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Merit Scholar semifinalists Jeff Hansen and Carl Sauter take a short break from their rigorous daily schedules. Staff Photo

## Two students selected as scholarship semifinalists

By Sam West  
Students pass by Carl Sauter and Jeff Hansen every day in school, but little do those students know that the two seniors are National Merit Scholarship semifinalists.

Hansen and Sauter were named semifinalists in the 49th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. To qualify, the two had to have exceptional scores on the ACT.

"I feel honored, but there is a lot of pressure and recognition that I don't think is deserved," said Hansen. Not surprisingly, neither student said that they studied for the test. Hansen said the test was not difficult at all. Sauter agreed.

"If you need to study for this stuff, then study," Sauter

said. "But you shouldn't have to study if you don't have to."

In order to move up to the rank of finalist in February, both Hansen and Sauter must have a record of high achievement, earn good scores on the SAT, and have Principal John Highland endorse them.

Sauter said he liked his odds of becoming a finalist.

"It's pretty nice because half the people who are semifinalists are going to be finalists," he said.

The semifinalists have a chance to earn some scholarship money for college, and both students are looking forward to that.

"If I actually get an award, it is possible that I would get a full ride," said Sauter.

Hansen said that if money

doesn't come, at least he would have a better resume for prospective colleges. "Hopefully, I'll get some money, or at least a foot in the door to some colleges," Hansen said.

Sauter plans to attend University of Illinois majoring in computer science and hopes to be a part of the percussion section of the Marching Illini.

Hansen has a broader scope of possibilities for life after high school. He said that there were three main colleges he would like to attend.

At either Northwestern University, Reed College (in Oregon), or Swarthmore (in Pennsylvania), Hansen either wants to major in English or Philosophy. Hansen said that he aspires to be either a creative writer or an author or screenwriter.

## Government classes to participate in 2004 debates

By Maria Perez

When the Democratic presidential candidates come together to debate issues of national importance, We-go will be there. In the questions, anyway.

In September, government teacher Mary Ellen Daneels entered the government classes in America's Youth Forum 2004, hoping students would be selected to participate in the debates.

The American Youth Forum (AYF) 2004 is a nationwide program to help increase understanding of the democratic electoral. AYF will give students selected for the program an opportunity to ask questions on issues important to them to the presidential candidates for 2004.

"Three thousand students were selected to research topics and come up with questions for candidates to debate

and 250 out of those students that have been selected are from We-go," said Daneels.

Each We-go government class will elect a representative to talk about their questions. The nine representatives will then come together to decide the issue and decide questions they want to ask, said Daneels.

We-go government classes are deciding between asking about foreign aid or immigrant issues, said government teacher Shawn Healy.

"It's an exciting opportunity for the students to interact with the candidates for president for next year and to ask them questions important to them," said Daneels.

The debate will be Nov. 20, at the New Hampshire Institute of Politics Auditor Saint at Anselm College, in Manchester, New Hampshire. The classes plan to ask questions about how the potential

president will handle immigration issues.

"It's a great opportunity for students to be heard. I don't like the way the presidential process is set up because there's too much power in the states that select the candidates early and have New Hampshire citizens have the advantages to ask questions to the candidates," said Healy.

The focus of the AYF will be the questions sent in from students.

"It's important that young people are heard and are considered by the candidates," said Healy.

Government students will be able to watch the forum from the Internet as it is broadcasted by a live web cast.

Also the government class is trying to get a direct satellite feed to videotape the debate.

## Zabelin's consumer ed. class featured on local TV news

By Kyle Bullis

CLTV decided to give consumer education teacher Don Zabelin's third hour class a taste of stardom by featuring them on a program about consumer education.

Of all of the teachers that could have possibly been featured, CLTV chose Zabelin because of his extensive history in consumer education, including writing the state's curriculum five years ago and being on the board of directors for the consumer education program.

He is also president of the LifeSmarts competition, which is focused around the

consumer education curriculum.

The program was filmed on Sep. 15.

Students in Zabelin's third hour class were the ones who were featured on the program.

The students were filmed while watching a lecture by Zabelin, after which they headed down to the computer labs to participate in the stock market game.

The cameraman floated across the room completely unassuming, trying to make the students feel like it was a regular day, rather than being featured on national tele-

vision.

The students never hammed it up and acted for the camera, Zabelin said.

They went along acting natural, although emotions started to fly once they checked up on their position in the game.

"When they're being filmed, they eventually become unaware of the person combing through filming them," said Zabelin.

Senior Jorge Fong felt like it was any other day in consumer education.

"I wasn't nervous. I never even noticed the camera." (See Zabelin page 5)

## Chronicle nabs second place

By Doug Sieder

The Wildcat Chronicle won the International Second Place Award for Substantial Achievement from the Quill and Scroll International Honorary Society for High School Journalists.

The Chronicle scored a 868 out of a possible 1,000 points, falling just 32 points short of the International First Place award.

"Your paper, the Chronicle

is one of the finest I have seen in over 20 years of judging for Quill and Scroll," said one of the judges.

The judge also said that it was a pleasure to see a paper that looks and reads like a professional paper.

"(The) perspective pages are varied and touch on such mature problems," said the judge.

This is the Chronicle's second award of the year, as it

won the National Scholastic Press Association's Pace-maker award in September.

Newspaper adviser Laura Kuehn was pleased with the award and praised the staff for their effort.

"We had great leadership last year and the staff really pulled together to put out the best product they could," Kuehn said. "The awards they won proves their success."

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## Assistant principal McCann is award-winning author

By Sam West

The man who supervises entrance A after school is more than just an assistant principal, he is a published award winning author, as well.

Dr. Tom McCann will receive the award for the best article written in "English Journal" by a high school teacher for 2002. Although currently assistant principal, McCann was an English teacher and department chair when he wrote the article.

He will receive the award in November at the National Council of Teachers of English convention in San Francisco.

"I am flattered that I would be selected," said McCann. "I was just pleased that it was published. I had no dreams

that it would be considered for an award."

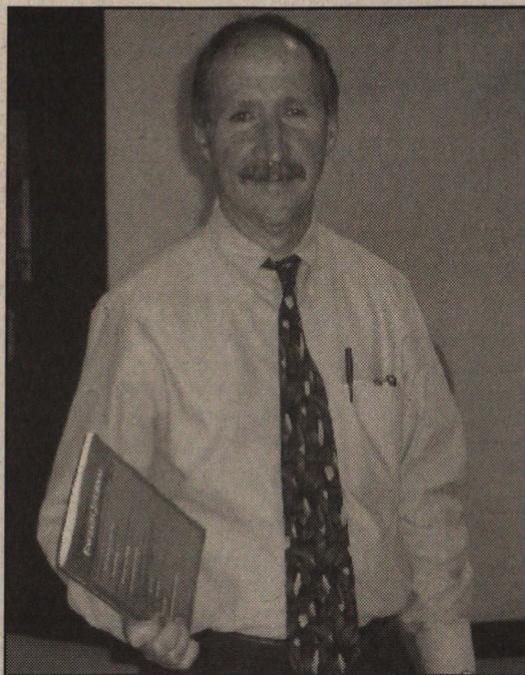
The article, cowritten by a University of Chicago professor, revolves around Shakespeare's "The Tempest"; it is a challenge for students to think more deeply about the work, said McCann.

It gives fresh ideas to freshman students so that they may be able to read it, said McCann, and is not written for an audience of college professors.

"We had to find other means of giving various interpretive perspectives to freshman," McCann said.

This is not McCann's first foray into the world of published writing, nor is it his first award for his writing.

McCann also received the



Staff Photo

Dr. Tom McCann holds a copy of the Wisconsin English Journal as he patrols entrance A after school.

WINN Research award on Oct. 3, given by the Illinois Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, for outstanding research on the concerns of beginning teachers. Professors from NIU and DePaul col-

laborated with McCann on the article.

McCann said that the article includes 44 formal interviews with beginning and experienced teachers, some from We-go, about the challenges beginning teachers face, and retaining new teachers in their positions.

A book based on the research award-winning article is in the works, said McCann. The book will report the findings that the article published. The book is currently being manuscripted, and will go to publishers as a proposal in November 2004.

The "Wisconsin English Journal" has also published McCann's work in 2003, as has "English Leadership Quarterly." (See McCann page 5)

be a dentist spent time with one only to faint when she saw blood. She never expected so much blood in a dentist's office, Streicher said.

Another student wanted to be a stock broker, but found the long hours at a computer that a broker must spend dull. Instead she decided that she wanted to be a stock trader, said Streicher.

Last year another student spent time with an FBI agent as a career choice. Another student wanted to be a sport scout and he spent time with a sport agent for the Chicago Bulls.

Someone else wanted to be a disc jockey and they spent the day at a radio station. A student who was interested in being a pilot went to the DuPage County Airport.

"Some people do it two or three times and it helps them make a better career choice," said Streicher.

Students participating in YID are reminded that they must provide their own transportation to the job site.

Streicher suggested that students call the business site to check if there is a dress code and to ask for directions.

Also students part of the November YID need to attend the meeting after school on Nov. 11 at room 205 to get job site information.

Students interested in the April 8 YID must submit an application before March 1 to Streicher.

## New athletic fields may be just a dream, district suggests

By Maria Perez

Receiving new athletic fields may be just a dream.

Currently, We-go is looking for places to build new athletic and P.E. fields.

The District 94 School Board has considered buying multiple homes around the school and making them into fields.

However, that idea was abandoned because it would cost too much money and it would take too long to complete, said assistant superintendent of business Gary Grizaffi.

Other options were to work with a private developer to create an indoor recreational facility and outdoor fields on the property owned by the district on High Lake Road, and building a baseball field behind District 33 middle school.

These options were also abandoned because of legal issues, cost factors, demographic problems, and logistical concerns.

"Right now we are demolishing Lincoln School to provide additional fields here on campus for athletic programs and P.E.," said Grizaffi.

A major concern in building the fields is the issue of storm water detention to prevent the sewers from flood-

ing.

"It's necessary for residents downstream from our property, and the county and state require us to build them," said Grizaffi.

Another possibility is developing the 30 acres that the district owns in Winfield or at Kerr McGee.

The Kerr McGee area cannot be used until the remediation project that will remove the radioactive tailings that were left there is complete.

The final use of the site is unsure at the moment but the school hopes it will be developed into a soccer field, which will be used to benefit the school and all residents, said Grizaffi.

P.E. teacher Paul McLeland would like to see athletic fields as soon as possible.

"We would like to have fields as soon as possible but personally, because we haven't had fields for many years, I have adapted," said McLeland.

McLeland then said that the school's P.E. classes would benefit greatly from new athletic fields.

"I believe our students would have a better physical education experiences with outdoor facilities," said McLeland.

## Students catch glimpse of professional life with career day

By Maria Perez

Students interested in researching careers can jump start with Youth in Industry Day (YID).

YID is a job shadowing experience where students follow and asks questions of a person who is in a career they are interested in, said sponsor Cass Streicher.

Students will shadow people in the afternoon Nov. 13.

"There will be 50 different business students who will go to and as far as Oakbrook, Batavia, and around this area," said Streicher.

The Business Partners

Committee at We-go recommended the experience.

YID started six years ago when students had questions about different careers and the teachers didn't have the answers.

The only way to find out was to go out and spend time observing what those people do, said Streicher.

"It gives the students a first-hand look at a career field. It helps them focus on what they like and choose a major for college," said Streicher.

One way it helps is to show students the realities of the job. One girl who wanted to

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## As plagiarism problem gets worse, board looks to update discipline codes

By John Jennings

The Board of Education approved a plagiarism policy for the school after teachers made it clear that plagiarism was a problem.

English teacher Jason Kling said, "I have caught some students plagiarizing. The instances have varied from students just copying homework, to some students who have plagiarized entire reports and essays." Kling served on the committee to develop the plagiarism code.

"Plagiarism has become a big problem as of late," said Supt. Dr. Lee Rieck.

In fact, plagiarism has be-

come a countrywide problem and has become worse with the rise of the Internet. Students can now go online and download entire papers.

The plagiarism policy is designed to inform both the students and the staff exactly what plagiarism is.

The policy states that plagiarism is the copying of an assignment or paper without giving credit to the original creator.

This includes students copying homework from one another.

The policy will be put in to back up the teachers and help them discipline students

that are using other people's work. It is designed to provide direction for teachers.

The policy should also make the non-English teachers more sensitive to the growing issue of plagiarism.

"The policy has a lot of potential if the students take it seriously," said Rieck. "The problem of plagiarism will not be eliminated, but the new policy could help a lot."

The English department had a more informal plagiarism policy already, but Kling said the new policy will help because, "It will make it very clear for students what the consequences are."

## S.A.D.D. looks to broaden membership

By Jennifer Kamphaus

Students Against Destructive Decisions (S.A.D.D.) started off the year with officer elections, window painting, and a goldfish toss at Fun Fest, and now they would like broaden their

membership.

Julie Youngwith said, "Homecoming window painting was a fun experience and I hope to participate again next year."

Amanda Slobodecki, one of the S.A.D.D. sponsors

praised the Funfest.

"At the Funfest we were one of the top grossing clubs there, due to the efforts of our members mingling in the crowd recruiting people to participate in our game,"

(See S.A.D.D. page 5)

## Fundraiser set for math teacher's son

By Isaiah Ly Buado

Math teacher Aaron Hayes is having a fundraiser to help his 3 1/2-year-old son, Benjamin.

Benjamin suffered a traumatic birth and now has quadriplegic cerebral palsy, which means he doesn't have complete control of the muscles in his arms and legs. He now has to use an electric wheelchair to move around and sit up so he can breathe correctly.

The fundraiser is set up to raise money for a new ramp van, which will allow Benjamin's wheelchair to ride up into the van. The van is coming in November and over \$50,000 is needed by that time.

Unfortunately, Hayes' insurance doesn't cover the cost of the van, and a single family income won't cover it, so the only option is the fundraiser.

Benjamin's growth has made it increasingly difficult for Hayes and his wife, Sheli, to carry him and his wheelchair into and out of the van. The van is neces-



Benjamin Hayes shows off his electric wheelchair, which will help him move around.

Staff Photo

sary for the well being of the Hayes family and will ease their current situation.

Some of the money made at Midnight Madness, run by Dan McCarthy, marketing and consumer education teacher, will be donated to Benjamin. All students and the people of the general pub-

lic are welcome to attend the fundraiser to help the cause.

Students who wish to donate should place their donations in an envelope marked "The Benjamin Curtiss Hayes Discretionary Special Needs Trust," and place it in Hayes' mailbox in the administrative office.

Letters have already been sent to people who know the Hayes family, asking for donations, and if students have any fundraising ideas or would like more information, please see Hayes in room 149, or leave your home mailing address in his mailbox to be added to the mailing list.

## Homecoming ideas grew on Horticulture Club

By Rich Visser

Horticulture Club started off the year right, with their growing involvement in homecoming.

The club made the flowers for homecoming court candidates and participated in the window-painting contest. They also sponsored a "Ring Around the Rosey" game at the Fun Fest.

The club plans to decorate miniature Christmas trees in December.

"The trees are something you could give to your mom without going to the mall,"

said Corrie Steiglitz, club sponsor.

Later this year, the club plans to plant pink tulips around the school as part of a program to raise awareness for breast cancer.

