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## Mr. Wildcat Contest a Success



Nick Kerimi, Monique Cleminson, Heather Adams, and Angie Lowell lip sync "YMCA."

by Kristan Mulley  
Senior Tom Grob has been named Mr. Wildcat. Senior Scott Weber was first runner up, senior Dont'a Norwood was second runner up, and senior Rich Clark was named Mr. Congeniality.

"I thought the talent competition was the best part. It was really funny."

-Carie Mielke

The Mr. Wildcat contest was definitely an event that students at West Chicago will not forget.

The contest opened with the casual wear competition. The seven contestants modeled individually to music of their own choice. The popular choice seemed to be Salt-N-Pepa's "Whatta Man."

After the casual wear came the talent competition. This was the entertaining part of the evening. Senior Carie Mielke said, "I thought the talent competition was the best part. It was really funny."

There were a variety of talents performed.

Norwood did a dance routine with junior Robin Westrom. Nick Kerimi, along with seniors Monique Cleminson, Heather Adams, and Angie Lowell dressed up as the Village People and did a dance routine/lip sync to the famous song "YMCA." Rich Geroulis did a dance routine/lip sync act as well.

Weber and Clark both sang. But, Weber concluded his act with an interesting dance routine to Madonna's "Holiday."

Jim Smiley did a comical dance routine dressed as a Wego Pompon.

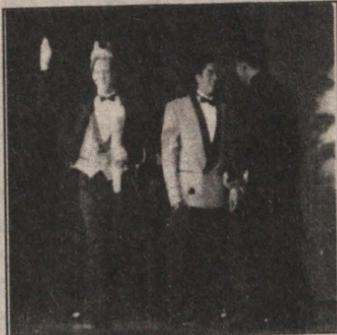
Lastly, Grob played his violin and really got an audience reaction.

Senior Mia Fox said, "My favorite part of the show was when Tom played his violin."

After the talent competition came the formal wear competition. The guys strutted their stuff in their tuxedos, while hosts senior Chris Leck and junior Mel-



Rich Geroulis models his casual wear.



Tom Grob is crowned Mr. Wildcat.

issa Pagnozzi read the contestants descriptions.

The last competition was the question and answer session. At this time, the contestants pulled a card from a pile and were to answer the question on the card.

Junior Candy Campbell, who was one of the girls that ran the contest said, "It was really strange

because most of the guys picked the same questions that they picked at the rehearsals."

After the question and answer session the big moment came to find out who West Chicago's Mr. Wildcat would be.

In addition to the contest, the Clown Team put on a skit for the audience. Another addition to the show was Senior Rachel Owens, and juniors Heather Hlavaty, and Pagnozzi sang "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy."

Campbell concluded, "It was a lot of fun working with the guys. It really went well and we hope to do it again next year."

## Spring Fling Week Results

by Kristan Mulley

After adding up the total point accumulation of Spring Fling Week, the seniors won overall with thirteen out of a possible twenty-five points.

March 21 through March 25 was Spring Fling week here at West Chicago High School. It was planned the week before Spring Break to ease the tension and make the week go by a little quicker.

The week had a different contest each morning. The contests were competitions between the classes to promote school spirit.

On Monday morning there was a hall decorating contest in which the seniors took first in.

Tuesday morning was the pineapple bobbing contest. Sophomore Adam Owens and junior Tina Hansen both won this event.

Wednesday morning was the limbo contest. During the contest a little Ragae music was played to liven things up. The juniors took first in that contest.

Thursday morning was the Cadbury Bunny imitation contest. Senior Nichole Cordin placed first in this event.

Finally on Friday the event was the Cap'n Crunch eating contest.

The freshmen took first in this event.

Student Council members Kate Ryan and Zora Slapak were in charge of the events during the week.

Ryan said, "The turn out was really good in the mornings." She seemed to be pleased with the outcome of the week.

Ryan continued saying, "This was the second year we've done this. It was fun to organize it, but we prepared it on short notice. We got the idea last year from a student exchange program we did with another school."

Slapak commented, "I thought it was a lot of fun to plan the activities. I thought a lot of people got involved and it made it all worth while."

"I thought it was a great chance to promote school spirit," said sophomore Katie Leitherer.

Junior Staci Nicoletti said, "I think more advertising about it would have made it better."

Student Council hopes to continue this activity in the years ahead. They want to make it a tradition and hope students will recognize it more in the future. They hope one day it will be as popular as Homecoming Week.

## Stag-full Turnabout has Good Turnout

by David Vingren

Last Friday's turnabout dance had a good turnout and student council most likely raised the 500 dollars it expected to. The money will be used for this year's prom.

The evening's disc jockey, who played various types of music, is the same one that will be used at prom.

The event was organized by juniors in student council.

"He wasn't bad. He played the chicken dance," said junior Wendy Kovacs of the DJ. "I wouldn't mind him playing at prom."

"It was O.K.," said senior Jenny Ray. "There were some pretty exotic dresses. I had fun. Me and friends had good time because he didn't have to wear dresses."

Ray, and many other juniors and seniors, didn't dress up in expensive clothing since they didn't have dates.

Many of the girls figure it's too close to prom to spend money on turnabout. Since the girls are

supposed to pay for the evening, many guys felt they got the bad end of the deal having to pay for a girl at homecoming, but not getting anything in return on turnabout because nobody asked them.

"I purposely asked someone to homecoming just so I would get asked to turnabout and I didn't even get asked," said senior Tom Suess. "Real cool!"

"I was so depressed I didn't get asked that I couldn't even get up to go. I smell a rat. The women are getting free a ride here. Down with those females. I mean, I shell out all that cash at homecoming and end up sitting at home on turnabout."

"This year I think they got screwed," said Ray of the unasked guys.

"I feel bad for the guys because they always have to pay for the girls," said junior Tina Hansen.

Most of the freshman and sophomores went as couples.

## Hello Dolly

By Stacy Shannon

The time is approaching.... The last production of the school year is nearing its end.

Hello Dolly.. and the title role of the Jewish matchmaker Dolly Levi, played by Rachel Owens will be seen in Weyrauch Auditorium May 13,14, and 15th.

So what is happening now? There is musical practice almost everyday of the week. They do choreography and blocking. Blocking is when the cast goes through each scene to tell where they'll stand.

"The singing is fine," says junior Robert Hernandez, "but choreography is long at practice."

The majority of the cast consists of juniors and seniors, and there is even a student director, junior Casey Lauer.

Junior Sarah Kueker, who plays Ernestina said, "She is a fun character, I get to act drunk and be carried off of the stage."

Besides the lead roles there are also the chorus roles, parts played by senior John Rakow, freshman Tobey Sanford,

sophomore Jeff Adams, junior Jill Turley and more. Freshman Grant Barclay and junior Colleen Lasky play the front and rear of the horse, respectively.

The musical is led by director Ralph Zaffino, singing director Kim Sirvatka, choreographer, Kathy Jakubowski, orchestra director Lori Rollins, and student director Casey Lauer.

Only about a month remains until the actual performance of the spring musical. Come see your fellow students act, sing a say "Hello Dolly."

## Cast of Hello Dolly

Dolly Levi.....	Rachel Owens	Ambrose.....	Joe Guetler
Horace Vandergelder.....	Chris Leck	Minnie Faye.....	Melissa Pagnozzi
Comelius.....	Rob Scott	Ernestina.....	Sarah Kueker
Barnaby.....	Chris LaCour	Ermengarde.....	Anne D'Aversa
Irene Molloy.....	Sara Arthur		

## French Exchange Students Return



French exchange students in Grenoble. Back row: Marjorie Appel, Emily Britain, Stephanie Baker, Jose Munoz, Allison Ryan, Jaime Paluth, Licette Nieto, Lindsay Eichman, Jamie Kirtz, Jennifer Kammes. Third row: Burnette Acosta, Pedro Perez, Sharon Yule, Ami Sparkman, Jamie Symowicz. Second row: Louis Penaflor, Jodie Sutenbach, Jennifer Smith, Beth Keeley, Bhavani Shah. First row: Hallie Grant, Dana Bowne.

By Blanca Rios

The French exchange students are back, after being in France for two weeks.

Twenty people went to Grenoble, France and Paris, France, where they stayed with a family and later in French hotel.

The cost was \$1300 plus expenses such as souvenirs. Although some things were more expensive, students managed to buy souvenirs such as, t-shirts, pens, Hollywood chewing gum, shoes, hats, and other such things. Junior Lindsay Eichman and junior Jennifer Kammes bought jean jackets. "A lot of students in France wear jean jackets, they think they're really American," said Eichman.

The host families made the students feel welcome. Kammes said, "My family was very nice, and they tried to help me as much as possible." Junior Hallie Grant said, "It was cool, because my host had a little sister and an older sister, and it was fun listening to them tell me stories."

The towns were a change for students as well, "The towns were prettier and the mountains were impressive."

When asked what was most liked about France, sophomore Dana Bowne said, "There were no curfews, no rules, and the food, especially the bread and kiche. "I liked being able to joke around with the people and understanding them," said Grant. Grant added, "My fa-

vorite food was at type of hamburger bun, only it was much better."

When asked what was least liked about France, Bowne said, "The driving was really bad." Grant said, "Not being able to take long showers."

"Prices were pretty much the same as the United States, the only thing that was a little more expensive were the clothes, and they were reasonable," said Kammes.

