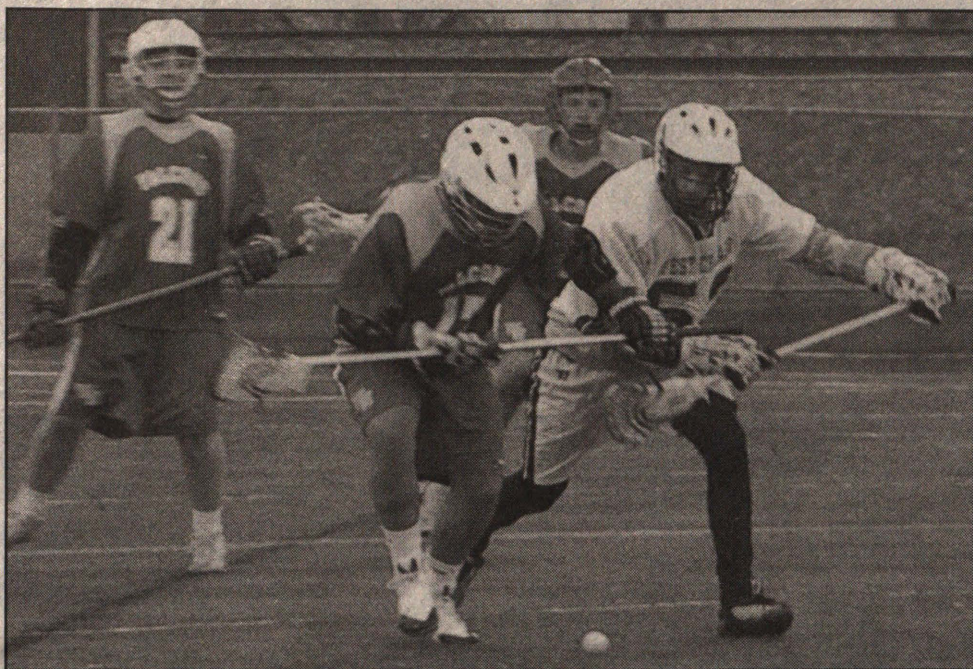
As the season starts to shape up, the players are expecting good things from it.

"I think the season has a lot of potential for us as long as we keep our focus and energy," Stibal said.

Taking it a game at a time, the team is planning for a successful season.

"As far as our goal is concerned, we are focusing on a game at a time but ultimately we want to be seeded high in the B division playoffs and compete for a state championship," Kutilek said.

The next varsity game is on Tuesday, against St. Francis at home.



Senior Nick Kobriger attempts to reach in from of competitor Wheaton North at the game on April 12, to get the ball and score.

Photo by Darcy Akins

Seeking growth for future meets

By Alexandra Garibay
Reporter

With Saturday's tournament behind them, boys tennis is looking to improve.

For their tournament on Saturday the team faced eight other teams at Willowbrook.

Senior Sam Ryłowicz took fourth place while sophomore Jacob Urban received second place.

"I had to beat the best kid in order to get to semi-finals. I lost the championship though," Urban said.

Coach Sione Moeaki had mixed feelings on the tournament.

"For this tournament they did okay, could've been better," Moeaki said. "It's easier for those players who are more experienced, have played before and that train off season."

The players plan to improve for the rest of the season.

Some skills the team can work on include foot movement, timing on their shots, and their consistency on their serves, according to junior Xavier Williams.

"I hope I can still improve and be consistent, then I'll have a good season overall," Williams said.

Some of the players already have skills the other's might not have.

"I personally plan to improve by having faster foot-

work and be more consistent," senior Lazaro Ramirez said.

The team also plans to progress as a whole.

"We are going to practice really hard. We also look forward to seeing development in all of our players," junior Scott Wiest said.

Players have a different idea on what they can work on to get better as a team.

"As a team, we plan to advance on our consistency and our mentality for the games," Ramirez said.

