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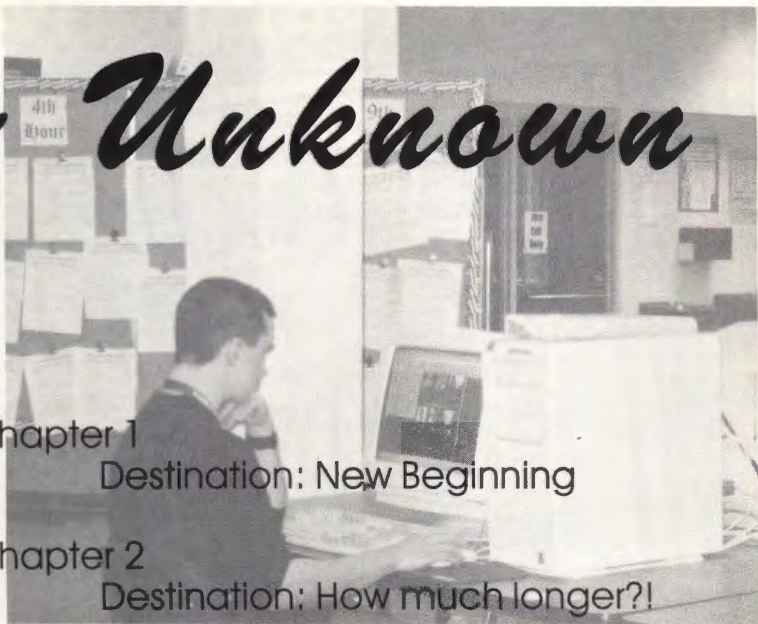
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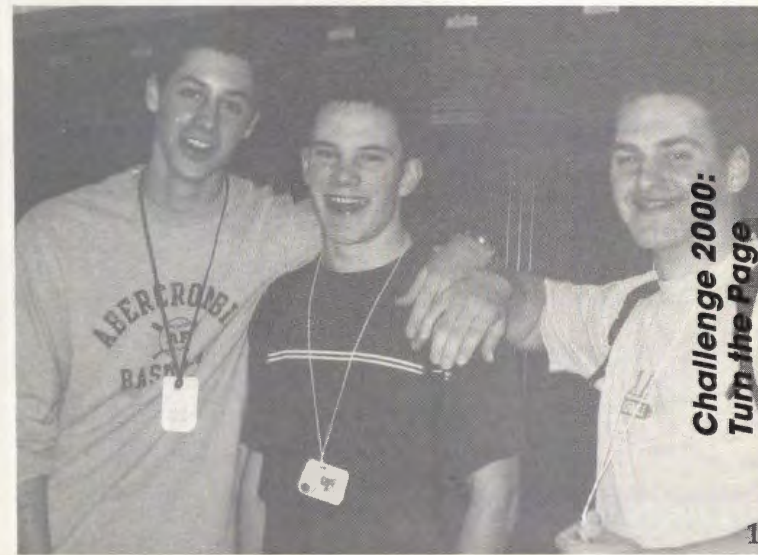
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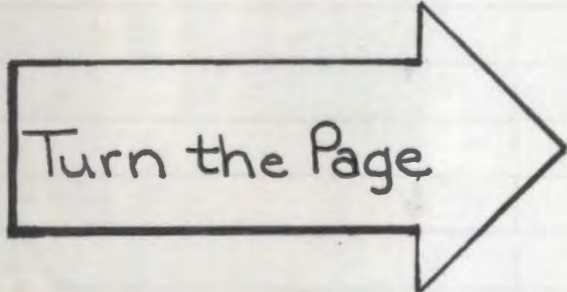
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Challenge 2000:
Turn the Page

When we open a book we are entering a world created for us, and rarely do we know exactly where we might end up. We turn the pages, making new discoveries and finding new experiences on nearly every page. In many ways, our lives are much the same. We awake daily, often with a general sense of what is coming, but often as not things don't quite work out like we thought they would.

This book is an attempt to catch some of the things that happened in our story during the 1999-2000 year. It is a record, however incomplete or inexact, of our pursuit of individual destinations, our detours, our failures, and our smashing successes as we lived our stories. We all likely came to unexpected destinations, and sometimes we set out with our destinations totally unknown. In spite of this, we never flinched when it was time in our story to...

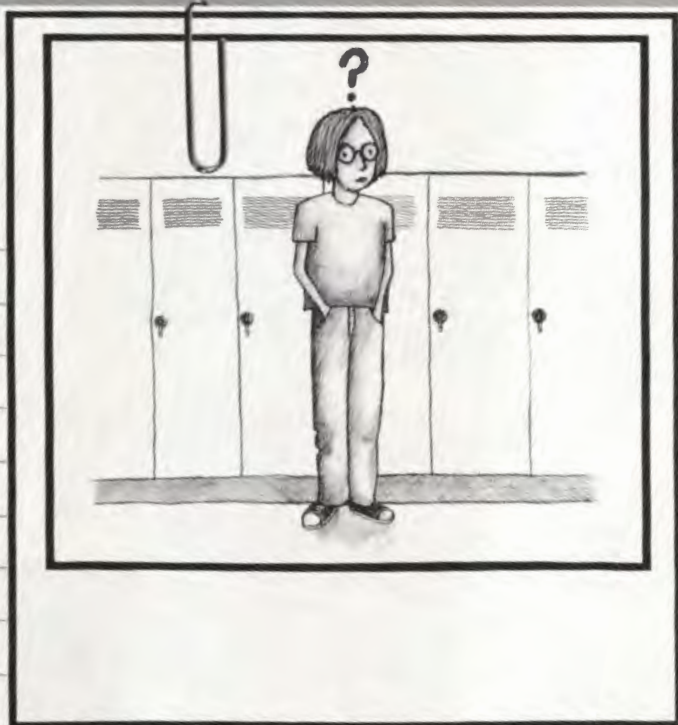


Turn the Page



Chapter 1

Destination: New Beginning



The first bell rang sealing my fate. Almost unconsciously my feet dragged as I tried to remember where my Biology class was. I'm lost, where am I? I thought desperately, Why couldn't West Chicago be smaller? Let's see, room 225, 227, 229, wait - I'm looking for an even number, 226, where is it?

"Excuse me," I asked a passerby, "Where is room 226?"

"Try the fourth floor," was the response.

"Where is that?" I inquired politely.

"Use the elevator," he answered with a snicker.

I walked and walked, but the stairs only went so far. Finally, I gave up after the last bell rang. My footsteps echoed in the empty hall. An important guy, he had to be with his walkie talkie and classy clothes, asked me where I was supposed to be. I just shrugged my shoulders and tried to stop my trembling lip. I admitted my situation and pleaded for help. He pointed me towards the hall I had gone down before. My face reddened as I tiptoed into Biology ten minutes late. Everyone stared and a few whispered "freshman" under their breath. I guess this is how freshman year was supposed to be, a year of being uncertain, never knowing where to go or what to do. Well I still have three more years to find out...

Alberto Acosta
Patrick Acosta
Roberto Acosta
Jason Adams
Carlos Aguilar



"Arm the homeless." -CUD

Thomas Aguirre
Alberto Allende
Julio Allende
Brian Allison
William Allison



Michael Almaraz
Sarah Altergott
Jose Alvarez
Carolina Alves
Thomas Amos



Maria Andrade
Jason Anthony
Gabriel Antonio
Erik Arellano
Fernando Arellano



What is your favorite saying?
"Chicks dig Volleyball." -Brian Romanelli
"Mathletes Kick Ass in photos." -Patrick Baur

Erica Arevalo
Samuel Arriaga
Sarah Assian
Katherine Baginski
Alexander Baker



"Just go with the flow." -Moria Trevino



Daniel Ballines
Maria Barajas
Guadalupe Barrera
Elyse Barron
Heather Barron



"Don't give a fly what people think or say." -Dahlia Pasement



Jackie Batty
James Bauler
Patrick Baur
Susana Bautista
Becky Bayard



What's one thing you'd tell Freshmen next year?



Ryan Becker
Jeff Beeks
Matthew Benson
Joshua Bentham
Nicholas Bernard



"Don't walk down Senior hall during Freshmen Hell Week." -Joe Tomidalsky



Sarah Bernklau
Leann Bertram
Amiee Beutke
Emily Biancalana
Heather Bien



Jennifer Bieniasz
Chelsea Birczak
Christy Birkey
Simon Blanco
Timothy Bobik



"Don't walk down Senior hall during Freshmen Hell Week." -Joe Tomidalsky



F Stephanie Bodane
Michael Boland
Rachel Borsodi
Adam Boswell
Heather Brach

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Elizabeth Brosseau
Brittany Brown
Christopher Brown
Jeanne Brueck

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Marisol Castillo
Juan Castro



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Angelica Chiarito
Nicholas Chillemi
Carol Christiansen

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Jenni Cieslewski
Joseph Cinquegrani
Heather Cirone

O Charles Cloutier
Heather Coakley
Katy Cocciemiglio
Timothy Coffman
Matthew Coiley

O Hans Colliander
Geraldine Colorado
Melissa Colson
Kristine Conway
Jeffery Cordina

Freshman

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 Gerardo Cruz
 Javier Cruz
 Marco Cruz
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 Carmine D'Aversa
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 Stephanie Denson
 Daniel Deutsch
 Melissa Deutsch

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 Michael Doll
 Cheryl Drenth
 Elizabeth Drzal

Patrick Duffy
 Rebeca Duran
 Sandra Edlund
 Blake Erickson
 Heli Escalante

Analilia Espinal
 Nicholas Espinal
 Crushon Evans
 Andrew Fairbairn

Joey Farelas
 Heather Ferguson
 Vicente Fernandez

Erica Ferrer
 Melanie Ferrer

Noah Fitzenreider

Sean Warren takes a break from working
 on his own yearbook page.

Tyler Link "furiously studying" for geometry.

(Clockwise from right) Kirsten Gutierrez, Melissa Deutsch, Christiana Lundquist, Jay Villereal, and Rachel Horvath on the bus after school.



Kori Flagg
 Meagan Flood
 Adam Flores
 Raul Florian
 Mark Foote
 Jason Forbrook
 Ryan Freeman
 John French
 Edgar Gallegos
 Carrie Gallimore
 Rojelio Galvan
 Yuleana Galvan
 Brenda Garcia
 Dalia Garcia
 Daniel Garcia
 Graciela Garcia
 Hilda Garcia
 Jose Garcia
 Juan Garcia
 Leopoldo Garcia
 Miriam Garcia
 Sergio Garcia
 Xochitl Garcia
 Christopher Gauldin
 Katie Gehrke
 Laura Gilbertson
 Sarah Ginsberg

Brian Goldbach
 Alberto Gonzales
 Doug Gonzales
 Nora Gonzales
 Ruth Gonzales

Heather Goorley
 Kirsten Gutierrez
 Vanessa Guzman
 Jared Hall

Kayla Halsall
 Sarah Hammer
 Nick Handelman

Aaron Hannemann
 Joshua Hartman

Paige Heath



Nick Chlemmi smiles for the camera during lunch.

Our Freshman Year

When we were freshmen walking into a seemingly huge school it was very intimidating. In the first few minutes, it was easy to get lost because we didn't know the general layout of the school. We also had to worry about being late (not like the teachers really cared) and accidentally sitting down in the wrong classroom.

But there was more to worry about than just going into a wrong classroom or being late. We were worried about fitting in with other students, losing friends, and getting along with our teachers. But, all of the teachers in general were very nice and easy to get along with, and not many lost friends because everybody moved on to high school. There was such a variety of students in this school that not many people had to worry about fitting in either. Many joined clubs, made friends with students from other schools, got to know their teachers, and even made friends with the elusive "Upper Classmen". Now that it's over, we won't need to go crazy every time we hear the word "frosh". Plus, it was our last year to be fun and immature without having to really worry about it. The end of freshman year was a total blast .. except for Freshman Hell Week (which everyone survived). It was pretty obvious to us all that we didn't do too badly our first year.

-Peter Oeslager, Sean Warren, and Becky Dennis



Carmen Saucedo and Maggie Wdowiarz sit in biology, and look pretty happy about it ... ???



Freshmen

F r e s h m e n U n c u t



Becky Dennis and Heather Coakley take a break during math for a quick picture.



Tyler Link, Hans Colliander, Josh Frederick, Blake Erickson, BJ Allison, Chris Nehmer, and Adam Kalkman smile for the camera.



Vicki Talbott gets ready for Biology.



Katie Taylor, Elyse Barron, and Heather Barron smile while waiting for the bus to leave.



Jessi Araburu, Jenny Bieniasz, Melissa Heron and Jessy Lesniak have fun at lunch.



Carmen Saucedo, Jason Adams, Nicki Schar, Mallory Stenslik, Luzmaria Tlatehul, Zylvia Ramos, Melissa Stevens, and Mike Almaraz pose before French.



Johnny Weier won't smile for the camera.



Monaca Thomas, Kristin Nickelson, and Daisy Correa smile in the hall.



(Last Row) Brian Nelson, Kelly Siekman, Sarah Assian, Chris Brown, Jenny Bieniasz, Natalie Chudoba (First Row) Laura Wheeland, Nikki Schar, Jeremy Rose, Heather Coakley, Jenni Wessman, and Angel Chiarito.



Ashley Mazzola, Heather Cirone, and Jessica Cwiak chill before school.



Jessica Myers and Alison Dahl beg for Elyse Barron's M&M's.



Katie Taylor gets ready for school.



(Right to Left) Jenny Kammes, Dan Pazar, and Krystal Muhlberger during class.



Peter Oelslager sticks out his tongue at the camera.



(Starting at top left) Justin Hoshaw, Mona Trevino, Fawn Montag, Melissa Colson, Jenny Bieniasz and Kristin Koltz huddle up for a picture.



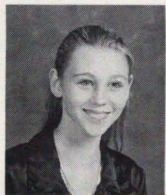
Jenny Zimmerman, Margy Schwartz, Brittany Brown, Heather Goorley, Amy Demitropoulos show us their pearly whites.



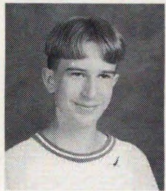
Jasmeen Castillo, Theresa McEvoy, Collen Mathias, and Paige Karwoski.



Daisy Sotelo and Krystal Muhlberger create a memory.



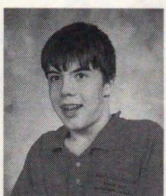
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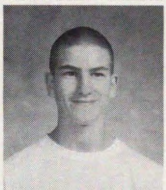
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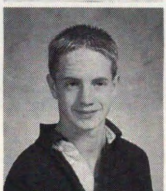
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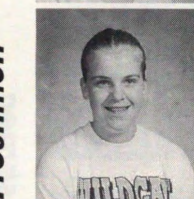
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Katy Kostal
Nicole Kovacevic
Christina Kowalczyk
Luanne Kozloski
Brian Freig



Jessica Krueger
Britta Kylene
Jillian Kufta
Rachel Kuna



"We
Rock!"



"I LOVE
paper
hats!"



"Freshmen
Rule!"



Mark Laabs
Patrick Larson
Elaine Lauver
Dana Lawrence

Sang Le
Heather Leahy
Nicole Lederman
Crystal Leindecker
Jeff Lenertz



Bret Leonhardt
Jessica Lesniak
Katie Leston
Nicholas Liberg
Amy Lichtfuss
Erica Liepins



Susan Lincoln
Lisa Lindner
Tyler Link
Michale Lombardo
John Luka
Melissa Lund
Krysta Lundgren



Christiana Lundquist
Ricardo Mackintos
Jeanine Macrito
Erin Madden
Paul Majchrowski
McKenzie Maloney
Katya Mamalat



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Armando Marin
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Shannon Mazzuca
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Kristen Mederich
Ruben Medina
Nicole Melone
Antonio Mendez



Gloria Mendez
Marco Mendez
Marina Mendez
Nicholas Michale
Lynn Mielke

Daniel Millard
Karen Miller
Richard Miller
Dominique Mitchell

"Friends
Forever"

Freshmen

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Rachel Moguel
Gregory Moore
Saul Moales
Aron Morris
Amanda Moison

Hans Mosicke
Heaher Moseller
Lauren Mroz
Krystal Muhlberger
Sandra Munoz

David Murison
Jami Murphy
Erich Musick
Jessica Myers
Rober Nagel

Christopher Nehmer
Brian Nelson
Christian Nelson
Kristin Nickelson
Brittany Nicoski

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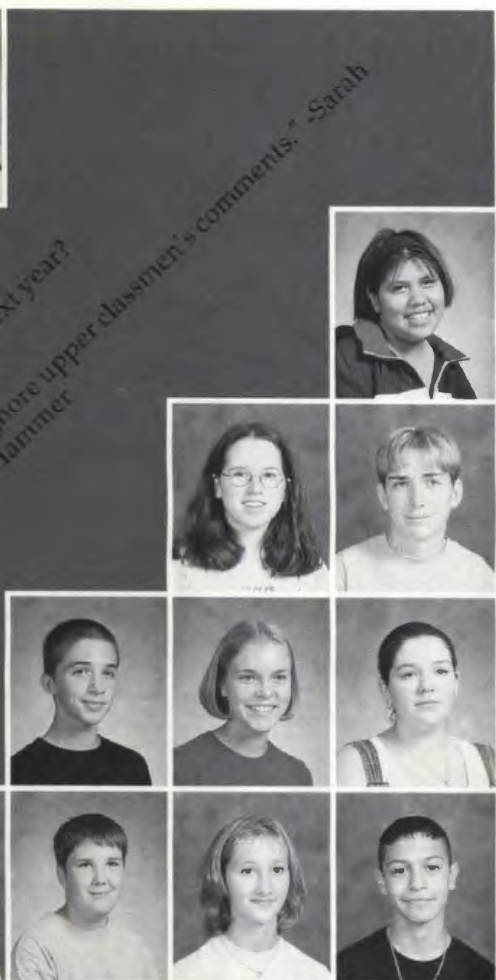
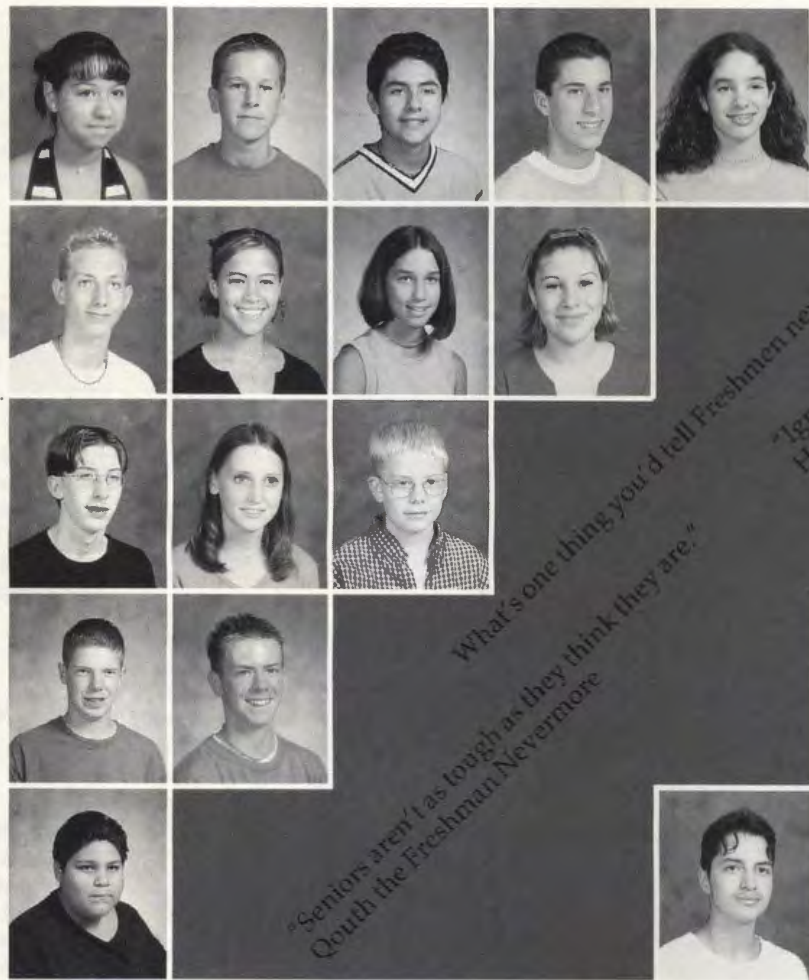
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Mike Pavone
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Azucena Perez
Carlos Perez
Israel Perez

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Luisa Perez
Queri Perez
Alex Perham
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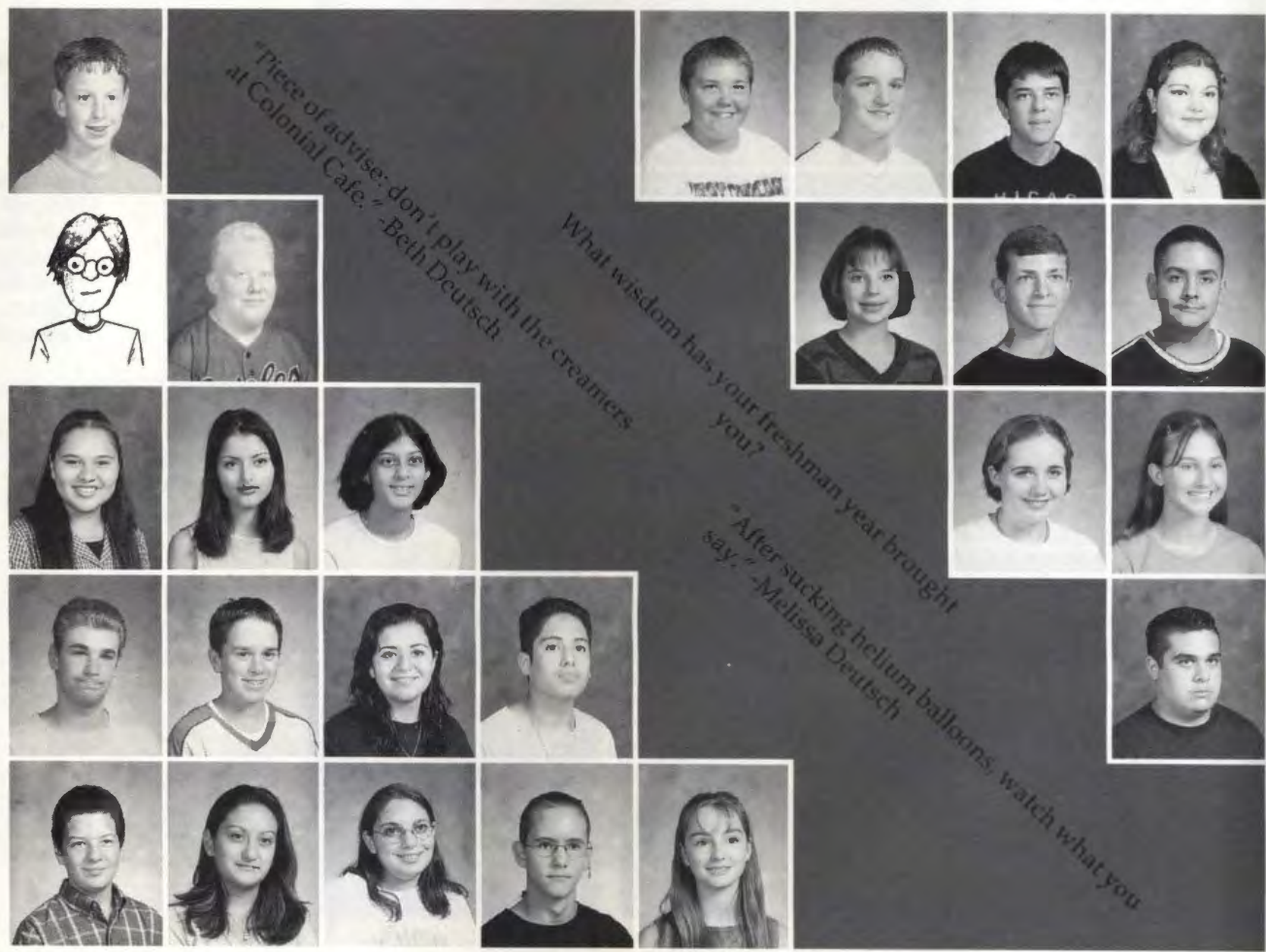
What's one thing you'd tell Freshmen next year?
"Ignore upper classmen's comments." -Sarah Hammer
Seniors aren't as tough as they think they are.
Youth the Freshman Nevermore

Piece of advice: don't play with the creamers at Colonial Cafe. -Beth Deutsch

What wisdom has your freshman year brought you?

"After sucking helium balloons, watch what you say." -Melissa Deutsch

After sucking helium balloons, watch what you say.





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Michael Peters
David Peterson
Matthew Peterson
Andrew Photopulos
Jason Pillion

R

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Edward Pineda
Justin Pineda
Tatiana Podstavkova
Gladys Proa
Milagros Proa

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Rosa Ragan
Zylvia Ramos
Daniel Ranallo
Nicholas Reardon
Adrian Reyes

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Yunuen Reyes
Wayne Richert
Luz Rios
Agueda Rivera
Carlos Rivier

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Nathaniel Roberts
Esmeralda Robles
Samuel Robles
Jhovani Rodriguez
Noemi Rodriguez

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Magen Rogers
Jose Rojas
Brian Romanelli
Reise Romero
Jeremy Rose

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Courtney Rubin
Jose Rubio
Brandi Ruiz
Matthew Russell
Jim Rylowicz

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Bradley Sabathne
Keri Sagen
Steven Salinas
Danny Samudio
Luis Sandoval-Par

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Betsy Santana
Lourdes Santana
Christopher Sanzeri
Carmen Saucedo
Adam Scardamaglia

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Heather Schadeberg
Jennifer Schaefer
Nicole Schar
Logan Schrage
Wyatt Schuyler

Freshmen

Margaret Schwartz
 Elyse Schwinn
 Alexander Seaver
 Traaci Selga
 Alex Serrano
 Isabelle Serriteno
 Matthew Shambo
 Kendall Sharon
 Melissa Sheme
 Scott Sieder
 Kelly Siekmann
 Nicole Skala
 Derek Smith
 Thomas Smith
 Gwen Smith
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 Osvelia Solia
 Raul Solis
 Daisy Sotelo
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 Rebecca Soto
 Donald Spaniol
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 Brian Steere
 Mallory Stenslik
 Jackie Stentz
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 Melissa Stevens
 Kirsten Stockhoff
 Marybeth Stotz
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 Nicole Strayve
 Roger Strike
 Lidia Suarez
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 Monaca Thomas
 Brandon Thompson
 Matthew Timko
 Lourdes Tlatehui
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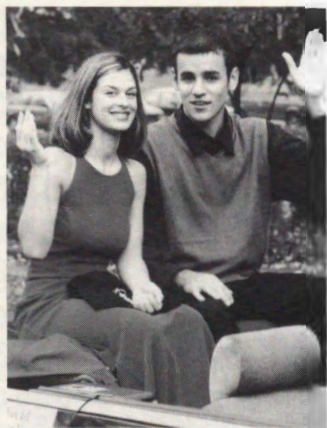


A row of five black and white student portraits. From left to right: a young man with short dark hair wearing a patterned shirt; a young woman with long light-colored hair wearing a dark top; a young man with short light-colored hair wearing a white t-shirt; a young man with short dark hair wearing a white t-shirt; and a young woman with shoulder-length dark hair wearing a white t-shirt.

A row of six black and white student portraits. From left to right: a girl with dark hair and a bow, wearing a dark shirt and suspenders; a girl with glasses and shoulder-length hair, wearing a dark shirt; a boy with short dark hair, wearing a patterned button-down shirt; a girl with blonde hair, wearing a dark shirt; a boy with short dark hair, wearing a dark shirt; and a girl with blonde hair, wearing a light-colored shirt.

A row of six black and white student portraits. From left to right: a girl with shoulder-length blonde hair, a boy with short blonde hair, a girl with short dark hair, a boy with shoulder-length dark hair wearing a striped shirt, a boy with short dark hair, and a boy with short dark hair wearing a dark shirt with a white collar.





Dave Boyle and Jenny McGregory wave for the camera Homecoming morning as they drive down the street.



Victor E. Wildcat dances around to pep up the crowd at the Homecoming football game.



Manuel Mendoza spins Nick Chapman for the mummy wrap for the morning games in Commons.

"We Go In The Past"



1969 Homecoming Queen and King, Kristin Leither and Ryan Dorn, revisiting the 1969 Homecoming Queen and King, Kristin Leither and Ryan Dorn.



Homecoming Court members Kristin Leither and Ryan Dorn look cute together in the back of the convertible.



Jorge Alfaro pulls his hardest to win the tug.



Senior guys look "good" as they pose for a quick pic.



Mr. Zeitler is lucky enough to win the Mashed Potato contest and has it dumped on him at the Homecoming football game.





The senior class shows off their float from their theme "World of Greek Gods" of the week.



The Homecoming court waits patiently as they get ready to start the parade through town.

Color Guard members Maggie Grossmayer and Meredith Koch on Homecoming morning.



Senior girls Kendra Norton, Sara Knox, and Katalin Larm dress in togas for their "World of Greek Gods" theme.

The "WeGo in the Past" theme was hit off Monday morning of Homecoming Week with the Freshmen in the Stone Age, the Sophomores in the Medieval Times, the Juniors in the Egyptian Pyramids and the Seniors in the World of Greek Gods. Saturday morning introduced the theme in the window painting competition in town and the class float building, the float building continued all week and finished up on Friday. Monday morning also started off the weeklong Homecoming activities in Commons. This consisted of "Pin the tail on the dinosaur" on Monday, "Juggling" on Tuesday, "Mummy Wrap" on Wednesday, "Chariot Races" on Thursday, and ended with Friday's big events of Hall decorating, blue and white spirit day, food fest, the pep assembly, and the King/Queen coronation. On Wednesday all the classes dressed up in their theme. "The Seniors went a little over the edge by tearing off the crowns and pushing people into walls, but other than that I thought it was pretty good," said sophomore Rebecca Petrie as she thought back on the week. The Junior, 2001, class won the spirit day events, but the Sophomore, 2002, class won the overall Homecoming activities. Saturday ended the week with a boom! The parade started off at 9:00 Saturday morning followed by the Alumni brunch, dedication ceremony, sophomore football game, varsity football game, and the 7:00 Homecoming Dance to end the week of fun and excitement at WeGo.



James Garcia plays for the crowd at the Homecoming game.



Sophomores Jim O'Hara, Joe Caniano, Matt Wilson, Jon Merrick, John Lim, and John Parks show their WeGo spirit.

Amy Arroyo tries to pull down her opponent in the Powder Puff game.



Trying to win the scooter race, the sophomore class pulled through for the victory!

Homecoming



Day 1999

A Day And Night To Remember

The Wildcat victory of thirty-one to nine over West Aurora was a wonderful start to a day bursting with school spirit. The crowd cheered as West Chicago dominated the scoreboard. A few hours after the game, students arrived back at school, not in blue and white clothing and makeup, but in suits and dresses. Everyone waited in line outside the Commons to get their 1999 Homecoming Dance. As people walked through the door and showed their I.D., they entered a fantasy land, complete with ice sculptures and D.J. It couldn't have been twenty minutes

after seven o'clock when the dancing was interrupted by a blaring fire alarm. The music was stopped, which produced several groans from the crowd. Since it was only a false alarm, students didn't have to leave the Commons. A couple minutes later, the fire department was at the school and the alarms were shut off. After they were done, the music came back on and the rest of the night remained alarmless. The Homecoming Dance was a success, despite those little glowsticks, brought by the D.J., breaking in people's mouth and the false alarm.

-Kirsten Stockhoff and Becky Dennis



We-Go's very own waterboy, junior John McPheters, made an appearance at the Varsity football game.



Jim O'Hara, Joe Caniano, Jeff Hodge, Jon Merrick, Jon Lim, and Joey Park spell out We-Go during the varsity football game as Nick Buscemi and Matt Baumrucker celebrate the Cats' romp. We went on to win that game by a whopping 31 to 9.



The West Chicago Marching Band marches through the streets of West Chicago, leading the traditional Homecoming Parade.

Her Spirit Is Still With Us.

Born: December 5, 1983
Died: October 3, 1999



Lisa E. Benson was a sophomore this year, however, due to her battle with leukemia, she passed away on October 3, 1999. Due to this, the Sophomore Homecoming was dedicated to her. We won the game by an amazing 46 to 0 over West Aurora.

Lisa attended West Chicago Community High School for a short period of time for her freshmen and sophomore years, but due to her illness, she was mostly home schooled. Because she touched so many lives, her memory will live forever, and we will miss her a lot.

A poem for Lisa:

God saw she was getting tired,
A cure was not to be.
So He put His arms around her,
And whispered, "Come with me."
With tearful eyes, we watched her suffer,
And saw her fade away.
Although we loved her dearly,

We couldn't make her stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands to rest.
God broke our hearts,
To prove to us, He only takes the best.
By: Lisa's closest friends.
"We love you, Lisa!"

Homecoming

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Seniors Kim Olson, Mary Kovacs, and Jeff Beutjer party during their last dance.



Sophomore Maggie Grossmayer and freshman Sarah Hammer strike a pose for a quick picture.



Emily Sewell, Lindsay Sewell, and Shannon Spohn have fun during the dance.



Our Homecoming Court: Kristen Leitherer, Ryan Dorn, Jenny McGregory, David Boyle, Queen Meredith Moore, King Eddie Hernandez, Sara Knox, Dan O'Hara, Samantha Szeszycki, and Justin Hall.



Seniors Dan Fortier, Rog Guzman, Demir Elmaz and sophomore Mike Tawney relax and look cool during the madness.



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Boys' Soccer

This year's soccer season ended with a record of 8-9-2. Although the record didn't show it, many players on the team felt that our soccer team could compete with nearly anyone in state. This year's team brought an uncommon and powerful combination of intelligence and skill to their efforts on the field. They were hindered, though, by injuries to key players and lack of motivation to compete. This led to the team losing many games that should have been easily won. Then the team played Larkin for a sectional match. Motivation to play was finally there and the Wildcats were dominating the game. But it was too little too late; the Larkin field was narrow

and the ground was very hard, which added to Wildcat disadvantages. The Wildcats lost that match, ending the season.

There is much hope for Wildcat success in the next few years, as the Freshman

"Our soccer team could compete with nearly anyone in the state." -Dave Boyle

team went undefeated and won conference. The Sophomore team and the Junior Varsity team finished second in conference.

-Dennis Janek and
Arlene Smothers



Varsity Soccer: Front: Angel Correa, Steve Gilbert, Neal Fuchs, Miguel Herrera, Dennis Janek, Brian Jones, Jorge Morales, Mikhail Shemyakin. **Row 2:** Jon Mam, Lupe Morales, Chris Salutirc, Greg Hernandez, Eric Chorobik, Gal Cruz, Justin Kallas, Mauricio Resendiz. **Row 3:** Manager Tracy Yednock, Tom Ballines, Francisco Resendiz, Luis Herrera, Ricardo Avalos, Mike Kost, Kenny Schuda, Nishil Patel, John Jelinek, Dan Flores, Dave Boyle. **Back Row:** Coach Steve Brugman, Dave Reser, Mike Penafior, Ryan Dorn, Greg Wheaton, Alex Ortiz, Jose Elejo, Eric Hernandez, Coach Bob Owens.

"This year should have been the year." -Brian Jones



Greg Wheaton receives an oncoming pass.



Brian Jones fancy-dancies himself around an opposing defender.



Ryan "Diamond" Dorn has a quick conference with Dennis Janek



Angel Correa soars down the field.



Brian Jones, Angel Correa, Kenny Schuda, and Neal Fuchs form a wall to protect the goal.



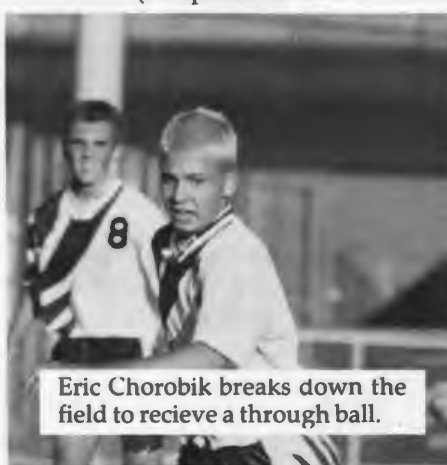
Sophomore Soccer: Front: Aaron Troy, Coach Antonio Del Real, Jonathan Lim. Row 2: Mike Masschelin, Jose Herrera, Craig Schuda, Eduardo Martinez. Row 3: Adam Selcke, Kyle Wolfe, Andy Barten, Cesar Toledo, Jason Woodbury. Back Row: Brian Krieg, Austen Fuchs, Doug Walker, Nick Buscemi, Tom Wojocicki, Jim O'Hara.



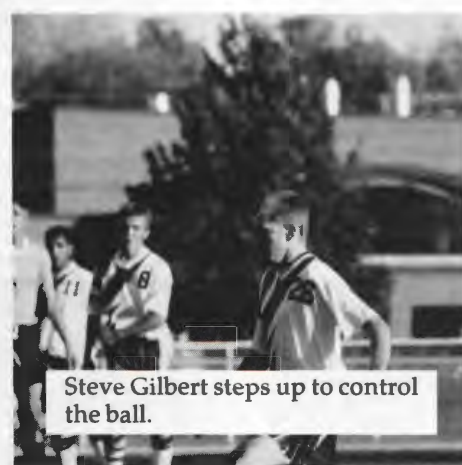
Freshman Soccer: Front: C.J. Wostrowski, Juan Rubio, Dan Garcia, Jeremy Jensen, Nick Bernard, Brian Krieg. Row 2: Carlos Ramirez, Scott Mckee, Heli Escalante, Alex Baker, Mark Foote, Tomas Aguirre, Jhovany Rodriguez. Back Row: Coach Julio Del Real, Daniel Ballines, Ismael Ferrer, Dan Callahan, Mike Doll, Patrick Acosta, Brian Romanelli, Wyatt Schuyler. (Not pictured Alberto Allende.)



Angel Correa runs through the tunnel of supporting teammates for the starting line-up.



Eric Chorobik breaks down the field to receive a through ball.



Steve Gilbert steps up to control the ball.



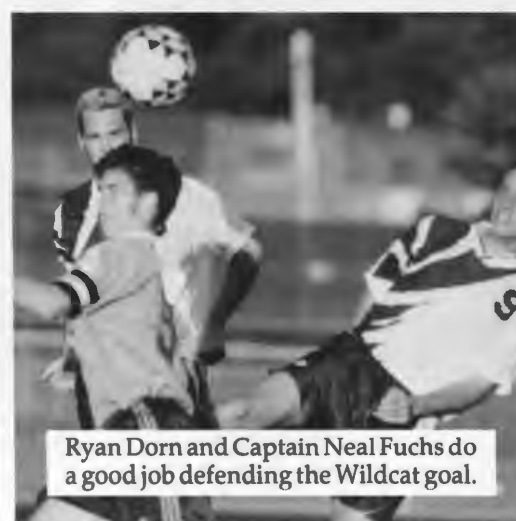
Mike Streams prepares for the game. He, along with Captain Dave Boyle, fell short of all-conference due to injuries.



Captain and honorable mention all-conference Kenny Schuda passes off the ball.



Captain Dennis Janek discusses an injury with trainer Tate Knutson at halftime.



Ryan Dorn and Captain Neal Fuchs do a good job defending the Wildcat goal.

Girls Volleyball

Volleyball, What A Year!

"Although this year's season did not go so well, it did not matter because we had SO much fun!" said Shannon Flowers, a junior on the varsity team. The varsity team's record was 0-14. But it was a memorable year. "One of the most memorable parts was when the entire team bonded together and defeated Wheaton Warrenville South the first game. But then we lost the next two. But when we won the first one, we felt we could do anything!" said Kelly Bolton, another member of the varsity team.

The Junior-Varsity team's record was 3-11. The Freshmen A team's record was 5-9. The team feels that next year they will be able to win against anyone!

Along with hard work and long games, we made GREAT friends. "Apart, we will not get

very far next year. But together, we feel we will win it ALL!" said Nicole Kovacevic. Another very memorable part of the season that many freshmen told me about was that their coach was so much fun. "Especially when she would throw volleyballs at us when we were not paying attention. It really kept us alert. Or when she would steal our backpacks in order for us to remember to lock them up!

Throughout the season the girls played in a lot of tournaments. Some they did well in and some they did not. But in the Freshmen's West Aurora tournament, we took home first place. "It was a great experience!" said Lauren Kirby. "But winning is not everything, and we all had fun playing," said Lauren Migiolrato, who is on the Junior-Varsity team.



FRESHMAN A. FRONT ROW: Kris Hasty (coach), Joanna Szeszycki, Heather Kipp, Lauren Kirby, Stacy Butkovich. **ROW 2:** Nicole Skala, Stephanie Bodane, Kori Flagg, Heather Koslow, Heather Cirone. **ROW 3:** Kelly McCarthy, Chelsea Birczak, Amanda Morrison, Ashley Mazzola. **NOT PICTURED:** Freshman A coach Dawn Shepherd.



J.V. FRONT ROW: Julie Fosco, Laurie Murphy (coach), Jill Kufta. **ROW 2:** Laura McQueen, Kim Burkes, Lisa Thomas, Lauren Migiolrato, Jennifer Payton. **ROW 3:** Courtney Dorn, Lindsay Paulsen, Hilary Blanchard, Linnea Caputi.



FRESHMAN B. FRONT ROW: Nicole Kovacevic, Jami Murphy, Elyse Schwinn, Julie Del Real (coach). **ROW 2:** Elizabeth Brosseau, Esmeralda Robles, Hope Yock, Dana Lawrence, Cheryl Drenth. **BACK ROW:** Heather Bien, Brittany Brown, Amy Demitroupolos, Margy Schwartz, Jessica Krueger, Jacki Black.





VARSITY FRONT ROW: John McPheters (manager), Megan Leston, Kris Hasty (head coach), Kelly Bolton, Mark Lasky (manager). **ROW 2:** Ashley Arlington, Shannon Flowers, Lindsay Michael, Michelle Grove, Meghan Michalek. **ROW 3:** Jocelyn Schineller, Aubrey Hurn, Lauren Belding, Julie Wiechert, (Not Pictured) Julie Fosco.



Michelle Grove whacks the ball.



Aubrey Hurn and Lindsey Michael cheer their teammates on.



Kelly Bolton waits to bump the ball.



Lindsay Michael sets up for a serve.



The We-Go Wildcats are united, even when there is an injured player.



Go! Michelle Grove gets cheered on by her teammates.

WE GO FOOTBALL



Sean Peterson punts the ball down the field.



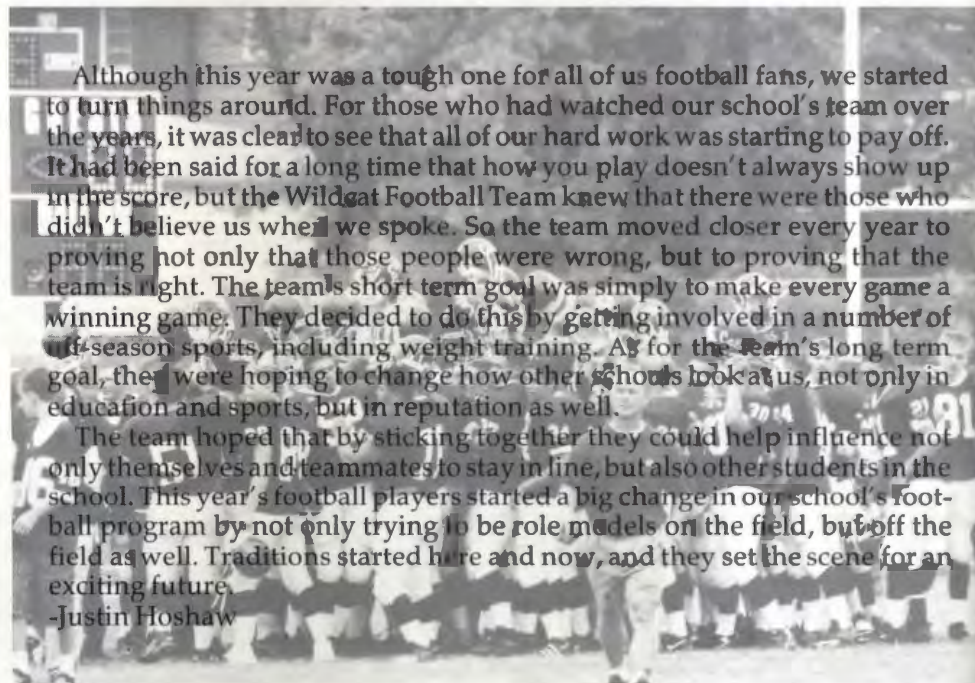
It takes a couple of guys to take down one of us.