In the near future, the club plans to purchase plaques that display specimen types of the trees around the school.

The club meets on the third Tuesday of the month in room 232 at 3:15 p.m. The next meeting is Nov. 17 and the club plans to choose their T-shirt design.

## Key Club hopes for 100 units for next blood drive

By Andrea Bradley

Key Club will start out the month with a blood drive on Wednesday, Nov. 5, in the small gym. This year the goal is to get more than 100 units of blood.

In years before, Key Club has come close to the goal, but this year sponsor Ward Rau plans on passing it.

"We are expecting a good turnout for the blood drive this year, if we get over 100 donors we will earn \$1,000 for the Key Club account," said Kelly Jezior, a second year member.

In order to donate blood, the person must pass a blood test. Some things that can stop a person from donating include, blood low in iron, having a cold, or if the person has traveled to a restricted country in the last year. The person also must be 16-years-old with parent

permission. If the person is 18, he or she does not need parental permission.

Appointments must be made because Key Club will not accept walk-ins. Members will make appointments during lunch hours in commons.

The members of Key Club will be there to supply snacks such as cookies, crackers, and pop. They will also make appointments during lunch hours.

In addition to the blood drive, Key Club members will help rake leaves for the elderly on Nov. 8 between 8:30 a.m. and noon. They will be working alongside many other organizations.

Key Club hopes to gain more members to help out with future activities. If interested, meetings are the second Friday of the month at 7:15 a.m. in room 198.

## Forensics trains novices for future at first meet

By Matthew Hancock

We-go forensics team competed at the Bartlett Lake Park Confrontational against 15 other teams at Bartlett High School Saturday.

Coach Jason Kling said, "We're really just trying to help out our novice competitors at team meetings so they are ready for future competitions."

Students attended the competition and competed in limited preparation events, public addresses, and interpretations.

Limited preparation events include extemporaneous speaking. Students were given a question and had 45 minutes to prepare a seven-minute speech.

Impromptu speaking is an

event that makes contestants think on their feet. Competitors chose a subject and had seven minutes to prepare a speech for their topic.

Students relaxed and took it easy by writing an original comedy, which is part of the public address.

An eight-minute skit was written and the writer acted out each character's lines while using different voices and actions.

During the humorous or dramatic duet act competitors chose a partner and took a six-minute cut from a play and acted it out. The team is allowed to use two chairs and a table in their act.

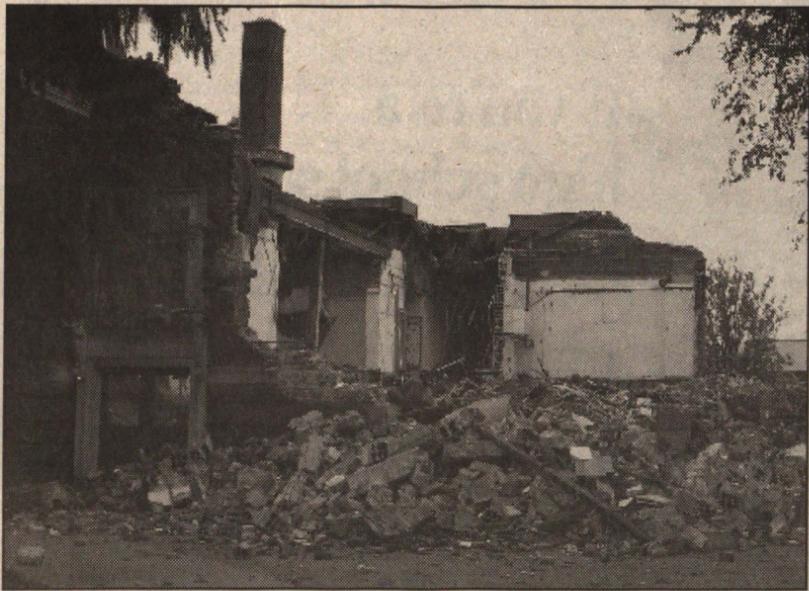
You can join We-go at Downers Grove North for their next competition Saturday at 8 a.m.

## Turning Lincoln into rubble

The demolition of Lincoln School is well underway, as shown in this recent photo. This is a look at the Geneva Street side of the school.

Demolition began at the beginning of October and is scheduled to be complete by the end of the month.

Soon, the pile of rubble that once was Lincoln will become sports fields and parking lots.



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## A hundred paychecks make difference in education

By Maria Perez

One hundred teachers are helping to make a difference with each paycheck.

Each paycheck, 94 cents is deducted and put into an education fund called 94 Cents.

The program was started as a fundraiser to benefit the students at the high school and as a painless way for the staff to support the grants, said Mary Randle, community relations coordinator.

"Teachers fill out a short form in the business office. The form gives the business office permission to start taking deductions from their

check," said Randle. "The grants are used to pay for things for class that school can't pay for."

To be eligible for 94 Cents, teachers have to apply for a grant. The application must be submitted a minimum of two months before the money is needed.

Teachers have already benefited from the program, although it is strictly voluntary.

Eric Lasky's geometry class students applied for a grant when they made a mini golf course. Before students had to use their own money to pay for the materials, said Randle.

"I think it is great value to

teachers and students. It allows us to have more flexibility and creativity in our teaching, and students are al-

lowed to do some activities that require a large thinking process start to finish," said Lasky.

show in the past. The first three weeks of the class, students had to be trained how to work cameras and edit film on the computers, said Kellner.

"We-go Thru the Tube" will be seen more often this year. The old format was a 30 minute show, four times a year, but has changed to a 10 minute show 12 times a year, said Kellner.

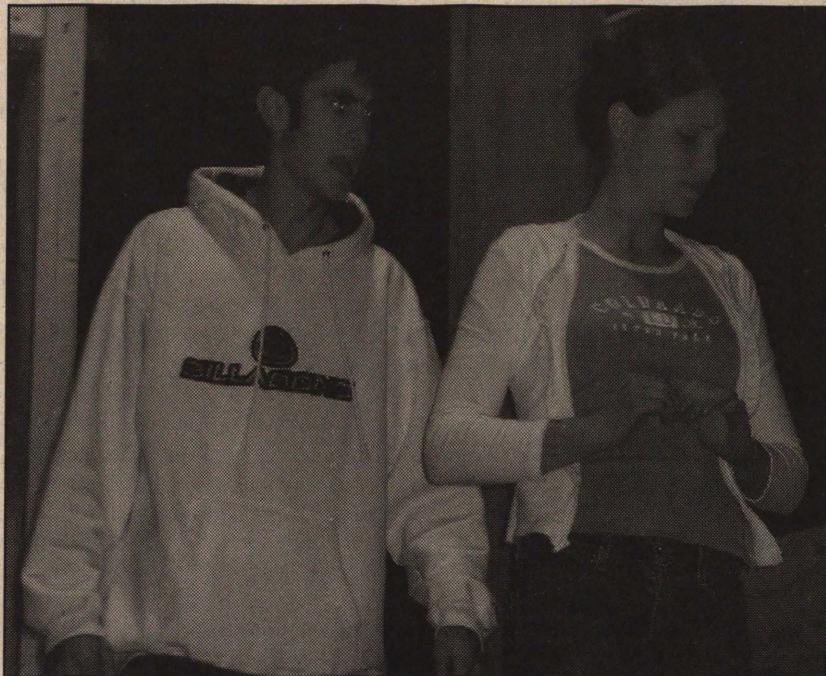
## Major changes for WTTT

By Mark Tonchick

After two years of production, the school's TV news magazine "We-go Thru the Tube" has changed in a major way.

In the past, the show was a side project for a handful of students. Now the show is the result of the broadcast communications class.

Steve Kellner teaches the class and helped with the



Staff Photo

Jon Hall and Jessica Stentz practice a scene from *Arsenic and Old Lace*, the fall play about two old ladies who poison men with elderberry wine to put them out of their misery.

## Fall play aims to kill audience with laughter and surprises

By Doug Sieder

Only in November can you see two old ladies kill old men in West Chicago.

"Arsenic and Old Lace" is the fall play, and is sure to bring lots of laughs, said director Mary Hafertepe.

"It's a classic comedy," said Hafertepe.

The play is about two old sisters who kill lonely old men believing that they are bringing the men peace, said Jessica Stentz, who plays one of the sisters. Dana Grant plays the other sister.

The sisters then bury the bodies in window benches, coffins, or basements.

Then, the sisters' nephew, Mortimer, played by Jon Hall, visits them only to discover their deadly secret. Mortimer is also a reporter for a newspaper.

Mortimer becomes frantic and tries to hide the murders from his fiance Elaine, played by Mal Russo.

Meanwhile, Mortimer's evil lost brother (Bill Winter) returns with his assistant Dr. Einstein, played by Jeff Hansen. This brings another twist in the plot, which leads to a surprise ending, said Russo.

In fact, Russo hinted that there may even be two surprise endings.

This is one of the more challenging plays the high school has done because there are a lot of strong parts, Hafertepe said.

She added that every character in the play is older, so no one in the cast can really relate to their character.

Hafertepe encouraged the student body to go see the play, as they have been practicing for a month.

"It's funny and I think it is good to support us as we support other things," said Hafertepe.

"It is entertaining, it's a mystery, and it keeps you on

your toes," said Stentz.

Kevin Roloff, who plays officer Brophy, said, "It's a really funny play for all ages because there is mystery and death."

Hafertepe said that the best part of the play is the dialogue, which she described as witty.

Along with the main characters, Andy Dameron goes as Rooney, and Mike Giese plays Teddy, another of the sisters' nephews, who thinks he's president Teddy Roosevelt.

Carl Kerschner plays Mr. Gibbs, Steve Novak is Kline, Dave Taylor plays both Mr. Hoskins and Mr. Spanolzo, and Dave Thomas is O' Hara.

Also, David Kelsey acts as Mr. Witherspoon, and Steve Migliorato plays Mr. Harper.

The play takes place on Nov. 6, 7, and 8 in the auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$2 for students and \$3 for adults.

## Students throw Snowball to promote good decision making

By Doug Sieder

Operation Snowball will be thrown from Nov. 14 at 4 p.m. until 1 p.m. on Nov. 15.

Operation Snowball is a teen leadership retreat, that gives accurate information to teens about problems that they may face in high school and college.

"It is not just about drugs and alcohol, it's about making the right decision," said director Cat Thielberg.

The cost is \$20 which will cover meals, materials, and shirts.

The students will spend the night at the high school. Boys and girls will sleep separately.

This year's theme is myths, legends, and dreams.

They plan on talking about myths teens might have about high school, how to fulfill dreams, and how to reach their goals.

Students will also be involved in workshops such as building dream worlds, expressions of the heart, road

blocks to your dreams, preparing for college, and making a dream catcher.

There will also be speakers to talk about these topics. Principal John Highland will be the "kick off" speaker and comedian Tom Matuzak will provide laughter.

"We want it to be a week-end of hope and we will help each other help reach our goals," said Thielberg.

Matuzak deals with teen problems with comedy and does acting and skits.

Workshops will cover a wide variety of topics and students will be able to choose them according to their interests.

Students will also be in small groups so students can have more one-on-one with counselors and leaders.

This year's teen leaders will be David Aguirre, Dianne Keck, Maricarmen Osorio, Heidi Colliander, Lauren Buschemi, Pat Virnich, and Phil Buska.

Melissa Prusko, Brittany

Boehm, Brianne Nadolny, Jazmine Martinez Kim Wanous, and Deya Franco will also be Snowball leaders.

## Marching band showcases talent

By Sabrina Potirala

Marching band ended on a high note with its annual marching showcase on Monday.

The Wildcat band performed its halftime show "West Side Story," along with a variety of pep band music such as "Watermelon Man," "Land of 1,000 Dances," and "Johnny B. Goode."

"I am very pleased. The band has come a long way since the summer," said director of bands Jim Guter.

After the Wildcats performance, three middle school bands from West Chicago,

Winfield, and Benjamin also performed.

The brief preview by the middle schools gave younger students an idea of what high school band is like, Guter said.

There are still those who will miss marching band season. However, marching band is not over for the entire year.

Marching band will start up again in the spring when the band goes to Boston. Guter said that the marching band will perform at the USS Constitution and at Harvard University.



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## Program lets citizens become part of new P.O.L.I.C.E. force

By Isaiah Ly Buado

The West Chicago Police Department has started a new crime prevention program called P.O.L.I.C.E.

P.O.L.I.C.E. stands for People On-Line Identifying Crime Electronically and uses e-mails to inform subscribers of crime trends.

The program came from a crime prevention meeting involving the West Chicago department and the departments of surrounding towns and communities.

At the meetings, they discuss different programs that are used, how effective they are, and if they'll work elsewhere.

The e-mail program was the result of a presentation at the meeting.

Officer Leo Aviles, West Chicago Police Department's crime prevention officer, is in charge of P.O.L.I.C.E. and

also came up with the name.

"It's nice how (people online identifying crime electronically) came out to say P.O.L.I.C.E.," said Aviles with a laugh.

Crime prevention strategies and the dates and times of community events and programs are included in the e-mail.

Special holiday e-mails will be sent at their corresponding dates discuss safety issues and crime prevention that deal with the holiday, such as how to protect ones self from pick pocketing at Christmas.

All e-mails remain anonymous, courtesy of a computer system that does not reveal any e-mail addresses.

"People are registering on a daily basis. Everyone with e-mail access should register," said Aviles.

If someone would like to

register for the P.O.L.I.C.E. e-mail, they should send their e-mail address, and if they live or work in West Chicago, to:

Policenews@westchicago.org.

Paper registration is also available. People who want to register with the paper copy should call (630) 293-2752 and leave their name, address, and telephone number.

Or they could write to West Chicago Police Department, Attention: Policenews, 325 Spencer St., West Chicago, IL 60185 and request a paper version of the e-mail.

Back issues are also available to late subscribers. Just contact Aviles at the e-mail or phone number listed before.

Aviles said, "This program has been very successful, and it's beneficial for the whole community."

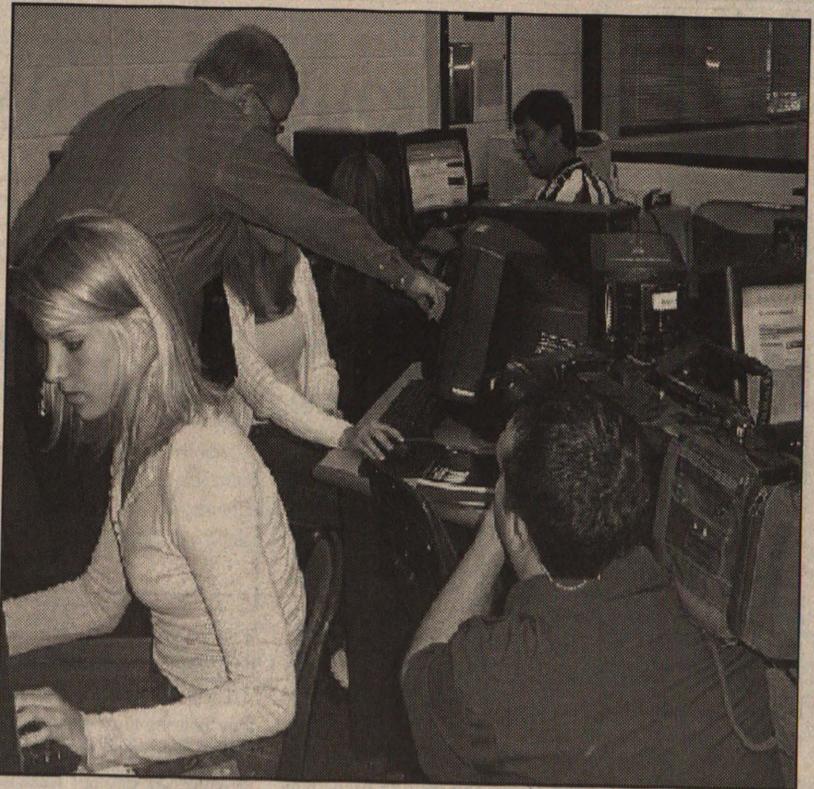


Photo courtesy of Mary Randle

Don Zabelin's third hour class had the privilege of being taped for a CLTV broadcast

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said Fong.