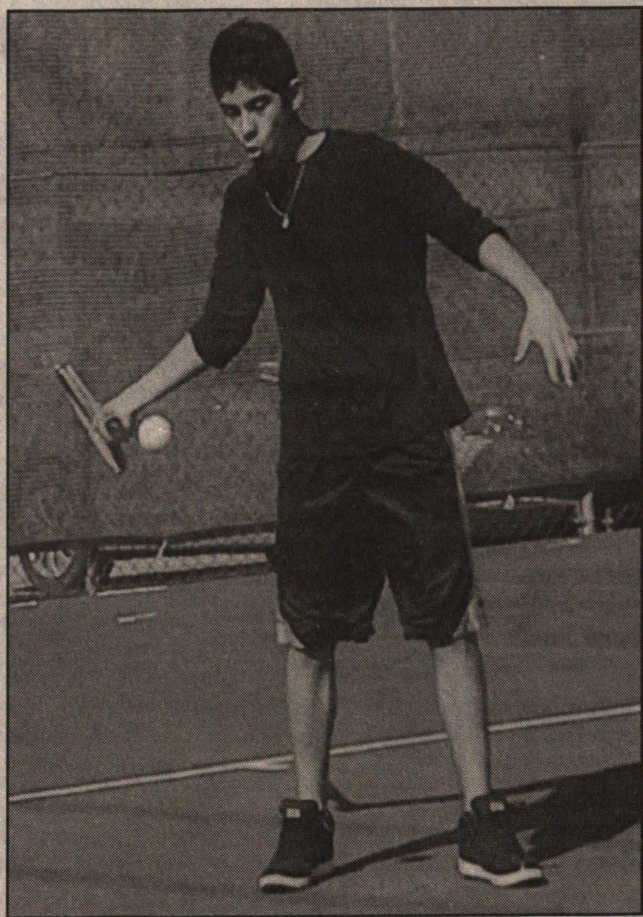
Drills should also help.

"We practice every day, but I think we could try some new drills," Esquivel said. "We practice the same thing, it helps to a certain point."

Moeaki is looking at practicing.

"Practice, practice, and practice. When we don't have tournaments on Saturday mornings we'll also practice," Moeaki said.

Teams current record is 1-5-1.



While at practice, junior Gustavo Esquivel attempts to hit the ball by doing a backswing.

Photo by Alexandra Garibay

Injury, sickness prevent wins

By Ericka Hauptman
Reporter

Slowly the boys volleyball team is getting back in the game with nine DVC games left to play.

Injuries and sickness have caused key players to stay out of the game.

Captain Travis Kuhlman has been out with sickness and senior Joey Laiter with a sprained wrist.

"It's tough when we don't have all of our key players at practice. It makes it hard to try out new things," senior captain Tom Becker said.

The boys are 8-8 in their season but are still searching for their first DVC win.

"We have people sick and hurt and it puts a damper on trying to get new things done because some of our key players haven't been there," coach Kris Hasty said.

The team has been off to a rough start. Strategy is becoming the key to winning any game.

"The key is to come out strong, stay strong, and finish the job with intensity," Hasty said. "We've lost three matches with the two very close, but we need to finish and win those games to win

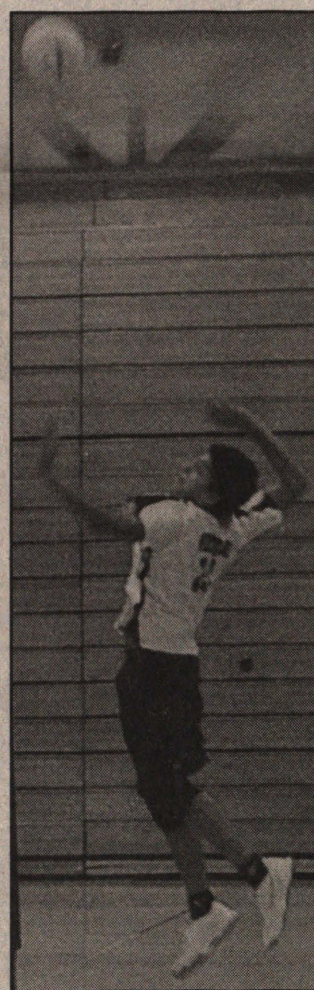


Photo by Liz Ramos
During warm-up, senior Danny Amaro prepares to spike the ball over the net.

respect." For the second half of DVC, Hasty plans to work on basic skills and get the offense together.

"Getting our mental game back on track and working on our confidence is something we need to do to get ourselves back into the DVC hunt," Becker said.

The next match for the team is Tuesday against Wheaton North at home at 6 p.m.

Dedicated to sports outside school

Lifelong activity

By Alexandra Garibay
Reporter

Being in a sport might only be a temporary activity but, for senior Ingrid Garcia and junior Donna Kubica,

taking part in karate classes at the Eagle Academy of Martial

Arts has been a lifelong activity.

