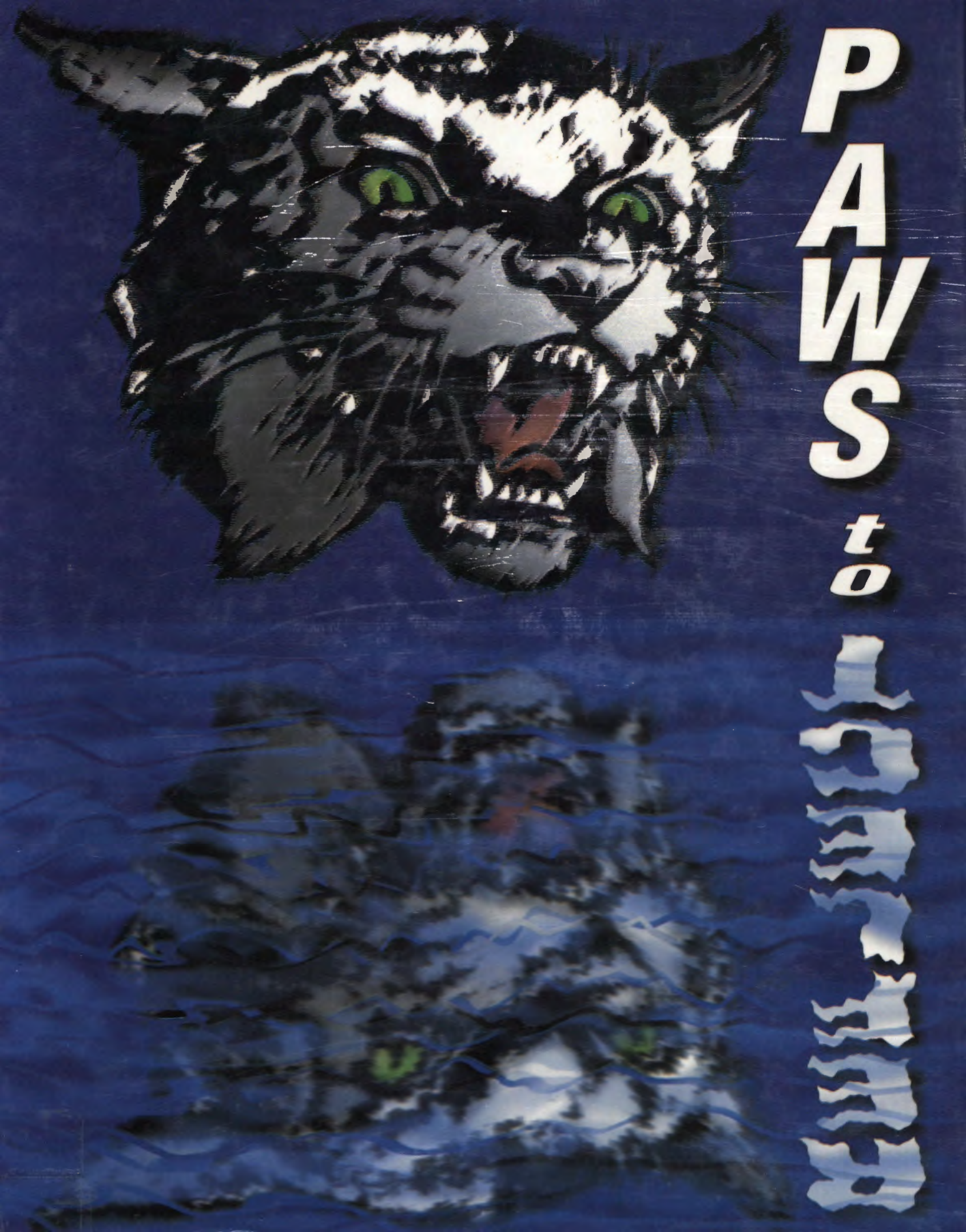
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December snows came frequently in 2000, and more than thirty inches of the white stuff had piled up by Winter Break.

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Boy Oh Boy!

Jeans, sandles, and a t-shirt are all guys need to look good at West Chicago.

With blonde-dyed hair and small-framed glasses, Adam Welch typifies the preppy kid at We-Go. Layering clothes was a growing trend. Collared shirts and sweaters always looked good.

"I like girls that wear Abercrombie and Fitch" goes the song by LFO. At We-Go it was more like, "All the guys wear Abercrombie and Fitch." We couldn't walk through the halls without seeing the logo"Abercrombie and Fitch written across some boy's shirt. According to *Teen People's* website, the average high school guy spent $200 a month on clothes, not counting accessories or shoes in '00-'01. $200 just to look good...but if that was what it took to be in style, that was what people spent.

Almost all of the clothes worn by West Chicago boys hadsome kind of logo on them. From *Abercrombie* to *Utility,* and everything in between, everyone saw them daily. Yet single-colored shirts were also very popular. And of course, Hawaiian shirts and shirts with halarious sayings on them were still worn by students.

Jeans and khakis were still popular in the pants department, but cargo pants were the rage in '00-'01. What to wear during the summer? Jean shorts, khaki shorts, Hawaiian styled shorts, and plaid shorts were worn all across the We-Go campus.

What about footgear? Sandals were sure to make you look in style, but socks with sandals definitely didn't. When it was too cold to be wearing sandals, casual brown or black shoes were a "shoe-in!" And of course, gym shoes were allowable, if not exactly stylin'.

As for accessories, necklaces of all colors and textures were worn by guys here. Piercings and tatoos continued to be de rigueur. All this said, though, the truth about guys' fashion in '00-'01 was that just about anything was in style.

-Sean Warren

Junior Corey Coleman poses as a GQ model wearing a ribbed turtleneck . This year turtlenecks were often worn by the students and the teachers at West Chicago. Corey also shows off his diamond earing.

Sean Palmer, Tom Barta, and Laura McQueen sit around commons tables showing off their stylish looks. Palmer is wearing an cap typically worn by the Irish and Barta shows off his Al Capone style.

Dan Deutsch and Marybeth Stotz sit on the floor near commons modeling their casual sahoes. Stoltz's shoes were purchased at American Eagle, a popular place for any type of fashion.

> *People spend hundreds of dollars on designer clothing, it's pointless. You shouldn't spend more for a name.*
>
> *-Mike Olson*

> *Everything is trendy. It's kind of hard to wear something totally unique. No matter what, people will classify you.*
>
> *-Mike Mroz*

Junior Jessica Strock wears floral capri pants bought from the popular chic-wear store Forever 21. Forever 21 recently opened in Stratford Square Mall.

Rainbow Bright!

Graphic T's...colorful bracelets...what's next for the girls trends at West Chicago?

Sophomore Brittany Swantek shows off her baby blue vertical ribbed turtleneck from Old Navy. Old Navy carries fashions for men and women, at decent prices.

Walking through the halls we saw an array of colors flash before our eyes. Girls' fashions in '00-'01 included bright colors for all seasons. Stores like Pacific Sunwear sold shirts in every eye catching color. The shirts Pacific Sunwear sold had suggestive phrases printed on them like, "Flirt, Hot Stuff," or "Bearly Legal" with a picture of a young bear standing next to the phrase. Stella Peduzzi, a Pacific Sunwear associate and We-Go junior said, "The guys' clothes at Pacific Sunwear are mostly skater clothes with the exception of a few things. But there is a wide range of girls' fashions. Anyone can wear them."

Abercrombie was still a favorite of the female students, but Aeropostale was catching up in popularity. With affordable prices and Abercrombie-like clothing, who would turn the store down?

Capri pants were in again. We couldn't walk into any store without passing funky printed short pants. Old Navy and Kohls had the largest selection of capris to choose from.

Bangle Bracelets were back again, too. What once was a trend of the 80's and worn by pop groups like *The Bangles* and the *Go Go's* were now worn by the students at We-Go. Girls walked the halls in white canvas gym shoes, Sketchers, and platform shoes.

Senior Nicole Morrissey said, "Everyone has their own style. If people want to wear hot pants, let them wear hot pants. Be creative and alter your own clothes like I do." Fact was, as Lauren Nickelson pointed out, "right now everyone can do what they want" in defining their own personal statements of style.

-Angela Rojas

Brown, blonde, and red are no longer the typical hair color. Pinks, blue, and orange are popular hair colors. Senior Amanda Brandt dyed her hair royal blue to match her Blue Clues t-shirt.

Jamila Moore, Shannon Battersby, Lori Brown, Cori Drake, Jill Walters, and Sarah Assian show off their own style. Overalls, jeans, and t's are still a popular trend.

> *Everyone is a unique individual and should have there own style.*
>
> *-Melissa Davis*

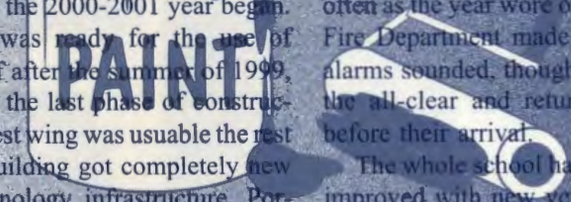
> *Most people need to dress in there own style instead of using someone elses.*
>
> *-Joanna Szeszycki*

Construction Is Completed and New Technology Advances Instruction Capabilities

Caution: Wet Paint

As the years have gone by, West Chicago Community High School has changed its appearance many times. The oldest part of the building was erected in 1926, and several additions have been put on since then. The latest changes to the school included the new west wing, computer labs, and remodeling of classrooms, the cafeteria, and the library.

Since the summer of 1998 we had been awaiting the completion of construction, and it finally came as the 2000-2001 year began. The west wing was ready for the use of students and staff after the summer of 1999, but this was not the last phase of construction. After the west wing was usuable the rest of the existing building got completely new HVAC and technology infrastructure. Portions of the building were closed off for months while renovations took place. The growing student population gave great purpose to the construction.



With new, high-technology classrooms in place we had more space for students. The construction workers strove to make our school look and function better. As the 2000-2001 school year began all areas of the building were once again open, though contractors still roamed the hallways and rooms as they tried to "balance" the highly sophisticated heating, cooling, and alarm systems.

The new fire detectors throughout the building were of particular note as various heat, dust, and smoke events set off the alarms with unusal frequency. We trudged out outside, sometimes into cold, rain, or snow, all too often as the year wore on. The West Chicago Fire Department made regular visits as the alarms sounded, though we had often gotten the all-clear and returned to the building before their arrival.

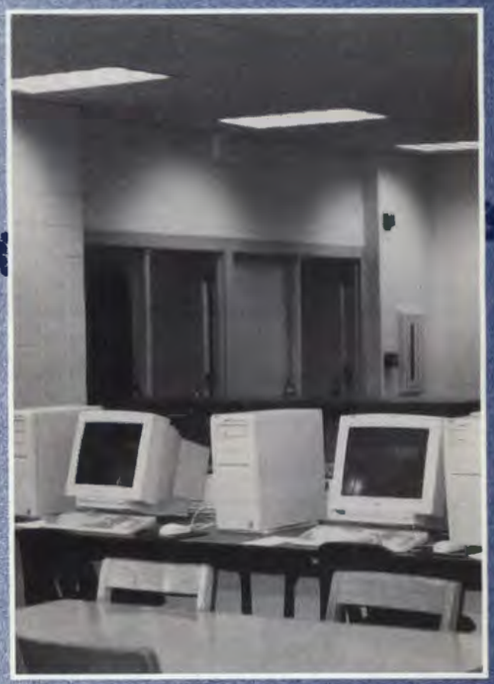
The whole school had been technolgically improved with new ventilation systems and high-efficiency light fixtures that made the school workplace more comfortable. As we traveled through the halls of Community High School we knew that our school had improved for us.

With construction and renovation, the school took on a new image for the future.

-Michele Ballard

The new televisions in the classrooms allow teachers and students more options for new teaching techniques, from Power Point presentations to worldwide web visits to sites with the most up-to-date information on the subjects studied in our school..

The symmetry and silence of the new addition hallways during passing period make a glowing picture.



The LRC was remodeled for a more secure and better working center for students and staff to conduct research.

A Change For the Better

All the new technology at West Chicago Community High School allowed more opportunities and created a 21st Century workplace for the students and staff. The updated programs like Pagemaker 6.5, AutoCAD 2000, and 3D Studio VIZ on the new computers gave students in the school the chance to improve the quality of their work.

Throughout the building new television sets and 14 computer labs (as of Summer 2001) gave teachers more options for teaching their classes. All of this new technology allowed students easy access to information and computing power that was unthought of even ten years previously. For instance, the Challenge and Wildcat Chronicle became better quality products because of the new computers and programs available to their staffs. After spending about $1.2 million on technology, we became one of the most technologically advanced schools in the nation.

-Christine Hendron

The modernized drafting room provided Mechnical Drawing, Architectural Drawing, and Advanced Drawing students updated computer programs and new drafting tables.

Conference rooms, including this one near the main office, were added to the school for the multiple staff and school board meetings that occur at the same time.

The major new addition to thehigh school was the west wing that was opened for use in the 1999-2000 school year.

Classrooms throughout the school were remodeled and some were even made into science labs on the second floor.

What do you think about construction and technology??

"They did a very good job. Everything is organized and the rooms are well-made."
-Deya Franco

"I personally think that the construction was a good step towards mondernizing the school."
- Norma Samaan

"I think the construction was an okay step to elarging the school, but we spent way too much money on it.
- Keegan Garber

"The Mac Lab in the library isn't efficient."
- Cori Drake

OBJECTS IN MIRROR ARE CLOSER THAN THEY APPEAR

Cars are everywhere, but some can really turn heads. Every car has it's own personality and we start to identify the owner with the car. Some are sporty, some are beaters, some are big, some are small, but they all share one thing in common: we are proud to call them ours.

Our mission was to find out which cars around West Chicago were the most desirable and why people felt this way. By taking a look around, we started to see that car maintenance and improvement had become a competition. The bottom line is some owners are satisfied that they have wheels, while others are driven to make their cars stand out from the crowd. What do car owners do to make that statement, you ask?...A lot! Keeping a car up with the latest electronics can be extremely costly.

Sound and stereo quality is something students are always trying to improve in their cars. Lately students have built in Cd players, amplifiers, and subwoofers to their cars. These improvements come with a sometimes steep price. New amenities might also include televisions and global positioning systems. Cars give teenagers their own personal space, something to call ours and serve as a means to express ourselves. So what is your car style? The cars on these pages are just a sampling of the diverse pool of vehicles that regularly vied for a parking spot at We-Go in '00-'01.

-Tim Carstensen

Name: Devin Rosen
Year/Make/Model:
1991 Pontiac Trans AM GTA
Details: Borla exhaust, performance chip, K and N air filter.

Owner's Comments:
"It is a chick magnet, one of the rarest cars on the road, very fast and very very loud."

Name: Bill Vana
Year/Make/Model: 1979 Chevrolet Corvette
Details: Rear end from a 1980 Corvette, 4 speed manual.

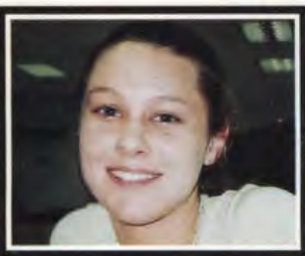
Owner's Comments: "It is different from other cars because it is rare. Only 4,062 L-82's were made and very few of them were 4-speed manuals."

Name: Sean Hannon
Year/Make/Model:
1995 Chevrolet Camaro
Details: Rockford Fosgate 500a2 amplifier, two 12 inch JL W3 subwoofers.

Owner's Comments:
"If I could improve one thing about my car I would make it a V-8."

Name: Chuck Lombardo
Year/Make/Model:
1995 Chevrolet Jimmy
Details: TV, DVD player, playstation, three 12" JL W6 subs, 800 watt JL amplifier, and 500 watt Rockford Fosgate amplifier.

Owner's Comments:
"Here comes the boom."

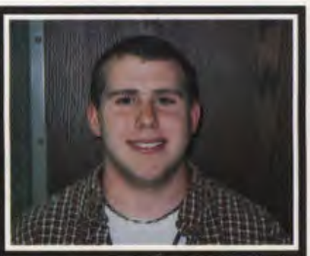


Name: Shannon Sterne
Year/Make/Model: 1999 Mustang Cobra
Details: Cobra R wheels, Nitto drag tires, Bassani exhaust, Steeda pulleys and air, 1.5 " lowering kit, 410 gear, padded roll bar, tri-ax quick shift, cobra stainless steel bumper letters.

Owner's Comments: "If I could improve one thing I would improve the stereo."

Name: David Gilbertsen
Year/Make/Model:
2000 Pontiac Grand Am GT
Details: Black outs, two 10" JL subwoofers.

Owner's Comments:
"If there was one thing I could improve about the car I would get 20 inch dubs."



Name: Scott Blanchard
Year/Make/Model:
1989 Chevrolet Cavalier
Details: It runs like a dream.

Owner's Comments:
"I think I have the only blue Chevrolet Cavalier with red Pontiac Sunfire doors."

Whats your dream car?

"A stainless steel Delorian complete with time circuits and flux capacitors."
-Steve Taylor

"A Tucker."
Mr. Kimery

"Definitely a Yugo."
-Chris Gauldin

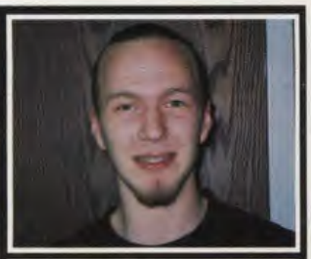
"I'd say a Volkswagon Bug"
-Sarah Walker

What is your dream car?

"Probably a Ferrari F-355 Spyder Convertable with a tan top, white interior, and chrome wheels. But I've never really thought about it!"
-Brian Campbell

"A 1984 sheep dog."
-Jim Yormark

"A Shelby Mustang GT500"
-Tom Heun



Name: Adam Fritz
Year/Make/Model:
1979 Ford Fairmont
Details: 8-track player, police siren, animal sounds, CB radio.