Eichman's family drove her to Milan, Italy, about five hours away, and she said, "The buildings were very old and beautiful, and like France, it was a beautiful country as well."

Out of staying in Grenoble and Paris, Bowne liked Grenoble better, "Grenoble was better than I expected it to be, and Paris was what I expected it to be."

## They are Leaving Us

By Blanca Rios

Can you believe that some of your favorite teachers will not be here next year?

A total of five teachers will be retiring: Diane Bathje, Karl Coyner, Gene Peterson, and Lee Yunker.

Most of the teachers are leaving because of the time that they have been here, and for financial reasons.

Many memories will be left when the retiring teachers leave. Chemistry teacher Karl Coyner, who has been working here since 1967 said, "I will miss the students most of all." An amusing memory Coyner also has is, "My first year teaching here at West Chicago, I slept late and the principal had to call me."

Counselor Gene Peterson, who has been working at West Chicago for thirty-one years said, "I'll miss the students and my colleagues, most of all." Mr. Peterson has

seen the school change from a small school in a small country town, to a large school in a large suburban town. "I found that it was easier to interact with faculty and students when the school was smaller, you knew more about the students," said Peterson.

Peterson plans to travel, bike ride and hike after he retires.

Roger Lincoln, who has taught several subjects at West Chicago, mostly Electronics, said, "I plan to keep working in St. Charles with model train layouts, be a handyman, and maybe if possible be a Para Pro. here at West Chicago."

Lincoln said "I really wouldn't like to leave, but the state has a good retirement plan, and it would be best to use it now."

The plan for replacing teachers has already started, "I've had many interviews and applications come in," said Principal Dr. Alan C. Jones.

## West Chicago Places Fourth for FBLA

By Blanca Rios

West Chicago's FBLA chapter placed fourth out of fifty-nine schools at their state conference Thursday, March 24.

Students that went to the state conference competed and placed first at the Northern Area Conference for West Chicago.

All day Friday students competed in their particular event. Along with competition, there was a talent show. Competing in the talent show from West Chicago were senior Chris Leck and junior Amy Langemack. They danced and impersonated Michael and Janet Jackson.

In the evening, there was a banquet for all the members and a dance. The dance was an event for students to relax and have fun. A favorite at the dance was the "electric slide."

Their was also a campaign for new state officers. West Chicago junior Chris Altman was elected state secretary.

Near the end of a conference, a slide show was shown and captured the memories of the '93 state conference.

For junior Matt Johnson, the trip was "grueling and tiring, but in the end, everyone had an enjoyable time." Junior Jason Bucher said "It was very enjoyable and I will do it again next year."

For some members, the '93 State Conference was their last FBLA conference. Senior Skye Studabaker said "I'm really sad, I encourage everyone to go, its an experience you'll never forget."

# Perspectives

## Girls Sports-Why no Recognition?

by Laura Torrey

"I think that this school doesn't take girls sports as seriously as the guys, so we get much less recognition," says junior Mary Merrick.

Girls never get recognized as much as guys in sports. It's a proven fact. Girls sports don't excite people. Why? Just because we don't slam dunk doesn't mean we're not as good or as exciting. Give us a chance.

"I think the way sports are recognized is bad because all the sports get pep pals and girls don't," says junior Josie Montalvo. "I think that people who like the sport could do stuff for girls soccer just like they do for other sports."

Why does the pep club only do guys sports? If girls want pep pals they have to do it themselves. Some people say that the Pep club only does the guys sports because they don't have enough people.

Well, answer this: If they don't have enough people, then why do they even have a Pep club? Why can't it just be fair? If someone in the Pep club wants to do girls sports then let them. Why aren't there any boys in the Pep club either? Is

it some "girl thing" or something?

Let's take a little look at the cheerleaders. They aren't even recognized as a sport. Well, what does it say in Webster's Dictionary?

Sport (sport) N. 1. any recreational activity; a game, competition, requiring bodily exertion.

Dosen't cheerleading require competition? I think so. And also, they do require bodily exertion.

"It makes me really mad about not being recognized as a sport because we practice as hard as other sports, but don't get any recognition," says junior Wendy Kovacs

"I think we work as hard as other sports, plus we have a longer season. We have all the same rules, as a sport, and even get a Varsity letter," says junior Lisa Petrik.

Speaking of cheerleaders, why can't any girls sports have cheerleaders? Is it against school rules?

What are we going to do about all of this? Is there anything we can do?

"I think that we need more announcements, and more pep assemblies says sophomore Lyndsey Paver.

"It would help if we had more announcements and more time at Pep assemblies says junior Beth Lemke.

What happened at all of the Pep assemblies? A little bird told me that Ms. Singleton, at the last minute, was told that she had only one minute to talk. She was to come on at 3:24. Whoa, what a long time.

I just wish that people would take us seriously. Yes, we are girls. We may not be as athletic as boys, but hey, we are just as exciting. Give us more recognition!

I should add one more thing. The Sophomore Boys Basketball team won the DVC conference and was recognized at the Winter Sports Awards. But, what about the Girls JV Basketball team last year? They won, and they weren't even recognized. I wonder why?

## Prom Night Spent at Bowling Green?

by Kristan Mulley

Prom is just around the corner and everyone has started to make their plans for post prom.

Where will everyone go and what will everyone do? There is a group of concerned parents that have planned a post prom activity that students have been talking about.

The bottom line is that sex and drinking are associated with prom. The parent council wants a post prom activity as an option to keep students safe from such influences.

The activity will be held at Bowling Green in West Chicago. It will begin at 12:30 AM and last until 6:30 AM. The activity is a lock-in, which means once you are in you are not able to leave.

Activities such as bowling, video games, and possibly volleyball will be available. There will be pizza, popcorn, and plenty of pop to drink.

This activity is being funded by parent donations. Parents have donated gift certificates to be given as prizes. The council is working on bigger items such as televisions and stereos to be prizes as well.

Assistant Principal John Highland said, "I think the con-

cept has merit. As a parent I understand the concern of safety."

The idea is a good one and it is understandable that parents are watching out for us. However, the idea seems slightly juvenile. Not many high school kids want to head for the local bowling alley after prom..

Senior Amy Mertz said, "I think if they want to have an after prom activity they should make it at a facility that more people would want to go to."

Students had suggestions that the after prom activity would be more successful on a boat or at a hotel. Although these ideas seem slightly extravagant, teenagers would be more happy in places like that rather than a bowling alley.

Senior Janet Kirk said, "I think it is a good idea, but I don't think that too many people will go."

On the other hand, senior Angie Lowell said, "I think it is a stupid idea. Why would people want to go to a chaperoned activity? We want unsupervised fun."

Obviously the opinions on this issue are mixed. However, we will have to wait and see how successful the activity will be until after prom.

## Letters to the Editor

Response to the Pom Article:

We're writing to respond to the Pom article written in the newspaper last month. Since the article was so involved with one side of the situation and only a few lines from our side, we'd like to defend our side.

Many of us had reasons for not being there, the most being uncontrollable weather conditions. (Oh, don't forget we were actually at that one party but we're all lying to cover it up) RUMORS!!!

We feel bad that our absence made the seniors feel like we didn't care and that we showed no support for them, however our reasons had nothing to do with lack of school spirit or lack of support for them. We aren't the first ones to miss a game. There have been many games with many absences before so obviously this has been a continuous problem and not one that developed on Senior Parent Night. Doesn't this continuous problem show that the rules aren't strict enough and that they aren't followed because they aren't enforced?

It's too bad that this situation can't be dropped and that

people are still holding grudges!

How come when the Poms do something good, we're not recognized, but the minute we do something bad it's all of a sudden a big issue?

Tracy Haugh, Tina Hansen, Melisa Borek, Trina Chalupa Noelle Giammanco, Jess Bartsch

To the editors of the Wildcat Chronicle:

In the last edition, you reported about the plans of the 1994 Junior-Senior Prom. Unfortunately, some of the information was incorrect. The price of the tickets this year is \$60 per couple or \$30 for an individual. The Prom is May 20 at the Long Island Sound Banquet center in Aurora. The theme of the Prom is "Faithfully" by the group Journey. The colors will be purple and silver and Prom favors will be a confetti glass, a keychain/picture frame, and a memory book. If any further information is necessary, please feel free to come to the Prom Committee meetings every

Wednesday morning at 7:30 am in room 147.

Thank you for your time,

1994 Prom Committee

To whom it may concern:

Recently, the Student Council of Community High School hosted a Mr. Wildcat Contest. The contest was a big success and helped raise money for both the Student Council activity fund and our local PADS shelter for the homeless. The program featured a wildcat on it, the same wildcat that appears on the front page of the Wildcat Chronicle. Unfortunately, proper credit was not given to the Chronicle or the artist of the picture, graduate

The Student Council apologizes for using this emblem without the consent or advisement of the Wildcat Chronicle staff.

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The Wildcat Chronicle is a forum for freedom of expression and encourages readers to express their views and thoughts.

by Carrie Fleming

## We-go Students Show Appreciation

Recently We-go students showed their appreciation for our teachers. Over 80 essays were entered into the Teacher Appreciation Day Contest in honor of National Teacher Appreciation Day May 3, 1994. The essay contest was sponsored by the West Chicago High School Teachers Association.

The Wildcat Chronicle staff narrowed the entries down to 27.