The students were all engaged in a stock market game-related activity. Zabelin was also interviewed in the classroom by the show's producer, Amber Simons, who also served as a reporter for the program.

The broadcast, which aired Sept. 20-22, also featured Zabelin's consumer education rap video, which consists of Zabelin standing in front of a microphone and dancing while rapping about consumer education.

Illinois is one of four states that requires high schoolers to take consumer education to graduate.

The consumer education program is designed to teach students about how to spend their money wisely, and to teach them how to make money. The curriculum teaches students every aspect about the money-making world, such as buying a house, investing in the stock market, or even how to file a complaint to a company.

The program helps stu-

dents become more knowledgeable about how to handle their money once they get into the working world so they don't make common mistakes and end up getting swamped in debt.

The program also emphasizes how to get a good deal on a product, and also when and when not to spend your money. Zabelin said he was pleased with the broadcast.

"I want to commend CLTV for doing a great job and giving us a well deserved spotlight," said Zabelin.

## NHS getting a Frosty start to winter

By Maria Perez

New fundraising ideas will start Frosty, or so they hope.

National Honor Society has thought up a new fundraising idea involving Frosty Fest. Frosty Fest is a celebration that takes place in West Chicago every year and is organized by the historical society and chamber of commerce.

Frosty Fest is an event where children meet Santa, sing carols, do crafts, buy presents for their families, and light the city Christmas tree, said National Honor Society sponsor Barbara Laimins.

"I contacted the chamber of commerce to see if we could participate in the town festival and it so happened that they were looking for a way to expand the festival to reach more children," said Laimins.

Laimins also said that she

came up with the idea because she lives in West Chicago and every year she sees signs for Frosty Fest, and has gone to the tree lighting ceremony.

All clubs are invited to help in Frosty Fest this year as a way to raise money.

"It is getting harder for groups to raise money so this is a way to expand fundraising efforts to outside the school community and provide entertainment for the children of the community," said Laimins.

We-go is going to do part of Frosty Fest on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. We-go will use the cafeteria to host a lunch with Santa and use the consumer science hallway where different clubs can set up different areas for children.

Tickets will be sold at the door to cover expenses and

make a small profit from the fundraiser.

Advertising for Frosty Fest would include using signs, sending brochures with children in the grammar schools, and We-go students are encouraged to bring their younger brother and sisters.

Laimins said that at the same day the Hot Shot program will be held where 300 kids from 1 to 12-years-old will be attending there captive audience.

Some suggested activities include a Snowman contest, lunch with Santa, selling baked goods, helping children write letters to Santa, and helping children make stockings or ornaments.

Students interested in Frosty Fest should contact their club sponsors. If students are not in a club, they should contact Laimins in room 179.

## Board indecisive about P.E. field issues

By Doug Sieder

The Board of Education has two options to consider on what to do with the remaining field development budget.

In both options, fields behind Lincoln School and at Pioneer Park will be improved.

The first option the board is considering is to purchase a for-sale home on Geneva Street and then tear it down and turn it into a student parking lot.

Option two is to use the money to upgrade the football stadium by installing ar-

tificial turf where there is currently sod.

Both options have been brought up to the board, but it has not yet made a decision on what to do.

Some board members feel that the school should install the turf and solicit support for the project from citizens in the community and not just

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Slobodecki said.

Although the club has about 30 members, S.A.D.D. would like even more student involvement, especially from boys. There are only three

the student body.

Others feel that the board should purchase the house because the chance of going ahead with this option may not be available in the near future.

This issue will be brought up at a later board meeting, while fields at Lincoln and Pioneer are repaired.

male members.

However, the current members and sponsors are extremely enthusiastic about the club's activities.

Slobodecki said, "I hope

## Chamber choir puts on Madrigal show

By Brad Grant

For the first time Chamber Choir is hosting a Renaissance dinner.

While the audience is eating, chamber choir will be singing.

"The night won't be just a concert. It consists of a script and will be more like a production," said choral director Brandon Fantozzi.

The event will take place on Dec. 6 at the King James Restaurant and will start at 7 p.m.

"I'm really looking forward to showing the school music in a different setting. It should be fun," said Marisa Nichols, a chamber choir member.

Sara Duran, another member said, "Chamber Choir is awesome. This Madrigal dinner night will be a blast. I can't wait to start practicing."

Earlier in October, many choir members were busy perfecting their voices for the IMEA district choir tryouts.

Members who tried out are

Erin Silk, Peggy Werle, Jolene Whitlock, Tami Kuta, Jazmine Martinez, Sara Weiner, Alexandra Breinig, Deborah Corson, Shannon Treachler, Brooke Bachelor, Jennifer Buchman, Andrew Dameron and Jill Musick.

Bachelor, Buchmann, and Werle made the district choir.

Chamber choir has elected officers. They include: Bachelor, president; Dana Grant, vice president; Dameron, secretary; and Amy Norman, treasurer.

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McCann said that he writes these articles because he wants teachers throughout the nation to gain knowledge about certain topics.

"You feel you know something that is worth sharing with people," said McCann.

McCann received his bachelor's degree at South-

ern Illinois University, got his master's at St. Xavier University, and earned his Ph.D. at University of Chicago.

Now, Elmhurst University is McCann's teaching home after We-go, and has been for the past 14 years.

He teaches evenings at Elmhurst after spending the

day at We-go, and teaches beginning, intermediate, and advanced composition classes.

Through all he does, McCann said that it all comes down to one simple reason why he teaches so much, whether in class or in English Journal: he likes to.

that we are continuing in his [Bob Hein's] footsteps while adding our own touch to the group by trying to incorporate more visible S.A.D.D. activities at school."

The club also recently held elections. Officers include Brittany Boehm, president; Amy Axelrod, vice president; Kelly Jezior, historian; and Youngwith, secretary.

And even though there are not any plans for November as of yet, S.A.D.D. will continue influencing the school against destructive decisions, Slobodecki said.

## Our View

# How much would you pay for free songs?

Downloading music is not a new thing. The controversy surrounding downloading music online started with Napster, which gave access to an abundance of free songs (in an mp3 format) through its servers.

The music industry lashed back, the most notable complaint being from Metallica, which sued Napster claiming it was stealing their music.

Napster faded away, and other file sharing programs started popping up. Kazaa is the major one today, but there is also Morpheus, Win MX, and others. These programs are known as "peer-to-peer" (P2P) networks.

These programs use a different system to get people free music. Instead of offering music through its server, it allowed its members to share music with each other from their own hard drives, with Kazaa acting only as the trading post.

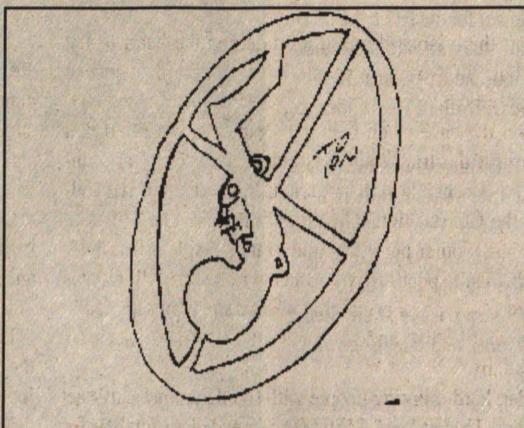
That's why it has been hard to stop file sharing, because the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) would have to sue individual members, and that's exactly what they've begun doing.

Recently the RIAA has been suing members of Kazaa who have been downloading free songs, and they've been suing for thousands of dollars.

To scare people into stopping their downloading, the RIAA actually made people's usernames public and released them as "hit lists," and the thinking is that if people could actually risk having their usernames out in the open (and therefore about to be wacked by the RIAA), they'd immediately cease downloading and hope that nothing happens to them.

The RIAA finds culprits (and what songs they have) through the P2P network itself. In order for people to let others download songs from them, they have to make those files open to the public.

What the RIAA does is look through those files and judge



if the offender deserves to be sued, based for the most part on how many illegal song files they have.

They find out what Internet Service Provider (ISP) that they're using and with that information they can get addresses, phone numbers, and logs of all of the songs that the users downloaded through Kazaa.

This is perfectly legal because the RIAA can only view what the users themselves make public, so they only see what you want them to see. Once this is done, the RIAA fires off a notice to your house informing you that you just got hit with a lawsuit. See you in court.

There are ways to avoid this if you already have Kazaa and an extensive music collection, and that would be to get rid of all of your songs and promise that you won't share music ever again.

This is called amnesty, and it's a great alternative to getting hit with \$1,000 lawsuit. Unfortunately if there's a lawsuit already against you, you're pretty much done for, be-

cause you cannot be given amnesty if a lawsuit is already filed against you.

So is the RIAA doing the right thing? Was filing lawsuits against each of the millions of Kazaa users the best way to handle things? Probably, but the sums they're asking for are too outrageous.

Although lawsuits never play out like this, the users should be charged for however much the actual song was worth, so about 99 cents a song.

For somebody who has over a thousand songs, that could turn out to be a problem. Planning to charge upwards of \$150,000 a song is taking advantage of the culprits.

For instance, the RIAA actually filed suit against a 12-year-old girl who had a bunch of songs downloaded, but she thought it was perfectly legal.

Of all people the RIAA could've picked on, they chose a 12-year-old girl. Outrageous. When the girl learned her mom got slapped with a \$2,000 lawsuit, she was in tears.

What could be done to stop people from downloading music online? Obviously everyone can't be stopped, but that clearly isn't the RIAA's intention. Their intention is to scare everyone to stop downloading music. But as CD prices increase it's getting more and more tempting.

The ideal solution would be to nail every P2P networking program out there with huge lawsuits, but it would be hard to find them all.

Apple had a good idea going when it came out with i-Music, which users would pay 99 cents per song, and it would be perfectly legitimate.

That seems to be the only legal alternative unless we wipe CD's off the planet and distribute music strictly through the Internet, which actually wouldn't be a terrible idea. And it would be legal.

# Chicago traffic problems call for desperate measures

A just-released national study reports that the Chicago area is the fifth worst city for traffic jams, as Chicagoans spend about 61 hours in traffic each year.

Chicago's problem is small compared to Los Angeles' citizens, who spend 30 more hours than Chicagoans do in the car.

Los Angeles is the worst city for traffic problems, according to the study.

The study also reported that \$4.2 billion were wasted on the road in 2001, as fuel is consumed and business productivity is lost in traffic jams.

Nationally, 5.7 billion gallons of gas were wasted, 3.5 bil-

lion hours of productivity were lost, and businesses missed out on \$69.5 billion because of the snarls.

The situation has become worse since the last report was issued a year ago.

This seemingly hopeless situation actually has a logical solution.

Transportation systems all across the country should be revamped in order to provide efficient transportation.

Major metropolitan areas such as Chicago, Los Angeles, and Boston need to expand public transportation by rail.

Suburban rail lines would alleviate traffic on area expressways, thus reducing travel times and the amount of pollution

produced by thousands of cars and trucks stuck in traffic.

The rail lines, such as Chicagoland's Metra, would connect the main city to every main suburb.

In Chicago, rail lines would connect locations such as Joliet, Naperville, West Chicago, Waukegan, and Barrington to the city.

The branches of the rail would stretch in all directions, with the city as the focal point.

There are other ways of improving transportation systems around the country as well. Roads can be expanded or completely redone, such as what is being done in Boston.

Boston is completing its famous road expansion project in its downtown area.

Called the "Big Dig," Boston is in the process of tearing down the ugly, inefficient, and small six lane elevated freeway that runs through the heart of the city.

In 1959, when constructed, it carried 75,000 vehicles per day. Today, 200,000 people use the road.

It is constantly clogged, and stop-and-go traffic jams exist for at least 10 hours per day, according to the Big Dig website ([www.bigdig.com](http://www.bigdig.com)).

But this roadway will soon be a wider, newer, and safer underground freeway that will reduce travel times by hours. Projects like the Big Dig are the kind of freeway improvements cities need.

Chicago is studying another way to improve travel on its roads.

The Chicago Tribune reports that the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority (ISTHA) is considering raising the speed limit on some sections of the tollway system (parts of I-88, I-90, I-94, and I-355) from 55m.p.h. to 65 m.p.h.

The higher speed limit will decrease travel times (for those who follow close to the speed limit) and reduce congestion.

People who drive 55 now will drive 65 if the plan succeeds and traffic as a whole will move faster if quicker cars are not dodging slower ones.

This is not a solution for all traffic problems in Chicago, but it helps. Possibly, if more suburbanites use rail lines to get to work in the city, and if freeways are upgraded and those freeways with low speed limits have higher limits, the study that ranks the nation's top 10 worst cities for traffic will not even exist.

# Drivers idle behind the wheel

Getting behind the wheel tired is as dangerous as driving drunk, and it is a large problem in the United States.

According to a National Sleep Foundation (NSF) survey more than half of American drivers admitted to driving tired.

If you think that's scary then consider there are 32 million people that actually fell asleep when they were driving.

So the odds are that nearly two out of five drivers are falling asleep behind the wheel.

Sleep deprived drivers are as dangerous as drivers under the influence of drugs and alcohol. Without sleep, people are impaired as if they had used drugs or alcohol.

A study done in Australia showed that being awake for 18 hours makes the person as impaired as someone who has been drinking.

The impairment is equal to a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) between .05 percent and .1 percent after 24 hours.

With those odds, the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimated that about 100,000 police-reported crashes annually involve drowsiness or fatigue as a principal cause. That means that 71,000 people are injured in crashes where a driver falls asleep at the wheel each year.

NSF suggests several safe driving options. First, get a good night's sleep. Second, on long road trips a friend should come along to keep drivers awake and to take over driving

when drivers start getting tired. If taking a friend isn't an option, the driver should schedule regular rest stops, about every 100 miles or every two hours.

NSF points out warning signs that show fatigue is coming. Drivers drift from their lanes, yawn repeatedly, have a hard time keeping their eyes open, tailgate or miss traffic signs, have a hard time keeping their heads up, and they keep jerking their car into their lane.

Some states are taking action against drowsy drivers. In September New Jersey became the first state to make driving while tired against the law when fatal accidents occur.

The law will not give the right for police to pull people over who look tired behind the wheel, but the law will allow prosecutors to fine drivers \$10,000 and give them 10 years in prison if they cause a fatal crash because they were sleepy.

The New Jersey law was named Maggie's Law after the 20 year-old college student Maggie McDonnell.