Owner's Comments:
"There aren't many of these cars still running. Most people call my car 'the peachness'."

Name: Dennis Janek
Year/Make/Model:
1988 Oldsmobile Delta 98
Details: Spots, dents, windows that don't work, and a ghetto system.

Owner's Comments:
"Unfortunately my car passed away recently. But it still lives on in the hearts of many."

What if we held an election and nobody won?

Al Gore and George W. Bush fought each other nearly to a draw, and for a while it looked like the election might never end.

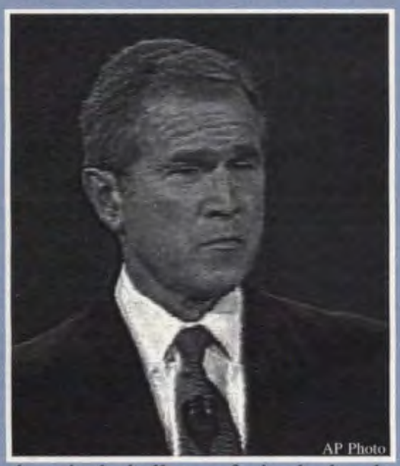
Tuesday, November 7, election day 2000, got stretched out a bit—into December, in fact. In what will be remembered as one of the most unusual elections in American history, no one knew who'd won the presidency until December, when the United States Supreme Court handed down a ruling that effectively ended ongoing recounts and contests of the election results in one state: Florida. George W. Bush was finally named president-elect when Al Gore conceded the election that evening.

Of course, Gore had conceded the election once before, on election night, but early in the morning of November 8, he called Bush back to retract his concession. Although the networks had called Florida and its electoral votes for Gore early on the evening of the seventh, as the night wore on they moved that state back into the "too close to call" column. Later, Florida was called for Bush, but in the wee hours of the eighth, as Al Gore was en route to deliver his concession speech to campaign workers and supporters at his Tennessee headquarters, the state was again listed as "too close to call." By daybreak on the eighth it had become evident that no one knew who had won Florida, and both candidates needed Florida's electoral votes to get a majority in the electoral college, that peculiar constitutional institution which elects our presidents.

As the Florida debacle unfolded, one thing became very evident: the election laws, processes, and technology in place in Florida were not up to the task of quickly and clearly determining a winner in a presidential election that, depending upon the count looked at, came down to less than several hundred votes. Florida officials and election workers, many of them volunteers, counted, recounted, stopped counting when one judge ruled, started counting again when the Florida Supreme Court weighed in, stopped again, started again...it seemed like it might never end.

Thanksgiving came and went, then December started, and but for a sharply divided final ruling of the United States Supreme Court, the counting might still have been going on and being challenged at Christmas.

The controversies of the Florida election process were innumerable. Most of them related to how to count votes on the punch-card ballots used by many counties in the state. The election raised constitutional issues as to whether every voter had been provided equal protection under the law and whether some voters had actually been disenfranchised by the system in place. In Miami-Dade County, the layout of the so-called "butterfly ballot" was questioned as confusing to voters. In Miami-Dade, Reform Party candidate Patrick Buchanan, received a greatly disproportionate number of votes as compared to any other county in the state, and after the election he said he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thought the ballot confusion had probably caused some voters who thought they were voting for Al Gore to vote for him in error.

Initially it was thought that counties where punch-card ballots were used were the most problematic, but the Chicago Tribune reported in January that considerable irregularities were also found in counties where optical scan ballots were used.

A consortium of major newspapers, including the Chicago Tribune, began a study of ballots throughout Florida immediately after Bush was declared the winner of the election. Preliminary results showed that many ballots--both optical scan and punch-card--which showed the clear intent of the voter were rejected or never counted by local election officials. Although the initial findings of the study indicated that inclusion of these ballots would have raised the vote count for both Bush and Gore, they also revealed that in almost every county Gore would have gained more votes than Bush.

The irregularities of the Florida election were perhaps most evident in the disparity found between poorer, mostly African-American precincts and wealthier, mostly white precincts. It was widely reported that in one county one out of every three ballots was rejected in predominately African-American precincts, while only one out of every fourteen ballots was rejected in mostly white precincts.

Some voters complained that when they discovered they had made an error on their ballots election judges refused to give them new ballots in spite of state law requiring them to do so. Former President Jimmy Carter, who had been involved as an observer in many other nations' elections, was reported to have said that, had those countries had the election process problems apparent in Florida, his organization would have refused to participate in the election.

In the final analysis, while George W. Bush won the electoral college by one vote, Al Gore had received more than half a million more votes nationwide than Bush. In fact, Al Gore racked up the second highest vote tally in American history, second only to Ronald Reagan. Nonetheless, Bush was declared the winner.

In a strange twist of irony, when members of Congress rose to object to the inclusion of Florida's electoral votes in the election of the new president, it was Vice President Al Gore, presiding as President of the Senate, who ruled those challenges out of order, confirming the election of George W. Bush. Bush was inaugurated as president on January 20, 2001, and by that time it had become apparent there would never be a definitive vote count in Florida. The best that could be hoped for was a tally which would include properly cast and counted ballots; ballots showing the clear intent of the voter, some of which had been counted in the official election results and some of which had not; and ballots not showing the clear intent of the voter.

As the new year got under way, the National Association of Secretaries of State met, and at the top of their agenda was consideration of how to reform the voting process so the Florida election debacle would not be repeated. Florida's state legislature vowed that all punch-card voting would be replaced by state-of-the art optical machines by the next presidential election. All agreed, however, that a perfect system would probably be unachievable because our government is made up of the people, and as people we are fallible. Some people, be they voters or election judges, will inevitably make mistakes even with the best possible systems in place.

In sum, it was a most peculiar year in politics!

Prior to the start of the 2000-2001 school year, President Bill Clinton survived an impeachment trial regarding the deplorable misteps in his personal life. Then came the presidential election mess. Almost, overshadowed by all of this was the election of Hillary Rodham Clinton as a United States Senator from New York. The former First Lady became the first wife of a President to seek and hold an elected office in her own right.

While President George W. Bush began his term with the Republicans in control of both houses of Congress, the majority was slim in the House of Representatives and was dependent on Vice President Dick Cheney's vote in the Senate. This changed in June, 2001 when previously Republican Senator James Jeffords of Vermont declared himself an Independent and announced he would vote with the Democrats to give them control of the Senate. These unprecedented events made for a very curious political year.

Candidates and Parties

Harry Browne ..... Libertarian

Pat Buchanan ..... Reform

George W. Bush ..... Republican

Al Gore ..... Democratic

John Hagelin .....Natural Law

Ralph Nader ..... Green

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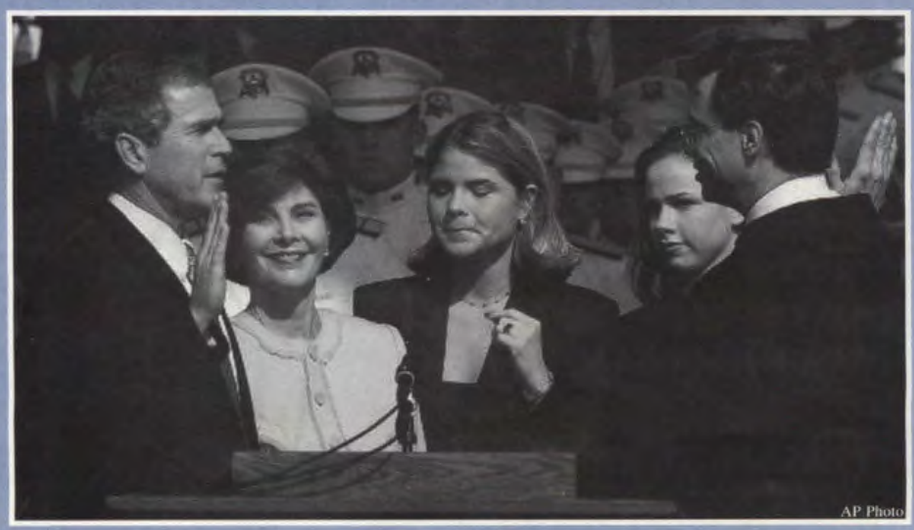
Vice President Al Gore delivers his final concession speech as his family and Hadassah Lieberman look on .



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As his wife and daughters look on, George W. Bush is sworn in as president on the Capitol steps.

The Wildcat Vote

While most high school students couldn't vote, that didn't mean they didn't have opinions about who should be president and why. The Challenge staff was curious about student thoughts on the election, and here's what we found out in a pre-election survey. 179 students responded to our questionnaire. 22 of those were freshmen, 28 sophomores, 52 juniors, and 77 seniors. 78 of the respondents were male, and 101 were female.

When asked their party affiliation, 26% of respondents said they were Democrats, while 34.6% said they were Republicans. 17.% listed themselves as independents, and 22% said they were "other." Students were asked what factor had most influenced their party identification. The strongest influence was family tradition, listed by 35% of students. 29% of students said their own research led to their affiliation, and 26% said personal experience was the strongest agent in their party identification.

In addition, 70% of students surveyed said a candidate's party affiliation was either "very important" or "somewhat important" in whether they would vote for the candidate. A candidate's choice of running mate, however, seemed more important to students as 76% ranked that decision as "very important" or "somewhat important." Only 46% of students surveyed thought a candidate's probably choice of Supreme Court justices was either "very important" or "somewhat important" in choosing a president.

Students were also asked to consider what about the candidate would be most important in deciding for whom to vote. 35% said policy would be the most important factor. Nearly 32% said leadership ability would be most important, and 15% said personality would most influence their choice. Only 12.7% indicated a candidate's morality would be the number one factor in deciding their vote, and affiliation with a religion and governing experience were each chosen by only 2.5% of students as the most important thing about a candidate.

Using a continuum from "very unimportant" to "very important," students were also asked to rate the importance of a candidate's position on a variety of issues. Tax policy and education policy were clearly high on students' agendas; each was marked "very important" by 114 students. Close behind was civil rights policy, marked "very important" by 109 respondents. 103 students marked abortion policy, gun control policy, and environmental policy as "very important" in contributing to their voting decisions. Of lesser importance to students were candidate positions on government spending, health care, military spending, military deployment, and social security.

We were also curious about how many students would actually vote in the election if they had the chance. 59% said they would vote for sure if they were allowed to, 15.9% said they would probably vote, 15.9% said they might vote, 3.4% said they would probably not vote, and 5.7% said they were sure they would not vote. Interestingly, when broken down by gender, males appeared to be significantly less likely to vote than females. While 78% of females said they would probably vote or would vote for sure, only 70.8% of males responded in the same way.

How We-Go Students Would Have Voted:

Al Gore	60	(36.3%)
George W. Bush	76	(46.1%)
Ralph Nader	20	(12.1%)
Pat Buchanan	3	(1.8%)
John Hagelin	6	(3.6%)

UNIQUE AND

I-N-D-I-V-I-D-U-A-L-I-T-Y! That is what the people on these pages spell. They walk the halls with interesting curiosities, habits, and clothes. They catch the eye of others walking by. Let's face it, they are just plain interesting.

Our school is cluttered with people who march to the beat of their own drummers, and that is just plain cool.

In a world where insecurity overwhelms the majority of the public, it is awesome to see people who stand out among the crowd. Find inspiration in these people and stick to it religiously. You only live once, so why not express who you are?

This creative group forensics performers is unique because they can transform themselves into any character they wish to portray. (Top Left)

Mark Lasky is interesting because his hair has been a rainbow of colors, and he is always keeping us guessing as to which color he will choose next. (Left Center)

Anders Walker is unique because he expresses himself artistically to audiences and friends. (Bottom Left)

Carrie Carpenter's love for music has made her unique to us. (Top Right)

Mike Nyman is just being Mike Nyman, and that has made him unique and in charge. (Right Center)

Frank Check knows how to get a person's attention with both actions and words, which has made him quite a leader among the crowd. (Bottom Right)

INTERESTING PEOPLE

You know how the saying goes, "be comfortable in your own skin."

Asked what stands out in his mind for what makes someone unique or interesting, senior Bill Vana responded, "I think that what makes someone unique or interesting is their attitude on life and their attitude towards other people and things."

It is up to you to determine what you find interesting or amazing, but we selected the people on these pages because they captured our attention and our imaginations. They helped make our We-Go days memorable.

-Lauren Nickelson and Jeff Heinz

Tim Yormark's and Dennis Janek's antics are known throughout the school for being wacky and fun. (Top Left)

Regina McEvoy and James Jaffe are expressive in their love of music and band. (Left Center)

By looks of him, Leo Baylor is a proud guy and does not mind showing it in his snazzy white suit. (Left Bottom)

We found Copper Tuma interesting with her cool pink hair and expressive clothing. (Top Right)

Tim Carstensen fools the eye by looking worried when he is really just revealing the comedic side of himself that we find hillarious. (Right Center)

Jon Brown, Rick Amos, Scott Blanchard, and Tom Boward have a cool hobby. They go paintballing! Here, they can be seen defending their team's flag. (Bottom Right)

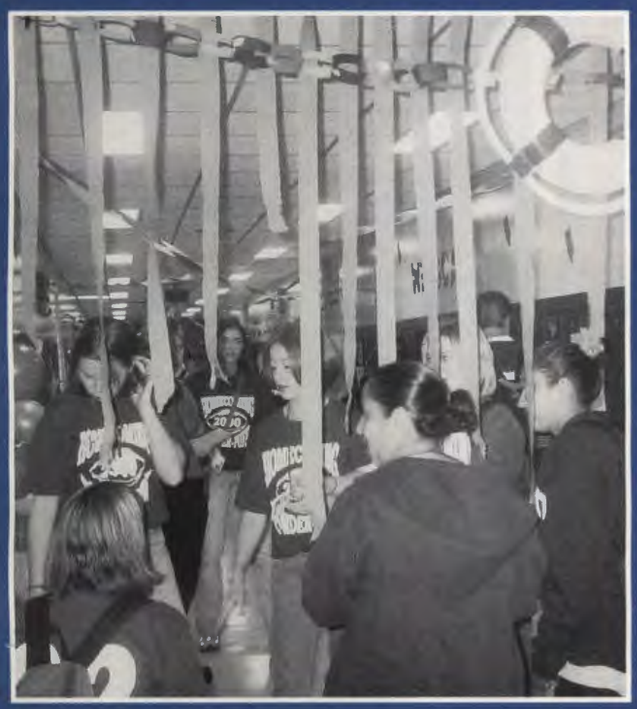
You Know That WE-GOt Game!

What did it feel like when the crown was placed on your head?

"I was...stunned...surprised. It felt great...20 minutes later when I finally realized."

-Javier Contreras

Homecoming Court: Front: Amy Kreml, Trisha Bozich, Queen Monique Castelvecchi, Amy Arroyo, Meghan Leston; **Back:** Dennis Janek, Paul Novak, King Javier Contreras, Nick Romanelli, Tim Yormark.



The junior class proves their school spirit by decorating their hallway. Unfortunately, they were disqualified after "helping" the Freshmen with their hallway.

The junior representatives strain to knock the sophomores out of the competition. They did just that.

The sophomores get up-close and personal with the football field at the Tug-of-War.

Cathy Wilken proudly dispays the spoils of winning the Powder Puff games.

The freshmen try to dance at the pep assembly while their few remaining classmates start to get into the spirit of Homecoming.

Kristen Koltz manages production of the Sophomore float.

Homecoming Week 2001

Under the leadership of Drum Major Chris Buckles-Haley, the band gives a show-stopping performance at the pep assembly on the day before Homecoming.

Do you think that the right people won for Homecoming King and Queen? Why?

"Yes because Javi is a nice person and so is Monique."

-Kari Schmidt

Tradition at We-Go is sometimes very funny...when it comes to the guy cheerleaders that is. These guys brave dressing up like girls and showing the school what kind of dancing skills they've got.

Homecoming Week 2000 started with the annual window painting in downtown West Chicago. Although the rain dampened our clothes, it didn't dampen our spirits. The juniors pulled off a stunning victory, the sophomores came in second, with the seniors in third, and the freshmen coming in last. The winning window featured a ship named SS Junior with a wildcat in uniform on the bow. The wildcat pointed onward while the ship went through the wreckage of the SS Senior, Sophomore, and Freshman. Each window was painted according to the week's theme: WE-GOt Game. Each class had a different board game assigned: the freshman had Clue, the sophomores had Candyland, the juniors had Battleship, and the seniors had Monopoly.

The morning games can be described in one word: Fun. Everyone involved in the games had a blast. How could one not? With so many games to chose from, there was something for everyone. Everyone who could make it to commons at 7:00 AM found themselves participating in "Candy Bowling," "Sink the Battleship," "Clueless," and "Monopoly Madness."

Friday morning the halls were decked out in WE-GOt Game attire. The seniors won, with the sophomores coming in second and the freshmen (yet again) coming in last. The Juniors were disqualified after they "helped" the freshmen decorate their hall.

Later that afternoon the pep assembly finished off the week. The band marched out onto the field and the rest of the school followed and filled the stands. There was a very messy egg toss, and a brutal tug-of-war, followed by a dance competition where the students got down with their bad selves.

Hungry students could get something to eat from the many clubs selling food. Throughout the assembly a spirit competition was held. Even though the spirit stick was stolen and returned, there was still a winner. The Class of 2001 clinched the victory for the 4th and final time and took home the stick. This year's King, Javier Contreras, and Queen, Monique Castelvecchi accepted their crowns from last year's royalty, Eddie Hernandez and Meredith Moore. After the assembly everyone went home with high expectations for the next day's big game.

-Heather Coakley and Jason Woodbury

The Junior PowderPuff team huddles for a picture before the exciting match-up with the Seniors.