Matt Raymond gets extra yards for the Wildcats.



Rog Guzman and the rest of the cats are coming after you!



Although this year was a tough one for all of us football fans, we started to turn things around. For those who had watched our school's team over the years, it was clear to see that all of our hard work was starting to pay off. It had been said for a long time that how you play doesn't always show up in the score, but the Wildcat Football Team knew that there were those who didn't believe us when we spoke. So the team moved closer every year to proving not only that those people were wrong, but to proving that the team is right. The team's short term goal was simply to make every game a winning game. They decided to do this by getting involved in a number of off-season sports, including weight training. As for the team's long term goal, they were hoping to change how other schools look at us, not only in education and sports, but in reputation as well.

The team hoped that by sticking together they could help influence not only themselves and teammates to stay in line, but also other students in the school. This year's football players started a big change in our school's football program by not only trying to be role models on the field, but off the field as well. Traditions started here and now, and they set the scene for an exciting future.

-Justin Hoshaw



Varsity front: Jeff Villareal, Steve Taylor, David Castillo, Javier Contreras, Scott Blanchard, Fred Lopez, Ken Yourck, Brandon Brach, Pete Serrato. **Row 2:** Nick Richardson, Paul Novak, Coach Greg Hansen, Coach Josh Chambers, Coach Bob Stone, Coach John Walters, Coach Dick Howard, Dan Shneider, Phil Legorretta, James Jaffe. **Row 3:** John Millner, Tom Huen, John Kolodick, Randy Soto, Jason Boswell, Matt Shane, Nick Chapman, Kevin Scott, Sean Hannon. **Row 4:** Ed Radousky, Jorge Alfaro, Sam Mashal, Pat Reynolds, Manny Mendoza, Dan Fortier, Dan O'Hara, Bob Holguin. **Row 5:** Bryan Kelsy, Alberto Chavez, DeAngelo Hansen, Andrew Vock, Matt Grogan, Matt Jernstad, Brian Cambell, Matt Raymond, Rog Guzman. **Row 6:** Victor Osorio, Jamie Merlo, Adam Miler, Jim Carstensen, Brian Wakefield, Zach Pedersen, Brett Dieter, Josh Winquist. **Back Row:** Matt McKenney, Matt Strike, Jeff Griffin, Adam Mrugacz, Rob Rohrback, Eric Fries, Justin Hall, Sean Morris, Sean Peterson.



Coach Stone looks on the boys as they take the lead.



Matt McKenney stretches for an extra inch.

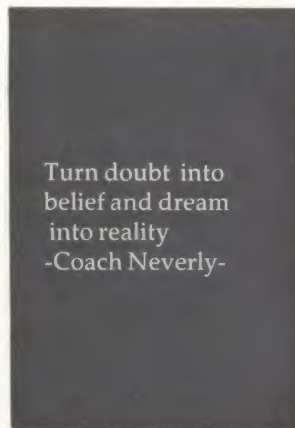


A couple of the juniors, senior alumni cheer on the Wildcats.





Soph. Front: Kevin Cieslewski, Bill Rocha, Mike Olson, James Thrasher, Coach Nevry, Coach Zietler, Bob Dieter, Jason Worel, T.C. Hoskins, Moises Garcia. **Row 2:** Chrus Gikquin, Tom Newman, Javier Saucedo, Morris Barber, Matt Trygar, Alex Kochick, Brandon Baermann, Josh Winquist. **Row 3:** Thom Newman, Frank Mitchell, Jason Gunther, Brad Shelley, Mark Hopkins, Brad Bulton, Mike Nubie, Paul Elson. **Row 4:** Matt Boes, Nate Williams, Tyler Belding, Ric Miner, Luis Cordero, Josh Kutilek, Tino Alfaro, Eric Nussbaun, Shane Olson. **Row 5:** Mike Brown, Tim Jaffe, Kevin King, Derek Eckstrom, Ron Langhans, Gus Dietrick, Derek Boorsma, Jeff Raun. **Back Row:** Dave Pater, Peter Milauskas, Matt Shelhamer, Patrick Norton, Kevin Franckowiak, Chris Norman, Mike Svast, Marcos Fernandez, Corey Coleman.



Turn doubt into
belief and dream
into reality
-Coach Nevry-



Andrew Vock and
Brian Kelsey take
down the opponent
with no problems.



Jeff Griffin gets a good
hold as he begins his
take-down.



Tired, Wildcats look
on and get some
water.



Roy Guzman breaks past the pack.



Sean Peterson tells everyone that water does good.



Freshman Front: Bret Leonhardt, Pat Larson Coach Russ Whitaker, Coach Ward Rau, Coach Pat Clifford, Brian Calabrese, Sean Chapman. **Row 2:** Joe Klingburg, Matt Bensen, Jesse Yang, Adam Boswell, Matt Peterson, Scott Sieder, Bob Nagle, Dan Millard, Kyle Whitaker. **Row 3:** Adam Kalkman, Greg Indelli, Justin Pineda, Hans Colliander, Noah Fitzenrieder, Matt Kallas, Brian Allison, Jim Campbell, Jake Delort, Matt Wasielewski. **Row 4:** Luke Dean, Matt Timko, Tony Zumpano, Aron Morris, Matt Shambo, Chris Crotty, Jeff Lenertz, Mike Spencer, Martin Szymoniak, Justin Steck. **Row 5:** Chris Vlasivich, Adam Vann, Josh Bentham, Chris Gauldin, Jason Anthony, Tysyn Wyman, Crushon Evans, Jeff Leazenby, Erick Loosley. **Row 6:** Adam Wilkovich, Dan Kaylor, Roger Strike, Chris Sanzeri, Matt Coiley, Justin Hoshaw, Jared Hall, Jim Rylowitz, Sean Zieche, Mike Vargas. **Not Pictured:** James Bauler, Mike Boland, Leo Garcia, Pablo Herrera, Dan Herrera, Dan Kelliher, Mike Martinez, Rich Miller, James O'Ivera, Riese Romero, Emanuel Vasquez, Coach Jeff Brown, Coach Bob Burns, Coach Scott Davidson, Coach Josh Wilkovich.



Sean Morris, Dan O'Hara, and Nick Chapman give
each other high fives after the first down.



all looks for an open down the field.



Cory Oscity

What A Racket!

This year's tennis team was much larger than past years' due to the new freshmen. These players had either little or no experience at all.

Giving their best as a team, they were able to compete on levels different from past years when the team only competed on the Junior Varsity level.

Daisy Chavez said, "My goals were to get high scores and to win a match." She went onto achieve her second goal.

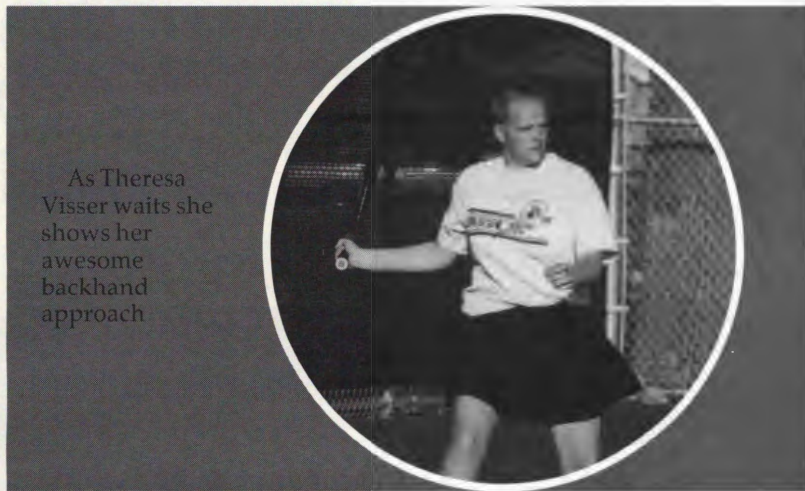
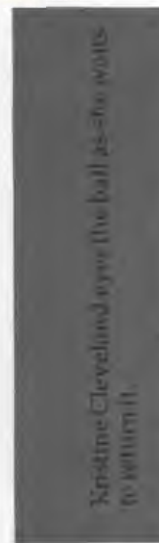
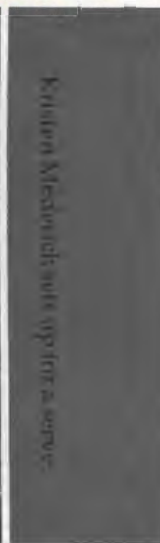
Headed by captains Neha Soneji and Amanda Hallock, as well as Coach Sione Moneaki, the team was in good hands. Nicole Patel noted that, "Most people underestimated Coach

Moeaki, but he is a really fun guy who lets you have fun ... sometimes too much fun!"

Coach Moeaki agreed with Nicole Patel when she said, "It was a lot of fun. Especially when Coach Moe brought juice and doughnuts."

Coach Moeaki supported the girls through the toughest times and the greatest times.

One of the greatest memories Amanda Hallock could remember was of the comedians Nicole Patel and Christine Cleveland. Nicole Patel's funniest memory was when she was playing against Geneva because Christine Cleveland (her partner) hit a ball at the other team. "It must have hurt!"



As Theresa Visser waits she shows her awesome backhand approach



Girls' Tennis Front: Rosario Aguilar, Kristen Mederich, Arianna Cortez, Vanessa Cortez. **Row 2:** Daisy Chavez, Megan Flood, Neha Soneji, Erin Henry, Kimpha Chai. **Row 3:** Melissa Davis, Victoria Talbott, Theresa Visser, Leanna Czernik, Michelle Davis, Catherine Iannello. **Back:** Christine Kowalczyk, Nicole Patel, Martha Guerrero, Vanessa Guillen, Amanda Hallock. **Not Pictured:** Kristine Cleveland.



Vanessa Cortez stands waiting for the ball to come.



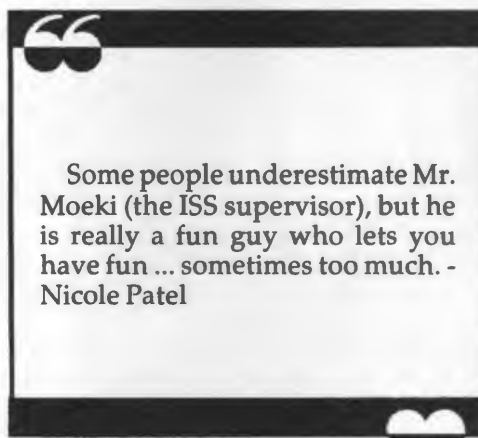
Amanda Hallock winds up to score against her opponent.



Erin Henry gets ready to send the ball flying with her serve.



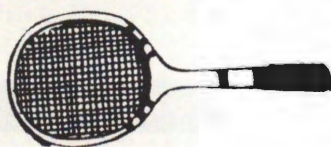
Nicole Patel runs in for a quick return of the ball.



Some people underestimate Mr. Moeaki (the ISS supervisor), but he is really a fun guy who lets you have fun ... sometimes too much. - Nicole Patel



Neha Soneji raises her racket for an awesome return.



Boys' And Girls' Golf



Angela Skaggs practices her putting before regionals.



Tim Yormark and Mike Wenz take a moment to chat.

"I will always remember when I was wearing a range bucket as a hat and Angela Skaggs came by and hit it so hard that it got stuck on my head." - Kelly Quarto

A lot happened over the short golf season. For the first time in their four year existence, the girls defeated Geneva! Everyone set new personal records as the season progressed. It may not have shown through their record, but the girls felt they achieved a lot. They worked hard and became a team that depended on each other, learning from every mistake and accomplishment. As Kelly Quarto commented, "A lot of people think Golf is boring, but when you have friends on the team — you have the time of your life!"

MVP - Beth Warren
MIP - Lauren Nickelson
Captains - Helen Walsh, Beth Warren, Lydia Schroeder

The boys' golf team ended their 1999-2000 season keeping fifth place in the DVC. The team worked hard and had a lot of talent. To show their team spirit the boys had breakfast before their Dundee Invitational. Dave Gilbertson commented, "We didn't do as well as we expected that day. We could have, but it just wasn't there that day." According to Coach Jeremy Babel, "The boys' golf team had a rough season but came on strong in the end, winning three out of their last four meets. For example, in the boys' win against St. Francis at Arrowhead golf course, three golfers shot below-forty rounds (9 holes). MVP - Matt Baumrucker MIP - Kevin McCarthy Captain - Tim Warren



Beth Warren concentrates on driving the ball as far as she can.



While driving the ball, Dave Gilbertson watches with anxious eyes to see where his ball will land.



Girls' Golf, Front: Christie Palombi, Coach Mike Cain, Helen Walsh. **Row 2:** Heather Mosteller, Lydia Schroeder, Lauren Nickleson. **Row 3:** Angela Skaggs, Beth Warren. **Not Pictured:** Kelly Quarto.



Boys' Sophomore Golf, Front: Jason Forbrook, Coach Jeremy Babel, Zack Deaton. **Row 2:** Robin Mildebrath, Jesse Fink, Mike Paschke, Greg Hodge, John Merrick. **Row 3:** Justin Hoffman, Joe Caniano, Blake Erickson, Tony Ciolino, Dan Pazar.

Christie Palombi puckers up to smoke her drive.



Tim Yormark takes time off golf to relax.



Boys' Varsity Golf, Front: Lance Armstrong, Coach Jeremy Babel, Matt Baumrucker. **Row 2:** Dave Gilbertson, Dan Toboja, Joe Lureau, Tim Yormark. **Row 3:** Mike Wenz, Tim Warren, Kevin McCarthy.

"Golf was great when the girls practiced with us." - Tim Warren



Golf

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R u n n i n g W i l d

The boys' cross country team had an outstanding year. Only 14 boys, some of whom were underclassmen, were on the team. They finished tied for first at Belvidere. They took third three times at Crystal Lake, Wauconda, and Benet, and the sophomores finished fifth at Notre Dame. The team had several goals this year, the most important of which was to improve over last year. They accomplished this and more. Another goal was to support each other during the meets. This goal was clearly achieved when almost the entire team and their families went to watch and show support for Tim Keller at the state meet.

Individuals goals were simply to run as fast as possible and place as high as possible. The guys did a phenomenal job at

this. The team finished third out of sixteen at regionals to qualify for sectionals. At sectionals, the team finished eleventh out of twenty teams.

"I am overjoyed. This is what I have been working hard for all season," said Keller after coming in second place at state. Keller said this in a mob of reporters along with several shirt-less teammates, some holding signs that said "Danger: Tim Keller." His second place finish was the highest any West Chicago runner has achieved at a state event. Keller finished twenty-one seconds behind York's Donald Sage. Tim Keller is now in that elite group of runners ranked in the nation. Congratulations to Tim and the rest of the guys.

-Jason Woodbury



Front: Greg Moore, David Toney, Kyle Hempel, Coach Paul McLeland. Row 2: Harold Visser, Tim Keller, Javier Antonino, Pat Baur. Back: Matt Wdowiarz, Doug Strock, Rich Belcher, Ed Abante, Chris Buckles-Haley. Not Pictured: Jason Pillion, Derek Jensen.



Pat Baur pushes to reach the finish line.

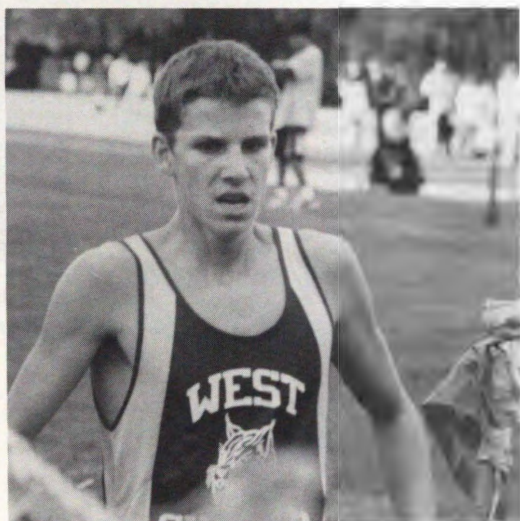


Greg Moore holds off the charging runner.



Ed Abante and Harold Visser finish the race together.

All American



Danger: Tim Keller. Tim Keller went on to take first place at the Midwest Championships in Ohio. After that, he went to Florida for the National Championship. There he took sixth place overall to earn his national ranking.



The team gets ready to run.

"Go Team Two By Two." — Rachel Watson

**"Uuuuuhhhhhmmmm
Yyyyyeeeahhhhhh."
Kathy Brinn**



Stephanie Opel, Carmen Saucedo, Erin Kirby, Jessica Stock, and Krystal Muhlberger share a moment together at their meet.



No course can ever get the best of Katy Kostal while she trudges on towards the finish.



The gun sounds as Jenny Wiechert takes off at the start of the race.



The long trek begins with the Girls' Team running together through the course.

Varsity JV Girls' Cross Country. Front: Carmen Saucedo, Coach Aaron Carper, Stephanie Opel. **Row 2:** Missy Krueger, Zoe Churan, Maggie Wdowiarz. **Row 3:** Jessica Strock, Angelica Garcia, Katy Kostal, Adriana Rodriguez, Erin Kirby. **Row 4:** Jenny Wiechert, Michelle Lasky, Terri Jensen, Heather Goranson, Crystal Muhlberger, Rachel Watson. **Back:** Jenni Boyd, Kathy Brinn, Beth Brinn, Meghan Young, Rachel Altergott.



Destination Unknown:

Starting Anew.

In his first year as the Girls' Cross Country head coach, Aaron Carper was not sure what to expect from his team. The girls' team, at its high of 23 members, began with a great outlook for the season ahead. The runners were ready to practice hard and push themselves in order to ensure a successful season. In the beginning it was tough at the meets, but eventually the girls reached a strong level of competitiveness and gained a love for running. Gradually they improved as the season went on. In the Falcon Classic, midway through the season, 14 of 18 runners finished with a PR, or a personal record. At some meets many of the runners were able to collect some hardware, or medals, because of their outstanding efforts in races. In a meet at Benet, the younger girls ran down and earned a definite first place finish accompanied by a large trophy.

The main framework of the team consisted of talented underclassmen. Freshman Katy Kostal, and sophomores Angelica Garcia, Meghan Young, and Erin Kirby

made up the top four slots of the varsity team. Another important team support was the senior runners. There were seven seniors who were extremely dedicated to the team and its well-being. These seniors were also strong leaders who worked from behind, cheering on their teammates.

Coach Carper was pleased with the development of the team. He

He believed the season was a success due to the constant effort put forth by all the girls.

believed the season was a success due to the constant effort put forth by all the girls. His new motto, "Full effort is full victory," was proven true by the overall accomplishments of the team, achieved through their hard work and dedication.

-Michelle Lasky



The Girls' Cross Country team shows off how tough they are to scare away the competition.

Girls' Cross Country



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Girls' Swimming

The girls' swim team this year was very successful. They ended the season qualifying for state, but it was not easy for them to get there. Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday they had morning practice from 5:30 am to 7:15 am. They also had their after school practices those days, and then weight lifting until 6:30. Aside from these, they always had daily practice Monday through Friday after school for about two hours.

Coming into the new season, Coach Chris Hall had only one goal, "To have a better year than the previous. It is hard to express how wonderful this season was without stating that the previous year was far from average." The team had placed fifth in DVC and third in sectionals in 1998, while this year they took fourth place in both and made it to State as well. The team obviously exceeded his main goal for the year.

There are two ways to qualify for state, but it is a very stressful process. The first is to win the sectional in your event, a very difficult goal, so Coach Hall

A Season To Remember

decided to have the girls concentrate on the second way of qualifying. The more reasonable way to qualify is to swim faster than the qualifying standard set by the State. Most of the girls' qualifying times were very close to that of the State requirement.

The Lady Wildcat's swimmers took pride in working with each other. They had to sacrifice a lot for the team so that they would be able to succeed. All that hard work was definitely worth the effort. Congratulations WE-GO girls' swimming!

— Brooke Adams



Girls' Swimming. Front: Megan Smith, Head Coach Chris Hall, Nikki Wood Row 2: Anna Sedjo, Deborah Sedjo, Heather Prochnow, Abby Grant, Sarah Walker, Rachel Horvath. Row 3: Colleen Mitchell, Melissa Sheme, Michelle Skala, Laura Martin, Malissa Kane, Jessica Cwaik. Row 4: Alice Hultquist, Kathy Coffman, Besty Drzal, Jenny Cwiak, Tracey Drzal Back: Laura Wilken, Emily Biancalana, Jeanine Ogorek, Cathy Wilken, Kendall Sharon, Shannon Sterne.



Emily Biancalana makes her way towards the finish.



Shannon Sterne gets prepared for her race.

What was your favorite thing about being on the swim team?



Our team is really close, and 5 a.m. practice is not as bad if you're with your friends! Also the toga party!
— Heather Prochnow

Sectionals

Event	We-Go Time	State Cut
200 Free Relay	1:42.06	1:42.89
400 Free Relay	3:45.37	3:45.49
100 Breaststroke (Abby Grant)	1:07.87	1:09.89

Deep Water Wildcats

Rarely seen and little known, but hard-working and having a great time.

sonal bests, but also to better the divers from other schools.

To warm up before a dive, divers typically did stomach exercises and stretched out. If any diver got nervous before a dive, sophomore Hillary Brown said their coach, Janet Culloton, was always there for them. "Whenever I'm nervous, I just look at Janet and she always gives me a reassuring smile," said Brown.

Not only did the divers and their coach have a great bond, but they were also close to each other. "I personally have grown close to everyone on the team," said Brown. When asked if she would continue to be a Lady Wildcat diver. Brown enthusiastically replied. "I will definitely continue diving. It is so much fun, I could never quit!"

-Maggie Grossmayer

Lady Wildcat divers may not be widely known in school circles, but the team has a tradition of hard work mixed with fun. This year's team was no exception. As always, practice ran from 6-8 p.m. every weekday. In their own time the divers kept in shape by lifting weights or running. The divers prepared for Tuesday and Saturday meets by spending an average of 10-12 hours a week in a pool. At the meets, they not only worked to top their per-



Diving. Front: Heather Goranson, Katie Patenaude, Ginna Pigonni, Beth Gottlieb. Back: Katalin Larm, Laura Winters, Heidi Lakics, Coach Janet Culloton.



Diving (people not included in team picture). Front: Meredith Koch, Sara Knox, Katalin Larm, Heidi Lakics, Beth Gottlieb, Heather Edminson. Back: Heather Lakics, Heather Goranson, Katie Patenaude, Hillary Brown. Not pictured: Emily Mueller.



Emily Muller, Heidi Lakics, Katalin Larm, and Katie Patenaude cheer on their fellow divers.



Emily Mueller prepares for a dive.



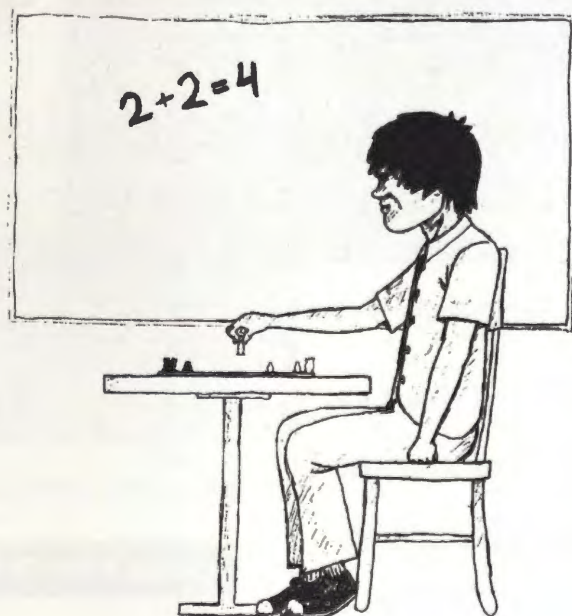
Joe Caniano, Joseph Parks, and Mark Hopkins show why WEGO's Mathletes always overpower the competition.



Mathletes Tom Barta and Chris Buckles Haley demonstrate why WEGO scores high on individual tests.

"I Love Math!"

John McPheters



Chess Team, Math Team,
Scholastic Bowl.

Chess Team, Math Team, And Scholastic Bowl.

Use Your BRAIN!

Although WEGO is not known for competitive athletic teams, our competitions in Academics have been on the rise. Since its creation in 1995, the chess team has been a state competitor every year. This year was no exception; the team fought hard but finished a disappointing 11th place. The team also finished first place at the DVC tournament and second place overall in conference. The Math team had a very successful and fulfilling year. Mikhail Shemyakin was recognized nationally. Scholastic Bowl had its ups and downs through the year. The team fin-

ished 8th at the Northwestern Invitational. However, the team struggled through the DVC with a 6th place finish. Individual accomplishments included Brian Miller's second place finish at the Northwestern Invitational. Their accomplishments will lead to even greater ones to come.



Chess Team: Front: Pat McClusky, Dennis Janek, Matt Doll, Mike Alderton
Back Row: Janita Patel, Josh Swanner, Tom Macauley, Ryan Begy.

"Girls love WEGO chess players because we make all the best moves."

Dennis Janek



Chris Buckles Haley flexes his "Math Muscles" for the camera.



Math Team: Front: Mrs. Mack, Jessica Willes, Karen Shockey, Mr. Gammelgaard. Row 2: Aimee Paran, Keith Halsall, Sean Warren, Kim Peterik, Meghan Burlinson, Janita Patel, Tim Yormark, Arti Talati, Brian Romanelli, Mr. Cazzato. Row 3: Humza Azam, Jeremy Willes, Michelle Grove, Martha Mueller, Mike Kostal, Bryan Jones, Sean Palmer, Chris Buckles Haley, Mr. Babel. Back Row: Misha Shemyakim, Hilary Blanchard, Kristi Shilling, Christina Wilbur, Lilli Szafranski, Alexandra Patin, Geoff Palka.



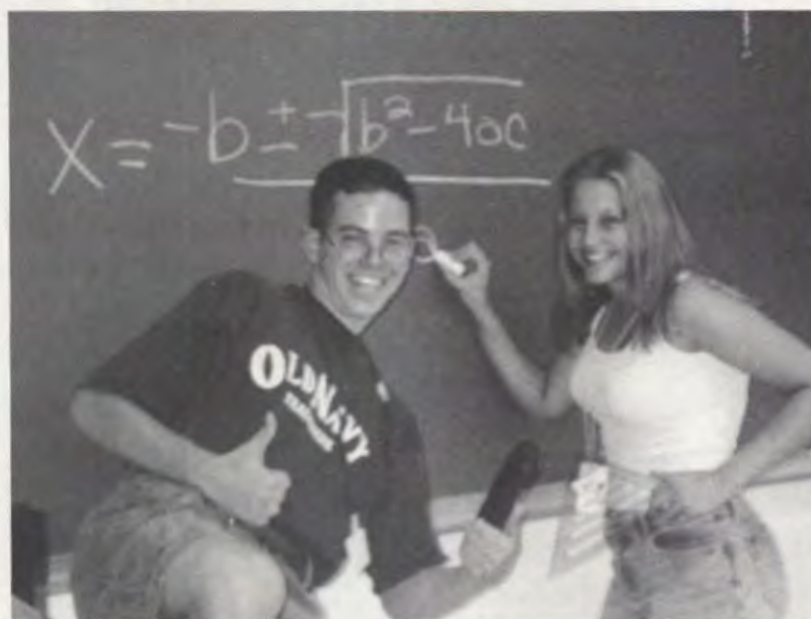
Ryan Begy shows off his new hair do and his amazing chess moves.



Scholastic Bowl: Front: David Wood, Matt Doll, Deanna Volk, John Skala, Brad Spata. Row 2: Chris Gerber, Matt Borschke, Brianne Rehmus, Janita Patel, John McPheters, Brian Miller, Margot Reges, Anthony Delegge. Back Row: Keith Halsall, Mike Wenz, Julie Volk, Blake Erickson, Alexandria Patin, Melissa Garcia, Brian Lanners, Ms. Trapp, Mr. Dickey.



Tyler Belding concentrates hard as ideas of how to destroy his chess opponent pass through his head.



Nick Romanelli and Kristi Shilling have a little fun with math.

Chess Math, Math Team, And Scholastic Bowl.

Theater On The Road

***The Foreigner* a hit in West Chicago
and at State Theater Festival**

This year's fall play, *The Foreigner* began with Froggy LeSeuer (senior Chris Thomas) passing off his shy friend Charlie Baker (senior Beau Brown) as a foreigner who didn't speak a word of English. Froggy took Charlie to stay at Betty Meek's Lodge so he would be comfortable there. Betty (senior Kendra Norton) was a nice old lady who had business trouble and went out of her way to make Charlie feel at home. Another person who helped Charlie feel at home was Catherine Simms (senior Allison Brown). She was grateful that her brother Ellard (junior Chris Hendricks) proved his intelligence by teaching Charlie English. Of course, it was all a hoax, but only Charlie knew that. Because he had proved his intelligence, Catherine decided to give Ellard his share of their inheritance money. That upset Catherine's fiancée, Rev. David Lee (junior Anders Walker), because he already had made plans along with Owen Musser (senior Sean Peterson) to put that money to use for the Klan.

But in the end, Charlie saved the day by coming up with an intriguing plot. He devised a plan to pretend he was a powerful person who could disintegrate anybody he wished. He gave them a little demonstration by disintegrating Ellard, who was in disguise, but they didn't know that. Froggy also helped by contributing some reinforcement in case something else happened. But David and Owen were so terrified that they never bothered anybody again.

This play was such a huge success that the cast got a chance to take it downstate. They took the stage at Illinois State University in Normal, IL. They performed along with nine other high schools, for students from around the state. There was a total of 41 students who mounted this production. It was a privilege for Ms. Hafer-tepe and the cast to perform at the Theater Festival. They were exposed to all the art of theater organized by the Illinois Theater Association. It just goes to show *The Foreigner* wasn't so foreign after all.



Froggy reassures Charlie that he will be comfortable at Betty Meek's Lodge. He has nothing to worry about.



Betty tries her best to make Charlie feel at home, so she brings him a cup of coffee.



Froggy brought Betty a little souvenir from his trip. She seems pretty excited about her new spoon for her collection.



Owen ponders the thought of having a foreigner in town. He wonders if that will interfere with his plans.



Catherine tells David that they need to get married soon because she's expecting his child.



Ellard seems to get all of the attention since everybody thinks he's a little crazy, but he goes on to prove them all wrong.



Betty explains to Catherine how being the foreigners isn't so scary with them. She doesn't have to worry about a thing because he doesn't speak English.

What do you want to remember most from the play?

Do you have any other comments to add?

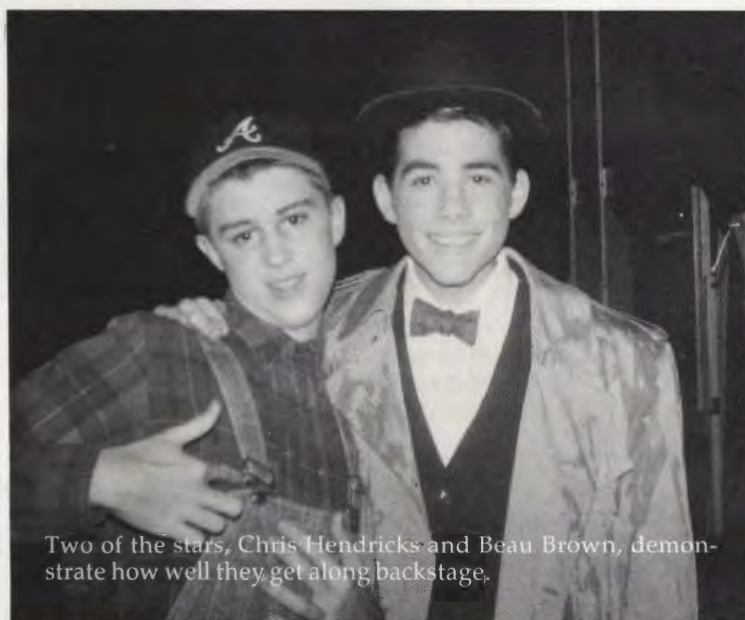
"When Ellard, Chris Hendricks, and I and David, Anders, argue over the carrot and candle. Chris makes the dumbest faces making it really hard to concentrate." - Allison Brown

"Hearing Sean Peterson fall over wood backstage." - Beau Brown

"I hate wearing make up!" -Sean Peterson

"There are so many things to say, but most importantly- 'Blasny, Blasny!'" -Chris Thomas

"I thought this was the best play ever. I'm really glad it went downstate to the theater festival." - Cory Oscity



Two of the stars, Chris Hendricks and Beau Brown, demonstrate how well they get along backstage.



Setting up for the play took a lot of work. Everybody did their best to make the set look awesome.

Choirs



The West Chicago High School Choir, rehearsing in the auditorium, and preparing for one of the many performances they will put on during the year.



The West Chicago Chamber Choir, front (left to right): Anne Schullo, Javier Contreras, Amy Aiello, Tony Palombi, Sara Edwards, Aaron Troy, Copper Tuma. Back (left to right): Matt Grogan, Sara Knox, Luke Taylor, Kendra Norton, Chris Thomas, Lesley Leary, Beau Brown, Elissa DuPree.

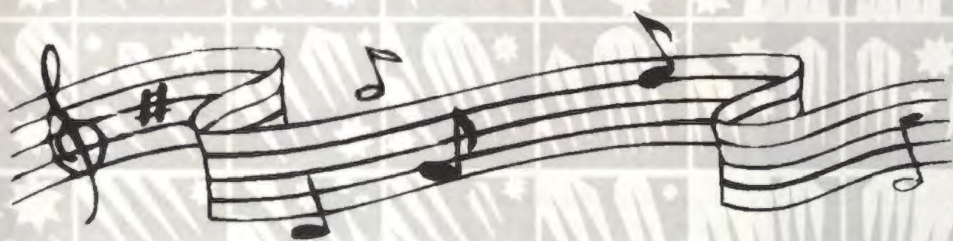


Clockwise from back: Chris Thomas, Danielle Kogut, Tracy Erickson, Sarah Kochniarczyk, Vanessa Lovel, and Aaron Troy.

Singing Their Way To Victory

James Garcia, student in the choir, says that he has definitely improved as a singer over the course of the year. "The group has grown together as friends, peers... we sing as one," he said. According to Garcia, the choir director, Mrs. Smith, is a nice woman, who is totally devoted to her work, and to music in general. She led them through many performances this year, including State of Illinois Commercial which Governor George Ryan attended. 50 Illinois choirs battled in competition to win the chance to perform in the state capital. Only three choirs got to go, West Chicago Community High School Choir included. "My favorite performance was the capital," Garcia said, "We had worked so hard to get to the level we performed at, and we were finally getting recognized for our effort." This year, they have sung "Rhapsody and Rhythm" by Gershwin, and "Promise of Living" because all the harmonies come together and sound great." They also have performed for other various festivals and competitions, and for our very own Wildcat students. It's obvious that, with only one hour of practice per day, these singers have soared to new heights.

-Becky Dennis and Kirsten Stockhoff



Choirs



Front Row: Darcie Jones, Meredith Morre, Donna Walker, Cheryl Winter, Melissa Fisher, Andrea Enger. **Row 2:** Amy Aiello, Sara Knox, Kendra Norton, Lesley Leary, Elissa DuPree, Anne Schullo.



Chris Thomas hard at work, figuring out the piano music to a song the choir will perform.



Front Row: Ron Benner (Accompanist), Christie Palombi, Donna Walker, Deanna Yolk, Andrea Enger, Ryene Hofmann, Justin Kallas, Tony Palombi, Brandon Barclay, Eric Fries, Matt Grogan, Andy Barton, Erin Lightfuss, Anne Schullo, Ami Godoy, Amanda Triplett, Ms. Lisa Smith (conductor). **Row 2:** Megan Smith, Tracy Drzal, Christina Payton, Kristin Leitherer, Jeff Tillson, Ryan Dorn, Chris Pagnozzi, Greg Wheaton, Max Savenok, Javier Contreras, Leslie Leary, Vanessa Lovel, Tracey Yednok, Sarah Kockniarczyk, Tracy Erickson, Jennifer Hahs, Devin Vassar. **Row 3:** Tiffany Gove, Anne Outcalt, Jennifer Rodriguez, Jessi Oliver, Luke Taylor, Aaron Troy, James Garcia, Anders Walker, Nick Pray, Lance Armstrong, Steve Knox, Danielle Kogut, Elissa Dupree, Heather Runions, Lindsey Anders. **Back:** Angela Hanson, Meredith Moore, Cheryl Winter, Jenny McGregory, Sara Knox, Kendra Norton, Shannon Koehring, Alaine Ellis, Sean Peterson, Bob Van Gorkom, Christopher Thomas, Beau Brown, Tom Wojicki, Christina Droho, Kim Fioroni, Melissa Garcia.



Mrs. Smith instructs the choir how to sing to their full potential. "Mrs. Smith is totally devoted to making us sing our absolute best," James Garcia says.

Choirs

Lights, Camera, Action!

This was certainly an exciting year for both the Thespians and Forensics Team. With two excellent plays and one beautifully executed musical, team members agreed that this year was the most fun that they had ever had. "This year is the most fun that I've ever had," said Sophomore Katie Kammes. "Honestly, I could not have asked to work with a more wonderful group of people than I have been privileged with these past two years."

Many of the students and teachers alike were also excited to go downstate and show off the play "The Foreigner" for Theater Fest. Chris Thomas, a senior, commented that, "... going to Theater Fest was my favorite memory of this year for Thespians."

On the Forensics side of things, students overall thought that the Verbally Yours event was excellent. One benefit of joining Forensics, as Junior Christina Droho explained was, "You develop close relationships, improve your speaking skills,

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and you also learn good competitive skills."

All in all, every year at WEGO is always going to be a blast, but this year just had something special that the students enjoyed. As Chris Thomas said, "We have quality teachers and programs that help make something great at WEGO. We should cherish these moments forever."

-Lisa Calabrese and Maggie Grossmayer

"Thespians offers so much opportunity to get involved with drama in our school." -Chris Thomas

"I would encourage people to join because it's so much fun and the people are the best kind you could ever meet." -Beau Brown

"I get ready for an event by thinking to myself, 'Alex, the time has come,' and then I get that song 'Smells Like Teen Spirit' in my head." -Alexandra Patin

"I went to verbally yours my Freshman year and saw Jessica Inch and Beau Brown and I was blown away. I decided, 'I want to do that.'" -Anders Walker

"My favorite memory was Theater Fest. We had a blast seeing the different plays and bringing the 'Foreigner' downstate." -Stephanie Opal

"I knew I wanted to join Thespians more than anything in eighth grade." -Katie Kammes

"I got to know a lot of people and the school really well, mostly because some days I didn't get to leave school until 9:00 pm." -Darcie Jones

Forensics: FRONT: Julie Volk, Copper Tuma, Monaca Thomas, Tony Palombie. **ROW 2:** Daniel Kogut, Christine Austin, Sarah Edwards, Christina Droho, Sara Knox. **ROW 3:** Margot Reges, John Skala, Katie Kammes, Darcie Jones, Meredith Moore. **BACK:** Alex Patin, Melissa Garcia, Beau Brown, Chris Thomas, Kendra Norton, Brooke Benzio, Mr. Kellner. **NOT PICTURED:** Anders Walker, Theresa McEvoy, Gina McEvoy, Nicole Patel, Steve Knox, Mike Doll.



Thespians: FRONT: Ann Outcalt, Anna Welch, Donna Walker, Amy Aiello, Allison Braunschauen, Stephanie Opel, John Pollman. **ROW 2:** John Skala, Megan Smith, Emily Giermann, Katie Saul, Kendra Norton (VP), Sara Knox, Copper Tuma, Meredith Moore (Sec.). **ROW 3:** Maggie Grossmayer, Beth Deutsch, Darcie Jones, Nicole Patel, Julie Volk, Anders Walker, Kimpha Chau, Lilli Szafranski, Alex Patin, Javier Contreras, Chris Hendricks. **BACK:** Katie Kammes, Margot Reges, Mary-Megan Kalvig, Tony Palombie, Deanna Volk, Arlene Smothers, Beau Brown (Pres.), Chris Thomas (Treas.), Bryan Jones, Tim Axelrod.



Anders Walker, Kendra Norton, Meredith Moore, Beau Brown, Chris Thomas, and Copper Tuma pose at Verbally Yours.



Kendra Norton, Sara Knox, and Chris Thomas-State Speech Competitors

Chapter 2

Destination:

How Much Longer?!

"Are you ready to drive?"

The question seemed to haunt me as I relived the last nine weeks. I remembered all the in-class studies and the driving simulations. So much time spent to prepare me for the road, and I still didn't feel

ready. My driving partners replied with an enthusiastic "Yes!"

A few seconds went by; everyone's eyes were glaring at me, pressing me to answer. "Yes," I said weakly, unable to resist their pressing. "Alright then, let's get started."

I took a deep breath and braced myself for the absolute worst. A million tragic events raced through my head, refusing to grant me any peace.

The sun shone brightly as we passed through the school entrance and walked towards the drivers ed. car. To me the sun was too bright; what if I can't see, or I get sunspots, or have a horrible glare, or? "Get in the car son, you are the first driver."

Now was the moment of truth. Would I drive the car safely, or would I fail miserably? All I knew was that there was no turning back. I opened the door and sat down in the driver's seat. I placed my shaking hands on the steering wheel and slipped the key into the ignition. The car started much to my dismay. The mirrors were set to my level, and my seat was perfect. Things were looking good so far, almost too good.

I threw the car into what I thought was reverse and hit the gas hard. Too hard. In an instant I jerked forward, up and over the curb, front wheels stopped at the mercy of my teacher. I heard gasps in the back, and saw my teacher clutching his. I knew then that it was going to be a long year...



Edward Abante
Brooke Adams
Rosario Aguilar
Monica Aguirre
Ana Alanis
Claudia Alcantar
Diego Alfaro
Juventino Alfaro



Alejandro Altamirano

Fidelia Alvarado
Gabriel Alvarado
Carly Anderson
Javier Antonino
Joshua Aramburu
Elisa Arevalo

Tom Armstrong
Jamie Arnold
Jamie Auchincloss

Christine Austin
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Daniel Bajor
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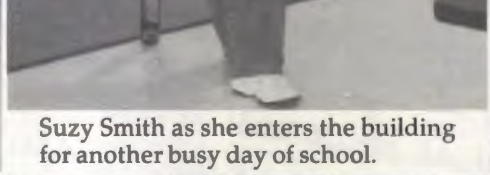
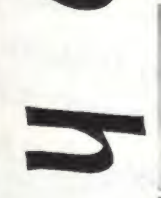
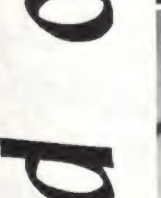
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Matthew Baumrucker

Brandon Becker

Brian Becker
Tyler Belding
Edgar Benitez
Marc Berry
Steven Berry
Nathan Birch
Hilary Blanchard
Jordon Blanck

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"Conan O'Brien. He stinks at his job, but at least he keeps on trying."
-Nicole Patel

"The girl that died at Columbine because of her religion."
-Adriana Humphries

"Seeing all of my classmates every day and knowing at lot of them are counting on me. That inspires me most."
-Jamie Nadolny

Who inspires you?



Matthew Blette
Thomas Bloom
Matthew Boes
Roberto Bolanos
Bradley Bolton
Derek Boorsma
George Bortolini
Jennifer Boyd



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Rebekah Boyd



Pamela Boyle
Megan Brandstedter
Daniel Brenner
Jeremiah Briggs
Elizabeth Brouwer
Hillary Brown



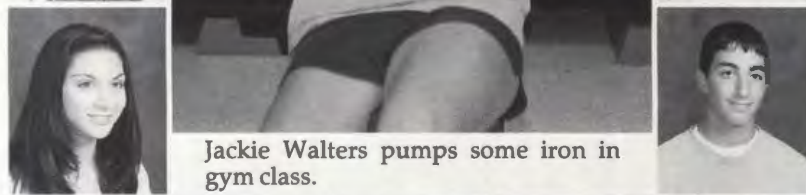
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Mike Brown
Carla Bucio



Kimberly Burkes
Nicholas Buscemi
Angelica Cabrera



Lisa Calabrese
Stella Calamia
Erik Calderon



Joanna Calderon
Christina Campos
Joseph Caniano



Humberto Cantu
Linnea Caputi
Gerardo Carmona
Daniel Carncross
Nicholas Carter
Lindsay Castiglia



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Julia Ceja



Andres Chagoya
Kimphe Chau
Heather Christiansen
Zoe Churan
Edith Cielo
Kevin Cieslewski
Anthony Ciolino
Wences Cleto

"I would buy clothes."
-Rebecca Petrie

"I'd get a guy, car, clothes,
and food."
-Adriana Humphries

"I'd buy a car and go on a
shopping spree."
-Christina Feistamel

What would you do if you were given a million dollars?