The final 27 were judged by a panel consisting of Michael McCulloh, a reporter for the West Chicago Press, Christopher Tews, Vice President of Sales at Graphic Productions Inc., and Julie Worthen, an editor at the Winfield Estate.

The essays printed in this paper are the selected top four. Essays are printed the exact way they were received. Names have been withheld upon request. Thanks to everyone who participated.

### First Place

When I think of teachers who have made a difference in my life so many come to mind. One that stands out is probably my tenth grade English teacher, Mrs. Kolasa. She inspired me in so many ways to become a good writer. Whenever I write I remember the techniques and styles she taught me and my classmates.

Before the tenth grade I would despise having to write an essay. Not having enough to write was a common problem I had.

When I entered the tenth grade my writing style began to change. I began to write my ideas in a structured form that made sense. My papers were very lengthy and I always had enough to say. Mrs. Kolasa taught us to use enough examples to get our point across in a clear and concise way. She worked with us individually on our weaknesses and helped to improve my introductions and conclusions. When she introduced us to using transitions I learned that a lot more goes into a paper than just an introduction, body, and conclusion.

The way she rewarded progress helped me to become motivated to write better papers. I began to get good grades on all my essays. This helped me to seriously consider becoming a more profound writer. I now enjoy writing and try to put my best effort into every paper.

If it weren't for Mrs. Kolasa I could never have been so successful in writing major papers during my junior year. She made learning fun and I really enjoyed being taught by her.

By Jon Mayhorn

### Second Place

There are many teachers that deserve to be recognized for National Teacher Appreciation Day. As far as my opinion of the teachers in this high school there is one teacher that stands out as an exceptional one.

I had Miss Rivan my junior year in Algebra II. If she didn't tell us it was her first year teaching there was no way of knowing it. She was always in control and had her act together. Usually when there is a new teacher the students somewhat run the class because we can tell when a teacher is nervous. That didn't happen because she knew what to do and how to do it.

Also she did mat problems in a way that we could understand. I remember when we started doing functions and no one in the class could understand how to do them. So she stayed up late one night and came up with the "Function Machine." She was so enthusiastic and proud of her idea and we picked it up with no problem. I am sure that the "Function Machine" will help me through college.

She would also come up with ideas to make us want to improve our math skills not just slide by in her class. She decided that we could have an in class party if the whole entire class improved in the area that we felt we needed the most work in. Some chose tests; others homework I chose group projects. Of course everyone wanted a party so we all did our best to improve and we did.

Miss Rivan was an excellent teacher. She treated us as people and I respect her for that. She sincerely wanted us to learn and to remember math because she knows that we will need it in the future and she does her job well.

By: Anonymous

### Third Place

Since I get in the Community High School, I've been received unconditional help from a really nice teacher. He's a teacher that, even though, some students don't appreciate what he does for them, he tries to help you to go further ahead.

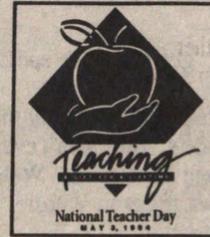
He works in the bilingual department, and as everybody knows, not all of the mexican people that arrive to this school speak English (I am a good example of it, I don't speak a perfect English, but at least I try. Maybe you have notice it, right?) and he knows that. Maybe that's one of the reasons why he's always looking for what the hispanic community needs.

He thinks that if you are hispanic, you have many things to be proud of. And he has demonstrate that thought in many ways, like: giving Spanish classes to Mexican-Americans that for some reason they have forgotten their native language, and even to mexicans that forgot how to write Spanish (I was in that club), because Spanish is a difficult language to know exactly how to write (you know accents, and all that stuff) and he knows that.

Also when I need other kind of help, not only school problems, I'm sure that I can go to him and he will try to find a solution to my problem. I know that, because I have done that.

The person I'm talking about is Mr. Egan. He's a great person. I hope you follow been that way, and I just wanted to tell you:

By: Anonymous



### Fourth Place

In honor of Teacher Appreciation Month, I know of two teacher that have made a difference in my life. The past 4 years of my high school have changed completely since they have helped. I believe that without their help the past 4 years would have been different. I first met Patti Kozlowski, the Home Economics teacher/mother, while I had gotten into a fight with a girl in the lunchroom. She tried to restrain me from beating the girl anymore but I was in such a rage she was unsuccessful. From that moment on we had become very close. I liked her so much for the fact that she cared, I decided to join her sewing class. I began to trust her a lot and soon started telling her my problems. Mrs. K as she is best know for, became like my second Mom. The one that had time for me when my real Mom was going through her own problems and wasn't able to hear mine. Mrs. K and I have had our differences in the past but we have remained very close. I remember hoe she gave me the \$30.00 check to get my permit when I had forgot the money at home. Till this day I still find myself making my way to see her when I'm happy or sad. I would just like to let her know "I really appreciate all the times you let me cry on your shoulder, all the

times you gave me a hug when you knew I needed on. Pushing me to keep going when I just wanted to give up, but most importantly for being my friend."

Mrs. Streicher is the second teacher that has made a big change in my life. Although I have known Mrs. Streicher since I was a Freshman, we've just really become close this year. I'm currently in her Business Technical class, because of this we have become closer. I have to admit Mrs. Streicher is a lot like my mother looking after me. She won't tell me what I want to hear, but instead she'll tell me the facts. Wether it's harsh or not. In the beginning I hated but in the long run I figured that it was for my benefit. Mrs. Streicher has helped me get my first real job, with great pay for a Senior. I would like to thank her for, "helping me when I just didn't know what I wanted to do with my life, giving me the benefit of the doubt when I know she thought the worst, also helping me with my math skills while I yelled and screamed at her for either helping or not helping me. most importantly believing in me enough to let me know not to let my surroundings, peers or my family let me change my mind about how I want to live my life."

To both Mrs. K and Mrs. Streicher, I thank you both for believing in me enough to put all the effort, support and understanding to show me all the potential abilities I have to offer society. Thank you for letting me see for my self that I can do whatever I wish with my life, I know I can make a world of difference. I promise the both of you I will. It's all because of you two.  
By: Anonymous

## Mrs. Retherford: Teacher Genius

By John Jovanovich

This months teacher profile is on math teacher-genius Bev Retherford.

Retherford, went to Glenbard East high school in Lombard and is a graduate of Illinois State University. It was in college when she decided she wanted to become a teacher.

She originally was an accounting major, but changed her mind after tutoring students in business math. "I decided that helping people learn was better than accounting."

Now she is in her first year and she teaches Pre-Calculus and Algebra 1 at West Chicago. "Mrs. Retherford fits in great at West Chicago." Our third hour

Pre-Calc class loves her and she has a great sense of humor," senior Raven Moore boasted.

Working with the students and faculty is her favorite part about teaching at West Chicago. Driving thirty five minutes everyday was something she didn't like.

Her advice to students is, "Work hard in high school and it will pay off even though it may not seem like it now." Her plans for the future are to teach here as long as possible, but that may be interrupted, because her husband and her want kids in the near future.

Enthusiastic, hard-working, and a good sense of humor are three words that best describe her.

There's a new teacher in town and her name is Bev Retherford.

## There's Food In My Waterfountain

By Nichole Cordin

The bell is about to ring. You are looking for a place to throw the end of your Pop-Tart or gum but instead of thoughtfully throwing it on the ground or in the trash, you put it in the water fountain!

Now, this phenomenon has centered around a few target spots: sophomore hall drinking fountain, senior hall drinking fountain, and the fountains by the P. E. locker rooms.

To begin with, there is an overwhelming supply of gum and spit crusted onto the Sophomore Hall drinking fountains on the first floor. It is understandable that there it is not always easy to find a garbage can, especially during passing period when the hall are crowded.

Instead of throwing it on the ground or on an unfortunate fellow's locker, students put it in the drinking fountain. Sometimes the gum becomes so condensed

that it blocks the flow of water, making the fountain overflow. Oh no!

Next, the thirsty victim comes across the senior hall fountains. Most of the time the senior hall fountain is clean, but when it gets dirty, woaah is it dirty! The new short fountain by the Test Center has become the biggest target for gum and gum wrappers.

Deidre Kellens, a Junior who often roams senior hall, said, "Once I saw a guy throwing a whole PB&J sandwich in the fountain. It got all mushy and no one wanted to take a drink from that fountain."

Kellens story is not unlike that of Senior Alyce Iversen, who found that the fountain by the P.E. locker rooms is a popular spot for Pop-Tarts. Iversen commented, "After a quick three miles around the track,

it's really disgusting to find someone's breakfast in my face when I try and take a drink."

Lastly, the sophomore hall has the worst fountains. They are always stocked full of gum and don't ever seem to be cleaned out. The custodial staff is probably just as scared as everyone else.

Sophomore Tracy Churan said, "I can't quite explain the stuff I've seen in the fountains in sophomore hall. Sometimes it looks like Doritos, but there is always lots of gum." Churan also said she avoided the fountain and got a drink at the fountain in the cafeteria.

Hopefully you are not one of the many slackers who throws their gum and left over lunch or breakfast in the drinking fountains. There really are good and decent people who are able to find a corner or a trash can to throw away their stuff.

