

Homecoming Forecast: Throwback

Monday

Dress Day:
Dodgeball Uniforms
Dodgeball
Tournament

Tuesday

Dress Day: Crazy
Hair/ Pajama Day
Soccer Game

Wednesday

Dress Day:
Moustache Day
Movie Night

Thursday

Dress Day:
Dress to Represent
your Decade

Friday

Dress Day: Squad/
PowderPuff Shirts
Pep Assembly
Parade/FoodFest
PowderPuff Game
Varsity Football
Game

By Alexandra Garibay
Centerspread Editor

Students can prepare to go back in time with this year's "WeGo Through Time" homecoming theme.

"Last year with the eighth grade visits we had breakout sessions with them and we used the ideas they came up with to pick a homecoming theme," Student Council sponsor Christopher Lukas said. "There is a lot to go with it in terms of each day music, trivia, dress up day and movies."

Each class has a different decade as its theme. Freshmen will go to the 1960s, sophomores will jump to

the 1980s, juniors are the 1990s, and seniors will groove their way into the 1970s.

Staff will travel all the way back to the nifty 1950s.

On Saturday, students will kick off homecoming week by decorating school windows, hallways and float building for the homecoming parade.

Dodgeball will be held on Monday at 6-8 p.m. with the uniforms being based on bands from the students' decades.

Tuesday will be crazy hair and pajama day and the varsity soccer team will play East Aurora that night.

"We want to do something with the home soccer game, maybe a prize to

whichever class shows up the most," Lukas said.

A new addition to the festivities will be a movie night held on the football field Wednesday at 7-9 p.m. where "Grease" will be shown.

Student Council had students vote on what movie they would like to have for movie night. Among the choices were "Pokemon: The Movie", "Back to the Future", "Grease", and "101 Dalmatians."

Besides prepping for the upcoming week, Student Council also hopes to get more clubs involved in the festivities.

"We're trying to incorporate as many sports and clubs as we can by

having them sell food at Foodfest," Lukas said. "This years we have multiple clubs getting involved to sell a variety of items to offer students and staff."

In past year Foodfest was normally the golf team grilling food and selling chips and drinks.

"By involving as many clubs and sports as possible, it truly embraces working together," Lukas said.

Foodfest will take place after school Oct. 4 noon to 2 p.m.

As of Thursday, four clubs will be selling food during Foodfest.

PowderPuff starts at 2 p.m. Oct. 4, and ending the night is the home varsity football game against Bartlett at 7 p.m.

Two timing sets back team

After finding out that one of its players was in violation of IHSA bylaws, boys soccer had to forfeit all of its season's wins.

According to IHSA bylaw 3.100 under Independent Team Participation, "during the school season for a given sport, in a school which maintains a school team in that sport, a student shall not participate on any non-school team, nor as an individual unattached in non-school competition, in that given sport or in any competition that involves the skill of the sport in question."

For members of the team, it is a blow to the effort that they have put forth so far in the season.

"(I feel like) all of our hard work was put to waste, because IHSA rules state that any player playing outside of school is not allowed (to play on the school team)," senior Quentin Virgen said.

According to Athletic Director Doug

Mullaney, players are made aware of the bylaws at preseason meetings.

"This information is given to all parents. We have hard copies that are

passed out to everyone, it's on our websites, it's in my preseason presentation, and I spend a good five minutes on it," Mullaney said.

In committing the violation, it is as if the team is starting from scratch, according to junior Jesus Fernandez.

"We all work hard together to

achieve goals that we set for the team, (and) it really hurt the team," Fernandez said. "(But) we can't do anything about the decisions. Now we just want to keep working hard to achieve our goals that we set for our team."

It was also a shock to learn of their teammates' violations, as no one had known about it until Sep. 22.

Superintendent Doug Domeracki was also firm about following IHSA bylaws.

"We need to abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the association which I really establish for the purpose of providing students the best opportunity to succeed in school," Domeracki said.

While the violation puts the team at a disadvantage, but the team intends to focus on recovering.

"We lose a really good player, but we have to put our heads up, continue playing strong," junior Alexis Quezada said. "Probably most people think our season is over because we forfeited (our wins), but I want everyone to know that it's not done here."



Photo by Guadalupe Blanco

Despite having to give up all of its losses, boys soccer intends to continue playing and focusing on succeeding.

Story compiled by Chronicle staff

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Policy changes: no help?

While the new policies for PE were made with good intentions, some students feel that it is not the best option to help --see **Perspectives**, page 8.



Summer fun

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"Lending" a laugh



Members of Wego Drama put on what is hailed as one of the funniest performances of the 21st century --see **NEWS**, page 2.

Key player lost

Girls volleyball sees one a key player unable to participate due to an injury, has to learn to adapt --see **Sports**, page 11.

Expectations rise with bigger, better shows

By Guadalupe Blanco
Editor in Chief

With a Wego Drama performance that “concerns mistaken identity, silly moments, romance, intrigue, and a police chase like no other,” according to director Mark Begovich, “Lend Me A Tenor,” is made for laughs.

“It’s considered to be one of the funniest shows of the 20th century,” Begovich said. “It really hits our theme this year, which is ‘see, think, act differently,’ because it is all about how we perceive someone and what they can become when they are given the opportunity.”

According to senior Lindsay Fiegle, the show is different from previous shows, from the performance, all the way to rehearsals.

“Usually for a lot of shows, we’ll wear rehearsal shoes, and shoes similar to the performance, but in this play, some of the girls have also worn rehearsal skirts because it is the 1930s, and you’ve got that time period feel,” Fiegle

said.

In some instances, members of the cast said that adapting to their parts was also a new experience.

“I play Saunders, who is the villain character. He’s is the one coming up with all

of the crazy plots to try and get himself out of trouble because he can’t afford to lose his prestigious reputation,” junior Noah Watkins said. “It’s not at all my personality, and I have to really remove myself from the character.”

However, in playing unique characters, the cast got a sense of how the play develops.

“I play Max, who’s a guy with really low self-esteem because he’s never really had the chance to prove him-

self,” senior Josué Muñoz said. “The story is his transformation from a nobody to an established opera singer.”

With the cast growing in their performances, the expectations have also grown.

“My goal this year, as a part of this program, is to sell out, at least one show, one night. This is the type of show that has that potential because it is great, and the show is very unique,” Muñoz said.

Despite the heightened expectations, the cast has managed to enjoy themselves and form bonds.

“Everybody here puts in a lot of time and effort. There’s a really great sense of companionship that we all have, and that extends not only to the cast, but also the crew and the drama program as well,” Fiegle said. “We all work really hard and we’re happy to be there, and we’re happy that (Begovich) is there too.”

Tickets are \$5 for students and \$8 for adults. Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Weyrauch Auditorium.