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Who inspires you?

"Gwen Stefani and her ex-girl
friend pink."
-Maggie Knaak



Andy Barton dances into driver's ed.



Courtney Dorn tries to do her work while Marcos Fernandez has some fun.

Lyndsay Comilz
Casey Connolly
Luis Cordero
Fabiola Correa
Juana Correa
Arianna Cortez
Vanessa Cortez
Michelle Cosco



Rogelio Costilla
Johnathan Coulston
Tiffany Cunnally
Elizabeth Czernik
Erika Dauber
Danielle Davis
Micheal Davis



Zachary Deaton
Anthony Delege
Darahlee DeLeon
Justin DeLeon
Lisa Dereadt
Augustus Detrick
Elizabeth Deutsch
Daniel Dieckmann



Bobby Dieter
Sean Dieter
Thomas Doeseckle
Kristofer Donovan
Courtney Dorn
Corinne Drake
Scott Dunn



Erin Eberlein
Heather Edminson
Sarah Edwards
Paul Elson
Edgar Escobedo
Christina Feistamel
Kurt Fenner
Gabriel Fernandez



Jesse Fink
Melisa Fisher
Samantha Fisher
Kevin Franckowiak
Kathryn Frantzen
Austen Fuchs
Daniel Fugazzotto



Antonio Gallegos
Alma Garcia
Ana Garcia
Angelica Garcia
Cesar Garcia
Cristina Garcia
Ivan Garcia
Jesus Garcia





Michelle Cosco and Brandon Baermann pass a little time in the halls.

"It's the year 2000! Where's my flying car?"
-Steve Vandernault



Alice Hultquist, Colleen Mitchel, and Laura Martin take their time to get to class.



"Life is a work of art, designed by the people who live it."
-Sean McTigue

Ara Sperando, Nick Buscemi, and Carla Marrero after learning a little Spanish.



Omar Garcia
Rosa Garcia
Vanessa Garcia
Harley Gardner
Ruby Garfias
Kimberly Gargula
Clayton Garlt
Catherine Gehrett

Christopher Gerber
Emilia Gerleve
Jennifer Gilbert
Stephanie Ginsburg
Omar Gladwin
Daniel Godoy
Jeannette Gomez

William Gonzalez
Heather Goranson
Jill Grobe
Maggie Grossmayer
Juana Guerrero
Martha Guerrero
Vanessa Guillen
Jason Gunther

Rocio Guzman
Vanessa Guzman
Sarah Gwynne
Kristi Hall
Steven Hamrick
Christopher Hansen
Johnathan Hartigan

Andrew Hein
Alexander Hernandez
Jose Hernandez
Jose Herrera
Matthew Hofer
Ryene Hofmann
Shannon Hogan
Kevin Holguin

Latanya Hollister
Jordan Holmes
Mark Hopkins
Alice Hultquist
Adriana Humphries
William Inch
Matthew Infelise

Timothy Jaffe
Kassandra Jedlicka
Joshua Jeffery
Darcie Jones
Tiana Juarez
Maria Jurado
Mary-Megan Kalvig
Kathryn Kammes

Olga Karamysheva
Shyerije Kashtanjeva
Ben Keller
Kory Kendziora
Blake Kennedy
Kevin King
Erin Kirby
Crystal Kirschke

Jon Klintworth
Maggie Knaak
Stephen Knox
Alex Kochick
Amy Koltz
Brittany Kozlowski
Eugene Kozlowski

Joshua Kutilek
Heather Lakics
Ronald Langhans
Brian Lanners
Justin LaPrall
Alexander Lascau

Chris Lauver
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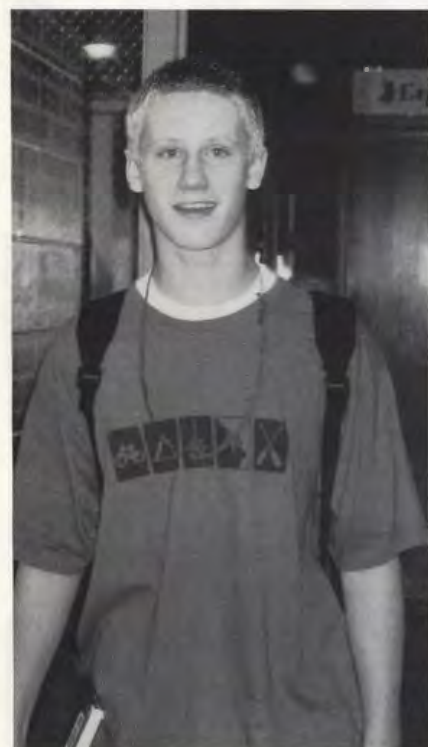
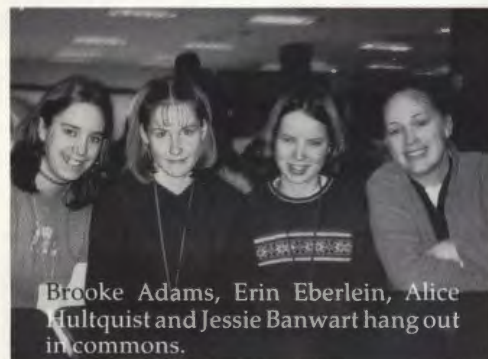
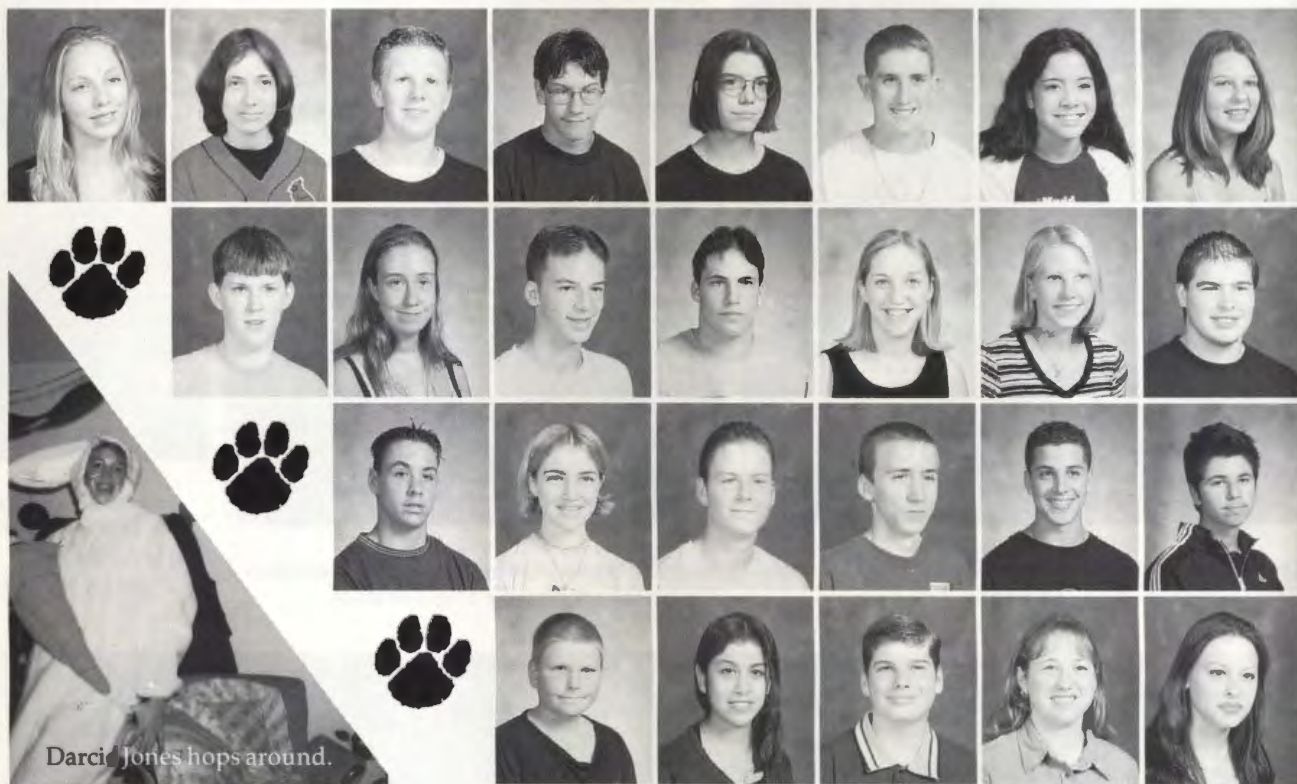
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Thomas Macauley
Corinne Mackniskas

Eric Macorkel
Cody Macpherson

Eva Maldonado

Jessica Manos

Caterina Marcantonio



Steve Vandernaault walks into class smiling brightly.

"If I had a million dollars, I'd move to Amsterdam."
-Kassi Jedlicka



Brian Becker and Dan Carncross take a break from class to take a look at some cards.





Carla Marrero
Laura Martin
Eduardo Martinez
Laura Martinez
Sergio Martinez
Michael Marvan
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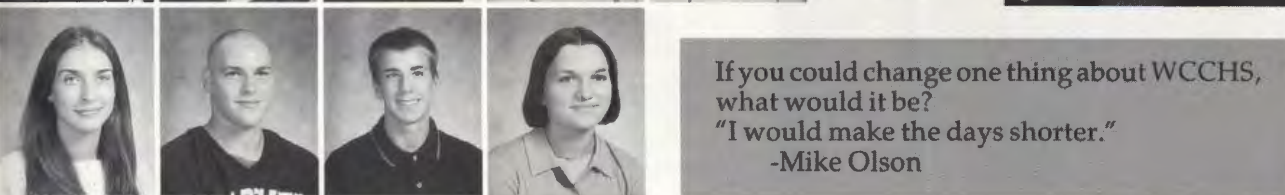
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Cody Melbourn
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Laura Mendez
Estaban Mendoza
Sandra Mercado
Jonathan Merrick



Michael Merrion
Audrey Mertes
Kevin Mestek
Sarah Meyerholz
Meghan Michalek



If you could change one thing about WCCHS,
what would it be?
"I would make the days shorter."
-Mike Olson

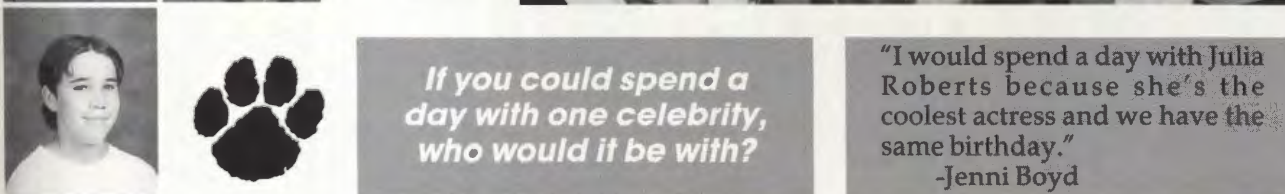
Lauren Migliorato
Peter Milauskas
Robin Mildebrath, Jr.
Sarah Miller



Shannon Mims
Ric Miner
Colleen Mitchell



Franklin Mitchell
Guadalupe Montalvo



If you could spend a
day with one celebrity,
who would it be with?

"I would spend a day with Julia
Roberts because she's the
coolest actress and we have the
same birthday."
-Jenni Boyd

Dennis Montana



Jimmy Montenegro



Jamila Moore



Joe Caniano and Joe Park show their
school spirit with their track shirts.



Nicole Patel stresses to max out.

Noel Moreno



Sean Suwalski munches on some nachos.



Liz Brouwer and Jennifer Taylor chill in the cafeteria after eating lunch.



Oswaldo Moreno

Joanna Mosteller

Martha Mueller
Daniel Murphy



Laura Wilken hangs out in the cafeteria with two of the Spanish foreign exchange students.



Thomas Newman
Tommy Newman
Rachel Noceda
Christopher Norman

"Promises are made to be kept."
Mimi Moore

Patrick Norton
Christina Novak
John Nowicki
Michael Nubie
Eric Nussbaum



James O'Hara
Andy Obrochta
Jon Obrochta
Leann Olson
Michael Olson
Shane Olson



Stephanie Opel
Lauren Openshaw
Izamara Orozco
Jonathan Ortiz
Cory Oscity
Michelle Ott
Stacey Pacini



Taimilka Padron
Geoffrey Palka
Tony Palombi
Aimee-Jasmin Paran
Joseph Park
Nicole Patel
Nisha Patel
David Pater



"I would put some toward college and a car. I would give a lot to my parents and grandparents for everything they've given me, and some to my brother just because. Then I'd give some to charity."
-Jill Wolter

"I'd build my parents a new house."
-Mike Olson

"I'd buy a car and go on a shopping spree."
-Christina Feistmel

What would you do if you had a million dollars?



Lauren Migliorato and Suzy Smith hang out in English class.



What's the best thing about being a sophomore?
"Not being a freshman."
-Laura Martinez



Sean Dieter spins around in western civilization.

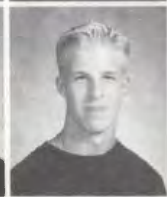
Stacey Pacini and Rachel Noceda after eating lunch in the cafeteria.



Valeria Perez
Amy Persino
Rebecca Petrie
Truc Pham



Daniel Piet
Gianna Pigoni
Andrew Pinto
Jennifer Pinto
John Pollman



"The best thing about being a sophomore is being part of the football team."
-Josh Winquist

Israel Porquillo
Jaclyn Prena
Carl Prill
Heather Prochnow
John Quadrizius
Christopher Raethz



Gicela Ramirez
Jessica Ramirez
Joshua Ramirez
Sean Ransone
Jeffrey Raun
Margot Reges
Janette Reveles
Kael Rewers
Sandra Rincon
Christina Roberts
Claribel Robles
William Rocha
Christina Rodriguez
Jennifer Rodriguez
Ricardo Rodriguez



If You Could Go Anywhere, Where Would You Go And Why?

"I would like to go to Rome 'cause I would like to see the ruins."
-Brian Mehrman

"I would go to Germany because I'm studying it in school, I know a lot about it, and it's a unique place."
-Paul Elson

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Shannon Battersby works up a sweat while working out in gym class.

If you were stranded on a deserted island, what would you bring?

*"I'd take women, food, and a soccer ball, because women are hot, food is good, and soccer is awesome."
-Tom Wojcicki*



Heather Edminson and Michelle Ott get a little help from Mrs. Wilson.



Jessica Banwart and Hilary Blanchard hang out during lunch.

Steven Rodriguez
Angela Rojas
Hector Romero
Cara Rosacker
Allison Rovtar
Abad Rubio
Benjamin Rugaard
April Runions
Nancy Salgado
Peter Salinas
Lucia Sanroman
Jorge Sanchez
Javier Saucedo
Marina Savenok
Jason Schadeberg



Kevin Schaefer
Laura Schaefer
Kari Schmidt
Laura Schneider
Steven Schnieder
Craig Schuda
Billie Schultz
Adam Selcke



Maria Serriteno
Jennifer Shanahan
Matthew Shelhamer
Brad Shelley
Kristina Shilling
Renato Silva
John Skala



Stephen Slattery
Michael Slusar
Kyle Smith
Michael Smith
Stephen Smith
Suzanne Smith
James Smolucha
Arlene Smothers



Randy Soto
Bradley Spata
Thomas Spencer
Tarah Sperando
Ashley Stern
Amanda Stone
Nathaniel Stonequist



Jessica Strock
Edward Stumpf
Sean Suwalski
Michael Svast
Monika Szymoniak
Dariusz Szyszko
Cynthia Tancl
Michael Tawney





Sarah Miller and Laurie Lenertz hang out after eating lunch.

Jim Smolucha shows off in the library.

What's the best thing about being a sophomore? "We get to drive and make fun of freshmen."
-Brad Bolton



Sarah Meyerholz walks gleefully through the halls.



"Hey, you all are gonna see me skating on TV soon."
-Justin LaPrall



Jennifer Taylor
Luke Taylor
Rocio Tena
Lisa Thomas
James Thrasher
Cesar Toledo
Brian Toms
Anna Tovar
Aaron Troy
Mathew Trygar
Copper Tuma
Adam Turner
Theresa Uy
Melissa Valentino
Steven Vandernaalt

Ismael Vargas
Lilia Vazquez
Denise Vigil
Mario Villa
Ryan Virnich
Harold Visser
Julie Volk
Tahir Vora
Douglas Walker
Kathleen Walker
Jacqueline Walters
Cindy Warner
Matthew Waterman
Matthew Weber
Falon Wesley

Joy Westlund
Heather White
Caroline Wickerski
Julie Wiechert
Christina Wilbur
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Kyle Wolfe
Jill Wolter
Jason Woodbury

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What's the best thing about being a sophomore?

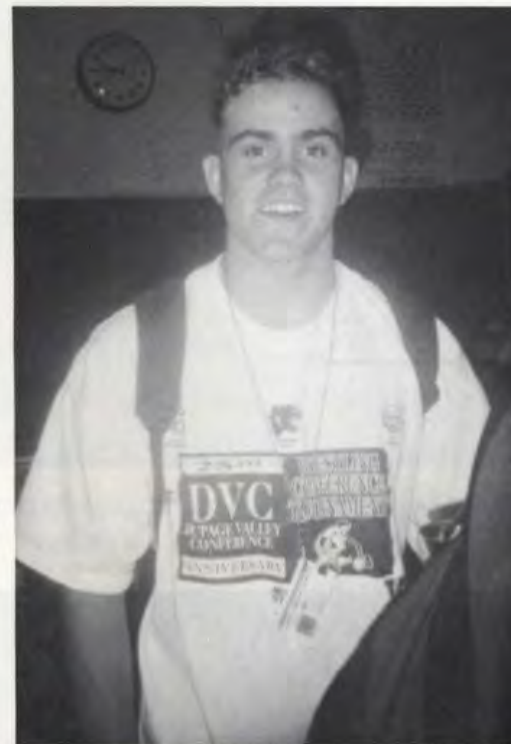
"Picking on freshmen during sports like soccer."
-Andy Barton

"You're not a freshman, even though some of us are still mistaken for one."
-Jason Woodbury

"I'm just mad about Jeff Raun."
-Jeff Raun

Lisa Calabrese leans on the wall in the hall.

Tim Jaffe takes a walk to his seat in chemistry.



Lisa Thomas, Julie Wiechert, Nicole Patel, Kari Schmidt, and Liz Brouwer wish you a happy Valentine's day in a special way.



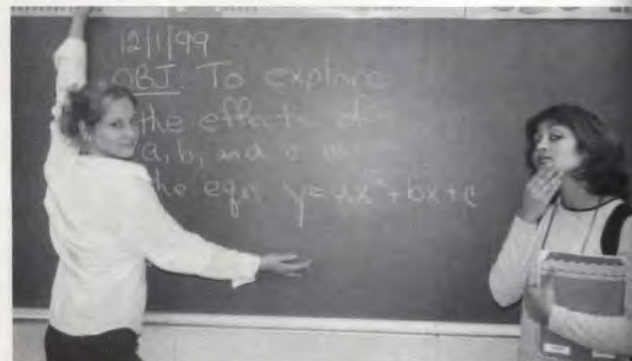
Jason Woodbury and Maggie Grossmayer hang out in yearbook class.

What is your favorite memory of high school so far?

My favorite memory so far is waiting out on football field listening to Glenbard North yell and scream. Then we shut them up with a 17-14 victory.
-Josh Winquist

Sean McTighe and Matt Infelise chill in the halls.

Kristy Shilling and Nicole Patel ponder the objective of the day for math.



Sophomores 2002 Sophomores 2002



Harold Visser hangs out before school.

What can be said about sophomore year? Well, not being Freshman comes to mind. We are no longer hazed by the upperclassmen (Ha, they thought it bothered us!), and we were at least more experienced than we were last year. It would be fair to say that we learned all the shortcuts and the fastest ways to our classes after the first day, at least, but we sometimes felt like freshmen again because the school was changing so much; halls were getting closed off and re-opened, all the time.

For learning is a never ending process within these walls. But learning has gone beyond merely books and lectures. We worked our way into a simple yet complex system of school, sports, work, and friends. There were things that we saw and did that truly helped us prepare for tomorrow, next year, and into the future, things like drivers' ed. We were finally getting what most of us had wanted for so long: OUR LICENSES. So forget a new bike, we want a car!

We've learned how to interact with a larger group of people, how to manage our time, and that high school really isn't as hard as we had thought. True, we have learned things beyond life-guiding skills. We've learned so much information: things from molar mass to cosine of angles to the philosophy of what maturity is. We've tested the waters and now we'd found ourselves in the middle of our high school years. We were halfway there, but there were still two more years left. Who knew where those two years would take us?

-Jason Woodbury and Arlene Smothers

What's the most important thing you've learned about high school?

"Don't fall asleep on your desk. You will get marks!" -Darek Szyszko

"Listening can go a long way." -Kassi Jedlicka

"Procrastination is a terrible thing." -Julie Volk

"No matter how big my attempts, no one will ever pronounce my name right." -Katie Kammes

"If a teacher is wrong, don't laugh, they can't take a joke." -Dan Carncross

"If a girl asks you 'boxers or briefs?' just smile and nod." -Aaron Troy

"I learned NEVER to stand in front of a closed door in a busy hallway. When opened, the results can be disastrous!" -Arlene Smothers

"The signs that direct you to your classes are sometimes very helpful." -Jason Woodbury

"You might break up with someone, but you will always love again, except that when you do, you will have forgotten ever feeling that way before." -Cory Osity



Matt Weber takes a snooze in English class.



Robin Mildebrath and Patrick Norton wave at the camera at a volleyball game.



Jamie Arnold studies hard in the library.

Kathy Frantzen and Kyle Smith cuddle in commons.



Jason Woodbury, Arlene Smothers, and Theresa Uy lay back in the halls.

If you could be an animal, what would you be and why?

I would be a sloth, because then I could do nothing all day.
-Aaron Troy

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Sophomores

Boys' Basketball

The basketball team worked really hard even though their record did not show it. They were never expected to win which affected their motivation to play. There were times throughout the season when they really clicked as a team and seemed almost unbeatable.

The team as a whole really clicked. They had a

Shootin' Hoops

lot of fun when they were together especially on the bus rides. It was a tough season but I think they all learned that in order to succeed next year a lot of hard work is needed.

Josh Rogers



Robby Rohrback takes a break as Phil Legorreta comes in as a substitute

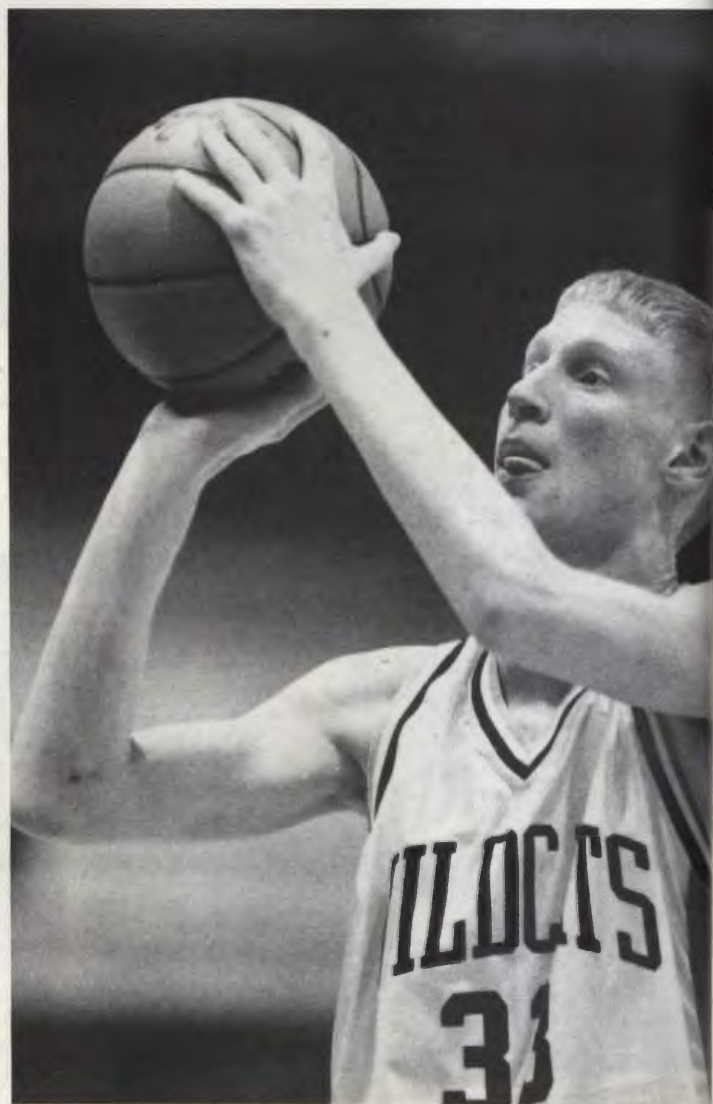
MVP-Steve Gilbert
MIP-Carlos Perez
Best Attitude-Dan O'Hara
All-Conference Special Mention-Steve Gilbert
All-Conference Honorable Mention-Rob Rohrback



Varsity: Front: Josh Meyers, Phil Legoretta, Carlos Perez, Jerry Coleman, Phil Piemonte. **Row 2:** Dan O'Hara (co-captain), Josh Rodgers, Mike Nutall, Justin Hall. **Back Row:** Assistant Coach Larry Adamczyk, Steve Gilbert, Andreas Steinle, Brad Olsen, Rob Rohrback, Brian Howard, Head Coach Dan McCarthy.



The bench, Phil Piemonte, Mike Nutall, Andreas Steinle, Jerry Coleman, Carlos Perez, and Josh Meyers watch the game intently while they wait for their turn to go.



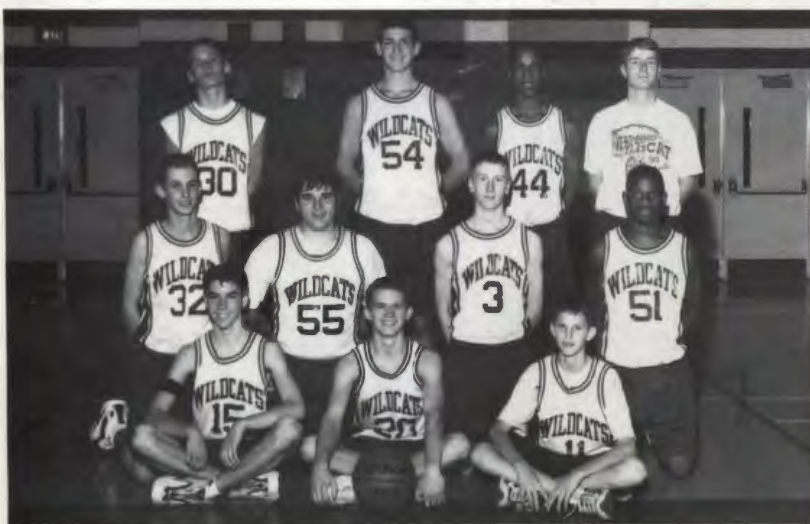
Rob Rohrback concentrates intensely as he shoots a free throw.



Sophomores: Front: Cory Coleman, Jim O'Hara, Tad Netzel, Jonathan Coulston, Andy Obrochta. Row 2: Dave Pater, Ed Abante, Jon Merrick, Matt Weber, Josh Kutilek, Robbie Mildebrath. Back Row: Coach Sayner, Matt Wilson, Chris Norman, Kevin Loewe, Andy Hein, Nick Carter, Kevin Franchowiak, Coach John Gallagher.



The whole team piles on a foul number to the end of a game.



Freshman A: Front: Matt Kallas, Charlie Cloutier, Dan Callahan. Row 2: Jeff Beeks, Adam Vann, Jim Rylowicz, Crushon Evans. Back Row: Jared Hall, Mike Paschke, Matt Coiley, Coach Gimre.



Freshman B: Front: Tyler Link, Pat Larson, Greg Moore, Jim Campbell. Row 2: Jeff Lenertz, Adam Kalkman, Chris Nehmer, Paul Machrowski, Dan Deutsch. Back Row: Coach Lasky, Jason Adams, Travis Stauffer, Nick Michael.



Brian Howard focuses as he tries to put another point on the board.



Steve Gilbert gets ready for the ball to be put into play.

Dan O'Hara dashes down the court.



Lady Wildcats Take A Stand

**"No Wimps,
Excuses, Or
Compromise."**

The West Chicago girls' basketball team competed in a successful season this year. A team that had struggled the previous year, returned to accomplish what was never thought possible. They worked hard and transformed into a winning team.

Two games stood out as the highlights of the Lady Wildcats' season: West Aurora and Wheaton Warrenville South. West Aurora, the defending conference champs, was the team to beat for West Chicago. The WeGo team was ready to play and put everything they had on the line. The whole game was a struggle, the lead alternating between both teams. Eventually the Lady Wildcats prevailed, beating a team

that was expected to win with a blowout. The second game, against Wheaton Warrenville South, was another exciting victory for the Wildcat team. The girls went into the game knowing that for the past few years West Chicago had been unable to win against Wheaton South. The game was close and ended in overtime. Wheaton South's best player was in foul trouble and the Lady Wildcats were on fire. The lead fluctuated, but when it was all over the West Chicago girls' team took home the win.

Throughout the season the girls grew as players and, most importantly, as a team. Many girls improved and stepped up when injuries occurred or when times were tough. Each player contributed to the success the team had and played active roles on and off the floor. The team was strengthened by numbers and experience. It was backed by seven seniors and three returning juniors; four of the original five starters came back. In the future, the teams can begin to build on its present successes.
-Michelle Lasky



J.V. Front: Shannon Masschelin, Amanda Nelson. **Row 2:** Meghan Young, Laura McQueen. **Back:** Coach Kim Malony, Lisa Thomas, Sarah Coiley, Coach Tom Rivan.



Kristine Cleveland fiercely defends Wildcat Territory.



Varsity. Front: Michelle Lasky, Kelly Bolton, Katie Saul, Melissa Krueger. **Row 2:** Natalia Seinkowicz, Kim Olson, Jaymie Schmidt, Coach Kim Malony. **Back:** Coach Kim Wallner, Kathy Brinn, Kristine Cleveland, Alissa Mildebrath, Beth Brinn, Coach Tom Rivan.



Melissa Krueger
the pass.



Kim Olson and Kathy Brinn set up their positions on the press.



In a search for her teammates, Kelly Bolton prepares to pass off the ball.



Michelle Lasky prepares to box out her player in attempt to get a rebound.



Freshman A&B: Magen Rodgers, Jessica Krueger, Ashley Mazzola, Larissa Young, Nicole Melone, Katy Kostal. **Row 2:** Jessica Cwiak, Becki Hoffman, Rachel Kuna, Sarah Altergott, Heather Cirone, Kelly McCarthy, Aimee Buetke. **Back:** Coach Frank, Coach Barnes, Mary Beth Stotz, Kendall Sharon, Kim Peterik, Esmeralda Robles, Coach Mielke.



Coach Wallner calls a time out to explain the next offense to the team.

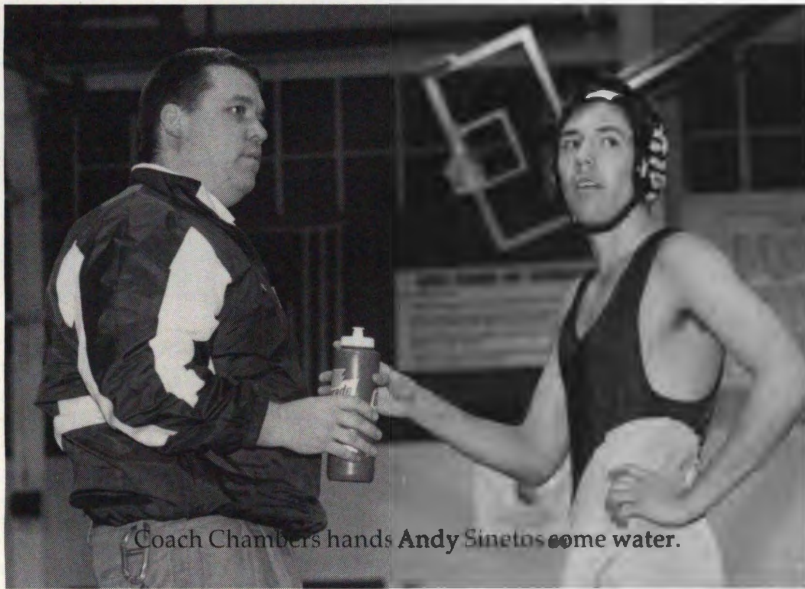


Sophomores. **Front:** Cori Drake, Jessica Strock, Liz Brouwer. **Row 2:** Sara Bass, Amy Lichtfuss, Linnea Caputi, Cindy Warner. **Back:** Coach Woods, Lynn Mielke, Cori Flagg, Nicole Skala.

No defense can intimidate Natalia Seinkowicz as she brings the ball up the floor.



For The Match

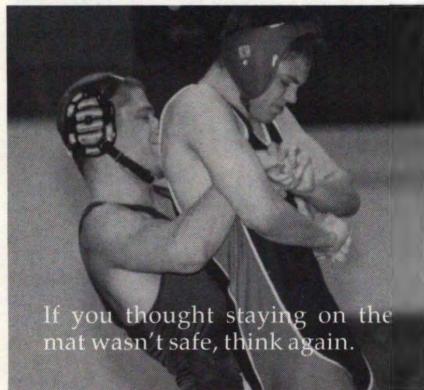


Coach Chambers hands Andy Sinetos some water.



Every match these wrestlers have to be in top physical condition, but that's not all. The mental state that one has when walking onto the mat could cost him the match.

Junior Varsity: Front: Justin Pineda, Ricky Rodriguez, Bobby Dieter, Kael Rewers, Mike Smith, Dennis Montana. **Row 2:** Tim Jaffe, Nate Williams, Rob Whitman, Brandon Baermann, Matt Trygar, Andy Barton, Eddie Cruz. **Back:** Coach Josh Chambers, Mgr. Heather Edminson, Mgr. Stephanie Denson, Gus Detrick, Jaime Merlo, Marcos Fernandez, Luis Cordero, Mgr. Suzy Kohdberg, Mgr. Kelly Whitman, Coach Bob Guerrero.



If you thought staying on the mat wasn't safe, think again.

Through the year these students have striven to become the best they can be. Staying after school almost every day to practice the sport, they not only became better at it, but they were also able to become a team. However, working as a team in this sport is one of the hardest things to do, so when off the mat everyone has to cheer and support their teammates as loud and hard as possible. The whole team started the year off with a fresh mind, focused on two things: becoming the best athletes they can become, and winning each match because they've worked for it. Go Fight Win! Grrrrr!!!

Freshmen: Front: Mgr. Suzy Rohberg, Dan Millard, Kyle Kanter, Heather Walsh, Derek Smith, Mike Boland, Nick Chillemi, Mgr. Kelly Whitman. **Row 2:** Ricky Hernandez, Matt Benson, Jeremy Hofer, Abel Posada, Aron Morris, Mike Spencer, Jason Pillion. **Back:** Coach Tony Doyle, Emmanuel Vazquez, Ryan Becker, Steve Wingstedt, Mike Vargas, Jeff Leazenby.

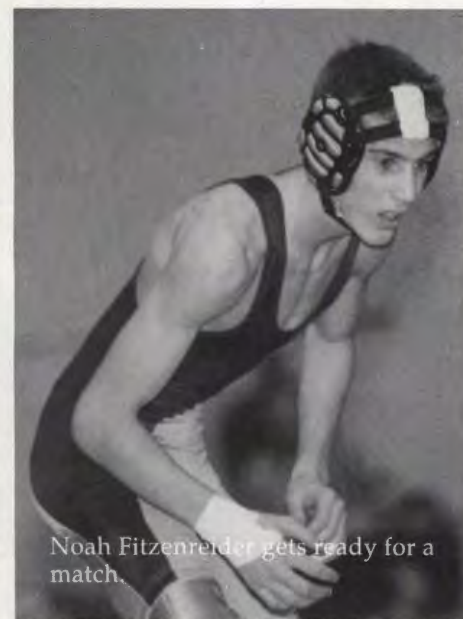




Varsity: Front: Mgr. Becky Guerrero, Chris Holguin, Dennis Kirschke, Noah Fitzenreider, Blake Erdmann, Steve Taylor, Justin Pineda, Mgr. Heather Edminson. **Row 2:** Mgr. Brenda Berendson, Pete Serrato, Josh Winquist, James Jaffe, Ben Stevens, Andy Sinetos, Mgr. Kelly Pastore. **Back:** Coach Josh Chambers, John Millner, Derek Boorsma, Tino Alfaro, Jared Winquist, Coach Bob Guerrero.



Coach Bob Guerrero sits back watching.



Noah Fitzenreider gets ready for a match.

Ben Stevens holds onto his head lock, trying to find the moment when he should strike.



The wrestling team cheers on their teammates while watching a match. This is where the intensity and team work can really be seen.



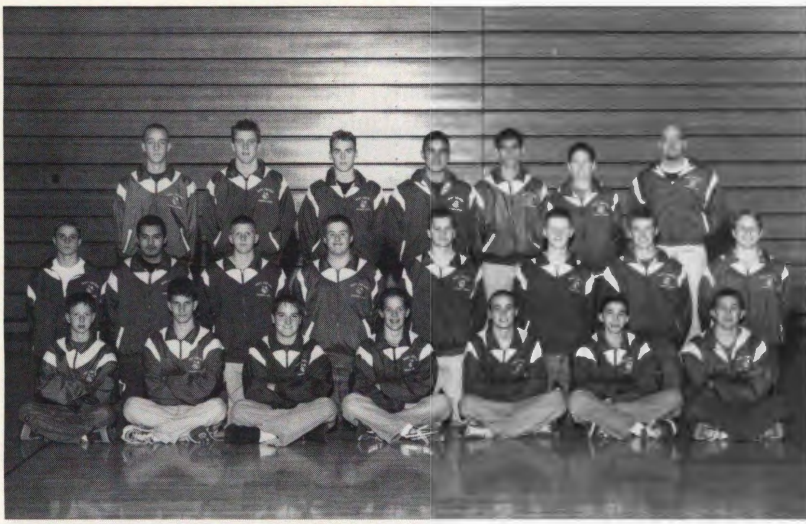
Josh Winquist advances, trying to move in for the kill. His hands ready to stop any attack on him.



Brenda Berendson and Kelly Pastore discuss a match.



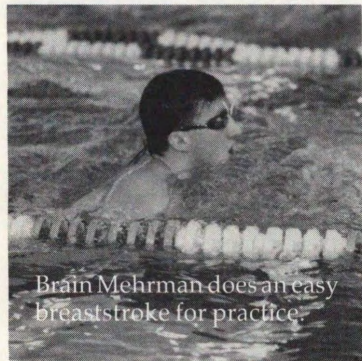
Derek Boorsma sets up for a shot at his opponent.



Varsity Front: Peter Oelslager, Kyle Hempel, Jim Oroni, Hans Colliandes, Kevin McCarthy, Chris Nelson, Brian Mehrman. **Row 2:** Billy Rocha, Javier Antonio, Ben Keller, Brian Algard, Joe Hamlin, Steve Vandernalt, Henrik Muhlbradt, CJ Wostrotsky. **Back:** Kurt Fenner, Matt McKenney, Kevin Mestek, Juan Roldes, Joey Lera, Janet Drenth, Chris Hall.



Joey Lereau takes a breather after winning fourth in state.



Brian Mehrman does an easy breaststroke for practice.



Matt McKenney dries off after he finishes his race.

Boys' Swimming

Wildcat boys stormed through the year, blasting their old records with new ones. Nothing could stop the boys; they even took practice seriously. New techniques and drills were used this year for experiment. Coach Chris Hall felt that new things like tying shoes to the boys while swimming would build their strength and stamina. All of the boys put their all into state. Joe Lureau Loas was the only one to return winning fourth in the 100 breaststroke. West Chicago paid much attention

to the boys this year for their glimmering performances.

After the season the boys felt the same; some missed the mornings. "The 5:00 a.m. practices were the best part" (Peter Oelslager). The boys had small downs with being on the team, but they were always blown away with the fun they had. Wildcat swimmers surely showed no difficulty. We-Go pride was shown this season and the boys finished ready to give more next year.

-Nicole Gerleve and Arlene Smothers



Kurt Fenner glides gracefully through the water trying to make record time.



Steven Vandernalt, Ben Keller, and Joe Hamlin share smiles as they test the water.



Henry Summers and Chris Nelson compete against each other in the backstroke.



Kyle Hempel pumps up for a back flip.

"It has to start somewhere. It has to start sometime. What better place than here? What better time than now?" (Boys' swimming motto)



Coach Janet Culligan can't believe what the boys are doing.



The boys get ready to dive in to begin the race.



Juan Robles takes his time as he begins a dive for the Wildcats.



Brian Ahlgard helps indicate the amount of laps left for the swimmers.

Wildcat Trainers

Tate Knutson and Amanda Hallack have helped our athletes throughout the year. The trainers were there everyday after school to help Wildcat athletes with their injuries, and even were dedicated to come to some of the

sports events. whether it was pulled muscles, sprains, or other injuries, the trainers were there to tape our wildcat athletes up, ice them down, and help them get back into the game. Thanks to all our wildcat trainers; your help was greatly appreciated.

-Arlene Smothers and Nicole Gerleve



Tate Knutson steps away from fixing up our Wildcats.

Tate watches a soccer game to make sure no one becomes seriously injured.



Amanda Hallack performs her skills on an athlete's ankle.

Killjoy: Caught In The Act

Winter Play 2000



Father Mulcahy (Palombi) munches on an old Irish favorite while giving Carol some not-so-good advice.

Killjoy (a hilarious murder comedy) was a big hit this winter season and certainly did not kill any joy in the Weyrauch Auditorium.

Carol (Nicole, Patel) was divorced woman struggling against her urges to kill her ex-husband with the help of Father Mulcahy (Tony Palombi), an Irish priest and a figment of Carol's subconscious. Carol's ex-husband was Victor (Tim Axelrod) who was a wealthy, stingy businessman and who had remarried a younger woman named Claudia (Erin Henry). Victor was unfair to his children, Vicki (Jenny Rugaard) and Sonny (Justin Kallas), which only tempted Carol even more to kill Victor. However, the plot thickened as Victor's lawyer Rick (Bryan Jones) and Claudia played a card they'd had up their sleeve so that they could control Victor's business. The story ended when Carol found the strength not to kill her ex-husband and the whole plot fit together, Claudia and Rick died because they sat in the garage too

long while their car was running, and Sonny and Vicki finally got the respect they deserved from their father.

The play was directed by Ross Collin, a first year English teacher. According to Tim Axelrod, Mr. Collin "used a whole new, unique method which taught us how to think like our character."

As successful as the winter play was, there were a few difficulties in running it. There was a snow storm that forced the Friday performance to be canceled, and "It killed one-third of our production," said Bryan Jones. Despite all the snow, Jenny Rugaard thought they "had slight difficulties, but it worked." To top it off, the fire alarm went off before the Saturday performance. Luckily, it was about an hour before the auditorium doors were open to the public.

Killjoy was a great play and it was obvious everyone who was a part of the production worked hard.

-Jason Woodbury & Arlene Smothers



Victor (Axelrod) puts the sleeper hold on his son Sonny (Kallas).

Even with being a slimy lawyer, I've enjoyed this role [more] than my others".

-Bryan Jones



Vicki (Rugaard) screams in pain as Carol (Patel), lost in thought, accidentally cuts Vick's finger.

Overall, how do you think the play went? Do you think it was successful?

"Yes but it had its disasters."

- Justin David Kallas I

"It ran fine, but all plays have their ups and downs."

- Jerry Rugaard

"The 2 days it was actually performed yes, but I'm not bitter, am I?"

- Nicole Patel

"It better have been. I felt personally excellent."