She was killed when a driver crashed into her vehicle head-on because he was tired. He had been awake for 30 hours before the crash.

At last, states are doing something about accidents caused by drowsy drivers. Illinois should follow suit and make driving tired illegal. Sleepy drivers are dangerous and lives are at risk. More action needs to be taken.

# Perspectives

## Point/Counterpoint

### Looking for an organ? Knock off a gas station!

By Isaiah Ly Buado

A segment on "60 Minutes" showed a California inmate getting a \$1 million heart transplant recently. This inmate was a twice-convicted 31-year-old man, currently serving 14 years for armed robbery.

Why in the world did this man get a heart transplant instead of the many citizens who don't commit crimes and need them but can't get a transplant?

Apparently the Supreme Court guarantees prisoners a right not given to the average American citizen, which is the right to health care. Yes, every person is given the ability to acquire health care, but they must search for and finance it themselves.

Inmates are given it on the taxpayer's expense. As a matter of fact, criminals in most prisons are treated better than law-abiding citizens. They already get cable, workout rooms, and guaranteed food and bed. Now health care?

At first, the prison administration denied the heart to the inmate, but, like so many people do with this great justice system of ours, he sued.

He won the case when the U.S. District Court ruled that denying him the transplant was considered "cruel and unusual punishment," which goes against the Eighth Amendment to the Constitution. Therefore, this man was placed in front of many other people on the heart transplant list.

And this isn't specifically connected to hearts. All inmates who need any type of organ transplant can be automatically put on a waiting list, and get a transplant without it costing them a penny.

Regular, hard-working people with fixed incomes can't get on the list. Upwards of \$150,000 is needed to qualify for getting on the waiting list and even then, additional money is needed for health care involving recuperation after the surgery.

How is someone supposed to acquire that much money if they need that particular organ? Bake sales and car washes?

It's understandable that in taking away the prisoner's ability to obtain that heart would be similar to putting him on death row, but by giving it to him some citizen will die waiting for that heart.

They will become a statistic; one of the 12 people who die daily, according to 60 minutes, waiting for an organ transplant.

We can't go blaming the doctors, however. Medical ethics dictates that they must give the health care to the patients who "benefit the most" from what the doctors can do.

So in the end it's just all about ethics and what we believe is right. The government says it's okay for a murderer to get adequate health care and transplants, but good citizens can't, unless they cough up a lot of dough. Is that right?

Prisons shouldn't give prisoners anything more than what they need to live. Food and a cell. That's all. If they're sick, let them pay for their medication. If they're bored, good.

There is a reason they're in prison: they committed crimes.

If that idea won't happen, institute a countrywide health care system that actually works. Or give criminals a certain amount rights compared to what they did. Petty theft: slightly less than a regular person. Murder or rape: little to none.

Write your congressman if the prison health care system angers you. Criminals are getting coverage when thousands of families, including my own, can't even afford it. I, for one, need health insurance so what am I supposed to do? Go knock over a gas station?



### Who says prisoners don't have a right to live?

By Kyle Bullis

I don't think that one person should deserve proper health treatment over any other person just because one of them may be locked up in a state penitentiary.

Getting a spot on "the list," that is, the list to get a new heart, liver, lung, etc., depends on priorities.

If one person has a bad heart and has roughly six months to live, then that person should be allowed to get the heart first over someone

who, say, just needs a stricter diet to keep his heart condition down.

If the first person happened to be in prison, then he should get the heart first anyway. He was going to die first, wasn't he?

People tend to think differently when it comes to prisoners. Sure they should be denied certain rights that law-abiding citizens enjoy, but the right to live?

That's ridiculous. Prisoners have just as much of a life and any other person, and even if they're going to be in prison for a while, they will get paroled, and then they can go on leading a life they wouldn't have been able to enjoy if they were denied a critical surgery.

On the other hand, prisoners should have to pay for the surgery they get one way or another. A simple way to do this would be to have the person pay off the surgery once they got out of jail. It could be seen as an added on punishment.

A little bit of their income could be taken away each paycheck and they could extend the payments through the rest

of their lives.

And it's not like prisons with serious health conditions are pouring into our nation's prisons. I suppose it's possible that if you wanted a new organ you could rob a bank and wait it out, but that probably isn't the best way to go about doing it.

A prisoner definitely does not get a higher quality of living. Cable, fine.

Workout room and free food, okay. But then you can go outside for a while and bust yourself smashing rocks before you get to take a cold five minute shower.

Prisoners have plenty of rights taken away to make them regret ever doing what they did, so making assumptions that they have it better is nothing short of ridiculous.

Also, believing that law abiding citizens have a lower priority over prisoners is an assumption because priority is based on who needs it most, and that's what counts.



### Education finds itself at the hands of a troubled economy

By Mary Beth Selby

Current budget cuts and economic problems could cause a severe impact on the future of the nation's education. Illinois suffered a \$1.5 billion budget deficit, which was the largest state revenue loss in 50 years, causing \$176 million in state education cuts.

Schools constantly need money, like any other business, to be ahead of the game and provide the best opportunities and experiences for students. However, funding cuts decrease school budgets and limits what a school can do for its kids.

According to assistant superintendent of business Gary Grizaffi, Community High School did not suffer from the deficit, however, cutbacks throughout the high school occurred to keep We-go out of the red zone with the budget.

Director of human resources Kim Brafford said six teacher positions were cut last year to help keep We-go safe. Other positions lost included seven coaches, seven sponsors and three clerical/aids.

School budget cuts impact the school, students and the teachers. Teachers pay more for health insurance, which effectively cuts their paychecks, and positions and benefits are cut.

As a result of cuts, people are beginning to think twice about becoming teachers and those in education already are reconsidering their jobs. This makes it more difficult to attract the best people to become educators and to encourage people to stay in teaching.

The ACT Newsroom website shows the interest in education careers has decreased by 5 percent from 1997 to 2001, and is continuing to decrease, based on responses about ca-

reer intentions from ACT students.

ACT president Richard Ferguson said that public knowledge of teacher shortages has not triggered more interest in education careers among graduating seniors.

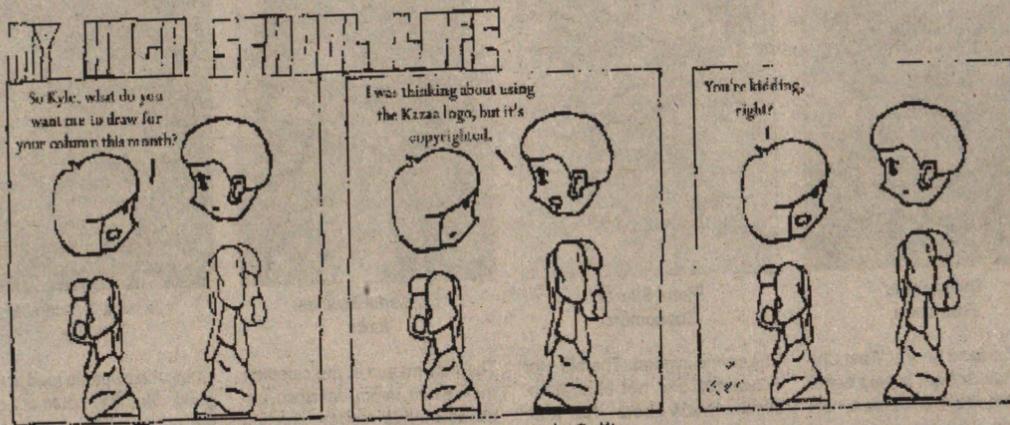
Education may still be ranked third on ACT's list of most popular intended career choices, under health sciences and business, but what will happen if funding continues to decrease? Will the interest in education professions continue to fall as salaries and benefits continue to fall in other professions?

The National Education Association reports that poor compensation is causing people to leave the teaching profession. Half of all minority teachers and 43 percent of all male teachers reported they were probably going to quit teaching be-

fore they reached retirement. According to the NEA low pay was a main reason teachers under 30 were planning to leave teaching before retirement age.

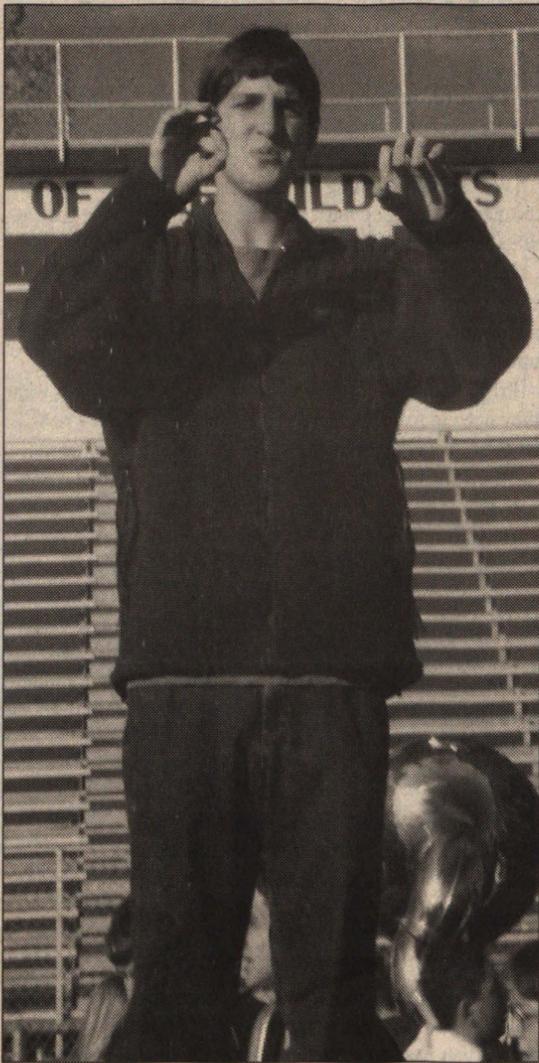
Luckily, when Illinois citizens were surveyed about the state budget, 76 percent agreed that more money ought to be spent on education, as opposed to 61 percent that wanted more money spent on health care and 52 percent that wanted to help the environment. This shows that people are willing to put money towards education.

Perhaps the state government needs to realize that decreasing funding in schools will jeopardize the future of their nation. Without people willing to go into the teaching profession, how will the following generations be educated? Federal and state education cuts need to stop now.



Guest starring Kyle Bullis.

## Sam West is all-around Musician of the Month



Staff Photo

Sam West leads the band as head drum major in practice.

Senior Sam West was selected as the October Musician of the Month by the Fine Arts department.

Which instrument(s) do you play?

Symphonic band—baritone saxophone

Jazz band and jazz combo—piano

When did you start playing?

I started on alto saxophone in the fifth grade then junior year I started the baritone, which is essentially the same as alto, except it's much, much cooler. Ah, to hear that wonderful low sound!

In which musical organizations do you perform in school?

I participate in marching band, symphonic band, jazz band, jazz combo, and last year I was pianist for the spring musical.

Do you perform or have you performed in any musical organization outside of school? Which ones?

Besides school activities, I am a fill-in accompanist for my church's choir, and I am willing to teach piano basics to whoever would like to learn. The jazz combo got gigs outside of school mul-

multiple times last year, and I played at those performances.

Which music group(s) do you like performing in the best?

I like jazz combo the best, as the player is free to play whatever he wants, and sometimes, you pick up a little extra cash if you are playing for an event.

How many years have you performed in the various school music organizations?

I've been in all bands all four years, except combo, which I started in sophomore year.

What kind of music do you like best?

Jazz is always a good bet, my favorites are Dave Brubeck and Miles Davis. I also like the Dave Matthews Band, Jimi Hendrix, Billy Joel, Santana, and Traffic.

In what other activities have you been involved with in school? Out of school?

I also am active in journalism. I also take private jazz piano lessons. But between journalism, homework, and band, I have little time for anything else.

Do you plan on continuing to play your instrument(s) after high school? For college, for fun, or both?

I don't know if I'll still be a saxophonist in college, but I know I will continue (See West page 9)

## Malinsky covers all bases

By John Jennings

Hired three days before the start of the school year, Michael Malinsky is the newest addition to the English Department.

Growing up, Malinsky never really knew what he wanted to be. He kept switching careers based on what movies he would see. After seeing the movie "Top Gun" he decided he wanted to be a fighter pilot. He also has thought about being a firefighter or an urban planner.

Malinsky prides himself on being a bit of a revolutionary. He said that he wanted to become a teacher because in a way he could change society and he could also equip students with the tools to make their own decisions.

He said, "I like English because it is everything. It encompasses everything from politics to geography to society." Also being a good student in school and being non-athletic helped him on his way.

Malinsky said he enjoys teaching because, "I get to work with the kids, and there is no cubicle, and I am doing something positive." He said he chose to teach high-schoolers because he wanted to talk about more complicated subjects and that it was easier to relate and talk to teenagers.

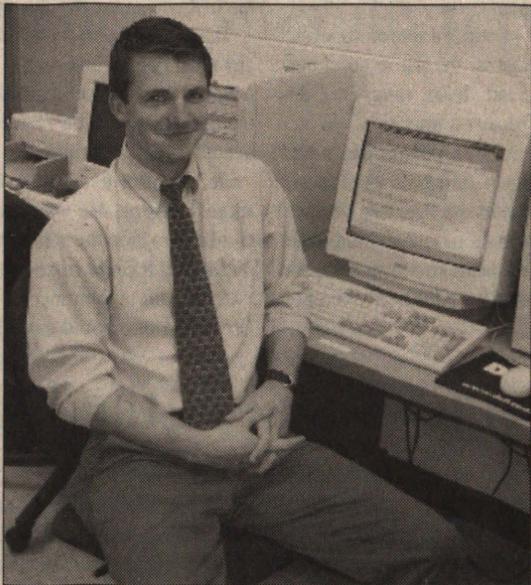
Malinsky received a major in English and a minor in Portuguese from the University of Illinois. He also spent a year in Brazil as part of a foreign exchange program.

He said, "We-go is exactly where I want to be. It offers me a lot of freedom." Malinsky also said that he really enjoys the students here at We-go.

Malinsky teaches five English classes, four of them sophomore classes and one freshman class. After a couple of years of teaching Malinsky said he would like to get involved in some extracurriculars, especially soccer.

Down the road Malinsky hopes that he will still be teaching in some form, but he wants to keep his options open.

As for now he is enjoying working with the students here at We-go.



Staff Photo

Michael Malinsky dropped the fighter pilot idea to become an English teacher.

## Cisek finds niché in We-go

By John Jennings

Susan Cisek has never been a counselor before, but she thinks that she has finally found her niche here at We-go as the new bilingual counselor.

Recently she spent seven and a half years as a Spanish teacher at Naperville Central, and before that as an elementary school teacher.

Cisek said she wanted to be a counselor because she wants to work with students for an extended period between eighth grade and twelfth grade instead of just a semester. She said that she

would like to give help to students and help plan their futures and just help them along through school.

Cisek said, "I think teachers and counselors can change people's lives, and that's why I love teaching."

She says that as a counselor, her duties include getting to plan students' schedules, helping plan students' futures, and to help the students get through school kinks. Cisek said that counselors are really advocates for students.