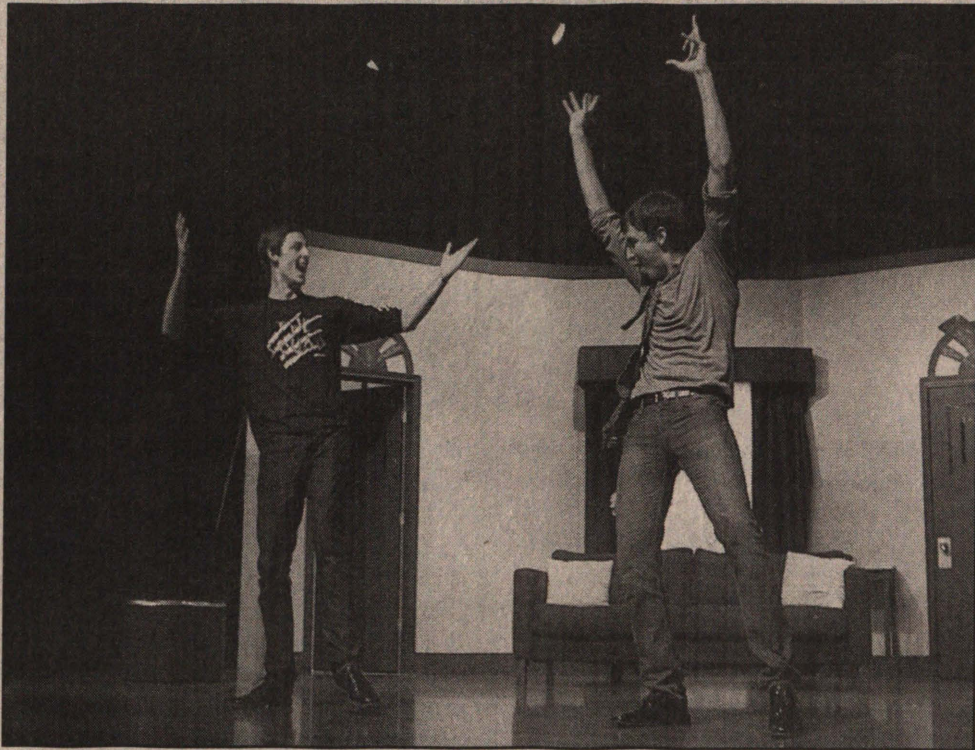


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During rehearsal for “Lend Me A Tenor, junior Ben Skipor, left, and senior Josué Muñoz prepare their characters’ vocals by loosening up.

Changes leave students adjusting

By Guadalupe Blanco
Editor in Chief

Changes in P.E. locker room policies have left students and teachers getting used to new procedures.

One change made is that backpacks are not allowed in the locker rooms.

Students were leaving their backpacks unattended, contributing to 46 total thefts last year, 38 of which were in the P.E. locker rooms, according to Assistant Principal Peter Martino.

“There’s not always a teacher in (the locker room) supervising,” assistant athletic director Bill Lech said. “Sometimes, kids go back for different reasons, and things were coming up stolen.”

P.E. teacher Amy Gibson thinks that the no-backpack policy is easy to adjust to.

“When I was in school, we weren’t allowed backpacks,” Gibson said. “Students really don’t have to carry their backpacks to every class. We did it for years without a problem.”

However, some students feel that the policy will not prevent theft.

“It makes no sense to in-

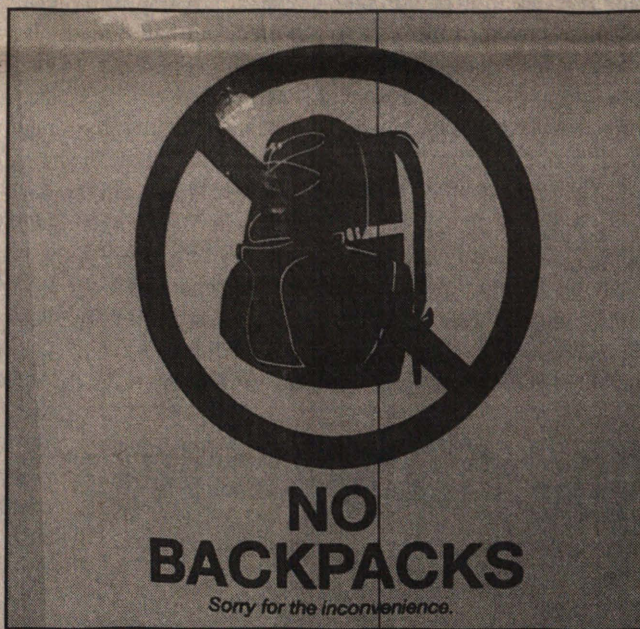


Photo by Kyle Paup

Located outside of the boys and girls P.E. locker rooms are new signs reminding students of the no backpack policy.

convenience everyone for a few people’s bad choices,” junior Anna Yatskevich said.

Others feel that the policy affects the rest of their classes.

“It is pointless and it doesn’t solve anything,” junior Nick Champagne said. “I have to run upstairs from the math hall to the 3rd floor, then back to the P.E. lockers.”

Another change is gym uniforms.

Part of the reason for bringing in uniforms was the confusion that staff had last year because of the lack of uniforms, according to Lech.

“I’ve never worked in a school where the students didn’t wear uniforms. When

I came into my class last year, it was hard for me to decipher who was prepared and who wasn’t,” Lech said. “Now we know which kids are supposed to be in P.E. class.”

Some students believe that although it is a hassle, it is not a dramatic difference.

“The gym uniform isn’t a big deal (compared to the no backpacks). It’s just a shirt,” Yatskevich said.

With the gym uniform policy, there is also the hope for more school spirit.

“Every kid now has a Wildcat t-shirt. In addition (to identifying students), it was instituted to create a sense of pride and a sense of community,” Lech said.

New superintendent, new goals for school

By Alexandra Garibay
Centerspread Editor

With a new school year comes a whole new staff of teacher and coaches.

One new addition is Superintendent Doug Domeracki, who started on July 1.

“(This school year) has been very busy. I’ve had the opportunity to meet lots of teachers and students,” Domeracki said. “It’s been going well so far and I anticipate it just getting better.”

One main goal is to create an outreach to the school and community by modifying the school’s website and creating an e-newsletter. He even blogs on the website.

“My hope is that community members will experience the school through my words and know the successes and experiences of our students,” Domeracki said.

An e-newsletter will also be published monthly and sent via email to those who subscribe.

“As the year goes on changes will be defined based on the input of staff, the commitment to improve student performance, and alignment of program opportunities for students,” Domeracki said. “My work to improve the school includes looking at student performance and growth and seeking out ways to improve in those areas.”

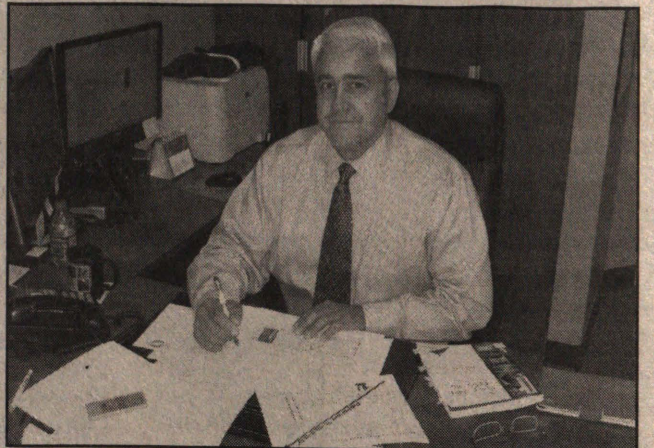


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New Superintendent Doug Domeracki has been working on creating more of an outreach through e-newsletters and a blog on the school’s website.

Students lend voices to win

By Sarah Szremksi
Contributing Writer

With \$5,000 distributed through Voice of Democracy last year, students again have the opportunity to earn scholarship money.

Each year the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) holds the speech scholarship competition.

Students who are interested need to write a three to five minute speech based on the prompt, "Why I'm Optimistic about our Nation's future," and turn it in to social studies teacher Mary Ellen Daneels by Oct. 18.

"Any student who would like to honor our veterans and their service to our country (should compete)," Daneels said.

The speech must stay on topic, but has space for creativity.

"I think that it's a great topic. I think that there's basically two answers you can give, but there's a lot of different data that you can give. There's a lot of leeway on how you can answer the question compared to previous prompts," Daneels said.