Fun was had by all who participated in or watched the Homecoming Egg Toss.

Natalie Chudoba takes time out to act sassy while painting the Candyland window.

HOMECOMING

A Few Moments . . . Worth Pausing For

It started out with a shout of "We Got Game!" The floats were lined up, and the board game themed parade began on its usual route, winding through West Chicago.

After the parade many WeGo folk went directly to the football field to watch the sophomores play Wheaton-Warrenville South, and the sophomores led us to a victory of 34 to 6. Afterwards, the fans stuck around, and many more joined them to watch the varsity team play. Even though they lost, the students didn't lose any of their spirit. They carried it all the way to the 2000 Homecoming Dance.

Upon entering the commons, celebrants were bombarded with decorations taken from the floats. After standing in the long coat-check lines, students finally got onto the dance floor. Many students chose to stand and socialize with friends, while an equal number chose to dance the night away.

The evening was made memorable in our school, and the rest of the world, as the DJs passed around a digital camera. The pictures that were taken eventually ended up on the DJ's website (go to markimperial.com). Many groups of students left the school and went out to explore the post-homecoming activites elsewhere. As the night came to an end, so did Homecoming Day 2000.

-Becky Dennis

Coach Bob Stone gives some crucial advice to the football players during a break in the game.

Nathaniel Stonequist, the official Wildcat school mascot, was lucky enough to ride through the parade with Ms. Daneels and Mrs. Laimins.

Sophomores Kristin Koltz, and Magen Rogers ride with Princess Lollipop (Jami Murphy) on the Candyland float. Said Murphy," It was fun sitting there smiling and having people stare at me."

Say Cheese! The parents of the We-Go football players can't look away as the exciting events of the varsity football game unfold.

Homecoming Statistics

* Over $7,000 was made at the Homecoming Dance.
*The dance lasted from 7 to 11, without any major castastrophies (not even a fire alarm).
* During the pep assembly, Javier Contreras was crowned King, and Monique Castelevecchi was crowned Queen.

Jeni Pinto performs a cupie to warm up the crowd before the varsity football game.

DAY 2000

Mark Hopkins, Tim Carstensen, and Rick Miner charge through the line of the Wheaton South football team while a teammate takes a hit from an opponent.

"The D.J. was really crazy!!" said Maggie Kunak of the three D.J.'s antics.

Phillip Legorreta, Shannon Koehring, Eddie Cruz, Lindsey Sewell, and Zachary Pederson. Said Cruz, " I had fun."

Zack Muse, Lance Armstrong, and Mike Pesola show that they're hot stuff outside the Homecoming Dance.

Monique Castelvecchi and Javier Contreras, who were crowned Homecoming King and Queen, said the seniors deserved to win the spirit stick. "We have been the reigning champs of the spirit sitck since we were freshmen," Contreras said.

Homecoming Statistics

Window Painting
1st place - Juniors
2nd place - Sophomores
3rd place - Seniors
4th place - Freshmen

Float Competitions
1st place - Seniors
2nd place - Sophomores
3rd place - Juniors
4th place - Freshmen

Tug of War
1st place - Seniors
2nd place - Juniors
3rd place - Freshmen
4th place - Sophomores

Finding New Paths for Their Paws

Seven wildcat teachers retired, taking with them over 200 years of experience.

Most students spend only four years at West Chicago High School, but many teachers dedicate their careers to the students who pass through our hallways and classrooms. In June of 2001, seven pillars of the faculty retired. Their departure was notable because of the standard of excellence each had achieved during their time in our school.

Each of these teachers was known to their students and colleagues for their unique contributions to our school, our students, and our community. It would be impossible to list all of the the student activities and teaching accomplishments of these seven people. Each of them taught because of their love of kids and belief in the value of education. Upon their departure, the faculty was unanimous that each retiree left huge paw prints to fill.

With heavy hearts but very best wishes, the employees of the district bid farewell to these seven teachers at a luncheon on June 8, 2001.

Dr. Lawrence McNamara

In his 33 years at West Chicago, Dr. McNamara was chairperson of the Basic Skills Department and taught various English courses. McNamara served as president of the teachers' association from 1979-1980. He also taughtreading education courses at Aurora University and Northern Illinois University. He came to teaching after working for three years at Dun and Bradstreet. Dr. McNamara was known for his dedication to his students, the real-life, business-like tenor of his teaching, and his easy-going sense of humor.

Ms. Vera Sorensen

Ms. Sorensen came to West Chicago at a time when she was required to sign a loyalty oath attesting to the fact that she had never been a member of the Communist Party in order to be hired. She taught all levels of mathematics, and for the last year and a half of her career she served as a teacher of homebound students and as a mathematics specialist in the tutoring program. Ms. Sorensen's dedication to her students was unlimited, and she was known by her colleagues as a teacher who strove for high standards in her classroom.

Mrs. Carol Walksler

Mrs. Walksler taught in the Science Department for many years, and in recent years became most noted for her work in the horticulture and botany courses. Many of her students went on to careers in these fields. She could most often be found digging in a pot of dirt or supervising student projects in her classroom, and the plants and flowers grown by her students often graced the grounds and special events of the school. Mrs. Walksler served for a time as chairperson of the Science Department.

Ms. Gail George

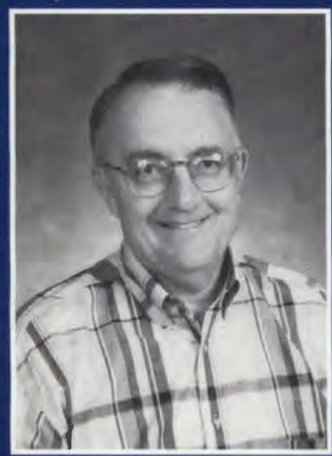
Ms. George put in 36 years at West Chicago, teaching physical and drivers' education, coaching, and working as assistant athletic director and interim athletic director. An unstinting supporter of We-Go athletic programs, cheerfulness, determination, resilience, and dedication characterized her every moment. Ms. George saw the growth of girls' athletic opportunities from the Girls' Athletic Association into the full interscholastic sports progam now in place. Upon retirement she planned to spend time in Michigan and Wisconsin.

Ms. LaVora Singleton

Ms. Singleton began teaching in 1967. She taught physical education at West Chicago, and coached a number of girls' sports, including Badminton for the last several years of her career. She served as president of the teachers' association from 1987 to 1993, and was known for her no-nonsense but deeply caring approach to teaching. As a senior member of the faculty, she served as a role-model to newer teachers and encouraged them to become as involved as possible in their profession.

Mr. George Strecker

Mr. Strecker spent 35 years in West Chicago's Social Studies Department. As chairperson of that department, he was a driving force behind the creation of the interdisciplinary courses offered by the school. He served as teachers' association president in 1980-81, and was constantly involved in discussions and plans to improve the offerings of the school. Mr. Strecker was known for his years of competition with Mr. Steve Arnold to see who could ride his bike to school the most days each year.



Mrs. Carol Wolf

Known fondly as "Wolfie" to some of her English Department colleagues, Mrs. Wolf taught for 30 years, 21 of those at West Chicago. Wolf was particularly noted for her dedication to and ability to work with students who had difficulty in mastering the language arts. Her ability to understand and think like her students was invaluable as she planned her classes. Mrs. Wolf was the social director for the English Department, a post she handed to Ms. Allie Wolf upon retiring. Creativity and patience were the hallmarks of her work.

Freshmen: Through the Looking Glass

The freshman window painters worked their tails off to make their Clue-themed window look the best they could.

If asked their opinions of the language they chose to take, these first year french students would readily say, "Francais est bien!"

What is one piece of advice you would give next year's freshmen?

"Don't use the maps- they are too confusing. Just ask people."
-Dianne Keck

"Leave me alone."
-Matt Nonnie

"There's nothing to worry about. It just has more people."
-Kelly Karbach

"Don't wear your best clothes to the pep rally during Homecoming. You'll end up covered in many unknown substances."
-Jenna Peley

"Stay away from the Sophomores."
-Richard Visser

Freshmen leapt into a new school full of different opportunities and experiences.

Welcome to freshman year. It was a new beginning for all of us in a new school, with new surroundings. That was enough to intimidate everyone. We had many different people pressuring us at the same time, and we may have felt completely overwhelmed every now and then. One minute we were in French class learning how to say "Hello" (Bonjour? Allo? Oui?), and the next minute we were being shoved out the doors because of one of the many fire alarms. As soon as we got out the door, the teachers were ushering us back into the building to face a wave of students amidst the chaos.

And, that was nothing compared to what we faced on the first day of school. We entered a new building, looked around, and realized this might be more than we had bargained for. It was easy to look around and think we saw nothing familiar and no one we knew. . .until we saw our best friends waiting down the hall, with the same confused look on their faces. We gradually realized that if we stuck together, we'd have a great year.

As the year came to an end, we looked forward to never again hearing the word "FRESHMAN!" being screamed at us from down the hall. Never again would we feel angry at the Homecoming pep rally when every other class booed us just for being freshmen. And, never again would we be completely new to West Chicago High School. Being a freshman was hard work, but somebody had to do it, and we did.

- Becky Dennis

Dana Grant, Jacqueline Vavrek, Christina Adduci, Lindsay Nash, Nina Slater, and Jolene Whitlock relax in the library of the board game Clue, ready to head out onto the Homecoming Parade route.

The freshman tug of war team first took on and bested the sophomores. They were then paired against the seniors, who beat them (above) even though they put up a good fight!

"Best part of freshman year? Homecoming!" said Ryan Stuhr, here with Andrew Denniger, Tom Grove, and Jeff Raymond.

Brett Palmer, who was elected freshman representative, plays tenor saxophone during the band's daily practice.

What is your favorite saying or quotation?

"What a long, strange journey this has been."
(Jerry Garcia)
-Matthew Hancock

"Shiver me timbers."
(The Pirates of the Carribean)
-Greg Luebker

"To lose is not to win."
-Ryan Stuhr

"How many cups of sugar does it take to get to the moon?"
-Kirsten Goranson

"He who laughs last, laughs best."
-Lourdes Ramirez

"Wear suntan lotion."
-Steven Hernandez

What were your worries on entering high school?

"I was so afraid that I would get lost or be late to my classes."
-Alesia Hannemann

"I didn't have many."
-Richard Visser

"Freshman hell week."
-Danny Smith

"Some 400 pound senior was going to shove me in his locker."
-Greg Luebker

"I thought all of the upperclassmen were going to be mean."
-Nicole Adams

Juan Abundez
Kevin Acosta
Roberto Acosta
Nicole Adams
Christina Adduci
David Aguirre

Blanca Alanis
Julieta Alegria
Paul Aleman
Lucia Alfaro
William Allison
Grisel Alvarado

Edward Alvarez
Lauren Anders
Erik Arellano
Jonathan Aube
Jennifer Auchincloss
Gerardo Avalos

Maria Ayala
Brooke Bachelor
Jennifer Baker
Crystal Ballines
Gerardo Ballines
Dawn Barzso

Sean Battersby
Laura Baumrucker
Aaron Becker
Jason Becker
Jeffrey Beideman
David Bennett

Becki Best
Jaclyn Bicek
Liliana Bieniek
Dennis Birtcher
Michelle Blanco
Brittany Boehm

Lisa Borg
Douglas Boyd
Jacob Brandstedter
Jonathan Brandt
Mary Breen
Ellen Briggs

Jami Briner
Michael Brooker
Cari Brown
Nicole Brown
Isaiah Buado
Jennifer Buchman

Phil Buksa
Daniel Bulleri
Thomas Burke
William Burlison
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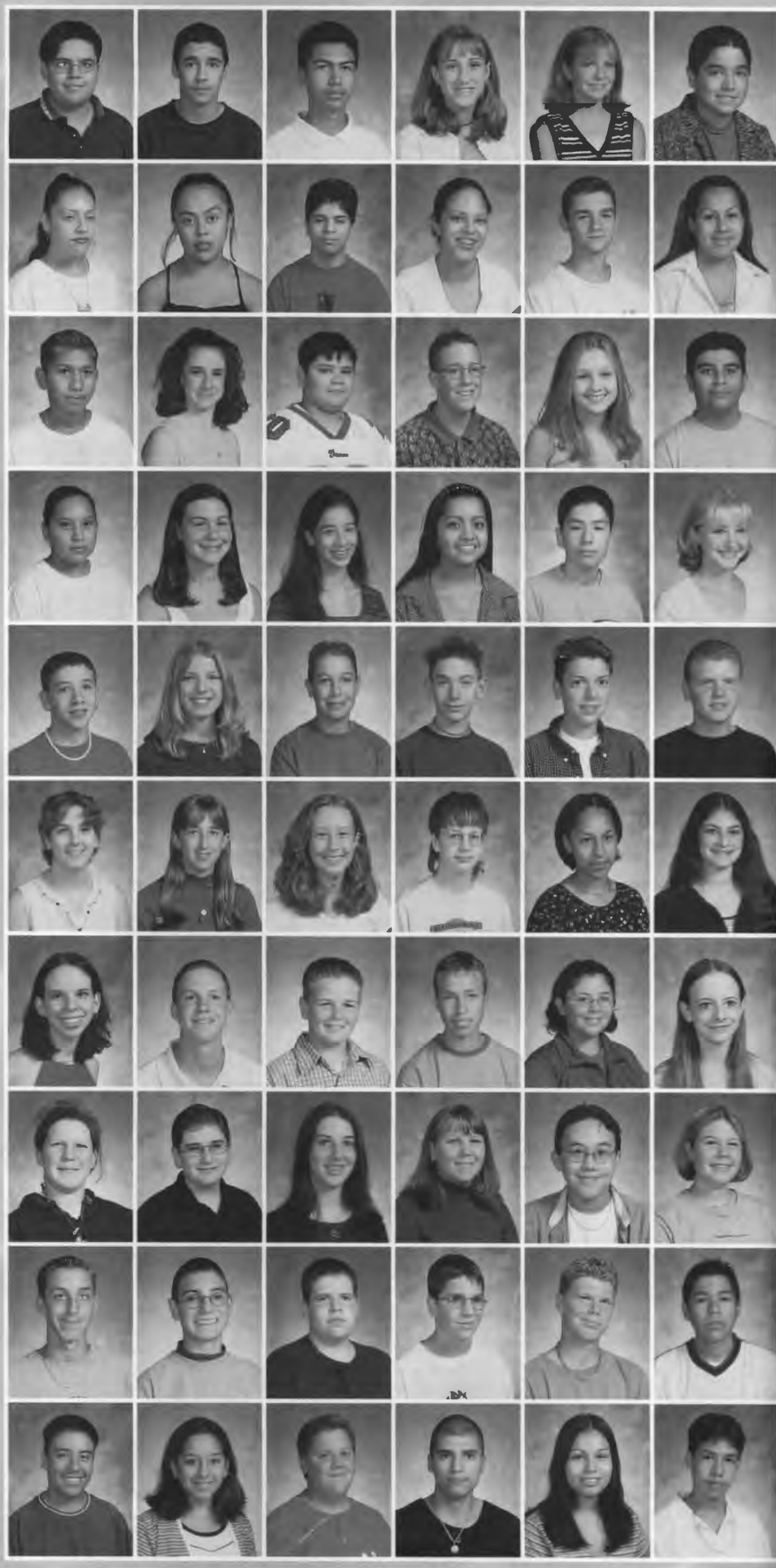
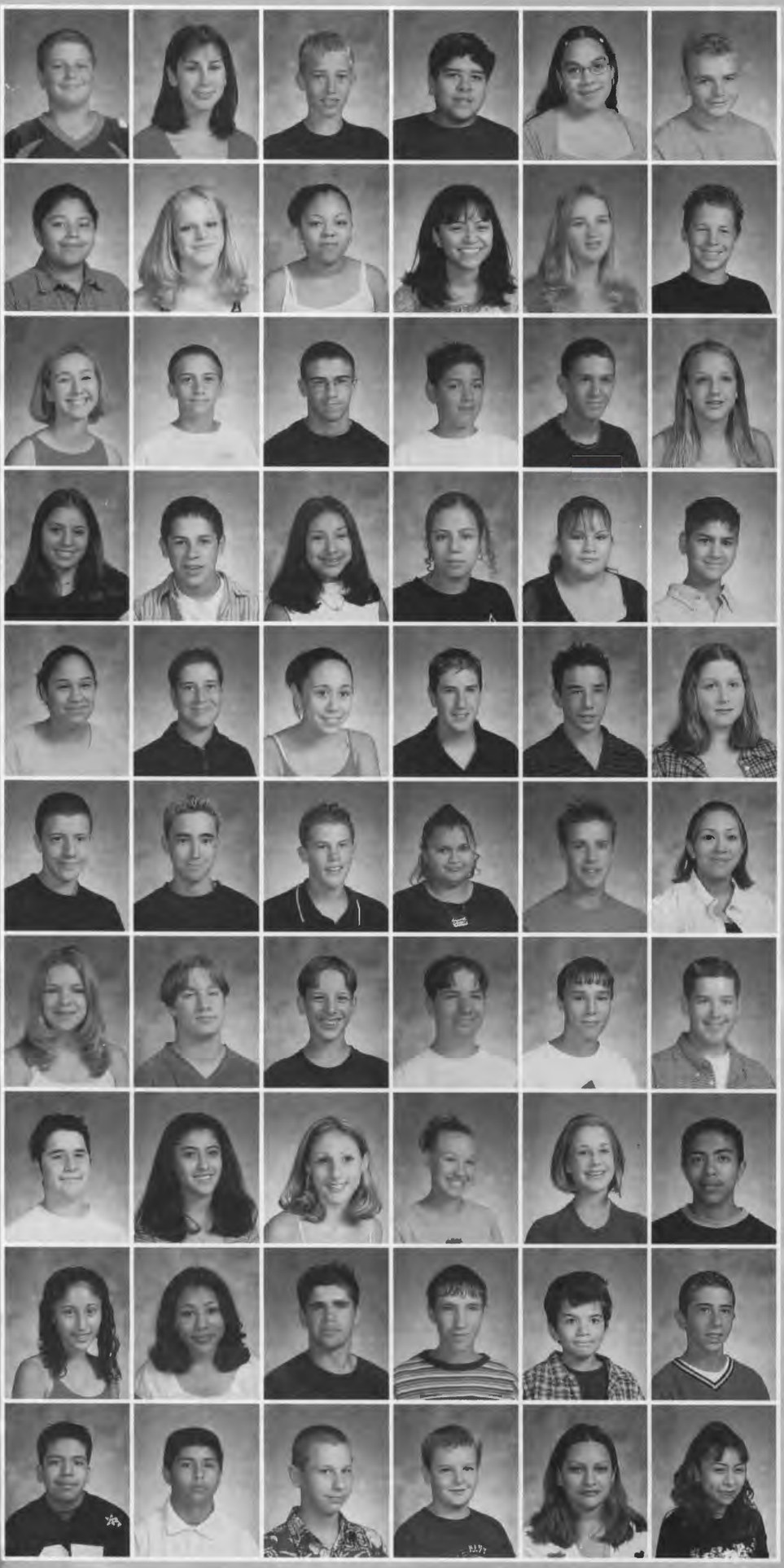




