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We-go students inducted into Foreign Language Societies

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School board to decide on end of school year

The school board will be meeting next week to discuss the end of the school year schedule. It will be decided if the extra snow day will be used or not.

By Alexandra Patin
Several new people were inducted into the Foreign Language National Honor Society on Tuesday, March 2, for West Chicago High School, for recognition of outstanding commitment and efforts towards French, German, and Spanish languages.

Marjorie Appel, head of the foreign language department and a french teacher, opened the evening with a few words about the students. She said she is very proud to see her students being inducted, and knows they work hard to earn the honor of being in the society.

Dr. Alan Jones, principal, then got up to the podium and said that he is also proud of the students. Jones stressed how important it is to learn another language. He said most high schools have two language programs and about 30% of freshmen enrolled in a language; however, We-go has three foreign languages, going through to a fifth year, and about 45% of freshmen enrolled in a language. Jones said, "Schools were not

originally...established to prepare young people for jobs or college." He contin-

ued to say they were established to teach good behavior. Jones said that people are not sensitive enough to other cultures, which he believes is an ultimate goal of the world. He also commented on how proud he was

that so many students could be inducted. Sophomore spanish student



Photo by Corinne Duffy
Junior Humza Azam is inducted in the Foreign Language National Honors Society.

Next to the podium was a graduate of the We-go class of 1990, who had taken German with teacher Terry Strohm. He said the rewards of learning a second language come every day, and that learning another language "will take you to places you can't fathom."

He related this to business, and how he believes the business leaders will be the ones who can speak multiple languages. Finally, he told the inductees to think about the progress they had made in the two years or more that they had been in the language program, and offered his congratulations to them. Each language was inducted and recited a special pledge starting with the French group.

The German students were inducted next into the Delta Epsilon Phi society, also following a pledge, lead by senior Heidi Fuoss. Fuoss also gave a speech that outlined requirements for being in the society including striving towards a unity and community.

The spanish class he Spanish National Honors Society. Maria Urzagaste, a spanish teacher, said she was very proud of their students for making it into the society, and feels the society is important.

A number of parents echoed her thoughts, saying they feel the society is important for recognition of students. Sophomore Megan Burlison, french student, said her parents played a role in helping her become part of the honorary society, because they made her do her homework and study hard. However, she also says the hard work was worth the effort because she feels honored and, "It will look good on a college application."

Most students who were inducted also felt they could bring something to the society, such as sophomore Tom Barta, spanish student. He said he can help the society prosper by keeping up with spanish. Sophomore Benet Yigzaw, spanish student, also said she can add to the society by tutoring once in a while, keeping up with her studying, and still paying attention to the spanish language.

We-go students speak up to U.S. Speaker of the House

By Marla D'Aversa
United States Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert spoke to fourteen West Chicago High School students for an hour Friday, March 26 during an on-line discussion. It included eight other schools that make up the 14th Congressional District.

Senior Rick Williams, (former Speaker of the House for the government simulation) along with senior Tim Harwood current Speaker of the House typed the questions into the computer. A team of seniors, Lisa Arnett, Rachel Baker, Kevin Brown, Patty Correa, Marla D'Aversa, Brain Krawczykowski, Melissa Miller, Cheryl Pruettt, Rosa Robelleo, Molly Saul, Angela Valdez, and Cathal Walsh, helped

write the questions as the discussion advanced. The government teachers selected students who would not only do a good job, but would find the event a very exciting experience.

The schools were put in order according to when they would be allowed to ask Hastert questions. West Chicago was second in line. DeKalb High School opened the discussion with a question on the Kosovo situation, and wondered how the Speaker himself would have handled things. Hastert responded that he wanted to give our troops the support they need.

The first question that Williams and Harwood asked was about the new budget plan that passed on Tuesday, March 25. They wanted to

know what was to be done with the surplus money because of decreases in taxes. Hastert replied that after appropriations, he wasn't sure how much money would be left. However he hopes "there will be successful financial productivity of the United States over the next several months."

Hastert was only available for one hour so West Chicago students were only able to ask two questions. The Speaker was asked to comment on how he is running the House differently than former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, and how his feelings on a bipartisan House affect his job. The Speaker responded that while he has great respect for Gingrich, he does plan to run the House differently. In the future on

a bipartisan basis he is looking to reform education, to make our communities stronger, and to maintain our vigorous economy and to hopefully cut taxes.

According to West Chicago's Press Republican Newspaper, Hastert enjoyed talking to the students, and has great interest in talking to them again. However, next time he wants to use something other than a chat room, because it went really slowly. Partly because of his beginnings as a teacher and wrestling coach, he said he feels very strongly about education issues.

Other schools included Dekalb High School, St. Charles High School, Oswego High School, Mendota High School, Dixon High School, Illinois Math and Science Academy.

Mathematics regional contest

The high school mathematics competition team finished third place at the Illinois Regional Contest at Joliet Junior college. Special mention goes to our six (6) student who qualified for the State Mathematics Competition.

John Hlotke (2nd place at regional in the Oral Competition);

Karen Shockey (4th place individual scorer out of 56 at the regional in Algebra Two);

Chris Buckles-Haley and Lilli Szafranski (tied for 3rd place individual score out of 54 at the regional in geometry); and

Geoffrey Palka and Ryan Fuoss (1st and 3rd place individual scores out of 54 at the regional in Algebra One).

Student Council shows generosity for needy DuPage children

The Humanitarian Service Project (HSP) is pleased to announce that the Student Council of West Chicago High School recently donated \$180 to HSP's Children Birthday Project. The Student Council has been partners with the Children's Birthday Project since 1996 and because of their generosity, their four 'adopted,' underprivileged children living in DuPage County will continue receiving birthday and Christmas gifts this year.

Advisor Mary Ellen Daneels stated, "The Student Council is able to raise funds through candy sales, car

washes, and Market Days.

The Student Council is made up of 40 students in grades 9-12. Each class takes one child. The students are very much dedicated to making a difference in the community. It is neat to see the immediate results of our donations."

Michelle Grove, Community Service Chairperson, stated, "Everybody helps with the community service and it is very rewarding. Everyone on the Student Council is happy with everything we've been able to do. We are glad to be working with HSP and certainly hope to

continue."

Founder/Executive Director of the Humanitarian Service Project Karole Kettering stated, "It is great to see these students experience the values of helping humanity. The Student Council continues to show that they care about people in their community and constantly want to uplift the spirits of others.

"These students are fortunate to have an advisor who inspires them and stimulates their imagination. They serve as role models for all of us."

The Children's Birthday Project, a division of HSP since 1992, has wrapped and

mailed three brand new gifts, four new educational books, along with filler gifts to approximately 500 needy DuPage children ages 3-12, at no cost to their parents.

Each child also receives gifts for Christmas. All of the children are referred by the county's Department of Human Resources and Public Action to Deliver Shelter.

According to county officials, there are over 5,000 needy children living in DuPage County.

Since 1982, the Senior Citizen Project, a second division of HSP, has serviced 80 DuPage seniors whose

monthly income averages \$622.50.

HSP provides each senior with fresh fruits, vegetables, frozen meats, fresh bread, pastries, grains, canned and packaged goods, paper, hygiene, and household products.

According to county officials, there are close to 9,000 senior citizens in DuPage County living at or below the poverty level.

The Humanitarian Service Project (HSP) is an established institution serving all of DuPage County. Groups and individuals are invited to invest in one of 400 bricks

in the Center's Service Walk or the HSP's Trust Fund.

A full endowment for one senior is \$13,000, and a full endowment for one child is \$750. Of course, donations of any amount would be more than welcome.

As always, HSP welcomes anyone who is willing to volunteer their services in an effort to help local community members. You can call the Humanitarian Service Project at (630)231-1542, or fax them at (630)231-2309. They are located at 1425 S. Neltmor, West Chicago, IL 60185.

West Chicago heads to the beach

By Becky Guerrero

About 300 students showed up to the semi-formal Turnabout dance this year. Photographers were not at the dance according to American History teacher Lisa Willuweit, because they attend prom and homecoming only, so there were no pictures taken.

The dance took place on March 12, 1999 from 7:00-10:00 p.m. The seniors organized the dance choosing a beach theme.

Many people said they had fun, and it was worth it. Majority of the students went with a date, but some found themselves dancing with all their friends. There was one complaint by many students, and that was that there were no guest passes. According to Willuweit and John Highland there are four dances. Two dances get guest passes. Those dances are prom and homecoming. "We don't

want people to ruin homecoming or prom for anyone," said Highland. That is why the background check is done.

"[Having guest passes] is one thing I would change for next year," said Meghan Burlison a sophomore. Students also said there should be drinks.

On the other hand the music by One Stop Productions received many compliments. Many students said they enjoyed it due to the variety by a junior said, "I liked the older songs instead of the horny rap songs."

If anything can be changed about the dance, students said there would be drinks. "It was more fun than all the other dances I went to," said senior Antoine Booker.

Sophomore, Ruth Kueker, said she went "to get down with the boys."

Music students welcome spring with concerts

By Bart Visser and Alexandra Patin

The music department students were busy performing their spring concerts. The next band and orchestra concert is planned to be held Thursday, May 20. The next planned choir event is scheduled for May 27.

Orchestra

To start *Music from the Americas* put on by the music department, the orchestra gave its best presentation of the year.

On the Thursday night, March 18, members of the audience could be content with the Orchestra ensemble performance that consisted of cellos, violas, a bass, and a numerous quantity of violins.

Yet at the start of the presentation the audience started feel that they were lagging behind listening to the first two pieces played by orchestra, first of which was the *Star Spangled Banner*, by John Stafford Smith. During the National Anthem, director, Rebecca Keil, called the audience to stand and pay their respect to the flag hung behind the orchestra. When the audience sat down the orchestra played the patriotic song, *America* by Samuel A. Ward.

Then the audience was pulled back with the *Maple Leaf Rag* by Scott Joplin, and the *Star-Spangled Spectacular* by George M. Cohan.

Over all, the music was played with quick energetic tempos that really produced an impressive sound by the Violas, Cellos, and the Bass that was able to compliment the dominate presence of the Violin sections.

To finish off the night, the orchestra played a group of songs entitled *Music of the Americas* by George F. McKay, some

of which were *Out Upon the Ocean* and *Newfoundland Dancers*.

We-go Bands

There was a band concert at 7:30 at We-go on Thursday, March 4. The jazz band did, however, play with a slight problem. Just after a jazz festival, someone or some people broke into the school and took all the electric equipment, including three amplifiers and a synthesizer. Brookdale Music loaned the electric equipment needed for the concert. An anonymous donor left money for some equipment to be used for the jazz band.

The concert opened with the Symphonic band and a Grand Italian March titled, "Florentiner." Next came a peice titled, "Hebrides Suite," which was a four part peice and featured a piccolo. Jessica Inch, senior and section leader, spoke about the next peice, which was written about a woman in constant struggle with every day life with cancer, Lois Daehn. The song was titled, "With Quiet Courage."

James Guter, director of bands, said that most people believe teens have no "capacity to play with motion," however, that during the concert, he believed the statement would be proven false. The next song played was



Photo By Sandy Weiss
The West Chicago Jazz Band

"Fortress," a song portraying an English castle as it prepares and then defends itself from invading forces.

The symphonic band ended it's performance with "The Chimes of Liberty." This was a march featuring

the sound of chimes.

After an intermission, the jazz band took the stage, and played "Copy Cat," featuring Brian Miller, junior, on the piano, John Hlotke, senior, on the trombone, Mike Kostal, junior, on the trumpet, and Eddie Hernandez, sophomore, on the alto saxophone. This song featured many improvisations throughout. After that song, Cheryl Pruett, senior, was a solo vocalist in the song, "How high the moon."

The jazz band thought they had ended the night when they played their last peice, "Manteca," which featured Josh Kreck, senior, on tenor saxophone and Inch on flute improvisation solos.