# Perspectives

## \*Seniors' Choices\*

\*students were chosen at random

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COLLEGE</u>	<u>MAJOR</u>
Heather Adams	University of Illinois	Art
Jason Adams	University of Illinois-Chicago	Engineering
Jen Ault	Illinois State University	Biology
Doug Berry	Auburn University	Architecture
Courtney Burandt	Illinois State University	Psychology
Cathy Carroll	Carthage College	Communications
Anita Castellano	Illinois State University	English
Mark Centanni	College of DuPage	Communications
Steve Chytry	Western Illinois University	Marketing/Advertising
Stacy Ciombor	Eastern Illinois University	Marketing
Rich Clark	Trinity College	Communications
Monique Cleminson	Luther College	Psychology
Betsy Co	University of Wisconsin-Steven	Natural Resources
Nichole Cordin	Eastern Illinois University	Journalism
Dave Cox	Arizona State University	Physical Therapy
Sheri Daleiden	University of Iowa	undecided
Scott Everett	University of Miami-Ohio	Business
Ted Fijalkowski	Triton Junior College	Physical Therapy
Mia Fox	Illinois Wesleyan University	Mathematics
Erich Germand	General Motors Institute	Mechanical Engineering
Rich Geroulis	College of DuPage	Business Management
Jay Gould	Illinois College	Broadcasting
Tom Grob	Purdue University	Aviation
Joe Guetler	University of Illinois	Computer Science
K.C. Gulbro	Western Illinois University	Arts and Communications
Carol Hofbauer	College of DuPage	Pre-Veterinary
Nathan Hoffmann	College of DuPage	undecided
John Jovanovich	Judson College	undecided
Beth Keeley	College of DuPage	Elementary Education
Nick Kerimi	Northern Illinois University	Accounting
Ben Kramer	College of DuPage	undecided
Chris Leck	University of Minnesota	Performing Arts
Angie Lowell	Illinois State University	English
Tiina Martin	Illinois Wesleyan University	Biology
Dana McKenzie	Indiana University	Accounting
Darcy McLeod	North Central College	Business Administration
Amy Mertz	Indiana University	undecided
Carrie Mielke	Northern Illinois University	Education
Raven Moore	University of Dayton	Communications
Kristan Mulley	Illinois State University	Mass Communications
Jeff Mummert	College of DuPage	undecided
Sean Murray	Western Illinois University	Pre-Law
Cheryl Murzyn	University of Illinois	Elementary Education
Carey Netzel	University of Illinois	Biology
Bob Odonell	MacMurray College	Criminal Justice
Kristi Oen	Illinois State University	Chemistry
Rachel Owens	Michigan State University	Music Therapy
Melissa Palmese	College of DuPage	Fashion Merchandising
Addie Panveno	Columbia College	Film Production
Dustin Perry	Arizona State University	Fashion Design
Marie Pierce	College of DuPage	Veterinary Medicine
Todd Reffett	Illinois State University	Education
Jenny Richards	Northern Illinois University	Advertising/Art
Kate Ryan	University of Illinois	Education
Dan Schoenenberger	Northern Illinois University	Accounting
Zora Slapak	University of Illinois	Social Studies/Education
Bhavani Shah	North Central College	Engineering
Manali Shah	North Central College	Math and Science
Rick Shah	Illinois Benedictine College	Pre-Med
Bridget Shockey	North Central College	Accounting
Jim Smiley	Lincoln College	Physical Therapy
Grant Speros	Western Illinois University	undecided
Skye Studabaker	University of Missouri-Rolla	Geological Engineering
Tom Suess	Illinois State University	Pre-Law
Alicia Terry	College of DuPage	undecided
Billy Tuma	Northern Illinois University	undecided
Matt Usterbowski	Grandview College	Business
Dave Vingren	Southern Illinois University	Journalism
Scott Weber	University of Iowa	Actuarial Science
Jenny Weigand	Illinois State University	undecided
Scott Weiss	University of Iowa	Film Production
Cheri Winkler	University of Illinois	Pre-Law
Brittany Winquist	Western Illinois University	Business
Mike Winterhalder	Indiana University	Business
Carolyn Yong	College of DuPage	Fashion Merchandising
Greg Yourek	Marquette University	Biomedical Engineering

**Of all the seniors listed above:**

- 14% are going to College of DuPage
- 18% are attending public, state schools out of Illinois
- 26% are attending private colleges or universities

**For students attending schools in Illinois:**

- 20% are attending College of DuPage or a junior college
- 16% are going to Illinois State University
- 11% are going to the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana

# Top Ten Television Shows Viewed by Teenagers

by Raven Moore

## Seinfeld

Channel 5(NBC) on Thursday nights at 8 pm- Jerry Seinfeld brings his day to day stories to humor us all. Whether George pees in the locker room shower or Jerry forgets his girlfriend's name, every show is equally as hilarious. (George is the most paranoid person I've ever seen!)

## Melrose Place

Channel 32(FOX) on Wednesday nights at 8 pm- The sex, betrayal, and blackmail make Melrose Place a must on Wednesday night. The show addresses controversial issues like abortion, homosexuality, and temptation. (What is with this pervert who got fired as a handyman by Amanda?)

## Roseanne

Channel 7(ABC) on Tuesday nights at 8 pm- Although her vulgarity and raw humor can often be offending, her shows address everyday issues like puberty and pregnancy with laughs. (Darlene steals the show with her undying sarcasm.)

## Dateline

Channel 5(NBC) on Tuesday nights at 9 pm- Jane Pauley and Stone Phillips bring a fresh look to the news information show format. Interviews with Jeffrey Dahmer and Nancy Kerrigan spice up the show. (Jane Pauley and Stone Phillips host the show, but never seem to do anything else, like maybe conduct and interview.)

## Married with Children

Channel 32(FOX) on Sunday nights at 8 pm- Although it is the most sexist and perverted show since Archie Bunker's *All In the Family*, Al Bundy and clan represent the somewhat typical American family with laughs. (Kelly Bundy has given all of us blonds a bad name.)

## Ricki Lake

Channel 50(WPWR) every weekday afternoon at 4:30 pm- Ricki Lake brings a new style to the talk show setting. She expresses her opinion without hesitating and nearly every topic creates controversy. (Ricki Lake is so down to earth and friendly, unlike the somewhat arrogant Sally Jesse and Oprah.)

## Saved By the Bell

Channel 9(WGN) every weekday afternoon at 4:30- Although most of us deny it, Zack, Kelly, Slater, and the crew have filled many hours with somewhat entertaining, but unrealistic stories. (How many times have you all seen the episode when Jessie overdosed on drugs?)

## Sisters

Channel 5(NBC) on Saturday nights at 9 pm- Alex, Frankie, Teddy, and Georgie create such a powerful and credible bond that viewers feel the characters' pains as if they were their own. (Definitely the best show on t.v.-it made me sob one night.)

## These Friends of Mine

Channel 7(ABC) on Wednesday nights at 8:30 pm- Although the show made its premiere just three weeks ago, comedian Ellen De Generes has already become a character similar to Jerry Seinfeld addressing topics like class reunions, call waiting, and breast size. (De Generes is the best stand-up comic I've ever seen!)

## Baywatch

Channel 50(WPWR) on Sunday nights at 5 pm- The sun and fun these California lifeguards enjoy make us all jealous. Every episode beautiful people fill the screen with corny, but entertaining storylines. (Although David Hasselhoff will never be the same without Kitt(Night Rider series), he is still quite a stud who can pick up babes on the beach.)

## Rusty-El Camino Local Bands Soar B

By Nichole Cordin

Spring Break would not have been complete without a great show from two jiving bands. Rusty-El Camino and Sane Larry came together for a fantastic spectacle for local fans.

Sane Larry, consisting of bassist Eric Schlotzer, Brian Levake on guitar, and Mike Weaver on drums, was before Rusty-El Camino. Schlotzer and Levake are '92 graduates of We-go who rocked the local scene with Weaver for many years, were stronger than ever. They featured such songs as "Hot Coals" and "In Your Hands" off of the *K is for Sucker* album. The tunes sounded better and louder than they have ever sounded. Music vibrated the walls and people were mesmerized by the groove.

Adding a special touch to the show was David Phipps, technical mastermind, who did lighting. David Phipps is also the lead guitarist of the talk of the town, Rusty-El Camino, starring bassist Matt Filippo, lead guitarist David Phipps, vocalist Tom Phipps, and drummer Brian Levake.

If these names sound familiar, your right, most of the members were '92 graduates.

## Pearl Jam at the C

by Rob Burwell

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The 1994 Vs. tour came through Chicago on March 10th. The bands Urge Overkill and The Frogs opened for them. The Frogs were incredibly horrible, but Urge Overkill did very well.

It took about one hour for Pearl Jam to finally come out on stage. They had candles on all their amps, and purple lights setting the mood for an appropriate opener, "Release" off the "Ten" album.

They continued to play for almost three hours. They played all the MTV hits such as "Jeremy," "Even Flow" and "Alive." They also played almost everything else off the "Ten" album.

As far as the new album "Vs." goes, they didn't play as many songs off that as they did from the other album. They

## It's That Time of Year! Jeff Hadzima and Rob Burwell Take a Hack at the Best Albums of the year

### Superunknown \*\*\*

By Jeff Hadzima

Superunknown, is the new Soundgarden album which recently debut at #1 on the album chart. Once again Chris Cornell's vocals and lyrics make this album one of their best so far.

The album opens with "Let Me Drown," a song where Cornell's vocals are great and guitarist Kim Thayil plays a great funky vibe. The album slows a little after that strong start, but then "Black Hole Sun," the radio friendly song comes, and leaves you with a strong positive feeling.