Richard Camp
Alyssa Campagnoni
Scott Campbell
Andres Cantu
Elisa Carlos
Robert Casey

Leodegario Castellanos
Megan Castelvecchi
Rebecca Chairez
Sandy Chan
Kirsten Chase
Richard Chmelik

Leah Christiansen
David Chronowski
Michael Chronowski
Timothy Clairmont
Mitchell Coler
Ericka Coletti

Angela Cordero
Mario Correa
Marlene Correa
Nancy Correa
Teresa Correa
Fabian Cruz

Letticia Cruz
Taylor Curran
Jessica Darquea
Jonathan Daru
Matthew Davidson
Amy Davis

Kiel Day
Brandon Deam
Jason Debolt
Sandra Delgado
Andrew Denniger
Lisa Diaz

Lindsey Doerr
Christopher Dolen
Karl Donovan
Justin Doyle
Kevin Duffy
Timothy Dupree

Emmanuel Duran
Faviola Duran
Rebecca Eagels
Ashley Edminson
Emily Ekstrom
Emmanuel Escobedo

Leny Escobedo
Analilia Espinal
Nicholas Fairbanks
Zachary Farber
Kiel Farjeat
Dominic Fatigato

Arturo Ferrer
Jose Ferreyra
Zachary Flagg
Jonathon Flick
Ariell Flores
Rocio Flores

Bill Winter ponders freshman year. "The most memorable part has been all of my awesome friends who I have had so much fun with."

Peter Mantz looks suprised as freshman year hits him in the face.

Jorge Fong
Krysta Fox
Deya Franco
Michele Frantzen
Maria Gallegos
Dario Garcia
Gabriela Garcia
Jesus Garcia
Jose Garcia
Kimberly Garcia
Liliana Garcia
Lorena Garcia
Maria Garcia
Yazmin Garcia
Carlos Garfias
Maria Garfias
Stephanie Geissman
Mena Gentile
John George
Edward Gernand
Michael Giese
Darlena Gomez
Linda Gomez
Adam Gonzales

Seana Swaback concentrates on getting the steps down during dance technique.

Brian Skala shows his I.D. to Officer Tony Quarto as he makes his way into his first high school dance.

Jason Becker "toots his own horn" during a routine band practice in the music hall.

David Gonzalez
Kirsten Goranson
Sarah Gouskos
Antonio Granados
Jose Granados
Rodolfo Granados
Dana Grant
Amanda Groppi
Thomas Grove
John Grue
Nicholas Grue
Edward Guerrero
Frank Guerrero
Luis Guerrero
Maura Guerrero
Ramon Guerrero
Kathryn Gutirrez
Joshuah Hahn
Jamie Hall
Chase Hanlock
Aaron Hannemann
Alecia Hannemann
Ashley Hannon
Jeffrey Hansen

What is your favorite saying or quotation?

"50% of success is showing up."
(Woody Allen)
-Kelly Karbach

Christina Orda, Laura Baumrucker, and Megan Shane show off their P.E. threads.

What were your expectations on coming into high school?

"Getting the stuffing kicked out of me by upperclassmen."
-Kenny Mackay

Kevin Hansen
Daniel Harms
Monica Haros
Christine Harris
Sarah Hasse
Heather Hayes
Zachary Hedger
Leigh Hellman
Donald Henning
Ryan Henning
Brandon Herbert
Aaron Hernandez
Ana Hernandez
Christian Hernandez
Esteban Hernandez
Maria Hernandez
Nuvia Hernandez
Esteban Herrera
Nancy Herrera
Ricardo Herrera
Veronica Herrera
Stephanie Hicks
Nils Higdon
Tanya Hisey

Jenny Veguilla, Marlene Uy, Molly Knaak, and Kim Palka showed their acting talent during the fall play.

Abbey Rauseo may look like she's staring off into space, but she's really concentrating intently on a class project.

Reefe Tuma, a.k.a Macduff, fights for his life in *"Macbeth,"* a shortened version of which was performed as part of the Fall play.

Representatives of the freshman class ride proudly down main street in the Clue library during the Homecoming Parade.

Robert Hock
Kathryn Hodge
James Hofmann
Brian Holt
Benjamin Hoshaw
Elisabeth Hoskinson
Jose Huerta
Donnie Jackson
Emma Jacob
Elizabeth Jacques
Robert Jeffery
Jason Jensen
Kelly Jensky
Joshua Jeter
Andrea Johnson
Krista Johnson
Lauren Johnston
Mark Kaczmarczyk
Kelly Karbach
Shqipe Kashtanjeva
Dianne Keck
Jacob Keeley
John Kennedy
Andrew Kiger

What's your favorite saying or quotation?

"That's 'its,' meaning, that's cool."

-Eddie Guerrero

Class of 2004

What, so far, has been the most memorable part of high school?

"Well... ummm... nothing."

-Michael Mroczka

Molly Knaak
Katie Knoll
Derek Koelsch
Cori Koeppen
Emily Krauspe
Brian Kreml
Danielle Kuhn
Tami Kuta

Amanda Kvasnicka
Mark Laabs
Allyson Laloggia
Amanda Lane
Ryan Lange
Jasson Lansdown
Ashley Lasiowski

Seyda Lavariega
Jeff Lawson
Fabiola Leal
Nicole Leber
Stanley Lemon
Karla Leonard
Michael Letts
Brian Lillie

Hillary Lim
Jonathan Lim
Erin Linsenmeyer
Michael Liszka
Lauren Loek
Michelle Loerzel
Janine Loewe

Adriana Lopez
Daniel Lopez
Fabiola Lopez
Jose Lopez
Maria Lopez
Nadia Lopez
Gregory Luebker
John Luka

Romano Macias
Rosa Macias
Tracy Macias
Hillary Maloney
Benjamin Mancera
Lorena Mansera
Peter Mantz

Jose Marin
Monica Maris
Roger Maritote
Lisa Martin
Nicholas Martinello
Jorge Martinez
Nestor Martinez
Jessica Mascarella

Christopher Mason
Ryan Masschelin
Courtney Mathias
Patric Matysiewski
Todd McComb
Monica McGinnis
Julie McKee

What is your favorite saying or quotation?

"If you were a hotdog, would you eat yourself?"
-Ben Hoshaw

Every freshman enters high school with some type of worry. "(I was worried about) finding my classes," said Matt Nonnie. **Front:** Jenna Pelej, Jason Debolt, Fabiola Leal, Patric Matysiewski, Matt Davidson. **Back:** Ryan Masschelin, David Aguirre, Matt Nonnie.

Rachael McKenney
JamesMcKinlay
Breandan McTighe
BrianMeans
Katie-Lynn Melbourn
Adrian Mendez
Sara Mendez
Marissa Mendoza

Alejandra Mercado
Alexandra Metcalf
Kimberli Meyerholz
Kevin Meyers
Ronald Michalek
Matthew Mikes
Megan Millard

Ryan Mims
Juana Montavalo
Christine Moody
Guadalupe Morales
Jessica Morrison
Kimberly Mueller
Gabriela Munoz
Sandra Munoz

Timothy Murrey
Lindsay Nash
Amy Natale
Erik Nelson
Ryan Nelson
Stephanie Neumann
Kevin Nichols

Jose Nieves
Matthew Nonnie
Amy Norman
Alethea Norton
Steven Nota
Jill Novak
Anna Nubie
James O'Connor

Casimiro Ocampo
Eric Oglanian
Christina Orda
Mark Orseno
Nancy Ortega
Jessica Ortiz
Ricardo Ortiz

Natalie Oury
Delia Padilla
Kim Palka
Brett Palmer
Nikesh Patel
Tito Pedraza
Jenna Pelej
Alejandro Perez

Alejandro Perez
Azucena Perez
Carlos Perez
Cristina Perez
Guillermo Perez
IsraelPerez
Jose Perez

These freshmen in study hall do what was done by many before them: crowd the door waiting for the bell to ring.Yadira Perez, Jackie Vavrek, Danielle Zirbes, Katie Knoll, Laura Baumrucker, Kyle Day, Mitchell Coler, Jared Worth, Esteban Herrera, and Felipe Salazar.

What were your expectations on coming into high school?

"People would push you around and act like you're not there."

-Christina Adduci

Maria Perez
Yadira Perez
David Peterson
Larry Petrie
Tyler Piech

Jillian Pinder
Houston Pineda
Daniel Polacek
Julie Polz
Gregory Prill

Melissa Prusko
Nicole Puccetti
Jeffrey Puetz
Eric Radloff
Beth Rakow

Nancy Ramirez
Abigail Rauseo
Jeffrey Raymond
Kristen Redden
Bradley Rehmus

Rocio Resendiz
Consuelo Reyes
Sean Reynolds
Judith Reza
Robert Rhodes

Jose Rios
Amanda Ritchie
Jose Rivera
Salvatore Rizzo
Ariana Robles

Kristen Rocha
Danny Rogers
Kailey Rohrdanz
Jose Romero
Reise Romero

Allyssa Rosalez
Kimberly Rovtar
Maria Rubio
Asalia Ruiz
Jaqueline Ruiz

Angelica Salazar
Felipe Salazar
Patsy Salgado
James Sallis
Gabriel Sanchez

Matthew Hancock shows his holiday spirit while sporting his highly fashionable Santa hat.

Christina Adduci breathes a sigh of relief as she walks to lunch. Said Adduci, "My favorite lunch line food is candy, because it doesn't cost that much and it's really good!"

Michael Turner takes a break from boogeying down at his first Homecoming Dance.

What is your favorite saying or quotation?

"No man is worth your tears, and the one who is won't make you cry."

-Jenna Peley

Are there any additional comments you would like to make about your freshman year?

"I thought that freshman year was going to be boring and hard and lots of homework, but it's not. It's easy and fun."

-Lourdes Ramirez

Danielle Zirbes smiles with excitement on the last day of school before Winter Break. "I saw my cousins over Winter Break. I haven't seen them for a long time."

Daniel Polacek is relieved as he walks towards his bus to go home.

Christina Orda and Jorie Vlach can hardly contain their excitement for their upcoming volleyball match.

Joel Sanchez
Rosalia Sanchez
Jacob Santiago
Bridgette Sanzeri
Carl Sauter

Carrie Savaglio
Michael Savegnago
Raymond Schmidt
Paul Schwabe
Stephanie Schwabe

Lindsay Scott
Mary Selby
Shaila Shallcross
Thomas Shanahan
Megan Shane

Michael Shee
William Shipp
Jason Shreeram
John Siekmann
Adam Sierocuk

Stephen Singer
Brian Skala
Kristin Skogsberg
Tracy Slaga
Nina Slater

Jason Slusar
Daniel Smith
Gwenith Smith
Ryan Smith
Thomas Smith

Michael Smolucha
Stephanie Smothers
Eduardo Solis
Esther Solis
Christopher Soriano

Michael Spencer
Ashley Spindler
Justin Stewart
William Sticksel
Melanie Stone

Scott Storey
Ryan Stuhr
Kristine Sullivan
Shaina Sullivan
Gina Svehla

What were your expectations on coming into high school?

"My expectations were to get a good education and to have fun doing it."
-Matthew Hancock

What is one piece of advice you would give next year's freshmen?

"Don't come to school during freshman hell week."
-Mark Trygar

Seana Swaback
Yolanta Szyszko
Jennifer Tan
Peter Tarrant
Justin Taylor
Laura Tecuatl
Steven Thomas

Elliott Tinnes
Mark Tonchick
Mark Trygar
Refe Tuma
Michael Turner
Marlene Uy
Adriana Vargas

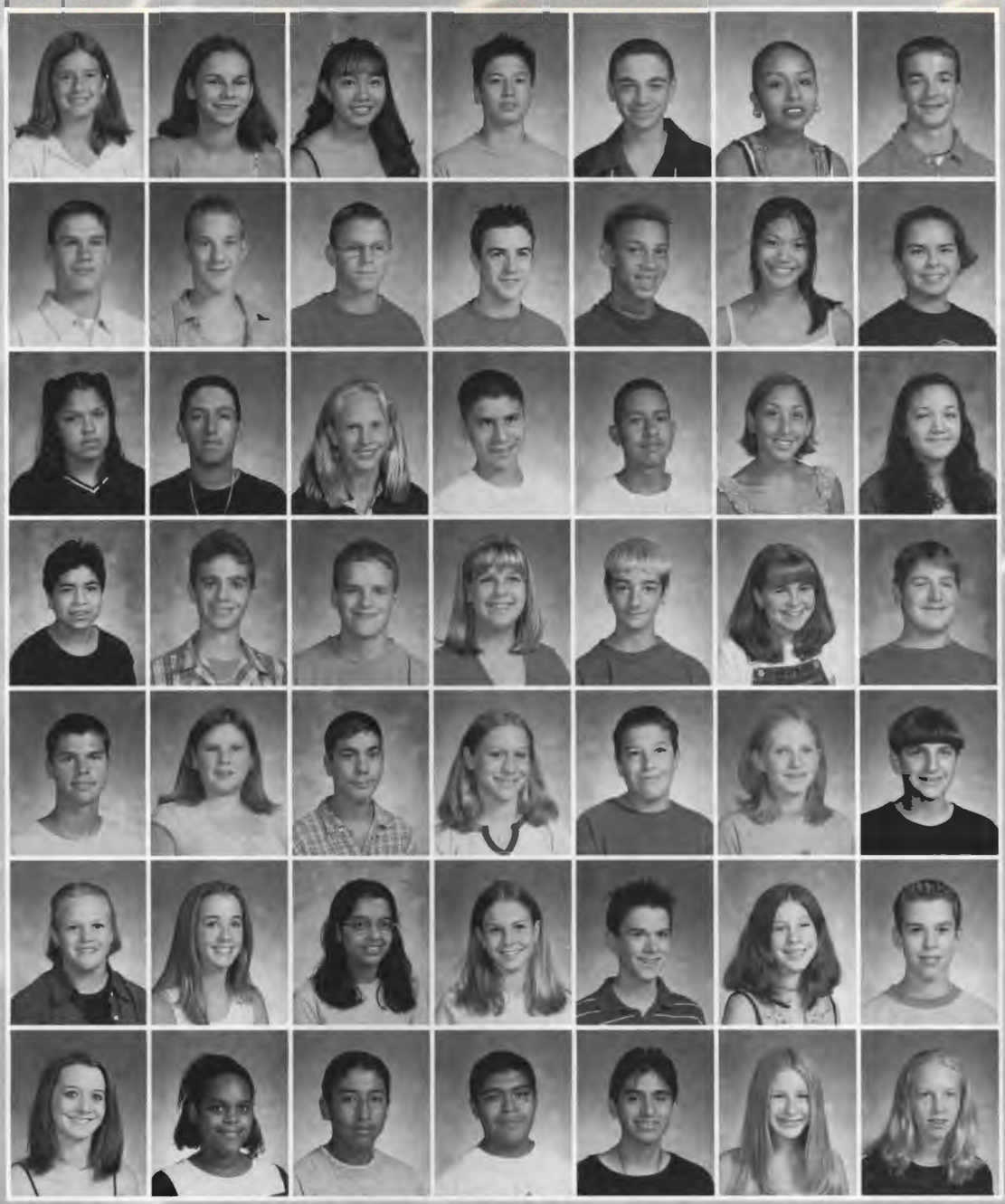
Alma Rose Vargas
Jorge Vargas
Jacqueline Vavrek
Carlos Vazquez
Ulises Vazquez
Jennifer Veguilla
Leticia Villa

Jose Villafuerte
Patrick Virnich
Richard Visser
Jorie Vlach
Chris Volpe
Kristin Voss
Arthur Waldow

Kristopher Walski
Jessica Warbiany
Kenneth Wasiqi
Amanda Weier
Alexander Wemple
Margaret Werle
Samuel West

Jolene Whitlock
Rebecca Wilkening
Raina William
Kelly Williams
Bill Winter
Kristin Wolfe
Jarett Worth

Melody Yaeger
Salome Yigzaw
Luis Zacatzi
Renato Zagal
Dennis Zavala
Julie Zimmermann
Danielle Zirbes



Courtney Mathias, Jennifer Tan, Steven Thomas, Jared Schneider, Daniel Bulleri, Joshua Hahn, Donnie Jackson, Jeffry Raymond, Brett Hurn, Matthew Davidson, Kathryn Hodge, and Jorie Vlach gather at their usual table during lunch.