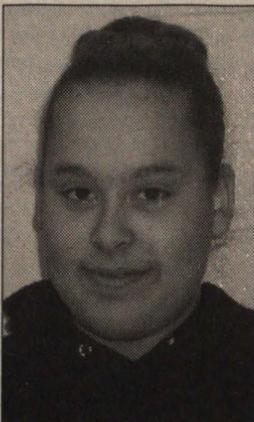
Cisek started to get interested in teaching when her husband was transferred to

Guadalajara, Mexico. She didn't know a word of Spanish and she said that it was really frightening for her. Soon though Cisek said she developed a passion for the language and the culture and that's how she came up with the idea of becoming a teacher.

Cisek came to We-go because she wanted to be a counselor rather than a teacher, and We-go called her and offered her a job as the new bilingual counselor.

So far Cisek said her experience has been "wonderful." (See Cisek page 9)

## What do you think about the new cafeteria menu?



Daisy Sallis  
Freshman

I think the food here at West Chicago High School is way better than the food at the middle school because you have a lot of choices.



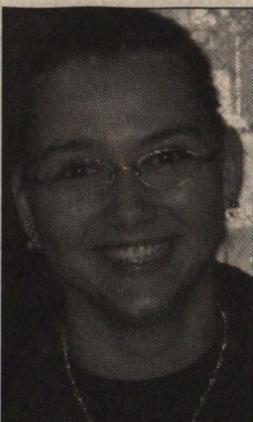
Elena Suarez  
Sophomore

The coffee is good. There's a lot of variety, like hot chocolate. Mmm...that's good. The rest, well, it's okay.



Estefania Ballines  
Junior

The new menus at the cafeteria they're mm, mmm, delicioso, because there's coffee, and especially donuts.



Jessica Mascarella  
Senior

I think the cafeteria food is really good. But they could cut down the prices. Who wants to pay \$5 or more for a school lunch?



Nikki Franz  
Junior

I think it's better than it was, because there is more to choose from, but they should sell hot chocolate during lunch.



Patty Perez  
Junior

There's no way to explain the menus! It's got good stuff and bad stuff, but whoever decided to give me coffee, thank you.

## Collins makes the move from classroom to office

By John Jennings

Amy Collins wasn't always a counselor. In fact, for the past six years Collins was a teacher at a local middle school. Now she is one of We-go's new counselors.

She realized that she wanted to be a counselor while she was teaching. She found that she served her students more as a counselor than as a teacher.

Collins said she wanted to be a counselor because she enjoyed watching the kids

grow and deal with adult situations and helping them with their problems.

"I love having contact with the students, and I like to help them plan out their careers and futures," Collins said.

In high school, Collins took a lot of classes revolving around child development and in college studied education.

She also took jobs that always seemed to revolve around kids.

As for future plans, Collins

hopes to be at We-go for a long time to come. She says that her experience so far has been excellent.

"Everyone is genuinely friendly here," Collins said.

She said she wanted to come to We-go because it was one of the few schools that offered a lot of programs for students.

Collins said she was also swayed towards We-go because she heard good things about the school and that it was closer to home.



Staff Photo

Amy Collins enjoys her time as a We-go counselor.

## Zavala works overtime for future catwalk fame

By Isaiah Ly Buado

We-go senior Dennis Zavala is getting a once in a lifetime opportunity because he looks great for the camera.

Zavala is a model, and has been modeling since February. For the first three months, Zavala trained in Schaumburg and Chicago at the Royal agency and the Emmrich Agency.

The training has paid off. He already has offers from New York agencies Boss Models and Elite Men.

But modeling doesn't come cheap. Zavala has to

keep two jobs to pay for fees like transportation and photo shoots.

"(I have to) work as a host, cook, and bus boy at Mexican Chipolte and as a receptionist at a doctor's office," said Zavala.

Recently, Zavala was part of a modeling competition held at the Marriott Hotel. He participated in swimwear, jeans, male model 13-20, and in a group dance team.

Twenty winners were chosen, 10 male and 10 female, out of all the models that attended from across the Midwest area, and Zavala was one

of the lucky winners.

"It's really amazing that I was picked out of 700 models," said Zavala.

Winners are going to another competition that is going to be held in Los Angeles and Hollywood. Model scouts from Europe will attend that event, looking for fresh new faces to work for their companies.

Zavala said, "Going to Los Angeles and Hollywood will really put my foot in the door."

Every Sunday before the trip, Zavala has to train from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on how to act in an interview, practice runway walking, and how to make his appearance more attractive.

Helping him with this is Wade Robson, a choreographer for Britney Spears and N\*SYNC. Several models from DKNY and Calvin Klein are also going to help Zavala. They'll teach him the tricks of the trade and what to do and not to do.

The trip to Los Angeles and Hollywood won't come cheap, however. Zavala had to come up with a \$1,000 down payment for airfare and a hotel room.

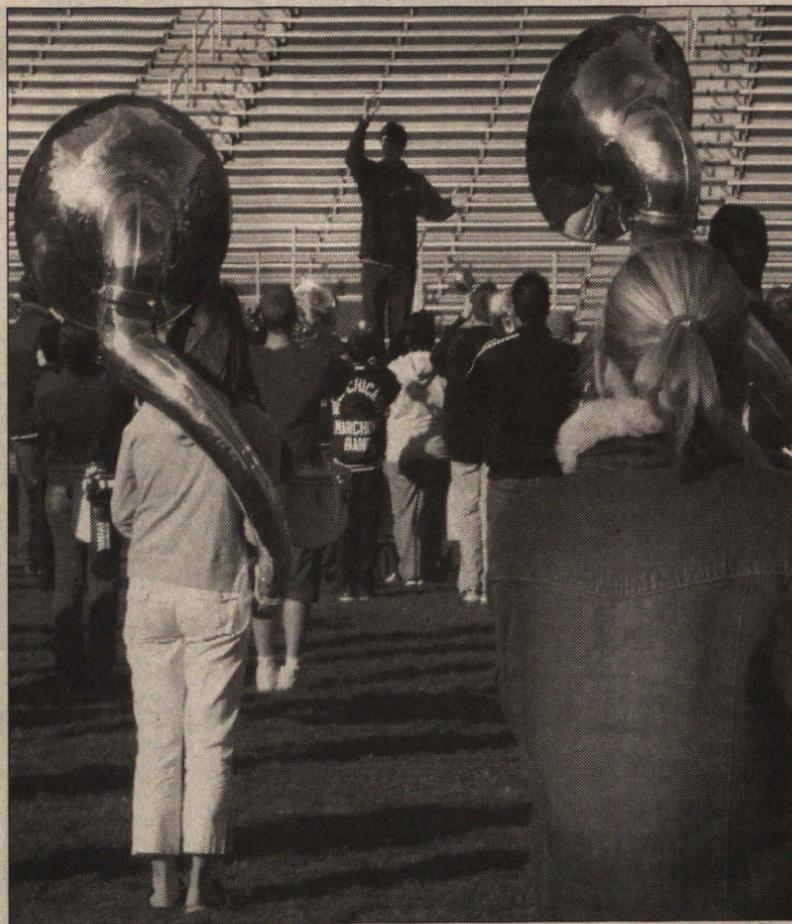
He was sponsored by family and friends and by some of the We-go faculty, like Linda Brandt.

"We wish him luck, and I want his autograph when he becomes famous," said Brandt with a laugh.

Zavala is scheduled to be a part of the Dolce and Gabbana Winter Fashion Show for Young Men later this year, but he is looking forward to the trip to Los Angeles and Hollywood.

"If (I get) picked, I'll have a party for everyone who helped (me pay for it)," said Zavala.

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Staff Photo

Musician of the Month Sam West conducts the halftime show iWest Side Storyi in an outside practice.

piano. I would like to try out for my college's marching band (on sax), so I don't rule that out.

Which musicians have influenced you the most and what instrument(s) did they play?

First off, Mr. Guter has greatly influenced me. In fact, if Mr. Guter wasn't our band director, I would have

quit band freshman year. Mr. Guter convinced me to stay by having us play good music, introducing me to different kinds of music, and making band a fun experience. Mr. Guter nowadays plays most instruments, but originally, he was a clarinetist. Dave Brubeck, the great pianist, influenced me to play more than just the standard

4/4 time signature and branch out into more abstract times.

Does anyone in your family play a musical instrument or sing?

Well, no. My mom used to play the clarinet back in the day, my sister is learning the guitar, and my dad, well, let's not talk about his musical abilities.

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"It's great working in a school that I love. Everyone is very supportive, and the staff and teachers are equally

caring," she said.

She likes the nice mix of mainstream students, some ESL students, and some

Spanish-speaking students.

Her future plans are to remain at We-go and get her masters degree.

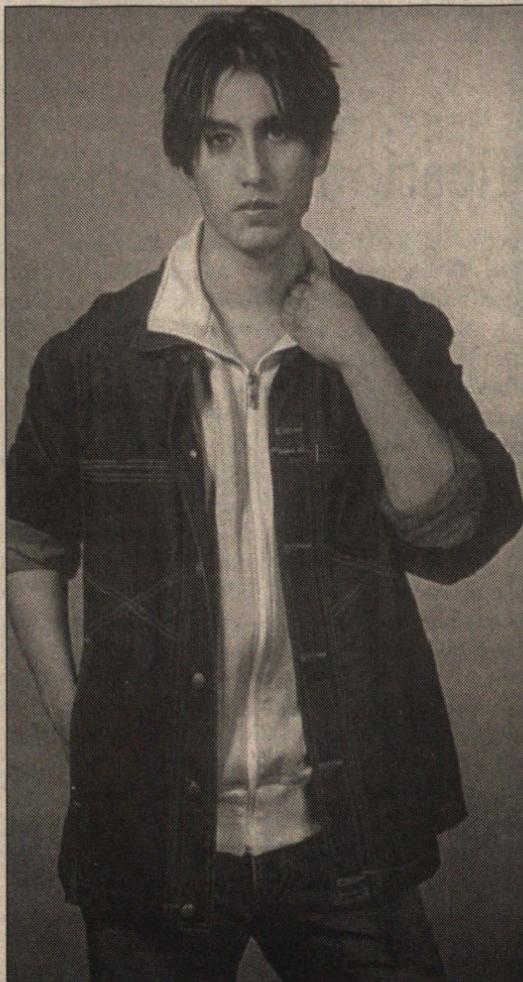


Photo courtesy of Dennis Zavala, by Hal Balm

Dennis Zavala poses for a Star Graphic Inc. photo shoot.

## Drumline struts its sexy stuff on and off the field



Staff Photo

Quads players Carl Sauter and Pete Mantz keep the beat going.

By Sam West

Those who have come to the varsity football games may have noticed the sexiest section in the band. Or at least that is what the drum line hopes.

The drum line has dubbed itself the "sexiest section" of the We-go marching band. The drummers, who play snares, bass drums, quads, timpani, chimes, and mallets,

among many other toys and noisemakers, constantly joke about not wearing pants and about their good looks.

To show off to the football crowd, drum line tries to make an interesting show visually as well as musically. They add pelvic thrusts, grunts, and even run around and switch drums to add variety to the halftime show.

The bass drums trade

drums with each other during the drum line feature "America." In "Tonight," the basses spin in place while playing.

"We have cool visuals," said bass drummer Salome Yigzaw. "America" is a really cool song, but the best song is definitely "Tonight."

But this off-humor is just a normal part of every day drum line, which includes lots of hard work.

"Despite all the obscene humor, we work extremely hard, and try to maintain a professional yet hilarious mentality," said Nils Higdon, who plays timpani in the halftime show.

Said Bridget Rood, a bass drummer, "A lot of people practice a lot of the time."

Drum line meets every

Tuesday evening for two or sometimes three hours during marching season. Under a guise of foolishness, drum line gets the job done on Tuesday nights.

"(On Tuesday nights), there is some practicing, some dancing, no seriousness, but full-time fun," said snare Dieter Rudolph.

Although Yigzaw agreed that there is a lot of fun in drum line, she admitted they work hard to play the music well. At practice, they warm up for a long time, or as Yigzaw put it, "until your arms fall off." Then, they break up into sectionals and practice.

Through all of the "your mom" jokes, and the "sexy" jokes about co-captains Aaron Becker and Bill Winter and Peter Mantz, quads player, the drum line always manages to put on a good show.

Mantz said that the drum line goofs around a lot, but gets stuff done, and that is what makes them awesome.

"Not only do we get stuff done, but we do it well," said Mantz.

Winter said that drum line beats out the rest of the band as sexiest section, but also in best musical section. He declared drum line the most musical section of the band.

"We have rhythm and the rest of the band doesn't," joked Winter.

Drum line continues in the transition from marching band to concert band in November.

Many of the marching band drum line members play wind instruments in concert band, including Yigzaw and Rood. They both play clarinet.

But Yigzaw prefers marching band to concert band because she likes the bass drum

much more than clarinet.

"Marching band is so much more fun because I get to play the bass drum," she said. "I have the biggest drum and it is the loudest. It is the sexiest drum."

Rood agreed, "Marching band is way better, because when I'm in drum line, it makes band more fun."

But Higdon enjoys concert band more, although he still likes marching band.

"Marching band has so much more structure to it," Higdon said. "I like playing a wider variety of music in concert band, but the percussion section is more featured"

Drum line doesn't stop being drum line when school lets out, though. They all get together and go to fast food restaurants like Steak and Shake or Dunkin' Donuts. They also watch movies or just hang out at a drum line member's house sometimes.



Staff Photo

The band's sexiest section works hard to memorize their music and play it well. From left, bass drummers Miles Lincoln, Bridget Rood, and Salome Yigzaw practice the show.

## Kruse changed dream from doctor to teacher

By John Jennings

Elizabeth Kruse did not always dream of being a teacher. For many years Kruse wanted to be doctor. But being a doctor was too much school for her and her interest shifted to teaching.

Kruse said, "I like being a teacher because there is a lot of action in school and I like working with the students."

She said that the fact that she always had good teachers and enjoyed school influenced her decision.

Kruse especially likes science because she said you get to do a lot of "neat stuff."

Kruse said she likes teaching at the high school level because there are always a lot of things going on like football games, plays, and dances. Also the students are

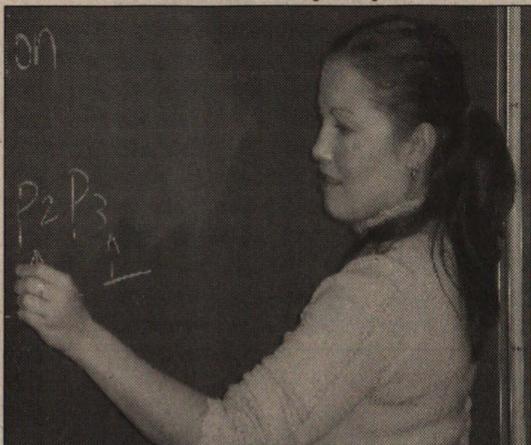
easier to talk to at this age.

In school Kruse took a lot of science classes and really liked anatomy. That's partly why she was thinking of becoming a doctor. But she also attended teacher conferences to help her become a teacher.

Last year Kruse taught at a school in Davenport, Iowa. She decided to come to We-go because they offered her a position and all of her friends lived in the Chicago area.

Kruse said her experience at We-go has been "awesome. Both the classes and the staff are great. I love the school's energy. I can't think of a better school."

Kruse teaches five science classes including two classes of biology, and three of chemistry. She is also a coach on the pom squad.



Staff Photo

Elizabeth Kruse is the new science teacher this year.