Then there is "Spoonman," by far the best song on the album. You definitely can feel the rythm, Spoonman rocks! Then there is "Kickstand," a speedy song that shouts, "Do it Right."

Soundgarden did do this album right, and it should be given a chance by all. I'm not a big Soundgarden fan, but this album made me want to be one.

- \* I can't believe I shelled out 15 bucks for this album.
- \*\* Not that bad, but not that great either. I am not embarrassed for buying this.
- \*\*\* Some really great tunes. I can't believe it took me so long for me to buy this.
- \*\*\*\* Classic. Rates with some of the greatest albums of our time. Buy it NOW.

### The Crow \*\*\*

By Jeff Hadzima

As soundtracks go, this one is dark and creepy, yet it is great. It has everything from Stone Temple Pilots to Pantera, and all different types of strange music.

The starts off with "Burn," by the Cure. This song is an echoing masterpiece that remains in your head for days. Also there is "Dead Souls," a great Nine Inch Nails song

that is totally different for them. It's Nine Inch Nails on a diet, but it still is a great song.

The Stone Temple Pilots song "Big Empty," is a country version of Plush, and Helmet's "Milktoast," is a loud echoing song with great metal bass.

Overall, this album is not a very happy one, but it is a good one. It is hard to find a soundtrack these days that can leave you with the feeling that you spent your money wisely, but this one does. It has a great variety of alternative and metal, so you should check this one out.

## no and Sane Larry: r Beyond all Others

Marissa Filippo, sister to Matt Filippo, exclaimed, "My brother is the best bassist in the whole world. We even have the same initials."

This is a true example of the kinds of fun and cheap shows that you can experience right here in the suburbs.

If you are looking to try some local hot sounds, it is more than likely you will be hearing of Rusty- El Camino and Sane Larry again.

Faithful followers of Rusty- El Camino are comparing the band to the hit group 8-Bark. Their future should be bright if they keep featuring such songs as "My Hair," a tribute to the vanity of David Phipps. Surely a band like this will not settle on one album.

Lastly, the future of Sane Larry has not been determined. Although the band's outlook is unsure, their music and spirit will live in our hearts forever. Their songs, including "30 to 1", are old favorites and always make for a good time when listening to music with friends.

Be sure to try and check out the latest tunes from each band whenever possible. Rusty El- Camino's next show will be May 7 at the College Of Dupage.

## Chicago Stadium

did play the Q101 favorite "Daughter," which made all the little kids in the crowd happy.

I was very happy to hear some of the new songs that are going to be on a new EP scheduled for release sometime in summer.

They played some unexpected B-sides from singles and soundtracks such as "Footsteps," "State of Love and Trust," and "Sonic Reducer" (found on the limited edition Christmas EP).

They closed the evening with the song "Rockin in the Free World," that they played with Neil Young on the MTV music awards this year.

This show was the most phenomenal, energetic, superb show I've ever seen.

- Look for Pearl Jam on tour this summer with Rollins Band-

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### "The Downward Spiral"\*\*\*\*

by Rob Burwell

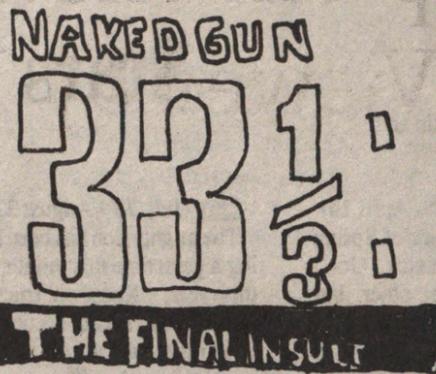
On March 8th, Nine Inch Nails (NIN) released their first full-length album in almost five years. The long awaited release has been hailed by the critics as the "darkest" album ever.

Not only is it the darkest album I've ever heard, but it is probably the scariest release NIN has to date.

The first track, "Mr. Self Destruct" is very blurry and noisy with a lot of mechanical sounds that you would expect from NIN, but it all mixes very well and turns out to be one of the better tracks. The album continues with songs that are a bit more soothing and mellow, which is uncharacteristic of NIN. Some songs are the instrumental "A Warm Place" and the last track "Hurt."

There are songs however that demonstrate NIN leader Trent Reznor's powerful lyrics and creative song writing. Such songs are "Heresy," "Reptile," "Ruiner," and "March of the Pigs" (the unlikely first single).

No NIN fan can be without this new album. It is probably one of the best albums that will be released this year.



## Naked Gun 33 1/3

By Dan Ziman

Well Sgt. Lt. Detective Frank Drebin is on assignment again in the third part in the "Naked Gun" series. The movie still has the same cast as the previous "Naked Gun's": Leslie Nielson, Pricilla Presely, and O.J. Simpson.

In his last movie

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police work and marry Jane

In this last movie Frank promised to retire from police work and marry Jane. Well he kept his promise and he turned into a real "Mr. Mom", because he makes sure that his house is super clean, but not is all well in the city of Los Angeles. A terrorist is about to break out of the state penitentiary on the police are worried about what he has planned. So the case goes to Police Squad and Ed and Nordburg decide to try get Frank to help.

They have a hard time convincing Frank to help them but he decided to help. His decision got him in major trouble, because since he got the information Police Squad needed they asked him to go under cover in the state penitentiary and befriend the terrorist. He does and helps him escape from prison and sees the terrorist new little: a nuclear bomb which he (the terrorist) plans to blow up the Academy Awards.

Well you probably thought I would give away the ending, nope. The movie was pretty good but it was lacking in plot. I still suggest that you see it because there are some parts are hilarious. I give it 33 1/3 stars out 40.

## The Paper

By Wendy Woodward

"The Paper" is a funny, touching, piece of work that Ron Howard has created. He somehow got Glenn Close and Micheal Keaton to play totally different roles than in other movies they have starred in.

Keaton, who has recently been in "My Life" and "Batman," has a different role. The way he transforms his emotions to be real is brilliant.

Close, while her normal role is a serious person, she is a feisty editor. While Keaton and Close are constantly on each others backs they work wonderfully together. The movie takes place in New York City. They write for the New York Post. They are competing with a wealthy paper also in New York.

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While Keaton is writing for the Post the wealthy paper has offered him a job, which will give him and his expecting wife a bigger paycheck. While at his interview he does something that could ruin his career.

This movie shows how a daily paper is run, and the stress that is put on the reporters. Which Close and Keaton are perfect together the way they fight and argue. There are some coincidences that occur that normally wouldn't happen in real life.

The movie made me laugh and cry and it really made me think of a lot of things that go on in this nation. Keaton brings out the truth in a story that police just picked up some kids to get rid of the case also that means less work for them.

The movie was well worth the \$7.50 because of the unexpected violence and suspense.

## Nichole and Laura Predict the Stars

by Nichole Cordin and Laura Torrey

**Aries** (March 21 - April 19)  
Oh no! The power of Spring has made you love sick. Good for you significant other, but bad for your grades. Make sure you keep up with all of your studies in between those long walks on the beach and picnics in the park. You could be experiencing some stressful situations this month, so keep a level head.

**Taurus** (April 20 - May 20)  
Ah the lonely Taurus has found him/herself in a rut. Don't get upset, though. Good times are soon ahead. Keep your eye open for something new. A new date maybe... But while your waiting for the right one to come along, find special things to do with your friends. Don't let that good grade give you a big head, it could only be temporary.

**Gemini** (May 21 - June 21)  
Hard work may be keeping you busy, but also tired. Make sure you keep a perceptible on your part. Everyone knows that you are under pressure, so don't take it out on them. Your love life look is stable and won't be changing until the seasons do. Good luck finding time to yourself!

**Cancer** (June 22 - July 22)  
Lately your parents are making you feel like you'd rather jump out of the window than sit through dinner with them. Give them a little credit for their frustrations and lighten up. Don't give up on love either, your love connection might be just around the corner. Make sure you keep an eye out for your friends too, they might need you soon.

**Leo** (July 23 - August 22)  
The mighty lion has been having a great time this month, and this year. Keep on trucking through the social scene, and you might end up on the five year student plan. Keep on task in school and you'll always have time to hit the parties. Don't be too hasty when making judgements this month, you might be a little blind-sighted from the sun!

**Virgo** (August 23 - Sept. 22)  
The vivacious virgos are finally ready to shed their winter coats and step outside. Although the winter was grey, the spring has put the radiance back in your personality. If you are going to Prom, don't be too worried about your plans, everything will come together in the end.

**Libra** (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)  
It's not looking too hot. You better start talking to that guy or girl you like. Pretty soon he/she may catch another eye. Also, start kissing up to that teacher who gave you that C on your passed report card. He/she may move it up.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)  
Next time you go to the mall and you catch some good looking guy/girls eye, talk to him/her. It's love at first sight. This month look out for your English teachers. They'll be giving you lots of reading assignments in the future. Be prepared!

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22 - Dec 21)

That Boyfriend/ girlfriend you once had a relationship with is still the same person inside. Try talking to him/her sometime. There's friendship still there. Plus, try studying for just one hour before your next science test. You might end up getting an A!