- Bryan Jones

"Aside from the snow Friday and the fire alarm on Saturday, good"

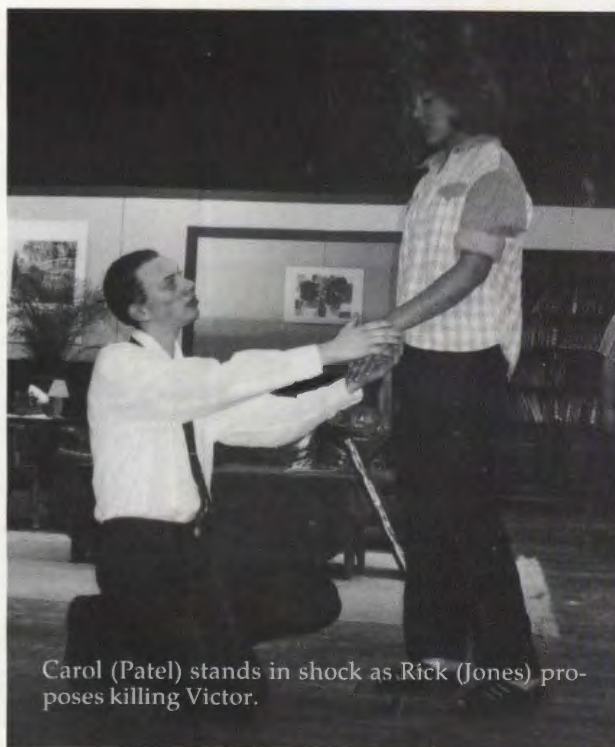
- Tony Palombi



The Cast from top to bottom: Bryan Jones, Jenny Rugaard, Justin Kallas, Tony Palombi, Tim Axelrod, Erin Henry, Nicole Patel



Sonny (Kallas) struggles under the weight of a moving box.



Carol (Patel) stands in shock as Rick (Jones) proposes killing Victor.



Claudia (Erin Henry) becomes center of attention as she portrays her character's nauseating charm.

Student Council

Student Council

"Student Council is a great way to make lifelong friends," says Jenny Bieniasz, a freshman on Student Council. Throughout the year, Student Council has held many fundraisers including the freshmen carwash that raised over \$400! Another is the Common Wealth Edison project. The committee, lead by Jaime Nadonly, worked on the project with Com. Ed, which in turn gave Student Council large amounts of money for their research. Jenny tells us that even if she doesn't get voted into Student Council in the later years, she'll try to help out in some way. When we asked Chris Thomas, a senior who has been a part of Student Council for all four years, if he plans to join up with his college's Council, he said, "Yes, I enjoy being a part of the planning of activities or at least having some say on what goes on in the community I'm involved in. Student Council is the way to do that." Student Council plans school activities like Homecoming, Spirit Days, Community Service Activities and they have council meetings with all the classes, there are also separate meetings with their own classes. In order to make these plans possible, we look to the Executive Board. "The Executive Board," says Chris, "gives you the opportunity to lead the entire Student Council in helping our school. It's fun to be a part of what goes on "behind the scenes" of Student Council and to take on the extra responsibility." To be a member of the Executive Board, you must be a member of Student Council for at least one year. It is truly a commitment to be a member of Student Council and the Executive Board alike.

-Sean Warren and Kirsten Stockhoff



Student Council Executive Board: Front (left to right) Vice President Chris Thomas, Secretary Katy Coffman, President Michelle Grove. Row 2 (left to right) Treasurer Cathy Wilken, Community Service Chair Sara Knox, Fundraising Chair Matt Grogan, Junior Class President Dan Schneider.



Student Council. Front (left to right): Aimee Paran, Jaime Nadolny, Christina Wilbur, Jennifer Taylor, Laura Wilken, Beth Brinn, Amy Allison, Jenny Cwiak, Jill Wolter. Row 2 (left to right): Kelly Siekmann, Katy Coffman, Dennis Janek, Krisitn Leitherer, Nick Romanelli, Dan Schneider, Shannon Sterne, Brian Nelson, Bill Rocha. Row 3 (left to right): Lauren Migliorato, Michelle Grove, Matt Grogan, Andrea Enger, Erin Lichtfuss, Beau Brown, Chris Thomas, Sara Knox, Chachi Mendoza, C.J. Wostrastzky, Cathy Wilken, Advisor Mr. Zimmermann. Back (left to right): Jeff Cordina, Jenny Bieniasz, Sarah Assian, Monaca Thomas, Chris Hendricks, Hilary Blanchard, Mike Vargas.



Beau Brown smiles in the hall.



Jennifer Taylor poses for a quick picture.

Peer Helpers And Pep Club

Pep Club & Peer Listeners

When things need to be done for students, the Peer Listeners and Peer Helpers are there for them. Many times a disagreement breaks out and the peer listeners are there to give them advice and do peer mediations in the Tatu program, Teens Against Tobacco Use, at the Middle Schools around the area. The peer listeners and helpers were a BIG help in the high school and worked hard to brighten up students' lives!

The Pep Club all plays a big role in the school as well. School spirit tended to start here with locker decorations, assemblies, and other fun activities. Mrs. Maimins drew in an actual crowd of about 25 members who strove to get students involved.



Peer Helpers. Front (left to right): David Gilbertsen, Jessica Tonchick, (sideways) Sean Person, Janita Patel, Lauren Paulsen, Elizabeth Sanchez, Jenny Gilbert. Row 2 (left to right) Bill Rocha, Sergio Martinez, Sara Stevens, Danielle Botto, Tricia Bozich, Alaine Ellis, Brianna Rehmus, Jenny Saylor, Diana Chavez. Row 3 (left to right): Mrs. Kim Brafford, Humza Azam, Tom Wojcicki, Erin Lichtfuss, Bryan Kelsey, Tracy Erickson, Jocelyn Schineller, Jenny Payton, Mrs. Diana Alcala. Shoulders (left to right): Amy Kolz, Jeremy Willes, Ashley Link.



Pep Club. Front (left to right): Danielle Botto, treasurer; Sara Stevens, secretary; Tricia Bozich, vice-president; Alaine Ellis, president. Row 2 (left to right) Brooke Benzio, Mrs. Laimins, advisor, and Jenny Brosseau.



Alaine Ellis, Sara Stevens and Tricia Bozich celebrate after working hard at a Pep Club meeting.



The West Chicago "Cheerleaders."



Bryan Kelsey takes a break from Peer Helpers.



Sara Stevens puts the wild in Wildcats!

"It's a wonderful feeling knowing that you helped someone." Amy Koltz, Peer Helper.

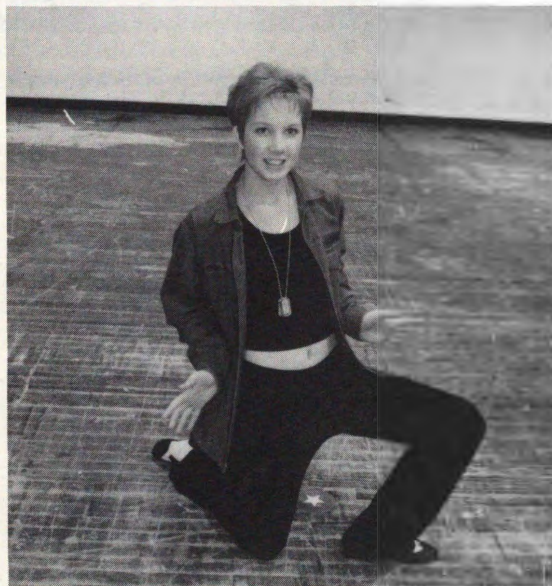
* DIVAS OF THE MILLENNIUM *



Posing and looking serious for the song "Bug-a-Boo," by Destiny's Child, are: Front: Amy Aiello, Nicole White, Shannon Nelson; Back: Julie Fosco, Fran Smith, Devin Vassar, Leslie Shambo, Jenny McGregory.



Posing for the song "Larger than Life," by the Backstreet Boys, are: Front: Kristin Leitherer, Mary Kovacs; Row 2: Samantha Szeszycki, Alison Brown, Tricia Bozich, Christie Palombi; Back: Courtney Dorn, Fran Smith, Emily Mueller, Jenny McGregory, Shannon Nelson, Pam Boyle, Devin Vassar.



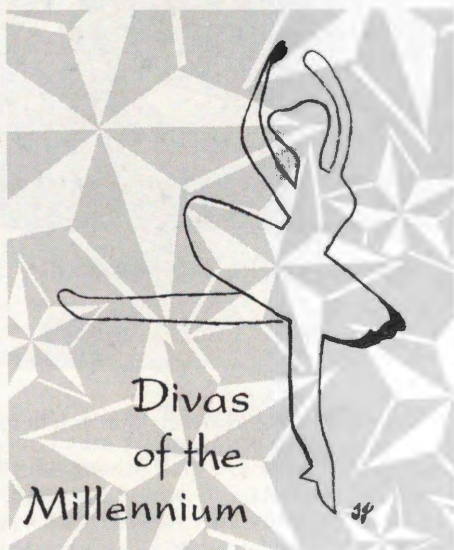
Jamie Nadolny tap dances to "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," sung by Bette Midler, in her performance for the Dance Production Show.



All seniors pose for the "Senior Jam," which was a mix of Destiny's Child and Jennifer Lopez. The Senior Jam was especially for the Senior Divas to dance to since it's their last year here. Front center: Mary Kovacs, Devin Vassar, Christie Palombi; Row 2: Emily Mueller, Jacki Wood, Jenny McGregory, Shannon Nelson; Back: Fran Smith, Leslie Shambo, Erin Lichtfuss, Nicole White, Alison Brown, Sam Szeszycki, Katalin Larm, Kristin Leitherer.

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The *Divas of the Millennium* from dance production, really hit it off big this year. Their choreography was creative and the music was chosen wisely, and from the looks of it, many girls wanted to join after they saw the Divas' performance. The song "Spice it up," by the Spice Girls, was really spiced up with the special performance of Ryan Dorn, Sean Peterson, and Bryan Kelsey. These three guys were daring enough to put on dresses and wigs and perform a song with the main dancers, Amy Aiello, and Courtney Dorn. This was a challenge for the guys because they were trying to copy the moves of Amy Aiello and Courtney Dorn. They did great and the crowd went wild when they saw these guys, or should I say girls, on the stage. Mary Kovacs, one of the Divas of the Millennium, said, "Dance Production was a great experience. I got to learn about dance and had fun doing it. It was a lot of work and I will never forget being able to dance to "Tomorrow." As Leslie Shambo put it, "Dance production proved to be a challenge, but in the end we worked together, and our show was a reflection of that."



New Advancements In School

How technology advancements can help you.

Where construction is taking place.



In every hallway and around every corner students had to be alert so that they wouldn't walk straight into a ladder, some type of debris, or even a wall. Construction workers had been fixing and or rewiring cable throughout the school on several occasions. Once in a while a continuously used hallway or staircase would be blocked off from everyone but the workers, however, soon a new one would be opened.

With 26 new classrooms added onto our school, it is clear to see the growing amount of people who have decided to make WCCHS a part of their life. The school has also added a dance studio, a fitness center, physical education facilities and athletic locker rooms to help enrich the students lives. A new athletic director's office, a training room, and indoor concession area have also been added. On top of the indoor construction, a new athletic field has been rededicated "Memorial Field" in honor of veteran's of foreign wars, on Friday, August 27, 1999.

Teachers will no longer be seen in the hallways wheeling around a TV because a 34" large screen monitor that connects to a VCR is in all 26 new classrooms. A teacher computer workstation for presentations

and a media distribution system connecting educational programming cable and satellite feeds is also accessible. In addition, every classroom will be equipped with a "Tech Panel" containing our new intercom system, digital clock, and telephone.

The high school will also have 12 fully equipped computer labs with an electronic college and carrier center, journalism lab, mobile lap top computers, and flex cams for science department labs.



Students can now have more room to work in the LRC due to the redesigning, even though there will be about 85 new computers.



Passages between the old wing are cluttered with tools of all sizes. Every corner has been crammed to save room, even the ceiling.



Although the condition of part of the school is in need of major repair, students like Daniel Hernandez and others still continue to work hard keeping the green house and the connecting classroom going as best they can.



Rooms like this one supply the school with energy needed to light classrooms.

To make their job easier, construction workers have torn down walls of the school so they could get new construction materials in through the opening and other times they were just too lazy to go around.



Technology And
Construction

WeGo Locks Up

With the recent rise in school violence and construction, it was no wonder that Community High School added more security to make our learning experience safer in 1999-2000. Students had to wear a picture ID at all times, and if a student refused, they were sent to ISS. There were also more security cameras on campus. These new cameras could be used to zoom in and out, and they could also move about to look at different areas. Although administrators said that the new items were to keep us safe, almost every student disagreed with them.

After surveying the students, the results stated that the majority of students felt very safe, but didn't believe that the IDs and cameras were helping. Students realized that wearing IDs only protect them from strangers to this school, but the IDs did not protect us from one another. In other words, if there was to be a school shooting it would be no different from Columbine, Colorado except for the fact that everyone would be wearing IDs.

School security increased in wake of violence in other schools.

These students were correct, but then the question was what is needed to insure our safety? There are many safety precautions that could still be added, such as metal detectors, police officers, or bars on every window. The reality of the matter is that if someone really wants to inflict violence or cause harm on the school or the students, nothing can really stop them. All we can do is hope that no one has enough hatred and motivation to do these kind of acts of violence.

-Dennis Janek & Lisa Calabrese

How do you think this year's added security has affected our personal safety?

"I don't feel any more safe than last year, but at least they are trying" - Amanda Czech 2001.

"Very little. Anyone could still walk in." -Scott Blanchard 2001

"Well, we know a bomber would have a student ID!" -Frank Check 2001

"I feel rather safe." -Sean Suwalski 2002



Students enter the school in the morning and are greeted by security guard Ms. Jones, who issued them temporary IDs.



Security guard Walter Loague stations himself in the foreign language hallway in order to check students for their IDs and to watch all the exits and entrances.



Security guard Joe Freeman keeps the hallways safe.

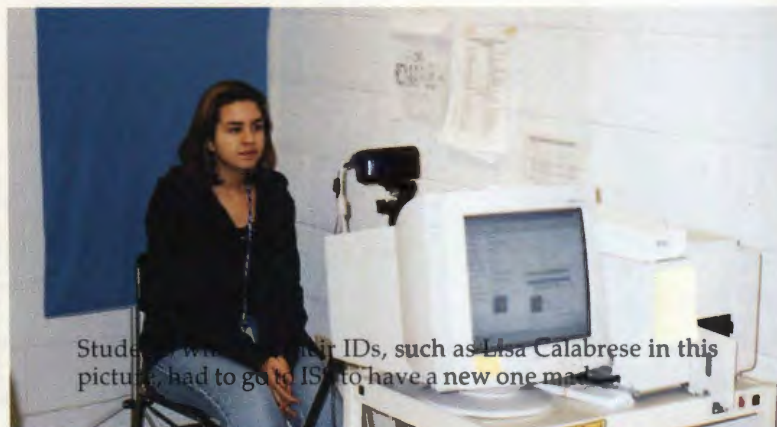
What steps do you think would be most effective in preventing violence in schools?

"More Hippies! Definitely More Hippies!!!!" -Frank Check 2001

"They might as well give us computer chips and a number!!" - Jenny Wingstedt 2001

"Teens should become involved in extracurricular activities and sports." -Tom Wojcicki 2002

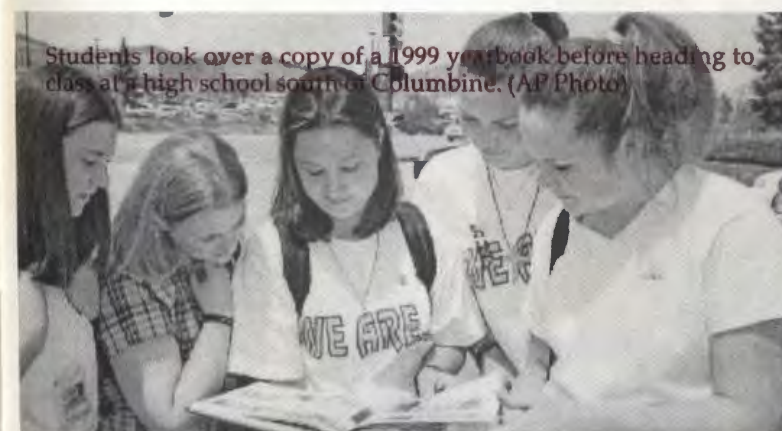
"Bring back Advisory classes from Jr. High, where people can talk about their problems." Brenda Berendson 2000



Students who didn't have IDs, such as Lisa Calabrese in this picture, had to go to ISS to have a new one made.



Three students run away from Columbine HS after they were evacuated in Littleton, Colorado on Tuesday, April 20, 1999. (AP Photo)



School Violence

Will It Ever End?

you would like to be treated and practice tolerance with others. As sophomore Sean Suwalski put it, "You can't live your life in fear."

According to the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence (CSPV), 235 school associated violent deaths occurred in the United States from 1992 to 1999. Between the years of 1989 and 1995, the percentage of students who felt unsafe in school was about 6%. From 1995 to 1999, the percentage rose to about 12%, and with the recent rise in school violence, that percentage was well on its way to becoming a larger number. According to the same study by the CSPV, at least 9 out of 10 schools have a system called the "Zero Tolerance Policy" where the school has a predetermined punishment for a specific offense. In an effort to address violence, many schools implemented zero tolerance policies by the 1999-2000 school year.

In the wake of all this, schools worked this year to become even safer for students, teachers, and all staff members. We may be able to create that perfect environment someday in the future, but for now all we can do is take one day at a time.

-Lisa Calabrese

When students begin to kill other students, we must ask ourselves a simple question: "Why would anyone do something like this? What did these kids do in their lives to deserve such a fate?" Although many people think that they know the answer to these questions, we may never really know because we can't get into the mind of another person. The impression was that the students involved in violence were made to feel like outcasts, and all of their anger was put into extreme violence. After the many school shootings that occurred over a span of two years, teens were starting to wake up and realize that maybe teasing other people and treating each other unequally weren't good things to do. There is this thing called the Golden Rule — treat others how

What steps do you think would be most effective in preventing violence in schools?

"By the time a student reaches high school the only thing that can help them is parental love." -Dan Godoy, Sophomore

"Nothing. If someone wants to do something stupid (and violent), nothing would be able to stop them. It's all in how kids are raised." -Heidi Lakics, Senior

"They might as well give us computer chips and a number!" -Jenny Wingstedt, Junior

"By trying to make students feel as equal as possible, so that they don't want to revolt." -Jenni Boyd, Sophomore



Blast From the Past

Mrs. Laimins, teacher of the sixties seminar, said the students in the first-time class were learning the culture and events of the sixties through simulations and song. "It's was a blast from the past," she said with a laugh. According to Mrs. Laimins, the students learned mainly about civil rights, the origins of the protests of the sixties, and what was considered a positive or negative protest. They also explored how the culture affected the music that was produced in that time period. They took field trips to the coffee house, the Art Institute

of Chicago, to look at modern pop-art, and to the site of the 1968 convention, to enrich the students' understanding of the era.

The class, which included Sophomores through Seniors, was small (about 12 students), but Mrs. Laimins said it was pretty positive. "The students seemed to enjoy themselves. All I wanted was participation, and hard workers." The class met tenth hour, and was worth half a credit. In the words of the students, it was well worth it.

- Becky Dennis



Kristine Cleveland holds a little boy as part of her work with the Moms-In-School program. She volunteered there through the Community Leadership Seminar, which grants credit for volunteer service.

Exploring The Creepy Crawlies

Ghosts and ghouls were the talk of the school when the English Department offered a Gothic Literature course first semester. Lynn Gallimore, students in the seminar, said that overall, she enjoyed the class. She especially enjoyed reading *Pet Semetary*, a novel by Stephen King. "I love that book," she said. The students also read works by Edgar Allen Poe and Anne Rice, and watched movies such as "Psycho" and "The Haunting." They talked about different things included in the gothic genre, and discussed what motivates horror writers to write their stories. "I think that

learning about where the stories are coming from is interesting," Gallimore said.

Lynn also talked about the field trip they took. "We went to the Chicago Historical Society to see *Ghosts Stories of Chicago*, and to see the Jekyll and Hyde Club for lunch. The play stunk, but the restaurant was awesome ... it was my favorite part of the trip."

As the semester came to an end, so did a monster of a class at West Chicago High School.

- Becky Dennis



Natalia Sienkowiec, Rocio Tena, and Diana Chavez cuddle with homeless kittens at the animal shelter.



Awww!! Isn't the doggy cute!



Alicia Feistamel practices being a mom during the Moms In School program.



Greg Belding plays bingo with seniors at The Terrace.



Kevin Kairys, Ryan Hammer, and Alison Brown sitting, waiting for the play to start at the Chicago Historical Society.



Alison Brown, Ivory Flores, and Ryan Hammer eating lunch at The Jekyll and Hyde Club.



"The restaurant was pretty great," says Alicia Feistamel.



Alison Brown and Ivory Flores waiting for lunch to start.



Sean Peterson and Justin Hall clapping during lunch.



Look like John Jones is having fun..?



A waiter at the Jekyll and Hyde Club showing off for the camera.



Smile! Samantha Spoden, Crystal Fuller, and Janet Drenth posing for a picture.



Wonder what Alison Braunhausen is staring at?

Destination: British Isles

A Summer Fantasy

In the summer of 1999, students and teachers left for the British Isles. It was a sixteen day trip to see Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and England. Those on the trip made many memories and had many adventures.

Ireland was one of the group's favorite places to visit, "because people were nice in the countryside and the view was beautiful", stated Diana Chavez, a student on the trip. During their stay in Dublin they experienced a pub walk, where they learned about the history of Ireland and listened to folk music. "We had a fabulous evening, and enjoyed ourselves

thoroughly," said Leslie Shambo, another student on the trip. Later, while at Loch Ness, Miss Daneels, Crystal Fuller, and Jamie Shanks pretended to see the Loch Ness monster, and Diana Chavez video taped it all. "It was so funny to see Miss Daneels run for her life," said Diana Chavez. While in Edinburgh, they took part in the Ceilidh, which means party, and even ate haggis, food made from lamb intestines. "The Ceilidh was horrible," said Leslie Shambo. In the Roman baths in England, steam still rose from the furnace rooms. "To realize that I was walking through a building constructed by the ancient Romans thousands of years ago was a tremendous feeling," exclaimed Shambo.

After a journey of a lifetime around the British Isles, the group headed to their next destination, West Chicago. After a summer fantasy, it was back to reality.

"It was honestly the best experience of my life." -Leslie Shambo

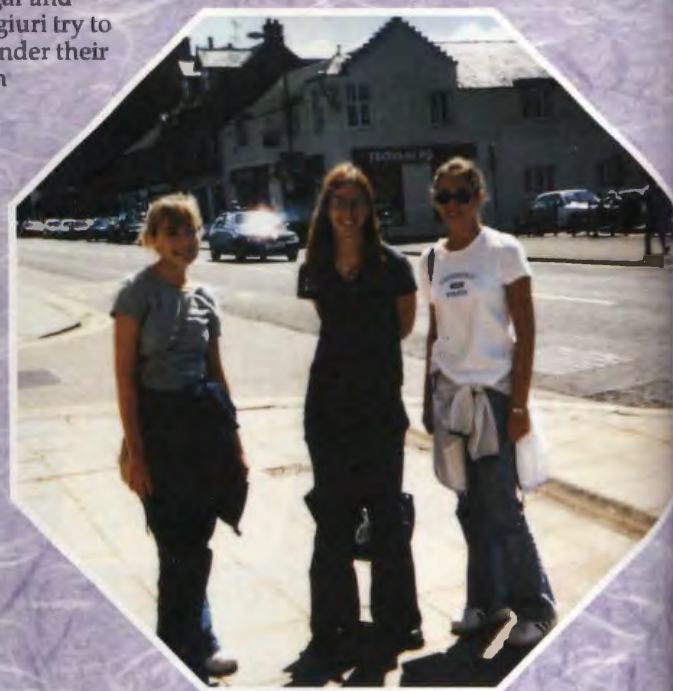


Helen Walsh sits in her London hotel room after leaving her clothes by the open window only to have them soaked in a downpour.



Tom Merrion and Helen Walsh pose for a quick picture in front of Stonehenge, an awe striking place said to be an ancient burial and worship site.

Jenny Trygar and Laura Caligiuri try to keep dry under their umbrella in England.



Jennifer Briggs, Kristen Loek, and Leslie Shambo stop for quick shopping trip in Trossachs, Scotland, gateway to the Scottish highlands.



Tom Merrion, Leslie Shambo, Brett Stark, Jenny Trygar, and Jami Shanks have all received the "gift of gab," by kissing the famous Blarney Stone at Blarney Castle in Ireland.

Destination: London

**5, 4, 3, 2, 1 ...
Happy New Year!**

In April of '99 the band began planning a trip to London for the millennium celebration. In London, the marching band, complete with color guard, would perform in a parade on New Year's Day. The concert band and jazz band would perform as well. The band held many fund raising activities for the trip, including sales of Tupperware, cookie dough, and postcards. After all their fund raising, the cost of the trip was brought down from \$1,900 per person to \$1,400 per person. Sixty-five students went on the trip with fourteen chaperones. On December 26, all the students and chaperones left for their week-long trip to London. While there, the Concert Band performed in Westminster Hall, the Jazz Band performed in St. Paul's Hammersmith, and the Marching Band performed in the London Millennium Parade. Aside from performing together, the band and color guard also visited many different sites. Including Westminster Abbey, the Parliament, and Big Ben. On New Year's Eve the band had a party with a DJ. "The New Year's Eve party was unbelievable. When the clock struck midnight, it was such a rush!

Everyone was cheering and hugging each other, I'll never forget it!" said color guard co-captain Jamie Nadolny. The next morning, the marching band, with some of our color guard, performed in the London Parade with two million people watching. They received applause along the entire parade route. Mr. Guter stated that, "It was a great trip, one that everyone will always remember with great joy and happiness!"

-Brooke Adams



A small group of WE-GO band members gather for a picture in front of Abbey Road Studios. Front: Jamie Nadolny, Brian Miller, Amanda Millard, Melissa Kane. Back: Brian Becker, Chris Gerber, Margot Reges, Dave Toney, Matt Borscky, Keith Halsall.



Chris Pagnozzi, Mike Kostal, Eddie Hernandez, and Ross Jeambey take a short break from the New Year's Eve party to take some pictures.



Darcie Jones, Kris Donovan, and Brittany Kozlowski kick back and relax in their hotel.



Jamie Nadolny and Katie Marcantonio take their punishment in the stocks.



Peggy Sable and Katie Holt enjoy a show in London.



Left: Jim Rylowicz studies hard to make Frau Strohm proud.



Right: Beth Deutsch reads to help her group get ahead.



Jason Pillion, Jake Delort, James Thrasher, and Dylan Swanner ponder their next answer.

"There are high standards at West Chicago, especially in Mathematics."
Mr. Eric Lasky

What do YOU think of WEGO's academics?

"I loved English cuz of Mr. Collin's impressions of Johanna."
Amy Demitropulos.

running in the midst of CLUTTER

How do West Chicago Academics Stack Up?

At **WCHS** I have:

Rarely Sometimes Often Always

...been academically challenged:

12% 50% 35% 2%

...enjoyed my classes:

32% 24% 44% 0%

...been able to achieve my academic goals:

6% 35% 44% 12%

...felt the teachers are concerned about my learning:

24% 41% 21% 15%

...put my maximum effort into my schoolwork:

18% 35% 35% 12%

...felt the elective classes offered met my interests:

15% 18% 47% 21%

Upon leaving WCHS I think I will be

prepared to pursue my goals:

poorly: 6% somewhat: 26%
adequately: 50% exceedingly well: 18%

*50 surveys randomly distributed/34 students responded



Christine Weisse, Leslie Shambo, Franchesca Smith, and Jenny Briggs take a break from watching the Shakespearian play, "All's Well That Ends Well."



Aaron Hernan, Katie Lundgren, Dan Hernandez, Mrs. Walksler, Laura McQueen, and Melissa Garcia participate at Ball Seed during a Botany field trip.

"Students don't get anything out of Academics unless we try — and we don't!"
CJ Wostratzki

"I think academic achievement is a choice that a student makes. Their success depends on their choice; not teachers, other students, or the institution!"
Ms. Mary Ellen Daneels.



Darcie Jones works intently while in Math.



Hillary Brown studies during French.



Brianne Rehmus listens to her teacher lecture.

(Left clockwise:) Ken Leonard, Erik Hansen, Keith Halsall, Andrew Vock, and Paul Mantz dance during their German Play.



(left cluster) Lisa Calabrese, Becky Dennis, Maggie Grossmayer. (second row) Justin Hoshaw, Chris Gaudin. (third set of groupies) Kirsten Stockhoff, Sean Warren.



Nicole Lederman and James Olvera work together to get their work done.



Stephanie Nadolny works intently with her computer.

Aaron Hernan and Dan Hernandez start a plantin'! (Left)



Left: The shop class finds the secret to making students invisible! (Photo by Heidi Carballo). Right: Christina Rodriguez mixes the cake filling.

"There's a tendency of students to be lazy, but they are capable," Mr. Wayne Kosek.



"Photography is great! It helped me realize that I want to be a professional photographer!" Lauren Nickelson
"superb!"
"solid foundation!"
"pue uonadatio!"
West Chicago has a



"I want to ride a cow
and shake a penguin's
hand!" -Marc Berry

"To grow my hair
like a Chia Pet."
-Kassi Jedlicka

"I will try to smile at
everyone I meet and try
to be nice to people."
-Lisa Calabrese

"To find what I've been
looking for; it's different
for everyone."
-Dan Camcross

"TIME TO GET
FREAKY!!!"
-DBC

"To shove Aaron
Hannemann in a garbage
can"
-Dennis Kirschke Jr.



"To not kill all the freshmen who stand in the middle of the
hall."
-Danielle Kogut

"To party a million times
more!"
-Amy Alisson

"Stop putting Nair in my
friends shampoo!"
-Josh Swanner

"To do one good deed for
someone else everyday."
-Cori Osity

"I want to be able to speak up
so I can be heard."
-Isabel Guerrero

"Find my Mo-Jo and defeat
Dr. Evil."
-Dennis Janek

"Go to state for Baseball."
-Jeff Hodge



"To have fun everyday."
-Jon Jelinek



"I really need to stop putting peo-
ple down for no reason."
-Jennifer Skrzypizynski



"To grow 5 inches."
-Monique Castelvocchi

Juniors Eddie Cruz and John McPheters express their love for Grandma.



Junior Jenny Brosseau picks senior Jaclyn Scott's nose.



What Would You Do For a Dollar?

"Nothing it's just a dollar!!!"
-Danielle Kogut

"I would eat ice-cream through my nose!" -Glen McDants

"Dress up like a girl for the whole school day."
-Adam Hamrick

This question was asked of almost 200 students at West Chicago Community High School to find out how wild they could be.

The yearbook staff passed out surveys and got a wild variety of responses.

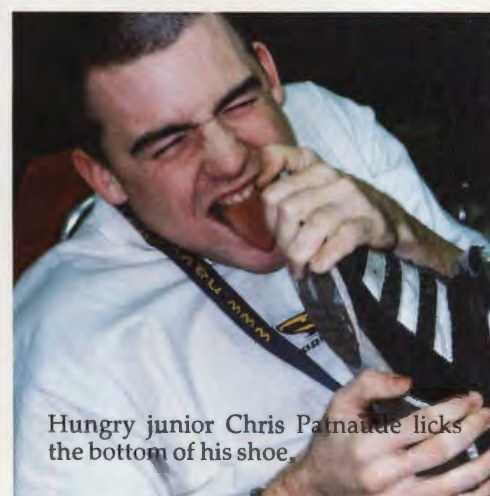
Some of the responses were:

- Senior Greg Wheaton saying, "I love you," to Mr. Carter.
- "... Give you a quarter." -Senior Chip Ault
- "Do my homework ... maybe!" -Senior Andrew Vock
- "Try to walk across the front of the classroom on my hands." -Senior Carl Thoemmes
- "Sing 'I'm a little teapot' in front of the class." -Junior Nicole Benedetto
- "Go into the guys' locker room! YEAH BABY!!" -Sophomore Claudia Vega
- "Nothing." -Junior Joe Wasiqi
- "Beg." -Junior Chris Gehrke
- "Nothing. It's just a dollar!!" -Junior Danielle Kogut
- "Give you 50 cents." -Junior Brian Kerr
- "Dress up like a girl for the whole school day." -Senior Adam Hamrick

"Jump off a 40 story building."
-Kenny Leonard

"Beat you up and take it!"
-Jeff Murrell

"Dress up like a girl for the whole day!" -Adam Hamrick



What Would You Do For a Dollar?

DID YOU KNOW??

Small Surprises In Our Very Own School

West Chicago High School has had many odd and interesting things in its history that you may or may not know about. One thing is that from 1926-1955, the basketball court wasn't where you'd think it would be. It was to be found on what is now the stage. You can still see the lines of the court on the stage.

Another thing is that right below the main hallway, there is a small tunnel. It runs from the boiler room to the kitchen. Also underneath the kitchen there is a second power source. Another really cool place in the school is the control room for the auditorium. It is located on the third floor of the school right above the balcony. From that room, you can get onto the catwalk that is above the auditorium. Here they can lower the lights all the way to the first floor in order to replace the light bulbs.

Back-to-back conference championships in different conferences haven't come often to West Chicago. But in the 1974-

1975, the girl's varsity basketball team won their conference championship, in the Little Seven conferences. In the 1975-1976 school year, they changed to the DuPage Valley conference. Again, they took the championship.

In 1955, the second part of the school was added on. To see where the new part was added on, go right outside of the study hall room. You will see a metal bar going all around the hall. that is where they demolished the old school's wall and added on.

The last, but certainly not least important fact that we found was that in the cafeteria, they used to serve a food called Johnny Mossetti. This was a lasagna food that was mixed with a hamburger meat. No one knows why it was called Johnny Mossetti, but some of the teachers think "he" was very tasty!

-Kristen Stockhoff and Sean Warren



Have you ever wondered what above the auditorium looks like? Well here is.

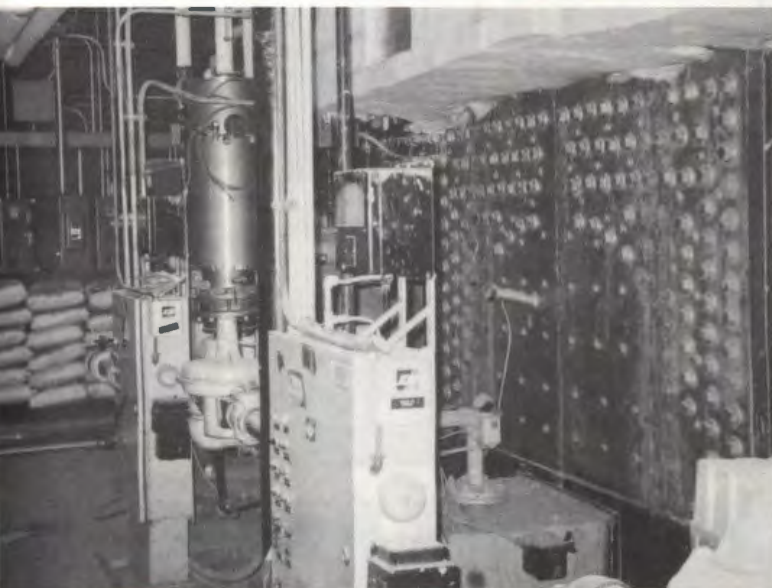


Years ago, there used to be benches in the main hallway!

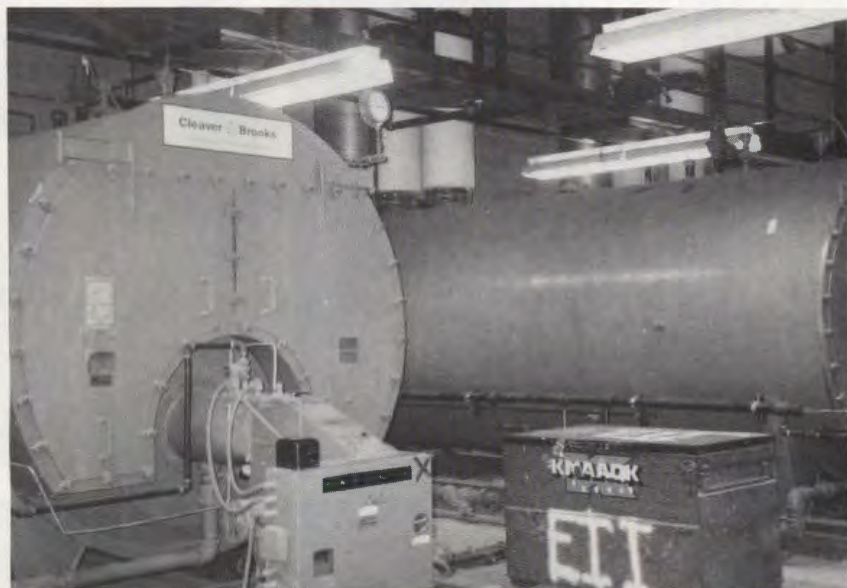


In case of a bomb, you would go here. But not anymore, it disappeared!

DID YOU KNOW??



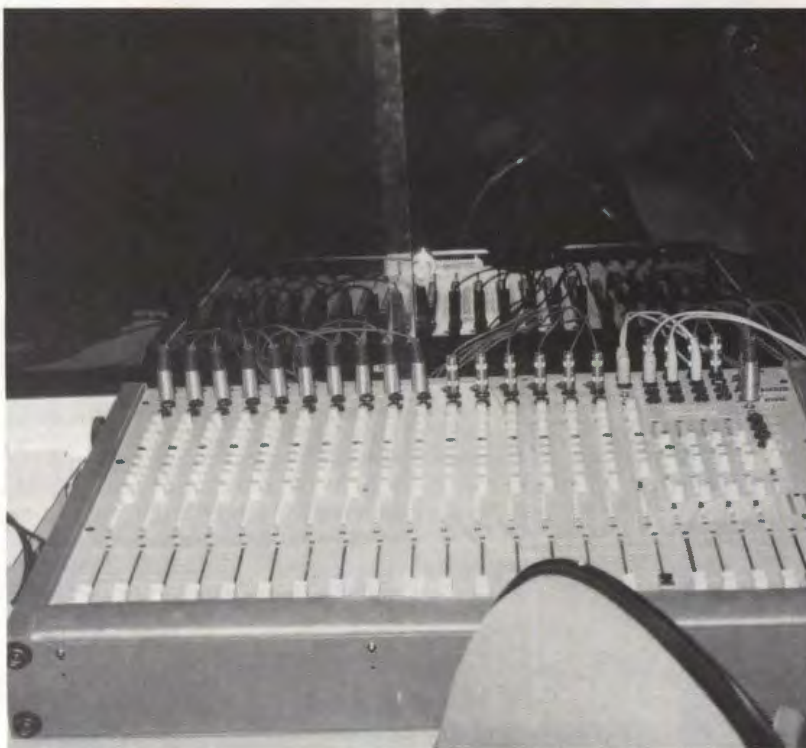
Our water used to come from this source.



But now we get it from this one!



The basement of our school.



These are the controls for the auditorium.



This is the power source for the school.



There is a secret tunnel under the school. It leads from underneath the kitchen all the way down the main hallway.



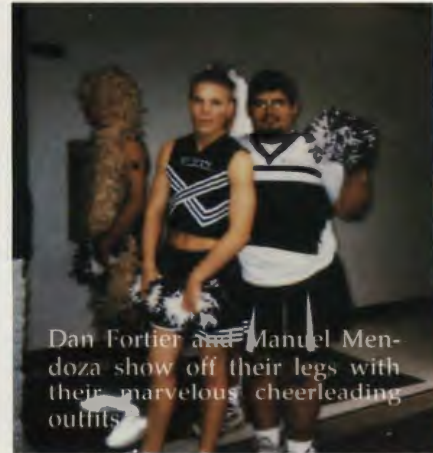
This is the cleaner for the pool.

Did You Know?

Retro We-Go



Ken Leonard supports his army vest while he sits in commons.



Dan Fortier and Manuel Mendoza show off their legs with their marvelous cheerleading outfits.



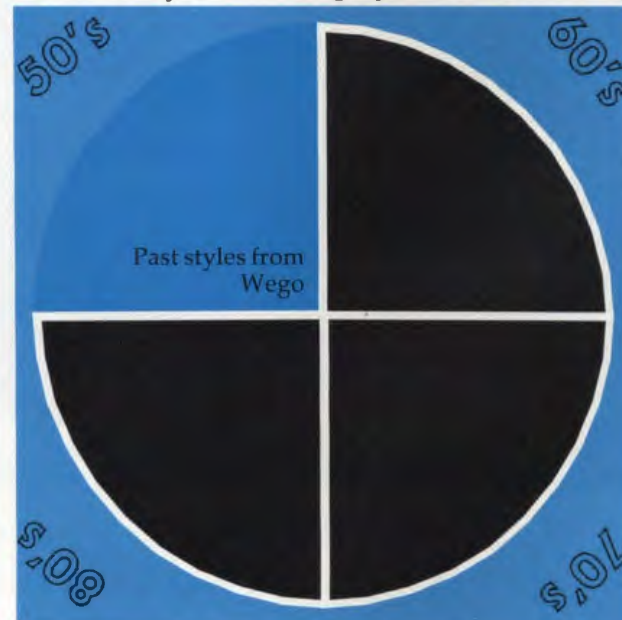
Claudia Gentile and Matt Scott show off their sporty styles which were popular in the 80's.



Ruth Kueker does her hair to make it look shocking.

Did you think you would ever wear what your parents wore?

You probably don't think you would but, we are here to tell you something. Most teens don't think that they would ever be caught wearing what clothes their parents wore. Yet, today teens wear styles from the 50's, 60's, 70's, and 80's. All the styles of earlier years make fashions today. For example, did you know that in the 50's guys used to wear nice plaid shirts with a nice pair of khakis? Today that is something very common with the guys in high school. The 60's featured wide legged pants or what are known as bell bottoms. Now almost every girl you see has a pair of flares looking similar to the bell bottoms of the 60's. The 70's is the decade that recent fashions have come from. In the 70's flannel pants were the thing, and now about one out of every eight people you see is wearing them. The guys back then mostly wore polos, which is another thing that is frequently worn today. Have you ever seen someone walk by you with an old Mickey Mouse or Scooby Doo shirt on? Well, most students in the 70's wore character shirts just like teen's today. Not too long ago the 80's were here. The eighties brought wild hair cuts, from the different colors they made them to the wacky styles. About one-half of the students of We-Go dye their hair and about one-fourth dye it a wacky color, such as green, red, blue, etc. ... The eighties also brought in a generation of strong musicians. The thing back then was to wear your favorite bands t-shirt. Band shirts, some old, some new are worn by most students to show off what they like. You might find a few shirts that are from the eighties, such as Metallica, Guns'N'Roses, Aerosmith, even some Run Dmc. All of the styles of before make the styles of today. Now, would you have thought you would be wearing what your parents wore?



Chris Thomas and Katie Saul bring back the old days with their flannel wear.

Chapter 3

Destination: Changing Times



I sat rather impatiently in my seat awaiting the return of my Junior research paper. My hands were mildly sweating and my arms were shaking slightly. Did I really want to see my grade? Names were being called. My classmates marched to the front of the room, turned around, marched back to their seat, and sat down; their faces were either those of extreme joy or of extreme sorrow. The moments passed by too slowly. I felt as though I would explode from the build up of tension in my body. Anxiety mixed with impatience pressed upon me with a weight I could hardly bear.

"Cory Oscity."

Ah, my name. She said my name. Gradually I stood up and walked towards the front of the classroom to accept my paper, complete with the final grade. It took a while to walk to the front, due to the lack of strength in my body. She handed me the paper and met my eyes.

"Cory, congratulations! You recieved an A++. Well done!" I could not think straight for a second, and then all of a sudden, the words hit me, the words hit me. My eyes filled with tears as the class gave me a standing ovation.

"Thank you so much! All of you! You have no..."

I woke up suddenly, swimming in my drool. I was still in my English class awaiting my paper. I guess I was dreaming "Cory Oscity, your paper is ready."

Oh well, here it goes again.



Sherri Grin smiles while she takes a break from working at the CWT Office.



Hans Trujillo looks professional as he sits at a desk and works hard.

"Setting your own goals and learning. A career is more than a job," were some of the concepts picked up by Sergio Vargas while taking CWT, or Cooperate Work Training Program. You have to motivate yourself and know, "Pretty good isn't enough, you have to do your best to do enough," Marisela Robles. While in classroom, students learn about workers rights, how to do taxes, and how to act in an interview. You have to learn how to find which subjects in a career will fit your needs as well as helping your skills that help you to be successful. Work ethics and how to do your taxes were the foundation of this class to many students.