Freshmen

Interesting School Info

Number of Freshmen: 617
Number of Sophomores: 578
Number of Juniors: 455
Number of Seniors: 397
Total Students: 2047

Number of teachers: 116
Teacher/Student Ratio: 16.1

Number of classrooms: 110
Avg. students per class: 22.5

Top five electives:
(Listed in no specific order)
-Keyboarding
-Photography
-Computer Art
-Psychology
-Symphonic Band

(Info as of August, 2000)

Progress Does Not Paws

In the 1950s students went through their days with basic classes like math, biology, world geography, English, physical education, and home economics or auto shop. Today the options are much broader. Of course, the basic classes are still offered, but much more is available.

Furthermore, the information and skills taught in the traditional "core" classes is much more advanced and developed than what students experienced fifty years ago. For instance, the biology cirriculumn now includes the study of recent developments in human genetics, as well as discussion of related applications and ethical issues. The curriculum has also developed to integrate learning between subject areas such as English and history and nutrition and physical education.

Advancing technology has also had an increasing impact on how students learn. In math classes we have the wonderful, programmable graphing calculators to help do the work, in some cases all of it. Visits to the computer labs and forays onto the internet are a regular part of many other classes.

We also have electives like foreign languages, Journalism, Micro-computers, Psychology, Photography, Child Development, and numerous others. The courses offered help to broaden horizons and appeal to individual interests. Electives like Intro. to Business and Sociology can also help develop skills which will be useful in future careers.

In short, today's academic offerings reflect the development and diversification of the twenty-first century.

-Sarah Hammer

Mr. Exner assists sophomores Heli Escalante and Marlene Correa in Art Survey I.

Mrs. Oliver-Tucci, helps senior Julie Fosco learn the fundamentals of Human Anatomy.

Junior, Stephanie Ly, concentrates on the task at hand in her AP Chemistry class.

Senior, Omar Gladwin studies the basic skills of AP Chemistry.

Sophomore, Noami Rodriguez preforms a speech from the classic play *Antigone* for her English 2E class.

ACADEMICS

Globe Trotting: European History Tour

Laura Schulze admires the beautiful scenery while in Innsbruck, Austria.

Imagine a place where the streets are narrow and bicycles serve as a major form of transportation. A few blocks away from chaos, you will find Anne Frank's house where she hid with two families during World War 2. That place is the Netherlands.

Now, close your eyes and visualize mountains that cape the town in surrounding beauty. Here, you will find pastry so good, your mouth will never taste anything better. That place is Innsbruck, Austria.

Now, take a journey to Venice, Italy. Here, you are on a Gondola being paddled through the graceful and thin canals of Venezia. The Italian smell of pizza lingers in the air, and music consumes your mind taking you away to the paradise you have always imagined.

These are just three of the seven places that students and teachers escaped to during the summer of 2000 European History Tour. The group visited the Netherlands, Austria, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, France, and England.

For two weeks, they trudged through Europe soaking up European Culture and adventure. They relied on their tour bus and their feet to get them from place to place. Senior Laura Schulze spoke highly of her European vacation in the following quotation, "Europe was the trip of a lifetime, and I especially enjoyed traveling through Venice, Italy."

-Lauren Nickelson

"La Tour Eiffel" The Eiffel Tower's reigning beauty was a popular stop for travelers to visit.

Michelle Massa, Melissa Garcia, Liz Ortiz, Heidi Carballo, Tanya Ortiz, and Grace Cantu were photographed taking in the very famous Venice, Italy.

A stop in Innsbruck, Austria provided beautiful views of the city's architecture and the Austrian Alps rising in the background. Although the stop lasted only two hours, the group got the chance to sample the sweets in the local bakeries.

Laura Schulze and Christina Garcia are seen here on the "Rembrandt" boat that traveled through the winding canals of Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Nikki Laimins, Lauren Nickelson, Amanda Czech, Annie Wilkovich, and Liz Ortiz travel through London on "the Tube."

The entire group of travelers found themselves stopping for a picture in the Netherlands, their ultimate souvenir.

Foreign Exchange & Travel 2000-2001

Isn't it ironic that senior twins Liz and Tanya Ortiz ended up hosting twins Celine and Florence Erny from France?

We-go had the pleasure of welcoming Foreign Exchange students from both Germany and France over the year.

German and French students were invited to live with student hosts for two weeks in order to get an idea of what life is like in American society.

The Germans arrived in the Fall, while the French visited in early Spring. The two student groups spent time in Chicago and visited such sites as the Sears Tower and Navy Pier.

Senior Liz Ortiz, who along with her twin sister Tanya, decided they would like to host a French Foreign Exchange Student. Instead, two arrived, and ironically, they were twins.

Liz was asked whether she enjoyed traveling to a foreign country better than hosting a foreigner, and she responded saying, "I can't really say I like one over the other because both are totally different. I would have to say that I learned more about French customs when I hosted a foreign exchange student rather than just visiting France."

The hosts of Foreign Exchange students also got acquainted with varying traditions and values that exist within the culture. Sophomore Katy Kostal valued the experience, commenting, "It was a good trade off because she would cook French food for us and she would not talk back."

-Lauren Nickelson

Kevin King, Jeff Raun, and Nelly Guerrero relax and enjoy the varying culture of France, as they visit with French students.

What did you like best about hosting a Foreign Exchange student?

"I liked seeing his reaction to American customs and I also enjoyed when we took him down town Chicago because he was really excited to see all of the buildings, like the Sears Tower."

-Jose Alejo

Dr. Alan Jones presents a welcoming speech to the French Foreign Exchange group. The French students visited our school second semester.

What was the funniest or most bizarre thing that happened while your French Exchange student visited here?

"I thought that it was funny to see that all of the French girls got hit on by the guys here at school."

-KatyKostal

Dan Schneider welcomed the French Foreign Exchange students on behalf of the West Chicago High SchoolStudent Council.

Here, the French Foreign Exchange Students group together with their American hosts at Funway. Madame Appel, head of the French Department, will especially remember the group visit to Navy Pier, the farewell party at the Kostal's where kids danced and dined on great food, group gatherings at Bowling Green, soccer games that took place between the French and American kids for a little friendly competition, and most of all, the romances that sparked between visiting French and American students.

Celine Erny, Florence Erny, Mike Nyman, Madame Appel, Madame Appel, Elizabeth Ortiz, Tanya Ortiz, and Daisy Correa are having the time of their lives at a party hosted by the Kostal's to bid farewell to the French students.

Election Committee Judges Chris Gehrke, Amanda Czech, Nick Richardson, and Amanda Triplett await the arrival of voters during the fall elections.

Claribel Robles and Sandra Fernandez enjoy a break from interior design class.

Shelly Ballard and Mr. Arroyo prepare some tasty Spanish rice during a special event in foods class.

Goverment 2001

As Seniors entered Government for the first time, they were amazed at how differently the class was run. Students like Cory Abruzzese got a chance to become the teacher as they led the class through discusions of bills on a variety of topics. "I think everyone should run for a leadership position because it's fun and teaches discipline," said Abruzzese.

To govern the full session, students elected classmates to leadership positions. Two floor leaders were elected to allow each party's voice to be heard. These floor leaders had appointed "whips" to help them keep order within their parties. During the full sessions, the honorable Chris Patnaude and the honorable Chris Hendricks presided over the simulations as Speakers of the House. Much to the Republicans' dismay the first semester, Patnaude allowed for an equal debate, while Hendricks' simulation was characterized by Republican domination through their party's unity and teamwork. When asked how the sessions proceeded, Hendricks commented, "I was amazed at the level of maturity my friends showed during the full session."

-Jeff Heinz and Marcos Jimenez

Dave Gilbertson guards the ballot box and his lunch during the fall election of Assembly officers and party leaders. The elections were free of the controversy surrounding the voting in the real-life presidential election, but the Republican majority was slim both semesters.

Brian Kerr makes a passionate argument against the defense shield bill during committee consideration of the bill. Good job son!

Minority Floor Leader Joe Hamlin waits to attack the Republicans during the mock legislative hearing.

Democrat Marcos Jimenez waits to enter the committee debate on his session's version of the welfare reform bill. Go get'em tiger!

Why are Democrats better than Republicans?
"People before profit."
-Kimberly Fiorent

Why are Republicans better than Democrats?
"Profit before people."
Adam Fritz and John Oes

English Seminars

Mike Pesola cracks a joke while Katie Kammes tries to keep a serious face.

Film producer and student Chris Gerber jots down some plans for his upcoming film.

Julie Fosco and Brian Kerr listen intently as they learn how to write screenplays in their film class.

Why do you like your literature in film class?

"Because it's a pretty cool class and it's not like any other class that I've ever been in."
-Brian Kerr

To be, or not to be...

In the Skakespeare seminar, Mr. Greg Leitner opened his students eyes to the various comedies of Shakespeare. Not only did students learn how to analyze works like the*Taming of The Shrew* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, but they also were able to work with teams to find creative solutions to projects. When asked about what he thinks the students learned from the curriculum, Mr. Leitner responded by saying students learned how to look at "comedies from the viewpoint that we are dealing with scripts."

-Jeff Heinz

Lights, Camera...

Students in the literature into film seminar got to explore the many aspects of film. In addition to critically considering films adapted from novels and short stories,, they learned how to write screen plays, direct scenes, and put together a production. Led by Ms. Andrea Cipcich, the film students plunged into discussion of movies such as *The Shawshank Redemption*, *Field of Dreams*, and *Deep End of the Ocean*. From these movies, students learned how to incorporate written work onto the big screen.

-Jeff Heinz

Ms. Cipcich captures the imaginations of her film students by showing many movies.

Thomas Barta vigurously works on government business on the day of the legislative simulation.

Antony Zumpano sketches out his problem for drafting class.

Mr. Exner shows that he is not just an artist on the canvas, but also one in the kitchen.

What

Is

Art?

Art and Photography

Art is expression, and photography offers a glimpse into the minds of others. Students look to both the art and photography electives to showcase their talents while communicating their ideas.

Art Survey 1 students studied different techniques of drawing, while Art Survey 2 students painted a series of murals that dealt with the theme "what is art?" The Art Survey 2 studentsalso worked with computers to create political ads and experimented with using different sources of media to produce art.

"Photography was so great, it went by in a flash. No pun intended."
-Amy Allison

The photography program grew, as a number of enthusiastic amateurs longed to participate in the photography class. In the basic black and white photography classes, students learned lighting, cameral usage, developing techniques, and more.

The class itself has expanded and offered portfolio production and photojournalism sectors for the advanced students wishing to continue in photography 2.

Photography proved to be fun and different for a lot of students like Senior Cathy Wilken, who left photography with good memories. "My favorite memory from photography was the snowball fight in the alley with Adam Turner and Paul Ross."

-Lauren Nickelson

Mr. Exner does some research with his students in the library befo beginning a new art project.

What do you like the most about art class?
"I find art a nice way to start off the day because I have it first hour, and I enjoy having the freedom to use more techniques with paint."
-Christina Hendrex

What was your favorite project in art?
"The time that we made 25 ft. murals and had a chance to work with other students' creative abilities."
-Jeff Heinz

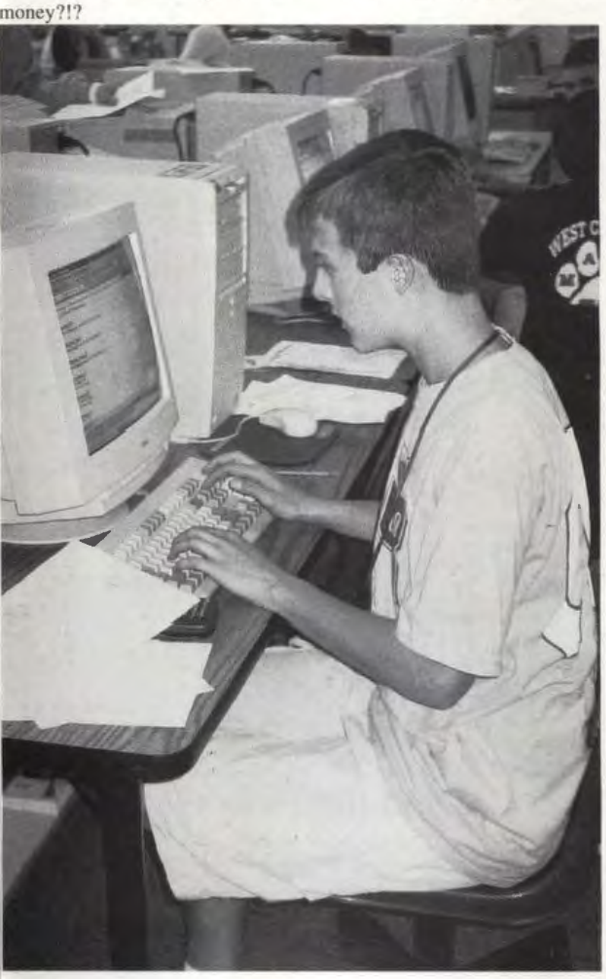
Dzintra Osis focuses on developing her film.

Claribel Robles studies her negatives in photography class.

Rolling in the Dough

Students faced a bear market in their pursuit of profits

Chris Gehrke looks surprised at his stocks! Has he earned or lost money?!?



The Stock Market Game is a simulation in which students worked in teams to invest their money in competition with students from around the state to see who could earn the most money during the course of the game. Every student enrolled in Consumer Education took part in the game. Many students were excited about playing the stock market. This program is a way to educate students about the strategies, risks, and benefits of investing when they become adults.

> "To teach us how to invest our money wisely."
>
> -Gina McEvoy

The stock market game ran from October second to December eighth. and was played by many schools in our area. West Chicago students had been involved in the game since 1980. Students worked in groups of three or four to investigate particular stocks, develop investment strategies, and execute buys and sells.

The game was particularly challenging in 2000 because of the instability in the various stock markets. As the growth of the American economy entered its first major slow-down in over eight years, the stock markets experienced major losses in value. Tech stocks, which had soared in recent years, suffered the greatest losses as many start-up internet firms went belly-up and PC sales began to level off after years of ever-higher sales reports.

> What schools are involved in the stock market game?
>
> "Dozens of schools in regions all over the state."
> -Mr. Zabelin

> How do you feel about the stock market game?
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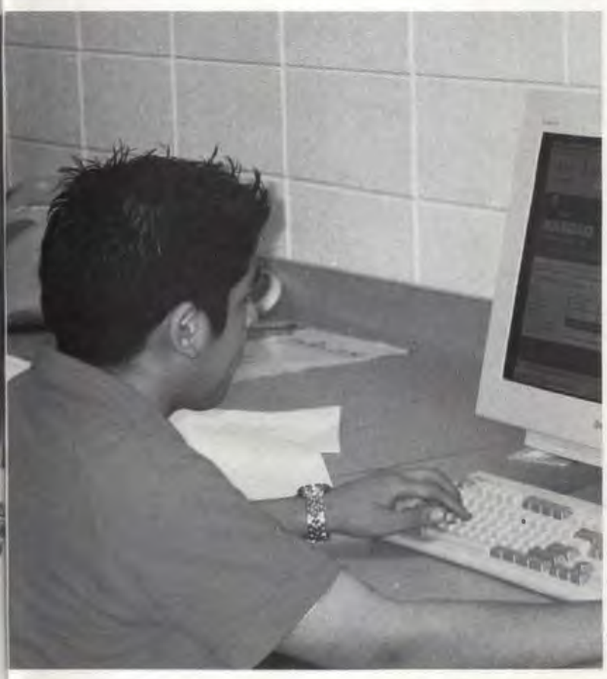
> "I learned to use my money on different companies."
> -Shannon Flowers



Marcos Jimenez intently reviews the performance of his group's stocks. Internet access made playing the game in "real time" possible.

With his pen in his mouth, Jeff Heinz looks at his stocks, hoping for the best.

Mr. Collin just can't keep his temper. It's probably because of the world studies class that he taught with Ms. Daneels.

In response to Mr. Collin's temper, Ms. Daneels seems to be saying, "What am I supposed to do about it?"

Superintendent Dr. Lee Rieck participates in a special foods class event at which faculty members brought in favorite recipes and cooked with students.

Not Exactly Child's Play!

Child Development Challenges Students to the Max

Jenny Cwiak double-checks her recipe to make sure she adds the right ingredients in her Foods and Nutrition class.

In Child Development Melissa Garcia shuffles through her notes in order to prepare herself and her group for the next week's lesson plans.

Bill Vanna concentrates on a wall section warm up exercise in Architectural Drawing class.

When asked to summarize her experience in Child Development in one word, Megan Brandstedter exclaimed, "Unpredictable!" Ashley Link said, "I'd forgotten just how active children are at that age. They are always going! It's amazing the amount of energy they have." Many of the students forgot how unpredictable children can be and that in fact they do pay attention to what they are taught. Jessica Gallardo said, "Some of the kids actually pay attention to us and do the activity we tell them to."

Not only did the children who attended the day school program learn, but the high school students did as well. Lindsey Wonsowski commented, "I learned that all kids have different styles and personalities." Jenny Bieniasz, on the other hand, discovered a lesson that applied to herself: "not to take things so seriously." Nikki Schar realized, "They know a lot more than you think they do." Most of the students enjoyed the curriculum because it was different and the lessons that were learned could be applied to life.

> **"Child Development helps you to learn why you are the way you are."**
> **-Mrs. Patti Kozlowski**

Christina Garcia said, "You have to have A LOT of patience or else you could go nuts!" Child development was not a blow-off class, but one that required work and was fun all at the same time.

Jessica Day stated, "This class was very exciting and new things happened every second, but you needed to be in class all the time." Jennifer Skrzpczynski exclaimed," It was a blast and even if you don't want to become a teacher take it because it was so much fun!" Child development proved that class is not always all work and no play.

- Erin Kirby

Sylvia Ramos entertains Hannah Olson by reading her a delightfu story.

What surprised you about child development?