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)  
You like that person sitting next to you in Math - I know. Telephones may not be your friend, but try calling that person. It'll be alright. There is that one teacher that's been giving you a hard time when it comes to homework not being turned in. If you think of a new excuse, instead of "My dog ate my homework," it'll work.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)  
Do something nice for that special someone. He/she would love it - more than you'll ever know. Homework is driving you bananas - I know. Try doing it in unscheduled. You'll have a lot of extra time to relax when you get home.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19 - March 20)  
If your getting in fights lately with your boyfriend/girlfriend, try talking it over, over dinner and a movie. This will melt things over. If you get to school late every morning, try going to bed a half hour early. This may make your body wake up a half hour early!

## The Gift to Touch the Heart

by Carrie Fleming

Mother's Day is once again around the corner. There are just 16 shopping days left!

What special plans do We-go students have for their mothers on May 8? Most have none at all.

"I'll probably just run out and get some two day old roses at the last minute," one sophomore said.

There are several things mothers appreciate besides "two day old" roses.

Several stores around the malls have specialized items for Mother's Day. Cards, balloons, and stuffed animals are just a few of the special gifts that will not cause any child to go broke, but are just enough to bring a smile to mom's face.

When asked what he was going to get his mother, one We-go student said, "I'm just getting her a card. She'll be happy with that."

A simple card may make some mothers happy. Those Hallmark card can be tearjerkers, just maybe.

In all greeting card stores, and most grocery stores, there are Hallmark Create-a-Card machines. With a Create-a-Card machine, a mother can have a

gift that is truly from her own child's heart.

Some may want to treat their mothers to a special dinner, or take mom to that one special place.

For example, on May 8, Mrs. Susie Fleming is being treated to a day at the races at Arlington International Racecourse, and possibly a bottle of her favorite Elizabeth Taylor perfume.

This might be quite expensive, but expensive is what makes Mrs. Fleming happy.

No matter what we all do for our mothers on Mother's Day, don't forget the one most important thing... say I love you.



Marge Simpson - The perfect mom.

## The Death of a Great Man

by Rob Burwell

"A sweeter man never lived," said director John Hughes (People Weekly, March 21, 1994) of John Candy. Last month John Candy, one of America's funniest actors, died. He had made this country laugh for many years.

His career started off in the comedic group "Second City" in the early 1970's. He acted with many other actors that have made a mark on the Hollywood scene, such as Dan Akroyd, Bill Murray, Gilda Radner and Steve Martin. All of whom went on to be regulars on "Saturday Night Live."

In 1980 he made his movie mark in the movie "The Blues Brothers" as cop Burton Mercer. He also starred in many

films afterward like "Planes, Trains and Automobiles," "Uncle Buck," and many others. He co-starred or made special appearances in many other films such as the box office smash "Home Alone", "National Lampoons' Vacation," "Splash" and "Caddyshack."

He had a family which he loved. He loved to be with his children even if it meant being at home not doing anything.

In school, he was treasurer and when he went to college, he decided to major in Journalism and minor in Acting.

He will be missed by anyone who is a movie lover. It's very rare that a someone comes along and make such an impact on the entertainment aspect our country. We will all miss him.

## Spring Break of '94

by Wendy Woodward

Spring Break this year seemed to be worse than last year for some. The students that didn't go on vacation in some tropical island didn't get tan because it was cold here.

Some students liked staying home because they didn't have to worry about anything. They just got to relax.

Others, like senior Mark Parker, had to work every day. Students that were in a sport had practice every day. Varsity baseball players had baseball practice in the middle of the day. So when they got up at 11:00 in the

morning they had practice at 2:00. They got out at about 5:00p.m. Then they were too tired to do anything for a while.

Seeing movies was the most popular thing to do over break. Some popular movies were "Major League 2," and "Naked Gun 33 and 1/3," "On Deadly Ground," "Ace Ventura." Which everyone that saw themovies were both disappointed and pleased.

The weather was a big factor in some vacations. While it was cold and snowed one day that meant there wasn't much to do.

To try and find some thing to do no matter what is hard enough around here.

Some indoor sports that were played were pool, roller skating, ping pong, and a game of poker.

Since this has been the worst spring break for some think what could you do to make it better next year. Well you could plan some trips to colleges with a group of friends. Or plan a trip somewhere close with your

### John Candy's Greatest Flicks

Summer Rental	Only the Lonely
Uncle Buck	Great Outdoors
Planes, Trains and Auto mobiles	Cool Runnings

## Going on Vacation? Think of the Caribbean

by Laura Torrey

Summer is not far off. Only about two months away. Sitting on a warm, sunshine beach sounds wonderful right now, doesn't it?

Hawaii may be thousands of miles away, but we can still dream about being there right now. How about the Caribbean? St. Thomas, Aruba - Sound wonderful?

The U.S. Virgin Island of St. Thomas is known as the shoppers paradise. It is only 13 miles long and is close to the island of St. John.

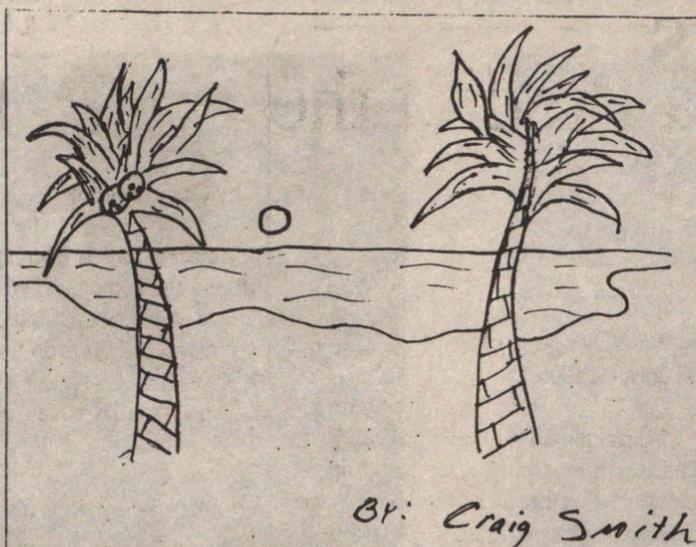
The beaches there are marvelous. Coki Beach is a popular snorkeling spot. Magens Bay is a white sand beach that is a half a mile long. It has calm waters. It's a place for sunning and swimming.

Aqua Action Watersports is a full service place that has scuba diving, snorkeling, rental of kayaks and windsurfers.

The best shopping places here are at Market Square, which is the historical place of St. Thomas. The people there sell papaya, roots, herbs, African fabrics, clothes and fruit juices.

The prime shopping place is Charlotte Amalie. It's a great place for bargain hunting located between Market Squares that has three parallel streets of shops.

Staying in St. Thomas is no problem. There are many hotels. One of the main hotels is Marriotts Frenchman's Reef Beach Resort. It



Picture this: You're sitting on the beach, looking out off the coast of Aruba, dazing at the sunset.

has over 400 rooms with air conditioning, cable, and balconies. It has a private beach, four tennis courts, and all watersports are available. The view is spectacular.

Another popular island in the Caribbean is Aruba. It is located only 18 miles from Venezuela. It has wonderful white sand beaches and turquoise waters. It is only 19.6 miles long and 6 miles wide. It is the climate of paradise with average temperature of 82° F.

One beach in Aruba that was once named one of the top 10 beaches in the world, is Palm Beach. It is the center of Aruban tourism. But, during its high season, it's a sardine can.

Another beach is Boca Prins. It's near the Fountain Cave and Blue Lagoon with two rocky cliffs and crashing waves. They say it's as romantic as you'll ever get. But, it's not a swimming beach. It's much too rocky.

Aruba is known as a casino place. Most every hotel has a casino. On the Oranjestad strip,

casino hotels include: Aruba Concorde Hotel, Golden Tulip Caribbean, Holiday Inn, Americana Aruba Beach Resort and Hotel Casino, Aruba Palm Beach Hotel Casino, and Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort Casino.

When staying in Aruba one of the best places to go to is the Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort and Casino. It has over 350 rooms, beach, three level swimming pool with waterfalls and saltwater lagoon, four restaurants, casino, health club, two tennis courts, and all watersports. It starts out with three nights at \$647 on up during the summer.

If you think of going on cruises, most go to both of these spots. The Royal Caribbean has several ships that have 3, 7, or 8 night cruises. They harbor in Miami, and in San Juan. Prices vary.

Can't you not wait for the summer? It's not far off. The warm sands, and tropical sunshine is there waiting for us, only a few thousand miles away.

## Summer Work Force

by Jeff Hadzima

Summer is just around the corner, and it is time to start searching for that one thing that will put money in your pocket, and that is a summer job.

Not all of us have to work this summer, but the majority of us will, and when it comes time to choosing a summer job, you have to be careful. There are many sneaky managers out there that only want you for one thing: WORK! If your lucky, you can find a job that allows you to get paid well and do practically nothing. This sounds like a dream, but it isn't. Many jobs allow you to sit around all day, but you just have to be lucky and get the right job.

First of all, you have to find a job that you would enjoy. Having fun while working a summer job is the most important thing. After all, your wasting your summer, so you better be having fun. Plus, work at a place you would want to hang out at. If you hate to eat, don't work at a fast food restaurant, work at a golf course because you are far away from food.