Photo courtesy of Susan Junkroski

Twenty two students and two teachers from Soria, Spain s

Brought together by bonds

Students explore differences, create bonds between nations

By Alexandra Garibay
Centerspread Editor
And Kyle Paup
Perspectives Editor

Twenty two students and two teachers from Soria, Spain had the opportunity to find out how different the U.S. was from Spain on a recent exchange trip.

The Spanish students arrived in West Chicago Sept. 8 and stayed for 12 days.

"We had the students take a scavenger hunt downtown

Chicago and it was a photo scavenger hunt, so they had to find a building and take their picture in front of it so that way they go home with pictures," Spanish teacher Susan Junkroski said.

Students in Spanish classes had the opportunity to host these Spaniard students in their homes during their stay.

Sophomore Tommy Gotsch hosted Miguel Elviro.

"I like having someone to talk to at home. He's like a

brother to me. It's just a pleasure to have him," Gotsch said.

Gotsch talked in both Spanish and English to Miguel so that he would feel comfortable by hearing his native language while still being able to learn English during his stay.

Senior Vinny Romano also hosted, but had already lived with his Spaniard, Alberto Palacios.

"I stayed with him in Spain (when I was on the exchange) and got to see all their cultures and now it's really cool to show him how Americans live," Romano said.

As expected, life in America is different from life in Spain in many ways.

"One of the biggest differences is the style of life. Here everyone goes to sleep around 9 p.m. while we finish our day around 12 a.m. in Spain," Javier Diez said. "(Another difference) is the houses. We live in (houses that) are all on one floor, while here some houses have two floors."

This was the first visit to America for the Spaniards.

Of course, many difficulties came to them as well.

Soria is much smaller than West Chicago and the houses are very different. It was also very different for them having to live with other people.

Even though it may seem like nothing more than a vacation, this exchange program has much more to it behind the scenes.

"Historically speaking, exchanges were started during the Cold War and the belief was that if you knew somebody that was in a new country, it would be harder to (attack) that country," Junkroski said.

While it may not be completely relevant to our relationship with Spain, the universal idea is of international relationships is still the same.

"The global idea is for them to know what it's like to live in another country," Junkroski said. "We think that everybody's like us and that's not really true. Now with communication as instantaneous as it is we think we know about other countries, but you never really know about other countries until you've lived in it."

Smooth conference transition from start

By Guadalupe Blanco
Editor in Chief

Transitioning from the DuPage Valley Conference to the Upstate Eight Conference has been easier than expected, but another change is coming.

Currently, the school is in the Valley division of the Upstate Eight Conference, but will be switching to the River division next year.

Members of the Valley division include Neuqua Valley, Bartlett, Metea Valley, Waubonsie Valley, South Elgin, and East Aurora.

Making the transition from conferences has been a priority for all athletics, according to athletic director Doug Mullaney.

"One of the things we've

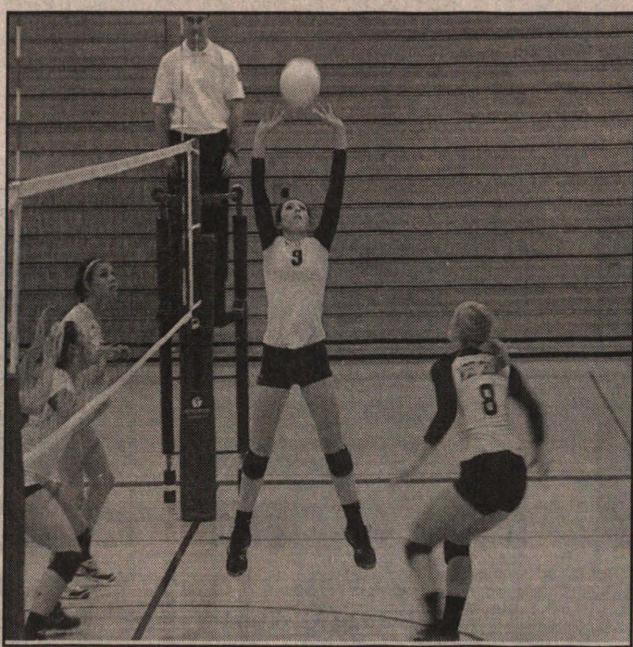
done is work on a lot of initiatives, and making sure information is getting out," Mullaney said.

The change in competition is something that coaches feel has also been a challenge for the athletes.

"Most of the competition will be just as tough, but there are a few more schools that are not as competitive as the DVC," varsity volleyball coach Kris Hasty said. "We usually know more about our competition in the DVC, so facing new teams presents a new challenge."

Some coaches feel that being in a new conference is a welcome change.

"It is fun to play new opponents and go to new stadiums," head varsity football coach Bill Bicker said. "I



Chronicle Archive photo

Competition levels are one of the major changes that athletics have seen, but is also one of many welcome changes.

look forward to playing some more of the teams in the Upstate Eight Valley, but we will be switching sides of the conference next year, so we look forward to that too."

Staff and students have done their best to ensure that all the teams feel welcome to

the school.

"I think we have gone out of our way to make other teams feel welcome," Bicker said. "Other coaches have been very welcoming to our players as well. Mr. Mullaney did a very good job preparing programs for the switch."

New name, new plans

By Darcy Akins
Sports Editor

With the start of a new school year, Creative Writing Club has made many changes including its new name, The Ink.

Another challenge that the club is going to tackle is to do a publication of their work.

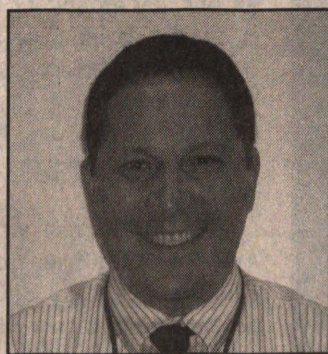
"This year we are planning to put out a publication, an online journal that will come out quarterly," adviser Tara Deleon said.

A final change the group is making is having fewer cafés.

"We narrowed our café events down to only four," adviser Amanda Cordes said. "They will be a little bit more programmed, but there will still include an open-mic portion."

The first café is Oct. 10.

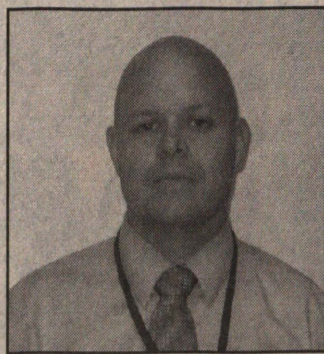
Seeing fresh faces



David Blatchley
Director of Human Resources

Q: What would you rather have, potato chips or fries?

A: To answer your questions, I would select baked potato chips even though I think fries taste better! I normally save the fries for when I'm having a cheese burger.



Tyler Belding
Special Education

Q: If you were portrayed in a movie, what kind of movie would your life be?

A: A romantic comedy.



Brian Puchalski
Special Education

Q: If you could be any sports character, who would you be and why?

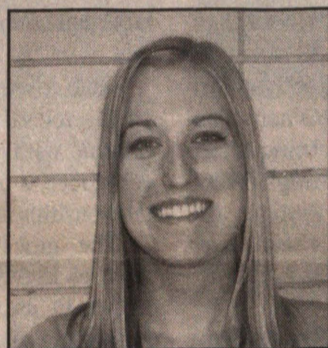
A: Dan Gable the greatest Olympic wrestler of all time. I'm a big fan.



Drew Plumb
Science

Q: What would be your favorite 5k race?