As a child, Kubica would occasionally throw a fit about taking karate, but in the end she quit dance lessons as a kid to continue karate.

Kubica takes karate classes three to four times a week, and sometimes six times a week.

In January Kubica received her second black belt, which leads to her having more responsibilities like teaching a beginning ranks class every week.

Last year Kubica got her first black belt in karate.

In order to get a black belt Kubica had to go through a year of preparation. This includes a question exam, intense cardio workshop and breaking a brick with her hand.

"It's really fun, and also it's good to learn how to focus and concentrate on the task at hand," Kubica said.

Taking karate classes for 10 years has led Kubica to make new friendships.

"I've made some really good friends all of different ages," Kubica said.

Senior Ingrid Garcia has been working hard in her karate classes for 11 years.

Similar to Kubica's experience Garcia has also been in competitions.

"I've been in a lot of competitions. They are so fun and a really good experience," Garcia said.

One of Garcia's goals is to obtain her second degree black belt.

Besides having goals Garcia also has achievements she's made. Garcia has won two first places in a world competition.

The competition is held every two years. In June it was held in North Carolina.

"It was amazing and really exciting," Garcia said.

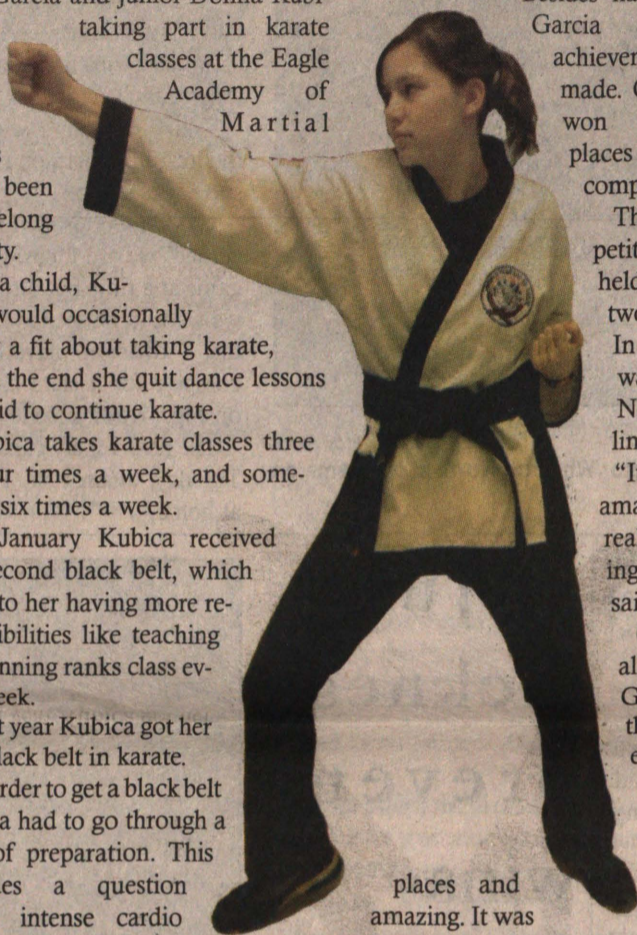
Out of all the girls Garcia was the youngest one to win.

"I got two first it felt really special and it felt like all that hard work paid off," Garcia said.

After high school Garcia still plans on continuing taking karate.

"I hope maybe one day I'll be able to have my own school," Garcia said.

Currently, Garcia is preparing for a competition in England.



Donna Kubica

Taking one for the team

By Liz Ramos
Co-Editor in Chief

From one competition to the next, sisters senior Kristyn and junior Alyssa Bossle put all they have into gymnastics for their team and themselves.

"Our parents put our oldest sister in (gymnastics) first and we all kind of followed and just started with the preschool classes when we were all really little," Kristyn said.

Both Kristyn and Alyssa started gymnastics at the age of 2, which helped build their skills.

"It's a sport that's harder to jump into at an older age. You have to learn the basics

and get a lot of strength before you can become a higher level gymnast," Kristyn said.

Each sister has competed in about 100 competitions through their gymnastic career winning many awards as individuals and as members of Phenom Gymnastics in Oswego.

"It feels great both ways. Winning as a team is a great accomplishment

because we all contributed and worked together to be able to win," Alyssa said. "Winning, personally, is an accomplishment also. I win because I work hard for it."

For Kristyn, performing on bars

and vault are her favorite parts of gymnastics because they are her better events.

"There are so many cool skills you can learn on bars so it's fun to play around with learning new tricks," Kristyn said.