The band ended playing an encore, featuring Kreck, sophomores Bryan Jones, (trombone player), Tom Barta, (drums), and Frank Check, (drums).

Jones said he believes everything went well, and "from what I heard, it was pretty good."

Choir

The beginning and intermediate girls' choruses, the girls' ensemble, and the concert choir performed along with the orchestra in a concert on Thursday, March 18, at 7:30.

The beginning chorus sang two Native American folk songs, which included a haunting melody titled, "Ancinet Mother," featuring Jessica

that the chorus sang it well.

The chorus also sang "I'm Goin' Up a Yonder," which featured a sextet. This sextet included freshmen Julie Volk, Darcie Jones, Melissa Fisher, Vanessa Gullien, Amy Koltz, and Sarah Edwards.

This was followed by "American Folk Rhapsody." This song had three parts: "Cindy," "Simple Gifts," and "Pick a Bale of Cotton."

Next came the intermediate girls' chorus, who opened with "Women on the Plains: Old Grandma," a Canadian folk song. They sang "Stuff-N-Nonsense," "Weecroondin-doo," and "Land of the Silver Birch."

The chorus ended with a Canadian-Indian song, "The Song my Paddle Sings."

The next chorus which was the girls' ensemble received a standing ovation for their song, "I Love You, Always, Forever." The ensemble consisted of a quartet including sophomores Cheryl Winter, Lesley Leary, and Elissa Dupree, and senior Beth Nagel. Also singing solos were seniors Abby Brown, Season Barcley, Cheryl Pruett, and junior Sara Knox.

The concert choir started with a "simple mountain ballad," titled, "The Cuckoo," an American folk song. They also sang "Seeds Grow to Plants," from "Canticles of America," followed by "Poor Wayfarin' Stranger."

Next, the girls' ensemble quartet came back to sing a belated song for St. Patrick's Day titled, "Danny Boy."

The concert choir got back up on the stage wearing cowboy and farmer outfits to sing the next two songs, "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning," and "How the West was Won." For these two songs, the choir wore bandanas, and a very interesting hat was worn by senior Mike Petrik. For this performance, the choir received a standing ovation.

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Senioritis: a disease suffered by all

By Daniel B. Young

There comes a time for everyone who's ever walked a hallway or stared aimlessly into a chalkboard to realize what is wrong with them and when they face the fact, it's a tough challenge to overcome.

Yes, senioritis is back and it's stronger than ever. The real challenge doesn't lie in admittance, but in overcoming the disease that affects everybody at every time. Some people call it laziness, and other people call it moderation, but what it all comes down to, my friend, is that people need to overcome their lazy tendencies and work hard.

My own faults have overcome me in the past and I have come to realize that my problem lies within my own laziness. Take, for example, my senior year. I have enjoyed myself for much of the year, and everything seemed to be going just great. As a matter of fact, I had finally gotten my first set of straight A's at We-go, something I'm really proud of. I finally started working hard on my grades first semester and things were going well.

But then it happened. It struck out of no where, sometime over Christmas break. I didn't know it hit me until much later in the year, around the time report cards came out. All of a sudden I'm not getting those A's anymore. Of course, some people are capable of not working at all and still getting the good grades, but I'm not one of those people. I needed a wake-up call and I'm glad my mom got my rear in gear, so to speak. I've figured out what it takes to overcome this disease because everybody falls into the trap during their years here at school and it needs to be dealt with, like it or not. If you carry this type of thing over into college or into the working world, you'll find yourself in a lot of trouble, so now is the time to pull things together.

The key to overcoming senioritis is desire. I've never felt so exhausted with school before in my life, and yet I'm still coming here. The place is like a metroid, sucking the life out of the students who attend here and yet there is the constant need and desire to return. I've never felt so tired of school not to come because there are always things to keep me going: the people, the simulations and everything else this school has to offer. So suck it up and take it with a grin. As A.E. Housman once wrote in "Terrence, This is Stupid Stuff," "But if the smack is sour, the better for the embittered hour."

Life isn't going to get better unless you let it, so dig down and aim for the end of the year, because it's almost here.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I'm happy with your newspaper except for a couple of things. I think that there needs to be more informative news like about the school break-ins, and about the arrests and fights that involve the school. One thing I don't like about the newspaper are the stupid articles that aren't informative at all. I like the horoscopes.

Russ Downs (class of 2001)

Dear Editor,

I feel that the school has excellent morals and values established. Sex is an issue facing teens today, and it should not be swept under the carpet. If the Chronicle was to publish an article about sex, including the results of a survey filled out anonymously by students, it would not by any means show any evidence of our school having indecent morals and values, because we don't. I understand that the whole survey was too explicit and inappropriate to give to faculty members of West Chicago, which I totally respect and understand. I feel as though the students still should have had the opportunity to show their viewpoints on the issue of teenage sex. I feel that if we were to reinstate the survey within the community of the students we would get a positive reaction. And it would show that the school is confident and secure with the morals and values established here. Obviously at this point the administration has some major insecurities. Yes?

Alexandria Feller (class of 2000)

Dear Editor,

We were pleased to see your interest in the Student of the Month selection process. This award is an integral part of the WCCHS experience. It is meant to identify and honor those students who have excelled in a variety of different ways, not just in the academic arena. Although the article made many good points, we would like to clarify two areas.

Firstly, the pool of potential senior candidates is generated by recommendations from staff members. Each month, a staff announcement reminds staff members of the opportunity to recommend students to the committee.

Their written forms are given to Gail Aronoff by the 25th of the month. This is the group of candidates from which the committee makes each month's selection.

Secondly, if a student is not selected in the month during which he or she is nominated, he or she continues to be eligible for the Student of the Month Award in subsequent months.

Thank you for your support and for the opportunity to clarify the selection process.

Student of the Month Selection Committee

Dear Editor,

I think that the paper could have covered more about what the problems of the school are and talk to the kids more about how the school could be made better. You should talk more about school issues and not dating or movie issues.

Anonymous

Dear Editor,

I haven't seen one school newspaper. Last year it was more about adult issues. This is a high school with kids, have kid issues.

Ethan Neal (class of 2001)

Dear Editor,

Something has been bothering me lately. Mexican Independence Day. On Mex. Ind. Day you will see the streets practically littered with Mexican flags. Isn't it some kind of treason or crime to wave a non-American flag in America?

If you ask a Mexican why they are doing this, they might say 'Because it's part of my heritage and I'm proud of it.' Then should I wave a German flag on the anniversary of Germany uniting or should I wave a Nazi flag? After all it's part of my heritage and I don't hide the fact that I'm proud to be German. Why should we continue to celebrate other countries holidays?

What you do in your own home is your business but it does not warrant a parade to cheer on a different country. When you become a citizen of this great US of A, you throw away any political ties to the other country. You are not African American or Mexican American, you are just plain American. When someone asks me what I am, I don't say German American. I am American, you are American. It's time to start acting like it.

Anonymous

Teens should be responsible

By Heather Fenderson

Is it really impossible to sneak into the commons without an ID, and is it really impossible to steal from the lunch-counters?

I've seen this done before, and nobody says or does anything. It seems like we are condoning the act of committing a crime at our school. How many times have you seen a student stick a Snapple into their pockets at lunch and you do not do anything about it? You don't tell anyone, you think it's no big deal. And then you wonder why you now have to pay ninety cents for a measly can of Snapple at lunch.

What I am saying is, that if we don't do anything about crime in our school, it's go-

ing to eventually come back and hit us where it hurts.

There is always someone here at our school, 24 hours a day. So then, how did our school get broken into recently?

I'll tell you how. People here may have heard something, but didn't say anything, or assumed somebody else would take care of it. The same way you see that friend of yours ditching class and not say anything about it.

You may not think of it, but your friends are a part of this school too, and every individual's actions count. We need to take care of our school, and this is not the way to do it.

Maybe no one did see or

hear anyone break into our school, but everyone who goes here does see and hear something small that they think won't make any difference. It will. Eventually, everything makes a difference.

If we want to protect our school from further catastrophes, such as the break-in, we need to start small. If we can't say anything about some kid who is sneaking into commons at lunch, how can we possibly work together to prevent another break-in?

So the next time you see some kid sticking a Snapple in his pocket at lunch tell someone. You might just help us all in the long run.

Participation in simulation

By Marla D'Aversa

The government simulation; it is something that everyone who wants to graduate high school goes through, but not something everyone takes with them when they leave.

Why do so many people get so involved in the government simulation? I guess it is the same reason other people get involved in soccer, FBLA, or some extra-curricular activity they participate in. **THEY LIKE IT.** Other people don't and so they choose to not get involved. It all makes sense if you think about it.

As for me, the simulation was an experience that I will always remember, and the best way to understand complicated issues like politics. It was the first time I really felt other people to saw my point of view. The most important thing that I learned was about understanding not only what other people think, but realizing how I feel about important issues. When all types of people can get together and debate what they think is right, it is pretty hard to say that doesn't matter, or to cut it down to just a *popularity contest*.

I learned so many invaluable lessons that I will remember throughout my life. Lessons as simple as what a republican is, to why abortion issues are so controversial, to why education is so important. I couldn't have learned these things on my own, because I made my decision using my own moral beliefs, and the thoughts of other people who have personal situations that I deemed relevant.

This is why I find it so hard to believe that the simulation is just a *popularity contest*. Maybe it is because I was too busy enjoying one of the best experiences of my life to think of something so shallow. The bottom line is that government is what you make of it. If you want a popularity contest, have fun, but you'll be missing an awful lot. The government simulation changed my life and I wish more people could respect that.

Don't forget to vote for me when I run for Congress, that is, if I'm popular enough.

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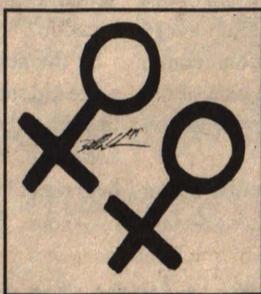
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What's so wrong?

By Becky Guerrero

How would you react if you saw two girls or two guys walk into prom together as a couple? Would you think nothing of it, or would you just spend your whole night trying to ruin their fun? Even though you might not admit it, there are many people who will give up their night of fun to ruin other people's night.

So what if people are the same sex? If that is what they choose what is the difference? "That is their business, not mine," said senior Johnnique Chew. Some people just are not happy with themselves



so they have to spend their time criticizing others. Many people would react differently if they see a couple of the same sex walk in, but not many people take it further and say something. Many people can not and do not show respect to homosexuals. "[Homosexuality]'s not right and it doesn't follow the bible," said a junior.

People's attitudes towards this issue causes several cases of suicide. According to Karl Ulrichs, a lawyer and pioneer of the modern gay movement, it's demonstrated that gay and bisexual youth, who form about 10% of population, are about six times more at risk for suicide attempts than a heterosexual youth, and account for 40-50% male youth suicide attempts. <http://www.qrd.org/qrd/www/youth/tremblay/history.html>.

People have these problems with other people everywhere. One places where this occurs often is in school. Support services liaison Kim

Brafford and Diana Alcala a social worker in We-go, have come up with a support group for people with problems regarding their sexuality.

What is the difference? If a boy and a girl walk into Prom together, no one says anything. If two boys walk in together everyone will be watching their every move. Sophomore Glenn Mccants said it really makes no difference. "I wouldn't care. Be kinda cool, everyone has a choice on who they want to be with. What is the difference?"

People like one another for various reasons. It's not different it is the same. So why are people so against it? Sophomore Vanessa Spencer said she is not against homosexuality. "They should do what they want to do," said Spencer.

Did you ever wonder if a couple of the same sex walked into prom, would they be given the same opportunities to attend dances just like everyone else? John Highland said any couple is allowed even if they are homosexual. There are no restrictions on homosexual couples at dances. If they are guests, they'll receive the same guest pass checkup that everyone else would have.

Would you judge two girls walking into a public place or two guys before you know for sure that they are homosexual? "I wouldn't judge them unless they are holding hands, or if I see them kiss. If I see them dancing to every slow dance together, I will assume things," said a number of students.