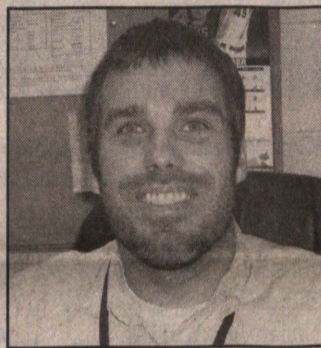
A: My favorite 5k would be the chocolate race because you get hot chocolate at the end.



Britt Linahl
Math

Q: If you were in a commercial what would you be trying to sell? Why?

A: I would be in a seafood restaurant commercial for their fish or shrimp tacos. These are easily my favorite food.



Sean Gimpert
Special Education

Q: If you weren't a teacher, what would you like to be?

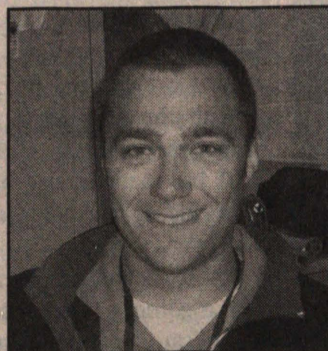
A: A lawyer or professional gambler.



Charles Vokes
Math

Q: What was your finest summer and why?

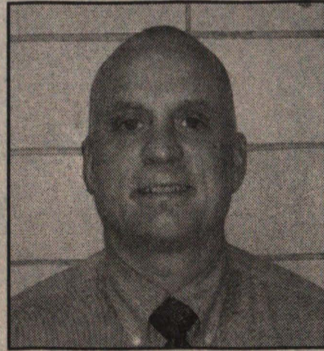
A: The summer after my school graduation. I went up to Wisconsin with family and friends and I just was really relaxing.



Keith Langosch
Special Education

Q: What is the strangest food you have ever eaten?

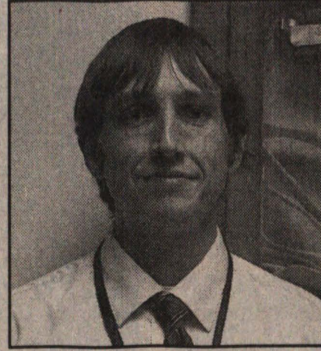
A: I've eaten alligator, and I've eaten fish eggs. I was a kid and my grandma made me eat it at a wedding.



Scott Albright
Division Head of Math and Science

Q: What was your favorite high school experience when you were in school?

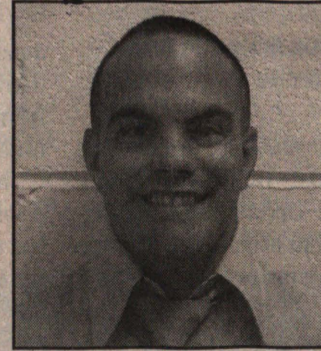
A: My sophomore year at West Aurora High School, I got a rebound and basket with time running out in front of 3000 fans at East Aurora to tie the game.



Zachary Hill
Special Education

Q: What is the strangest thing you have ever eaten?

A: The strangest thing I have ever eaten would have to be Rocky Mountain Oysters. I was tricked into it as a kid. They weren't bad, but had I known what they were, I would have never tried them.



Roberto Torres
English

Q: What was your most memorable summer?

A: The summer of 2012. I spent 8 weeks of the summer in Hawaii and lived with my brother. I swam, snorkeled, climbed a volcano trail, went in submarine, viewed fireworks, and jumped off a cliff into the ocean.



Photo courtesy of Laura Kuehn

The Wildcat Chronicle earned the Quill and Scroll International Honor Society for high school journalists award. Here, the staff presents the awards they won from the Northern Illinois Scholastic Press Association awards from May.

Chronicle receives award, recognition

Kyle Paup
Perspectives Editor

For their hard work and dedication, the Wildcat Chronicle won a Quill and Scroll International First Place: Superior rating for the papers printed last year.

"We sent (the papers) in June. Quill and Scroll reviews the papers and presents awards (known as) the news media evaluation awards," Wildcat Chronicle adviser Laura Kuehn said.

Kuehn is proud of all the hard work put into the paper last year.

"I'd say they did an absolutely tremendous job," Kuehn said. "There were only (a few) kids, but just working in a small staff, to be able to pull off the quality papers they did for first semester was an amazing feat. They did a fantastic job."

A judge from Quill and Scroll said, "in all (of the covered) categories, this newspaper is a nice product put out by a small but truly dedicated staff. In particular, there are fine ideas for stories and sports-related stories on the back cover and elsewhere, rather than the usual trap that people fall into with stories about teams that are working hard."

Last year's co-editor in chief is proud of this incredible achievement too.

"I think we had a strong returning senior staff which really benefited the paper because we had a strong base (and) we learned to pull together a good issue each month," Keyuri Parmar said.

The return of many senior writers greatly affected the paper as a whole.

"I think that our strengths last year were that we had more people and we had more experienced writers. Most of our writers last year were seniors and they had developed much more as journalists than our young staff has this year," sports editor Darcy Akins said.

Not only the writing itself was good, but what was covered itself also earned the Wildcat Chronicle credit.

"The kids always try to cover every aspect of the school," Kuehn said.

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Learning

By Darcy Akins
Sports Editor

As school let out for summer, Junior Whitney Martin went to Washington, D.C. in June with the trip offered by the school.

Martin stayed with one of her classmates and two other students from California.

The students stayed and studied with other students from different states.

"It was really nice to meet people from different cultures and be able to get a sense of their different cultures, and it was a great experience," Martin said.

Junior Serafina Guizzetti also went on the trip.

"I never knew how many separate monuments there were in D.C.," Guizzetti said. "I had heard of the big ones like the one for Lincoln, but I had heard of the island dedicated to Teddy Roosevelt."

Along with seeing many of the famous monuments, the students also did learn as well.

"I gained an excessive amount of knowledge about our country's history and the wonderful opportunities our nation has to offer."

One of the best activities the students got to do was to go to the Lincoln Memorial and go to Capitol Hill.

"We first met with Illinois Representative Peter Rosenthal because we were able to share concerns about our state and hear his professional viewpoints," Martin said.

In the end, the trip for Martin was "like a better vacation." "Everything you learn about is right in front of you, and you experience the government up close rather than reading about it," Martin said.

Adventures in Poland

By Kyle Paup
Perspectives Editor

Sophomore Charlie Kubinski spent part of his summer on vacation in Poland and came back with many stories to tell.

Kubinski was on vacation for five weeks, along with his family who originated from the country. His family stayed in a little town about a half hour away from Krakow.

During their stay, they went hiking in the Tatra Mountains. Kubinski got to parts of the mountain where there were chain links nailed into it that were meant to help you climb.

In order to proceed, he needed to completely rely on these chain links.

"I had to rely on it because the rocks were slippery in that area," Kubinski said. "As I was going along the chain, I slipped. I caught myself with my armpit and my other arm swung up at the same time to grab the chain."

The accident didn't seem too bad until he heard his cousin screaming, according to Kubinski.

Kubinski and his family also visited Vienna, Austria where they went to the Danube Canal.

"Across I'd estimate it to be one klick (.62 miles). In the middle there was an island that stretched down a good part of the canal. My brother and I wanted to go swimming in the canal so we went in," Kubinski said.

As they were going it got dark fast and started to rain and a lot of people left.

The rain did not stop him though.