BTI (Business Technical Internship) is offered to juniors and seniors who plan to have a career in business. You can start your career during high school. We asked some students, "What have you learned that will help successfully finish the class and go on with your job or career?" Adam Hamrick quoted, "I learned a lot of real life situations and stuff that I will need to know when I live by myself. Pay for yourself first." "I have learned that it is a necessity to have long and short term goals and to always check up on your goals," said Jenny Saylor. We also asked these students to describe what they do in classroom. "Take the class and find out," said Karen Tuegel. Hans Trujillo said he learned about "Work related skills, life skills, investments, and about taxes." Adam Hamrick said, "Students take lots of notes and watch corny movies." This class is recommended to juniors and seniors if they plan a career in business.



Being kind to the customers and greeting them with a smile, Javier Escalante checks out a few items and poses for the camera as well.



At the local store, Alejandra Terrazas stands with her supervisor as they help you pick out a perfume.

"At CWT you learn to be responsible and how to get a job."
-Berenice Munoz

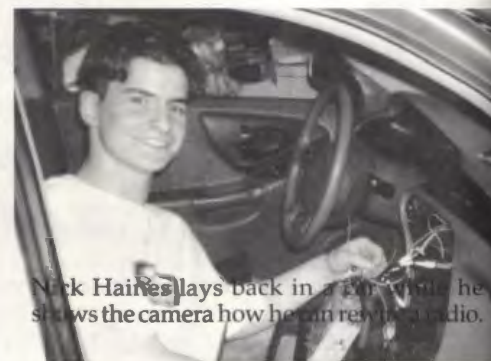
"You learn how to be successful in your job and how to keep a job."
-Rosalba Vera



Samantha Spollen concentrates hard as she types at a lawyer's office.



Teresa O'Ivera comforts a child at daycare while they sit in front of the camera.



Nick Haines lays back in a car while he shows the camera how he can rewind a radio.



Front (left to right) Rachel Lawrence, Nick Haines, Josh MacDonald, Michelle Ballard, Melissa Brady, Julie Peck, Javier Escalante, Berenice Munoz; row 2 Roberto Nunez, Yesenia Espinal, Carmen Barajas, Lilia Granados, Daniel Santana, Israel Porquillo, Mrs. Peach, Mark Poulterer, Vladimir Koruchuk, Victor Correa, Sergio Vargas; middle: Sarah Dietz.



Front (left to right) Michelle Brady, Bridget Leonhardt, Keren Tuegel, Sarah Grammer, Vanessa Garcia; row 2: Ana Tirado, Consuelo Chairez, Daniel Hernandez, Jennifer Saylor, Sherri Grin, Rosie Correa, Jeanette Fernandez; row 3: Esteban Alvarez, Juan Chavez, Robert Holguin, James Farjeat, Nesim Kerimi, Adam Hamrick, Hans Trujillo, Mrs. Carol Streicher.



Technology Center Of Dupage



"Don't let school get in the way of your education."
-Mark Twain

TCD



Kelly Quarto and Alma Ramirez pose crazy while in cosmetology class, showing they can work hard and have fun too.



Vladimir Reyes and Eduardo Lozada concentrate on their work. What their teacher points out to them is work, work, work.

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

-Eleanor Roosevelt



Technology Center Of Dupage



...sitting at a computer, smiles as the camera flashes.

TCD (Technology Center of Dupage) also known as Davea. TCD lets juniors and seniors get a start on their career, unlike BTI (Business Technical Internship) TCD lets you actually have hands on work and if you complete the years needed for the class you chose, you can become certified and you won't need to take more classes in college for that career field you choose. You learn a career or job and then if you want you can get a job in that field that you chose for TCD. BTI is a class and it shows you how to do a job unlike TCD gets you started on a career if you want that to be your career. It is recommended for those who want a career in Multimedia production, nurse assistant or a computer programmer, these are just some of the choices of classes that you have at TCD. TCD is recommended for juniors and seniors who want to begin their career right after high school. Chris Pagnozzi said "TCD is a getaway from sitting in a classroom with your face in a book."

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"TCD is like a business where you learn respect and you get it back."

-Chris Pagnozzi

"TCD is a place to fulfill your dream in your career."

Michelle Skala helps out with the kids at childcare as they get ready to eat.



Front (left to right) Claudia Gentile, Mary Patenaude, Adriana Romero, Karla Ascencio, Rosalba Vera, Marisol Labastia, Araceli Cuatzo; row 2 Brian Pavoni, Anissa Flores, Marisela Robles, Bertha Garcia, Alejandra Terrazas, Lisandra Guerrero, Gloria Pachimani; row 3 Luis Herrera, Juan Ceja, Lupe Morales, Victor Espinoza, Jesus Avila, Angela Correa, Miguel Herrera, Mark Poulterer.

TCD, BTI, & CWT

*"If I knew now,
what I knew then, I
would've done then
what I can do now."
-Amy Kreml*

It seems like the year has just flown by. The junior year started us out into the world for the very first time. As we worked for our cars and 'partying,' we still had to go to school (ugh!) and do all of our homework. This year helped us get out of our shells, give us more responsibility, and open our eyes to the real world. While our Junior year was full of working and driving in our sporty new cars, we still had to make time for sleep, working and (of course) the PSAT, SAT and ACT. These tests scored our potential against others and scared us because of their long term effects.

While working our butts off, we still managed to find time to get funky and party. Homecoming helped pull all of us together. In the weeks coming up to Homecoming, the juniors sported a wonderful t-shirt that was available to one and to all JUNIORS. These shirts were supplied by European Sports and became a regular part of many juniors' wardrobes. And since these shirts helped to pull us together, we won the spirit stick at the Homecoming pep rally (for the third year in a row). Can anyone beat us? I think not.

-Christina Droho

Cory Abruzzese
Bret Adams
Erick Aguilar
Brian Ahlgard
Nicole Albrecht

Michael Alderton
Jose Alejo
Leonel Alfaro
Amy Allison
Jessica Alvarado

Horacio Alvarez
Richard Amos
Lindsey Anders
Matthew Anderson
Lance Armstrong

David Arnett
Amy Arroyo
Jesse Askin
Robert Austin
Ricardo Avalos

Timothy Axelrod
Shyhrete Bajraktari
Michele Ballard
Antonio Ballines
Susana Ballines

Kris Baloy
Araceli Barajas
Carmen Barajas
Brandon Barclay
Thomas Barta

Ryan Begy
Ramon Bajarano
Vanessa Benavides
Nicole Benedetto
Maribel Benitez

Jeffery Betts
Scott Blanchard
James Bobik
Danielle Botto
Thomas Boward

Tricia Bozich
Brandon Brach
Amanda Brandt
Allison Braunhausen
Elizabeth Brinn

Katherine Brinn
Jon Brown
Melissa Bruenning
Elizabeth Bucio
Christopher Buckles-Haley





Meghan Burlison
Jeffrey Butt
Lydia Cabral
Evelia Calvo
Amanda Campagnoni

Brian Campbell
John Cantrell
Grace Cantu
Heidi Carballo
Cynthia Carmona

Carrie Carpenter
Tim Carstensen
Joe Caruso
Monique Castelvechi
David Casillo

Kari Chase
Albert Chavez
Francis Check
Sarah Coiley
Jerome Coleman

Javier Contreras
Rosie Correa
Alexandra Corson
Armando Cruz
Eddie Cruz

Oscar Cruz
Paul Cuautle
Jennifer Cwiak
Amanda Czech
Nicholas Czernek

Danielle Daru
Sarah Deitz
Lucina Delgado
Daniel Delort
James Demer

Connie Dewitt
Jessica Diaz
Brett Dieter
Matthew Dieter
Katie Dinicolo

Matthew Doll
Jorge Dominguez
Sara Donovan
Russel Downs
Christina Droho

Elissa Dupree
Letecia Duran
Jennie Eagels
Brian Ellerbruch
Alaine Ellis

"I have no legs."
Danielle Kogut

2001

Blake Erdmann
Nancy Espinal
James Farjeat
Julietta Favela
Amy Fenderson
Vidal Ferreyra
Meagan Figiel



Jeffrey Fleming
Anissa Flores
Daniel Flores
Maria Flores
Steven Flores
Shannon Flowers
Michael Fontana



Julie Fosco
Kelly Frazier
Erich Fries
Adam Fritz
Lynne Gallimore
Keegan Garber



Alfredo Garcia
Allan Garcia
Cesar Garcia
Cristina Garcia
Gerardo Garcia



Jose Garcia
Marisol Garcia
Melissa Garcia
Cory Abruzzese as Peter Pan



Kathleen Gauldin
Chris Gehrke
Christopher Gfrorer



Steven Gilbert
David Gilbertsen



Annabelle Gonzalez



Lilia Granados



Shannon Sterne and Tim Warren give a thumbs-up to their Junior year!



Matt Jernstead, Jenny Brosseau, Danielle Botto, Brooke Benzio, and Tricia Bozich group together before school!



(above) Alaine Ellis practices her Tae-bo.

Who Inspires You?

- "Kermit the Frog!" Robert Selga
- "No one really inspires me, I do it for myself!" Paul Ross
- "My grandma and former coach from sophomore basketball and softball!" Shannon Flowers
- "My mom, dad, Coach Chambers, Coach Stone, and Coach Rexilius!" Erich Fries



"I walked out of Gothic Literature class and my fly was open. I didn't bother zipping it up ... Gave me a cool breeze!" Mike Pesola
"I got depantsed in PE by Rob Whitman!" Adam Welch
"I went to the movies with my friend Jeff[Griffin] to see 28 Days and halfway through the movie I realized that I had sat in gum and was stuck to the seat." Christina Droho



Regina McEvoy



Rosa McGee



Regina McGrath
Gina McLaren



Kacie McNeil
John McPheters
Laura McQueen



Eric Mederich
Claudia Medina
Christine Melton
Alex Mendez



Jaime Merlo
Lindsay Michael
Alissa Mildebrath
Amanda Millard
Joseph Mitchell



Derek Moore
Jorge Morales
Nicole Morrissey
Evan Mosley
Mike Mroz
Adam Mrugacz



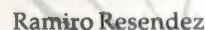
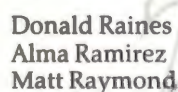
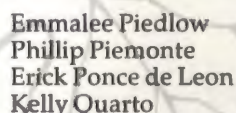
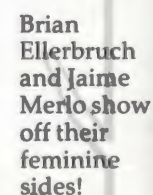
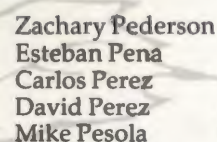
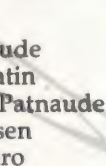
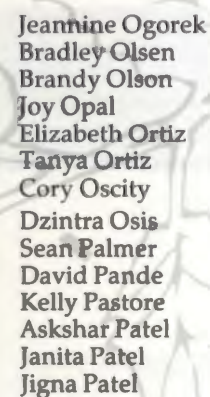
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Berenice Munoz
Rosaura Munoz
Zachary Muse
Tammy Nasir
Ethan Neal
James Nelson
Shane Ness
Lauren Nickelson
Paul Novak
Michael Nutall
Michael Nyman
Joanne Obrochta
John Oen



Dennis Janek and Monique Castelvevchi get ready to party the night away!!



Jaime Merlo shows off his badself!



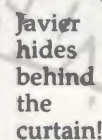
What a nice guy! Alberto Chavez carries Javier Contreras to class.

MOST MEMORABLE: 2001

"Dennis Janek and Tim Yormark dressing up like Wayne and Garth for the Variety Show. That was sweet." **Mitch Strohm**

"When I threw something down the table during tenth hour and it hit Jeff Villarreal's pop and spill all over him!" John Kolodick

"A bunch of friends and me went caroling in Carol Stream. It was so much fun, we went back to Malissa Kane's house and drank hot chocolate and played pool." Jamie Weisse



Chris Patnaude is his usual zaney self!



Tricia Bozich thinks of summer days and relaxes.

Nicholas Richardson
Lawrence Ritter
Brian Robertson
Hector Rodriguez
Vanessa Rodriguez
Kevin Roenker
Josh Rogers

Michael Rogus
Nicholas Romanelli
Adriana Romero
Devin Rosen
Christin Ruiz
Heather Runions
Jennine Sadowski

Alba Salazar
Jesse Salazar
Christopher Salutric
Eduardo Sanchez
Elizabeth Sanchez
Israel Sanchez

Steven Sanchez
Jose Sanroman
Linda Santiago
Jennifer Saylor
Joshua Schild

Jaymie Schmidt
Danny Schneider
Laura Schultz
Robert Selga

Lindsay Sewell
Kimberly Silva
Sharon Silva

Angela Skaggs
Jennifer Skryzpcznski

Wendie Slottke

Megan Smith

Stephane
Ginsburg is
thrilled to
have her
picture taken.

Crazy Sean Hannon
always Over Does it
Every time!

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Juniors

February
15, 2000:
Matt
Raymond
in lunch.



Amanda Czech
and Sara Stevens
gather at this
year's
Homecoming
Dance.



Tim
Yomark
contemplates
what he will
do next in
American
History.



(top, then left to right)
Todd Smith
Vanessa Spencer
Shannon Sterne
Sara Stevens
Kevin Stott
Anthony Stover



Mitch Strohm
Tracy Svehla
Josh Swanner
Lilli Szafranski



Joseph Taylor
Steven Taylor
Ana Tirado
Amanda Triplett
Amando Urbina
Julissa Valles



William Vana
Casmiro Vela
Mario Velazquez
Jeffrey Villarreal
Mario Vivaldo
Deanna Volk
Trevor Vransy
Brian Wakefield



Sarah Walker
Timothy Warren
Joseph Wasiqi
Matthew Wdowiarz
Jamie Weisse
Adam Welch



Michael Wenz
Robert Whitman
Catherine Wilken
Angela Wilkovich



DeAngelo Hansen and Tricia Bozich
stop for a quick hug!



SURPRISE!! Sara Stevens and Jon
McPheters are in shock!



Tammy Ketelaar and Amanda Cam-
pagnoni strike their pose!



Jessica Willes
Jenny Wingstedt
Cheryl Winter
Jillian Wojcik
David Wood
Tracy Yednock

Bemnet Yigzaw
Timothy Yormark
Kenneth Yourek
Jose Zagal
Michael Zibera
Adam Zimmerman

"I fell down in the bathroom stall and busted the door open while ripping the toilet paper holder off the wall."
Jason Reardon

Flying into our new lives, we will go. Flying into our new lives, we will cherish every moment. We will go with smiles on our faces. We will happily embrace all new difficulties and new experiences with our eyes open and our arms stretched out. And as we leave this year and travel to the next, our memories will never escape us. They will never leave our minds and faces will not be forgotten. -Christina Droho



Lindsay Sewell, Becky Gary, and Lindsay Anders chill in the library.



Mike Pesola gets jiggy with Jamie Auchincloss.



Tracy Yednock growls at Kevin Stott.



Mike Mroz, Kevin Stott, and Josh Swanner strut their way into senior year.



Jenny Brosseau leans on beau Matt Jernstead.



Beth Brinn, Jennifer Skrzypenski, Amy Alison, and Malissa Kane take a break out of American Studies.



Sara Stevens, Kelly Frazer, Mrs. Liamins, Nicole Morrissey, Brooke Benzio and (bottom) Michelle Landriault group in downtown West Chicago.

"Apple juice!"
Brad Larson



Juniors

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Josh Swanner, Joe Hamlin pose for a picture while Mike Mroz jumps in.



High School Sweethearts

Kelly Quarto
and Kevin
Stott.



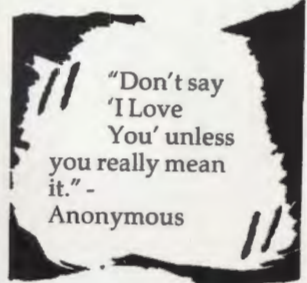
Summer Horwitz and Jon
Jelinek.



Shannon
Koehring and
Phil
Legorreta.



"Don't say
'I Love
You' unless
you really mean
it." -
Anonymous



Lindsay Swell and
Zach Peterson



Josh Rogers and
Briane Rehms.



Joe Lureau
and Jenny
Cwiak.



Juniors

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Rachel Kuna launches a throw-in back into the game.



Fabiola Correa and Zayra Pedraza prepare themselves before a game.

"The most memorable game would be against Glenbard North where WeGo came from behind to have a 3-2 victory." -Julio Del Real

West Chicago Soccer

Girls' Wildcat Pride

Our Lady Wildcat soccer players gave their all this year and finished the season with determination and pride. The early-season weather conditions were unfavorable, but the girls still showed up to their much needed practice in the rain, cold, and snow. The girls worked hard, building skill and improving every day. Although girls' soccer did not end with a bang, it did not end with a whisper either.

Coach Del Real was proud of his team, although the young freshman players seemed to hold back the entire group at times but worked hard as a team to play hard and be there for each other. All-Conference nominee and Most Valuable

Offensive Player Kim Olson, All-Conference and Most Valuable Player Stephanie Prena, and All-Conference Most Valuable Defender Kristy Reser will be missed along with the other six seniors who provided a lot of leadership and experience to the team. They ended the season with a record of 10-9-2, and ended conference with a record of 2-4-1.

Coach Bob Owens' J.V. team put forth a lot of effort this year; they ended the season with an overall record of 5-7-2 and finished conference with a record of 2-5-1. The freshman team ended their season with a record of 2-7-4 and 1-3-3 in conference.

-Arlene Smothers and Katie Owens



Varsity Front: Noemi Flores, Nicole Strayve, Marisol Castillo. **Row 2:** Jackie Prena, Meghan Burlison, Kristy Reser, Shannon Mims, Ashley Mazzila, Kely Whitman, Arianna Cortez. **Row 3:** Assistant Nicole Marchese, Kim Olson, Katy Coffman, Stefanie Prena, Mary Beth Stolz, Vianet Acosta, Coach Julio Del Real. **Back:** Natalia Sienkowiec, Amy Lichtfuss, Amanda Campagnoni, Rachel Tuna, Laura Gilbertsen, Katalin Lamn. **Not Pictured:** Vanessa Cortez.



J.V. Front: Rosario Agula, Janette Reveles, Zayra Pedraza, Fabiola Correa, Lupe Montalvo, Vaanessa Cortez. **Row 2:** Heather Edminson, Sara Jean Stevens, Kelly Quarto, Jessie Banear, Amy Kolz, Julieta Favela, Racheal Watson, Amy Arroyo. **Row 3:** Katie Owens, Bethany Mummert, Lynn Jensen, Lisa Thomas, Jill Grobe, Theresa Uy, Jacie Owens, Bob "Bruno" Owens. **Back Row:** Mercedes Koch, Kari Schmidt, Gianna Pigoni, Kristi Hall, Arlene Smothers, Christina Lannello, Jennifer Payton.



Freshmen Front: Theresa McEvoy, Noemi Rodriguez, Daisy Chavez, Elizabeth Villafuerte, Diana Moreno. **Row 2:** Katie Taylor, Angelica Moreno, Meredith Koch, Kelly Siekmann, Esmeralda Robles, Jessica Myers. **Back:** Betsy Drzal, Christina Kowalczyk, Kendall Sharon, Melissa Davix, Carrie Gallimore, Antonio Del Real.



Seniors Mercedes Koch and Katie Owens enjoy their last year of Wildcat soccer.

Defender Kristy Reser says: "The best part of this season was when I got to push all the people down."



Natalia Sienkowiec breaks down into defensive mode.



Marybeth Stotz takes the ball up the field.



Amy Lichtfuss has a quick chat with varsity Coach Julio Del Real.



Assistant Coach Nicole Marchese and Katy Coffman support their team from the sidelines.



Stefanie Prena blasts the ball up the field.



Jackie Prena keeps the opposing players off the ball.



Vanessa Cortez shows no fear as she takes the ball.



Meghan Burlison, Goalkeeper Nicole Strayve, and Defender Kristy Reser set up for a corner kick.



Kim Olson races to gain control of the ball.



Ashley Mazzola controls the ball before coming up field.



Amy Arroyo, Amy Koltz, Julieta Favela, and Sara Jean Stevens show that being a soccer player brings smiles.



Arianna Cortez shifts towards the ball.

Bump, Set, Spike!

The 1999-2000 boys volleyball team worked really hard this year, and they certainly made West Chicago proud. Each individual on the team had made an extra effort to be the best that they could be, and it definitely paid off in the end. They all played hard, and succeeded in achieving their goals!

According to sophomore players Andy Hein, Bob Nagel, and Matt Boes, the funniest thing that had happened when on the team was when their coach, Rebecca Talevera, fell off of the jump box. Juan Robles, a senior varsity player, commented that "A ref kicked Mark Lasky out of a game right when the match was over. It was funny because you usually kick someone out during the match!" For the freshmen players, the funniest thing that happened was when someone accidentally hit coach Nevrry right in the stomach

Boys' Volleyball

with the volleyball.

Matt Benson would like to congratulate his whole team on their effort, because most of them had never even played before.

All in all, this year's teams had an excellent season, and hopefully they can continue next year! Good job guys!

-Lisa Calabrese



Mark Lasky wildly jumps for the ball

"In one game I dove across the floor and slid into the score table!"
Matt Benson

"When we hit coach in the chest, we were laughing, but he didn't find it funny." -Brian Calabrese

"I would give Jeff Griffin in the Most Sportsmanship award because he will play his heart out on the court and play any position that he is put in." -Juan Robles



Brian Kerr, Tom Boward, Brian Wakefield, Jeff Griffin, and John McPheters all yell to pump up their teammates.



Nick Romanelli begins to bump the ball



VARSITY-FRONT: Juan Robles, Tom Boward, Head Coach Kris Hasty, Assistant Coach Rebecca Talevera, Nick Romanelli. **ROW 2:** Jeff Griffin, Steve Gilbert, Brad Olsen, Chip Ault, Mark Lasky, Brian Kerr. **BACK:** Brian Wakefield, John McPheters, Jesse Salazar, Brian Campbell.



SOPHOMORES-FRONT: Jon Merrick, Coach Rebecca Talevera, Manager Cheryl Drenth, Ed Abante. **ROW 2:** Patrick Norton, Andy Hein, Robby Mildebrath, Shane Olson. **BACK:** Matt Boes, Tom Aguirre, Tom Newman.



Mark Lasky, Chip Ault, Jeff Griffin, Jesse Salazar, and Steve Gilbert are ready to play.



FRESHMEN-FRONT: Coach Nevrlly, Brian Romanelli, Matt Benson, Jeremy Jensen. **ROW 2:** Nate Roberts, Chris Vlasovich, Tysyn Wyman, Justin Hoshaw, CJ Wostratzky. **BACK:** Brian Calabrese, Pablo Herrera, Bob Nagel.





Linda Xiong waits to spike the birdy.



Mary Helen Kovacs shows the proper way to serve.



Amanda Bina looks to Coach for advice.



Michelle Grove concentrates while preparing to serve.



Girls Badminton Team, JV and Varsity. Front: Nisha Patel, Amanda Bina, Amy Fairbairn, Lynn Palenica, Melissa Heron, Linda Xiong. Row 2: Samantha Kimber, Jessica Willes, Heidi Carballo, Mary Kovacs, Sarah Altergott. Row 3: Coach LaVora Singleton, Christina Austin, Michelle Grove, Emily Giemann, Amanda Millerd, Paige Karwoski, Katie Baginski, Assistant Coach Judy Beckwith. Back: Sandy Edlund, Liz Brosseau, Sheetal Rami, Fawn Montag, Katie Holt.



Christine Austine lunges for the birdy.



Matt Neumann keeps his eyes on the ball to ensure the return.



Mike Kostal focuses hard on the ball.



Brian Ahlgard gives a thumbs up to his team.



Mike Boes sprints to return the ball.

Hit That Birdy

The 2000 Wildcat Badminton Team didn't end in top half of conference, like they had hoped, but they didn't do too poorly. With the awesome skills of senior Linda Xiong, West Chicago was represented at the state tournament on May 12-13.

Also, senior Michelle Grove took 4th place at the DuPage Vally conference tournament on April 29th. The team saw much improvement this year, but since 8 seniors were graduating, the younger team members will be looked at to step it up for the upcoming years.

Once again the boys badminton team had another exciting season. All hard work

has really seemed to pay off for this year. We have seen a couple new faces this year, which have really made an impact on the team. This season the doubles were the strongest area, the second doubles had a 4-3 record in conference, and a 13-3 record overall.

The first doubles beat Naperville North for the first time this year and came in first place in the Glembard North quad. The singles have worked very hard and have

had some close matches in conference. Even though there was some inexperienced players this year, they did great because the team worked hard, played like a team and never gave up.

"We did great because the team worked hard, played like a team, and we never gave up." -Mike Boes



Boys Tennis, Varsity. Front: Matt Neumann, Mike Kostal, Bryan Jones. Row 2: Julio Gomez, Brian Ahlgard, Garrett Hofmann, Mike Boes. Back: Manager Neha Soneji, Mitch Strohm, Drew Koslovo, Mike Ziberina, Coach Moeaki.



Sophomore Boys Tennis. Front: Kristen Medrich, Coach Lemberg. Row 2: Mike Marvan, Perter Oelslager, Josh Woodbury. Back: Geoft Palk, Marc Berry, Brian Krieg.



Drew Koslow gets ready to send the ball in flight.

Baseball



The best memory of Coach Walters was "watching our kids work as hard as they did during the season!" The players worked hard to achieve their goals. Some of these were to make the routine play routine, pressure teams defensively, compete for the conference title, and win the region. After trying to achieve these goals, they came away from the season with an overall record of 15-19 and a conference record of 5-16. Good luck next year!



Wildcat coaches Hugh Stott and John Walters keep an eye on the game.

Sean Peterson walks off the field.



Safe! Tim Yormark slides into the base.



Dan Barzso whips the ball towards home.



Bryan Kelsey flies onto base.



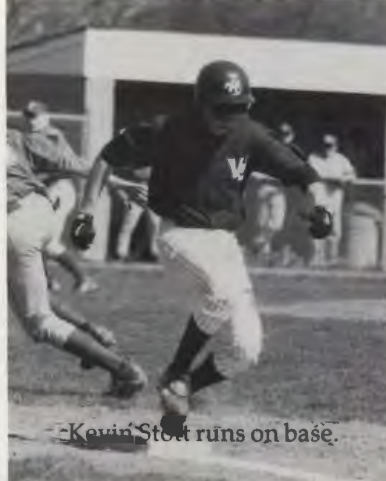
Nick Kitch hangs out off field.

What is your best memory from this year?
"The cool practices."
-Jim Smolucha

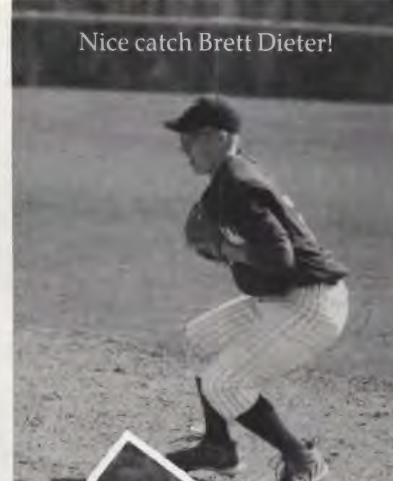




Varsity. Front: Tim Yormark, Kevin Stott, Tim Warren, Nick Richardson. **Row 2:** John Kolodick, Hugh Stott (Asst. Coach), John Walters (Head Coach), Dan McCarthy (Asst. Coach), Thomas Heun. **Row 3:** Josh Rogers, Dan Barzo, Nick Buscni, Jeff Hodge, Devin Rosen, Brett Dieter. **Back:** Adam Zimmerman, Phil Piemonte, Joe Lureau, Dave Gilbertsen, Bryan Kelsey. (Not Pictured: Sean Peterson)



Kevin Stott runs on base.



Nice catch Brett Dieter!



Sean Peterson is ready for the ball.

Kevin Stott winds up for the pitch.



Dave Gilbertsen, ready to bat.



Sophomores. Front: Mike Masschelin, Kevin Cieslewski. **Row 2:** Chris Holguin, Brad Bolton, Coach Gimre, Mark Hopkins, Bill Rocha. **Back:** Dave Pater, Travis Stauffer, Nick Carter, Kevin Franckowiak, Gus Dietrich.



Freshmen. Front: Nick Chillemi, Matt Peterson, Joe Klingberg, Sal Mangelomini. **Row 2:** Hans Collainder, Coach Babel, Coach Davidson, Scott Sieder. **Row 3:** Dan Deutsch, Jeff Lenertz, Dan Kaylor, Chris Sanzeri, Rich Miller, Sean Zieche. **Back:** Paul Majchrowski, Matt Shambo, Arron Morris, Johnny Weier, Mike Lombardo.



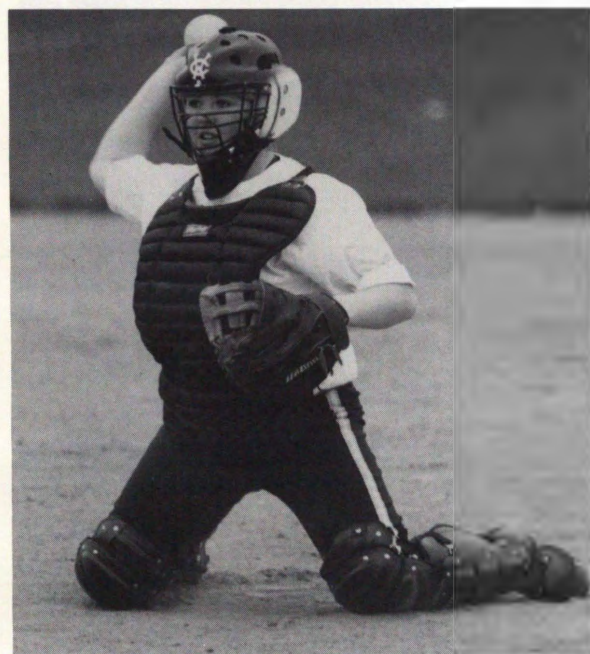
JOE LUREAU SWINGS FOR A HOMER.



Shannon Flowers preps the team before they go kick butt.



Kelly Bolton stares down the pitcher.



Tonia Percoraro looks to throw the ball.



Missy Krueger slides into second base.



Megan Leston focuses on the game.



Freshmen: Front: Frances Hall, Liz Valdez, Jami Murphy. Row 2: Nicole Melone, Beth Kipp, Sam Herrera, Magen Rogers, Elyse Barron. Row 3: Christiana Lundquist, Katie Walker, Brandi Ruiz, Heather Koslow, Dana Larence, Kristi Nickelson, Coach Willuweit. Back: Heather Bien, Nicole Skala, Jenn Zimmerman, Heather Barron, Sara Bernklau.



Jaymie Schmidt and Shannon Flowers group together to laugh about the game.



The softball team lines up to say good game to the Wheaton North Falcons after defeating them 3-0.



JV: Front: Cindy Warner, Susie Smith, Liz Brouwer, Martha Mueller, Kelly McCarthy. Row 2: Meg Llorens, Becki Hoffman, Laura Schaefer, Jessica Kreuger, Casey Connolly. Back: Kim Burkes, Megan Brandstedter, LeAnn Olsen, Lindsay Paulsen, Heather Mosteller. Not pictured: Coach Davidson.

Softball

"We win as a team,
we lose as a team
-Lindsay Sewell

"Who says life has
to be hard, play
softball."
-Amy Kremel

Lots of practice and team bonding is what the girls' softball team was all about. They had practices everyday but Sundays and when they had games. Practices could range anywhere from one to three hours, although they were usually about two.

During the slow times of the season there were about two-to-three games a week. When things started to pick up the team could have up to seven games in six!

The team consisted of girls who had been playing softball since the age of about five years. Everyone on the team seemed to love the fact that softball is a team sport and everyone really gets a chance to bond as a group.

The team did great this year, placing third in DVC and making it to the final game of Regionals. Everyone worked very hard and achieved success.

Congratulations girls!



Varsity: Front: Coach Fred Ruiz, Assistant Head Coach Kim Wallner, Head Coach Jim Schaudt, Coach Kim Maloney, Coach Jeff Bolton. Row 2: Back: Tonia Pecoraro, Kritin Leitherer, Laura McQueen, Alissa Mildebrath, Jaymie Schmidt, Shannon Flowers Kelly Bolton.



Coach Wallner looks at the ump with disappointment.



Coach Schraudt laughs with the team at the end of the game.



Girls' track show their fun side at the Redhawk Invitational.



Wego Senior Captains come together for their last sectional meet.



Girls' Track Varsity and J.V. Front: Stephanie Opel, Jessica Strock, Hillary Brown, Zoe Churan, Coach Cindie Crites, Coach Aaron Carper, Carmen Saucedo, Erin Kirby, Rachel Horvath, Pamela Boyle. Row 2: Christina Wilbur, Marina Savenok, Katy Kostal, Jenny Wiechert, Linnea Caputi, Amanda Morrison, DC Abante, Kim Gargula, Jackie Demes. Row 3: Terri Jensen, Michelle Lasky, Hilary Blanchard, Aimee Beutke, Jenni Boyd, Jessica Tonchick, Joselyn Schineller, Jessica Cwiak, Kassie Jedlicka, Rachel Altergott. Back: Melissa Deutsch, Ann Nosal, Laura Wilken, Lauren Migliorato, Joanna Szeszycki, Meghan Young, Kristine Cleveland, Kathy Brinn, Cathy Wilken, Beth Brinn. Not pictured: Lauren Openshaw, Jennifer Kammes.



We Go

In' Hard

This season we had over 200 team and individual personal records.

The West Chicago Girls' Track team enjoyed a phenomenal season this year. It was a time of rebuilding for Coach Carper, this being his first season as head coach. Right from the start of the season the lady runners were experiencing tremendous successes, including a third place finish at the Fenton Indoor Invitational, and fifth place at indoor and outdoor DVC. Many school records were smashed by the younger runners, Lauren Openshaw, Aimee Beutke, Katy Kostal, and the senior state qualifier Jocelyn Schineller.

Outside of success by

way of awards, the team also experienced gratifying success with friendships built during the season. So many fun times were had during pasta parties, on bus rides, during meets, and at practice. Everything was done with a smile and laughter, but while working hard. Senior Rachel Altergott stated, "I am going to miss so many people from track when I graduate, I made so many great friends there."

The future looks bright for the team despite the loss of nine seniors. So many underclassmen continue to join with determination, dedication, a willingness to lead, and a hardworking attitude. Coach Carper said with a grin, "We just keep getting better every year." - Michelle Lasky and Terri Jensen



Adriana Rodriguez steps up to the line for the 800m relay.



Lauren Openshaw finishes her race strong.



Jocelyn Schineller prepares for her next throw.

Makin Tracks

The crowd is tense. They know that the gun will go off at any moment. Each runner thinks about what will happen and who the winner will be. You are brought back to reality with a startling BANG! The competitors have started. You stand up and cheer for your teammate, watching as he struggles to hold off the charging runner behind him. You see him round the final turn and sprint towards the ultimate goal, the finish line. The crowd goes nuts when he crosses it and everyone is celebrating. Shifting your attention to the field you see a boy jumping with all of his might into a thin box of sand. On the other side of the field, another boy defies gravity and jumps through the air on a long thin pole. His goal is to clear a bar positioned ten feet

above him.

Ah, the track meet. One of the most exciting gathering of top athletes in the world. Rarely will you ever see a group of more talented all-around athletes! As a whole the team improved a great amount, finally gaining the experience to run with the competition. They did that beautifully by sending the entire team to the regionals. The team was so close to making the state competition that it hurts to think about it. Thankfully though, Tim Keller and Dave Boyle made state in their respective competitions. Tim Keller got second in state in the mile run and Dave Boyle did a great job running the 200M. Congratulations to them both and the rest of the team for doing their best.

-Jason Woodbury



Varsity Front: Jon Brown, Kyle Hempel, Manager Diane French, Coach Lasky, Coach McLeland, Coach Doll, Manager Theresa Visser, Evan Mosley, David Toney. **Row 2:** Sean Hannon, Pete Serrato, Nick Chapman, Chris Buckles-Haley, Chris Salutic, Doug Strock, Mike Shemyakin, Tim Keller. **Row 3:** Ed Cruz, Pat Reynolds, Ed Hernandez, Brian Jones, Matt Raymond, Dave Boyle, Rich Belcher. **Back:** Brian Howard, Rob Rohrbach, Andreas Steinle.

J.V. Front: Joe Park, Edgar Escobedo, Manager Diane French, Coach Lasky, Coach McLeland, Coach Doll, Manager Theresa Visser, Alex Serrato, Adam Selke. **Row 2:** Tad Netzel, Greg Moore, Alex Baker, Scott McKee, Jim Oroni, Kris Donovan, Wyatt Schuyler, Pat Acosta. **Row 3:** Jon Lim, Joe Caniano, Mike Nubie, Javier Saucedo, Harold Visser, Brian Nelson, Nick Bernard, Carlos Ramirez, Chris Nelson. **Row 4:** Tino Alfaro, Abad Rubio, Danny Garcia, Jason Pillion, Mike Doll, Mike Vargas, Brad Shelley, Derek Jensen. **Back:** Nick Michael, Matt Wilson, Kevin Mestek, Joe Tumidalsky, Corey Coleman, Tom Wojcicki.



Pressing on.



And they're off!



Go up!



Look out below!



Peace out.





Shannon Koehring, Sarah Kochniarczyk, Ashley Link, and Amy Arroyo get goofy at Cheerleading Camp.



Pom Pon Squad. Front: Allison Rovtar, Crystal Kirsche, Jacki Walters, Jacki Wood. Row 2: Amanda Campagnoni, Sam Szeszycki, Danielle Daru. Last: Gianna Pagoni, Fran Smith, Courtney Ksepka, Amanda Stone.

"Cheerleading is the best thing that has happened to us!" Agreed all WEGO Cheerleaders.



Sophomores. Front: Bridget McPike, Jeni Pinto, Christina Wilber. Row 2: Tarah Sperado, Angela Kojas, Stella Peduzzi, Carla Morreno. Back: Jamie Nadolny, Megan Brandstedter.



Varsity Football. Front: Amy Arroyo, Katilin Lam, Christie Palombi, Brianne Rehmus, Ashley Link. Row 2: Lindsay Sewell, Mary Kovaks, Erin Lichtfuss, Sarah Kochniarczyk. Back: Tracy Erickson, Tammy Ketelaar, Amy Kreml, Jenny Brosseau, Shanon Koehring.



Front: Carla Morreno, Jenny Pinto. **Row 2:** Angela Kojas, Christina Wilber, Tarah Sperando. **Back:** Kimberly Burke, Jamie Nadolny, Megan Brandstedter, Stella Peduzzi.



Amy Arroyo, Shanon Koehring, and Christie Palombi show off their glowing faces!





Tracy Erickson and another cheerleader show their friendship.



Amy Arroyo stands high and proud while keeping her smile.

Do A Little Dance

This year's Cheerleaders and Poms did great. They cheered all the sports teams, like soccer, football, wrestling, and basketball, to victory. All the stereotypes of typical cheerleaders, though, aren't true. Like cheerleader Ashley Link said, "We aren't your stereotypical cheerleaders. In fact, we are far from it. We are not stupid ditzy girls. We can't be. We need to maintain good grades and have good behavior as well." Even though they aren't the stereotypical cheerleaders, they still feel like they don't receive the respect they deserve. They still had lots of fun though, like at the car wash, camp, practices, and the bonding nights. Poms also had lots of fun this year even though there was a lot of pressure. Cheerleading and Poms also caused the girls to become better students. Overall Cheerleading and Poms is a fun and rewarding sport as seen this year.



Varsity Soccer: Front: Tiffany Gunther, Monique Castlevacchi. Row 2: Maribel Benitez, Becky Guerrero, Nicole White. Back: Alaine Ellis, Jessica Whitaker, Bethany Mummert, Jennie Eagles.



Varsity Wrestling: Front: Wendi Slotke, Captain Becky Guerrero. Row 2: Rachel Noceda. Back: Kelly Pastore, Cindy Perez.

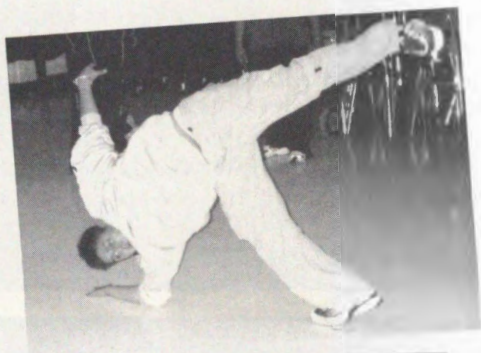


Cheerleading And Poms



Captain Sarah Kochniarczyk, Ashley Link, Tammy Ketelaar, and Lindsay Sewell smile before a game.

WINTER RAVE INFORMAL



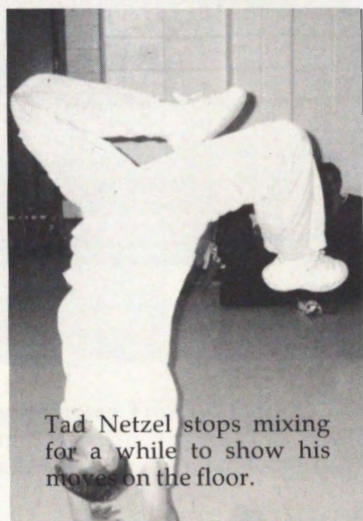
Julio Allende shows off his moves to impress the ladies.



Jeremiah Briggs is dressed for the occasion.



Latasha Williams, Shannon Mims and Sam Herrera take some time out from dancing for a pic.



Tad Netzel stops mixing for a while to show his moves on the floor.

The 99-00 Winter Formal turned out to be a Winter Rave Informal. Sophomore D.J.s Tad Netzel and Mike Tawney, A.K.A. D.J. Mystic and D.J. Atomic, kept the party going with their house mixes. Not too many people were at the Rave for the first half, but the gym was packed with students and parents for the basketball game against Naperville Central. After the game the commons area was crowded and people were "working it" to the awesome mixes the D.J.s were playing. There was every kind of dance, from breaking to bootie bumping to people making trains. And all in all, people actually had a better time than they thought they would.



Julio Allende is back at breaking... or is that breaking his back ...?

That's Jeremiah Briggs spinning



Some Junior and Senior guys make their own little break dancing circle in the corner and show their moves.

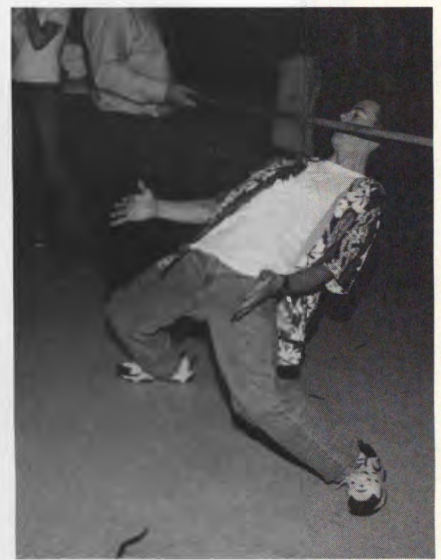


Marisela Castillo grinds to the beat.



Turnabout

"Will you go with me to the dance Friday night?" asked the girl to the guy. This is the backwards dance if you want to call it that. Turnabout is the time of year when the girl gets to ask the guys to the dance. Now the guys know the feeling when they want that special person to ask them to go, and the girls know that its not the easiest to ask the guys. There were a variety of styles that came, from tee shirts and cargos, to elegant formal dresses. The D.J. stopped the music for a while and got the crowd to limbo with him using a broom for the bar. And for the people that didn't show up, they missed out on a pretty good time.



Dan O'Hara does the limbo with the broom.



The D.J. from turnabout shows the students what else he can do.

Alex Serrato trys his best to break dance.



Nicole Patel, Jeff Raun, Hillary Blanchard, Nate Williams, and Andy Obrochta sit around for a while.



Matt McKenny is dressed his best for this occasion.



Turnabout



Ever faithful to his God, Tevye (Chris Thomas) engages in one of his frequent and sometimes plaintive, sometimes irreverent "conversations" with his maker.



Kendra Norton, Elissa Dupree, and Anne Schullo, right before the "matchmaker" scene.



Chris Pagnozzi is getting made to look his part of the rabbi.



Chris Thomas and Matt Grogan debate whether or not Lazar Wolf will win Tevye's daughter.



The one, the only ... Fiddler On The Roof. "I really enjoyed playing the Fiddler, because he is sort of removed from the town and yet completely representative of it." said Ami Godoy.



Tradition! This song was a great opening to the play.



Sara Knox and Meredith Moore gossip over who would make a great match.



Chris Hendricks (Sasha) and Sara Knox (Golde) practice a previously unknown folk dance.