By Carrie Zeffield

It's everywhere you go. From the movie theatres to the local book stores, sexual entertainment cannot be avoided. And today, the attitudes about this entertainment have changed.

From young to old, sex and sexual desires has always been a touchy topic to discuss.

Five decades ago, sex wasn't a topic to be talked about. Sexual attraction was inappropriate and thoughts about sex were kept private. Being open about sex was unheard of. Masturbation was something untalked about in public, and people thought sex outside of marriage was dirty and bad.

As time changed, so did attitudes about sex and sexual advertisement. The 60s became the era of rebellion and the 70s grew into an era for being open. People spoke freely, and by the 80s, sexual entertainment and society's attitudes about sex were put into perspective. Rock lyrics and music videos took one step further to exploit sexual attention. By the 90s, sexual jokes and games became fun and open. The "everyone is doing it," kind of

attitude has seemed to show through. From music videos and music lyrics to t-shirts, sexual material was being sold to the minds of the young and old.

Sexual advertisement has become more explicit and revealing. Stars like Madonna, Prince, LL Cool J, Janet Jackson, and others took a step forward to change views on sexual propaganda. The internet has not only given access to porn sites and chat rooms, but has opened up a whole new world about sexual moods and ways to look at sexual contents. Now, people can give their opinions about their own sexual attractions.

Hugh Hefner started the controversial magazine Playboy, which has not always been acceptable in modern America. He was one of the key people to defend freedom of expression. Along with Hefner, Larry Flynt, founder of Hustler magazine, has always defended freedom of expression.

Madonna, another person who exploited sexual attitudes, not only wrote a book on sex and the 90s attitude

on it, but she was very provocative. She showed the world that people's sexual imagination shouldn't be hidden. As she put it, "It's human nature."

But should this concept be exploited so freely to the world? Some students at West Chicago feel the attitude of sexual attraction today is much worse then it was 5 decades ago.

Some even say sexual talk and jokes have become more of a social status. Some don't even take into consideration what they are attracting when they act upon sexual attraction freely. The attitudes of sex have become more and more open and easy minded, almost too open according to a few students.

"It is very impersonal when it is a personal subject," said senior Cindy Wilson. "It seems people don't care anymore. Morals aren't an issue" said sophomore Nicole Benedetto.

But is it that people don't care or are they irresponsible?

"I think that some people are irresponsible when it comes to sex and how they

view it," said junior Mariane Moscicke. "It has now become the cool things, to flash yourself and think that sex, and sexual animosities is a good thing," said another junior.

"I think it is a good thing," said junior Leah Kueker, "when someone can express themselves because they are not ashamed of who they are. If they feel that sexual entertainment is the way to go, then so be it."

It seems people tend to make jokes and comment on sexual preference. Even a title of a "slut" or "pimp" is put on people when others feel that sexual attention is not being handled responsibly. Joking with your friends about sex is one thing, but when it gets down to the real deal, and issues of sexual attraction are being discussed, is it funny then? Is it that people can be laid back and control how they act in public or is it something that cannot be controlled and we should except sexual desires of entertainment as part of our everyday lives?

If not, then what are we all laughing about?

Let's talk about sex

Alternative sports

By Alexandra Patin

Basketball, volleyball, baseball, wrestling: what's missing? Unfortunately, quite a few alternative sports are not included in this list, even though they are rising in popularity and membership.

One sophomore said she knows nothing about alternative sports. A senior said he didn't know alot about them, although he knew some positions that a few were played. People know very little about other sports besides the ones played at school. Although alternative sports are rapidly increasing in popularity, and are becoming favorites with youth and older generations around the world.

Shooting

Shooting is an individual sport, which is done on shooting ranges or out on a field. The sport can consist of hunting, shooting clay pigeons, shooting small game, such as birds, or target shooting. There are various types of guns used for shooting. A few are shotgun, rifle, or air

rifle. Equipment needed includes: a shooting range or field, the cost of a gun suited to the type of shooting, cartridges, ear defenders. If in the field, a good pair of boots will be required when the weather is bad.

Kayaking

Kayaking is a very popular sport among many ages of people. However, several people don't know how to kayak, or where to kayak. The equipment needed for kayaking is: a double ended paddle (only one person will be doing all the paddling), a kayak, life jacket, helmet, wet suit (if in cold water), and a splashdeck. The splashdeck goes around your waist to prevent water from entering the boat. A good place to kayak will also be necessary.

Rugby

Rugby is not extremely popular in America, but is taken very seriously in other countries. The team consists of fifteen players: eight forwards and seven backs. No padding is used for the up-

per body, therefore, many bruises occur. The equipment needed to play rugby is: a rugby ball, goal posts, rugby boots, rugby pitch, and many players opt to use mouth guards.

Many sports that aren't played in school, or that aren't widely known are becoming some of the most popular sports to play. It might be hard to find somewhere to play these sports, or the equipment needed to play. A valuable resources to use when trying to find out about a sport is the Internet, and a phone book. These resources will help you find out more about these sports as well as places you can find the equipment you need. Many clubs are available to join when playing a sport that is not widely recognizes. If you want information try mailing something off to these clubs and asking for information. Most will mail back a wide variety of pamphlets and resources to use when learning how to start playing an alternative sport.

Ouch, ouch, it hurts!

By Becky Guerrero

How many people do you know that have a body part pierced besides the ear? Many students at We-go have a body piercing. Many dental studies have been done, with the affects of dental piercing. Out of fifteen students, two said tongue piercing is the best. Five students said belly rings, and six said to stay with holes in the ears.

When you see a person with a lot of piercings in their face, do you stereotype or think differently about them? "The stereotypes come into play whether you like it or not. It's hard sometimes to not assume things," said a junior.

So where is the limit for body piercing? Is it ten holes in the face or a certain place on the body? "The nipples," says a junior.

"I think the limit is when people's piercings interfere with sexual intercourse," said Kelly Pastore a sophomore.

Some students said piercing should stay above the belt, while others say below the belt. Josh Swanner, a sophomore said he thinks different of people, "If they look like the guy from Hellraiser."

What is the limit, who is to tell? Out of many tattoo parlors and body piercing places in the area, women are most likely to get their ears and belly buttons pierced rather than facial piercing. Guys on the other hand, tend to get their ears peirced. Many people these days are being seen with facial piercing, like nose rings and the eyebrow piercing.

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A night to remember forever

By Jeff Goluszka

The 1999 Junior/Senior Prom is being held at the Diplomat West Banquet Hall, located off North Avenue, and will be held on April 30, with the doors opening at 6:30 p.m.

The trip to Diplomat West takes about 30 minutes. Students must arrive no later than 6:45 p.m.

Dinner will be served at approximately 7:30 p.m. and dancing will begin at about 8:30 p.m. Prom will conclude at 11:00 p.m.

Tickets will cost \$70 per couple, as they did for last year's Prom. Tickets have been on sale during all lunch periods since April 5.

When purchasing tickets, students can vote for ten junior candidates for Prom King and Queen. Third hour classes will later vote for the top five males and top five females to decide the crown.

Last year's King and Queen were current seniors Autumn Planek and Jon Fraser.

This year, the Prom Committee expects about 600 people to attend, said Prom Committee co-head Sara Knox. The three colors for this year's Prom are shades of blue, green and silver. The theme is "Forever Starts Tonight."

As for the meal at this year's dance, it will include the option of Chicken Marsala (with double baked potato and green beans) or Mostaccioli.

Prom mementos available will include keychains, candles, bubbles, and silver picture frames. After Prom, the most common route will likely be to attend the sixth annual All Night Long, which is sponsored by Community High School. All Night Long will be held at Synergy II in the Bowling Green Sports Center, as it was last year.

Bowling Green is located at 30 W 140 West Roosevelt Road in West Chi-

cago. Tickets cost \$7.00 each.

All Night Long will last from 11:30 p.m. until 4:30 a.m., in which students will not be allowed to leave until 4:30 a.m.

The after-Prom event will feature the following: bowling lanes, a lounge, and outdoor deck, sand volleyball courts, a

snack bar, two dance floors, live music, bands, DJs karaoke, Rock 'n Bowl, a video arcade, a cappuccino bar, billiards, a tattoo artist, Polaroid portraits, pizza, hot dogs, breakfast, Best Videos and a large screen television.

At All Night Long, many miscellaneous prizes will be given away to students.

The 1999 All Night Long is a smoke-free, substance-free, chaperoned event.

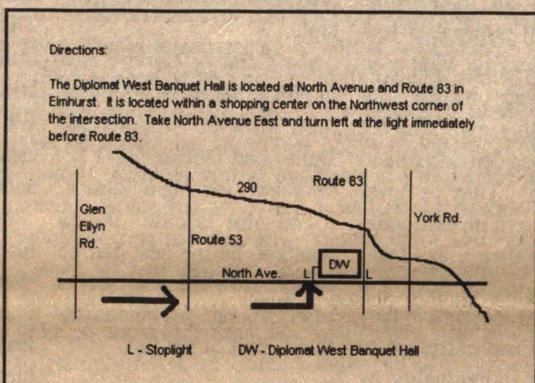
Prom events may only be attended by juniors or seniors, or an underclassman with a junior or senior date.

As for Prom pictures, Feltes Photography will offer picture packages.

"We've worked very hard to make this Prom a great one," said Prom Committee co-head Sara Knox.

This year's fifteen-student Prom Committee is headed by juniors Knox and Beau Brown and comprised of juniors Michelle Grove, Kristin Leitherer, Suzanne Bollhoefer, Katie Coffman, Liz Ribe, Chris Thomas, Matt Grogan, Christina Payton, Crystal Adams, Donna Walker, Katie Saul, Jennifer Hahs, and Shannon Spohn.

If you have any questions or need information about All Night Long, contact parent volunteer Kathy Carrier at 231-7461, or Community High School Vice Principal John Highland at 293-8088.



Party All Night Long, sleep all day

By Daniel B. Young

What did 260 students do when Prom ended last year? If they bowled cosmically sang karaoke, listened to live bands or played some serious sand volleyball, then they would have been attending the after-prom celebration All Night Long.

All Night Long, the all-night extravaganza at Bowling Green Sports Center (30W150 West Roosevelt Rd. [See map]) provides students with the opportunities to bowl, eat, sing, dance, jam to some local musicians and play videogames from 11:30 p.m. until 4:30 a.m. The cost is only \$7 and there is a chance to win some great prizes

Organizer Kathy Carrier said, "We are still in the working stages, but I'm sure that we'll have either a bungee chord run or a Velcro track going on outside. Those things go on during the night, as well as sand volleyball, a DJ, some bands from the students."

"We'll have some tickets available, although the Cubs tickets may not be an option. We'll have the White Sox, the Cougars, gift certificates for stores, gift passes to the AMC, Cineplex Odeon, and possible Coke. We will have a car, but it's still a mystery car. There will also probably be cash prizes, but the

amount is unknown," said Carrier.

"We're trying to get about as many students this year as there were last year," Carrier said. The all-time record for students was set in 1996 with 352 attending. "It's open to juniors and seniors," Carrier said, "and to freshman and sophomores who come with their prom dates. Juniors and seniors who don't attend prom are still welcome to attend All Night Long." Any questions can be directed to Carrier or Dr. Jones. Both numbers and informational brochures are available in Mr. Highland's office.

What to do?

By Marla D'Aversa

Still don't have an idea for after prom? Or maybe you just need an original idea to make prom the best weekend of your life, without spending a fortune.

The Chicago Lakefront Trail has 18 miles of paved walkway for jogging, biking, or rollerblading right on the lake. How much does it cost? Nothing.