Next, if you are going to get paid the way eight year olds with paper routes do, don't work there. Most places take about ninety days before you even see a raise in your paycheck. There are only eight-one days in the summer, so tell them to go fly a kite if they tell you those words that hurt oh so often: You will start at minimum wage. You

should say you were going to get a raise at your last job. This usually tells them that you are a hard worker and you can go somewhere else and get paid better. Believe me, they will be sorry if they let you go, or they'll eat at Wendy's?

Never tell the person interviewing you that you don't know how to do something. If your life or others are at stake, then maybe, but always act like you did it at your last job.

"Oh sure I know how to use that machine that I saw in the movie Aliens."

"What are you nuts, of course I know how to run a thermo-nuclear reactor while doing the Cha-Cha."

And last, but certainly not least, you must find a job where you can get along with the people you work with. If you really hate Guns'n'Roses, don't work with someone who does a great Axl Rose impersonation. If you can't get along with the people at your job, don't quit. Treat them terrible until they quit. I'm mean, let them waste their summer finding a new job.

If you follow all of these precautions, you should get a pretty decent summer job. And always remember, if your managers are really making you mad, get you and your friends at the job to go on vacation at the same time. Expect to go back to see your manager with your last check singing, "Take this job and shove it!"

## McDonald's Can Be Healthy

By Laura Torrey

Have you been the biggest pig since Christmas? Do you love all of the fast food places, but feel fat after you eat there?

The two biggest fast food places are McDonald's and Burger King. But, there is an extreme amount of fat that is in each restaurant that makes you want to never eat there. Now, there is hope!

Females, between the ages of 12-17 can have an average daily caloric intake of 1,800 and up to 50grams of fat per day.

Males, 12-17 should have about 2,600 caloric intake and 72g of fat per day.

"If I were to eat something lite at McDonald's or Burger King, I'd eat a salad and a diet soda. Maybe a whopper because it has lettuce, tomatoes, and onions," says junior James Zurawski.

For a good fatty meal at McDonald's, let's say a Big Mac, fries, and a Large Coke (no super sizing), the amount of calories is around 1000 (give or take 100). Now, that's a lot. That means that a female can only eat 800 more calories the rest of the day, and still be healthy.

The fat intake on this, brace yourself, is about 44g. Now, a female can only have 6g of fat for the rest of the day.

You love to eat there. It's a lot of fun. I have a solution.

McDonald's now has a lot of fat free, cholesterol free foods, such as McLean Deluxe (320 calories, 10g of fat), Apple Bran Muffins (99.5% fat free), Salads with reduced calorie salad dressing, milk shakes (99.5% fat free), etc. Now you can go

there and still feel good about yourself.

Breakfast: Orange Juice, cup of coffee, cereal and milk has 280 calories.

Lunch: Chunky and Chicken salad with Lite Vinaigrette Dressing, lowfat frozen yogurt cone, and diet coke has 305 calories.

Dinner: a regular hamburger, side salad, and Diet Coke has 350 calories.

Basically, if you ditch the fries, you're all set. One small order of fries alone has 11g of fat.

An average person is suppose to have 2-3 servings of the milk group, 3-5 servings of vegetables, 2-3 of meats, 2-4 of fruits and 6-11 servings of breads.

What are you going to do if you eat all of this fast food, and you feel awful? My solution is

exercise. One half hour with Jane Fonda should do the trick. Weightlift every other day and just watch your diet.

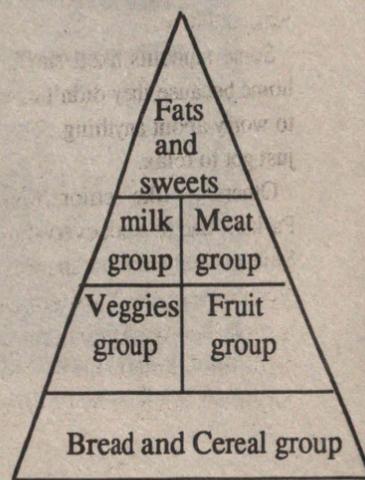
"If I were to lose weight, I'd just run and weightlift a lot," says junior Dave Reed.

If you belong to a club, try doing stairmaster. Stairmaster for fifteen minutes, on level 8 on random, will let you love around 260 calories. Once your done with this, you'll realize how much it takes to work off one candy bar.

Having a lowfat, diet will make you feel a whole lot better about yourself. You even will start to notice it in you weight too. Remember girls, you need to fit into that bikini this summer. Good Luck!

### Fatty Foods Chart

Big Mac	33grams
Cheeseburger	17g
Egg McMuffin	15g
French Fries	11g
McLean	10g



## Soccer Hangs Tough

by Jeff Hadzima

The girls soccer team's record is 0-4, but their play on the field does not reflect their record.

In fact, if you have been going to the games, you would think their record is 3-1. Close games just seem to be a thing with our soccer team this year, and all but last Saturday's game reflects this.

The season opened with a tough game against our bitter rival Glenbard North. We-Go played tough, and even seemed to dominate most of the game. At the end, it was a disappointing 1-0 loss. The girls played great, and deserved to win the game, but somehow it just slipped. One of the many bright spots was that the JV team won.

The next game was at home in the rain against Glenbard West. Conditions made this game a rough one, and when it was all over, We-Go lost 3-1. Again, a close game that could have gone either way, but unfortunately, it went to the visitors.

Then there was conference game against Wheaton-Warrenville South. The same thing occurred that did in the first two games. Another nail biter, another close game that looked as if they were going to win. Denied, the score was 2-1, and it kept our soccer team winless. A

game played so well by West Chicago, yet it had to go on the loss column. Those are the games that hurt.

Last Saturday, West Chicago played against Batavia, and this was a rough game to watch. The score was 5-0 at the half, and after a strong defensive effort in the second half, the game ended at a 6-0 loss. This game hurt, yet in all, it was a bright spot to watch the second half and see the defense hold this team to only one goal in the second half after the rough start.

In all, the season has been winless, yet nearly every game remained close, and it showed that the girls soccer team can play just about any tough team. They gave Wheaton-Warrenville South a scare, and they are listed in the "up in coming," in the *Chicago Tribune*. Batavia is also on this list. So we may see our team knock off one of those teams that always seem to get attention.

The next game is Thursday, and it is against 10th ranked Naperville North, and we may see if the Wildcats are really capable of an upset, which they have come close to already.



Senior Bhavani Shah is part of the small, but promising, girls track team.

## Track Team on a Roll

by Blanca Rios

This year's girls and boys track teams are small but are doing exceptionally well.

Junior Dee Dee Judson, who competes in shot put, said, "Compared to other schools, our team is small, but as a whole we are doing well." Sophomore Sara Toney said, "Most schools have double the students than us."

One of the girls track coaches is Kelly Kolosa, she said, "The team is doing really well. I enjoy coaching track because it is something I have been with for ten years." This is Kolosa's second year coaching.

The team has a big invitational coming up on April 29. Kolosa said "I think we will do pretty well." In a past event at Fenton the girls placed 1st.

Top individuals are sophomores Lyndsy Paver and Marisol Garcia, and Seniors Carrie Netzel, Catalina Garcia, and Monique Clemenson.

The girls meet everyday after school. Most of the girls think they are doing pretty well, but they think they can personally improve.

Boys track has a small team as well, but are doing well. There good performance has a lot to do with the good coaches they have. Sophomore Tony Mickley who competes in hurdles and high jump, said, "The team is doing well and we have good coaches."

Coach Paul McClelland said, "The team is improving, and our next big event is in Lisle, hopefully we will place in the top half."

"The team has won a third place trophy and is hoping for more," said Mickley. Another past event was the Wheaton North Best Four Invitational where they placed seventh.

"To encourage and help each individual, we show them respect, and give more of personal contact," said McClelland.



Sophomore Adam Owens prepares for a meet.

## Set Up

by Stacy Shannon

The boy's volleyball teams are off to a slow start. The varsity's record is 0-5 since they are playing against teams with experience like Wheaton-Warrenville South, Wheaton North, and Schaumburg. Junior varsity has a record of 1-4, with their only win against Aurora Christian April 13th.

Those kinds of a records can be expected from a first year team. Although their record isn't a winning one, that is really important at this point, because it is a learning period.

Some students don't even know who is on the team, or if it has started yet. A few of the players on varsity are; Dontá Norwood, Jeff Nyman, Dan Schoenenberger, Helio Juarez, Adam Crews, Steve Petusky, Brent Busse, and Jason Rehmus. Norwood and Nyman are the tallest players on varsity. Some

junior varsity players are freshman Rich Standish, sophomores Kent Mohr, Jeremy Salutric and Bill Saunders.

There are mixed feelings from females around school about the team. Not so much anger over guys getting teams, but the fact that girls don't get wrestling or football teams.

"I think it's good for the school," junior George Witkowski said. "It will get more people involved in sports."