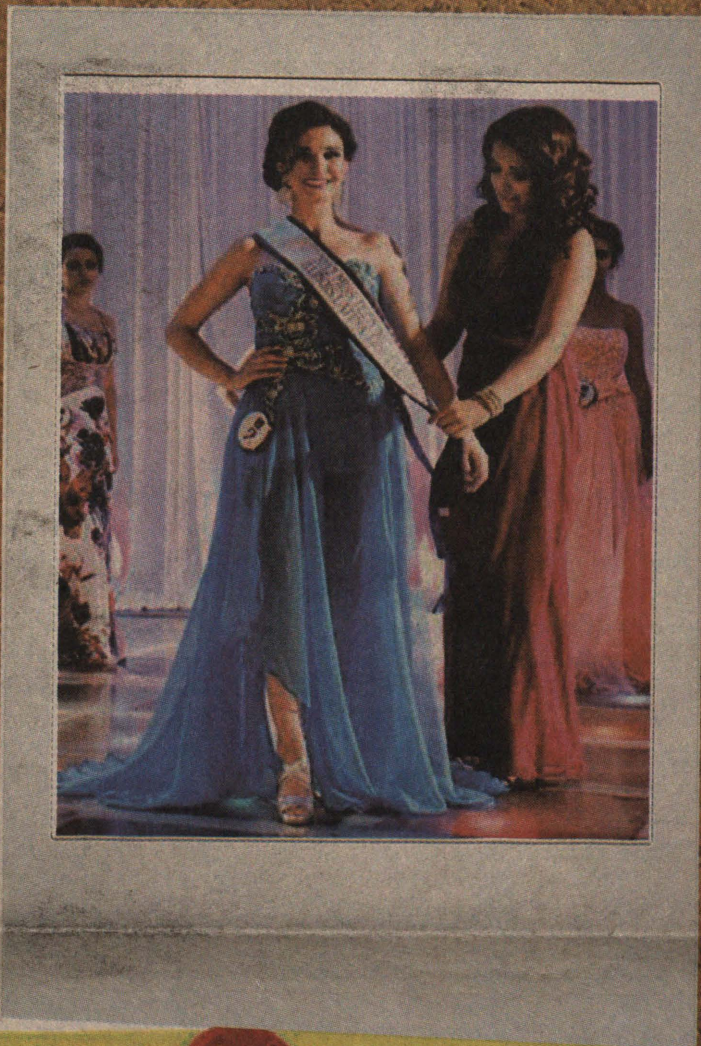
"Our goal was to swim across the canal to the island in the middle," Kubinski said. "We started to swim. The water got cold quickly (if you stopped). By the time we made it to the other side my feet were a little numb."

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Latina wins title

By Guadalupe Blanco
Editor in Chief

For senior Anahi Ruiz, the cherry on top of competing in Miss Teen Illinois Latina during the summer came in the form of the title of Miss Congeniality.

According to Ruiz, Rodriguez showed the president and vice president of the competition some of her modeling shots and they suggested that she audition for Miss Teen Illinois Latina.

"Miss Teen Illinois Latina was the first pageant I ever did, but I auditioned and after about three weeks or so they called me and said I was going to be one of the candidates," Ruiz said. "I literally started to cry because I was so happy for this new opportunity."

Once she was accepted as a candidate, Ruiz had the opportunity to train for the competition, which was held on July 18.

"We had practice almost every weekend and sometimes weekdays. I also practiced at home as much as I could, especially my runway walk," Ruiz said. "Practices were mandatory and if you missed a practice you had points taken off, but I only missed one practice."

Despite working hard at every practice, there were challenges that came with the territory, including runway and dance practices.

"We had to wear heels for two or three hours straight, and it was really hard because you had to walk perfectly and learn the routine," Ruiz said. "If you couldn't walk or learn the routine, you had to do it again and again until our teacher was satisfied with the results. At the end though, every practice was worth it."

According to Ruiz, getting to know the other competitors was one of the most satisfying aspects.

Although Ruiz didn't take home the title of Miss Teen Illinois Latina, she did walk home with the title of Miss Congeniality.

"I was extremely happy and surprised that I won Miss Congeniality because those votes were not from the judges, but from the other candidates," Ruiz said.

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Cyberbullying stoops to a new level

One of the main problems affecting our society today is cyberbullying. The Internet is overflowing with racial injustice, corrupted language, gossip, or sexual implications on videos and comments.

According to the i-SAFE foundation, about half of all teenagers have been bullied online or have bullied over the Internet themselves.

People seem to find this humorous but the truth is, it's not funny. It's offensive, stereotypical and just plain rude.

Nowadays, it seems as if insulting other people because of their race and intelligence is a joke seeing as how people regularly post offensive videos with comments to these videos encouraging them.

Even using the most harmful language imaginable seems to do nothing but make certain pages more famous.

For example Vine, a popular page on Facebook, portrays racism often.

People take short videos usually ranging from five to seven seconds of themselves that are meant to be funny. Many times though, the "jokes" portrayed in these videos are extremely racist and stereotypical.

Not only do people of one race make fun of another, but even insult themselves intentionally because they think that it is funny.

They have accepted the idea that their race is something that is a joke by some standards.

A vine can get hundreds of thousands of likes in less than 24 hours.

Comments of these videos rarely point out how vulgar and insulting they are, but join in by making fun of the same topics brought up in the videos.

"Do it for the Vine," a common quote heard in these videos, is proof that those who make them acknowledge how wrong and ridiculous it is themselves.

Before the people in these clips do something idiotic, they debate whether or not they should do it at the beginning of the video.

But with that quote, they abandon their hesitation and go through with it.

Cyberbullying is not always done with insults that affect a large amount of people though.

Sometimes these insults are much more direct.

Recently a "Gossip of West Chicago" page was posted on Facebook.

The page was strictly meant for insulting people in West Chicago while usually being sexual.

Of course, little if any of it was true.

On this page, it was encouraged to send the creators a message of a person, what they thought of them, and the page would post it as its own while portraying it as fact.

What people don't seem to realize is that this does not only hurt people inside, but can lead to depression, low self-esteem, and in extreme cases, suicide.

Probably the worst part about this is that no one appears to get offended anymore.

Even if it is offensive no one notices because hardly anyone stands up for themselves.

They don't even do something as simple as commenting with disapproval instead of encouragement.

It is as if society is accepting this as our lifestyle, that humiliation and mental anxiety is what people should feel for the sake of making some people you don't even know laugh.

Maybe the fact that people don't stand up for themselves is why it is like this, that those who take part in these activities don't even realize how much they hurt people. If you break it down to that extent, we as a society are losing our morals. We aren't trying to stop this, prevent it, or even stop laughing at it.

We need to stand up for our own morals before they disappear altogether and society falls lower than it already has.

Gym class gets serious

With the start of the new school year, there have been many changes including those of the overly strict PE department.

In previous years, students were allowed to bring backpacks into the locker rooms and told to lock them up with your clothes in your assigned locker. However, because of the increased amount of thefts in the locker room, backpacks are no longer allowed.

This rule has presented a problem for many students who have to make accommodations just to ensure they are not late to their next class. Students must hustle after PE to get their bags from their lockers and make it to the next class.

It is appreciated that our stuff is being looked out for, but shouldn't it be up to the students to decide if they want to bring their bags in or not. That way, students are allowed to make their own choices knowing they could either be late and they need to lock their stuff up.

Another change is the PE uniforms.

Most other schools in the area have uniforms, but it has been an adjustment to those upperclassmen that have been used to wearing what they please.

While we don't love having the uniforms, they are not as bad as some students would tell you that they are. Having the shirts does increase safety for the teachers because they can tell who is in PE and who is wandering the building.

The shirt color of light grey on the other hand, was a horrible choice.

Finally, a change that has been in the works since last semester in written

finals in all of the PE classes.

While the teachers argue, 'what's knowledge if you can't apply it', are written finals really necessary?

Come on now, this is gym class that we are talking about.

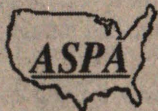
The purpose is to go to class practice a physical activity the right way and be done with it.