The Fox River Trail that begins in Batavia and ends in St. Charles is also a very nice path. It goes through downtown Geneva, and Batavia, as well as riverfront and forested property. Just take route 38 into Geneva to the Fex River. A bike shop there can rent bikes or rollerblading equipment. The cost of the equipment depends on what is rented

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See 'After Prom'

1998 revisited

By Becky Guerrero

Did you go to prom last year? If not why not? Many students said it was fun, but one, Ashley Link now a sophomore, went to prom and said, "It was fun, but not what I expected it to be." She attended last years and will be attending this year also. Many people went with friends or with someone they love. On the other hand, Antoine Booker a senior said, "I didn't want to go last year, I wanted to save everything for my senior prom." So far, Booker is free ladies and doesn't have a date yet. Booker said the best place to go after was Great America or anywhere, but All-Night-Long. Senior Andy Spalo said

"All-Night-Long was the hottest place to go." Link went to a cabin in Michigan, but had said "Chicago or the Dells is the hottest place to go."

The junior class chooses the theme. This year prom takes place a little early. Last year it fell on May 9, 1998. This year it will be on April 30-1999.

There will be an All-Night-Long again this year. It will be from 11:30p.m. - 4:30a.m. at Bowling Green. King and Queen nominations will be during the week of April 5th, 1999. During this time students may also purchase tickets. Where do you think is the hottest place this year to go after prom?

Looking for a prom movie rental?

Buffy The Vampire Slayer

By Sarah Kochniarczyk
If you're looking for some prom action go and rent the movie *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*. This movie is about a teenage girl, Buffy (played by Kristy Swanson from *The Chase*), who finds out she has the power to defeat all the vampires.

She falls in love with a boy played by Luke Perry (from TV sitcom "Beverly Hills 90210"), who tries to help her fight off the vampires. These vampires end up invading their high school prom. Buffy has to fight them off before they attack all the students.

This movie is funny, sweet, and best of all, for all you guys, there's fighting involved. Have some good laughs, family time, or curl up with your boyfriend to see Buffy in action.

Carrie

By Carrie Zeffield

Prom is supposed to be a fun time for all, but Carrie White brought a whole new outlook to prom, turning her prom night into a deadly horror attraction.

A young girl, isolated from the world around her, trapped in the haunting beliefs of her mother and teased by her peers, eventually turns deadly for the people around her after a batch of pigs' blood was dumped on her at prom as a prank.

Her telekinetic powers within are used for a murderous rampage in her town.

This movie is recommended for people who enjoy a little scare and gore before prom. Whip out the bowl of Jell-O or some popcorn and watch the fear come to life.

Dead Poets Society

By Bart Visser

Despite the dance scene in this movie, I would not recommend this movie in the spirit of going to prom.

However, it is spectacular movie that I would advise anyone who would ever enjoy movie that will move, inspire, and entertain you all at the same time.

When Todd Anderson (Ethan Hawke of *Great Expectations*) and his roommate, Neil (Robert Sean Leonard) are inspired by Professor Keating (Robin Williams) to follow their dreams and to go each his own way. The theme of this film is to go against the status quo.

Footloose

By Sarah Kochniarczyk

Can you imagine not going

to your senior prom? Or not having prom period? In *Footloose*, Kevin Bacon plays a teenage kid, Renn McCormick, who moves back to his mom's hometown where music is not allowed.

He thinks the town is out of hand by abandoning music, and does all he can to convince the town that music isn't bad. Other famous people in this movie are Lori Singer who falls in love with McCormick and Singer's dad who is the town Reverend (John Lithgow) who helps keep music from being heard.

Also, Sarah Jessica Parker from *The First Wives Club* plays Singer's best friend.

This movie is full of romance, comedy, and action. Check this video out with your family, date, or your friends. Have a good laugh, love story, and see how their prom ends up.

Grease

By Alexandra Patin

The movie revolves around Sandy, a new girl in school, and Danny Zuko, who belongs to the T-Birds. They are totally different, the problem is they are also totally in love, and are torn between staying with their own crowd, or being together and separated from the crowd.

In the end, Sandy decides to be with Danny and so she dresses as one of his crowd and they are together.

The two huge stars in this movie are Olivia Newton-John (Sandy) and John Travolta (Danny). They are the two main characters throughout the movie.

This movie is the kind of movie that is best watched with a bunch of girlfriends, just after prom. It makes an even better movie if everyone is over to spend the night, because one of the scenes in the movie is excellent. The scene is with "Beauty School Dropout," in which one of the characters has a very strange dream.

Hairspray

By Becky Guerrero

This is a movie that girls should watch together. It takes place in the 60s, when whites and blacks were not treated equally.

All that matters in this movie is hair and dance skills. It's about a girl named Tracy, played by Ricki Lake. She is put down because of her weight a lot. It is all about who is on the popular "Corny Collin's Show." This is a show that teens went on to dance, while their friends watched on television.

To Tracy, it is all about

popularity and people knowing that she can dance. Penny (played by Leslie Ann Powers) is Tracy's best friend and Link (Michael St. Gerard) is her boyfriend.

Tracy ends up being a very popular teen model while contributing to the start of integration. At the end she is crowned in the Teen Auto Show competition.

There is a lot of music, dancing, love, and jealousy in this movie.

Can't Buy Me Love

By Heather Fenderson

A movie with a name based on a song by The Beatles? Yes, that's what the movie *Can't Buy Me Love* is.

The movie chronicles the life of a dorky teenage boy who saves all of his summer job money to buy a telescope.

When he goes to the mall to buy it, he sees the most popular girl in school, who has spilled something on her mother's new dress in the mall trying to exchange it. He watches on from outside in the mall as the store refuses to exchange the dress.

The girl does not have enough money to buy a new one, and she begins to become very upset. The boy then walks up to her and offers to buy the dress for her with the money he had for the telescope, but only if she goes out with him.

She reluctantly agrees, and suddenly the boy is no longer a dorky nerd at school, but one of the popular, in-crowd. However, his popularity goes to his head, and he begins to forget just how he got so popular anyway.

This is a great movie for anyone who thought that just because two people don't have the same social status doesn't mean they can't go out, and for anyone who thinks being popular is all that great. Maybe not a movie for everyone, but most people will enjoy it.

Pretty In Pink

By Marla D'Aversa

Prom is important to everyone. Senior prom is a night that you will always remember, and it can be agonizing trying to plan it out so it is perfect. The movie *Pretty In Pink* is about this experience, and basically fitting in with other students in high school.

When you aren't exactly the most popular girl in school, like Andie (Molly Ringwald of *Sixteen Candles*), it can get even more traumatic.

Andie is not a typical girl; she is poor, exceptionally smart, makes her own

clothes, and her mother walked out on her family. Furthermore, she doesn't have a date to the prom, until she meets Blane (Andrew McCarthy), who seems to be different than anyone else she has ever met.

Pretty In Pink lacks a unique storyline. Every scene is predictable, and the fairy tale ending is hard to believe. However, if you want a typical high school romance story, and can get past some pretty crazy clothes, it is a fun movie to watch.

Romy and Michele's High School Reunion

By Arlete Penaflor

In this movie, Romy (Mira Sorvino) and Michele (Lisa Kudrow) aren't afraid to be different on Prom Night.

Prom is an event that people will remember forever, especially what you decide to wear on such a big night. Romy and Michele have always been different in high school. They've never been able to fit in, especially because of their crazy fashion sense in the 80s. On Prom Night they prove they will go to the extremes to show their individuality by dressing in matching Madonna theme outfits.

Not everything goes the way they planned on Prom Night, but Romy and Michele are the perfect example that only time can tell.

At their ten-year High School Reunion, they discover that revenge is bitter-sweet. When after a lifetime of being the laughing stock of their school, they are admired by everyone.

If you're willing to take a chance and be different at prom, then this is the perfect movie for you.

Who cares what anyone else thinks of you as long as

you're happy with yourself.

She's Out Of Control

By Marla D'Aversa

Teenagers never really think about how their parents feel. Could it really be difficult for a parent to watch their teenage daughter grow up and start dating, going out, or even looking different?

In the movie *She's Out Of Control*, Doug Simpson (Tony Danza of TV sitcom "Who's the Boss") has this problem. His teenage daughter Katie (Ami Dolenz) starts dating and wearing make-up. This causes Simpson to seek psychiatric help from Dr. Fishbinder (Wallace Shawn).

When prom comes around, Doug doesn't know whether or not to let his daughter go, trying to protect her from drugs, sex, and boys in general.

She's Out Of Control is a movie probably best for pre-teen girls on sleepovers. Danza and Dolenz don't act very well, forcing emotions.

The plot is cute: Danza wants to be the best dad he can be. However, it all seems pretty unrealistic, but maybe that is part of the fun.

Sixteen Candles

By Katie Oen

Samantha Baker (Molly Ringwald of *The Breakfast Club*) is turning 16. The anticipated "Sweet Sixteen" is something she has been looking forward to for a long time.

The day turns out to be something she can't even imagine. First off, no one remembers her birthday. Then her grandparents decide to come and visit. In regards to school, the man of her dreams (played by Michael Schoeffling of *Wild Hearts Can't be Broken*) is showing up in places she

never expected included the school homecoming.

Also, at the dance she encounters a nerdy freshman (played by Anthony Michael Hall of *The Breakfast Club*) who turns her night from weird to totally embarrassing. Later her spoiled sister gets married and other siblings torment her and further her problems.

I think that you should see this movie prom weekend because this crazy movie will make you laugh.

There's Something About Mary

By Jeff Goluszka

This is a great high school movie, even though only about the first 45 minutes are in a high school setting.

The film stars Ben Stiller, Cameron Diaz and Chris Elliot.

The plot is centered around Stiller's character, Ted, and Diaz's character, Mary. While in high school, Ted asks Mary to prom, and she accepts.

What follows is an absolutely hilarious movie that everyone, especially people going to prom, should see at least once. One of the funnier scenes involves Ted and Mary right before they are about to leave for the prom. Ted is over at Mary's using the bathroom, and he zips up a little too quickly. Let's just say there was some blood.

The fantastically funny scenes are non-stop from high school until Ted's obsession with Mary reappears over ten years after they had last seen each other.

I laughed all the way through this film. In my opinion, *There's Something About Mary* is the best comedy of this decade.

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Prom horoscopes

By Arlete Penaflor

Aries (March 21-April 19)

This year your prom night is headed for disaster if you don't plan ahead. Take time and do things ahead of time.

Don't leave things for the last minute, or you might be left without a date or something to wear on prom night. Get out of that stressful relationship you've been in lately.

Your financial outlook is great. You've got so much cash you don't know what to do with it. Your love match is Sagittarius and your lucky fruit is grapes.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Prom has several surprises in store for you, prepare for the unexpected. Be careful who you tell your secrets to. Someone is saying stuff they shouldn't be saying about you to other people. You will soon find out who this person is. Meanwhile, get out and meet new people. Your love match is Capricorn and your lucky fruit is oranges.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Be careful what you do or say on Prom Night. Being too careless on Prom Night could lead to a disaster. Keep your eyes open that special someone will finally make a move. He/she will finally tell you what he/she feels for you. Watch what you spend your money on, before you go broke. Your love match is Pisces and your lucky fruit is bananas.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

You'll have the time of your life at Prom. Everything will go the way you want it to. You'll be struck by cupid's arrow when you meet someone new. Take a chance with him/her, you won't regret it. Your love match is Libra and your

lucky fruit is cranberries.

Leo (July 23-Aug.22)

Ask that person to prom already, before it's too late. He/she won't turn you down, and you'll have a great time. Express your ideas more openly with people. This will encourage people to take you more seriously. You love match is Aquarius and your lucky fruit is cherries.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept.22)

Go all out on Prom, don't be afraid to spend mega bucks. Make Prom as special and as memorable as you can.

Try not to overreact as much to little problems that have no significance. You'll have to make the first move with that special someone.

He/she is too shy to tell you how they really feel. Your love match is Scorpio and your lucky fruit is papayas.

Libra (Sept.23-Oct.22)

Start looking for what you're going to wear to Prom. Don't be afraid to wear something you wouldn't usually wear. Romance will blossom with someone you never expected to be attracted to. It's time to put your life in order. Think about what you really want in the future and do it. Your love match is Cancer and your lucky fruit is pineapples.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.21)

Prom night will be nothing like you imagined it. You'll have the best night of your life. Don't be such a loner all the time. Try to spend more time with your buddies. Set new goals for yourself instead of always sticking to your old ones. Your love match is Virgo and your lucky fruit is pears.