## College Column

### Students wanted: applications available

By Mary Beth Selby

(On a monthly basis, the Chronicle will print the College Column to help students with the process of choosing a college, explaining what they should do each month, who to see, and where to go, including important dates. If readers have any suggestions or particular worries about college they want clarified, write a letter to the column through newspaper supervisor Laura Kuehn in room 319 or their counselors.)

It might be a good thing for seniors to be filling out college applications now, seeing as colleges have deadlines or cut off admission after they fill their ranks.

Ever heard of the phrases "first come, first serve" or "the early bird catches the worm?" Students who send in applications early, will be chosen first before colleges

admit too many students.

"The earlier you apply, the better chance you have," said counselor Maura Bridges.

The earlier you apply, the sooner you will be admitted, meaning you don't have to worry about college essays, and you can start deciding where you want to go.

Instead of worrying about what colleges say as to admitting you to their school, they will worry about hearing from you as to whether they will gain another student on their tuition rolls.

When it comes to filling out the applications, you actually need the application to start. The guidance office has some applications, mostly for Illinois schools, or you can write a request letter to ask for an application. However, the most preferred option is to fill out an online application.

Online applications are

neat so one doesn't need to worry about someone having a hard time reading handwriting. Some colleges won't even look at an application if it is messy, said Bridges. In addition to that, you don't need to worry about misplacing it. It will always be saved in your online account to that school.

The major part of most applications is the essay, which is not to be taken lightly. Some college essays are as easy as "tell us why you want to come to our school" in two or three sentences, but can be as hard as a 500 word essay on a relevant topic in today's society.

Either way, the application has an essay for a reason: they wish to see how you write and how you feel.

It is best to write about something personal and tell the truth. Don't make up something up that you think

colleges want to hear.

An essay is basically a personal expression in an artistic way, not something that colleges are trying to trap you on.

When filling out the application, be sure the whole application is complete. Since most people do not fill out an entire application in one sitting, it is easy to miss a step or two, said Bridges.

When you think you are done, print it out and look it over or even bring it into your counselor to revise it for you.

Besides, there is a place on almost every application that an administrator or counselor must fill out for you, so you must print out that part, if it is done online, and bring it to your counselor.

However, counselors have a full class of 500 seniors to help, so they cannot always get to your particular application. (See College page 11)

## ñ Noticias

### Se encuentra unicos estilos mexicanos en la Main Street

Por María Pérez  
Main Street el Centro de Negocios Hispánicos.

En 134 Main Street se encuentra Acoiris Craft abierto de las 10 a.m. a las 6 p.m. Una tienda donde recuerdos para bodas, quinceañeras, comuniones, bautizos, y arreglos de inglesa o artículos religiosos se hacen por mano. La tienda fue abierta en octubre 2002 por Socorro Vázquez.

«Necesitaba trabajar y superar para salir adelante con la ayuda de mi esposo y mis hijos y la abolida que yo tengo de hacer cosas con mis manos pude abrir la tienda,» dijo Vázquez.

Vázquez dijo que abrió su propio negocio por la independencia de ser su propia jefe. Vázquez espera que crezca su negocio en el futuro.

«Pero se necesita el dinero para que se cumpla,» dijo Vázquez.

A personas interesadas en hacer este tipo de negocio Vázquez les aconseja que ellos necesitan la abolida y las

ganans de hacer artesanías (crafts) y saber sobre la moda.

«Cuando tenía ocho a nueve años me interesó las artesanías, porque estuve en una escuela de artesanía,» dijo Vázquez.

Al lado de Acoiris en 136 Main Street, se puede comprar ropa vaquera en la tienda San Jose Wester Wear. La tienda vende artículos vaqueros como botas, cintas, hebillas, sombreros, y billeteras. El dueño de la tienda es Isaac Chavez Cárdenas. Cárdenas empezó el negocio Western Wear hace 12 años al vender un poquito par de botas.

«La mejor publicista es que el cliente le recomiende,» dijo Cárdenas.

Cárdenas admite que a él le gustaba la ropa western e iba a Chicago y México para comprar su ropa. Cuando abrió su propia tienda Cárdenas no sabía nada de vender ropa western. Con el tiempo Cárdenas ha aprendido a hacer compras directas de las compañías y eso lo ha ayudado sobrevivir.

«Ahorita no es el momento para abrir un nuevo negocio. Uno debe de tener paciencia y pensar bien de que tipo de negocio se necesita,» aconseja Cárdenas.

Enfrente de Western Wear se encuentra Carmen's Unisex Hair Salon en 129 Main St. La dueña Carmen Sandoval estudió belleza por dos años en Buenos Aires, Argentina. En diciembre Sandoval se mudará su tienda al Gateway Center enfrente de la Farmers Market.

«Mi negocio va bien aunque hay mucha competencia, pero hay mucha comunidad hispana en West Chicago,» dijo Sandoval.

Comida mexicana se vende en 212 Main Street en el Turner Junction Restaurante. Platos populares son bistec a la mexicana, carne asada, y los mariscos. También se puede comprar tacos, enchiladas, burritos, y otros platos Mexicanos. El restaurante propiedad de las tres hermanas Leticia Flores, Josefina Quiros, y Rosa García cuando compraron el



Foto de personal

Geraldo Carbajal es el cocinero para Turner Junction Restaurante donde se vende comida mexicana.

negocio hace cinco años.

«El negocio ya estaba aquí, se nos ofreció el negocio la dueña,» dijo García.

Flores, Quiros, y García eran meseras para el Turner Junction Restaurante

cuando se les ofreció el restaurante.

«Seguimos con el negocio por la oportunidad y como éramos meseras ya sabíamos del negocio,» dijo García.

García admite que no tenían tiempo para pensar en

el futuro cuando se les ofreció esta oportunidad.

Pero su consejo para la juventud es que sigan estudiando par que agarren una carrera donde pagarán más dinero y que busquen ese tipo de carrera.

### Emma Rios gives back to community

By Maria Perez  
Dresses for weddings, baptisms, communions, quinceñeras, proms and more. You want them, she has them.

Local Hispanic shop owner Emma Rios owns Casa "Rios" Bridal Boutique, 204 Main St., Rios has been in business for 22 years making her own dresses. She also rents tuxedos.

«Bring your own design and I'll make the dress for you,» said Rios.

Rios was born in Mexico and she moved to the U.S. in 1959 after she married.

In the past Rios was involved with helping out in the mock wedding at We-go and a quinceñeras program.

«For two to three years I was part of the junior high program where girls were sent to my shop to learn how to work,» said Rios.

Today Rios is also a trustee for the board of directors at the West Chicago Library District.

«We make the decisions of what should be done there,» said Rios.

In the Hispanic community Rios runs the Hispanic Center (HC) in her own shop. The HC is a non-profit organization established to help Hispanics.

Rios recalls one time when a local park district called the HC saying that they had a disoriented man in Wheaton who didn't know English. Rios admitted that she could not go to pick up the man but she oriented him through the phone.

«This is why I want more people to help in these kind of cases,» said Rios.

So far there are five volunteers at HC. At HC they an-



Staff Photo

Emma Rios is proud of her dress shop and hopes it will continue for years to come.

swer the phone from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

«I want people to come when they can to volunteer at the Hispanic Center,» said Rios.

Rios is willing to help or get help for people who contact her with problems. She can be reached at (630)876-8113.

«The only thing I can't do is give people rides to where they need to go,» said Rios.

Rios has seen positive changes for the Hispanic community. Rios said that many Hispanics now own their own homes and businesses.

«That is a big progress for Hispanics,» said Rios.

A wish that Rios has is to see more its Hispanics going to college so they can get ahead in life.

In the future Rios, wants to see the Hispanic Center

keep going with more people helping people in need.

In the Hispanic community Rios hopes that the Hispanic community keeps growing and becomes more united.

Rios believes, «that people should help as much as they in the community and the city because we live here and we can be proud of West Chicago our town because we can call it that.»

### College...

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cation in one day or at your command, said Bridges.

She asked that students bring their application in at least two weeks before the college needs to get it so they have time to revise it and send it in. To know when to send it in, check college deadlines and schedule its finish deadline for two weeks before that. In fact, earlier than that would be even better.

Bridges suggested students have their college applications done before winter break.

An application encompasses many parts: the application itself, the essay, the transcript, the standardized test scores, the recommendations/counselor comments, and actually receiving it.

Bridges said colleges will not look at one particular portion of the application and reject you, like many people worry about. There are so many parts to an application for the reason of looking at each student individually and at the whole package they bring with them.

So if you complete an application thoroughly, and send it in early enough, you have a good chance of getting into a college for which you qualify.

Got any ideas for a feature? Send ideas to the features editor Mary Beth Selby or adviser Laura Kuehn in room 317.

# Special Halloween Scares

## Find yourself in a scary movie? Here's what you do.

By Kyle Bullis

During Halloween it can be a lot of fun to gather a group of friends and sit down for some quality scary movies. Grab some popcorn, sit down on the couch, and get thoroughly creeped out to the point where you need an escort to go to the bathroom.

It can be even *more* fun, though, to gather around the TV for some quality B-horror flicks. Horrendous acting, zipper-laden costumes and make-you-jump scenes that can be spotted a mile away.

Mummy movies, vampires, and the undead. All of them crowd the B-movie horror genre and many of the scare tactics used are so cliché that they aren't so much frightening as they are hilarious.

To prove this, here is some advice to help you if you find yourself in a B-movie horror flick.

Number 1: Never split up.

This is a common mistake made by pretty much any horror movie character. "I'll go this way, Steve. You go that way, and we'll meet back here in two hours." Of course by the time two hours is up, Steve is most likely hanging from a tree branch with his entrails all over the ground beneath him, another victim of bad logic and stupidity.

Number 2: If they say it's a haunted house, it probably is!

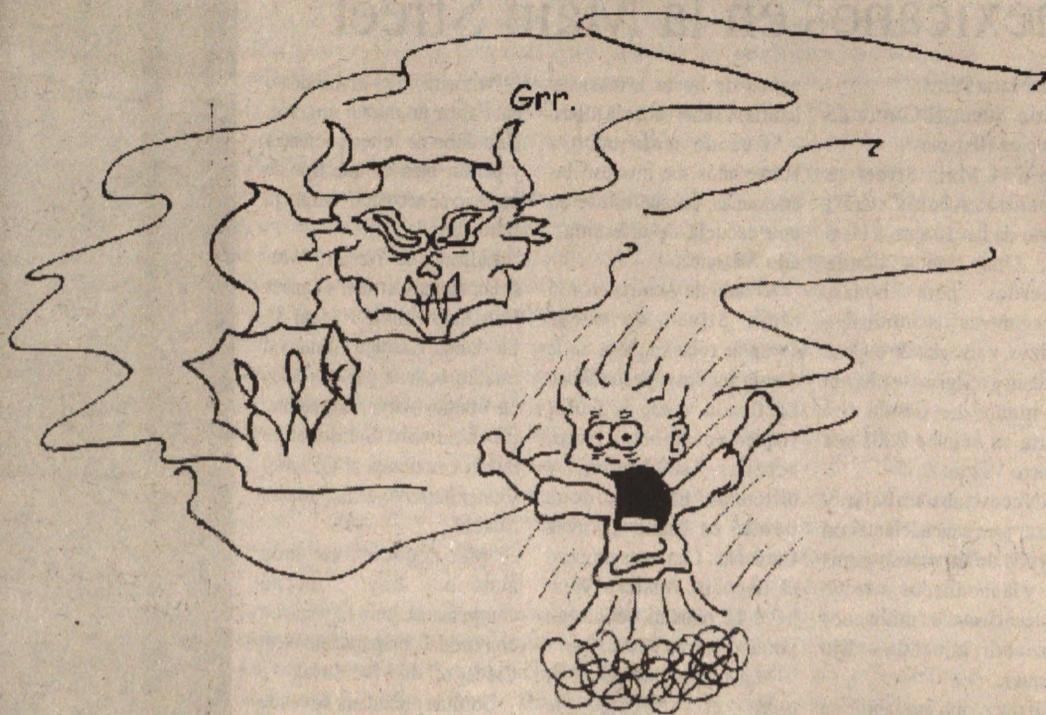
If you hear from the locals that the house down the street, the one with the crazy looking trees and dilapidated structure, is haunted, then it probably is, so you shouldn't go there! Many scary movie characters don't listen to the advice and decide to check out the house anyway. Freaky stuff starts happening and the characters don't expect it.

Number 3: Don't look back when being chased.

If you're being chased, don't look behind you, because that'll be the time you fall and get caught by the monster who managed to keep up with you even though he would have probably lost a race with a rock.

Number 4: Listen for creepy music.

If you're walking down a long, narrow corridor or are lost in a forest and the weird creepy music begins to play, your best line of defense is to just stop moving and wait for daylight. You'd think the sun would eventually rise in a scary movie, but somehow it never does.



Number 5: Get a weapon.

If you don't, you're probably going to get eaten, mutilated, or decapitated because you're completely defenseless. A gun, a knife, a chair, a board with a nail in it, Fran Drescher, *anything*.

Number 6: The slower you open a door, the more time the monster has to prepare.

If you open a door cautiously and slow, you're just giving the monster more time to set up his attack to lunge at your throat. Open it quickly, maybe you'll catch the monster off guard, or slam the door in his face.

Number 7: Stay on the ground floor.

Going up or down stairs only means you'll have to traverse them again when the werewolf or vampire or zombie decides he wants to use your head as a soccer ball and gives

chase. And stairs increase your chances of tripping by 13,483 percent.

Number 8: You and your boyfriend/girlfriend can wait.

A lot of scary movie characters are in terrifying, life-threatening situations and yet still manage to find time to make out. *It can wait*. Top priority should be getting yourself out of Monsterville. If you stop for a make out session and then get slaughtered, you deserve it.

Number 9: If there's a sequel, you're an idiot.

If you get into the same mess again, you deserve to die. Period.

Number 10: Tell somebody.

What happens out in Creepyville should be immediately reported so that the area and, just to be safe, a 100 mile radius can get nuked. You can't take chances.

## We-go trick or treating to the best neighborhoods

By Matthew Hancock

Rich neighborhoods are the best place to go trick or treating, said recently surveyed We-go students.

Many people also recommend going to the Waynewood and Forest Trails neighborhoods in West Chicago.

Most students would rather walk farther to get good candy than get a lot of candy with only a little bit of walking.

Weather can also be a major factor in trick or treating.

When asked what is more important, candy or distance between houses, Jamie Boyer said, "Distance or candy. It all depends on the weather."

Willow Creek is another

great place to go on Halloween. Dana Todd said, "They give you better candy and you don't have to walk much to get to the next house."

Lisett Aguirre said that Willow Creek is a great neighborhood to go trick or treating in if you have a little brother or sister, because it is safe.

Some people don't even care about the candy.

Adrienne Mertes said, "It doesn't matter how much candy I get or how far I walk as long as I'm having fun with my friends."

Mallard Lake sub-division in Bloomingdale off of Schick Rd. is also a great place to go trick or treating. The houses are far apart, but they give a lot of candy.

## The best, the worst, and the strange?

By Cristina Sarnelli

In the spirit of Halloween, we interviewed We-go students about the best, worst, and weirdest things they got when out trick or treating.

### Best Candy

This Top 10 list shows the candy with the most votes first and the least last.