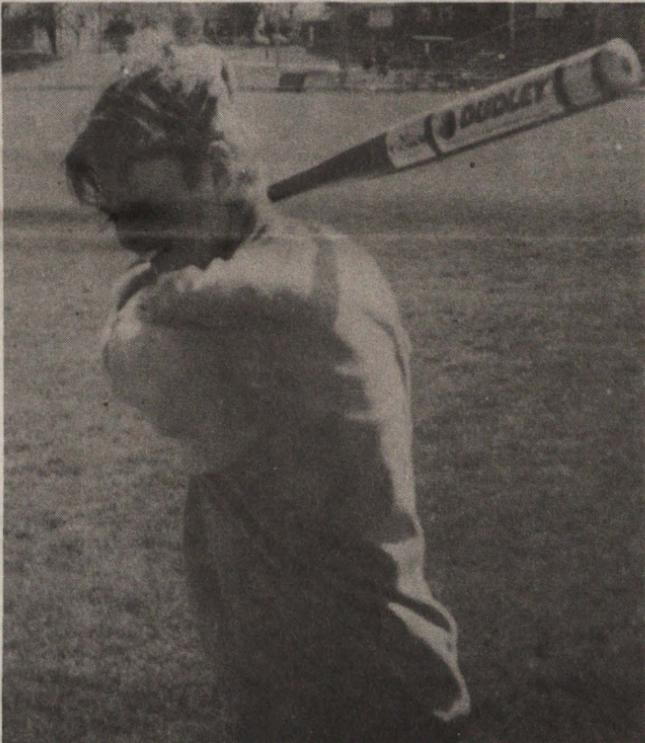
"It's cool that there is a boy's team, but only if I was really, really bored would I go to a game," junior Sarah Kueker said.

The next two games are away. The team plays on April 18th at Lake Park, and 19th and Illinois Math and Science Academy. The next home game is the 22nd against Naperville Central.

So when will the team start to win? Experience will be the key to a winning season.



Seniors Dontá Norwood and Dan Schoenenberger lead the Wildcat volleyball attack.



Darcy McLead senior, works on her swing.

## Tennis Team Looking for Spark

by John Jovanovich

With just four games under their belt, the Wildcat tennis team feels that they have no limits on how far they are going to go this year. Coach Sione Moeaki has the team with a 3-3 record. Some matches have been cancelled due to bad weather.

Senior Mike Winterhalder is doing very well with a 4-1 record on the doubles with junior partner Andy Dvorak. "I can win any time anywhere," said Winterhalder.

Junior Jeff Sterling is setting his goals high as he feels that partner Joel Madden and he have a chance at state. "We are playing very good and we need momentum going into conference play. It will be tough to beat the Wheatons and the Naperville schools."

One other bright spot is junior Mike Garceau. He is playing much better and he thinks it may be due to his improvement during the off-season.

Also, one player who is playing very well is sophomore Mike Leck, Leck is 4-2 and is looking forward to conference play.

While the team has a leader in Winterhalder they need to get a spark, and that spark is Tom Suess. Suess came up big in his opening match, stunning Fenton with a victory. "I just flat out played my heart out," said Suess. His teammates are shocked by his progress. Some people play tennis, Suess is a tennis player.

On April 16th the Wildcats finished second in a quad match against Bolingbrook, Lisle, and Wheaton Christian.

The Wildcats start conference play on April 19 against Glenbard South.

Go out and see the Wildcats soar on their way to state.

## Softball Ready to Reign

by Raven Moore

Varsity center fielder Stacy Ciombor feels, "If we all put our minds to it we could win easily conference this year."

The loss of nine Varsity seniors hasn't seemed to put a damper on the expectations of this year's girls softball team.

Only three players are returning from last year's DVC runner-up team that made it to the regional finals, but lost in a heart breaker to Willowbrook. Seniors Ciombor, first baseman and clean-up hitter Darcy McLeod, and standout pitcher Bridget Shockey returned this year and will assume the leadership roles.

Because of the addition of nine new varsity players, lack of experience seems to be inevitable. "Some of us get panicky in some situations which is understandable because of the number of new varsity players. Everyone just has to adjust and be ready to play," Ciombor said.

Nonetheless, the Ladycats have started out strong this season. A 6-1 non-confer-

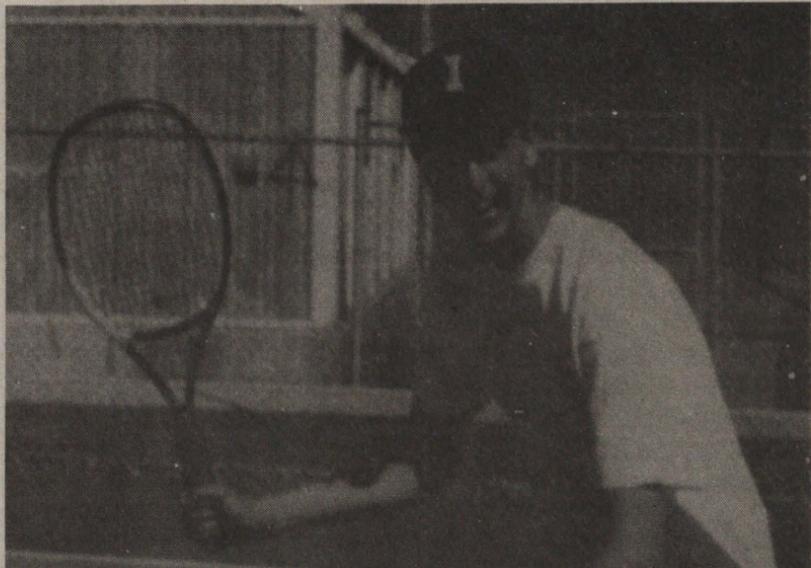
ence record is a better record than the experienced Ladycats had at the beginning of last year. "We have really started out strong this season," McLeod said.

The team's strong hitting, good defense, and outstanding pitching from Shockey definitely outweighed the lack of experience the Cats are struggling with.

Newcomer third baseman Amy Mertz is expected to be a force in the team's run for the DVC crown.

"We are definitely talented enough to win the DVC and the regionals this year," McLeod said.

It is evident that past successes for the Ladycats has given them some confidence for this season. Although many would say the girls are going through a rebuilding year, it seems this year is no different than all the rest-successful.



Although only a sophomore, Mike Leck is a big part of the tennis teams strong hopes.

## Young Wildcats Swing Surprising Bats

by David Vingren

Who said the Wildcats were too inexperienced at the plate?

Who ever it was got big rebuttals from sophomore Ryan Saul, and juniors Giovanni Arroyo and Owain Price, who all are speaking back to critics with .300 averages.

The surprise hitting of the first year varsity players topped with the solid contributions from seniors John Miller and Tim Murphy have made West Chicago a potent offensive team.

"They've been working really hard on their hitting," head coach Tim Courtney said. "They're listening to things that we're telling them. They're starting to make adjustments at the plate. They're being aggressive at the plate. They're being more confident at the plate.

"Some of these guys didn't know they could hit. I think anybody could hit they put their mind to it."

Price has been the biggest bright spot. His hard work over the off season earned him playing time. It also got him a game winning hit at Wheaton North in West Chicago's conference opening 5-4 victory last Thursday.

"I was just waiting for my chance and when I got it I knew I had to hit once so I could stay in the lineup," Price said. "Coach says if you can hit he'll find a spot for you to play."

"Owain is having more success this year than I think he's ever had and I attribute that to just hard work," Courtney said of the designated hitter who is bat-

ting .435. "He worked hard all winter. He went to the batting cage and hit like crazy. He got help everywhere. He just really worked on getting to the point where he had a swing he could count on."

At only a sophomore, second baseman Saul is hitting .444. He has also caught a good portion of the Wildcat games, a position that requires maturity.

It was figured that he would hit at some point in his varsity career, he only struckout once at the freshman level last year, but his great success at such an early stage is a bit surprising.

Arroyo has been earning his share of playing time at second base. Although he is still sowing his varsity oats defensively, he has been solid at the plate, hitting .375.

If the youngsters keep up their hitting, and Miller (.432) and Murphy (.394 including *Daily Herald* Athlete of the Week for his 7 for 8, 3 homeruns, 8 RBI, and 5 runs scored at the April 9 Fenton double-header) stay solid, and senior Ted Fijalkowski (3.00 ERA) and junior Tim Landis (3.50 ERA) continue to pitch well, West Chicago would exceed expectations during their DuPage Valley Conference run. The DVC is considered by many as the best conference in the state.

During the pre-conference season West Chicago was 5-4-1. They opened up conference impressively with the Wheaton North win, but fell to the Chicago Tribune's ninth ranked area team 13-0 Monday.



Junior Owain Price is seeing his hard work pay off with a .435 batting average.



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## Badminton Season Has Begun

By Laura Torrey

Yes, it's "Byrdie" season once again, and the Ladycat badminton team has already started their exciting season.

Although their season started out on a losing note, with 0-2 on Varsity, for conference, they are a young team. "Actually, we're a very young team. We have people playing ten positions above their rank. We have two returning varsity players and only one senior," said coach LaVora Singleton.

The two returning varsity players are junior Alicia Cox, and senior Heather Adams. Adams is 1-1 in conference, and Cox is also 1-1. Cox said, "I think that next year will be our year. The majority of the team are juniors and will have one year experience on varsity."

"In two to three years we're going to rock the conference...hopefully. I'll be back to see it," says Adams.

Other juniors on Varsity include Michelle Kolodick, Krista Oleksiak, Wendy Kovacs, Amanda Shemezis, Maggie Stammer, Ami Sparkman and Jamie Symowicz.

"The year started out rough. I didn't feel I was on varsity level, but then my mind got back into the game and I'm third in singles," says Kolodick.

The teams the Ladycats have played included Wheaton-Warrenville South and Glenbard East in conference.

"Heather and Alicia should do well this year and six others should show great improvement," Singleton said.

The next match the Ladycats play will be on Thursday, April 21, at home against Glenbard North, at 4:30, in the Big Gym.