Even though some of the changes that have been made to 'have our best interest in mind' according to staff, some of them are just plain controlling and ridiculous.



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Lifestyles

Student by day, “DJ Infinity” by night

By Kyle Paup
Perspectives Editor

The life of a deejay that senior Andres Cuautle, or DJ Infinity, lives is not necessarily easy, but to him, is a part of his life that he never wants to give up.

Like his father, Cuautle

played the drums when he was 3. After his dad decided to switch to being a deejay, he became interested in it as well.

“My number one inspiration has to be my dad. He’s always with me, every gig I do he always comes with me. He’s like my manager,” Cuautle said.

Since starting seven years

ago, Cuautle’s career as a deejay has evolved greatly.

“There (have) been summers where we have had (about) every weekend booked,” Cuautle said. “On weekends I’ll do parties like sweet 16’s, weddings, birthday parties, and sometimes I do gigs inside school.”

Unfortunately though, busi-

ness has slowed down recently.

“As time goes by (the amount of gigs) keeps getting lower and lower. This summer I only had like five gigs out of three months,” Cuautle said.

When asked about his favorite place to deejay, Cuautle thinks deeply for a moment.

“My favorite is when there’s a stage, because I love getting the attention of people. I love being the center of attention, so I’m a person who really likes to be on stage a lot. (That way) most people see who you are and what you are doing,” Cuautle said.

Though Cuautle enjoys the attention he gets, his favorite part about being a deejay lies in the crowd itself.

“My favorite part is when I see a whole dance floor of people are enjoying it, and also after gigs when we’re getting ready to go home, and people come up to me and (say) how they had fun,” Cuautle said.

Cuautle also thinks hard about what his favorite genre of music is.

“I really don’t have a specific favorite, I like every kind of music. But whatever gets the crowd going or whatever

comes to me,” Cuautle said. “What I like to do is mix it up a bit. People get bored when they listen to a whole set of just one genre of music. And for me, I like different kinds of music. I try to be creative and try to play all different kinds of music.”

Advice that Cuautle would give to anyone who wants to be a deejay is to never take negative criticism as a bad thing and that there will be room for improvement.

Another piece of advice that Cuautle would give would be to always record your work. That way in a few months you can do it again and see how much you have improved.

When asked about whether or not he had plans to continue, Cuautle responded without a second of hesitation.

“My parents want me to get a career, but (being a deejay) is (going to) stay with me as my hobby for the weekends. If you do something that you love and you’re getting paid for it, it doesn’t hurt,” Cuautle said. “Getting a couple hundred bucks a night isn’t bad (and) I love to live the night life.”

Life as a deejay is certainly not an easy one, but, DJ Infinity still accepts that challenge and embraces it as part of his life.



Photo by Kyle Paup

Andres Cuautle stands tall with the pride of being a deejay weighing down on his shoulders.

‘Insidious Chapter 2’ disappoints

By Kyle Paup
Perspectives Editor

With a Friday the 13th release date, horror movie “Insidious: Chapter 2”, sequel to the 2010 film “Insidious,” hit the theaters.

In this one day, it grossed over \$41 million, making it the second greatest amount grossed in one day for any movie ever released in September.

In the first movie, Josh Lambert’s son Dalton was in a sleep that he could not wake up from. In order to wake him, Lambert needed to travel to a spiritual realm known as “the Further.”

As discovered in the second movie, upon rescuing his son a demon followed Lambert back to the real world.

Although it had a good storyline, the plot is not the most important part of a horror movie. Scaring the audience from beginning to end and leave them frightened after the movie is over is the true purpose.

That is not something that “Insidious 2” delivered.

Most of the time when the

movie was meant to be scary, it truly was horrifying. However, the majority of this movie was not scary. For a horror movie, this is a problem.

Even the amazing plot did not make up for the lack of horror.

The scenes that were meant to be scary made the entire audience jump in fear, while other scenes left them waiting for the next jump. Even

the scary moments of the film were cliché. A monster appearing from the left side of the screen while suddenly playing loud, scary music has been done in every scary movie ever made, yet in “Insidious”, it was the highlight of all the horror scenes.

Many other “scary” scenes in this movie made the audience cry out in laughter rather than screaming out in terror.

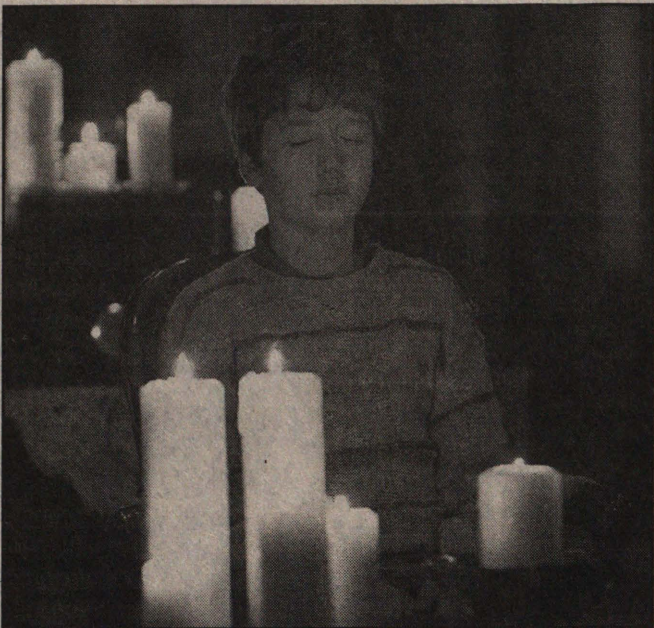


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A young Josh Lambert closes his eyes and listens to the demons possessing him.

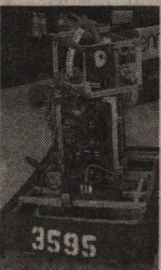
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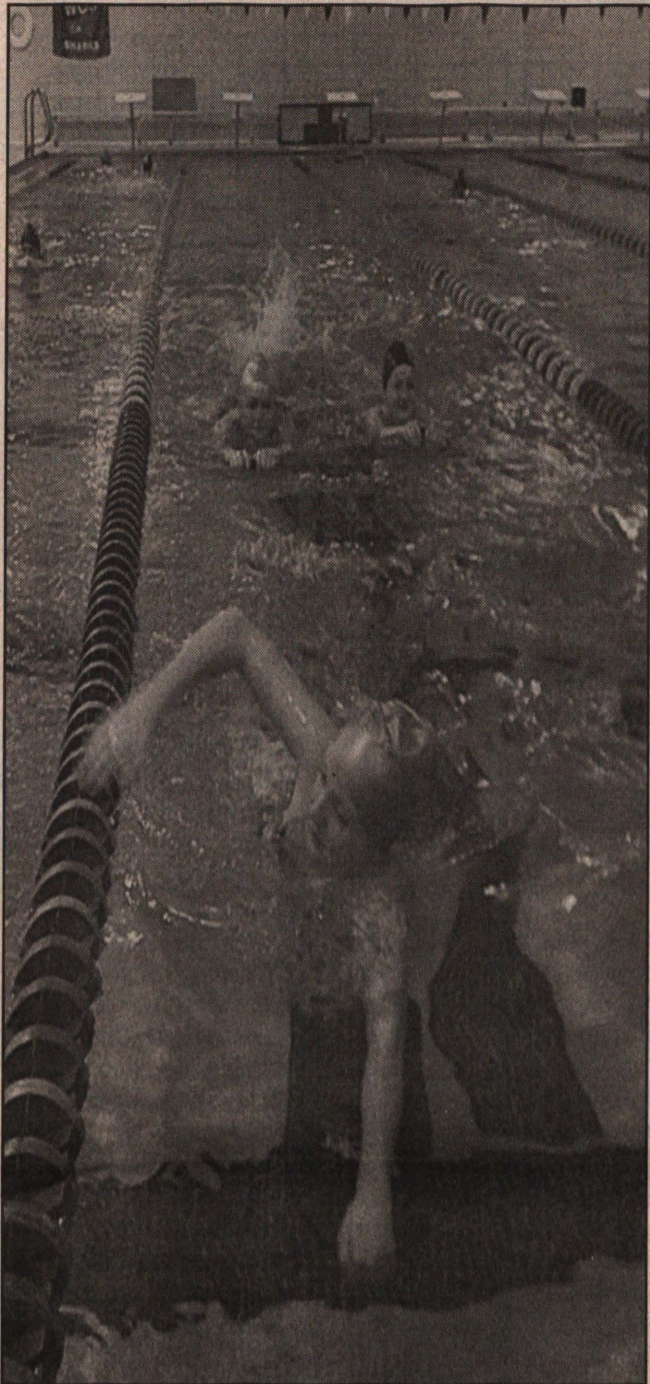