> **"(It was) more work than I thought it would be."**
> **- Jennifer Kammes**

> **"The kids actually learn things; they don't just play all day."**
> **-Melissa Garcia**

Marcus Mazzuca and Zachary Deem complete their puzzles before circle time begins.

Claudia Medina plays hide and seek with a car and afew coconuts a Zachary Deem and Frank Rodrigez watch in amazement.

Learning the Realities of Life

Family/Consumer Science Classes are about the World

Nicole Kovacevic searches for the ingredients that she needs in her recipe for her Foods and Nutrition class.

The Consmer Science classes provided valuable learning experiences for many students. When asked about what she learned this year in Contemporary Life, Melissa Kane said, "...a lot about myself and who I am." Lindsay Anders, who had a more comical response, added, "I learned that my wedding will cost my family $80,000!" Students also discovered knowledge and skills they would apply to many practical, non-job related tasks.

Heather Phrochnow said, "(The classes) introduce you to the 'real world' with marriage and kids." Tiffany Lillie stated, "The classes taught a lot about familty related situations." The students

> "I learned about family life, married life, and the consequences of actions."
> -Cori Drake

gained a better knowledge of typical problems families face. Bethany Mummert said that she learned about, "responsibility, family communication... oh, and that babies cry too much." Although the students formed a much better view of life after high school, throughout the classes, they still had fun.

"(The mock wedding) went really good. Everything was well-prepared and everyone had fun," stated Delia Sanchez. "The wedding and the groom (Javier Contreras) choking on his cake and the best man spilling his drink on the bridesmaids," were Crystal McGinnis's favorite memories from the Mock Wedding. All of the Consumer Science classes pulled together to make the night a big success.

Amy Kreml shared that Contemporary Life was, "a great reality check." Alena Alanis recomended this class, "...because it would show you a better view of real life."

- Erin Kirby

Did any of the classes help you in deciding what you want to be when you grow up?

> "Child Development 1 and 2; I want to be a P.N.A., a helper for a pediatrician."
> -Delia Sanchez

> "Yes, I now know that I do want to work with kids."
> -Lori Brown

Mrs. Kozlowski helps her students plan their lessons for the upcoming week in child development's pre-school program.

Lindsey Castiglia and Javier Contreras walk down the aisle at the close of the Mock Wedding.

Raymond Schimdt searches for an article to cut out for his assignment in Mrs. Johnston's math class.

Simon Blanco pays close attention to a stimulating lecture in French class.

Joe Klingberg and Heather Goorly follow the discussion set out by Mr. Zeitler in chemistry class.

Rebecca Petrie takes some time to work on one of the many new computers in the library.

Crystal Leindecker can't wait to taste what she just made in her foods class.

Mrs. Moran hugs her student Errik Loosli during a Spanish festival party that the class threw.

Tooling through Knowledge

Home Maintenance

Many people in the world tend not to know how to do simple household repairs and depend on their town repairman to do it for them. Home Maintenance can not only teach you how to do the repairs, but also give you the skills to construct buildings.

Each student in the class built and deconstructed an entire entry way. In fact, Home Maintenance classes helped build the doorways of the ticket booths for the football field, designed by a former drafting student. Home Maintenance student Jessica Loftus commented, "I got to break things and build things." Loftus described this class as fun and intriguing.

Woodwork, drywall, electrical work, and playing with hardware, what more could you want!

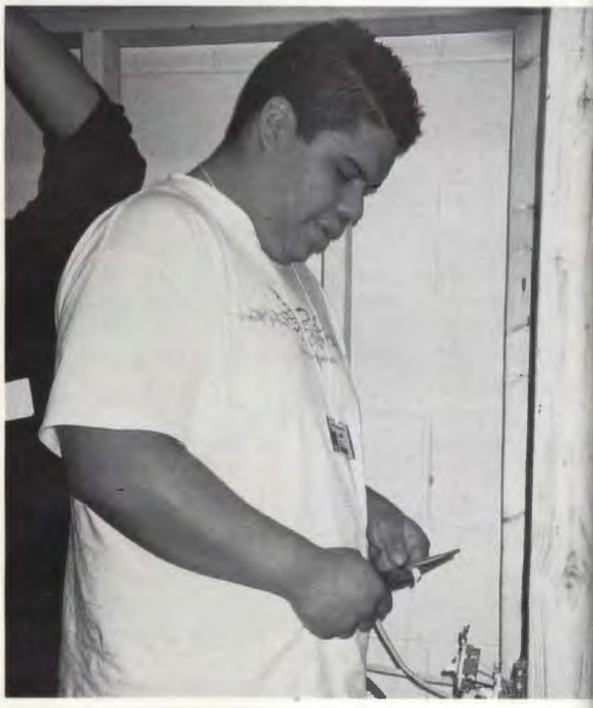
Home Maintenance worked with wiring lights, sockets, and switches. The students learned how to wire 2-way, 3-way, and 4-way switches. The wiring part of the curriculm is important because all buildings need to have electricity to function properly.

-Christine Hendron

Would you consider continuing this type of class (Home Maintenance) next year?
"Yeah, it was the coolest class!"
-Chris Crotty

Why did you take Home Maintenance?
"I wanted to learn how to fi common problems. I also like working with my hands."
-Jeff Leazenby

Israel Sanchez works on technical stuff likewiring for the electric work for a home maintenance project.



Adam Mrugaz is "building up his future," one project at a time.

Electircal circuit wiring is a part of every home maintenance course.

"(I would take this class again) because it teaches you things y normally can't learn unless it's from your parents," said Missi Shem

More Room For Erasing

What do you like most about architectural drawing?
"IT'S REAL. We use what is really used by architects. There is no guessing or pretending. We have to do it right."
-Matt Colley

Would you recommend this class to another student?
"This is the most interresting class I have ever taken. If you have any interest in drawing, definitely take it."
-Jose Apolonio

Peter Oeslager ponders his next design in mechanical drawing.

Architectural Drawing, Mechanical Drawing, and Advanced Drawing

Many students take drafting classes at the high school in order to get a jump-start on their goals for future careers. The classes available to West Chicago High School students this year were Mechanical Drawing, Architectural Drawing, and Advanced Drawing. Mr. Junkrowski and Mr. Mizener taught the classes.

Mechanical Drawing classes' curriculum this year consisted of drawing basic mechanical parts either on the drafting board or with AutoCAD 2000 on the computer. Another project that this class did was to design a futuristic car.

"Architectural Drawing is a groovy class!"
-Shannon Stern

Architectural Drawing student Theresa Uy said, "I'm interested in majoring in architecture and taking this class allows me to see different types of housing styles." Every student who took the class walked away with a completed set of blueprints to either an 'A' frame or ranch style house that they designed. The students also either began or completed a floor plan and elevation of a house completely designed by them.

Advanced Drawing students choose their own projects and goals for the year.
- Christine Hendron and Sean Warren

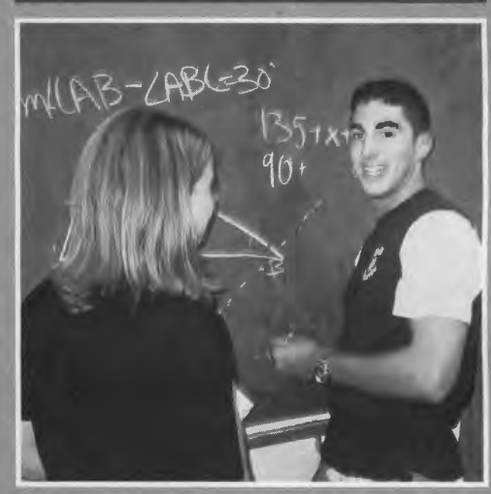
Mr. Junkroski assists a student on his next building design.

James Bauler works on his next assignment. He is designing a basic floor-plan.

Great precision and accuracy must be used.

Melissa Heron knows that in order to see the board in all of her classes she needs to use those specs!

Mrs. Laimins is thrilled to be teaching her sophomores in her period 4-7 World Studies class.

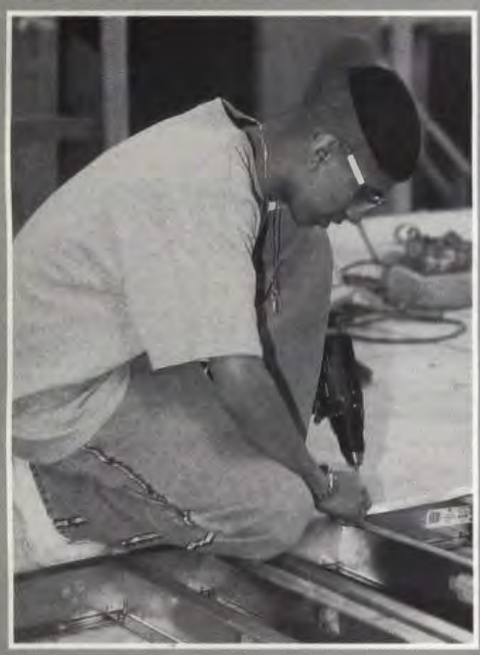


Joe Caniano, a We-Go Mathlete, shows Kristy Schilling how to really excel in mathematics.

Technology Center of DuPage

Jeni Pinto and Vanessa Guillen show that they can work as a team and at the same time have fun while they practice graduating bols on a manequin while in their Cosmetology class.

Jose Zagal sees himself as a professional while he works with an Oscilloscope and a signal Generator.



Abad Rubio works on an internal wall for an addition to the TCD building. Students in the Construction Trades classes were responsible for much of the work on the addition.

About 80 We-Go students attended the Technology Center of Dupage during the '00-'01 year. They noted going to TCD was a great opportunity as it gave them preparation for their careers while still in high school. Second-year cosmetology student Julie Hendron remarked that being at TCD "is the best possible way to start on your way into your career."

Some who trained at TCD started working in their fields as seniors. After being in the certified nursing assistant program as a junior, Marisol Garcia began working as a nursing assistant while taking the medical laboratory assistant class senior year. She noted, "Hopefully, the skills that I will learn this year are going to help me next year when I go to college for nursing." Eric Ponce de Leon, a construction trades student, worked as a student teacher for electrical wiring in his second year at TCD. Ponce de Leon said TCD "is a vocational school that is for everyone who might not want to attend college."

From Autobody Repair to Culinary Arts, students at TCD gain valuable hands-on experience in the trades that keep our world running.

Nathaniel Stonequist and Sara Donovan were both in TCD"s culinary arts course. Stonequist said he thought his time in the program would help him to be successful in the restaurant business. Donovan said that being at the center "gets you prepared for your future" and "(gives) you experience in the business world."

Sherry Kashtanjeva, a multimedia television production student, said she learned about wiring video equipment, setting up shots, and writing scripts. "I would say T.V. production is a great program with an awesome teacher," she noted. Kelly Quarto said TCD was a "great experience, a wonderful program and a great opportunity"

-Eduardo Sanchez and Mr. Larson

Steve Padilla concentrates while making a master square.

Steve Sanchez works hard at TCD. "I tried to make it look like I knew what I was doing."

Becky Deutsch enjoys preparing to ice a cake.

Eric Ponce de Leon knows exactly what to do while he works with sor electrical wiring.

What would you say to students who want to join TCD?

"Go for it! you'll have a head start after high school."
- Vanessa Rodriguez

What has been the best thing about being enrolled in TCD?

"Doing what you want to do for the rest of your life."
- Jordan Holmes

Sophomores: Mirror, Mirror on the Wall...

Erin Madden and Susan Lincoln smile in the band room after performing in the half time show at the last home football game.

Tell of our Adventures from Sophomore Spring, Winter, and Fall.

The first day of school officially began when the sound of some one screaming, "FRESHMAN!" echoed throughout the hallways. Amazingly, after putting up with such exclamations throughout the previous year, that word now emanated from our mouths. After our transitional first year, high school finally started to seem more like home to us sophomores. Finally we could act like ourselves and enjoy the school day. Heather Brach recalled one favorite memory: "Mr. Collin gave us a photo of him when he was little in a Dukes of Hazard shirt and was extremely happy about it."

Many of us couldn't wait to show up for school each day because, as the year went on, Driver's Ed. opened the door to freedom. More and more of us got to school in our own cars instead of depending on the big yellow limo. Another year brought more challenges in the classroom, more school events, and more experiences. Melissa Stevens gave a prediction of what she believed would be the greatest challenge of the year: "Reading Shakespeare and actually understanding it."

Completing half of the high school journey was no small feat considering all that we encountered and endured in just two years. The first chapter of high school dealt with adapting, and we survived. As the second chapter unfolded, we often gazed in the mirror to see what we were becoming: reflections, at least to some extent, of our experiences and learning at WCCHS.

-Katy Kostal

Taking the first step in becoming a gourmet chef, Katia Ishkov measures her ingredients.

Nick Michael listens attentively while learning German.

Jody Yednock smiles as Lindsay Paulsen tackles her with a hug.

Jeremy Rose, Natalie Chudoba, and C.J. Wostratzky bond before going to meet with other students at the DVC leadership conference hosted by Aurora University.

Any advice for the freshmen?

"Stay away from the BIG BOYS."
-Patrick Acosta

"Turn your ID so you can't see the yellow and people won't know you're a freshman."
-Daisy Correa

"First of all, don't stand in the middle of the hallway, and also don't act like you're better than sophomores, juniors, or seniors because guess what – you're not!"
-Erin Henry

To what about sophomore year did you look forward to?

"Driver's Ed and getting my license."
-Kirsten Stockhoff

"To kickin' some butt in track this year."
-Jason Pillion

"November 8th was the day I turned 16. So when you see Big Al on the road, get out of the way. Oh yeah, only 3 years left of high school...I can't wait to get out of here."
-Alex Serrato

Lauren Kirby, Melissa Deutsch, Amanda Morrison, Bob Nagel, Katy Kostal, and Mike Peters pose one last time before the big Homecoming Dance.

Alberto Acosta
Patrick Acosta
Carlos Aguilar
Thomas Aguirre
Alberto Allende
Julio Allende
Brian Allison
Sarah Altergott

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Maria Andrade
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Maria Barajas
Guadalupe Barrera

Elyse Barron
Heather Barron
Jackie Batty
James Bauler
Patrick Baur
Ryan Becker
Edgar Benitez
Matthew Benson

Joshua Bentham
Nicholas Bernard
Sarah Bernklau
Leann Bertram
Aimee Beutke
Emily Biancalana
Heather Bien
Jennifer Bieniasz

Nathan Birch
Chelsea Birczak
Christy Birkey
Simon Blanco
Stephanie Bodane
Michael Boland
Sarah Bond
Rachel Borsodi

Adam Boswell
Heather Brach
Matthew Bridges
Elizabeth Brosseau
Brittany Brown
Christopher Brown
Stacey Butkovich
Stephen Butt

Pazcual Cadenas
Brian Calabrese
Daniel Callahan
Elizabeth Camacho
Emmanuel Camargo
Fernando Camargo
James Campbell
Jose Carlos

Claudia Carrillo
Phillip Carter
Jose Castellanos
Jasmeen Castillo
Marisol Castillo
Serafin Castillo
Serafin Castillo
Juan Castro

Mercedes Castro
Reynalda Celaya
Sean Chapman
Daisy Chavez
Rossangela Chavez
Alicia Chew
Angelica Chiarito
Nicholas Chillemi

Who'd win in a wrestling match, Mr. Arroyo or Mr. Ainsworth?

Ainsworth: 5 Arroyo: 32

"Mr. Ainsworth because he scares me."

-Heather Coakley

"Mr. Arroyo. Have you ever seen him mad?"

-Nicole Lederman

"Mike Martinez"

-Mike Martinez

"Mr. Arroyo because he scares me."

-Keri Sagan

"Mr. Ainsworth because he scares he haven't yelled at me yet this year. Go Ainsworth!"

-Danny Garcia

"Drew"

-Avelino Hernandez

"Grandma"

-Heather Ferguson

"Definitely Arroyo!"

-Kristin Koltz

"Mr. Arroyo"

-Jessica Cwiak

Carol Christiansen
Natalie Chudoba
Jenni Cieslewski
Joseph Cinquegrani
Heather Cirone
Thomas Cleveland
Charles Cloutier
Heather Coakley

Katy Cocciemiglio
Timothy Coffman
Matthew Coiley
Hans Colliander
Geraldine Colorado
Melissa Colson
Kristine Conway
Jeffrey Cordina

Alejandro Correa
Arisbeth Correa
Daisy Correa
Miguel Correa
Rafael Cortez
Jessi Crockatt
Christopher Crotty
Javier Cruz

Marco Cruz
Iran Cuatzo
Jessica Cwiak
Leanna Czernik
Girolama Davero
Carmine D'Aversa
Alison Dahl
Victoria Daru

Melissa Davis
Michelle Davis
Jessica Day
Luke Dean
Justin Deleon
Juan Delgado
Jacob Delort
Jaclyn Demes

Amy Demitropoulos
Rebecca Dennis
Stephanie Denson
Daniel Deutsch
Melissa Deutsch
Michael Doll
Cheryl Drenth
Elizabeth Drzal

Patrick Duffy
Rebeca Duran
Sandra Edlund
Blake Erickson
Heli Escalante
Nicolas Espinal
Sandra Espinol
Crushon Evans

Andrew Fairbairn
Joey Farelas
Heather Ferguson
Vicente Fernandez
Erica Ferrer
Ismael Ferrer
Noah Fitzenreider
Kori Flagg

Meagan Flood
Raul Florian
Mark Foote
Jason Forbrook
Joshua Frederick
Ryan Freeman
John French
Jessica Gallardo

Edgar Gallegos
Carrie Gallimore
Rojelio Galvan
Becky Garcia
Brenda Garcia
Dalia Garcia
Daniel Garcia
Esperanza Garcia

What was the most embarrassing thing you've done during Sophomore year?