Fiddler On The Roof, 1999-2000's musical of choice, was a great success. It was performed May 18th, 19th, and 20th, in the Weyrauch Auditorium. The memorable melodies and lyrics of the show echoed throughout the rest of the school year. Performers and audiences agreed that everyone was shining, but Chris Thomas stole the show. Chris Gerber said, "I enjoyed working with Chris Thomas because he conveyed his energy to everyone around him and made the musical much more

"My least favorite part of the musical? The 120 degree auditorium that is falling apart," said Tony Palombi.

fun (not that it wasn't already). He also portrayed Tevye (his character) extremely well, and was very believable. "Other wonderful performers included Sara Knox (Golde), Kendra Norton (Tzeitel), Meredith Moore (the match maker), and Chris Pagnozzi, who delivered funny lines, and brought comedy to his role as the aged rabbi. The play was approximately 3 hours long, though it never seemed that long. Henrik Muhlbradt, who is visiting this year from Norway, said he wanted to thank Sara Knox and Chris Thomas for talking him into

the musical. He played a Russian Man.

Not only did the actors deserve recognition, but the musicians as well. Ami Godoy played the Fiddler, and made many memorable appearances. Beth Deutsch, who was the only viola player in the pit, said she loved it. "It's lots of fun, even though some people get ticked by how demanding Mrs. Smith is." She thought some songs were more difficult than others, because they had a faster tempo. They practiced Mondays, 6-8, and sometimes Tuesdays. The pit also had longer practices as the play neared. "Mrs. Smith was a good director," Deutsch said, "She kept us on task as often as possible."

And finally, the backstage crew, who added to the success of the show. Allison Brown, who was the Assistant Director, coordinated all the backstage activities. The makeup was all done by Nelly Guerrero, Berenice Leal, Billy Schultz, and Heather Coakley. The great sound and lights were provided by Josh Aramburu, Brandon Barclay, Sean Dieter, Morgot Reges, and Arlene Smothers. Without them, the show wouldn't have gone on.

Because of the combined effort of these talented people, the show was a complete success.

-Becky Dennis



"I really loved working with my brother (Chris Thomas) because he's a great guy and it brought us closer." Chris and Monaca Thomas before the performance.



The orchestra, led by Lisa Smith, gave knockout performances every night.

A Year To Remember

West Chicago High School has definitely put forth their fair share of help in the community and on school grounds. The three groups that were always there to send out a positive message were S.A.D.D., Clown Team, and Key Club.

This year, during Prom week, S.A.D.D. (Students Against Drunk Driving) made their biggest impact this year. During school, every hour, students were chosen to walk around the rest of the day wearing a black carnation. This was to show that that person had been killed by a drunk driver. For the whole day, such students as Heather Goranson and Courtney Dorn were to withdraw themselves verbally from their peers. For most, not talking for a whole school day was hard. This event was to show how close to home a drunk driving accident can really hit.

Another group that contributed to the positive improvement of the school was the Clown Team. This group of students

SADD, Clown Team, And Key Club

dressed up as clowns and went around to the youths in the community, conveying the message to say no to drugs, using humor.

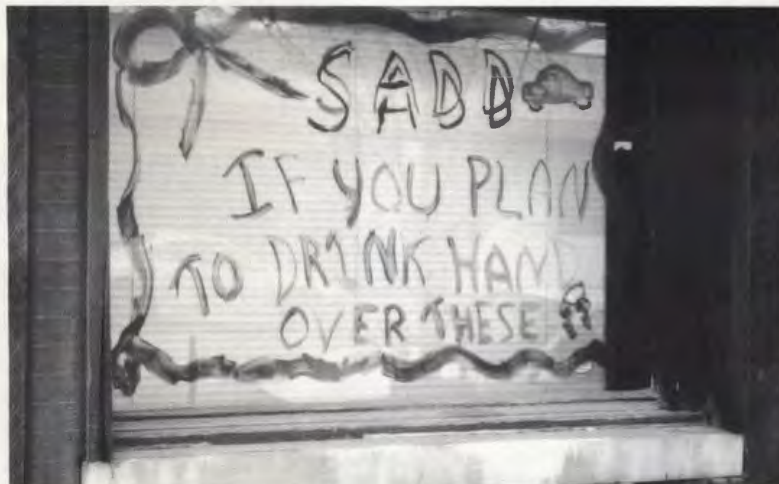
Finally, the Key Club had quite a productive year, helping the community. They raised money for the community. Way to go to all three of these groups! Good luck next year and keep making a difference!

-Maggie Grossmayer

SADD



FRONT: Deanna Volk, Shannon Battersby, Heather Christiansen, April Runions, Sarah Gwynne, Zayra Pedraza, Alma Garcia, Bernice Leal. **ROW 2:** Jessie Oliver, Heather Runions, Sara Stevens, Julie Volk, Laura Wilken, Marybeth Stotz, Megan Flood, Heather Cirone, Fabiola Correa. **ROW 3:** Jessica Gutierrez, Lisa Calabrese, Lauren Migliorato, Hilary Blanchard, Nicole Patel, Sarah Assian, Angel Chiarito, Jessica Cwiak. **BACK:** Katie Saul, Gabrielle Long, Heather Prochnow, Christina Garcia.



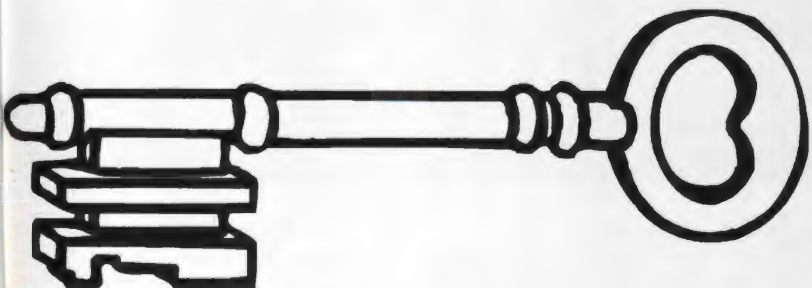
Window painting for safety.



Clown Team



FRONT: Pamela Lopez, Tony Massih, Andrew Massih. **BACK:** Nath, Jessica Loftus, Catie Marcantonio, Ashley Stern.

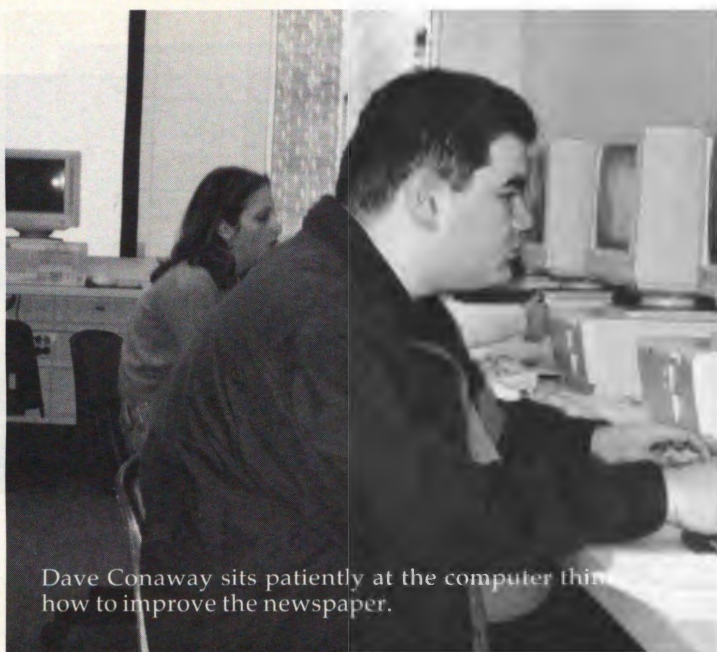


Jessie Oliver and Jessica Gutierrez proudly present their artwork

Key Club opens the door for opportunity!

Key Club is the 'Key' to a wonderful community!





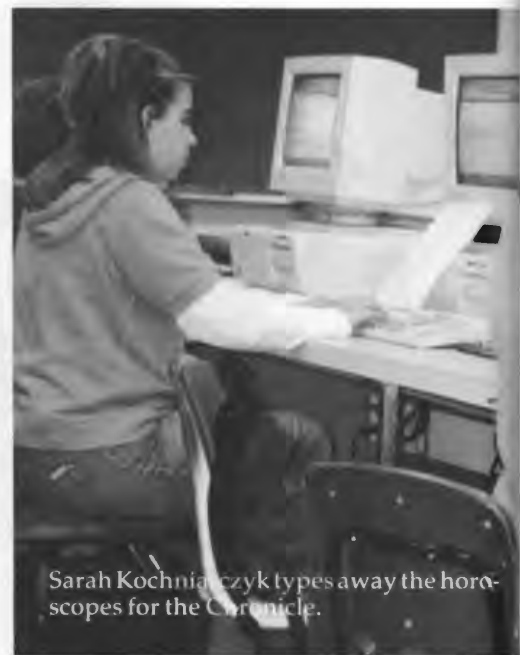
Dave Conaway sits patiently at the computer thinking how to improve the newspaper.



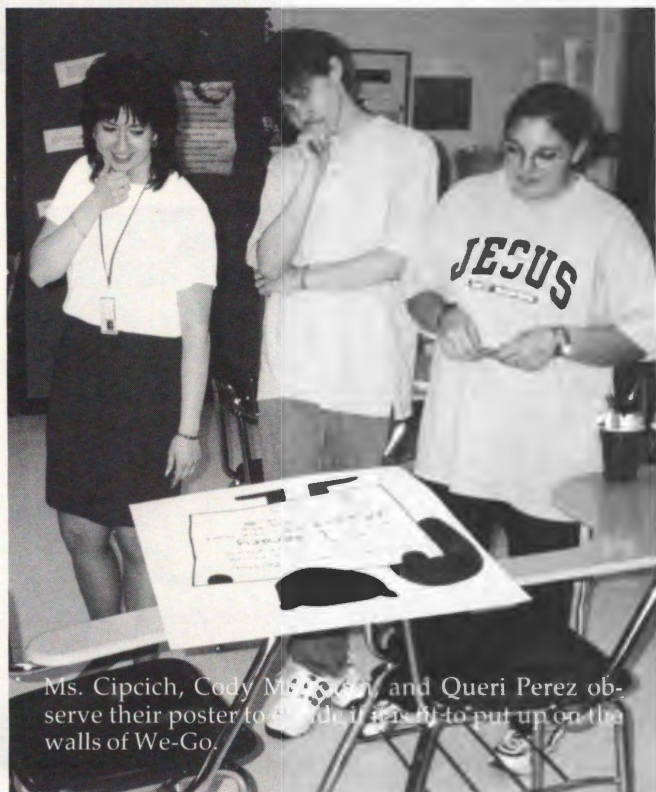
Literary Magazine: Front: John Pollman, Matt Hofer, Danielle Kogut, Christina Droho, Queri Perez. Row 2: John Skala, Helen Walsh, Alex Patin, Katy Gauldin, Mandy Brandt, Matt Hiltner. Back: Thomas Macauley, Gwen Smith, Kirsten Stockhoff, Mary-Megan Kalvig, Margot Reges, Cody Melbourn, Moderator Andrea Cipcich.



Wildcat Chronicle: Front: Leslie Shambo, Jamie Nadolny, Alexandra Patin, Carrie Zeffield, Becky Guerrero, Sarah Kochniarczyk, Rosaura Munoz. Back: Kassi Jedlicka, Lauren Nickleson, Copper Tuma, Sara Knox, Nicole Patel, David Conaway, Marc Berry.



Sarah Kochniarczyk types away the horoscopes for the Chronicle.



Ms. Cipcich, Cody Melbourn, and Queri Perez observe their poster to be put up on the walls of We-Go.



Yearbook: Front: Maggie Grossmayer, Amanda Czech, Dennis Janek, Angela Skaggs, Maggie Knaak, Brooke Adams. Row 2: Lisa Calabrese, Justin Hoshaw, Peter Oelsager, Ryan Hammer, Kirsten Stockhoff, Becky Dennis, Sean Warren, Krissy Zeffield, Cynthia Tancl, Christina Droho. Back: Isabel Guerrero, Katie Owens, Nicole Gerleve, Brenda Berendson, Jason Woodbury, Tiana Juarez, Arlene Smothers, Regina McGrath, Theresa Kendziora, Advisor Brad Larson. Not Pictured: Michelle Lasky.

Cristina Droho: yearbook over-
all editor

Brenda Berendson: yearbook
copy editor



Ryan Hammer: yearbook layout
editor

Isabel Guerrero: yearbook photo
manager

Writin' It All

2000 Publications

The very thought of writing will scare most people. Let alone if it will be read by the whole school and more. But it comes naturally to the brave guys and girls in the 3 branches of Publications. The branches are: Literary Magazine, Wildcat Chronicle, and Challenge.

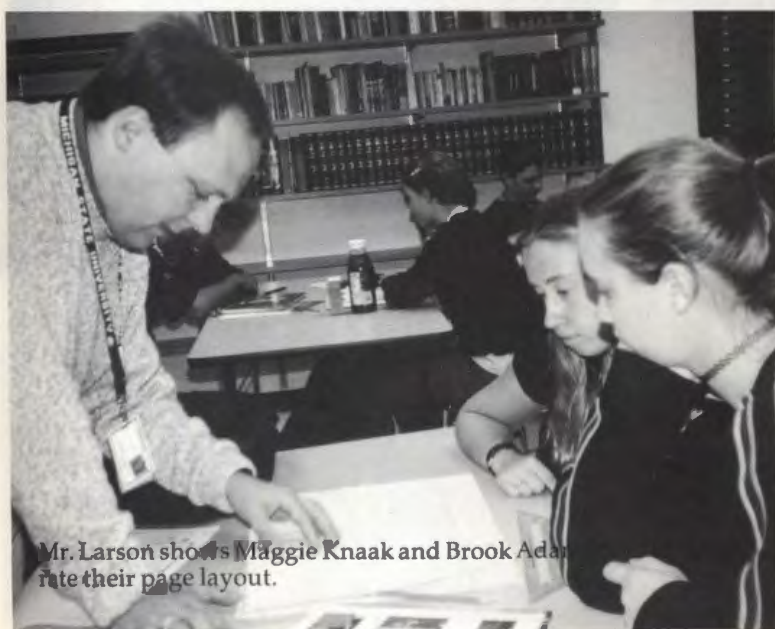
Like school year 98-99, the title of the Literary Magazine is *The Minds Eye*. It consists of things that the students send in. These are artwork, poems, short stories, photos, and even essays. The staff grew a lot from the year before due to the great work they did. If the magazine was anything like the year before's magazine, then you know that it was great. The Wildcat Chronicle put together some great papers. They included the same things as the year preceding, like the movie reviews, sports articles, and everyone's favorite, horoscopes. An addition to the paper were CD reviews. This told some people, including myself, whether or not to buy a certain CD. They reviewed the artists as well. They had some interesting facts about the artists that we never knew. Keeping up with current events is tricky but they did it well. Many kids took advantage of the opportunity to write to the editor on Valentine's Day to have their valentines printed. When prom came there were a lot of articles in the paper about various things that prom-goers dealt with. Things like what to eat, what to do before prom, how to get to prom, and what to do after prom. The paper had a lot of helpful information in it.

The Challenge staff had many new faces, but that didn't phase them. They had a problem with deadlines at the beginning of the year, but got through it to create a great book. The staff had their second annual contest to see who could create the best cover for the book. The winner got a free book, \$100 in cash, and special recognition in the book. The winner was senior Amanda Lentz, and as you can see, she did a great job. Great job to all 3 staffs on their publications!

- Jason Woodbury



Cody Melbourn ponders his ideas for the Literary Magazine. What better place than the floor?



Mr. Larson shows Maggie Knaak and Brook Adair
rate their page layout.



Stockhoff, and Sean Warren discuss



London Bridges fell!!!



Hosts Lindsay Micheal, Jenica Aasen, and Kristin Lietherer smile for the camera before they begin the festivities.



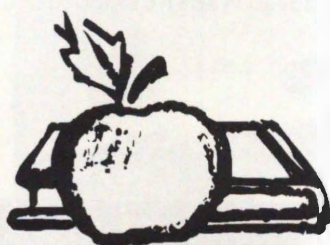
As a gift to the new couple from the Best Man, Brian Jones, Jesus Favela, Chris Pagnozzi, Dan Fortner and Ed Hernandez sing "I Do" by 98 Degrees.



Leaders April Runions, Jennifer Tomlinson and Amanda Czech lead the children in a good-bye song.



Lynn Jensen looks to the Bride and Groom as they say their vows.





Sophomore April Runions shows how she cares by taking time to listen.

WeGo Experiences

Reality

Planning out activities for preschoolers isn't as easy as people think. For the people that were in Child Development, they got to experience the difficulties of putting together nursery school games and making up projects that dealt with themes which each group picked out. There were themes such as, seasons, senses, and childrens' shows. Students found that it was hard to find something to do if the children didn't want to do what the teachers had planned. The kids loved to take field trips around the school, but they had to do something while going through the halls that dealt with the theme of that week, for example if the theme was animals they would have to walk or run like an animal.

In Contemporary Life the students got to experience what it was like to put together a real wedding. Jaerd Winquist and Bertha Garcia got to be the Bride and Groom and were wed on April 6th at 7:00 P.M. Commons was all done up in streamers and balloons like a banquet hall. The tables were full of students, family and friends that attended the wedding to witness the marriage of the year.



Best Man Rob Robback gives his speech for the new couple.



Bertha gladly shoves cake in her new husband's face.



Bridesmaids Anne Schullo, Christina Payton, Christina Garcia, Amanda Czech and Maid of Honor Lauren Nichelson all watch the happy couple recite their vows.

Mock Wedding

USA SKILLS V.I.C.A.

For the Vocational Industrial Club Of America, their biggest event this year was the state competition where WeGo swept the interior design and architecture competition. After the written test, WeGo headed to Springfield. Isabel Guerrero, a returning member, believed this was a great year for the team. After an orientation by a good self-esteem speaker, WeGo left the competition with participants and some winners in architectural drawing, sewing, photography, interior design, cosmetology, and child care.



V.I.C.A. Front: Rebecca Petri, Brian Wakefield, Brian Campbell, Bernice Leal; **Row 2:** Erica Liepins, Isabel Guerrero, Julie Hendron, President Adam Hamrick, Vice President Juan Robles, Publicity Director Shannon Stem, Becky Deutsch; **Row 3:** Franchesea Smith, Katie Owens, Christine Hendron, Advisor Patti Koslowski, Dan Hernandez, Jennifer Rugaard, Jeanine Ogore; **not pictured:** Paul Junkrowski.



Ed Ab... first place for mech...



F.B.L.A. Front: Leslie Shambo, Jennifer Skrzypczynski; **Row 2:** Helen Walsh, Kelly Sifkmann, Mike Kostal, Hilary Blanchino, Megan Bullinson, Lauren Mroz, Amy Fairbrain, Grace Cantu; **Row 3:** Cass Streicher, Courtney Dorn, Nichole Patel, Justin Kallas, Dennis Janek, Tim Yorkmark, John McPheters, Carl Thoemmes, Matt Hiltner; **Row 4:** Courtney Ksepka, Brittney Ksepka, Ben Hensey, CJ Wostratzky, Allison Brown, Lauren Milliorato, Kayla Halsall, Lynn Mielke, Mike Shambo, Tayna Ortiz, Jeff Crickard; **Back:** Ken Yourek, Dave Gilbertson, Jim Demer, Matt Borschke, Toby Siefert, Keith Halsall, Brian Nelson, Mike Penafloor.

F.B.L.A.

Future Business Leaders of America are students interested in training for future careers. From field trips to businesses, career days charities, and competitions. F.B.L.A. also sponsors the variety show to help collect money for the March of Dimes and they adopt a family around the holidays. Along with all the fun they have, they also work hard to compete in the Northern Area Competition in such areas as job interviews and keyboarding. Eventually this year WeGo made it to state and to nationals. From the hard work the officers did to other members, "this year was a good year down state" said Dennis Janek. "Everyone worked hard" said Allison Brown. As a result, many WeGo students successfully made it to nationals.



A group of F.B.L.A. students shows their awards they received at a competition.

Melissa Garcia enjoyed Botany and loved planting; "I couldn't wait to start planting. Learning to landscape and arrange flowers was exciting and it always cheered me up to plant!"

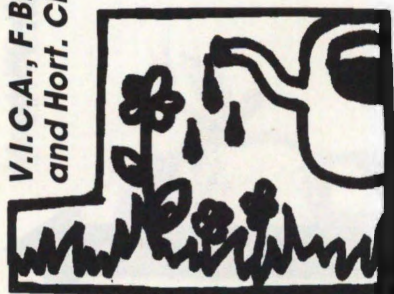


Hort. Club. Front: Elissa Dupree, Karen Tuegel, Jenny Rugaard; **Row 2:** Dan Hernandez, Cindy Camona, Katie Lundgren; **Row 3:** Rich Belcher, Advisor Carol Walksler, Melissa Garcia, Michelle Massa.

Horticulture

This year's Horticulture club was a small group, but they worked hard. Student Rich Belcher liked having Horticulture 2 because, "All you have to do is plant and water the crops. You don't have to do any writing." His best memories were of acting crazy and Mrs. Walksler.

V.I.C.A., F.B.L.A., and Hort. Club



USA SKILLS



Freddy Lopez waves the flag of WeGo spirit at the competition in Springfield.



Julie Hendron perfects her client's hair.

Schmidt and Shaefer grin with excitement after winning a V.I.C.A. competition.

FBLA

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Leslie Shambo, Jennifer Skazypczynski, and Allison Brown smile and take a rest at the area conference.



Lauren Mroz, Allison Brown, Hilary Brown, Paul Majchrowski, and Keith Halshall create the third place window for FBLA during Homecoming week.



Tim Yormark, Paul Novak, and Matt Shambo smile nicely for the camera at the state conference banquet.

HORTICULTURE CLUB



Melissa Garcia and Laura McQueen study the plants at BALL SEED on the Horticulture club field trip.



Heidi Carballo's water their crops.



Aaron Douglas showers his crops.

It's Like Music To Our Ears!!!

Marching Band: Front: Dan Millard, Eddie Hernandez, Amanda Hallock, Tom Barta, Adam Fritz, Frank Check, Rich Amos, Sean Palmer, Mike Ziberna, David Wood, Tom Amos, Mike Nyman, David Toney. **Row 2:** Sarah Hammer, Melissa Lund, Heidi Lakics, Steve Gilbert, Sarah Altergott, Karen Miller, Susan Lincoln, Kim Fioroni, James Garcia, Stacey Pacini, Angelica Garcia, Arianna Cortez, Mercedes Koch. **Row 3:** Erin Eberlein, Kim Peterik, Sarah Walker, Billy Inch, Katie Marcantonio, Karin Vandernault, Carly Anderson, Katie Taylor, Jenny Brosseau, Malissa Kane, Rachel Noceda, Jamie Nadonly. **Row 4:** Jennifer Shanahan, Keith Halsall, Abigail Chillemi, Margot Reges, Sergio Jimenez, Pam Martin, Vanessa Cortez, Maggie Wcoiarz, Kelly Siekmann, Dana Lawrence, Erin Madden, Norah McAvoy, Darcie Jones. **Row 5:** Sarah Meyerholtz, Brian Toms, Alberto Allende, Brad Sabathne, Joe Tumiolsky, Mat Borschkw, Amanda Millard, Carrie Carpenter, Brian Miller, Brett Dieter, Heather Edminson. **Row 6:** Heather Coakley, John Kolodick, Craig Wostatzky, Michael Peters, Samuel Robles, Chris Pagnozzi, Emily Biancalana, Missy Krueger, Larissa Young, James Jaffe, Elizabeth Brosseau, Becky Bayard, Diana Chavez. **Row 7:** Peggy Sable, Kristopher Donovan, Chris Buckles, Mike Keely, Mike Kostal, Shane Ness, Jesse Asuin, Katy Kostal, Melissa Deutsch, Meredith Koch. **Row 8:** Andrea Enger, Dan Barzo, Ross Jeambey, Brian Becker, Chris Gerber, Nick Chillemi, Theresa McEvoy, Brian Steere, Cory Abruzzese, Bryan Jones, Jessi Crockatt. **Row 9:** Amanda Bina, Maggie Grossmayer. **Row 10:** Katie Holt, Donald Spaniol, Andy Hein, James Nelson, Josh Swoner, Matt Wdowiarz, Britnay Kozlowski.



Drum Major (left to right): Eddie Hernandez- Head Drum Major, David Toney- Assistant Drum Major



Color Guard: Darcie Jones, Maggie Grossmayer, Britnay Kolowski, Meredith Koch, Mercedes Koch (captain), Erin Eberline, Jennifer Shanahan, Sarah Meyerholtz, Heather Edminson, Diana Chavez, Andrea Enger, Peggie Sable, Amanda Bina, Heather Coakley, Jessi Crockatt, Katie Holt, Sarah Hammer, Jamie Nadolny



Band And Orchestra



Orchestra
Members:
Michelle
Brady, Beth
Deutsch, Betsy
Drzal, Lynne
Gallimore,
Becky Gary,
Nora
Gonzalez,
Samantha
Kimber,
Amanda
Meiborg, Bob
Nagel, Kendra
Norton, Jose
San Roman,
Sara Stevens,
Dylan
Swanner, Josh
Swanner, Sofia
Syed, Jeff
Tillson, Gilda
Valenzuela,
Trevor Vransy,
Matt
Wdowiarz.



Brittany Koslowski
at attention.

The Sound Of Music



Throughout the year the band and orchestra played many different songs. This year in the Marching Band one of the songs they played was "Les Miserable." Some of the songs that the jazz band played were "Manteca," "Got Rhythm," "Los Matactores," and "Famous Don't Pay The Rent". At the spring concert, some of the songs that orchestra played were "To a Wild Rose," "Take Five," "Woodlands," and "Under The Sea." Some of the best parts of being a member in the band and orchestra is being able to hear the wonderful sound of music played by everyone in unison and just being around your friends. Not only are the people there talented and kind,

but they are led by two talented directors. Mr. Guter is the director of the bands who has been a great influence in many of the musicians' lives, both musically and non-musically. Ms. Keil is the orchestra director who continued to push students throughout the year to do their best. A joy most of the band members experienced was being able to play at the London Millennium Festival in England over Christmas Break. The recognition that marching band received because of the football games was also a plus that band members received. However, nothing can compare with the joy of seeing their proud families after a concert.



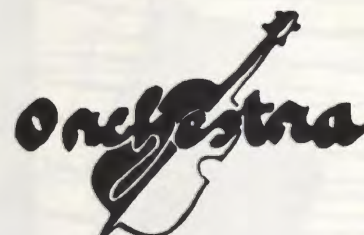
Band/Orchestra/Color Guard



Karen Miller plays her clarinet beautifully.



Listen to those
horns blow.



Cory Oscity rocks on.



Freddy Lopez sings a song he wrote for his girlfriend called "RH Song."

Jazz Combo jazzes up the show.



Sara Knox and Anders Walker sing U2's song "All I Want is You."

Variety Show



5gether warms the hearts of the crowd with the Backstreet Boys serenade.



Hilary Blanchard and Amy Kohltz sing "Good-bye Earl" by the Dixie Chicks.

Gladys D. Proa and Gloria R. Mendez sing "Tu" beautifully.



Destination Variety Show



Emcees, Jenny Skrzypczynski, Leslie Shambo, Nicole Patel, and Allison Brown, finalize plans backstage.

Wayne (Dennis Janek) and Garth (Tim Yormark) say it's Party Time! Excellent!

A night of laughter and song that benefits March of Dimes ... where could you find such a thing? The Variety Show is just such a thing. FBLA raised \$1,500 for March of Dimes from the variety show. There was certainly a variety of talent there on March 2, 2000 and it was a great turnout. The auditorium was very full and hot. There were some great performances. Some of the big hits with the crowd were Cud's performance of a blend of Metallica songs, the Infamous Mobb, and Kriz Radousky's very Bush-like performance of "Glycerine." The top performance of the night had to have been 5gether. They did a great job imitating the Backstreet Boys, and the crowd thoroughly enjoyed it. The night went very smoothly due to the great job hosting of emcees, Allison Brown, Leslie Shambo, Jenny Skrzypczynski, John McPheters, Pete Serrano, and Nicole Patel. They brought comedy to the night and kept the crowd awake between acts. It was a night of fun for everyone.



Kelly Pastore, LaTanya Hollister, Becky Guerrero, Ami Pirela, and Alicia Chew dance around to Destiny's child.

Tom Aguirre, a member of Cud, rocks on.

Kriz Radousky wigs out while singing Bush's "Glycerine."



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Around The World In 181 Days

Getting To Know The French, German, And Spanish

How many of you know how to say hello in at least one language other than English? At WCCHS many students made an effort to say more than just hello in French, German, and Spanish. Some of them even joined a club to learn more about those cultures. These clubs planned many activities throughout the year. For example, they watched foreign movies, had dinners, went dancing, and had holiday parties.

One thing they did to broadcast their knowledge was to perform plays. Both the German and French classes performed skits they wrote in that language. They usually performed in the auditorium all day long and welcomed everybody to cheer them on. Even

though for most of them this was the first time taking the stage, they seemed to have had a lot of fun with this project. They were allowed to let their own imagination and creativity flow. Although the Spanish classes never performed any plays, they wrote small skits for practice and presented them in their own classes.

Being able to travel and actually understand what the people in other countries are talking about is a great accomplishment. "I took French because I had the opportunity to go to France." — Adriana Antonio. Since this country is full of mixed cultures it is a huge advantage to be able to speak another language. It's a great benefit.



Spanish Club: Front: MaryBeth Stotz, Meagan Flood, Liz Valdez, Drew Martino, Leslie Shambo. Second: Zoe Churan, Mary-Megan Kalvig, Melisa Garcia, Jasmeen Castillo, Humza Azam. Back: Kim Peterik, Katie Taylor, Margot Reges, Rachel Altergott, Jillian Wojcik.



Jose San Roman, Javier Saucedo, Heather Coakley, and Katy Kostal demonstrate that they can folk dance just like the French.



International Club: Front: Liz Ortiz, Heidi Carballo. Second: Isabel Guerrero, Zoe Churan, Stephanie Opel. Back: Jose Martinez, Ms. Bellis, Tanya Ortiz, Alexandra Patin.



French Club: Front: Carmen Saucedo, Billie Schultz, Nelly Guerrero, Sarah Gwynne, Michelle Cosco, Hilary Blanchard, Maribel Benitez, Javier Saucedo. Second: Meghan Burlison, Fabiola Correa, Zayra Pedraza, Berenice Leal, Katie Holt, Laura Martinez, Kery Sagen, Jose San Roman. Back: Jose Martinez, Sean Warren, Claudia Alcantar, Terri Jensen, Allison Brown, Katy Kostal, Daniel Hernandez, Tanya Ortiz, Heidi Carballo, Liz Ortiz, Heather Coakley, Nicole Melone.

Foreign Languages

!HELLO!

!BONJOUR! !HOLA!

!GUTEN TAG!





German Club: Front: Jessica Varble, Amy Lichtfuss, Brianne Rehmus, Katie Baginski. Row 2: Beth Deutsch, Katie Kammes, John Skala, Harold Visser, Ashley Link, Alex Corson, Jennifer Skrzypczynski. Row 3: Heidi Lizziness, Carly Andeson, Sarah Meyers, Ryan Dorn, Tatiana Podstavkova, Bryan Kelsey, Lynne Gallimore, John Pollman, Dylan Sawner, Christine Austin, Matt Doll, Josh Swanner, Erin Lichtfuss, advisor Terry Mitchell Strohm. Back: Missy Sheme, Andy Steinle, Dan Barzso, Chris Gerber, Cody Melbourne.



Alex Corson



Matt Doll



Josh Swanner



Spanish student John McPheters tries to grab a paper bag with his teeth as he hosts the combined foreign languages holiday party.



Spanish student Mary-Megan Kalvig prepares for the bean bag toss in competition with other foreign language students.



French student Michelle Lasky shows off her pool face at the holiday party.



French student Sean Warren waits patiently for his turn at the bean bag toss.



Dustin Stern looks pretty anxious to get Matt Timko's digits.



A little club reunion at the bean bag toss to get to know each other.



John and Ashley Lin get to know each other while playing pool at the holiday party.



Podstavkova, Frau Strohm, and another student seem to be having a blast at the holiday party hosted by the Spanish club advisor, John McPheters.

Foreign Exchange

So, What's It Like To Visit Another Country?

Henrik Muhlbradt, a foreign exchange student, was visiting the United States from Oslo, Norway. He was here since August 4th, 1999, through July 7th, 2000. He was 17 when he first arrived, but he celebrated his 18th birthday with us in the U.S. in May. He was living with the Ribe family. His favorite class at the high school was photography, because "There's no homework," he says. He likes West Chicago High School, because "the teachers are nice." He didn't like the long days, or the tons of

homework. In his spare time, he would ride mountain bikes, and he loved to snowboard, even though he didn't get too many opportunities to do so here. He was also involved in the Spring Musical, *Fiddler On The Roof*. He loved listening to "American" music, everything from Britney Spears and Backstreet Boys, to heavy metal and club music. He liked everything about the U.S. but, in mid-March, he said he was starting to look forward to going home.

-Becky Dennis



Maribel Benitez walks away to board the bus, and start the best trip of her life.



The German exchange students, together before a busy school day in West Chicago High School. Back (Left to Right): Holger Endt, Christian Meyer, Jurgen Schlecht (teacher), Michael Gottschalk, Sebastian Winter, Thomas Schneider, Christoph Westphal. Front (Left to Right): Barbara Lechner, Kathrin Herrmann, Silvia Geidner, Silvia Lepp, Anne Pentza, Silke.



The students from WCCHS and their Costa Rican visitors say goodbye at the airport. Back: Gloria Caballer, Laura Wilken, Nacho Rubio, Adriana Salvador, Martha Farinos, Amanda Campagnoni, Katalin Larm, Chris Salutric, Begona Vazquez, Lauren Paulsen. Bottom row: Begona Estevan, Danielle Daru, Julio Gomez, Juan Carlos Vazquez, Borja Pastigo. Front: Ramon Monfort.



On March 22nd, these students posed for one last picture before boarding the bus that would take them to the airport. 16 students in all went to France for two weeks: Maribel Benitez, Lydia Cabral, Anabelle Gonzalez, Adrianna Antonio, Julietta Favela, Martha Gurrero, Sarah Walker, Jamie Weisse, Jose Alejo, Michael Penefflor, and Mike Nyman.



"This is one of the most exciting experiences students have in high school. They get to use the skills and knowledge acquired in the classroom in real life situations." Madame Appel deals with last minute problems among the chaos.

Henrik Muhlbradt smiles broadly for the picture.

Chapter 4

Destination: Unknown

Mixed feelings overwhelm me as my final year draws to a close; hints of senioritis appear as well as traces of high school recollections. My future looms just around the corner, both exciting and uncertain. Dreams of freedom

linger barely out of my reach, holding out until graduation. Every day I encounter hundreds of faces, some familiar, some unknown, and yet the time will come when I will never see them again. Close friendships remain, but the crowd is gone.

I sit back and reflect on the past four years remembering goals left unobtained, accomplishments achieved, friendships gained and lost, valuable lessons learned, and I realize how priceless my experiences were. It would have been gratifying to be a state athlete, Mr. Wildcat, or an Illinois State Scholar, but even though I never was any of those, I still am pleased with what I have done.

I have changed so much from the time I started my first day to now. I would not exchange all my late night projects, extra studying, trips to the library, and strenuous practices for anything in the world. Each played a part in creating a striving, responsible, and hardworking me. Today I feel like I am ready to face the challenges of growing up and becoming an adult.

Thank you to everyone for making this school what it was for me; without any of you, this school would not have been the same. All of you are precious, remember that!

Good-bye.



Seniors



Sean Peters satisfies his appetite.



Jesus Favela reveals his shyer side.



Chris Radousky concentrates on his performance.



All-American Tim Keller pushes towards the finish.



Sara Knox and Chris Thomas practice their speeches together in class.



Another day in Government class for Michael Peneflor.



2000



Aason, Jenica

Abante, Edercy Naguit: SADD 1, 2; Spanish Club 1, 2; Pep Club 2; Challenge 3; Volleyball 2; Track and Field 1, 2, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4.

Adams, Crystal: SADD 2; Pep Club 2; Student Council Representative 3; Cross Country 1, 2; Track and Field 1, 2, 3; Pompons 3; High Honor Roll 1, 2; Honor Roll 3; Academic All-Conference 2, 3.

Aguilar, Evelyn: TCD 3, 4.



Aiello, Amy: Thespians 3, 4; Winter Play Cast 3; Musical Play Cast 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus/Choir 2, 3, 4; Madrigals 4; Swing Choir 4; Dance Production 3, 4; Football Cheerleader 3; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 4; Costa Rican Exchange Student Host 2.

Alfaro, Jorge

Altergott, Rachel: Spanish Club 4; Pep Club 4; Cross Country 1, 2, 3, 4; Track and Field 1, 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 2; Honor Roll 1, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Spanish Club President 4; Track and Field Captain 4.

Antonio, Adriana: French Club 2, 3; Honor Roll 3, 4; French Honor Society 3; French Exchange Student 4.



Arlington, Ashley

Ault, Chip

Avila, Jesus

Azam, Humza: Peer Listeners 4; Spanish Club 3, 4; Math Team 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Spanish National Honor Society 4.



Balsitis, Lori

Barzso, Daniel: SADD 1, 2; German Club 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Jazz Band 1, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 1; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Pep Cheerleader 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Exchange Student to Germany 3; German Exchange Student Host 2, 4.

Batts, Christopher: Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 3.

Bauler, Matthew



Baum, Amanda

Belcher, Rich: Horticulture Club 4; Cross Country 1, 2, 3, 4; Track and Field 1, 2, 3, 4; Blood-Born Pathogens 4; High Honor Roll 1; Honor Roll 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society; Horticulture Club President 4; Excellent Achievement in Math Award 1, 2, 3; All-Conference Cross Country 3, 4; Cross Country State Qualifier 3; Cross Country Scholar Athlete 3, 4.

Belding, Gregory: Spanish Club 3, 4; Football 1; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4.

Belding, Lauren C.: Peer Listeners 2; German Club 2; Math Team 1, 2, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 4; National Honor Society 4; Congress-Bundestag Scholarship Recipient 3; German Exchange Student for one year 3.



Berendson, Brenda Lee: Pep Club 2; Variety Show 2; Challenge 3, 4; Band 1; Pep Band 1; Volleyball 1, 2; Softball 1, 2; Wrestling Team Manager 1, 2, 3, 4; Football Team Manager 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Challenge Editor 4; Bible Study 3, 4.

Beutjer, Jeffrey: Basketball 1, 2.

Seniors

"You start high school with a dream of becoming someone successful. Now as we finish high school we're given the opportunity to wake and make it happen."

-Blanca Tena

"You can pick your friends, and you can pick your nose, but you can't pick your friend's noses."

- Dan Toboja

"To every-one attending high school: think of your purpose for living, and what you think about right when you wake up and right before you go to sleep; consider Jesus!"

-Greg Wheaton

"I will never forget the incredible people I've come to know here; friends, teachers, God, myself. I will remember this time always, especially my senior year, the year I grew up!"

- Allison Brown



The Color Guards, Diana Chevez, Peggy Sable, Amanda Bina, Jamie Ndolny, Katherine Holt, and Andrea Enger embrace after their performance.



Pedro Serrato and John Millner pull off suave moves at the winter assembly.

Bina, Amanda: Math Team 4; Band 1; Color Guard 3, 4; Swimming 1, 2; Badminton 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2; Honor Roll 3, 4; Swimming Academic All-Conference 1.

"Don't follow when your friends jump the bridge, be the one waiting to catch them when they jump!" - Sarah Kochniarczyk

"The secret of success in life is for a person to be ready when his opportunity comes." (Disraeli) - David Boyle



Blossfield, Adam

Boes, Michael: Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4; Soccer 1, 2.

Bolton, Kelly: Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Softball All-Conference 3; Basketball Captain 4.

Borschke, Matthew: German Club 3, 4; VICA 3; FBLA 3, 4; Scholastic Bowl 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Golf 1, 2; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; FBLA Parliamentarian.



Boswell, Jason: TCD 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 1.

Boyle David: Mock Trial Team 1; Mr. Wildcat 4; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Track and Field 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 3, 4; Prom Court 3; Homecoming Court 4; Soccer Captain 3, 4; Track and Field Captain 4.

Brady, Melissa: SADD 1; German Club 1, 2, 3; Front Office Assistant 1, 2, 3; Fall Play Crew 2; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Exchange Student to Germany 3.

Brady, Michelle: Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.



Brown, Allison: French Club 3, 4; FBLA 3, 4; Variety Show 3, 4; Fall Play Cast 4; Dance Production 3, 4; Soccer 1, 2; Track and Field 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; French Club Secretary 4; FBLA Events Coordinator 4.

Brown, Beau: SADD 2, 3; Math Team 1; Forensics 2, 3, 4; Mr. Wildcat Candidate 4; Thespians 1, 2, 3, 4; Speech Team 2, 3, 4; Class Vice President 3, 4; Student Council Treasurer 3; Fall Play Cast 3, 4; Fall Play Crew 2; Winter Play Cast 1, 2, 3; Winter Play Crew 2; Musical Cast 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus/Choir 3, 4; Madrigals 4; Swing Choir 2, 3, 4; Fox Valley Honors Choir 2, 3, 4; All-District Choir 4; Soccer 1, 2; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Illinois State Scholar 4; Prom Court 3; Homecoming Court Candidate 4; Thespian Vice President 3; Thespian President 4; SADD Treasurer 3; Forensics Co-Captain 3; Spanish Honor Society 2, 3, 4; Choir Vice President 4; Guys' Ensemble 3, 4; Perfect Attendance 1, 2, 3.

Camacho, Maria

Caruso, Diane: Volleyball 1; Softball 1, 2; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Excellent Achievement in Math Award 1, 2, 3.

Catenacci, Dayna: Fall Play Cast 2; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Powder Puff Football 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4.

Chapman, Nicklaus: VICA 1, 2; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 2; Track and Field 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4.

Chavez, Diana: SADD 2, 3; Peer Listeners 4; Spanish Club 3; Key Club 2, 3; Variety Show 4; Chicas Latinas 1; Office Aide 3; Color Guard 4; Soccer 1, 2, 4; Honor Roll 4.

Chillemi, Abigail: Band 1, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 3, 4; Hockey 3; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4.





Chorobik, Eric: VICA 2; Variety Show 4; Band 1, 2, 3; Pep Band 1, 2, 3; Tennis 4; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 3, 4; Soccer All-Conference.

Chronowski, Lauren

Clark, Elizabeth: SADD 2, 3; Horticulture Club 3

Cleveland, Kristine: SADD 1, 2; Clown Team 1; French Club 2, 3; Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track and Field 1, 2, 3, 4; Track and Field Captain 4.

Coffman, Katharine: SADD 2, 3; Spanish Club 1; Pep Club 1; FBLA 2; Student Council Representative 2, 3, 4; Student Council Secretary 4; Band 1, 2; Color Guard 2; Pep Band 1, 2; Soccer 2, 3, 4; Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball; High Honor Roll 1, 2; Honor Roll 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Roll 3, 4; Spanish Honor Society 2, 3, 4; January Student of the Month.

Conaway, David

Covarrubias, Katy: SADD 4; Art Club 4; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4.

Cruz, Gabriel: French Club 1; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1; Honor Roll 2, 3.

DeBartolo, Angela: SADD 3

Deutsch, Rebecca

Dorn, Ryan: FBLA 2; Variety Show 4; Musical Cast 3; Chorus/Choir 4; All-District Choir 4; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Baseball 1, 2; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Exchange Student to Germany 3; Prom Court 3; Homecoming Court 4; German National Honor Society; Soccer All-Conference Honorable Mention 4.

Drenth, Janet: TCD; Child Care Program 4; Pep Club 4; VICA 3, 4; Track and Field 1, 2; Student Trainer 2, 3, 4; Volleyball/Basketball Team Manager 1; Powder Puff Football 4.

Drzal, Tracey: Chorus/Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Swimming All-Conference 3.

DuBose, Gregory

Duran, Maria

Eash, Jordan

Elmaz, Demir

Enger, Andrea: Math Team 4; Student Council Representative 4; Color Guard 3, 4; Chorus/Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Ensemble 3, 4; Basketball 2; Volleyball 1; Badminton 2, 3, 4; Softball 1; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Exchange Student to Germany 3; German Exchange Student Host 4; Powder Puff Football 4.