Sagittarius (Nov.22-Dec.21)

Prom will be an adventure for you, especially when you decide to do something new and different after prom. A long distance relationship will finally come to an end when you meet someone new. Try to be stronger, as you are too easily influenced to do things you don't want too. Your love match is Aries and your lucky fruit is peaches.

Capricorn (Dec.22-Jan.19)

At Prom you will be the center of attention. You will be looking the best you have ever looked. Be prepared to make a big entrance at prom. Siblings could play an important role in any decision making in the future. Let your imagination soar by reading a book instead of always watching Television. Your love match is Taurus and your lucky fruit is plums.

Aquarius (Jan.20-Feb.18)

This Prom Night will be one you'll remember forever. It will be full of memorable moments for you.

Let people know what you really think about them. Romance will find you, after a night full of surprises. You will be the motivation in a big project. Your love match is Leo and your lucky fruit is watermelon.

Pisces (Feb.19-March 20)

Prom is all about you, don't waste your time thinking about what other people will be doing. Make yourself happy on Prom Night. Your enthusiasm will be contagious to everyone around you. Stop stressing, that certain someone really likes you for who you are. Your love match is Gemini and your lucky fruit is cantaloupe.

That game called dating

By Dan Young

Black queen to white king... "check mate!" Another "piece" in the game of life is taken with a swift move by the opposite team. Every day, the players of the great game go into combat with the best available arsenal and everyday there are casualties from the game they call "dating."

Dating is an experience that everybody goes through, like school and taxes. It doesn't matter who you are, because everybody dates and it's like a huge game of chess with thousands players.

However, unlike a game of chess, dating isn't quite as simple as it often seems. If you want a date, you have to persuade that person and there are many techniques that can be used.

Trap technique: Maybe the easiest technique in the game is "the trap technique," which uses the element of surprise to the highest degree. A good example of this would be buying a flower for a girl and writing a message on the board for her to find when she comes to class.

Another move might be to decorate his/her room (if possible) with flowers and balloons and ambush them when they get home.

Brave souls should avoid this move because

of the lack of contact. While this allows the creativity of the mind to flow, it's tough to get what you want to say across and doesn't always have the highest degree of success. This move isn't tough to pull off, so those who aren't as gifted at facing pressure might want to try this technique.

Gift-giving technique:

This is another simple technique that may avoid direct contact with the person. It gives the invitee freedoms to choose something you think the person would like.

The person may just like the gift they get and decide to cancel their date. The gift-giving technique allows the giver to make the person blush, depending on how the gift is given. If it's a face to face exchange, there may be some sort of uncomfortable contact.

The other option is to send it via another friend or to give it on the run, which may make it seemed rushed and unwanted. This is an iffy technique, at best.

Sing, read or send: Mailed poems, letters, flowers and whatnot will get your point across without the embarrassment of stuttering in front of the person you want to ask. Poems are normally the best romantic element, although some letters might be up to the task and a favorite flower works well also. For those who are musically talented, serenading is always a good option.

If you screw up the poem or song, then you'll look foolish in front of your date, but they

might like the idea. This also gives the embarrassment factor to you, which always helps. If you pull off your poem or song correctly, things will look great for your chances.

Up-front asking: The up-front asking is the boldest, most daring move that can be pulled.

Nothing can cause more embarrassment for both sides than the straight up ask and some people prefer to be asked in other ways than this one. However, you get the honest opinion from the person who questioned and often there is nothing more exhilarating than getting the yes when the question is popped.

A version of the up-front asking is the over-the-phone maneuver, but the results are often different. The embarrassment factor doesn't exist and the shock value disappears too. The over-the-phone technique can also be bluffed and the truth of the manner is gone. The over-the-phone isn't what it's cracked up to be, but there's no pressure involved, which always makes it a popular option. The up-front ask is one of the boldest and anyone who can carry it off knows it's worth it. If you stammer or stutter, then don't consider this move.

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and for how long it is rented for. Saturday rentals should be made in advanced.

Brookfield Zoo has many exciting things happening at prom time. April 30 is also Arbor Day, which the zoo celebrates by having a tree planting ceremony. Currently the zoo has more than 151 tree species. Admittance to the zoo costs six dollars and parking costs four dollars.

Navy Pier is always fun too. Though it won't have anything special going on prom weekend, it still has many shops inside and lake tours are available from the docks.

The restaurants are fun too, with a view of Lake Michigan. The Ferris Wheel is the biggest attraction. Visiting Navy Pier is also free. Parking varies from eight to 15 dollars.

For something a little more romantic, Noble Horse in downtown Chicago gives carriage rides around the city. For \$30, you will receive a very romantic ride around the city. For \$60, you can ride for an entire hour. Call Noble Horse for reservations at 312-664-6014.

Another carriage ride option is Antique Coach and Carriage, who also accommodates students. Reservations can be made at 773-735-9400. The carriage stand is at Michigan Avenue and Huron Street. Antique charges \$35 for 30 minutes, and \$70 for an hour-long ride.

As for other sports, if you've never played Whirlyball, you should definitely try it. Located on Roosevelt Road in Lombard, Whirlyball is a team sport that combines basketball and

bumper-cars. Depending on the time and day you decide to play, an hour of court time can cost between \$130 and \$170.

Ten people can play at a time, so it isn't that expensive if you get all of your friends together. Court times need to be booked in advance at 630-932-4800.

For a beautiful night view of the city, try the John Hancock Observatory. At 1,127 feet, the 94th floor offers a view deck with an amazing view of the sunset, and the city. They are open daily from 9 a.m. to midnight. Adult admission is only eight dollars.

It features an outside skywalk where you can be outside at the highest elevation you'd ever want to be, otherwise known as the "Midwest's highest open-air experience."

Win prom tickets!!!

Wildcat Chronicle 1999 Prom Contest

All of the words below are scrambled. Each word has something to do with prom. To win a pair of tickets to this year's prom, write all of the words unscrambled. All entries must be in to the Wildcat Chronicle mailbox or English teacher Carrie Mocarski by 7:30 a.m. on Monday, April 12, 1999.

1. ORPM

2. XDUETO

3. WOFRSLE

4. CEAND

5. AGENELT

6. UMINESOIL

7. SEKTICT

8. LAL HITGN NOLG

9. WONG

10. MALOTPID STEW

11. TCAWDIL NORCLIECH

12. ROMISEEM

13. CUMIS

14. SOCEGRA

15. TACEBELOIRN

16. QNAEBUT

17. VREEORF TRTSSA

GTNOIHT

18. OOTEBNNURI

Write the answers on a blank sheet of paper. You must print your name and year in school, and write your signature.

Who should pay for prom?

By Sarah Kochniarczyk

Prom is right around the corner and is very expensive. I bet you've asked yourself a few times "Where does all this money go?" Well listen up, I have a few good ideas so prom doesn't cost so much.

I believe there are two ways to go about the cost of prom and prom weekend. One way is to split the ticket cost between each other. I mean ladies come on, is it that big of a deal to ask the parents for some cash, or use some cash that you've made from your job? Why not split the ticket cost, and the rest of the weekend let your date pay? Try to compromise so your date isn't paying for everything with the money they may not have.

However, if you asked someone to go to your prom, pay up. You asked them, you need to spend the cash. If they want to pay, let them, or split the money.

It may be hard to bring this situation up with your date, I know guys can be stubborn. Maybe hint around and ask "How's your job going?" Even have your friends talk to your date, or talk to their friends. Then offer to help out. You may not even know it, but your date may be low in cash, and they'd be happy if you could help out. However, if they say they are paying, after suggesting to pay a few times, don't be dumb, let them.

So when you're thinking about prom, coming up in a few weeks, think about how expensive it is. For guys buying a tuxedo, tickets, spending cash for the weekend, and who knows what else. For girls buying a dress, getting your hair done, buying jewelry, and who knows what else. Try to think about the cost. Maybe you can help out with the money.

Prom doesn't mean the date has to pay for it all. Try to see if your date needs help with the cost. Make it easy on your prom date, so he or she won't worry about spending the money. Instead of worrying about money, with your help, you can share an awesome prom and prom weekend with your date.

A place to eat can mean a good, bad end to evening

By Heather Fenderson

Come prom, most people are prepared and have been for weeks. But there's one thing that seems to be left out of most people's plans until the last minute: where to eat.

Think about it. You can probably picture this type of situation easily. You pick up your date from her house,

and she asks you where you are going to get dinner. You suddenly realize that with your tux rental, your limo service, etc. you forgot to make plans to eat. You scramble to make reservations at a restaurant, only to get the response that they are all booked. So you end up

going to prom to eat instead of the romantic dinner at a quiet restaurant you planned.

Well, don't let this happen to you. Be sure where you are going to eat has been planned out, and that reservations have been made. If you are going to only eat at the prom, be sure that you

and your date are mutual on this. Don't be caught unprepared.

And if you still don't know where to eat, here are some restaurant suggestions to further ease your prom-preparing worries, and thus let you worry about other, more important things, like for example, punctuality.

The Olive Garden- 3785 E. Main St., St. Charles (630) 443-1122. A fairly affordable restaurant that serves good food too. Many seniors, such as senior Aric Hyde like to stop here before prom. "A great little restaurant," he remarked.

Al's Ice Creamery- 105 N. 2nd Ave., Glen Ellen (630) 584-5120. Not very romantic, but has a charm that is great for you and your date. The thing to order is the ice cream, since it's some of the best around.

Bakers Square Restaraunt and Pies- 110 W. Geneva Road., Wheaton (630) 665-9167. If you like great food as well as great pie then this is the place to go.

Chili's Grill and Bar- 310 W. Army Trail Road, Bloomingdale (630) 894-9966. This is an excellent place to go if you want a little variety in a dinner. This restaurant can give you a semi-romantic dinner and a spicy food to enjoy.

Domo 77 Steak House- 2040 S. Naperville Road, Wheaton (630) 690-3277. An excellent Japanese steak house that has a nice flair if you want to impress your date.

Agustino's- on the corner of Schmale Road and St. Charles Road, Carol Stream (630) 665-5585. If you don't have a lot of money, but don't want to be stuck with crummy food, this should be number one on your list of places to go. This is a delicious deli for you and your date or your friends. There is also a new romantic restaurant that you and your date can enjoy.

Winfield House- 27 W. 461 Chicago Ave., Winfield (630) 690-1555. This is a nice restaurant to go if you are on a moderate budget and want good conventional food.

Michael Jordan's Restaraunt- 500 N. La Salle Drive, Chicago (312) 664-3865. If you are working on a big budget and want a cool atmosphere to hang out and eat great and healthy food after prom, then this is the place to go.

Old Main Inn- 2330 N. Main Street, Wheaton (630) 668-1550. If you fancy foods like duck, lamb, and such, then this is a romantic place for you and your date to go after prom. However, it is very expensive, so make sure you've got a big enough budget.

Outback- 2855 E. Ogden Ave., Naperville (630) 778-6290.

This great steakhouse has more than just steaks. The menu includes a wide variety of other meats, so don't go if you are a vegetarian. The desserts are also great.

Emilio's Tapas Chicago Restaurant- 444 W. Fulerton Parkway, Chicago (773) 327-5100. This is a little on the pricey side, but if you can afford it, this is definitely the place to go. It's a great place to sample and share with your friends or that special someone.

Alfie's Inn- 425 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellen (630) 858-2506. This is a great place to go with you and your friends or your date, and it has something for everyone. The budget is moderate, so almost anyone can enjoy after prom.

Pal Joey's- 922 E. Roosevelt, West Chicago (630) 231-9393. This is both a romantic place and a place to go with your friends after prom. It is a little on the expensive/moderate side, but if you can afford it, it's a delightful place, and is right in the area.