Alyssa enjoys bars as well but floor performances are also a favorite.

"Bars is just very fun and challenging when learning new skills, and I like floor just because I love tumbling," Alyssa said.

Being on a team is like having another family in which the sisters are with more than any of their actual family because of the amount of practice, according to Kristyn.

"It's still important to compete well individually because you move up levels or on to higher competitions as a single person but the team is still an amazing thing to be apart of

and we all support each other so much," Kristyn said.

After high school, Kristyn will be on the gymnastics team at Illinois State University. Kristyn also received a scholarship which she says is a great accomplishment.

"It's always been my long term goal to be a collegiate gymnast and it's a great

feeling that after 16 years it has paid off," Kristyn said.

Alyssa also plans on being a part of a college gymnastics team once she graduates. She is currently in the recruiting process and hopes to get a full-ride scholarship.

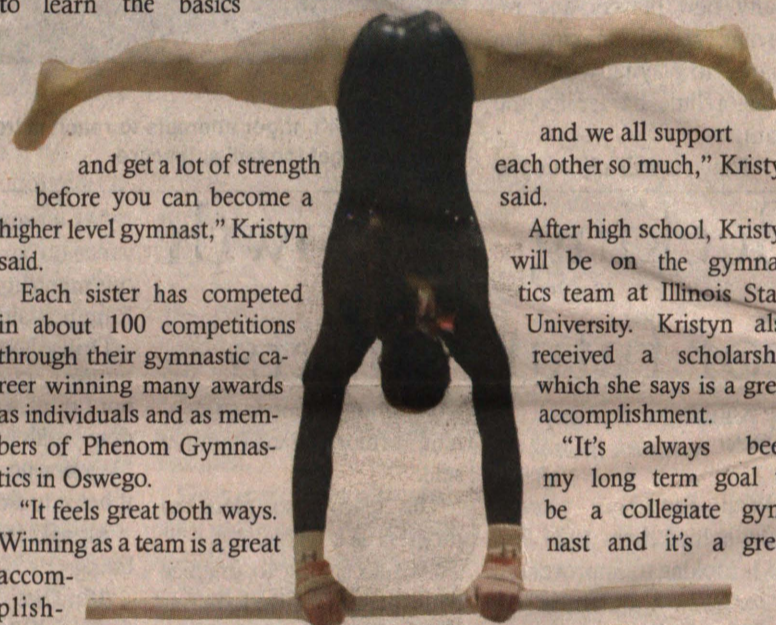


Photo courtesy of Kristyn Bossle

Not just sport, commitment

By Giuliana LaMantia

Center Spread Editor

For seniors Kelsey Wolf and Paige Hennessey, horseback riding is not just a sport, but a commitment.

Wolf currently rides at Perfecta Farm in Streamwood.

"I do all the care like tacking up and cleaning (the horses)," Wolf said. "I volunteer at a therapeutic riding program at Kingsway Farm in Winfield called Friends for Therapeutic Equine Activities in the summer."

Wolf spends about 21 hours per week during the summer and 18 hours per week during the school year.

"(Horseback riding) has taught me dedication and hard work because I can't just stop," Wolf said. "Especially if you own a horse, it's a lot of time, money, and training spent. You have to be committed to it every day."

Not only is horseback riding time

consuming, but it takes strength and hard work.

"Training for competitions is demanding," Wolf said. "You have to ride more and be more focused to

work on specific things without overworking your horse."

Horseback riding was a large aspect in choosing a college for Wolf, who will attend Baylor University in the fall.

Riding has also impacted Hennessey's life, who has been horseback

riding since she was 10.

Hennessey rides and works at Versailles Equestrian in Virgil, IL with her horse Newt.

According to Hennessey, she has taught Newt different tricks.

"(My favorite part) is the bond you create with the horse," Hennessey said. "I have been riding Newt for two years now, so I love being able to joke around with him like he's a person."

Preparing for competitions takes hard work.

"Usually a week or two before a show we will start going over patterns we have to ride and jumping," Hennessey said.

For Hennessey, horseback riding is life.

"There is a quote by an anonymous person that says, 'a life without horses is like taking a breath without air,'" Hennessey said. "For me it is true. Sometimes I will spend eight hours at the barn working and spending time with Newt. I can't imagine my life without horses."



Photo courtesy of Kelsey Wolf

At a competition, senior Kelsey Wolf and her horse Blu jump over the fence.