Erickson, Tracy: Peer Listeners 3, 4; Chorus/Choir 2, 3, 4; Cross Country 1, 2, 3; Softball 1, 2; Basketball Cheerleader 3, 4; Powder Puff Football 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.

Escalante, Jesus

Fairbairn, Amy: French Club 1; FBLA 4; Badminton 1, 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; French Exchange Student Host 3; Excellent Achievement in Math Award 1, 2, 3, 4; Scholar Athlete 3, 4.

Falk, Benjamin: Audio Visual Aide 2; Football 1, 4; Track and Field 4.

Feistamel, Alicia

Feller, Alexanderia

"To realize the value of ONE YEAR, ask a student who failed a grade. To realize the value of ONE SECOND, ask a person who just avoided an accident." -Evelyn Aguilar

"Spend so much time improving yourself that you have no time left to criticize others." - Diana Chavez

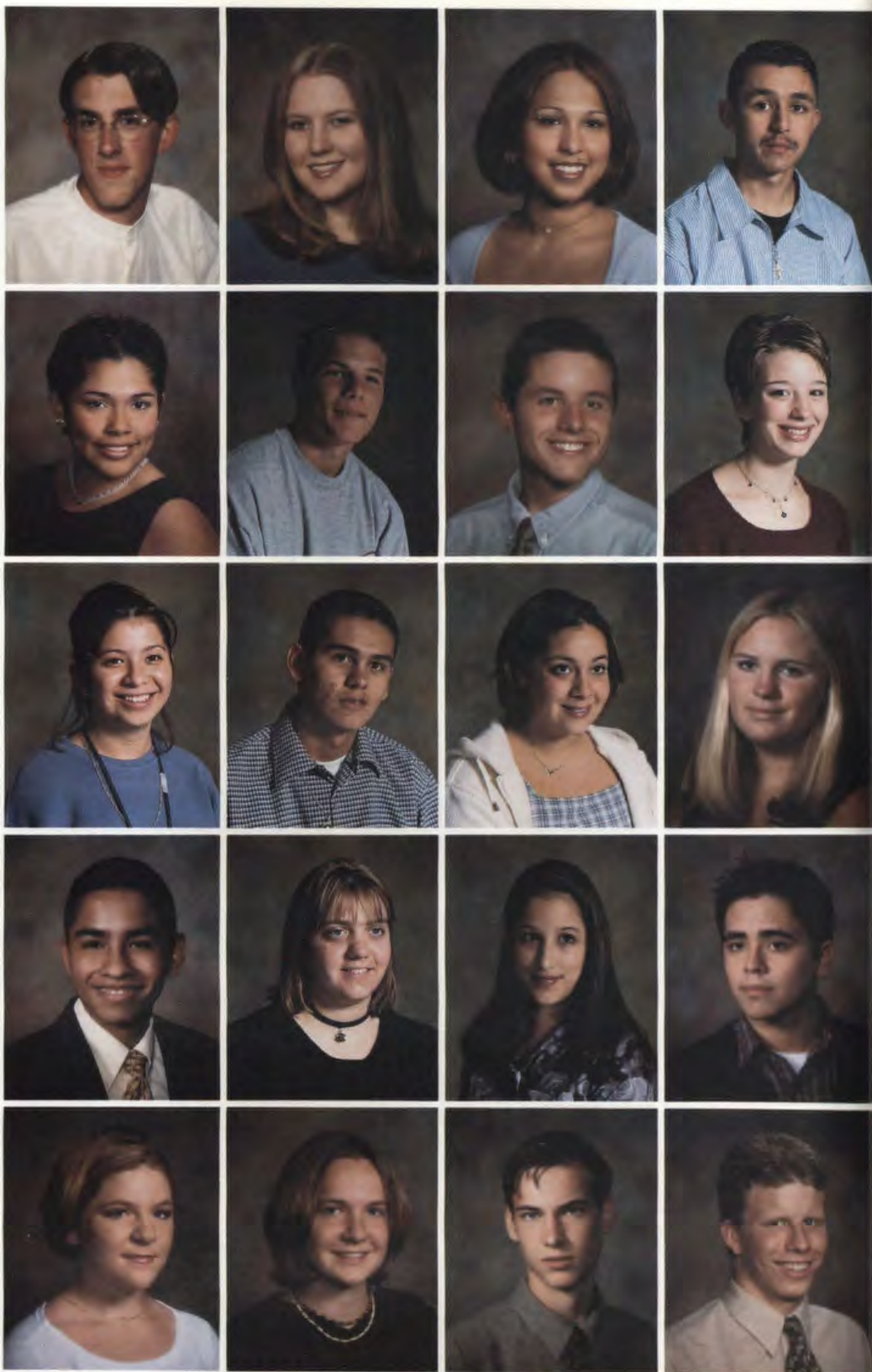
Ferguson, Evan
Fick, Alison
Flores, Ivory
Flores, Juan

Flores, Noemi: SADD 3; Key Club 2; Art Club; Soccer 1, 2, 4.
Fortier, Daniel: Football 1, 2, 4; Basketball 1, 2.
Fuchs, Neal: Tennis 4; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 3, 4; National Honor Society 4.
Fuller, Krystal: Kosovo Exchange Student 3.

Garcia, Bertha
Garcia, Jose
Gentile, Claudia
Gerleve, Nichole: Clown Team 2; Challenge 4; Soccer 1, 2; Honor Roll 2, 3, 4.

Geronimo, Michael: Honor Roll 2, 3.
Giermann, Emily: Math Team 1, 2, 3; Key Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Thespians 3, 4; Fall Play 4; Fall Play Crew 1, 2, 3, 4; Winter Play Cast 3; Winter Play Crew 1, 2, 3; Chorus/Choir 2, 3; Badminton 1, 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Costa Rican Exchange Student Host 2; Key Club Secretary 2; Key Club President 3, 4; November Student of the Month.
Godoy, Ami: Spanish Club 3; Orchestra 2, 3, 4; Fall Play Cast 3, 4; Musical Orchestra 3; Chorus/Choir; Fox Valley Honors Orchestra 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3; National Honor Society 3, 4; Spanish National Honor Society 2; National Hispanic Scholar Finalist.
Gomez, Julio: TCD 3, 4; Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4; Soccer 1, 2, 3.

Gove, Tiffany
Grant, Abigail
Greer, Nathaniel
Griffin, Jeffrey: Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4.



Who Inspires You?

"My grandma Noni will always be the person that inspires me the most. She had high morals, a sense of humor, and always knew the right thing to say. I hope I grow up to be just like her and I plan to live my life as she lived hers ... with smiles and a warm heart!" - Kristin Leitherer

"My dad because he tells me if I don't try, then my goals will never be accomplished." - Michael Geronimo

"God inspires me the most because his grace is abounding and I constantly listen to what He says, and boy is it worth it!" - Rich Belcher

"Eleanor Roosevelt because of her love of people and desire to better the world." - Lauren Belding

"Captain Kangaroo - he entertained so many people, but never let the fame go to his head. He's amazing." - Nicole Schafroth



Grin, Sherri Lee: Basketball 1, High Honor Roll 3, 4; National Honor Society 4.
Grove, Michelle: Spanish Club 2; Math Team 3, 4; Student Council Representative 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council Community Service Chair 3; Student Council President 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Badminton 1, 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1; Honor Roll 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Costa Rica Exchange Student Host 2; Spanish National Honor Society 2, 3, 4; October Student of the Month; Scholar Athlete 2, 3, 4; Group Leader at DYC Leadership Conference 4; HOBY Runner-up 2; Feeder Program Advisory Committee 4.
Guerrero, Becky: Pep Club 4; Variety Show 2, 4; *Wildcat Chronicle* 3, 4; Wrestling Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Soccer Cheerleader 4; Wrestling Cheerleader Captain 4; Honor Roll 2, 3; Wrestling Manager 2; Scholar Award for Cheerleading.
Guerrero, Isabel: Key Club 4; VICA 3, 4; International Club 4; *Challenge* 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Eighth Place at VICA Competition 3; Excellent Achievement in Math Award 1, 2, 3, 4; Family Consumer Night 3, 4.



Gunther, Tiffany
Guzman, Rog: SADD 1, Football 1, 2, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Baseball 1.



Gwynne, Josh
Hahs, Jennifer: Chorus/Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4.



Eddie Hernandez casually directs the band on the field during the Homecoming Day celebration.



Haines, Nicholas
Hall, Justin: Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2; Academic All-Conference 1, 2; Homecoming Court 4; Football Special Mention All-Conference 4; Football All-Area 4.
Hallock, Amanda: SADD 1; Spanish Club 1; Key Club 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3; Musical Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; Fox Valley Honors Band 3, 4; Tennis 2, 3, 4; Badminton 1; Student Trainer 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 4; National Honor Society 3, 4.
Halsall, Keith: Math Team 2, 3, 4; FBLA 2, 3, 4; Scholastic Bowl 3, 4; Band 2, 3, 4; Jazz Band 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; FBLA Vice President 3; FBLA President 4.



Hammer, Ryan: *Challenge* 3, 4; Bible Study 3, 4; *Challenge* Editor 4.
Hamrick, Adam: VICA 1, 2, 3, 4; Tennis 3, 4; Soccer 1; Volleyball 2; High Honor Roll 1, 2; Honor Roll 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society; VICA Treasurer 3; VICA President 4; 3rd in State for Mechanical Drawing Competition.
Handley, Nicole: Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.
Hansen, Erik



Nothing gets the best of Ami Pirela, not even a Hoberman's Sphere.



Kristen Leitherer and Ryan Dorn share a special moment at the Homecoming Dance.

Seniors

Harkins, Benjamin
Hartigan, Ondrew
Heath, Amy
Hernandez, Daniel



Hernandez, Edward: Spanish Club 1; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Drum Major 3, 4; Jazz Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Musical Pit 2; Basketball 1; Track and Field 2, 3, 4; Girls' Swimming Team Manager 3, 4; Prom Court 3; Homecoming Court 4; Homecoming King 4; Band President 3, 4; Mr. Wildcat Candidate 4.
Higdon, Lars: Spanish Club 3; Key Club 4; Soccer 1, 2, 3; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Exchange Student to Costa Rica 3.
Hitchcock, Shannon
Hodge, Brian: Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.



Hofmann, Garrett: Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4.
Holguin, Robert
Holt, Katherine: SADD 2, 3; French Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Color Guard 4; Badminton 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; French Club President 4.
Hoskinson, Vanessa: Clothing Fashion Show 3, 4.



Huerta, Lourdes
Hurn, Aubrey
Jeambey, Ross: SADD 2; German Club 1; Band 1, 2, 4; Jazz Band 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 4; Volleyball 1, 2; Honor Roll 1, 2, 4; National Honor Society 4; German Exchange Student Host 2.
Jensen, Therese: SADD 1; French Club 3, 4; Spanish Club 1; VICA 2, 3; Cross Country 3, 4; Track and Field 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; French Club Treasurer 4; Powder Puff Football 4; Track and Field Captain 4.



Jester, Connie
Jones, Brian: Mr. Wildcat Candidate 4; Band 1, 2; Soccer 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 1, 2, 4; National Honor Society 4.
Jones, Jonathan
Kairys, Kevin: Fall Play Crew 2; Winter Play Crew 2; Musical Crew 1.



Kashtanjeva, Jeton
Keller, Timothy: Cross Country 1, 2, 3, 4; Track and Field 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Track and Field All-Conference 2, 3, 4; Cross Country All-Conference 3, 4; Cross Country All-State 4; Cross Country Sixth Place in Nationals.
Kelsey, Bryan: Peer Listeners 3, 4; German Club 3, 4; FBLA 1, 2; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1; Honor Roll 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Exchange Student to Germany 3; Football Captain 4.
Kerimi, Nesim



Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.
Robert Frost



Knox, Sara
Koch, Mercedes: SADD 2; Forensics 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Color Guard 2, 3, 4; Jazz Band 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Fall Play Cast 3; Winter Play Cast 3; Musical Orchestra 2; Color Guard Captain 4; Soccer 2, 3, 4; Swimming 1; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Exchange Student to Costa Rica 4; Prom Court 3.
Kochniarczyk, Sarah: SADD 1, 2; French Club 1; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FBLA 1; *Wildcat Chronicle* 3, 4; Student Council Representative 1; Chorus/Choir 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1; Softball 1, 2, 3; Football Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Basketball Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Football Cheerleader Captain 2, 4; Basketball Cheerleader 2, 4; Powder Puff Football 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 4; Pep Club Treasurer 2.
Konewko, Megan: SADD 1, 2; Voice 1, 2, 3; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3; Peer Jury 1, 2, 3, 4.

Koslow, Drew: German Club 3; Soccer 2; Basketball 1; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1; Honor Roll 2, 3, 4.
Kostal, Mike: Math Team 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Jazz Band 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Musical Orchestra 2, 4; Fox Valley Honors Band 3, 4; Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Exchange Student to France 2.
Kovacs, Mary Helen: Spanish Club 1; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Dance Production 4; Badminton 1, 2, 3, 4; Football Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Basketball Cheerleader 2, 3; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Costa Rican Exchange Student Host 3; Exchange Student to Costa Rica 4.
Kristie, Julie

Krueger, Melissa: Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Cross Country 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 2, 3, 4; Softball All-Conference 2, 3, 4.
Ksepka, Courtney: SADD 4; Spanish Club 1, 2, 3; FBLA 4; Pompons 2, 3, 4; Powder Puff Football 4; High Honor Roll 1; Honor Roll 2, 3, 4; Pompons Captain 4; Spanish Club Vice President 3.
Kueker, Leah
Lakics, Heidi: Key Club 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Musical Orchestra 3, 4; Diving 1, 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Key Club Secretary 3, 4; All-American Scholar 3; Science Merit Award 3.

Larm, Katalin: SADD 1, 2; Spanish Club 1, 2, 3; Pep Club 2, 3; Mock Trial Team 1; *Wildcat Chronicle* 1, 2, 3; Winter Play Crew 2, 3, 4; Dance Production 4; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling Cheerleader 2; Basketball Cheerleader 3, 4; Diving 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish Exchange Student Host 3; Diving All-Conference 3, 4.
Lasky, Michelle: French Club 3, 4; *Challenge* 3, 4; Cross Country 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track and Field 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; French Exchange Student Host 3; Powder Puff Football 4; French Honor Society 2, 3, 4; French Club 2nd Vice President; Bible Study 3, 4; Excellent Achievement in Math Award 2, 3; Basketball Captain 4; Track and Field Captain 4; DVC Leadership Conference 4.
Lawrence, Rachel: Pep Club 2, 3; Variety Show 4; Football Cheerleader 2, 3; Basketball Cheerleader 2.
Leitherer, Kristin: SADD 2, 3; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Variety Show 4; Student Council Representative 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council Class Secretary 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus/Choir 1, 2, 4; Dance Production 3, 4; Volleyball 1; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Pompons 3; Football Cheerleader 2; Basketball Cheerleader 2; High Honor Roll 1, 2; Honor Roll 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Homecoming Court 4; Football Cheerleading Captain 2; Basketball Cheerleading Captain 2; Softball Captain 4; Excellent Achievement in Math Award 1, 2, 3, 4; French Honor Society 2, 3; Prom Committee 3.

Lelito, James

Lentz, Amanda: FBLA 3; Literary Magazine 4; Musical Crew 3; Yearbook Cover Designer 4; Senior Mural 4; School Mascot.





Taylor Long, Dana Catenacci, and Gabrielle Long sit back and enjoy the party.

Final Words ...

"Friends are the family we choose for ourselves." - Rachel Lawrence

"I will never forget the time that Eddie Cruz pulled Ryan Begy's plaid skirt up over his head in the cafeteria. Everyone who saw it laughed hysterically." - Angela Oklepek

"If you find it in your heart to care for somebody else, you will have succeeded. (Maya Angelou)" - Beth Clark

"No day but today!" - Beau Brown

"It's better to die standing than to live a lifetime on your knees." - Adriana Rodriguez

"You should never wear a watch because you'll always look to see what time it is and the time is always the same; the time is now." - Vanessa Hoskinson

"After four long years of high school I've learned that you may not get a lot out of the classes, but the experiences you face and the people you meet can change your life forever." - Rich Belcher



David Toney signals the band to play at the pep assembly.



Mercedes Koch smiles at her audience.

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Seniors

Seniors rule the Homecoming pep assembly according to Andrea Enger.



Michael Rohr goof around in the most Stories field trip for Gothic Lit.



Face paint is written all over Amanda Haas' face.



Katy Coffman displays her results at the Homecoming assembly's egg toss.



Parties are always fun when Jennifer Haas and Shannon Spohn are there.

"When the soul of a man is born in this country, there are nets flung at it to hold it back from flight. You talk to me of nationality, language, religion, I shall try to fly by those nets. (James Joyce)" - Lauren Belding

"Because I took a moment to speak, and you took a moment to smile, a tiny part of me will leave with you, and a little bit of you will stay." - Karen L. Tuegel

"We were raised on television to believe that we'd all be millionaires, movie gods, rock stars, but we won't, and we're starting to figure that out." - Chris Pagnozzi

"Friends are like angels who help you up when your wings can't remember how to fly." - Samatha Szeszyki

"People are more curious about what they see while dreaming, rather than what they see while awake." - Sabrina Soto

"If we celebrate the years behind us they become stepping stones of strength and joy for the years ahead." - Kevin Kairys

"Don't take your life for granted. Search for the deeper meaning because life is short." - Ryan Dorn



Matt McKenney shows off his new style in his Writing Workshop class.



Bryan Kelsey, Ryan Dorn, and Sean Peterson make their debut at the dance production show.

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Leonard, Kenneth: Football 1, 2, 3; Baseball 1, 2.

Leonhardt, Bridget

Lewis, Steven

Lichtfuss, Erin: SADD 1, 2, 3, 4; Peer Helpers 2, 3, 4; German Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Key Club 3, 4; FBLA 2; Student Council Representative 4; Musical Cast 4; Chorus/Choir 4; Dance Production 3, 4; Soccer 1; Football Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball Cheerleader 2, 3; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Exchange Student to Germany 3; Powder Puff Football 4; German Exchange Student Host 4; Vice President of Dance Production 4; Young Artists Showcase 4; Prayer Group 2, 3.

Lizyness, Heidi

Lopez, Freddy

Lovel, Vanessa

Lundgren, Katie: Horticulture Club 4.

Mam, Jonathan: Math Team 1; Variety Show 3; Soccer 1, 2, 4.

Mantz, Paul: German Club 2; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Exchange Student to Germany 3; German Exchange Student Host 4.

Mari, Elizabeth

Marrero, Mario: Fall Play Cast 1; Tennis 4; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4.

Martin, Bobb: VICA 2, 3, 4; Tennis 2.

Mastick, Margaret

McCants, Glenn

McGregory, Jenny: Pep Club 1; Chorus/Choir 3, 4; Dance Production 3, 4; Jazz Choir 3; Softball 1; Pompons 2, 3; Football Cheerleader 1; Prom Court 3; Homecoming Court 4.

McKenney, Matthew: VICA 2; Band 1; Pep Band 1; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Swimming 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2; Honor Roll 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 3, 4.

Meiborg, Nicholas

Mendez, Gabriel

Mendoza, Manuel: TCD: Multimedia/TV Production 4; VICA 4; Variety Show 4; Student Council Representative 1, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track and Field 3, 4; Student Trainer 1; Male Cheerleader 4.





Merrion, Thomas

Meyer, Donald

Miller, Adam: Football 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference.

Miller, Brian: Scholastic Bowl 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Jazz Band 2, 3; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Musical Orchestra 2; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; All-Conference Scholastic Bowl 3; National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalist 3; Scholastic Bowl Captain 4.



Millner, John: Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4.

Miotto, Angela

Moore, Meredith: Forensics 3, 4; Thespians 3, 4; Speech Team 3, 4; Challenge 3; Fall Play Cast 4; Fall Play Crew 3; Winter Play Cast 2, 3; Musical Cast 2, 3, 4; Chorus/Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Fox Valley Honors Choir 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2; National Honor Society 3, 4; Prom Court 3; Homecoming Queen 4; Forensics Secretary 4; Thespians Secretary 4; Choir Cabinet Secretary 4; Division 1 Rank in State Solo and Ensemble Competition 3; Powder Puff Football 4.

Moreno, Graciela



Morris, Sean: Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2; Baseball 2; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.

Moscicke, Marian: Honor Roll 1, 2; High Honor Roll 3.

Mueller, Emily: Key Club 2, 4; Dance Production 4; Soccer 1; Diving 1, 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 4.

Muhlbradt, Henrik



Murphy, Patrick

Murrell, Jeffrey: High Honor Roll 1, 3; Honor Roll 2, 4.

Nelson, Shannon: Math Team 3; Pep Club 1; FBLA 1, 2; Dance Production 3, 4; Basketball 1; Softball 1, 2; Pompons 3; Football Cheerleader 2; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3; High Honor Roll 4; National Honor Society 3, 4.

Nieto, Marcel



Norton, Kendra: SADD 2, 3, 4; Forensics 2, 3, 4; Thespians 2, 3, 4; Speech Team 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; Fall Play Cast 4; Fall Play Crew 1, 2, 3; Winter Play Cast 2; Winter Play Crew 1, 2, 3, 4; Musical Cast 1, 2, 3, 4; Musical Crew 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus/Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Madrigals 2, 3, 4; Swing Choir 4; Girls' Ensemble 1, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Prom Court 3; SADD President 3; Forensics Captain 4; Forensics Secretary 3; Thespians Secretary 3; Thespians Vice President 4.

O'Hara, Daniel: Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Illinois State Scholar 4; Homecoming Court 4; Wendy's Heisman Nominee, September Student of the Month; Football All-Conference Honorable Mention 3.

Oklepek, Angela Nicole: Pep Club 2; Soccer 1; Pompons 2; Football Cheerleader 2; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.

Oliver, Jessi: SADD 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 2, 3; Key Club 2, 3, 4; Musical Crew 1; Chorus/Choir 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; SADD Secretary 3; SADD President 4; Spanish Club Secretary 3; Spanish National Honor Society 2, 3, 4.



Olson, Kim: FBLA 1; Soccer 1, 2, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 2, 4; National Honor Society 4; Basketball Captain 4.

Oroni, Regina: Spanish Club 3, 4; Chorus/Choir 1; Soccer 4; Track and Field 1, 2; Diving 1; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 1; National Honor Society 4.

Orseno III, Michael

Ortiz, Cherrie May: SADD 3; Spanish Club 4; Math Team 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4.



Oscity, Cory

Osorio, Victor: Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1.

Outcalt, Ann

Owens, Jaclyn: TCD: Cosmetology 3, 4; VICA 4; Band 1, 2; Soccer 1, 4.



Owens, Kathleen: VICA 4; Challenge 4; Band 1, 2; Soccer 2, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4.

Pagnozzi, Christopher: TCD: Multimedia/Television 3, 4; SADD 1, 2, 3, 4; Jazz Band 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Musical Cast 1; Chorus/Choir 4; Tennis 2.

Palombi, Christie: Pep Club 2, 3; Thespians 3, 4; Musical Cast 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus/Choir 2, 3, 4; Dance Production 3, 4; Golf 2, 3, 4; Football Cheerleader 3, 4; Basketball Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2; Academic All-Conference 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Basketball Cheerleading Captain 4.

Pappas, Kathleen



Pasillas, Joana

Patel, Leena: SADD 1, Clown Team 3; Spanish Club 2, 4; Musical Crew 1; Badminton 1, 2, 3, 4.

Patel, Nishil: Student Council Representative 2; Tennis 4; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1; Track and Field 2, 3; High Honor Roll 2, 3; Honor Roll 1, 4; Academic All-Conference 3; National Honor Society 3, 4.

Pavone, Cristina



Payton, Christina: German Club 3; Spanish Club 1, 2, 3; Pep Club 4; Student Council Representative 2, 3, 4; Chorus/Choir 1, 2, 4; Cross Country 2; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2; Volleyball 1; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 3, 4; National Honor Society 4.

Penaflor, Michael: French Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FBLA 2, 4; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Track and Field 1, 2; Honor Roll 2, 3.

Perez, Leticia: SADD 3, 4; French Club 1; Spanish Club 4; Key Club 4; International Club; Soccer 2; Snowflake Student Leader 1, 2.

Peterson, Sean: Peer Listeners 4; FBLA 2; Fall Play Cast 4; Chorus/Choir 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Wrestling 2; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Prom Court 3; Football All-Conference 3.



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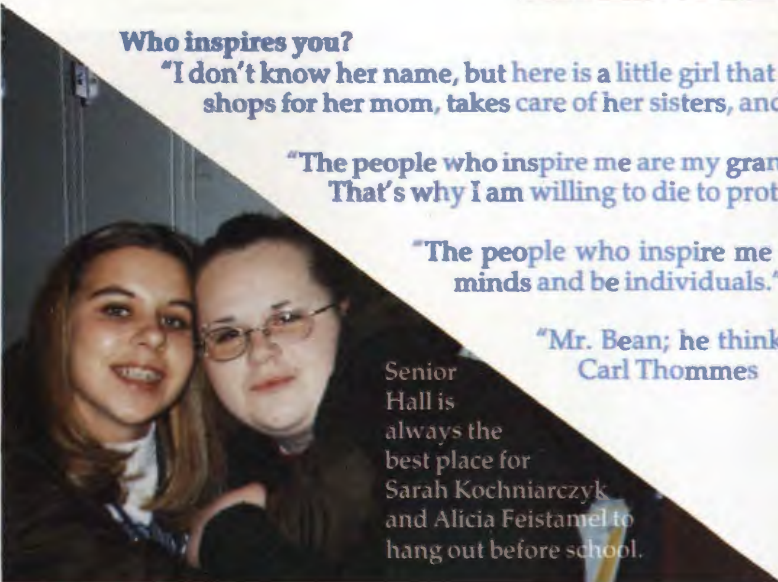
Who inspires you?

"I don't know her name, but here is a little girl that comes to my work; she has braces to walk with, she shops for her mom, takes care of her sisters, and she is only about nine or ten."-Ami Pirela

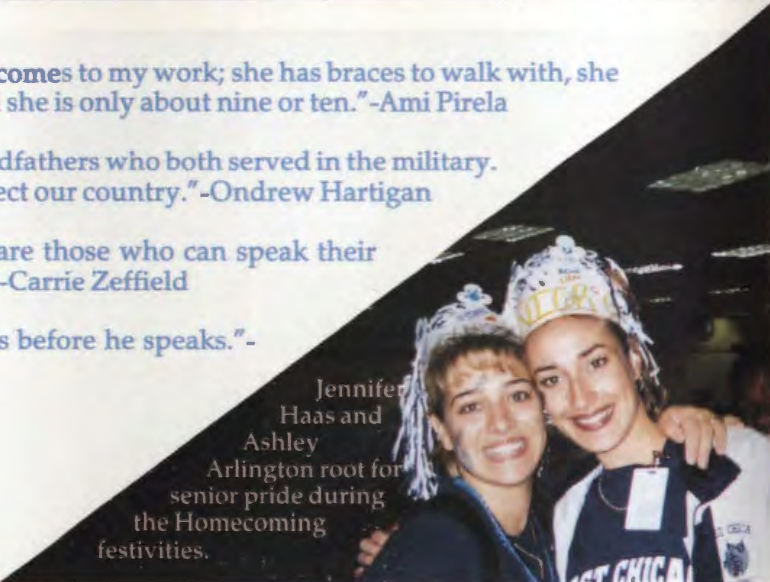
"The people who inspire me are my grandfathers who both served in the military. That's why I am willing to die to protect our country."-Ondrew Hartigan

"The people who inspire me are those who can speak their minds and be individuals."-Carrie Zefffield

"Mr. Bean; he thinks before he speaks."-Carl Thommes



Senior Hall is always the best place for Sarah Kochniarczyk and Alicia Feistamel to hang out before school.



Jennifer Haas and Ashley Arlington root for senior pride during the Homecoming festivities.



Pirela, Ami: Spanish Club 4; Variety Show 4.
Pray, Nicholas: Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 1, 2; Track and Field 1; Fellowship of Christian Athletes 4; FLBA 3, 4; Concert Choir 4.
Prena, Stefanie: Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Soccer All-Conference 1, 2, 4; Soccer All-Sectional 1, 2, 3, 4.
Radousky, Christopher: Variety Show 3, 4; Thespians 1, 2, 3, 4; Art Club 1, 2; Fall Play Cast 3; Winter Play Cast 3; Football 1, 2; Wrestling 1.



Rami, Sheetal: Clown Team 1, 2; Tennis 1, 2; Basketball 1; Badminton 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 2; National Honor Society 4; Powder Puff Football 4.
Reed, Christopher: Wrestling 1.
Resendiz, Francisco
Reser, David: Tennis 4; Soccer 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1.



Reser, Kristy: Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4.

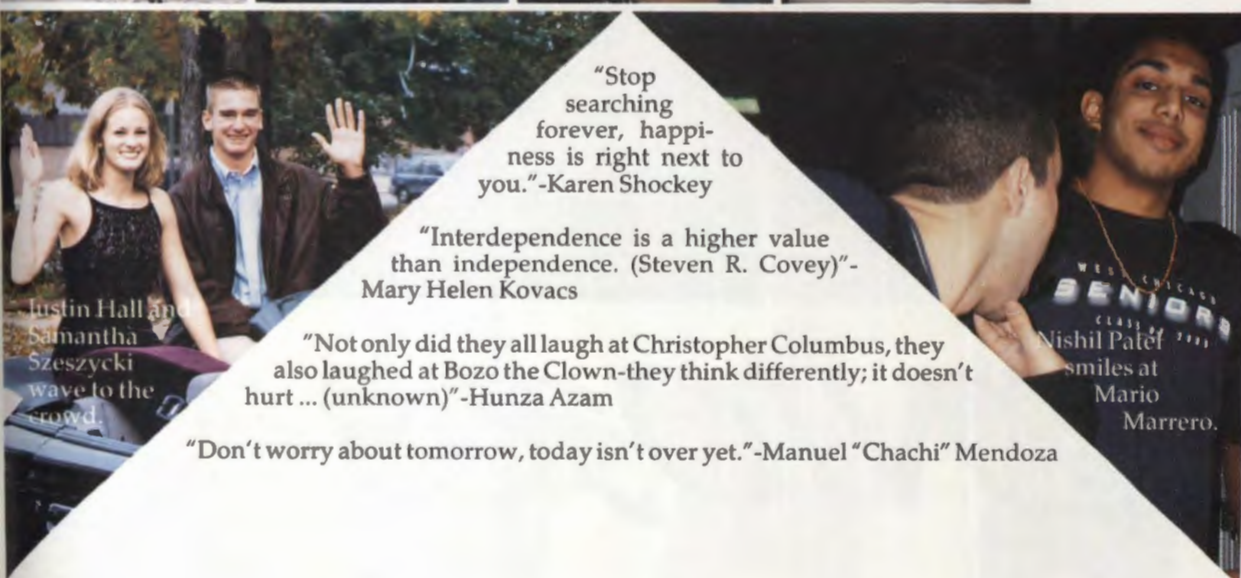
Reyes, Rubi
Reynolds, Patrick: Band 1; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track and Field 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 3, 4; National Honor Society 4.
Robles, Juan: Math Team 4; VICA 2, 3, 4; Swimming 4; Wrestling 1; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Volleyball Team Manager 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4.



Robles, Manuel
Robles, Marisela
Rodriguez, Adriana: Cross Country 4; Soccer 4; Track and Field 3; French Honor Society 2.
Rohr, Michael: German Club 1, 2, 3; Excellent Achievement in Math Award.



Rohrback, Robert
Rugaard, Jennifer: VICA 4; Forensics 2; Variety Show 4; Fall Play Crew 1; Winter Play Cast 2, 3, 4; Winter Play Crew 3; Soccer 1, 2; Horticulture Club 4.
Rybacki, Amy
Sable, Margaret: SADD 3; Color Guard 3, 4; Wrestling Cheerleader 3, 4.



"Stop searching forever, happiness is right next to you." -Karen Shockey

"Interdependence is a higher value than independence. (Steven R. Covey)" -Mary Helen Kovacs

"Not only did they all laugh at Christopher Columbus, they also laughed at Bozo the Clown-they think differently; it doesn't hurt ... (unknown)" -Hunza Azam

"Don't worry about tomorrow, today isn't over yet." -Manuel "Chachi" Mendoza

Nishil Patel
 smiles at
 Mario
 Marrero.



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"If everyone is jumping off a bridge, think it over and then take the stairs." - Matt Borschke

"You won't realize how far you've traveled until you look behind you." - Chris 'Pez' Reed

"By following through with your goals it gives you the confidence to achieve your dreams." - Kristy Reser

"If it seems like everything is coming at you at once ... you're in the wrong lane!" - Michael Rohr

"What doesn't kill us, makes us stronger." - Jennifer L. Rugaard

Sanchez, Diego
Santana-Arias, Daniel: Soccer 3.
Saul, Katie: SADD 3, 4; Pep Club 2; Thespians 3, 4; *Challenge* 3; Honorary Student Council Member 2; Fall Play Crew 3; Musical Cast 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; From Court 3.
Schafroth, Nicole

Schineller, Jocelyn: Peer Listeners 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track and Field 1, 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Volleyball All-Conference 4; Track and Field All-Conference 1, 2, 3, 4; Track and Field All-State 3; Track and Field Captain 4; Spanish Honor Society 2, 3, 4.

Schroeder, Lydia
Shuda, Kenneth: Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 3, 4; National Honor Society 4; Soccer All-Conference 4; Soccer Captain 4; Spanish Honor Society 2, 3, 4; DVC Leadership Conference 4.

Schullo, Anne: Thespians 4; Musical Cast 1, 3, 4; Musical Crew 1, 3, 4; Chorus/Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Madrigals 3, 4; Swing Choir 4; Fox Valley Honors Choir 3, 4; Girls' Ensemble 3, 4; All-District Choir 3, 4; Girls' Ensemble Leader 4; Beginning Choir Student Assistant 4.

Seelinger, Dustin

Serrato, Pedro: Peer Listeners 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 2, 3, 4; FBLA 2, 3, 4; Mr. Wildcat Candidate 4; Variety Show 2, 3, 4; Student Council Representative 1; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4; Track and Field 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club President 3; FBLA Secretary 3; Wrestling Team Captain 3, 4.

Sewell, Emily: TCD: Cosmetology 4; Pep Club 2; Chorus/Choir 1, 2, 3; Football Cheerleader 2.

Shalek, Stephanie: SADD 2, 3; Spanish Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FBLA 2, 3; Soccer 1, 2, 4; Swimming 1, 2, 3; Honor Roll 1; Costa Rican Exchange Student Host 2, 4; Swimming All-Conference 3; All-Conference Honorable Mention 2.

Shambo, Leslie: SADD 2; Clown Team 2; Spanish Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Key Club 1, 2, 3; FBLA 2, 3, 4; Variety Show 3, 4; *Wildcat Chronicle* 4; *Challenge* 1; Fall Play Crew 1; Musical Crew 2; Dance Production 3, 4; Wrestling 1; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 4; Honor Roll 3; National Honor Society 3, 4; Key Club Vice President 2; Key Club President 3; FBLA Community Service Chair 3, 4; FBLA Secretary 4; Spanish Honor Society 2, 3, 4.

Shane, Matthew: Scholastic Bowl 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 2, 3, 4; Student Trainer 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4.

Shemyakin, Mikhail: Math Team 3, 4; Soccer 3, 4; Track and Field 3, 4; Honor Roll 2, 3, 4; AP Scholar 3.

Shockey, Karen: Peer Listeners 2, 3; Math Team 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2; Softball 1, 2, 3; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; French Honor Society 2, 3, 4; Math Team State Qualifier 1, 3.

Siefert, Tobin: FBLA 4; Scholastic Bowl 3; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Costa Rican Exchange Student Host 2; Spanish Honor Society 2, 3.

Sienkowiec, Natalia: Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4.

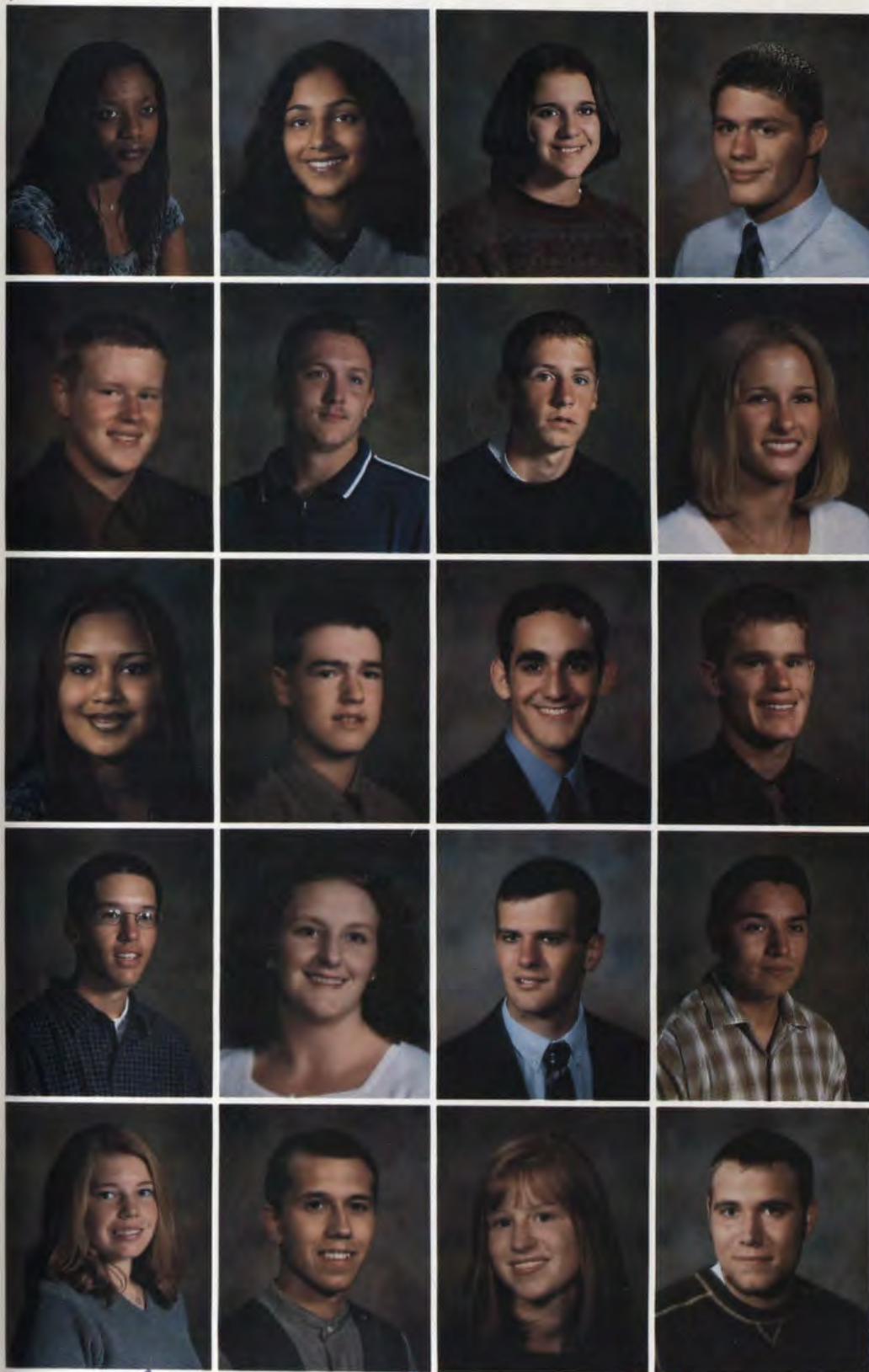
Sinetos, Andrew

Skala, Michelle: TCD: Child Care 4; VICA 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4; Track and Field 2; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; VICA Secretary 4; VICA State Qualifier 3, 4; Swimming Captain 4.



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Smith, Franchesca: Clown Team 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 1; VICA 4; Variety Show 4; Fall Play Crew; Dance Production 3, 4; Tennis 1, 2; Track and Field 1, 2, 4; Pompons 4; Honor Roll 1, 2.
Soneji, Neha: SADD 1, 2, 3, 4; Tennis 1, 2, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Softball 1, 2; National Honor Society 3, 4; Exchange Student to France 2.
Spohn, Shannon: Soccer 1, 2, 4.
Stevens, Ben

Streams, Michael: SADD 1, 2, 3, 4; Peer Listeners 3; Spanish Club 2; FBLA 1, 2, 3, 4; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Track and Field 1, 2, 3; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Exchange Student to Spain 3.

Strike, Matthew: Football 1, 2, 3, 4.

Stroch, Douglas

Szeszycki, Samantha: German Club 1; Pompons 2, 3, 4; Football Cheerleader 1; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Homecoming Court 4; Pompon Captain 4; Powder Puff Football 4.

Tellez, Ana

Thoemmes, Carl: VICA 3, 4; FBLA 3, 4; Tennis 1; Golf 1, 2; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.

Thomas, Christopher: Forensics 3, 4; Thespians 2, 3, 4; Student Council Representative 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council Executive Board 3; Student Council Vice President 4; Fall Play Cast 4; Musical Cast 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus/Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Madrigals 1, 2, 3, 4; Swing Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Fox Valley Honors Choir 2; National Honor Society 3, 4; Prom Court 3; Forensics Co-Captain 4; Concert Choir President 4; Thespians Treasurer 4; All-District Choir 4.

Tillson, Jeffrey: Peer Listeners 4; Mr. Wildcat Candidate 4; Variety Show 2, 3, 4; Student Council Representative 4; Student Council Vice President 1, 2; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; Jazz Band 2; Pep Band 2, 3; Musical Orchestra 2; Chorus/Choir 3, 4; Madrigals 4; Volleyball 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom King 3; Homecoming Court 4.

Toboja, Daniel

Tonchick, Jessica: SADD 2, 3, 4; Peer Listeners 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Track and Field 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1; Honor Roll 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4.

Toney, David: Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Drum Major 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Cross Country 1, 2, 3, 4; Track and Field 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3; National Honor Society 3; Academic All-Conference 4.

Trujillo, Hans

Tuegel, Karen: Spanish Club 1, 2; Key Club 3; Horticulture Club 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.

Valadez, Adam: Honor Roll 1, 2, 3; Rube Goldberg Competition 3.

Vandernaalt, Karin: Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Jazz Band 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Musical Orchestra 3, 4; Marching Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Band Officer 2; Band Treasurer 4.

VanGorkom, Robert: Variety Show 3, 4; Chorus/Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 3, 4; Spanish Exchange Student Host 4.

"I fear mullets!" - Rachel Watson

"Do not mistake lack of talent for genius (E.G.S. Forever!)" - David Toney

"Every day above ground is a good day" - Kenneth Schuda

"If at first you don't succeed, try reading the directions." - Mikhail Shemyakin

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Vassar, Devin: Pep Club 1, 2; Fall Play Cast 1; Musical Cast 1; Chorus/Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Dance Production 3, 4; Baseball Team Manager 2; Honor Roll 4.

Velazquez, John

Vergara, Alejandro: Spanish Club 1, 2; Spanish Exchange Student Host 2, 4; Exchange Student to Spain 3.

Visser, Theresa: Winter Play Crew 1; Musical Cast 3; Musical Crew 1, 3; Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4; Track and Field Team Manager 4.



Vock, Andrew: Football 1, 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 3, 4; Honor Roll 3, 4; Football Captain 4.

Walker, Donna: FBLA 3, 4; Variety Show 3, 4; Thespians 3, 4; Fall Play Cast 4; Winter Play Cast 4; Winter Play Crew 3, 4; Musical Cast 2, 3, 4; Musical Crew 2, 3, 4; Chorus/Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Swing Choir 3; Fox Valley Honors Choir 3, 4; One Act Plays 3; Golf 1; Honor Roll 2, 3, 4; Girls' Ensemble 3, 4; Prom Committee 3.

Walsh, Helen: FBLA 3, 4; Literary Magazine 4; Golf 1, 2, 3, 4.

Walsh, Nicole: Swimming 1, 2.



Warren, Elizabeth

Watson, Rachel: Cross Country 1, 2, 3, 4; Soccer 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 1, 2; Track and Field 1; Honor Roll 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Prom Court 3.

Weiser, Kristin

Weisse, Christine: German Club 1, 4; Fall Play Crew 2; High Honor Roll 1, 2; Honor Roll 3, 4; German Exchange Student Host 4.



Wheaton, Greg: Key Club 4; Variety Show 4; Chorus/Choir 4; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 1, 2, 3, 4.