- #1 Butterfinger
- #2 Snickers
- #3 Reeses
- #4 Kit Kat
- #5 Twix
- #6 Twizzlers
- #7 M&M's
- #8 Starburst
- #9 Blow Pop
- #10 Hershey's

### Weirdest Stuff

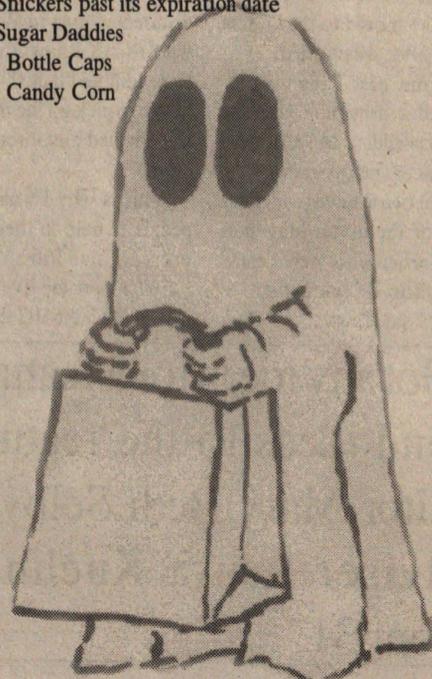
The following items are the strangest things the students interviewed got while trick or treating. They are in no particular order.

1. Al Gore magnet
2. Free Tae Kwan Do lessons
3. Kool-Aid mix
4. Can of pop/juice/cider
5. Keychain
6. Toothbrush/floss
7. Fast food toys
8. Pencils
9. Caramel apple
10. Pennies
11. Sour chocolate
12. Hot dogs
13. Halloween erasers
14. Wax candy

### Worst Stuff

The most foul and disgusting of materials, according to students, are in this list. These are worse than weird and they are also in no particular order.

1. Orange and black taffy
2. Stale popcorn
3. Socks
4. Homemade candy
5. Fruit
6. Necco wafers
7. Whoppers
8. Snickers past its expiration date
9. Sugar Daddies
10. Bottle Caps
11. Candy Corn



# Special Halloween Scares

## From the vampire to the mattress. Wait, a mattress?

Every Halloween, children and adults alike dress up for the spookiest day of the year. We-go students were asked what their favorite costumes were and what they were going to go as this year. Here is what they said.

Vampire  
Zombie  
Power Rangers  
ICP  
Ninja Turtles  
Yoda  
Jedi Knight  
Witch  
Pimp  
Gumby  
Doctor  
Steve-O  
Kud  
Lightsaber  
Horse  
Hillbilly  
Osama bin Laden  
Ghost  
Pirate  
Dorothy  
Yellowbrick Road  
Goth  
Hippie  
Elvis Presley  
Jason  
Scream Guy  
Flying Monkey  
A girl  
Bum/Hobo  
Michael Meyers  
Freddy Kruger  
Harry Potter  
Tin Man  
Duct Tape  
Dog/Cat  
Superman  
Batman  
Tigger  
Box  
Cowardly Lion  
Fairy  
Sponge Bob  
Square Pants  
Winnie the Pooh  
Chili Pepper  
Scarecrow  
Angel  
Princess  
X-Men  
Characters  
Spiderman

## Did it actually happen? Will it really happen?

Talking to the dead. Summoning vengeful spirits. Stories of contacting the unknown have been around for as long as anyone can remember. Urban legends of killer hermits or muttering a few words in a dark bathroom fill people with fear, excitement, and wonder. And even though they terrify us, people still flock to horror movies or gather around a campfire to be scared out of their wits. A few of the most popular and the most horrifying of those stories are told below.

### The Hook

On a chilly autumn night, a couple of teenagers were making out in the back of the boyfriend's car, parked in a secluded section of Make-Out Point, with Barry White playing on the radio in the background. They heard a rustling sound coming from the bushes nearby, and the girl turned off the radio. The girl said, "What was that?" The guy responded, "It was probably just the wind." Moments later the same rustling sound was heard, only closer. Again, the girl wondered what it was but the guy repeated, "It's nothing." After going back to making out and listening to the radio, they heard a scuffling sound by the passenger side door. The girl was really freaked out and wanted to go home, so the boyfriend started the car and put it into drive. As they were leaving, the guy felt a pulling on the side of the car but it went away so he paid no bother. When they arrived at the girl's house, he went around to her side to open her door. He stopped in front of her door looking down and pointing in horror. Confused, the girl rolled down the window and looked at where her boyfriend was pointing. *A bloody hook was hanging from the door handle.*

### In a dark bathroom...

1. Say Bloody Mary's name 13 times while slowly spinning to make her appear and she'll scratch at your face.
2. Call Candyman's name five times while looking in the mirror and he'll appear behind you and kill you with a hook.
3. Look in the toilet and say Baby Blue three times to see his face.

### Mental patients

A woman lived in a secluded house with her dog, Scruffy, and every night, Scruffy would lay below her bed and lick her hand or stare at the glowing coals in the fireplace. While lying in bed one night, the woman decided to listen to the radio for a while. A news report came on stating that there was a riot at a nearby mental institution and all patients were accounted for except for one. He is highly dangerous and unstable and has a history of attacking middle aged women. The woman, frightened, turned off the radio and let her hand hang down over the bedside. There she felt reassuring licks. She looked out her bedroom door and saw Scruffy gazing happily at the coals. *And something was still licking her hand from under the bed.*

### Boyfriend's death

Late one night, a couple was making out in a car by the side of the road, listening to music. They looked at the time and saw how late it was and decided to go home. But the car wouldn't start, so the boyfriend left the girl to go get gas. The girl was scared being alone in the car so she hid in the back seat and covered herself with a blanket. An hour passed and her boyfriend hadn't returned. She then heard a scratching sound on top of the car. Freaked out, she hid under the blanket and eventually fell asleep. The next morning a police officer called out to anyone in the car, and the girl awoke and came out. The officer told her to come to him and for her to not look back at the car. Before she got in the officer's car, she looked back to see her *boyfriend hanging from a tree*, with his throat cut and fingers scraping the roof of the car.

### Rear-view mirror

A woman stopped by a truckstop while driving home late. She saw a lot of truckers and a man wearing plaid. As she was leaving, a trucker ran towards her car with a large wrench in hand. Frightened, she drove away but the trucker jumped in his semi and drove after her, horn blazing and flashing his lights. She looked back in the rear-view mirror constantly, scared to death. She pulled into the next pit stop, and jumped out of her car. The trucker stopped right behind her but instead of running after her, he ran to her car and pulled out *the man in plaid* from her back seat. Once he was subdued, the trucker went to her, showed her the knife and rope the man had, and said, "Didn't you see him in your rear-view mirror?"

## Halloween. Another holiday to thank the Irish for

By Sam West

Each year on Oct. 31, people dress up in ghoulish costumes and parade through towns destroying both property and landscape.

Oh, wait, this is not Celtic Ireland.

But if it were, this is exactly what would happen every Halloween. Catholics in Celtic Ireland believed that the disembodied spirits of the dead came back to possess the living every Oct. 31, which was also the last day of the year.

The Catholics believed

that the souls of the dead needed to find hosts to be born again for the new year. Understandably, the average Celtic Irish Catholic had no desire to be possessed by a dead soul, so they tried to make their dwellings as unattractive as possible.

They dressed up in costumes that resembled the dead, in order to confuse the souls, and destroyed parts of their towns to frighten the spirits away.

But as belief in the human possession died down, the dress up became more cer-

emonial. It became a sort of holiday.

Halloween came to America in the 1840s, courtesy of the Irish immigrants fleeing from the potato famine. The jack-o-lantern was one of their main contributions.

Old Irish folklore was that a man named Jack, notorious for being a drunk trickster, met Satan one day. Jack chased Satan up a tree, then carved a cross in its bark.

When Jack's time came, God refused him entry to Heaven, for he had participated in evil doings, and Sa-

tan held a grudge against him, therefore shunning him from the gates of Hell.

But Satan gave Jack a single ember, placed inside a turnip, so that he would have a little light in the darkness between Heaven and Hell.

The first jack-o-lantern was born.

The Irish immigrants quickly realized that turnips were not common in America. Pumpkins looked like a good substitute for turnips, and thus, the modern jack-o-lantern exists.

But the Irish are not the

only contributors to the Halloween tradition.

On All Souls' Day (just after All Hallow's Eve, from which we get the word Halloween), 9<sup>th</sup> century Europeans went "souling."

Souling was when beggars walked through villages begging for "soul cakes," which were just hunks of bread. The more cakes they received, the more prayers the beggars would say for the deceased relatives of the donors. European folk in the 9<sup>th</sup> century believed that the more prayers said for their dead

relatives, the better chance the chances of the relatives getting into Heaven.

The tradition of trick-or-treating was tweaked to fit the modern standards of society.

Halloween is built up to be an evil day with tricks and scares galore. Although fun, Halloween is based off religious Celtic Irish and European inhabitants.

But Halloween is much more fun with children dressing as murderers, giant animals, fairies, and ghosts, isn't it?

## Despite injuries, soccer team remains triumphant

By Mary Beth Selby

As the season ends for boys soccer, the team has had time to reflect on the season without regret.

Sophomore coach Antonio Del Real is pleased with how the boys have been performing.

"They have been very committed, and they have been receiving a lot of compliments for their sportsmanship and the way they play from other coaches and spectators," said Del Real. "They must be doing something right when other teams are complimenting them."

As of now, their season record is 9-3-3, and conference record is 3-1-1. Their next two games are in conference.

Del Real hopes that they can win these games, which could possibly place them in the top one or two teams in conference.

Del Real has really seen his team perform. In their season, he thinks they have scored at least 40 goals, and about half their games were shut outs.

"They play really tough,

and have a strong defense," said Del Real.

However, he thinks the team's break down comes from their lack of preparation and attention to detail.

"(They have difficulty) coming to practice ready to play. Sometimes they are just aren't prepared," said Del Real.

Then during the games, some of their losses are attributed to little details they failed to control, he said. These little details mostly meant fumbling ball control, messy passes, and random goal shots.

Despite this, Del Real is very optimistic for the boys' season finale and future.

"We have a really good team. Some of these guys will really be ready for varsity next year," said Del Real.

Speaking of varsity, coach Jim Brugman is also pretty happy with the season his players have put out.

Their season record is 9-9-3, while their conference record is 1-4-1.

Brugman says that even though their record doesn't show it, they have had a good

season.

"We had a losing streak in the middle of the season, but most of our guys were injured. I'm pretty sure that is the reason for our losses," said Brugman.

At the start of the season, defender Gilbert Calleros suffered a torn ACL. Later on, captain Ryan Masschelin injured his ankle and was out for two weeks. These and other injuries left openings for other players to fill a position.

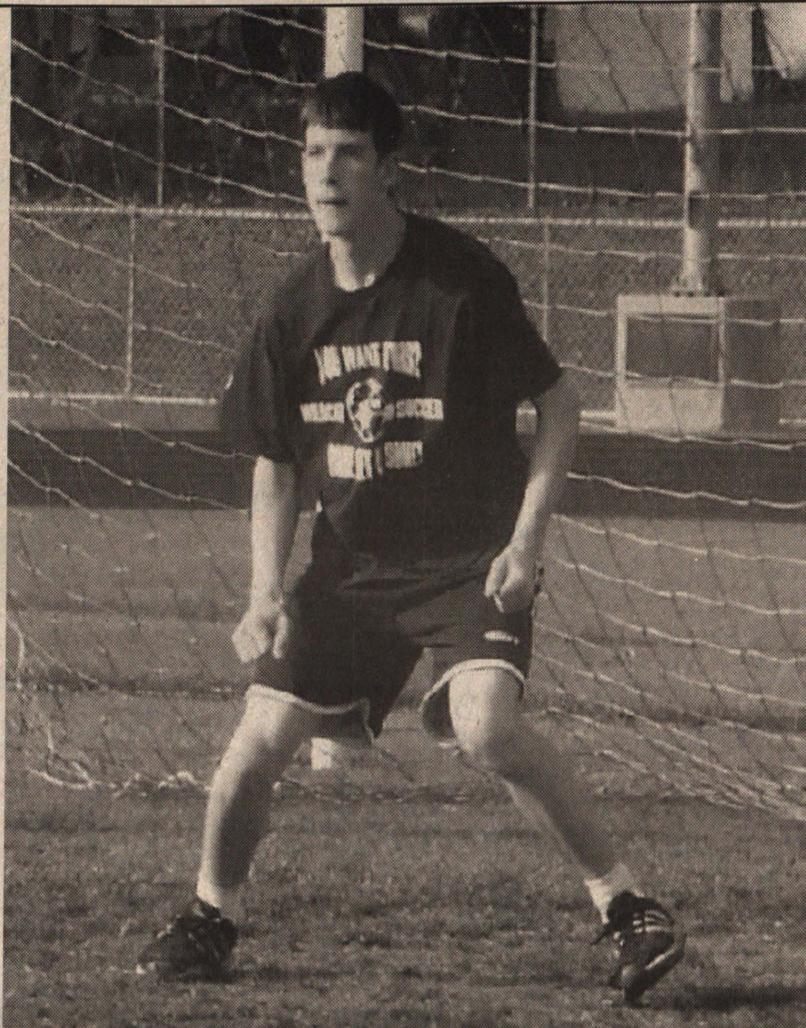
Brugman said he would have to put some players in random positions to fill the field, and would find that they performed very well.

"We found more abilities," he said.

In addition to team talents, players improved their togetherness.

"In 12 years of coaching, there is always someone that can be a pain in the butt. But this is the tightest group I have ever seen. They work well together. After games they will go out to eat together," said Brugman.

The team really held together in all the tough times.



Ted Gernand anticipates the kick and goes for the save.

Staff Photo

When the game or the season doesn't look too good, they keep their heads together and don't fall apart, he said.

"It's amazing how one game can take you from the top two to the bottom two,"

said Brugman.

The team fell to seventh in the conference after a loss to Naperville Central.

Despite this, the team is happy with how they performed. Sandburg, for in-

stance, won state last year, and We-go tied them in a 0-0 game.

So the record doesn't always show the true colors of a team, and We-go is sure proud of theirs.

## Colleges providing better athletes, but not students

By John Jennings

College athletics today have become an embarrassment to sports fans. In the last few years dozens of sports programs at so called elite schools have been caught giving out money, fudging grades, and handing out other special benefits to college athletes.

The whole idea of being a student athlete has become a joke. Now, more than ever, there is a division between students and athletes.

The students are the ones working hard to get good grades and preparing themselves for the working world. Athletes are the kids that get free cars, free clothes, someone else taking their tests for them and so on.

During his four years as part of the famed "fab five" Michigan basketball team, Chris Webber was reportedly given \$280,000 by a Michigan booster. That doesn't even take into account the money spent on the other four athletes that were part of the "fab five."

Most recently, in 2003, the case of Maurice Claret has stepped into the spot-

light. The All-American football player had just finished his freshman year of college and was preparing for his sophomore year. Claret was suspended indefinitely by the Ohio State football team, after the coaches learned of his cheating on certain tests, and getting grades he didn't earn. Now that he's been banned for the year he has decided to fight the NFL's policy on the minimum age to enter the draft. If he doesn't play this year he loses his value as a draft pick when he will be eligible for the NFL draft in two years.