Photo by Kyle Paup
While at practice, the girls swimming team brushes up on their breast stroke using kickboards.

Two teams to join forces

By Kyle Paup
Perspectives Editor

The West Chicago swim team has officially joined with the Batavia swim team this season.

“The decision to co-op with Batavia was an easy one. This co-op allows our swimmers (and Batavia’s) to have more opportunities to swim,” coach Nick Parry said.

“With the addition of the Batavia swimmers we are now able to field a full meet line-up when we swim against other teams. I think it provides extra opportunities for kids to swim during meets and allows them more of an opportunity to improve themselves,” Parry said.

The swimmers also see the benefit of the co-op.

“Our team is a lot stronger and we are hoping to do better in competitions than we have in the past,” sophomore Lindsay Bruce said. “I think that we’ll win a lot more meets especially now that we have some Batavia girls helping us get closer to win state titles,” Bruce said.

Batavia’s edition to the team also has an impact on their practices.

“Our practices are different from any other year I have been on the team. We used to practice before and after

school but now we only have afternoon practices,” said senior captain Paulina Konopko. “We swim for about two hours and then work out afterwards. It’s hard work. There are times when you feel like you want to get out and quit swimming, but you just have to think of all the goals you have and keep going.”

Even though the team lost their first meet against York High School, the swimmers have not given up hope.

“I was surprised by how well the girls did. With so many new girls, you never know how they’re going to do during competitions, but they did really well,” Konopko said.

Since last year, the swim team has now grown and many changes come with that.

“We went from having an older, very experienced team to a younger, more inexperienced team. We have 14 swimmers that have never been on a high school team until this season. But it is something that we will get through pretty quickly here and we will be off and running,” Parry said.

Having a less experienced team comes with challenges, it comes with many blessings as well.

“The teams awesome (and

it’s) a little more than double (the size) what it was last year. It’s great to have all the new freshmen and Batavia girls on our team,” junior Miranda Otwirk said.

Even with these challenges the team still happily accepts every swimmer as a member of her second family.

“All the girls are working hard and as long as we keep it up, we’re going to do great,” Konopko said.

“My team is amazing. I love all the girls. They are literally my second family. They are great. We all encourage each other to reach our goals. It’s a lot of fun with them. I don’t know what I’d do without them,” Bruce said.

Despite all the difficult adjustments that need to be made, everyone involved has a positive outlook for the future.

“For this year we have a lot of great talent so our meets will (be) exciting. I know our team will get even (better),” Otwirk said.

Parry also has positive feelings for this season. “I think that our team will go as far as they are willing to work to. If we work hard, we have a chance to be a very good team and I think we will be able to surprise some teams when the conference and sectional meets come around in November,” Parry said.

Pushing team limits

Team strives to build more pride in program

By Alexandra Garibay
Centerspread Editor

This season the football team is hoping for more success and has already been putting in hard work.

“We had a good turnout during summer camp with the freshman and varsity players,” head varsity coach Bill Bicker said.

There are also new coaches who each bring their own drills and create “a great coaching staff,” according to Bicker.

“The coaches are really trying to help us a team,” senior Jesus Carrasco said. “They do everything within their power to help us become a better program.”

Mentality is another con-

cept the team is trying to work on.

“The team has been developing a tougher identity, understanding that they have to push through limits that they put on themselves,” Bicker said.

Players have also been setting many goals for them-

selves and the team.

“Our goals are to compete and do our best, we want to show what we can do in this conference,” senior Mike Favia said. “Our big goal is to make the playoffs.”

Having pride has become important to the players also.

“We want to start traditions and bring pride back to the school and the team,” Favia said.



Photo by Darcy Akins
During the game against Waubonsie Valley, senior Jordan Lelito attempts to snap the ball to his teammate.

Looking to shed image, cheerleaders bring spirit

By Alexandra Garibay
Centerspread Editor

Many teams have been working hard to improve their performance, even the cheerleaders.

“We want to work hard to get what we deserve and outshine the previous years,” senior Mallory Pierce said.

The team has several goals that they hope to accomplish.

“One of our major goals is to grow stronger as a cheer family (and) break out of the ‘West Chicago is second best (mentality),’” coach Meghan Klein said.

Development is also important for the team.

“We want to improve our reputation, trying to make ourselves look better at games and assemblies,” senior Gracie O’Malley said.

Although they have been refining their skills and tricks,

the girls are still up against challenges.

“Something we still struggle with as a team is having a new coach and adapting to new ways and traditions,” senior Pina Merola said.

The girls appreciate the many characteristics cheerleading has to offer.

“My favorite part (about being on the cheer team) is cheering at football games and supporting our school,” O’Malley said.

Collectively the girls enjoy cheering to support their school.

“My favorite part about being a cheerleader is providing the school with spirit and cheering for our boys under the lights every week,” Merola said.

Students can support the cheerleaders by going to their competitions which happen in December and January.

Injury leaves team adjusting, adapting

By Darcy Akins
Sports Editor

Although the volleyball team has been working hard, an injury to a crucial player has forced the team to be more flexible.

Varsity player Karissa Chernick injured her ankle in a tournament Sept. 14, forcing the team to make changes to its line-up.

"Our strength is versatility," senior captain Devan Orr said. "We have players that can play whatever position is needed. I feel like we are all passionate players and all want to do well and win."

With a player injured, the other team members have stepped up to play new positions.

"It definitely was a huge change for me because I haven't hit outside in a while, but I'm willing to take on the position," senior captain Mary Kate Katarzynski.

Even with compensating and playing alternate positions, coach Kris Hasty would still like to see the team improve flexibility.

"I think that being flexible

(is something that needs to be worked on)," Hasty said. "I don't think we have found our niche yet."

While injuries may have set the team back, the girls are

still working hard this season and managing to have fun as well.

"My favorite part is being a part of the team," Orr said. "Our program is like no other. It is nice to see the different levels in the program supporting one another."

The teams record is 9-8, and the next game is Oct. 1, at Neuqua Valley.