The Whole Fad

By Katie Oen

It's time. Almost at least. Time to gather with the other upper classmen for our final dance together. "Senior Prom."

This is a time for people who may normally not hang out to come together and have fun.

It's scary that this could be the last chance we have to try and make everything perfect, so now we'll try to make the most of it. We'll have the best dresses, great hair, excellent shoes, and dreamy dates. The nervousness is continual from now until the end of that special night.

Although the night is not about looks, many people ask questions during the night, such as "Will anyone notice my hair cut or style?" or "Is anyone wearing my dress?" and the best yet "Is my make-up okay?" The common pattern with these questions is that they seem to be all be female-oriented. Do guys even ask things like this? I think that some do but don't really dwell upon the

idea. Prom is not the night to worry. Do females put too much emphasis on the night to where we can't even enjoy the evening? I think a lot of us do. The main idea is to get together in a fancy setting and have fun. If you're worrying, it won't do any good.

Prom is not about fitting in a dress that is too small. I've seen girls for the past four years stop eating almost all together three weeks before so they can fit into the dress of their dreams. There is nothing wrong with wanting to wear a gorgeous dress but if it's three sizes too small maybe it's not the dress for you. Aren't you worried if you eat prom night and are out there dancing, that it could rip apart or something horrible like that?

Prom is about being with someone you care about. I can imagine my perfect prom. I will look great and when my date shows up, he will look even better. It

doesn't have to be a hot date, just someone with whom I want to spend this special night. No matter who it is, I will never forget the night because it will be my senior prom.

I'm hoping for great music and a wonderful setting to dance in. I hope the food will be edible.

I hope that everyone attending will be in a good mood and everyone attending will accept everyone else who is there. I wonder sometimes if people drop grudges and anger towards other people at these events and I certainly hope so.

The night for the seniors will be the last one for them in this high school career and should be spent making memories, not causing headaches. Don't worry if your hair goes flat or the music is a little less than perfect or if the food isn't the best. Go into the prom thinking you'll have a good time and you might surprise yourself and have a great time.



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200 Cigarettes for you

By Arlete Penaflo

With the excitement of the New Year comes the hard truth of what the old year left behind. This is what the young couples and friends face in the new film *200 Cigarettes*.

200 Cigarettes is set in New York's East Village on New Years Eve in 1981. The movie follows a group of young adults hoping to have the time of their lives on New Years, especially before the clock strikes midnight.

They would eventually end up at a party in the East Village.

Monica (Martha Plimpton) is throwing a big New Years Eve bash at her house. Her main concern is if anyone is going to show up at her party.

The 13 people all have a goal they want to reach before midnight. The goal is to be as prepared as possible to receive the new year. Monica's cousin Val (Christina Ricci) and her friend Stephie (Gaby Hoffmann) just want to be rebels on New Years Eve.

While trying to find Monica's party, they run

across Tom (Casey Affleck) and Dave (Guillermo Diaz), two punk rockers in black leather jackets. Stephie is terrified to death of them, while Val can't help but being turned on by them.

Then we are introduced to Lucy (Courtney Love) and Kevin (Paul Rudd). Kevin just broke up with his girlfriend Ellie (Janeane Garofalo) and is suffering from major birthday blues.

Lucy and Kevin have been friends for the longest time but in the pressure of going home alone on New Years Eve, they discover that sometimes love is where you least expect it to be.

In another situation, Jack (Jay Mohr) and Cindy (Kate Hudson) are celebrating New Years together. Jack is used to being with a girl and getting rid of her as soon as possible because he is afraid to commit. Cindy has always been a romantic at heart, but she can't help falling in love with someone that same day.

Bridget (Nicole Parker) and her friend Caitlyn (An-

gela Featherstone) have the goal of not spending the night alone, or they'll be jinxed all of 1982. Bridget has to find someone new since she just broke up with her boyfriend Eric (Brian McCardie).

Bridget doesn't waste her time by making the move on the handsome bartender (Ben Affleck).

The music is a big part of this movie, especially since it's set in the 80's. The soundtrack includes music from Blondie, The Cars, The Ramones, Elvis Costello, Kool and The Gang, and several other groups.

The music is about the only part of the movie I enjoyed. The movie just seemed to drag on too much. Focusing on so many peoples lives makes it very difficult to follow the movie.

They should have focused more on the big party which you never really get to see much of. If you have nothing else to do and are really desperate to see a movie then *200 Cigarettes* is for you. ★

Flip the channel past

EDtv

By Jeff Goluszka

Even though the new film *EDtv* is packed full of stars, its choppy flow and uninteresting, predictable plot turn this movie into a flop.

Director Ron Howard, whose credits include *Apollo 13* and *Backdraft*, filled this film with actors from every corner of the celebrity spectrum. The plot is centered around Ed, who is played by Matthew McConaughey (of *Boys On The Side*).

The list of big names continues with Woody Harrelson, Ellen DeGeneres, Rob Reiner, Jenna Elfman, Martin Landau, Dennis Hopper, and Elizabeth Hurley.

Harrelson (from *Natural Born Killers* and *White Men Can't Jump*) plays Ed's brother Ray, who is the one that gets the ball rolling. Cable channel True-TV is heading for the tank, so Cynthia (played by DeGeneres of TV sitcom "Ellen") gets an idea.

She wants to do a show where one, real-life person is followed by cameras for 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week.

Greedy Ray finds out about this, and goes to try out for the show. Ray brings the unsuspecting Ed out to introduce him as his brother, but the TV people like Ed better than Ray. Hence, *EDtv* is born.

The show soon becomes a hit once Ray's girlfriend Shari (Elfman, of TV sitcom "Dharma and Greg") reveals (on camera) her secret attraction to Ed, and he says the same thing.

The plot moves along once Ed, Ray and Shari all have problems with each other.

During his vulnerable time, Ed is bombarded by everyone, including his evil, controlling TV boss and three of his somewhat deranged parents.

He's even seduced by a supermodel (Hurley).

Even though all of these crazy happenings foul up Ed's life, most of them are fairly predictable and boring.

As for the acting, Elfman, Harrelson and Riener all gave great performances.

The only somewhat disappointing acting job was that of McConaughey. From start to finish he seemed very laid back, as if nothing affected him. The film portrays him as a normal guy, but that just doesn't work.

Although the audience is lead to root for Ed, this movie is not good enough to hook the viewer and involve them in the plot.

Also, *The Truman Show* (starring Jim Carrey) came out a short time ago with basically the same plot. With all these factors, *EDtv* was doomed from the start. ★★

Would you like to play?

By Heather Fenderson

Sony Playstation - The latest game by Sony's 989 studios, "Twisted Metal 3," didn't fare too well with the critics or the gamers.

TM3 was a game that Electronic Gaming monthly called "absolutely pitiful." But it looks like Sony is planning on changing all that. Their newest game, "Bust-a-Groove", is a rhythmic, dancing simulator that really hits the spot, especially for a gamer like me who's tired of seeing only "Tekken" and "Tomb Raider" clones being released.

"Bust-a-Groove" is best compared to "PaRappa the Rapper" in gameplay, but there is more than that to the game. The main object is to control your character through a series of matches against other dancers and try to out-dance them. It really is one fun game.

PSX magazine had this to say about the gameplay: "If you liked 'PaRappa,' and are looking for something else to play that's a bit different,

try 'Bust-a-Groove.'"

But you can't have a dancing game without music, right? Well, this game has great music, too! While some of the stage's music isn't all that special, some of them have such a great beat, it makes you want to bust-a groove yourself while listening to the music. Add to that a few hidden characters and a versus mode (where can try to out-dance your friends), and you have a game that can keep you busy for hours. At least give it a rent, you won't be disappointed.

Nintendo 64 - The name of the game is "Zelda 64," need I say more than that?

This is the fourth installment of that same Zelda series Nintendo's role-playing game quality has been made famous by (not including the Gameboy titles). This game delivers everything you can expect in a Zelda game and more.

While not being in the same standard "overhead" view of previous Zelda games, the change in the perspective is al-

most unnoticeable, thanks in part to the excellent camera angles Nintendo put in.

The story, which is set as a prequel to the other Zelda games, includes the ability to travel through time, which allows you to play as Link in different stages of his life. This is definitely the best part of the game.

The critics just loved this game. EGM said of the game, "[It] can't be called anything other than flawless."

And although the game has enjoyed great sales success, not everyone completely loves the game. Senior Aric Hyde, when asked his feelings of the new Zelda game replied "I stopped playing it...it's too much like 'Link to the Past.'"

Lastly, in my own opinion, while Zelda may seem a bit strange at first with the huge N64 controller, the controls are so easy to get used to that you'll be slashing away at the enemies like a pro in no time at all. There's no doubt that this game will be the game to own in 1999.

Silverchair shines *Neon*

By Bart Visser

The only time I had ever listened to Silverchair was when they were on the radio and I did not change the station. After listening to Silverchair's new CD *Neon Ballroom*, I might start going out of my way to listen to them more often.

Their first single off *Neon Ballroom*, called "Anthem for the year 2000," has already climbed up to number 19 on Billboard's Modern Rock Chart.

This rock-alternative band, comprised of singer/guitarist Daniel Johns, drummer Ben

Gillies, and bassist Chris Joannou, all at the age of 19, released their third CD after taking a year to finish high school and write music.

"These songs are definitely a lot more personal," said Johns in an Epic Records press release.

"On the first album [*Frogstomp*], we were only 14 or 15 so we hadn't had many experiences to inspire songs. With the second one [*Freak Show*], it was really about the aggression and hate that I was feeling toward certain people at the time."

"On [*Neon Ballroom*], there's probably a wider range of moods and themes in the lyrics; they're more based on direct experiences."

Johns combined classical music with modern rock on the album. This is most notable on the first track, "Emotion Sickness."

The album's songs range from soft and mellow to hard and loud, with a little bit of punk sound.

Neon Ballroom is a good album to get if you desire to get to heart of Silverchair. ★★★

DC Talk not so *Super*

By Alexandra Patin

"Super-lame" might have been a better title for the new DC Talk album, *Supernatural*.

The songs on this album are all different, but they all have the same message. That message, according to band member Toby McKeehan, is to look into oneself to find faith and happiness.

The repetitiveness of the song "Supernatural" was very boring and one could easily fast-forward to the end of the song and probably not miss an idea or verse that had

not already been said. The song "Godsend" is a song that is so repetitive that it will turn off almost any listener.

In a SHAGGBack interview, McKeehan said the band got its name from him and band member Michael Tait. The two were from Washington, D.C. and were always together.

McKeehan said people just referred to them as DC Talk because they tried to communicate with people through music, and the name just

stuck. McKeehan also said that other music inspired their style. All of the band members were used to different music styles, and so the three members "decided to merge those things together."

When asked if the band was a Christian band, he said that the band tries to reach a wide variety of audience tastes, and said, "You don't have to agree with us from a faith standpoint in order to enjoy a song we write." ★

Sports Schedule

Badminton

April 8 - at Naperville Central - 4:30 p.m.
 April 9 - at York - 4:30 p.m.
 April 13 - at Wheaton North - 4:30 p.m.
 April 14 - home vs. Glenbard West - 4:30 p.m.
 April 15 - at Wheaton Warrenville South - 4:30 p.m.
 April 20 - at Glenbard North - 4:30 p.m.
 April 22 - home vs. West Aurora - 4:30 p.m.
 April 24 - at DeKalb Tournament - 9:00 a.m.
 April 26 - home vs. Glenbard East - 4:30 p.m.
 April 28 - at Glenbard South - 4:30 p.m.
 April 29 - DVC Tournament @ Wheaton North - 4:00 p.m.
 April 30 - DVC Tournament @ Wheaton North - 4:00 p.m.
 May 1 - DVC Tournament @ Wheaton North - 4:00 p.m.
 May 7 - Sectionals - TBA
 May 8 - Sectionals - TBA

Baseball

April 8 - at Geneva - 4:30 p.m.
 April 9 - Home vs. IMSA - 4:45 p.m.
 April 10 - Home vs. Fenton - 11:00 a.m.
 April 12 - Home vs. Glenbard South - 4:30 p.m.
 April 13 - Home vs. Wheaton Warrenville South - 4:30 p.m.
 April 15 - Home vs. Wheaton North - 4:30 p.m.
 April 17 - Home vs. Marquette - 10:00 a.m.
 April 19 - at Naperville North - 4:30 p.m.
 April 21 - Home vs. Glenbard East - 4:30 p.m.
 April 23 - at Naperville Central - 4:30 p.m.
 April 27 - Home vs. West Aurora - 4:30 p.m.
 April 29 - at Glenbard North - 4:30 p.m.
 May 1 - at Wheaton Warrenville South - 12:00 p.m.
 May 3 - Home vs. Wheaton North - 4:30 p.m.
 May 4 - at Wheaton North - 4:30 p.m.
 May 6 - at Naperville North - 4:30 p.m.
 May 7 - Home vs. Naperville North - 4:30 p.m.
 May 8 - at Ottawa Township - 10:00 a.m.