Along with the cheating players come the cheating coaches. There have been at least four separate instances of coaches breaking big school rules all within the last year.

Rick Neuheisel, former coach of the Washington Huskies football team, entered into an office pool for college basketball's March madness. Larry Eustachy was caught partying with students where both alcohol and drugs were present. Mike Price, University of Alabama football coach, was also fired this year for drunken con-

duct. Jim Harrick, along with many other prominent coaches, has been caught giving out gifts or "special favors" to some of his players who were not given scholarships.

This past year LeBron James, a high-school senior turned pro basketball phenom, was drafted by the Cleveland Cavaliers. Before the draft during his senior year of high school LeBron was given some very expensive "throwback" basketball jerseys by a local store. Eventually LeBron had to give back the gifts and miss a few games as punishment.

Today's college athletics need to clean up their act. To do this the NCAA should instill rules that make both the athletes and the students take certain classes and also take a mandatory course load. No longer should college athletes be allowed to skate with two classes a semester or a phony major.

The coaches need to treat their players as students first, and as athletes second. Then maybe they can get an adequate education.

## Athlete of the Month Tinnes shines on Friday nights

By Doug Sieder

Not being able to play football until 7<sup>th</sup> grade didn't hurt We-go star running back Elliot Tinnes. He has had a successful high school career and that is why he is October's Athlete of the Month.

Tinnes started off his high school career playing football, wrestling, and track. Later he concentrated on football and track.

Tinnes started all four years as running back, starting on varsity for two years as a junior and senior.

Tinnes played a large part in ending the 24-year playoff drought last year. His biggest accomplishment was last year when We-go upset the favored Naperville Central Red Hawks to get the Wildcats to the playoffs.

"My favorite part is the feeling you get under the lights on Friday night," said Tinnes when asked what was his favorite part about football.

This year in seven games Tinnes has rushed for nearly 500 yards and eight rushing touchdowns.

"All of my high school coaches have been great, making me the player I am,

and coach Martino has done a great job molding the running backs," said Tinnes.

Tinnes also said the worst part about football is when you know you are better than a team, but that night it doesn't show.

Tinnes isn't just about foot-

ball. He plans on going to a good college and wants to major in biology and medicine and hopes to become a doctor.

But he won't forget football. If Tinnes gets the chance he hopes to play football in college.

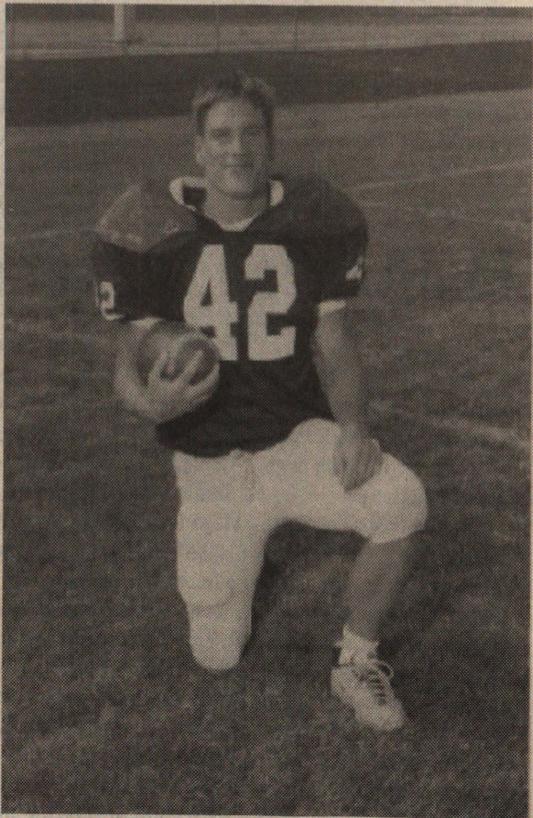


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Athlete of the Month, Elliott Tinnes.

## Good attitudes and hard work betters swim team

By Maria Perez

The girls swim team is getting on target for reaching goals they set for improvement.

"The season has gone pretty good, because the team has a lot of potential this year. We had four meets and in the first three we got first place," said Rachel Slattery.

The swim team started the season off with a good start and remained strong. The swimmers are working hard to improve this season.

"I think everyone is working really hard and practices are killer. We practice from 5:15 a.m. to 6:45 a.m. and again from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. It makes us better and you can see the improvement in everyone," said Slattery.

Heather Crabbe agreed, "I've been doing my best and my friends are, too. We will all do well in sectionals and state."

Coach Brian Artel said the season has been mixed with some great success and mediocre experiences. Now Artel said the team is look-

ing forward to the end of this season when the swimmers work hard.

"Everyone has a really good attitude. We're really together and work together. We got a lot of new swimmers and it is going to be a good season," said Slattery.

The swim team's dedication to working together has cut down their times in races, which translates to more wins.

"I've done all the sets as fast as I can. I have dropped a lot of time on my breaststroke," said Shelley Koch.

The swim team manages to keep team members' spirits up when a team member is down and try they to help them.

"The team has really stuck together and are doing really well. When one person is down everyone else does their best to pick them up and help them keep going," said Danielle Zirbes.

Their determination and hard work has paid off and is reflected with the swim team's positive attitude.

"The season has gone pretty well and the team has stuck together through a lot and hopefully they will keep going," said Zirbes.

Crabbe said she hopes next year everyone is as determined to do as well as this year and be as enthusiastic as they are now at meets.

Freshmen swimmers are learning the lessons of hard work and determination.

"At the beginning of the first week it was hard and then it got easier as we went over the basics. After we got the basics down we started working harder and had hard practices," said Caitlin Kregel.

Being on swim team Kregel has learned that it is not all about winning or losing. Swim team is about the team and helping each other out and being there for each other, said Kregel.

"We need to be motivated. You have to work for it, work hard, and tell yourself that you are not slow and can get better and will get better that is the attitude you need for swim team," said Kregel.



Staff Photo  
Hard work, determination and team effort highlight this year's girls swim team. Taking a break during practice are, from left, Carol Fortman, Daisy Sallis, and Rachel Hellman.

## Wildcats fall game short of playoff berth after loss

By Doug Sieder

The Wildcat football team's hopes for another playoff berth were crushed this year when Naperville Central stole a win recently.

Junior quarterback Ryan Morris threw for 285 yards in the game and had three touchdown passes in the second half, but that wasn't enough for a Wildcat rally.

The week before, the Wildcats played Glenbard North who had only suffered one defeat before facing We-go.

The Wildcats kept even with Glenbard North for most of the game until the fourth quarter when they started to pull away.

"I just wish for the kids it would have worked out better," said head coach Bob Stone.

Stone also said that the season was a little bit of a disappointment, but the good thing was the players stayed

positive and they never gave up.

One difference from last year was that physically, the defense was smaller this year and made it harder than last year to force turnovers, Stone said.

When asked what it is like to coach a powerhouse football team like Joliet Catholic and then coming to West Chicago Stone said, "the only difference was the lack of knowledge some players have, but the players respond well to the game and play hard."

The senior leadership ability was excellent this year which had underclassmen step up and contribute this season, said Stone.

Bob Hock was a surprise this season at offensive tackle, because it was his first year playing there, Stone said.

"Jeff Gibert, Ryan Morris,

Mike Hanrahan, Travis Saville, and Mike Brzeczek are players to watch for next year and will contribute," said Stone.

Like last year's team, the team this year needed to win the last two games to get into the playoffs, but at the same time they were different, Stone said. Last year's team was more of a passing team and this year the Wildcats were more of a running team.

This year's turning point may have been when We-go suffered a loss to Wheaton Warrenville South 56-7.

"This may have put some doubt in our players' minds," said Stone. "This is the second best team we have had at We-go besides the playoff team last year."

Even though the varsity team will not make it to the playoffs this year, they hope to be back there in the following years.



Staff Photo  
Rich Visser (left) and his brother George (right) go for personal bests at the DVC meet.

## Boys cross-country prepares for postseason after DVC meet

By Mary Beth Selby

With state rapidly approaching, boys cross-country plans to be in the top five teams at sectionals.

Coach Paul McLeland has high hopes for the boys in the regional and sectional meets, and used the DVC meet as a practice race.

"We plan to run a good team race, meaning not rely on one person, one runner, but to do it as a team," McLeland said about their DVC meet. He hoped for many personal best times from each individual, which contributes to a good team finish.

The boys placed fourth of eight teams at DVC. In addition,

Frank Anderson, Tom Harwood, and George Visser received All Conference Titles for their time performances, and Rich Visser was an honorable mention.

Freshman varsity runner Brendan Sullivan said he was surprised to see such fast times. Though he trained as hard as the rest of the guys, he was disappointed in his performance, noticing that he didn't run as well as he has been during the season.

"I hope to make All Conference next year," said Sullivan.

McLeland was pleased with the team's performance.

"They ran smart. They were in good position at the

mile and moved past guys that went too fast at the start," he said.

Using the same DVC strategy for regionals and sectionals, the guys have to place in the top five teams to continue to state.

Though he has a lot of confidence in the boys' performance, McLeland wished that more boys had done summer running. That way, they could have been miles deeper in their training.

One thing McLeland admitted needs to take place is more communication between him and the team.

"You can't always assume people are going towards the same goal," he said.



Two varsity girls players go up for the block.

Staff Photo

## Teamwork needed at regionals for girls volleyball

By Kyle Bullis

The girls volleyball team has been treading slightly below the .500 mark as they have been riding on a 13/18 record as of Oct. 22.

The girls faced a very tough Naperville North team on Sept. 25, and they lost 7-25 and 9-25. They played them again on Oct. 23.

On Sept. 30 the girls beat Glenbard North both games 25-9. Their game against Naperville North on Oct. 2 gave way to a loss, with the final scores 25-16, 23-25, and 14-25.

On Oct. 7 they lost again, this time to Wheaton Warrenville South, both

scores 17-25. They bounced back on Oct. 9 with 25-17, 18-25, and 25-15 victory.

In the Bennett tournament they beat Mendota 25-13 and 25-20, split with Wheaton Warrenville South, and lost to Providence Catholic 22-25 and 21-25.

The next day they played Waubonsie and lost 18-25 and 21-25 and then beat West Aurora 13-25, 25-18, and 25-16.

On Oct. 14 the girls lost to Glenbard East 19-25 and 23-25. On the 16<sup>th</sup> they won two games to one against West Aurora.

The girls placed 12<sup>th</sup> in the Autumn Fest on Oct. 19. They

beat the Waubonsie Valley team 27-25 and 28-25, but they lost to both Schaumburg and St. Ingatius.

Varsity coach Kris Hasty pointed out that the girls need to develop their skills a little more.

"They're better than the records show," said Hasty. She said that the girls needed more practice with working as a team, and if they develop those skills they'll be ready for regionals.

"That will be our biggest challenge," said Hasty.

At regionals, the girls will be playing their matches against Wheaton South and Downer's Grove North.

## Girls cross-country looking to qualify at sectionals

By Rich Visser

The West Chicago girls cross-country team has its eyes set on state.

Coach Katerina Claiborne believes the team can qualify for state if they run as well as they have been throughout the season.

The team will compete in a tough sectional meet and the Wildcats need a top five team finish to move on to state.

"Everyone is needed in order for us to make it down state. If they run good times, they have an excellent chance," Claiborne said.

The team finished out the regular season in good stand-

ing, placing fifth at the DVC meet. The team faced four of the top ten teams in state and competed without some of their key runners. Christy Adduci earned all-conference honors with her fifth place individual finish.

Adduci led the team to a third place team finish at the Benet invitational. Rounding out the top five for West Chicago were Adduci (5th), Kelly Wdowiarz (13th), Hilary Tennant (16th), Megan Andracki (19th), and Amy Ackerman (22nd).

Ackerman is looking forward to moving on in the post season. "If we run what we've been running all season, then

well go down state," she said.

The girls won the Bartlett invitational with 49 points, edging out Bartlett (56) for the team title. Adducci (4th) led the Wildcats, followed by Wdowiarz (6th), Tennant (9th), Sarah Scardamaglia (12th), and Ackerman (18th).

The JV team also ran away with the team title scoring only 20 points beating Bartlett who scored 36 points. Katie Ulin won the three-mile race for the Wildcats.

The team competed at the Glenbard South regional on Saturday. They hope to qualify for the state meet Saturday at sectionals.

### John's Jive

## Chicago's blame game

By John Jennings

With five outs left to go with a three run lead in game six against the Florida Marlins, the Cubs, with the help of a certain fan, began a collapse that cost them the game, and, in the end, their first trip to the World Series in 58 years.

Some people blame the whole series on the fan, others say none of it was his fault. The fact of the matter is that had he not touched the ball, things could have been a lot different. Had Moises Alou caught the ball, there would have been two outs, with a runner on first base. Instead, the Cubs ended up giving up eight runs in the eighth inning.

Yes, Alex Gonzalez dropped an easy out, and yes, the Cubs had another chance in game seven, but with two outs, Gonzalez could have taken his time and thrown to first with no real pressure on him, rather than having to hurry for a double play. It could have been the Cubs playing in the World Series had it not been for Steve Bartman, the fan who decided to try and catch the foul ball.

Another argument for the pro-Bartman side is that none other than the curse of the Billy goat caused this one remarkably horrible play. It was meant to be this way. For those of you fans that don't know what the

curse of the goat is, it dates back to the 1945 World Series, game seven, the Cubs versus the Detroit Tigers. A man had an extra ticket to the game, which was at Wrigley Field, and decided to bring his goat. The stadium officials would not let the man's goat in and so the man, who was the owner of a local bar, told his patrons that the Cubs would never win a World Series because of the incident. And so started the second worst curse in the history of baseball, right behind Boston's curse of the Bambino.

But Cubs fans should be used to this kind of thing by now. In 1984, they again had a three to one series lead against the San Diego Padres, and lost three in a row.

As I said earlier, the Cubs haven't been to a World Series since 1945, and haven't won one since 1908. With that kind of luck it's easy to see why so many Cubs fans, and just baseball fans in general, believe in the curse of the goat.

But for a minute there the Cubs had all of us thinking that maybe they could actually pull it off. Maybe, just maybe, they could get to the World Series. Looking back on it, there was no chance the Cubs could have made it. Chicago fans should have recognized the unmistakable signs of oncoming heart-break. We should have

known.

Whatever the reason for the Cubs maddening meltdown, I believe that both of Chicago's baseball stadiums should be "fan-proof." At Comiskey Field, now called U.S. Cellular Field, there have been two incidents in the last two years where fans have run out onto the field and attacked either players or umpires. While it was funny to watch the teams rushing out onto the field and start to pummel them, it was not funny watching that one fan squander the Cubs chances. I mean, we only get to the playoffs twice in a decade. We do not need to be giving the other team more chances to beat us by taking away sure outs.

With this latest incident at Wrigley, I see no point in taking chances. I say just take out all of the seats on the lower level and just have a lot of upper decks. No more fan interference. Granted, there might be a few deaths along the way, but isn't it worth it if it means the Cubs will go to the World Series. Not to say that this new idea would help any, but it couldn't hurt.

So here's to Steve Bartman, maybe he can find solace in the fact that Jeb Bush, governor of Florida, has offered him asylum. He will definitely need it.



Girls cross-country prepares for an impending meet.

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