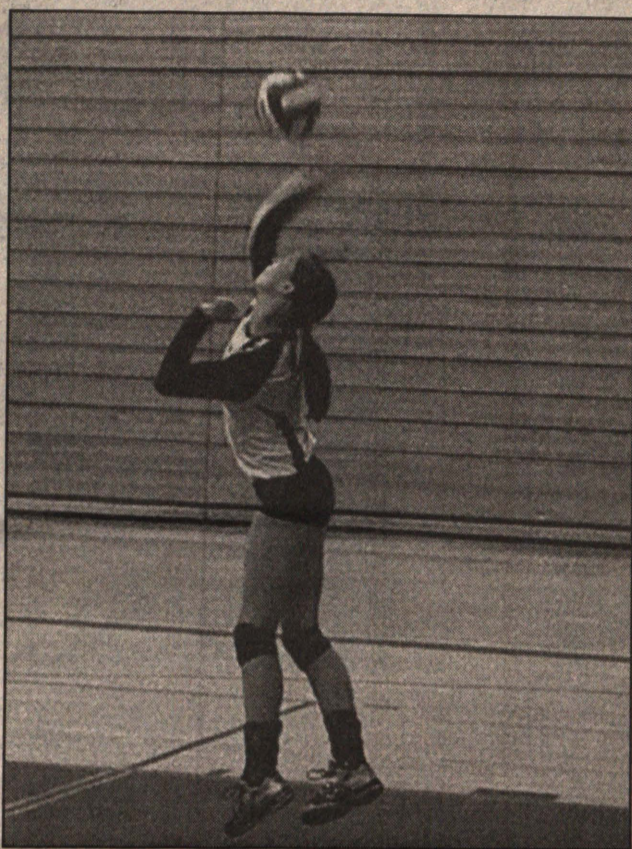


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Junior Kiera MacPherson warms up her serve at the game against Larkin.

Changes faced head on with new conference

By Guadalupe Blanco
Editor in Chief

Following a change up in coaching in addition to a new conference, the girls tennis team has had to adjust.

"My main thing was that we're starting a new conference. We joined the Upstate Eight, so (we are) just getting to know the schools in this conference," coach Zanobia Syed said. "We've got some new girls that have moved up to the varsity level, and also some girls that are starting from scratch. We're taking it one match at a time."

In terms of competing under a new coach, the team is also taking in more than just winning.

"We have a new coach, so we're getting used to that," junior co-captain Elena Garcia said. "Our first two matches, to be honest, were rough, but in our third one, each individual, although not everyone won, we did our best, and we got a lot from it."

As far as being the new coach, Syed, who coaches boys tennis at Glenbard North, feels that the team has made her transition easy.

"I've got a great group of girls that have made it not so stressful," Syed said. "Going into a new school, it's hard to know the kids, but I got to meet some of them before the season started, so that was nice too."

However, despite easily adjusting to a new coach, the girls are still trying to find their niche as a team, according to senior co-captain Shannon McCarthy.

"We've had three matches so far, but we haven't won a match as team yet," McCarthy said. "We've worked on being more consistent on the court. We hit more balls, and we don't make so many errors, but there's always room to improve, and we definitely need to work on serving a lot."

There have also been improvements to overall training, according to Garcia.

"There are a lot of things we can work on like hitting and being consistent," Garcia said. "I'd also like to see us become better players and develop as people and athletes and, for example, run without getting tired, or play without getting angry, and just remember to have a good time and play well."

Another improvement has been the greater sense of teamwork and bonding.

"I noticed this year that the girls are very helpful with each other," Garcia said. "So for example, if someone knows how to serve properly and another person is having a hard time, we teach each other what we know."

The next match is at home Thursday against Larkin High School at 4:30 pm.

Repeating sounds good to golfers

By Alexandra Garibay
Centerspread Editor

Sectionals and regionals are not far from the girls golf team's minds as they work hard to perform their best.

"Our goal is to go to regionals and sectionals again this year as a team," senior Amanda O'Mahoney said.

The team beat Streamwood, Bartlett, and South Elgin on Sept. 17 in a conference meet.

Next up is regionals on Oct. 9, and the girls are ready.

"We're doing great, and I'm really proud of the team so far," senior Hanna Netisingha said.

Coach Mike Cain agrees with the players on how well the team is doing.

"The team has been doing

well, it would be very nice to go to sectionals," Cain said.

Being in the new conference and competing against new schools has proven to be a challenge for the team.

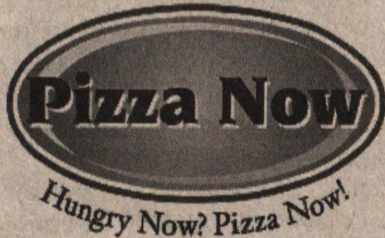
"We have a really small team this year which is a challenge we face because we all have to be on top of our game, but we are all working hard and doing well," Netisingha said.

Although the season has just started, the girls have bonded and are closer friends.

"We are all so closely bonded and the sport gives us a chance to play something we love and make new friends because of it," senior Amanda O'Mahoney said. "More girls need to join the team because it is truly amazing."

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Behind the scenes of a football game



Ready at any moment

By Darcy Akins
Sports Editor

In preparation for Friday night football games, trainers Barbara Andrews and Heather Cisowski, go about getting the athletes and other supplies ready.

"The biggest part of what we do however is getting the athletes ready. This can include anything from taping to heat to stretching," Cisowski said.

Being on the field is not just a precaution for injuries, but also helps the trainers determine how bad an

injury could be.

"During a football game we are always on the sideline," Cisowski said. "Seeing the mechanism of (an) injury allows us to assess and treat the injury quicker and more accurately."

As to how often they get called onto the field, it can depend on the game.

"How often we go out on the field really depends on the game. Some games there aren't a lot of injuries and some games there are," Cisowski said. "I'd say on average we go out on the field about twice during a

game."

For Cisowski, the energy of being out on the field is much different than the feeling of being in the training room.

"Covering a varsity football game is a very intense thing because during a game we are prepared to respond to any injury from a minor ankle to a life-threatening Spinal Cord Injury. While a serious injury is unlikely, and hopefully will never occur, being prepared for it and treating it the right way could have a huge effect on the athletes recovery."

Call of the wild(cat)

By Guadalupe Blanco
Editor in Chief

Under the Friday night lights, voice of Wildcat football Paul Lichy is there and ready.

While there is some preparation put into announcing, most of what Lichy does is spur of the moment.

"Other than the roster of our team, I have nothing ahead of time, so I just wing it and hope it sounds good," Lichy said.

As in most football games, things can get ugly.

"Poor sportsman-

ship (is one of the not so great parts). It's not a professional game, and not everyone's going to have a perfect pass or the fastest run," Lichy said.

Despite the occasional bout of bad sportsmanship, it is an enjoyable job.

"Being able to share in my spirit of being a Wildcat is the best. I also like seeing what football does for (the guys)," Lichy said. "It creates that mentality of teamwork, of responsibility, of being there for your teammates. Having the bird's eye view of that is even nicer."

Serving up a good time

Boosters and concessions may just seem like hot dogs and drinks, but it is giving back to the school.

"Our purpose is to promote unity, camaraderie, sportsmanship, assist in fundraising, encourage school and community spirit, and to support extracurricular activities at Community High School," Wildcat Booster Club president Patti Zaputil said.

Booster Club is in charge of the concessions for home and the visitor trailer for the football games and the West Chicago Park District Youth Football program.

Wildcat Booster Club is a volunteer organization made up of parents and staff members who care about the school and the community, Zaputil said.

To prepare for the football games Boost-

er Club purchases stock for concessions which include food and beverages.

"The outdoor concessions coordinator averages five hours per week to prepare for a game," Zaputil said.

Volunteers are needed to run concessions in shifts that cover set-up, early game, varsity game and closing.

Requests for volunteers are sent to all

coaches and sponsors for every CHS sport, club and activity.

From there the club or sport asks for parents and student volunteers to help cover the shifts.

Every volunteer hour earns a portion of the profits from concessions.

"Last year we gave over \$11,000 to activities who volunteered through the fall season," Zaputil said.

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