Soccer

April 15 - Home vs. Wheaton Warrenville South - 4:30 p.m.
 April 19 - at Streamwood - 4:30 p.m.
 April 20 - at Elgin - 4:30 p.m.

April 22 - at West Aurora - 4:30 p.m.
 April 24 - at DeKalb - 9:00 a.m.
 April 26 - Home vs. Fenton - 4:30 p.m.
 April 27 - at St. Edward's - 4:30 p.m.
 April 29 - at Wheaton North - 4:30 p.m.
 May 3 - Home vs. Streamwood - 4:30 p.m.
 May 6 - Home vs. Glenbard North - 4:30 p.m.
 May 8 - at St. Francis - 4:30 p.m.
 May 11 - at Immaculate Heart of Mary - 4:30 p.m.

Softball

April 10 - at Elgin - 10:00 a.m.
 April 12 - at Plainfield - 4:45 p.m.
 April 14 - at Oswego - 4:30 p.m.
 April 15 - Home vs. Bolingbrook - 4:30 p.m.
 April 17 - at Willowbrook - 11:00 a.m.
 April 19 - Home vs. Wheaton Warrenville South - 4:30 p.m.
 April 21 - Home vs. Wheaton North - 4:30 p.m.
 April 22 - at Sycamore - 4:30 p.m.
 April 23 - at Naperville North - 4:30 p.m.
 April 24 - at Larkin - 10:00 a.m.
 April 26 - Home vs. Glenbard East - 4:30 p.m.
 April 27 - at IMSA - 4:30 p.m.
 April 28 - at Naperville Central - 4:30 p.m.
 April 29 - Home vs. West Aurora - 4:30 p.m.
 May 3 - at Glenbard East - 4:30 p.m.
 May 5 - at Wheaton Warrenville South - 4:30 p.m.
 May 7 - at Wheaton North - 4:30 p.m.
 May 8 - Home vs. Larkin - 10:00 a.m.
 May 10 - Home vs. Naperville North - 4:30 p.m.
 May 12 - at Glenbard East - 4:30 p.m.

Boys Tennis

April 12 - at Streamwood - 4:30 p.m.
 April 16 - at Larkin - 4:30 p.m.
 April 20 - Home vs. Glenbard East - 4:30 p.m.
 April 22 - at Wheaton Warrenville South - 4:00 p.m.
 April 24 - at St. Charles - 9:00 a.m.
 April 26 - at Yorkville - 4:45 p.m.
 April 27 - Home vs. Naperville Central - 4:00 p.m.
 April 29 - at Naperville North - 4:00 p.m.

Boys Track

April 13 - at Naperville North - 4:30 p.m.
 April 17 - at Geneva - 9:00 a.m.
 April 20 - at Naperville Central - 4:30 p.m.
 April 24 - at Willowbrook - 10:00 a.m.
 April 27 - at Wheaton Warrenville South - 4:30 a.m.
 April 30 - at Crystal Lake Central - 5:00 p.m.
 May 4 - at Glenbard North - 4:30 p.m.
 May 7 - at Wheaton Warrenville South - 4:30 p.m.

May 1 - at Glenbard North - 9:00 a.m.
 May 3 - Home vs. IMSA - 4:30 p.m.
 May 4 - Home vs. Wheaton North - 4:00 p.m.
 May 6 - at West Aurora - 4:00 p.m.
 May 10 - at Plainfield - 4:30 p.m.
 May 11 - at Glenbard North - 4:00 p.m.
 May 12 - Home vs. Glenbard South - 4:30 p.m.

Boys Track

April 13 - at Naperville North - 4:30 p.m.
 April 17 - at Geneva - 9:00 a.m.
 April 20 - at Naperville Central - 4:30 p.m.
 April 24 - at Willowbrook - 10:00 a.m.
 April 27 - at Wheaton Warrenville South - 4:30 a.m.
 April 30 - at Crystal Lake Central - 5:00 p.m.
 May 4 - at Glenbard North - 4:30 p.m.
 May 7 - at Wheaton Warrenville South - 4:30 p.m.

Girls Track

April 13 - at Wheaton North - 4:30 p.m.
 April 17 - at Geneva - 9:00 a.m.
 April 20 - at Rosary - 4:30 p.m.
 April 24 - at Glenbard East - 9:00 a.m.
 April 27 - at West Aurora - 4:30 p.m.
 April 30 - at Wheaton Warrenville South - 4:30 p.m.
 May 7 - DVC tournament at TBA - 4:00 p.m.

Boys Volleyball

April 8 - Home vs. Naperville Central - 5:00 p.m.
 April 13 - Home vs. Wheaton North - 5:00 p.m.
 April 15 - Home vs. Wheaton Warrenville South - 5:00 p.m.
 April 16 - at Willowbrook - 5:00 p.m.
 April 20 - Home vs. Glenbard North - 5:00 p.m.
 April 22 - at I.M.S.A. - 4:30 p.m.
 April 24 - at Downers Grove North - 9:00 a.m.
 April 27 - at Glenbard East - 5:00 p.m.
 April 29 - Home vs. Naperville North - 5:00 p.m.
 May 4 - at Naperville Central - 5:00 p.m.
 May 6 - at Wheaton North - 5:00 p.m.
 May 8 - at Addison Trail - 8:30 p.m.
 May 11 - at Wheaton Warrenville South - 5:00 p.m.

Remembering the winter season

By Daniel B. Young

The winter sports season has drawn to a close and it's time for all our recognized athletes to make one more curtain call. Here it is, the season in review:

Boys Basketball - The team finished with a bang, winning two straight games against IMSA and Glenbard North. Overall, they were 4-24 during the season (1-11 in conference). The MVP was senior Jeff Callahan, while senior Andrew Merrick took home the MIP (Most Improved Player) award. Senior Mark Doeseckle won the Best Attitude award and Callahan was named to the First Team All-Conference.

Girls Basketball - The girls team was led by their senior trio of Jeanette Arroyo, Molly Saul and Krista Varble. Arroyo won the Defensive player of the year award, while Saul and Varble tied for the MTXE (Mental Toughness, eXtra Effort). Sophomore Beth Brinn garnered the MVP award while junior Michelle Lasky earned the MIP honors. Arroyo was selected Special Mention All-Conference.

Boys Swimming - The boys finished the year with only one state qualifier, but put together a tough season. Sophomore Joe Lureau finished second in the 200 IM and 100 meter breaststroke to qualify for state. Although Lureau didn't finish as well as he had hoped, he was the team MVP. Sophomore Kevin McCarthy was the MIP and freshman Henry Somers was honored with the Rookie of the Year award.

Wrestling - Senior Luis Aguado led the boys team with a First Team All-Conference award, while junior Ben Stevens was a Special Mention All-Conference member. Aguado was the team MVP while junior Pete Serrato gathered the MIP award. Senior David DuBose was awarded the coaches award for outstanding effort.

Badminton

Let the birdie fly

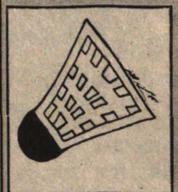
By Carrie Zeffield

The 1999 Badminton season began with their first game on March 15 against Riverside Brookfield.

The varsity team has played a total of four games, and is now 2-2. The junior varsity team is 3-1.

The teams usually have a total of 30 girls, but this year the roster is considerably smaller due to past players that have moved away.

This years varsity team is junior Linda Xiong, senior Jessica Inch,



junior Michelle Grove, junior Mary Kovacs, senior Aayisha Jafri, junior Emily Giermann, sophomore Amanda Millard, junior Amy Fairbairn, junior Amanda Bina, and senior Christine Paran.

Last year the Varsity team was one match from someone qualifying for state, but were seventh in conference.

This year, the girls are working hard, training and working on skills. Head Varsity coach LaVora Singleton claims this may be a good year for the team to be qualifying for state and even finals.

Boys Tennis

Looking to avenge last years losses

By Jeff Goluszka

The We-go varsity boys tennis team is preparing for the 1999 season with a full line-up that is ready to compete.

After numerous forfeits last season because they lacked players, the Wildcats return with a 24-man squad.

Two veteran seniors on the team are Andy Spalo and Christian Vigsnes.

"[Spalo and Vigsnes] are our team leaders," said varsity head coach Sione Moeaki. Both Spalo and Vigsnes have been playing for four years, in addition to summer workouts with Moeaki.

Moeaki added that this year's top players include, in addition to Spalo and Vigsnes, senior Mike Petrik, junior Mike Kostal, and freshman Matt Neumann.

There are nine returning players from last year's team, including seniors Kendel Christopherson, Petrik, Spalo, Vigsnes, and juniors Mike Boes, Julio Gomez, Garrett Hofmann, Kostal, and Dan Toboja.

The opening game is on April 12 at Streamwood. "We've been preparing for

[over] four weeks now," said Moeaki.

This season, the Wildcats hope to win 65% of their matches and finish in the top half of the DVC, according to Moeaki.

"We'd also like to qualify two or three guys for the state finals," added Moeaki.

We-go is coming off of a 7-win, 14-loss season a year ago, with more players and

higher goals. "We expect to compete," said Moeaki.

As for the excitement of the upcoming season, Moeaki said, "I'm looking forward to it. If we keep practicing, we will succeed."

After the opener in Streamwood, the Cats play at Larkin on April 16, against Glenbard East on April 20, at Wheaton-Warrenville South on April 22, at St. Charles for the eight-team Varsity Invite on April 24, at Yorkville on April 26, against Naperville Central on April 27, and at Naperville North on April 29.

For the full list of matches, see the Sports Schedule to the left.

Girls Softball

Championship Run in 99?

By Bart Visser

The girls softball team looks to recapture the DVC crown in the new year.

With twelve out of the eighteen girls on varsity returning and ten of them seniors, the team has a good chance to repeat last year's magic.

Yet at the same time the Wildcats did not have a very successful start to their 1999 season loosing and are hoping to turn their season around.

Players on the team are Molly Saul (outfield/second base), Ellen McLoughlin (outfield), Autumn Planek

(outfield), Angela Valdez (catcher), Melissa Acker (first base), Jenny Hoffman (third base), Courtney Czech



Senior Photo by Sandy Weiss
Ana Fernandez gets loose

(outfield), Jeanette Aroyo (outfielder/shortstop), Chrissy Dabert (Second Base), Sarah Kochniarczyk (thirdbase/firstbase), Karen Shockley (out-

fielder), Missy Krieger (outfielder), Kelly Bolten (shortstop), Megan Lesten (pitcher/ infielder), Tania Peckararo (firstbase), Dana Cananthy (thirdbase). Coaches for varsity are Head Coach Jim Schaudt and Assistant Varsity Coach Kim Wallner.

Girls Soccer

Young Cats challenge DVC

By Arlete Penaflo

The soccer team prepares to face a tough season this year, with a younger and more aggressive team.

This year the team will have to get used to several new faces as well as playing techniques.