Whitaker, Jessica

White, Nicole

Wiechert, Jennifer: Cross Country 1, 2, 3, 4; Track and Field 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 1, 2, 3, 4; Exchange Student to German 3; German Exchange Student Host 4; Powder Puff Football 4; Cross Country Captain 2; Track and Field Captain 4.



Wigder, Nicole: Art Club 1; Tennis 1, 2; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.

Willes, Jeremy: Peer Listeners 3, 4; Math Team 3, 4; Football 1, 2; Wrestling 1; High Honor Roll 3; Honor Roll 1, 2, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4.

Winquist, Jared: Mr. Wildcat Candidate 4; Literary Magazine 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4; Track and Field 1; Honor Roll 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 3, 4; National Honor Society 4.

Winter, Laura: Diving 1, 2, 3; Track and Field 1; Football Cheerleader 3; Basketball Cheerleader 2; Fashion Show 4.



Wood, Eric

Wood, Jacqueline

Xiong, Linda: SADD 1, 2, 3; Peer Listeners 3; Basketball 1; Badminton 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Volleyball Manager 1; SADD Vice President 3; Badminton All-Conference 3, 4; Badminton Sectional Champion 3; Badminton State Qualifier 3; French Exchange Student Host 1.

Zeffield, Carrie: SADD 1; Wildcat Chronicle 2, 3, 4; Cross Country 1.



"How absurd men are! They never use the liberties they have, they demand those they do not have. They have freedom of thought, they demand freedom of speech (Soren Kierkegaard)" - Cory Oscity

"But risk must be taken, because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing." - Michelle Skala

"He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." - Bob VanGorkom

"Contentment is not the fulfillment of what you want, but the realization of how much you already have." - Christopher Thomas

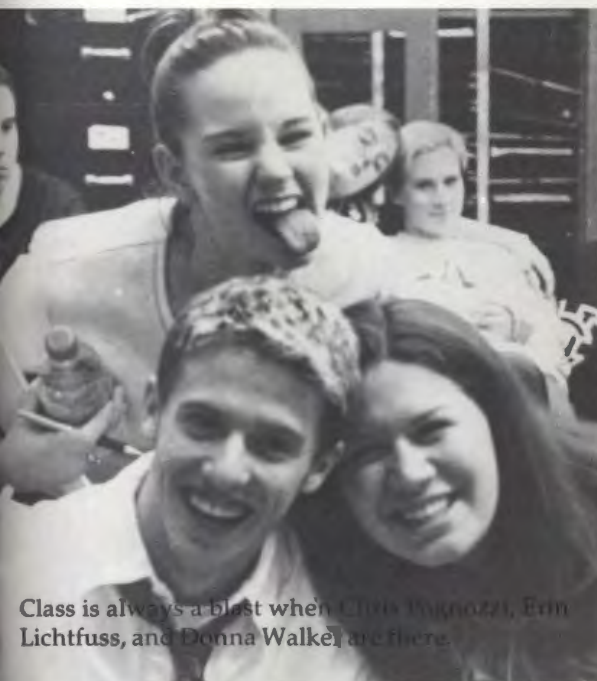
Senior Superlatives

Cutest: Jacki Wood/Chris Pagnozzi
 Friendliest: Natalia Sienkowiec/
 Greg Wheaton
 Nicest legs: D.C. Abante/Jeff Beutjer
 Nicest speaking voice: Kendra Norton/Beau
 Brown
 Funniest sneeze: Allison Brown/Andy Sinetos
 Happiest: Donna Walker/Greg Wheaton
 Most likely to ...
 Be president: Kendra Norton/Brian Miller
 Move out of the US: Laura Beling/Lars Higdon
 Be a millionaire: Jocelyn Schineller/Justin Hall
 Be a talk show host: Erin Lichtfuss/Brian Jones
 Be a teacher: Crystal Adams/Jesus Favela
 Live in West Chicago: Kristin Weiser/Rog Guz-
 man
 Be a model: Sam Szeszcki/Nishil Patel
 Appear in a Gap Ad: Ami Aiello/Eddie Hernan-
 dez
 Stay young forever: Jenny Rugaard/Adam
 Miller
 Be a WWF wrestler: Janet Drenth/Manuel
 Mendoza
 Be in a soap opera: Christina Payton/Rog Guz-
 man

Be famous: Meredith Moore/Chris Pagnozzi
 Be late: Alison Fick/Pat Murphy
 Go bankrupt: Jaclyn Scott/Ben Stevens
 Be a pastor: Brenda Berendson/Jeff Tillson
 Have ten kids: Aubrey Hurn/Rog Guzman
 Be on Broadway: Sara Knox/Chris Thomas
 Be a professional athlete: Kim Olson/Tim
 Keller
 Be a psychologist: Alicia Feistamel/Dave Boyle
 Spontaneously combust: Nicole Schafroth
 Greg Belding
 Succeed: Katie Saul/Dan O'Hara
 Be married: Jenny McGregory/David Boyle
 Best ...
 Smile: Sherri Grin/Nishil Patel
 Hair: D.C. Abante/Ryan Dorn
 Laugh: Andrea Enger/Josh Meyers
 Eyes: Jennifer Haas/Matt McKenney
 Musician: Sara Knox/Jeff Tillson
 Dressed: Jenny McGregory/Mike Penefflor
 Actor: Meredith Moore/Chris Thomas

Dancer: Devin Vassart/Jon Mam
 Smelling: Rachel Watson/Ryan Dorn
 Biggest ...

Transformation: Beth Clark/Eric Chorobik
 Appetite: Laura Winter/Sean Peterson
 Mouth: Kristine Cleveland/Pete Serrato
 Flirt: Jenny Wiechert/Matt Strike
 Most ...
 Artistic: Amanda Lentz/Jon Mam
 Easy going: Missy Krueger/John Millner
 Soft spoken: Christie Palombe/Kevin Kairys
 Out spoken: Amanda Bina/Jesus Favela
 Liberal: Lauren Belding/Mario Marreno
 Conservative: Gabrielle Long/Andrew Vock
 Gullible: Shannon Nelson/Jaed Winquist
 Trendy: Laura Winter/Nesim Kerimi
 Intelligent: Emily Giermann/Brian Miller
 Confident: Stefanie Prena/Rob Rohrback
 Humorous: Meredith Moore/Chris Pagnozzi
 School spirit: Sarah Kockniarczyk/Eddie Hernan-
 dez
 Honest: Michelle Lasky/Greg Wheaton
 Sensitive: Dana Catenacci/Matt Shane



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We now come to
 the moment in our lives
 where we come face to face with
 the world. No longer do we remain
 within these high school walls, instead
 we seek out newer skies and pursue our
 dreams. So many friends and faces we
 have known for so long seem to drift
 away as new replaces the old. We rise to
 the podium to receive our diplomas, our
 ticket to freedom ... to our future. Our
 destinations unknown, pages still
 turning in our lives, but despite
 what lies ahead, we will always
 remember our four years
 of high school.

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Class is always a blast when Chris Pagnozzi, Erin Lichtfuss, and Donna Walker are there.



Seniors Rule!



Senior Cheerleaders show their pride at the Homecoming Pep assembly.



Wildcat Seniors prepare for the formal wedding.

Many have cast their
 doubts, but I will rule the
 world, wait and see."-Tom
 Marion







Mr. Wildcat



Pete Serrato breaks a move to show off his skills.

All of the boys.



Dan O'Hara dances away in his fishing outfit.

Mr. Wildcat 2000 was held on February 7th. The contestants were Ryan Dom, Chris Pagnozzi, Eddie Hernandez, Jeff Tillson, Sean Peterson, Pete Serrato, Dan O'Hara, and Brian Jones. There was a lot of comedy and singing used in the contest. They all performed an act and showed off their talents. Jeff Tillson sang a song to his girlfriend and Ryan Dom did also. Brian Jones imitated Chris Farley as a motivational speaker. Pete Serrato breakdanced; Eddie Hernandez did his baton routine he learned as a band major, and Sean Peterson sang a refined Jamaican song about women being smarter. Chris Pagnozzi sang to his mine me. After the personal questions were asked the judges made their decision. Last year's Mr. Wildcat, Cathal Walsh was one of this year's judges. Second runner up Eddie Hernandez, 1st was Sean Peterson and the one announced as Mr. Wildcat was the one and only Jeff Tillson.



Jeff Tillson shows us what he's all about.



Ryan Dom, Pete Serrato, and Jeff Tillson dance in sync with each other.



Sean Peterson takes it off.



Dan O'Hara answers the tough final question, "Who crashed their car into their house?"



Ryan Dom laughs at Eddie Hernandez as he looks pretty for the camera.

Jeff Tillson points to the crowd as he tells the crowd thank you.



◆ Chris Pagnozzi sings his song to his mini me.

◆ Brian Jones gives Meredith Moore a kiss on the cheek.

Ryan Dom impresses the judges by singing a song to his girlfriend (Kristin Lietherer).



Pete Serrato, Jeff Tillson, and Ryan Dorn try to act normal.

One thing you would change in We-Go ...

"I am not going to lie, I would love to see everyone here in West Chicago believe in some sort of God."
-Jeff Tillson-

"Honestly, shorter school days and cheaper food prices."
-Pete Serrato-

Eddie Hernandez shows off his talent.



Mr. Wildcat



~ Prom 2000 ~

"A Night To Remember, Not To Forget"



Dan Schneider speaks to the prom crowd at Drury Lane.



Shannon Koehring, Sam Szeszycki, Tamara Ketalaar, Courtney Ksepka, Gianna Pigoni, and Sara Donovan wait to dance.

Right: Bob Van Gorkom and Alicia Feistamelsqueeze together for a picture to remember. Below: Stephanie Shalek dances the night away.



Left to Right: Ashley Link grins mischievously while dancing at All Night Long.



Kim Olson and Allison Brown strike a pose, hugging, at All Night Long.

Nick Chapman and Lauren Paulsen get close.





Left: Kendra Norton and Sean Peterson smile for a picture as the year comes to an end.

Right: Kelly Bolton, Katie Saul, Neha Soneji, Natalia Sienkowiec, Kathy Brinn, and Lauren Nickelson give smiles for their last dance of the year.



Tracey Erickson is having a great time and showing it.



Dan Galvetto and Erin Lichtfuss cuddle at prom.



Katie Saul shows she is strong at All Night Long.

NOT A CARE IN THE WORLD



Tim Yacht sings his heart out at All Night Long.



Left: Helen Walsh and Mandy Lentz take one last picture for the school year.

Right: Sean Peterson is having fun playing pool.



The National Honor Society this year had quite a turnout from the classes of 2000 and 2001. There were 89 new inducted members added on to the 68 that were inducted last year. Every graduating member gets recognized by wearing a gold tassel on their cap and recognition at Senior Honors Night. But getting this special recognition takes a lot of hard work. To be selected first you have to have at least a 3.0 GPA. Then a faculty council decides upon your leadership, service, character, and scholarship qualities. Finally you get inducted into this prestigious society at a special ceremony with candles representing the four specifications listed above and a center candle that represents the Eternal Light of Knowledge.

National Honor Society '00



Joe Hamlin, Shannon Sterne, Jenny Cwiak, and Joe Lureau hold up Kevin McCarthy in celebration after his induction ceremony.



Friends

Nick Romanelli, Brett Dieter, John McPheters, Amy Arroyo, Gina McLaren, and Dan Yormark look very happy now that they are NHS members.

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David Gilbertsen, Chris Gehrke, and Becky Gary wait for Dr. Jones to hand them their certificates.

Senior Honors Night

Class of 1981 Scholarship: Michelle Grove ~ Tim Landis Memorial Scholarship: Sean Peterson ~ Female and Male Athlete of the Year Award: Jocelyn Schinellar, Tim Keller ~ Business Student of the Year: Neha Soneji ~ Drama Achievement Award: Beau Brown, Kendra Norton ~ Best Senior Writer: Lauren Belding ~ Family & Consumer Science Student of the Year: Jessica Villa ~ Principal's Service Award: Diana Chavez, Bryan Kelsey, Sean Peterson, Jessica Tonchik ~ Wildcat Booster Club Scholarship: Michelle Grove, Kendra Norton, Katie Saul, Leslie Shambo, Chris Thomas

Hard Workers In Community Service



Cherrie Ortiz rakes up the leaves for Beau Brown to catch.



Jeremy Wilkes, Ken Schuda, Eric Roberts, and Hamza Azam clean



Adam Hamrick and Juan Robles receive the Industrial Arts Student of the Year Award.



Natl. Honor Soc./Sr. Honors Mt.

National Honor Society; **Front:** Lauren Paulsen, Malissa Kane, John McPheters, Bryan Jones, Chris Hendricks, Jose Martinez, Ross Jeambey, Mike Keely, Joe Hamlin, Kevin McCarthy, Josh Swanner, John Kolodick, Michael Wenz, Sara Stevens, Ken Schuda, Pat Reynolds. **Row 2:** Carrie Carpenter, Sean Palmer, Alex Corson, Kim Olson, Joe Lureau, Julio Gomez, Jenny Cwiak, Chris Gehrke, Chris Buckles Haley, Tim Axelrod, Ashley Link, Amy Aiello, Gina McLaren, Jeff Villarreal, Lindsey Anders, Amy Arroyo, Dan Toboja, Megan Leston, Tim Yormark, Christina Payton, Brian Jones, Tim Warren, Nick Romanelli, Kathy Wilken. **Back:** Jared Winquist, Jillian Wojcik, Alissa Mildebrath, Becky Gary, Jenni Eagles, Liz Ortiz, Elissa Dupree, Bement Yigzaw, Shannon Sterne, Scott Blanchard, Cheryl Winter, Tom Boward, Melissa Garcia, Kathy Brinn, Brooke Benzio, Beth Brinn, Danielle Botto, Lauren Belding, David Gilbertsen, Regina Oroni, Brett Dieter, Meghan Burlison, Julie Fosco, Anders Walker, Deanna Volk, Jaymie Schmydt, Cristina Garcia.



Mikhail Shemyakin gets the Lee E. Yunker Scholarship.



Cherrie Ortiz announces the President's Education Awards.

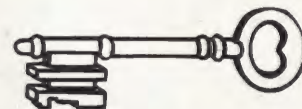
Bilingual Students of the Year: Ayde Gil, Maria Mendez, Rosalba Vera

Brian Miller gets the National Merit Scholarship Letter of Commendation

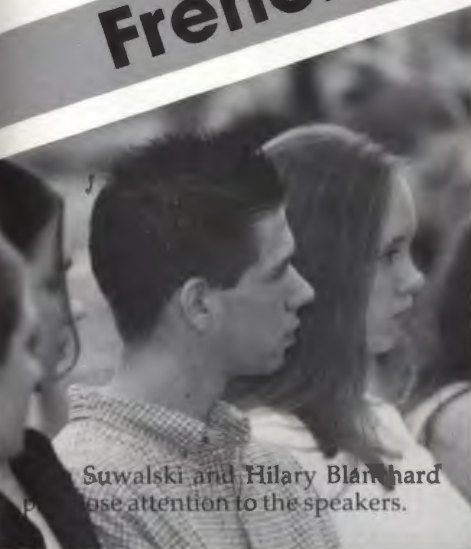




Foreign Honor Societies



French



SuwalSKI and Hilary Blanchard pay close attention to the speakers.



Front: Michelle Cosco, Terry Jensen, Hilary Blanchard, Copper Tuma, Michelle Lasky. **Back:** Madame Appel, Madame Baker, Michael Olson, Ayde Gil, Sean SuwalSKI, Jenni Boyd, Katie Holt, Karen Shockey, Madame Fox.



Katie Holt introduces new French member.

Societe Honoraire de Francais. At the French National Honor Society, the introduction of new members was read by Katie Holt. Karen Shockey did the recitation of the pledge. Michelle Lasky presented the certificates.

Spanish

Jessi Oliver speaks as Nicole Patel listens.



Front: Joe Caniano, Julie Volk, Jason Woodbury, Brian Lanners, Brooke Adams, Bill Rocha. **Row 2:** Nate Williams, Lisa Calabrese, Mary Megan Kalvig, Theresa Uy, Arlene Smothers, Nicole Patel, Heather Procknow, Zoe Churan, Erin Kirby, Profe Junkroski. **Back:** Profe Speer, Profe Bellis, Jessica Willis, Amy Allison, Mercedes Koch, Meghan Young, Daniel Godoy, Christina Wilbur, Tony Ciolino, Geoffrey Palka, Aimee Paran, Tom Wojcicki, Jill Wolter, Jason York, Steve Vander Naalt, Jamie Nadolny, Profe Dellutri, Senora Fox.

Daniel Godoy looks forward to hearing his name being called.



Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica. At the Spanish National Honor Society, the introduction of the new members was read by Jessi Oliver. Ami Godoy gave the recitation of the pledge. Jessi Oliver also presented the certificates.



Jose Martinez listens intently to the ceremony.



Delta Epsilon Phi. At the German Honor Society the introduction of new members was read by Bryan Kelsey. Lauren Belding gave the recitation of the pledge. Andrea Enger presented the certificates.

German

Natl. Honor Soc./Sr. Honors Nt.



Bryan Kelsey introduces the new German members.

Front: Ross Jeambey, Megan Michalek, Sarah Mayerholz, Julie Wiechert, Ben Keller, Jose Martinez, Erika Dauber. **Back:** Ms. Baker, Lauren Belding, Mike Masschelin, Timothy Warren, John Pollman, Kurt Fenner, Ashley Link, Bryan Kelsey, Tyler Belding, Mark Hopkins, Andrea Enger, Frau Strohm.



Commencement 2000



Heidi Lakics cheerfully acknowledges the end of a journey and the start of her adult life.

Graduation 2000 started off on a good note as the seniors marched in to the sounds of Pomp and Circumstance. The ceremony proceeded with a speech by Beau Brown in which he reminisced about the past four years. Sara Konx then presented the senior gift, a scrolling marquee which will keep the community better informed about Community High School. The senior gift was followed by honoring the salutatorian and the valedictorians of the graduating class. Then Mr. Gimre stepped up to the microphone and he talked to the graduating class about taking challenges and gaining knowledge and wisdom throughout the journey of life. The ceremony was concluded with the awarding of diplomas and the traditional tossing of caps.

Congratulations graduates! Best of luck in your future.

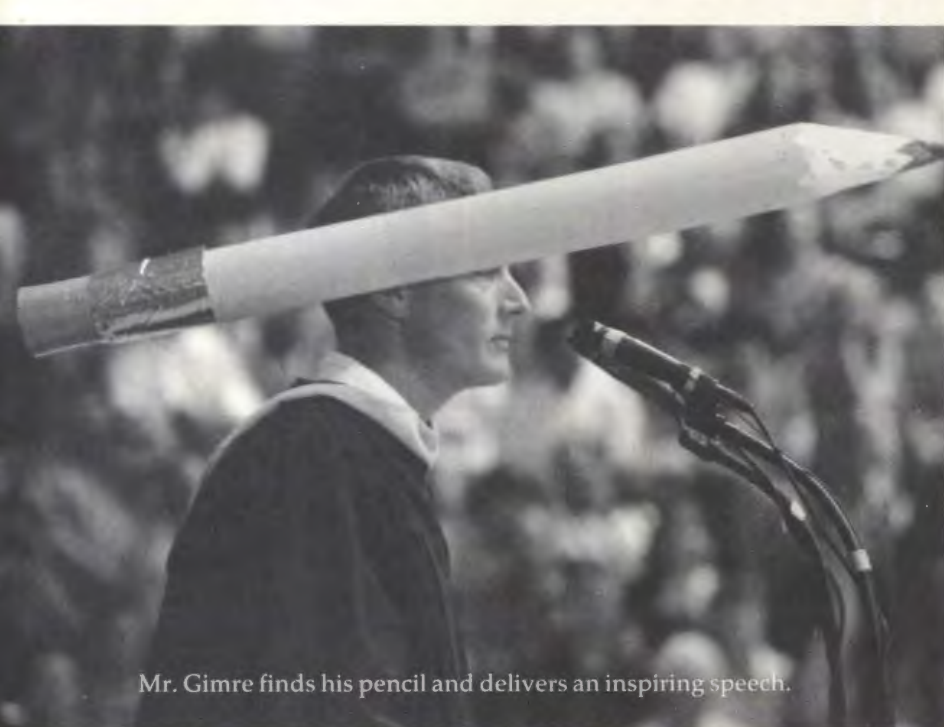


Michelle Grove leads the graduating class of 2000 in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Gimre and Glenn McCants were the highlights of the ceremony.

Brenda Berendson





Mr. Gimre finds his pencil and delivers an inspiring speech.



Katie Saul accepts her honor as valedictorian. Others to receive this honor included Emily Giermann, Michelle Lasky, Kendra Norton, Dan O'Hara, Cherrie Ortiz, and Jocelyn Schineller.



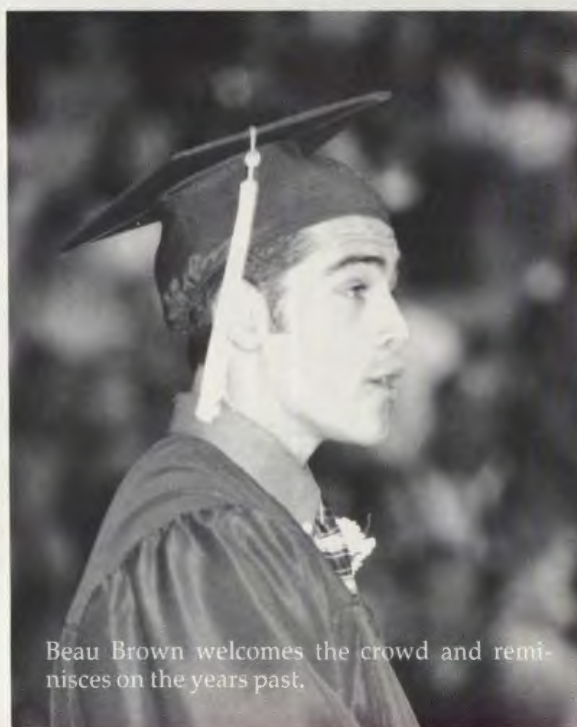
Mike Kostal, Dan Barzo, Ross Jeamby and Chris Pagnozzi spend their final high school moments together.



Glen McCants receives a standing ovation as he walks across the stage, overcoming his long and hard struggle with sickle cell anemia.



Ryan Dorn receives his diploma from Dr. Jones.



Beau Brown welcomes the crowd and reminisces on the years past.



Alcala, Diana
Anders, Andrea
Appel, Marjorie
Arias, Otila
Arndt, Brent
Aronoff, Gail
Babel, Jeremy

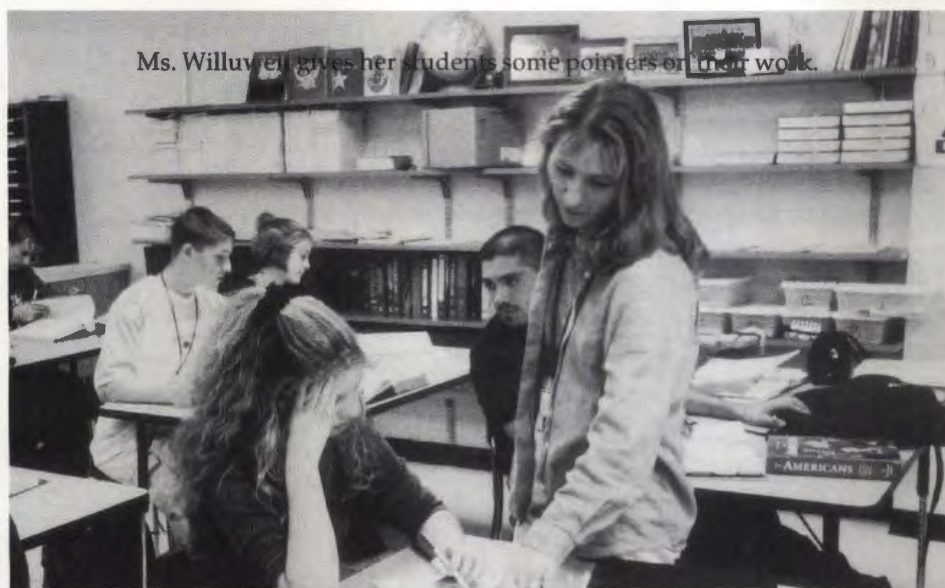


Baker, Ursula
Bazukas, Elizabeth
Becker, Lisa
Bedford, Cynthia

Bellis, Sarah
Blaszak, Jennifer
Blume, Nancy
Brafford, Kimberly

Brandt, Linda
Bridges, Maura
Burzynski, Frank
Callahan, Susan

Funniest moments in the classroom.	"Zach Pederson calling Nick Romanelli, Mr. Kellner's 'Mini-Me'." — Chris Gehrke
"Ms. Hafertepe kept calling me by my sister's name, and then wrote me a pass with her name on it!" — Danielle Kogut	"Frau Strohm making funny animal noises." — Anonymous



Ms. Willuvien gives her students some pointers on their work.



Service with a smile, Marie Parisi starts the morning right.

Carter, John
Cazzato, Rick
Chambers, Josh
Chilton, Tom

Christensen, Denyses
Cipich, Andrea
Clifford, Patricia
Clifford, Patrick



Mrs. Minor smiles before her class to show her excitement about teaching.



Who is your favorite teacher?

"An inspiration to keep believing in yourself, my mom, Mrs. Laimins." — Noemi Flores

Miss Barry, she always encourages me to do my best." — Nicole Handley

"Mr. Weiss, he is the nicest guy that I ever met. I think now I am going into a field of photography." — Melissa Brady



Randy Zeitler stands in triumph over the estranged mashed potato storm.



Matt Grogan and Mrs. Laimins smile as they show off the golden football trophy.



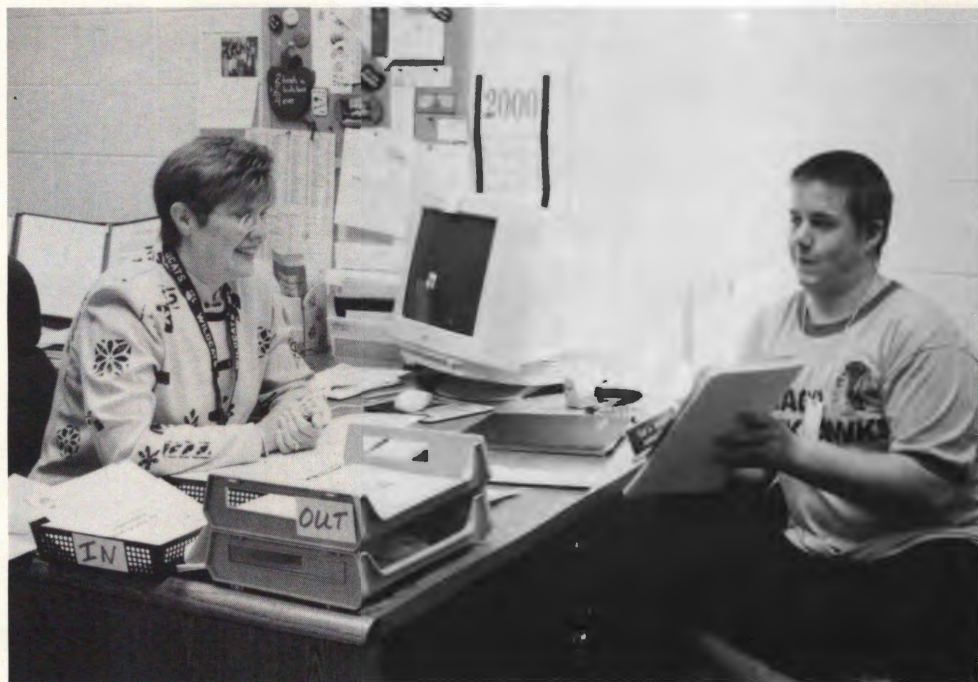
Mr. Kosek and Mr. Highland have developed a mysterious disease that makes them grow bunny ears.



Mrs. Martin take a stroll down the streets of Chicago during a field trip to the Shakespeare Theater.



Mr. "Bruno" Owens, the stud, keeps a close eye on his soccer team.



Mrs. Aronoff answers her students questions happily.



Mr. Zabelin pours heavily over his students' work.



Mrs. Macarski explains the use of word choice to her journal of class.



Making good use of our extravagant technology, Mrs. Jaccobucci gets her work done.



Ms. Junkro knows students know she should look over their shoulder.



Collin, Ross
Cree, Melissa
Crickard, Joseph
Daneels, Mary Ellen
Delreal, Julie
Doll, Mathew

More funny
moments in the
classroom.

"When Mr. Arnold brought the whole class down to commons to retrieve two missing students (Grace Moreno & Noemi Flores) and bring them back to class." — Katy Covarrubias

"Madame Fox's accent when she says yesterday." — Anonymous

"When Ms. Smith screamed, 'This is not a Democracy!' during choir class." — Sean Peterson

Duerr, Kathryn
Egan, Michael
Exner, David
Flowers, Richard

Fox, Suzanne
Geiger, Gwen
George, Gail
Gibson, Amy

Goodwin, Deana
Grimes, Jerry
Guter, James
Hafertepe, Mary

Like conducting a beautiful symphony, Mr. Guter keeps the band together.



After watching one of her star players, badminton coach Ms. Singleton informs Linda Xiong of the highs and low of her performance.



Hansen, Gregory
Hasty, Kristi
Highland, John
Ho, Laeah

Hrejsa, Lenore
Isacson, Kristen
Jacbucci, Karen
Junkroski, Susan



Miss Smith instructs her choir for a fuller sound as she leads them to the creation of beautiful music.

What teacher inspires
you the most?

"Mr. Junkroski has inspired me in my four years of mechanical drawing classes with him." — Adam Hamrick

"Mrs. Streicher because she knows a lot about things in life and is a great person to talk to." — Angela Oklepek

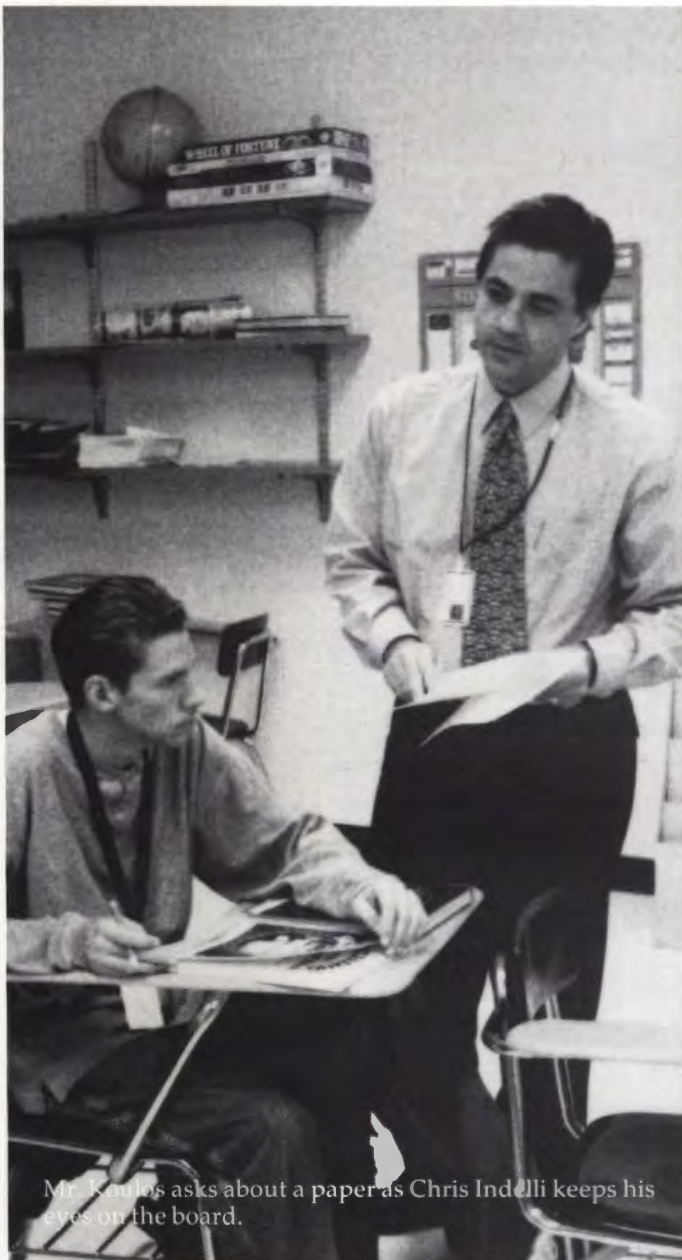
"Frau Strohm; she loves what she does and she's happy." — Ross Jeambey



Madame Appel demonstrates the art of being able to speak French.



Mr. Neverly and Ms. Hasty smile together before they go off to their P.E. classes.



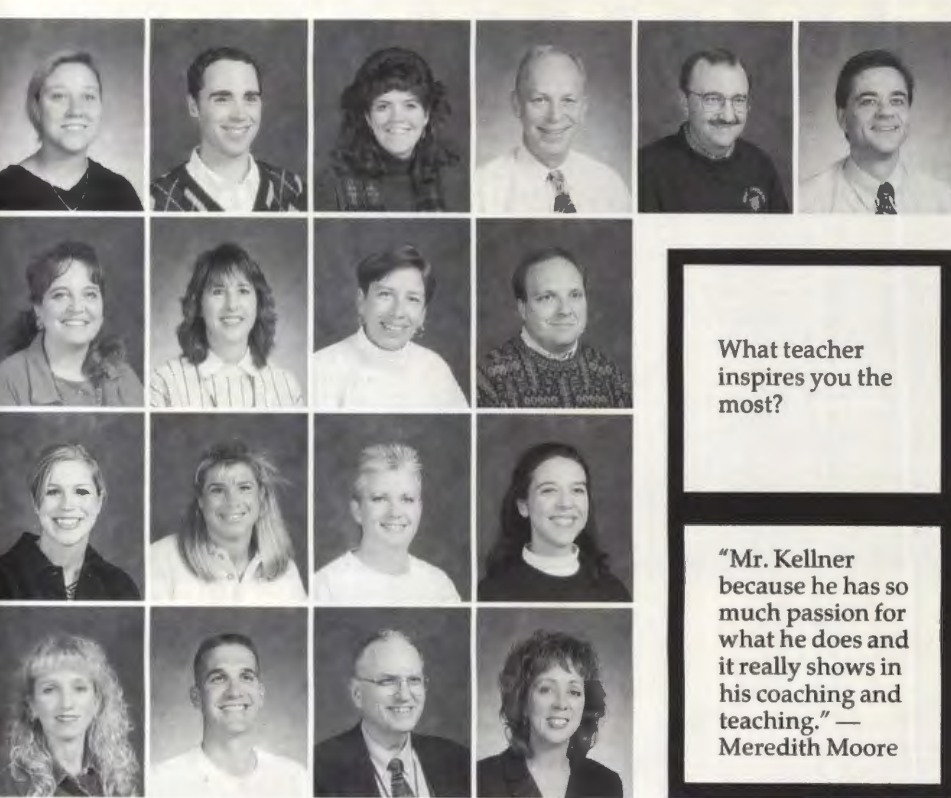
Mr. Kaulos asks about a paper as Chris Indelli keeps his eyes on the board.



Watching Tim Keller making his breakfast, foods teacher Mrs. Kozlowski smiles in approval.



Coach Bob Stone gives his players up to the next play.



Keil, Rebecca
Keliner, Steve
Kilgallen, Beverly
Kimery, Stephen
Kosek, Wayne
Koulos, Michael

Kozlowski, Patti
Kuehn, Laura
Laimins, Barbara
Larson, Brad

Lausch, Jacquelyn
Lemberg-Finn, Terry
Macdonald, Judy
Mack, Christine

Mcgrath, Stacey
Mcleland, Paul
Mcnamara, Lawrence
Melvin, Marianne

What teacher
inspires you the
most?

"All of the
teachers I've
had." —
Pedro Munoz

"Mr. Kellner
because he has so
much passion for
what he does and
it really shows in
his coaching and
teaching." —
Meredith Moore

"Mr. Crickard
for putting up
with our crazy
2nd hour
accounting
class." —
Michael
Penaflor



Starting the morning with a smile, Shirley Jones
greeted the late arrivals.



Tennis coach Mr. Moeaki pauses while
encouraging his players.



Dean Miguel Arroyo makes sure to
keep the students in line.



Mieure, Jan
Miller, Nicolette
Minor, Judy
Mizner, Jim

Moens, Brandon
Mosson, Ruth
Mueller, Diane
Musgrave, Debby



Mr. Stark sorts his attendance cards at the beginning
of class.

What have been some
of your most memo-
rable moments?

"The funniest moment
was Alan Keyes mosh-
ing." — Ms. Daneels

"Getting all emotional
after the sophomore
Naperville North foot-
ball game." — Coach
Zeitler

"Watching Matt Gro-
gan and Manny Men-
doza rolling down the
sand dunes!" — Coach
Hansen

Neu, Peter
Olsen, Sarah
Pearson, Barbara
Perez, Pedro
Procniar, Patricia
Rau, Ward



Rumberger, James
Sayner, David
Smith, Lisa
Sorensen, Vera

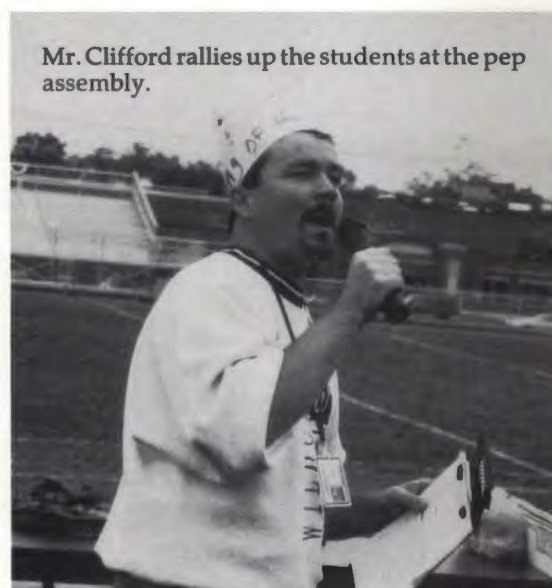
Speer, Tracy
Steuer, Rosemary
Steffanus, Lee
Strecker, George

Streicher, Cass
Strohm, Terry Mitchell
Trapp, Lara
Tunt, Joanne

Who is your inspiration?	"Coach Singleton because she has taught me many lessons about strength, perseverance, and staying positive." — Amy Fairbairn
"The person that inspires me the most would have to be Coach Rex, because he's the greatest guy I know." — Matthew Strike	"Mr. Zeitler because he's an Ace!" — Andrew Vock



Scary flashback: Mr. Lasky senior year.



Mr. Clifford rallies up the students at the pep assembly.



Coach Carper carefully studies his runner's times.

Turner, Sue
Walsh, Vivian
Walters, John
Wolfe, Margaret

Zabelin, Donald
Zeitler, Randy
Zimmerman, Gwen
Zmrhal, Helen



Checking through some paperwork, Andrew Webb makes sure he's on task.



What have been some of the moments you'll never forget?

"How the peer listeners got Benjamin sixth graders to listen was pretty clever and funny. I'll never forget that." — Mrs. Alcalá

"Playing with the school band and pranking John Highland." — Mr. Arroyo

"The field trip to C.O.D. and the big turnout for project SELF." — Mr. Egan



Destination:

Some people say he's "Doc" from *Back to the Future*. Others swear he's "Doctor Who". Still others claim he's another "Kramer" from *Seinfeld*. So who is this eccentric guy who rides his bike to school every morning from St. Charles? His name is Steve Arnold and he's been teaching psychology, sociology, and government at West Chicago Community High School since 1968. He's been teaching and challenging students for over 30 years. But he's not your average teacher.

Stepping into Steve Arnold's classroom, you won't see someone standing in front of the room lecturing to students. They'll most likely see desks arranged in a circle with students discussing and debating an issue and their teacher sitting in a desk among them. Because the teacher and students are on the same level, everyone is free to say whatever he or she believes. Arnold says, "I thoroughly enjoy the investigation of ideas; that's why I teach." That is exactly what happens in his classroom: students explore new ideas and are encouraged to speak and find evidence to back up what they say. His favorite part of teaching is watching students' reactions to new experiences and ideas. He also loves to listen to students' observations and perceptions. His type of interactive teaching where everyone learns from each other is very effective and helps the students to feel important and a part of the class. He has also stated that his least favorite part of teaching is grading and evaluating students. In his classes he has made it pretty clear that learning should be done for the acquisition of knowledge, for one's own, inner benefits, not for a certain grade or whatever privileges one gets from a grade.

If someone happens to see Steve Arnold talking to his class, they will easily see how passionate he is about what he teaches. His hands dance through the air and his eyes glow as he struggles to find just the right words to portray his excitement and the importance of what he has to say or what the class is discussing. He challenges students to read books that contain substantive issues so that they can grow in knowledge and understanding. But his class isn't

always sophisticated and in order. It can be fun and spontaneous. Arnold remembers the day in class years ago when he unexpectedly engaged the superintendent of the school district in an experiment dealing with conformity. He had pulled the superintendent out of the hallway and the class performed the experiment without his knowledge, and as they expected, the superintendent conformed.

Although the government simulations are very important and exciting to him, Arnold's most memorable teaching experience occurred early in his career. He was involved in an inner-city exchange program, similar to our foreign exchange program now. Students from West Chicago and students from an inner-city Chicago school switched places. This, he feels, confirmed the value of having students interact with other students of different experiences and views. That influenced his teaching, and so did a couple people. Arnold is constantly speaking very positively of his wife, stating she is "extremely keen and bright" and is very encouraging to him. Another influence on him was a professor from his graduate school, Roy Krosky. Krosky was the director of the inner-city teacher training program. He gave Arnold direct experience with minorities in America and confidence in the things he was trying to accomplish. All these things helped him to become the teacher he has become, one who wants his students to walk away with "an understanding of the power and influence of culture on their lives."

This salute goes out to Steve Arnold and 30 years of influence. If you happen to see a man with curly grey hair riding his bike towards the school early in the morning, please don't run him over, but roll down your window and say good morning. And if you have a chance thank him for being such a great teacher.

Brenda Lee Berendson



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**... all human beings have
unimagined potentials.**

-Steve Arnold

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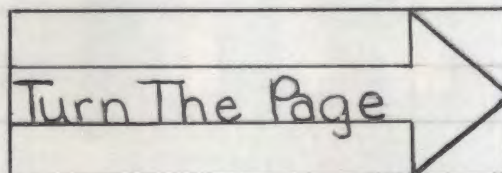
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Each year comes to pass, all different, yet all so similar. Faces come and go, friendships gained and lost, and seniors are gone forever.

The pages keep turning through the good and through the bad. Freshmen began their new chapter of high school, sophomores and juniors continue. Seniors' chapters come to a close as they prepare to begin yet another exciting destination of life.

Throughout the year students worked hard in school, sports, and activities. Months flew quickly, full of assignments and events. Teachers skillfully gave advice, helping those staying and those moving on.

And now school days for the 1999-2000 year are over. All destinations are left unknown to everyone until they decide to...





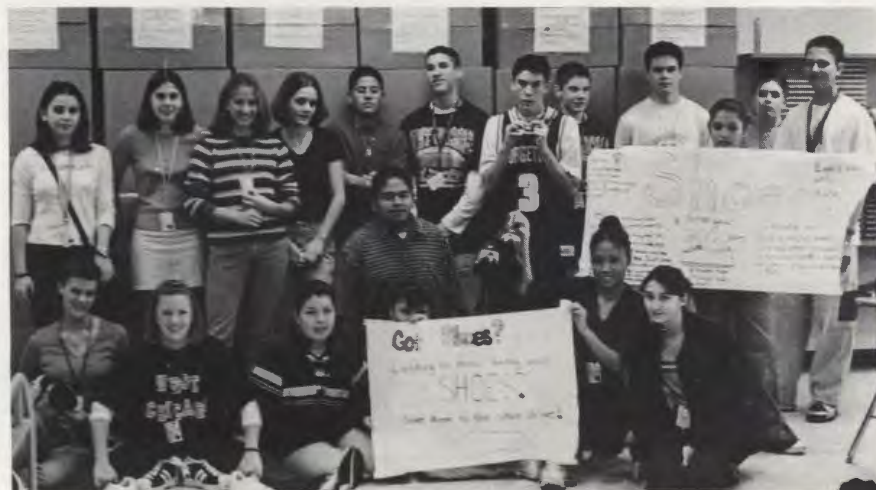
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We've come to the end in this short chapter of life.

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Anticipation?

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And others we'll wish would come to a close.

We must remember in making it through, in just getting by or fulfilling our dreams, that though we don't know what doing so will bring, the living of life is about the simple courage to turn the next page and read on.