"I accidently wore see-through black pants to school. No one told me until 8th hour."
-Lindsay Paulsen

"Running face-first into a door."
-Derek Jensen

"I farted in chemistry."
Mike Doll

"I was flirting with a guy who had a baby and I said, 'Aw, your little brother is so cute,' and he said, 'That's my son!'"
-Sarah Arstan

"Going to class with a huge wet spot on my pants! And just to make things worse, my zipper was undone."
-Tom Aguirre

"Carrying around, like, 25 balloons and trying to get through the doors."
-Colleen Mathias

"Driving with Mr. Howard."
-Tyler Link

"In volleyball I was jumping off a box, my foot caught in the mat, and I fell on my face."
-Joanna Szeszyski

"I got my hair dyed blond!"
-Anna Nosal

Karen Miller and Sarah Altergott listen to Mr. Guter's instructions during a daily rehearsal.

Maggie Wdowiarz teaches her little cousin some WeGo pride at the last home football game.

Hilda Garcia
Jessica Garcia
Jose Garcia
Juan Garcia
Maria Garcia
Miriam Garcia
Miriam Garcia
Omar Garcia
Rodolfo Garcia
Xochitl Garcia
Joana Garfias
Christopher Gauldin
Katie Gehrke
Laura Gilbertsen
Brian Goldbach
Nora Gonzalez
Heather Goorley
Cristina Granados
Leticia Granados
Jaime Guerrero
Rocio Guzman
Vanessa Guzman
Jared Hall
Kayla Halsall
Sarah Hammer
Nick Handelman
Jason Harris
Rebecca Hedberg
Christine Hendron
Erin Henry
Benjamin Hensey
Kenny Henson
Avelino Hernandez
Doraimys Hernandez
Edward Hernandez
Ricky Hernandez
Melissa Heron
Pablo Herrera
Samantha Herrera
Gregory Hodge
Rebecca Hoffman
Rachel Horvath
Justin Hoshaw
Jorge Huerta
Noe Huerta
Pablo Huerta
Sirenia Huerta
Catherine Iannello
Amy Infanger
Katia Ishkov
Christopher Jakubik
Derek Jensen
Jeremy Jensen
Adam Kalkman
Matthew Kallas
Jennifer Kammes

Amanda Morrison, Heather Koslow, Lauren Kirby, Melissa Deutsch, and Katy Kostal smile in Commons after participating in homecoming morning games.

What is your favorite quote or saying?

"A party ain't a party unless it's a superman party because a superman party don't stop."
-Crushon Evans

"You can only be young once, but you can be immature forever."
-Luzmaria Hatchut

"In all girls in high school, you don't have to be half-naked to be sexy."
-Simon Blanco

"You mess with the best, you go down like the rest."
-Aron Morris

Katie Leston raved about Mr. Zeitler's class: "I love chemistry and want to be in it forever!"

Natalie Chudobas shares a laugh with Monaca Thomas on their bus ride home.

Joanna Szeszycki is prepared to go onstage at the Waubonsie Dance Festival.

Norah McAvoy, waiting here backstage, performed with the rest of the West Chicago dancers at the festival.

Joshua Kane
Paige Karwoski
Daniel Kaylor
Joshua Keeley
Daniel Kelliher
Joseph Kelly
Samantha Kimber
Elizabeth Kipp
Lauren Kirby
Kevin Klein
Joseph Klingberg
Meredith Koch
Amanda Koester
Noorah Koita
Kristin Koltz
Dawn Konoff
Heather Koslow
Katy Kostal
Nicole Kovacevic
Christina Kowalczyk
Luanne Kozlowski
Brian Krieg
Jessica Krueger
Brittney Ksepka
Jillian Kufta
Rachel Kuna
Patrick Larson
Elaine Lauver
Dana Lawrence
Heather Leahy
Jeffrey Leazenby
Nicole Lederman
Crystal Leindecker
Jeff Lenertz
Josue Leon
Jessica Lesniak
Katie Leston
Melissa Lesus
Nicholas Liberg
Amy Lichtfuss
Erica Liepins
Susan Lincoln
Lisa Lindner
Tyler Link
Michael Lombardo
Errik Loosli
Jesse Lord
Melissa Lund
Krysta Lundgren
Christiana Lundquist
Ricardo Mackintos
Jeanine Macrito
Erin Madden
Lorena Magana
Paul Majchrowski
Mckenzie Maloney

"You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. 'You must do the thing you cannot do.'"
(Eleanor Roosevelt)
-Emilia Blancalana

"No difficulties, no discoveries, no pains, no gains."
-Missi Shemo
"Don't follow the crowd, do your own thing!"
-Noemi Rodriguez

"Don't hate, appreciate."
-Joe Klingberg
"You want something, go for it. You have nothing to lose."
-Leo Garcia

"Ayeee."
-Chelsea Birazah
"RideOrDie."
-Noah Fitzsneider
"It's all gravy baby."
-Wayne Richert

Katya Mamalat
Salvatore Mangialomini
Maria Manriquez
Liliana Mariano
Armando Marin
Jennifer Mark
Tyler Marshall
Pamela Martin

Lauren Martinez
Michael Martinez
Anna Maslowska
Andrew Massih
Colleen Mathias
Ashley Mazzola
Shannon Mazzuca
Norah McAvoy

Kelly McCarthy
Theresa McEvoy
Scott McKee
Ashlee McLeod
Kristen Mederich
Ruben Medina
Nicole Melone
Gloria Mendez

Marina Mendez
Miguel Mendoza
Nicholas Michael
Lynn Mielke
Daniel Millard

Karen Miller
Richard Miller
Cori Miner
Dominique Mitchell
Rachel Moguel

Fawn Montag
Gregory Moore
Saul Morales
Angelica Moreno
Diana Moreno

Aron Morris
Amanda Morrison
Hans Mosicke
Heather Mosteller
Lauren Mroz

Krystal Muhlberger
Juan Munoz
Marina Munoz
David Murison
Jami Murphy
Erich Musick
Jessica Meyers
Robert Nagel

Christopher Nehmer
Brian Nelson
Christian Nelson
Thomas Newman
Kristin Nickelson
Carlos Nieves
Michael Niland
Anne Nosal

Salvador Nunez
Peter Oelslager
James Olvera
James Oroni
Gillermo Ortiz
Tannia Ortiz
Steve Padilla
Lynn Palenica

Michael Paschke
Ricardo Pasillas
Jessica Pasindo

With her cheery disposition, Amy Lichtfuss always finds a way to enjoy class.

What are the best things you've gotten out of high school?

"My driver's license."
-Chris Nehmer
"Cheese from the cafeteria."
-Suzy Roberg

"My friendships and the realization that you can't be what others think of you to they are."
-Kristin Nickelson

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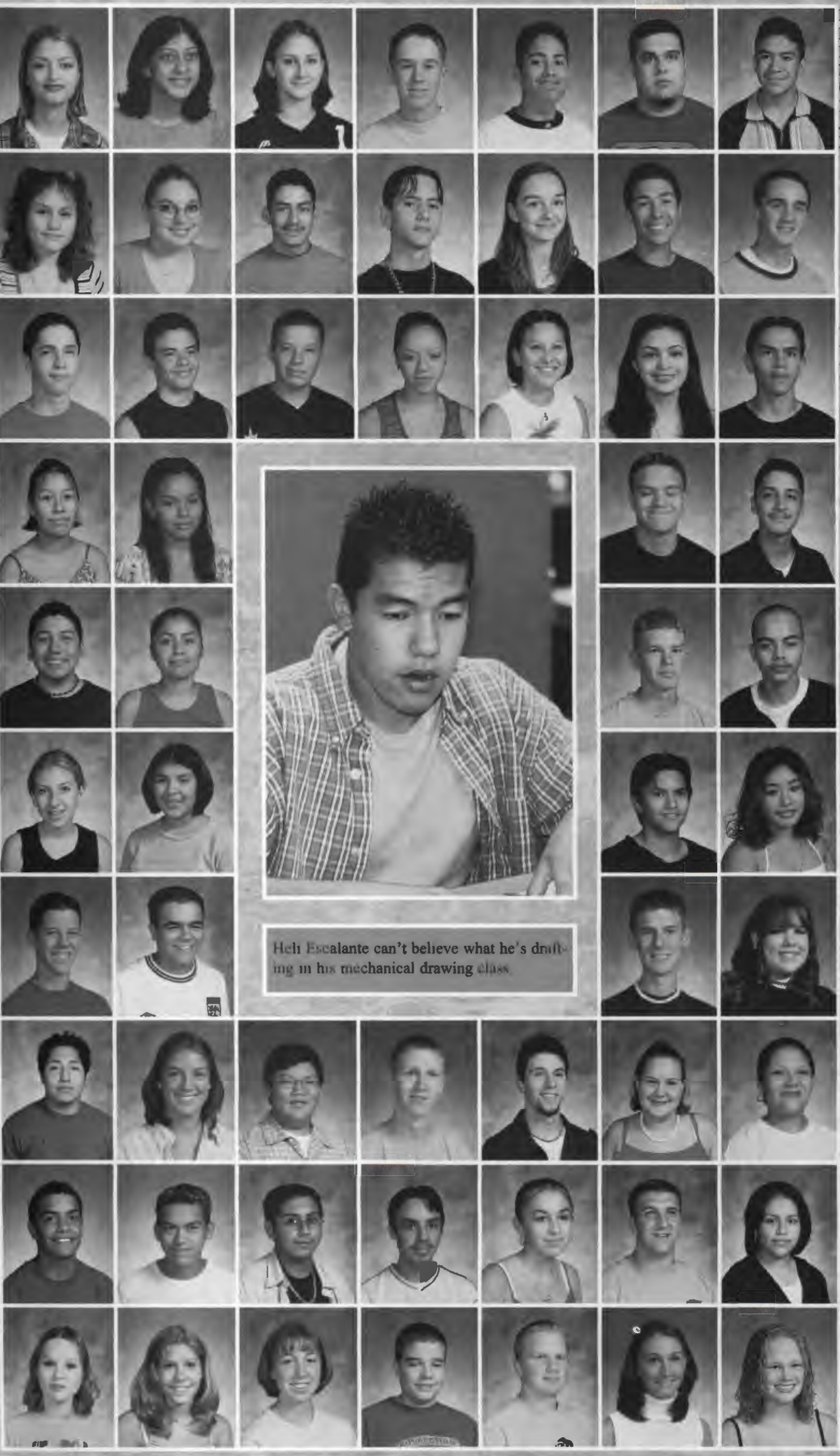


Heli Escalante can't believe what he's drafting in his mechanical drawing class.

Dalia Passement
Ruchita Patel
Lindsay Paulsen
Daniel Pazar
Carlos Perez
Israel Perez
Jose Perez
Luisa Perez

Martha Perez
Queri Perez
Silverio Perez
Alex Perham
Kimberley Peterik
Matthew Peterson
Andrew Photopulos
Jason Pillion

Edward Pineda
Justin Pineda
Abel Posada
Amanda Posada
Gladys Proa
Milagros Proa
Emmanuel Quintana
Rosa Ragano

Zylvia Ramos
Valerie Rangel
Nicholas Reardon
Alberto Recendez
Andrew Reinhardt

Adrian Reyes
Yunuen Reyes
Wayne Richert
Emilio Rios
Luz Rios

Susan Roberg
Esmeralda Robles
Jhovani Rodriguez
Noemi Rodriguez
Magen Rogers

Brian Romanelli
Ernesto Romo
Jeremy Rose
Courtney Rubin
Jose Rubio

Ariel Ruiz
Brandi Ruiz
Matthew Russell
Jim Rylowicz
Bradley Sabathne
Keri Sagen
Dora Salazar
Gerardo Salazar

Steven Salinas
Enrique Sampedro
Danny Samudio
Luis Sanchez
Betsy Santana
Christopher Sanzeri
Carmen Saucedo
Adam Scardamaglia

Heather Schadeberg
Jennifer Schaefer
Nicole Schar
Logan Schrage
Wyatt Schuyler
Margaret Schwartz
Elise Schwinn
Traci Selga

"A Playstation is no one has one enough one."
Chris Sanzeri

"The weather: sometimes it's good, sometimes it's not."
-Mark Foote

"A silhouettes: it has its ups and downs."
-Sarah Wood

"A flock of birds: everyone has got a different group."
-Rachel Borsodi

"A path with forks in it, always leaving you with decisions to make."
-Rachel Kuna

"Something that you should enjoy because this is your time to do whatever you can before your life is over."
-Daisy Chavez

"A car: it goes fast, but there are many paths to choose from."
-Pat Larson

Complete this phrase: "Life is like..."

Alex Serrato
Isabel Serriteno
Matthew Shambo
Kendall Sharon
Melissa Sheme
Scott Sieder
Kelly Siekmann
Nicole Skala

Matt Hiltner beats the rush out of commons after lunch.

Sarah Wood, Chelsea Birczak, and Aimee Beutke do thier best impression of a totem pole.

Liz Valdez gives her voice a break during choir.

Larissa Young patiently waits for her turn to play during band.

Marybeth Stotz and Amy Demitropolous make a Drew Martino sandwich.

Stacey Butkovich and Kayla Stoinski chill during lunch before being sent outside by a fire alarm.

Chris Vlasvich is caught off gaurd while stopping at his locker between classes.

Pam Martin eyes her teacher with disbelief and exhaustion during tenth period.

Jenny Kammes attempts to be attentive during class.

Jessica Kreuger spreit Deutsch (speaks German).

Heather Koslow and Kelly McCarthy dare to challenge seurity by being late to class.

Matt Peterson will use any excuse to get away from geometry.

Derek Smith
Lauren Smith
Hector Solano
Raul Solis
Daisy Sotelo
Jessica Soto
Randy Soto
Rebecca Soto

Jason Forbrook, Justin Hoshaw, and Nick Chillemi discuss their debate in Ms. Kuehn's English class. All Jason can say is, "Two pens are better than one!"

Colleen Mathias and Jeanine Macrito organize their debate topics so they can take Jason, Justin and Nick down!

Brian Nelson and Matt Shambo couldn't be happier - they're surrounded by Dali Vargas, Rachel Kuna, Aimee Beutke, Norah McAvoy, Chelsea Birczak, and Laura Wheeland.

Matt Coiley rummages through his backpack, looking for his supplies to finish his floorplan in architectural drawing.

Kristen Mederich, Heather Walsh, Melissa Davis, and Michelle Davis enjoy the last varisty home football game against Wheaton North.

Jim Campbell and Mike Vargas can't believe what Frau Strohm is telling them.

During Driver's Ed., Jeremy Rose ponders the mysteries of the open road.

Deer in headlights, or basketball star Mike Paschke?

Scott Seider and Greg Hodge show off their "big guns".

Donald Spaniol
Thomas Spencer
Justin Steck
Brian Steere
Mallory Stenslik
Jackie Stentz
Dustin Stern
Melissa Stevens

Kirsten Stockhoff
Kayla Stoinski
Marybeth Stotz
Gregory Stranski
Nicole Strayve
Roger Strike
Lidia Suarez
Lisa Svoboda

Dylan Swanner
Brittany Swantek
Joanna Szeszycki
Victoria Talbott
Katie Taylor
Juan Tecuatl
Yuritzi Tellez
Monaca Thomas

Brandon Thompson
Matthew Timko
Lourdes Tlatehui
Luzmaria Tlatehui
Pomona Trevino
Yazmin Trujillo
Joseph Tumidalsky
Abel Valdez

Elizabeth Valdez
Adam Vann
Jessica Varble
Ana Vargas
Daliana Vargas
Michael Vargas
Dulce Vasquez
Emmanuel Vazquez

Mayra Vazquez
Jamie Velna
Ken Ventresca
Elizabeth Vera
Julio Vicens
Denise Vigil
Maria Villa
Mario Villa

Elizabeth Villafuerte
Isabel Vivaldo
Leonor Vivaldo
Christopher Vlasvich
Hope Vock
Jeremy Von Hatten
Kathryn Walker
Kristina Wanous

Sean Warren
Matthew Wasielewski
Margaret Wdowiarz
John Weier
Michelle Weiss
Jennifer Wessman
Laura Wheeland
Kyle Whitaker

Kelley Whitman
Adam Wilkovich
Latasha Williams
Steven Wingstedt
Lindsey Wonsowski
Nicole Wood
Sarah Wood
Craig Wostratzky

Tysyn Wyman
Tong Xiong
Jody Yednock
Jessica York
Larissa Young
Sandra Zamora
Sean Zieche
Jennifer Zimmerman

Who do you admire and why?

"I admire people who can just be themselves and not worry about what others think about them."
-Jessica Soto

"I admire my father because he was a great man who always put his family first before anything. I just wish I get to be like him."
-Esmeralda Robles

"My brother Bobb has a great outlook on life and has had great accomplishments, including having a good job, writing a CD with his band, and getting his poems published."
-Pamela Martin

"Grandma, she stays happy and makes others happy."
-Josh Bentham

"I greatly admire my brother Joseph the most because he always strives to do his best and pushes me to do my best. He is a great influence on me and is always willing to help."
-Brittany Swantek

"Mr. Collin Frazier he has my "Dad Duck"
-Rich Miller

We-Go Students Are Always Busy

Maggie Grossmayer, Stella Calamia, and Katie Kammes pause in one of the school's busy stairwells.

At 6 am, or earlier, the students of West Chicago would rise to start another day, and for many it didn't end until 10 at night. Between classes, homework, and sports, some students didn't have a chance to relax during the day. But for others, school wasn't all there was to life. Jobs and activities with friends filled the gaps between school and sleep. Many West Chicago students chose to get part-time jobs at places such as Menards, Jewel, Walgreens, Winfield House, and In The Swim. Many also chose to apply for summer jobs at the West Chicago Pool as life guards.

And, as if that wasn't enough, most had to deal with family responsibilities. Some students had to take care of their younger siblings, clean their houses, and put up with parental nagging. All in all, these jobs helped us grow. We learned from our mistakes, and found ways to improve our skills.