The team lost several players because of last years performance. Several girls left the team feeling unsatisfied with the way head varsity coach Julio Del Real led the team. Although some girls left feeling unsatisfied, there are those that still returned for another year on the varsity team. Some of the returning varsity players this year are seniors Nicole Medina, Rosemary Ayala, Blanca Ruiz, juniors Stefanie Prena, Tracey Drzal, Kristy Reser, sophomores Maribel Benitez, and Sarah Dietz. These players were all part of the disappointing season they had last year. This year the team is being led by a very young and new team as

well as by Ayala, Prena who are the varsity team captains.

One of the goals this year is to be more aggressive on the field as well as to win as many games as possible.

"I hope to be more aggressive this year. And help my teammates as much as possible as a full back defender," said freshmen Arianna Cortez.

Some of the teams past games include their first game against Wheaton Academy with a score of 7-0. Then a tournament during spring break against Downers Grove South 5-0, Lincoln Way 4-0, and then Naperville Central with a score of 5-0. The team has had a strong performance at all of these past games.

Some of the teams upcoming games include Wheaton North on Wednesday, April 7 (results were not available at press time) at West Chicago Middle School. As well as against West Aurora on

Wednesday, April 14, followed by a home game against Wheaton Warrenville on Thursday, April 15.

Last year the season came to a disappointing end when several girls on the team felt that there was no real commitment to the game. One of the things they felt they lacked at the end of last season was teamwork. Which is something that they really hoped to improve on this year. As well as being more active in soccer clinics, camps, anything related to the sport in order to prepare for the upcoming season.

The varsity record at the end of last season was 8-12-1, junior varsity at 2-10-3, freshmen 2-7-1. And the varsity team having a conference record of 3-4, junior varsity 0-6-1, freshmen 1-3. A year ago the team placed sixth in the DuPage Valley Conference, the team is working hard to place fourth this year in the DVC.

Boys volleyball wins

Heather Fenderson

The boys' volleyball team swings into action this season, defeating St. Jones on March 27 in both the varsity and sophomore categories.

The team, lead by coach Hastings, had a great game this last week, with the Varsity winning two out of the three games they played against St. Jones, setting the final score at 15-13, 12-15, and 15-11.

The sophomore team, also coached by Hastings, won against St. Jones as well, winning with flying colors both out of the two games that they played, leaving the score at 15-6 and 15-10.

When asked how he felt about the win, senior Aric Hyde, a long time fan of the team said "I think it's just great that the team has been doing so well lately. But," he added "they do need a bit more publicity."

The team which defeated St. Jones, plays again on the tenth, at Wheaton Warrenville South.

Key returnees are seniors Kevin Rugaard (setter) and Darryl Spohn (left-side hitter). The rest of the help will come from seniors Kenny Dedic, Anthony Castiglia (defensive specialist), and juniors Chip Ault, Jeff Griffin, Juan Robles, Jeff Tillson, and Matt Shane.

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Hurdling towards outdoor season

Distance, relays carry Cats through indoor

Marla D'Aversa

West Chicago Boys Varsity Track team finished seventh in the 1999 DuPage Valley Invitational hosted by Glenbard North on March 19. This is the first time since Paul McLeland became head coach that the Cats have finished out of the cellar at the conference meet.

No first places were taken, but the team earned strong second places. Junior Tim Keller took second in the 3200 meter run with a time of 9:37.2, which is slower than what he ran at the Rolling Meadows meet. However, first place Ryan

Teising of Naperville Central was only about 5 seconds faster.

Keller also qualified for the indoor state meet in the 3200 meter run and came in with the seventh seed time. He managed to finish third behind Teising with a time of 9:30. Keller has already run the qualifying time for the state meet several times.

Senior Wes Skidgel took second in the 1600 meter run with a time of 4:38.9, shaving almost 10 seconds off his time compared to the Rolling Meadows meet. Skidgel also ran the fastest split in the 3200 meter relay which finished second. Senior Jeff Stogis started and then handed off to senior Bart Visser. Visser turned the baton over to Skidgel, who built a lead before handing off to senior Dan Young. Young got outkicked by Glenbard North's Eric Duda, but the team fin-

ished second overall with a time of 8:30.4.

Senior Bryan Frankowiak ran in the 400 meter dash taking third with a time of 54.3. This time was also faster than previous meets. Frankowiak, who led the 400 meter relay and has competed in the high jump, 55 hurdles, and the 1600 meter relay, is the current leader in points for the Wildcats.

The Sophomore boys track team finished sixth at the same meet, beating out Glenbard East and West Aurora.

Sophomore Brian Howard took second in the high jump with a score of 5'6". Howard also placed fourth in the long jump soaring 16'11-3/4".

In pole vault, sophomore Jon Brown leaped a personal best of 10'0 for second place. At previous Rolling Meadows meet he jumped 7'0 for third.

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Girls Track looks to throw it's weight around in the DVC

By Katie Oen

How many teams can you name that have two seasons in one? Track does. There is an indoor season followed by the outdoor season. The last indoor meet was held here on March 25, 1999. We-go placed first with 59 points, Rosary 51 1/2, Plainfield 29 1/2. Junior Jocelyn Schineller threw 35-11 1/2 in the shot put. The State qualifying mark is 37 feet. Schineller commented, "It's so exciting. Usually I start out better in the beginning of the season and fall back but I'm better this year. I'm steadily improving."



Photo by Katie Oen
Junior Crystal Adams turns on the afterburners.

Coach Kelly Kolasa used an unusual tactic by putting a thrower in a sprint event but Schineller placed third in the 50 meter dash with 7.8 seconds. Junior Kristine Cleveland cleared the high jump bar at 4'8". Senior Jami Shanks threw 28'2" in the shot put. Junior Michelle Lasky ran the 400 meter in 1 minute, 8 seconds. Junior Rachel Altergott finished the 800 meter in 2:53.52. Spectator senior Adam Morrissey commented after watching the meet, "It's a lot easier to watch and I

enjoyed it. It's interesting. Some of these girls can kick it." Kolasa commented that she had high hopes for Schineller and Shanks for the discus in the outdoor season. She is expecting marks from Schineller over 120 feet and Shanks in the low 100's feet. She thinks that they can only do better because their present marks have been improving. March 19, 1999 at the DVC meet, Junior Jenny Wiechert races for the finish. players placed eighth with five points. This was not normal because only six



Photo by Katie Oen
Junior Jenny Wiechert races for the finish.

girls participated. The varsity team did not run any relay events. "We didn't have enough players," said Lasky. In the meet, freshman Meghan Young ran the mile in the time of 5:48.4 seconds. She took first place at the junior varsity level. Coach Aaron Carper commented, "She had an incredible breakthrough, not just in timewise but in the fashion she did it. She stayed in the lead and putting it all on the line in the end." Kolasa also commented on Young's performance saying that Young had good runs in the cross country season, but her mile runs averaged out at 6:30 or so.

Schineller participated in the shot put and took fourth at the varsity level throwing 35-7.5. Cleveland took sixth in the high jump with 4'8". Kolasa said that Cleveland was doing awesome and will improve for the outdoor season. There is no outdoor track for the teams to run or practice on and Altergott said, "It'll affect handoffs a lot and we can't really do pace work without the base to work on. If we had a track, it'd be nice." Lasky commented that everyone was improving really well and getting a lot better. Altergott also said, "There are a lot of fresh-

man this year and have potential for the future."



Photo by Katie Oen
Junior Rachel Altergott reaches deep for her finishing kick at home.

Boys Baseball

Cats beat Geneva Vikings

By Sarah Kochniraczyk

This season's varsity baseball team has started out with two wins and two losses, non-conference games. The losses are from lack of hitting on the team.

The Wildcats won their last game against Geneva on the strength of a home run from senior Brian Raymond and junior Dan Barzo's pitching. Raymond's homer came in the fifth inning as the Cats pulled away from the Vikings to a 7-5 victory. Barzo settled down after the first three innings to stop the Viking offense while the Cats pulled away for the victory. Juniors Bobby Holguin Raymond finished with 2 hits.

Seniors Chris Grin (first base and pitcher), Jason Richardson (second base, shortstop, and pitcher), Raymond (shortstop and pitcher), Jeff Powell (third base and pitcher), Jeff Callahan (outfielder and pitcher), Joe Swantek (out-

fielder), and Adam Morrissey (pitcher and outfielder) made this years team.

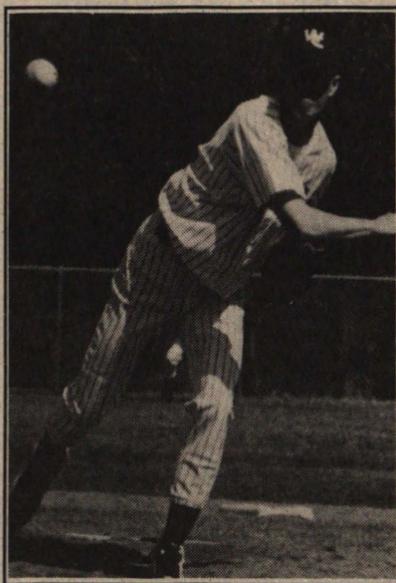


Photo by Sandy Weiss

Senior Jason Richardson brings the heat. Juniors Bobby Holguin (outfielder), Dan O'Hara (catcher and pitcher), Barzo (pitcher and third base), Sean Peterson (first base), Lars Higdon (second base,) and Bryan Kelsey (outfielder and pitcher) add their talents to the Wildcat roster.

Youngest members who round out the team are sophomores Nick Richardson

(catcher and pitcher), John Kolodick (third base), and Tom Heun (outfielder and pitcher).

Tim Courtney and Kevin Gimre are coaching the Varsity team. Their next home game will be played on Monday, April 12, 1999 against Glenbard South. Their first conference game will be Tuesday, April 13, 1999 against Wheaton Warrenville south a home game.

The boys games will be played at Pioneer Park the rest of the season for home games.

The boys sophomore and freshman teams are doing good. They will be playing home on Saturday, April 10, 1999 against Fenton for a double-header. Their first conference game will be played on Tuesday, April 13, 1999 against Wheaton Warrenville South at Wheaton Warrenville South's Atten Park.

The sophomore and freshman baseball teams will also be playing at Pioneer Park.

By Mark Kowal

The West Chicago Hockey team is getting ready for the spring hockey season and is making a few changes before entering. First the hockey team is losing all six of the seniors on the team including Derek Dipietro, Marc Doerr, Tim Kouba, Brandon Lanners, Kyle Westrom, and Josh Wetzel. The Wildcats also lost Pat Murphy their only junior due to injury.

Even though there are no seniors or juniors on the spring team all of the sophomores and freshman that played in the fall season are playing again for the spring season.

The reason for the seniors departing is that they are not allowed to play in the spring season. Since it is their last year there is really no point in playing for the spring team, unless you are returning for the next year.

With the loss of all the seniors West Chicago are gaining several freshman and eighth graders.

There were three eighth

graders, one freshman, and one sophomore who were additions to the team. The hockey team only has two eighth graders and one junior hockey players that didn't join the spring hockey team because of skill level, Manager Nancy Baumrucker said, "If their skill improves by the fall they will plan to play next year".

Rick Hertz the head hockey coach also will not be participating with the team this season because of interfering work. There is a possibility that Hertz may go to a different school next year because of the Wildcats great season last year finishing 12-4-2 in the regular season and 5-1 in the post season. In place of Hertz, Ryan Videtiz will be coaching for the spring season. Videtiz has lots of experience with hockey. His Five-page resume for the coaching position included playing for a minor league hockey team, coaching girl's hockey leagues, and was an assistant coach for the Col-

lege of DuPage hockey team. It is still unknown if Videtiz or Hertz will coach in the fall season but that will be determined when the spring season is completed on June 20th.

The spring Hockey teams first game will be played at Blades Hockey Rink in Addison on Sunday, April eleventh where the Wildcats first spring hockey game will take place.



Cats return after championship run