A student's life was all about learning to meet the tasks ahead.

-Christine Austin and Dylan Swanner

Mike Doll and Anthony DeLegge display items brought back from the foreign exchange trips to Costa Rica.

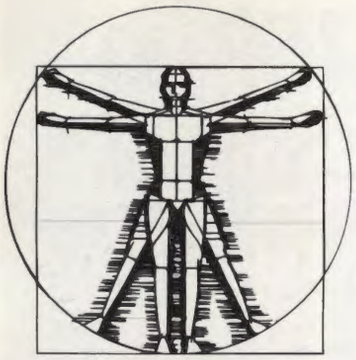
Juniors take a much needed break from pre-calculus with Mr. Cazzato.

Harley Gardner looks as innocent as he ever will during his weight lifting class.

Kyle Hemple is proud of his goofy human leg trick.

Help me, please! Andy Obrachta seems to be losing the struggle for concentration.

STUDENT LIFE



An Anatomy of Backpacks and Lockers

Becky Dennis clutters her backpack with multiple patches discribing her personality.

For easy access, students tend to use backpacks for carrying around all of their needed supplies for the school year.

Justin LaPrall moves through the ha with the ultimate backpack. It spor speakers connected to his walkman.

Kelly Williams proves that freshmen don't need big ba packs to get around school.

Personality keychains practically came with the backpack!

Top Ten Things In Your Backpack

1. Gum
2. Money
3. Multi-colored Pens (not black, blue, or red)
4. Pictures
5. Erasers
6. School Planner/Calender
7. Cologne/Perfume/Body Splash
8. Garbage
9. Pencil Leads
10. Notes from Friends
10. Keys

Julie Volk and Darcie Jones share a central locker location for there proforming arts classes.

Anders Walker's "dogs" and duck keep a watchful eye on his locker.

Melissa Garcia's locker is full of exciting surprises!

Reflections of Ourselves

They are incredibly small spaces, our many-pocketed backpacks and our narrow lockers, but it is amazing what gets stuffed into them. Books...paper...binders...pens... pencils...gym-clothes...art supplies...computer disks...snacks...drinks... money...photos...the list is seemingly endless.

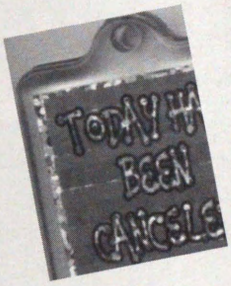
Some students decorate their lockers with the flair of interior design experts, while others' locker ornamentations seem random collages of unrelated snippets. Almost everyone's backpack is an extension of each student's personality; some are worn and torn, some are full of assignments handed back two years ago, and some are so heavy with books that the owners could probably qualify for P.E.-exempt based upon thier daily weight-lifting load.

In spite of the cramped quarters of our lockers and limited capacities of our backpacks, we somehow fit a good part of our lives into these storage places, fixed and portable. As each year progresses they become more and more a reflection of who we are as individuals, what we have learned, and what we have yet to take care of. The emptying of these come the end of each year often brings suprising memories to the fore of our minds just as we are about to walk out of this place for the summer or for good.

Locker Meltdown:

Marina Savenok's locker explodes at the worst possible time--just as the bell is about to ring.

Mr. Gimre takes a peek to see if all the lockers in his hallway are still in line.



STUDENT

RAID

Raid(Adam Kalkman, Matt Timko, and Tom Bianchi) are not only talented, but are surprisingly the only rock band to come from Winfieldin a long time. The three guys have been together for three years, and have gone through a lot of challenges and changes within that time.

Originally, the band consisted of Adam on lead guitar, Matt on bass, Tom on second guitar, and Hans Mosieke on drums. As if creating time to practice around four schedules wasn't hard enough, Tom went to a totally different school (Wheaton Warrenville South). They worked things out for two years, but after that, the original four turned into three when Hans parted from the band. After losing their drummer, Tom took over drums, and they continued to rock out wherever they played.

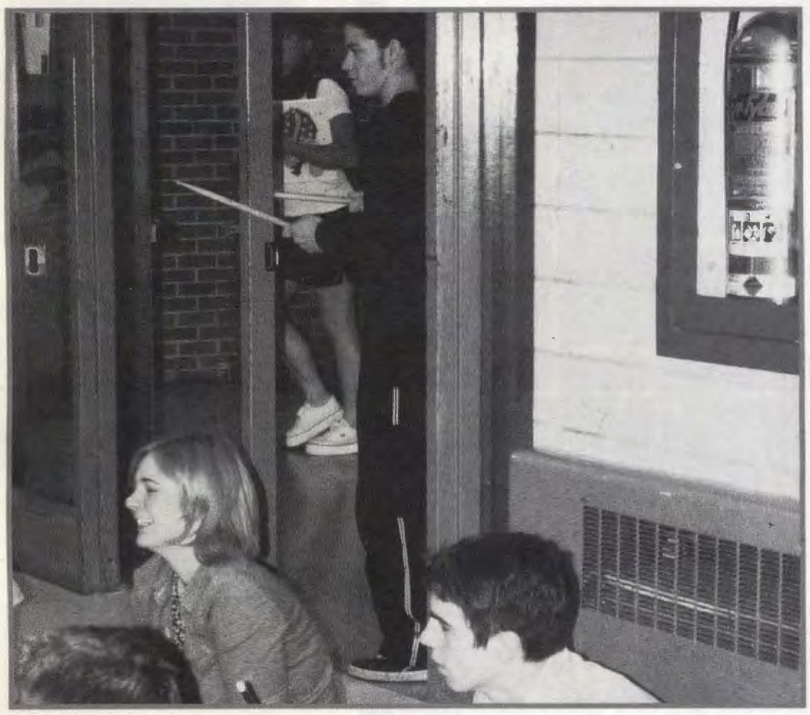
Raid has played a number of places, including two performances at Good Old Days, and even a performance at the Winfield graduation dance. Their song list includes a number of covers (including "Everlong" by Foo Fighters and "Spiderwebs" by No Doubt), but also includes some original songs, such as "I Wanna Blow You Away," and "Epic".

No matter what happens, the practices in Adam's basement will go on.

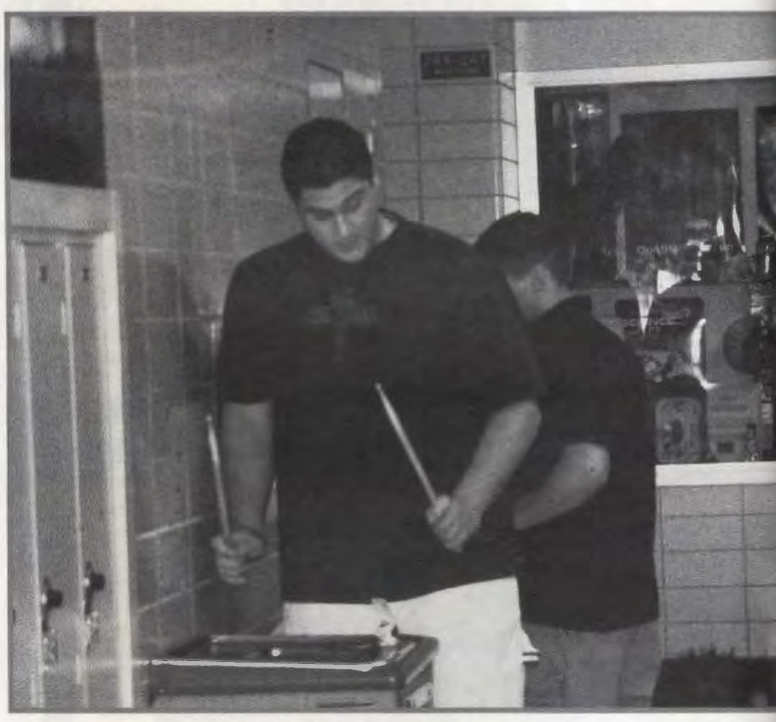
-Becky Dennis

"RAID FOR LIFE!"

TOM BIANCHI, DRUMS. ADAM KALKMAN, GUITAR MATT TIMKO, BASS.



During the last few weeks of school, sounds of drumming could be heard through out the halls. Senior Frank Czech, along with freshman Refe Tuma,pounded along to help make the cool noise that ended the year with a bang.



Erich Fries picked up a pair of drumsticks, and used the water fountain in a n way: as a drum. He and many others crowded into senior hallway to make th music.

Mitch Strohm (bass), Mike Mroz (drums), Joe Mandrino (guitar and vocals), and Refe Tuma (second guitar).

Forever In a Day

Forever In A Day was arguably the most famous, and most heard of band in West Chicago High School. It was strange how quickly the four guys (Mike Mroz, Joe Mandrino, Refe Tuma (Josh Swanner) and Mitch Strohm gained fame. Forever In A Day became a band during the winter of 1999 in Mike's house. Before then, Mitch, Mike, and Joe had all played together as a band, but broke up. They didn't do anything musically during the summer of 1999 and decided they were ready to get back into the music scene. They began to play together, but decided that to sound better, they'd have to get another guitar player. At that point, they decided to recruit JoshSwanner, despite of the fact that he had only previously played bass. Ever since then, Forever In A Day has been putting out songs such as "All Lined Up," "Lullaby For An Angel," "By My Side," and "The Truth of Poetry" (which is not on the cd). In September 2000, Josh decided to leave the band, because of personal reasons. They did play a few shows without him, but ultimately decided that they needed another replacement guitarist. Refe Tuma was the best choice, and so, he joined the band.

Within the time that Forever In A Day has been around, they've played quite a few shows, including a live performance on 89.1 FM Mission Rock, and even at our own variety show. As they went on through change of members, and everything else, their main objective stayed the same: To have everyone rock out.

-Becky Dennis

"(He) will be remembered" is the opinion of the loss of former member Josh Swanner (source: Forever In a Day website).

Brandon Becker, Guitar. Steve Knox, Vocals. Aaron Becker, Drums. John Keith, Bass.

Black Luster

Black Luster has been together for 6 years, and unlike many other bands, has been popular for quite awhile. The band consists of four members, Brandon Becker, Steve Knox, Aaron Becker, and John Keith. The genre they play is modern rock, which isn't a shock since one of their influences is Creed. They also are influenced by two classics, Metallica and Led Zepplin.

The band started while Brandon was still taking guitar lessons. His guitar teacher told Steve and Aaron about John. They called him up one day, and offered him a position as bass player in the band. He accepted, and he's been with them ever since.

Black Luster has played at many different events at many different places. They've played in Glendale Heights Fest, Barrington Rock House, Good Old Days in Winfield, Carol Stream Teen Night, and in our very own Railroad Days. And, as for the future? "We don't know what our future will be. We'll probably become famous and get lots of money," said an optimistic Steve Knox.

- Becky Dennis

"Coming up with a name was easy," said Knox. "We knew we wanted 'Black' something, so we flipped to a word in the dictionary. It was 'Luster.'"

BANDS

Hollywood in the Hallways

You were walking in the hallway, saying goodbye to a friend, when all of a sudden . . . you saw Ben Stiller right in front of you. You did a double take--could it really be the movie star? No, it was junior Matt Neumann, an easy double for Stiller. Just as you shook off your close encounter with the rich and famous, a starlet brushed your shoulder . . . Oh my, it was Liza Minelli! As quickly as it came, the thought vanished when senior Amy Arroyo turned to face you.

We've all experienced this, as subtle as some of the resemblances may be. We've all had to rethink who we were looking at for a split second when we have been faced with a "celebrity look-alike." Some of these examples will surprise you . . . it may never have occurred to you your science teacher looked like someone famous. Then again, you may have thought for a long time that your best friend looked like a body double for an actor or tv personality. "John Luca is so Tobey McGuire!" according to Hope Vock. "I think Sean Warren could pass for Al Gore," English Teacher Brad Larson commented. Some see a clear resemblance between Tim Yormark and HRH Prince William of the United Kingdom.

Some of these resemblances are obvious now, and with maturity one of us might someday look into the mirror to find a reflection of ourselves remarkably like Homer Simpson or Cindy Crawford. You could be nominated for an Oscar and not even know it!

-Katy Kostal and Sarah Hammer

Freshman track prodigy Laura Baumrucker could pass for Hollywood's starlet, Tara Reid.

***2gether's* Chad (Noah Bastian) resembles bot Brian Romanelli and Tim Warren.**

Mr. Zeitler may look like an ordinary chemistry and physics teacher, but if you take a closer look you will see Will Sasso, Mad TV comedian. In his glasses, Mr. Zeitler mirrors the comedian Drew Carey.

Notable look-alikes who deserve a second glance:

Soph. John Weier and . . .
***Daily Show* host John Stewart**

Jr. Jim O'Hara and . . .
movie star Chris O'Donnell

Sr. Steve Gilbert and . . .
heartthrob Leonardo DiCaprio

Soph. Fawn Montag and . . .
70s pop star Leif Garret

Soph. Rosa Ragano and . . .
talk show host Ricki Lake

Science Teacher Mrs. Burke and . . .
***SNL* comedienne Rachel Dratch**

Lindsay Paulsen or Anne Nosal and . . .
singer Celine Dion

Assoc. Principal Mr. Highland and . . .
actor Tom Skerrit

Sr. Sam Mashal and . . .
wrestler The Rock

Mr. Collin could fill in for Carson Daly any day.

Alex Serrato and Chauncey Leopardi, "Squintz" from *The Sandlot*, are practically clones!

Do you see what we see?

As students, we become to some degree a reflection of the faculty members that dedicate much of their lives to our education and enrichment.

West Chicago High School grew tremendously throughout the 2000-2001 school year. It was not the building or the materials that were used to make our school grow, but the students and faculty members of Community High School. The faculty at our school didn't just consist of teachers, but also of the counselors, security officers, and all of the administrators. While twenty-one new teachers came to our school at the beginning of the year, six also left to retire in June of 2001.

Each faculty member in this school helped us to learn something new on a daily basis, whether this was information in certain subjects, nutrition and exercise, responsibility and punctuality, or even in views about life. Every faculty member in this school had something to contribute to each student and to one another and we have them to thank for this.

The faculty was responsible for our education. They educated and guided us into the future. Allison Wolf said, "As a teacher I have had the opportunity to observe and learn from the teachers here at We-Go. Thanks to their expertise and advice, I'm growing as an educator every day." Mr. Gimre said, "I enjoy the students here at We-Go. Everyday is a new adventure in teaching and talking with students." Sometimes we didn't realize how much work the faculty had to do to keep our school in order. We need to take time to thank them for all their time, hard work, and efforts to help us succeed in life.

-Angela Rojas and Dylan Swanner

Mr. Ross Collin shows his school spirit by putting on one of his student's wigs and teaching the class as usual.

Mrs. Janelle Stefancic teaches her bilingual class with enthusiasm. Mrs. Stefancic joined the faculty after teaching in Elgin for several years.

What do you like most about teaching?

"Realizing the I really can make a difference."
-Terry Strohm

"The kids, the technology, and the teachers."
-Patricia Arnold

Buisness Education teacher Don Zabelin has senior Amanda Campagioni laughing as he tells a joke about the recent decrease in sales. Mike Nutall doesn't seem so amused.

The School's Administration: Front : Mrs. Gail Aronoff,Asst. Principal; Dr. Kathleen Benton, Asst. Principal. **Back:** Mr. Gary Grizaffi, Asst. Superintendent; Dr. Alan Jones, Principal; Dr. Lee Rieck, Superintendent; Mr. John Highland, Assoc. Principal.

Ms. Candace Pelletier talks to her class about the many different cultures in the world and how they infulence one another.

Jeff Ainsworth, Dean of Students, takes a break from his busy schedule to smile before dealing with another student.

When you look back on this year what will you remember?

"I was visited by a former student that I had about 15 years ago. He told me all of his accomplishments and I was very happy and surprised to see him."
-Carol Wolf

"Definitely our girls' basketball team."
(They went 27 and 4 overall, 12 and 2 in the DVC.)
-Bob Stone

Education is First

Helen Zmrhal demonstrates for her dance technique class the proper form of a pirouette prep.

Linda LaBouff and Judith Minor stop with a friendly smile while monitoring the hallways during 4th hour passing period.

Industrial Arts instructor Paul Junkroski teaches J Antonino how to design a layout for a project.

John Highland sits at his computer reviewing students' permanent records.

English teacher Katerina Boves, a bit confused, reads through the dictionary.

Government and psychology teacher Stephen Arnold a break from debate to smile at the camera.

Special education teacher Margaret Wolfe is having troubles dealing with a computer problem in the Mac Lab.

Security Guard Persilla Jordan is cheerful about bein signed to watch commons doors for ditching teens.

TEACHERS HAVE CLASS

Mary Hafertepe works hard on sewing a costume for the Fall plays, "Boo! Thirteen Scenes for Halloween" and a children's version of Shakespeare's "Macbeth".

What teacher inspires you the most?

Mr. Fizkau. Not only is he the coolest teacher, he also makes learning fun even when you're not in his class.

-Angela Rojas

Mr. Gimre. He's just plain hilarious.

-Aimee Paran

Journalism and English teacher Laura Kuehn kicks back, enjoying her lunch break as she prepares for her next class.

Rachel Schoonmaker makes use of the overhead projector to teach her French class how to conjugate verbs. The class scrambles to keep up.

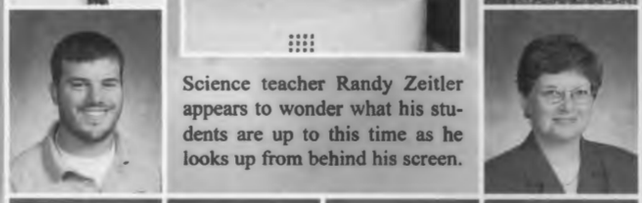
Security Guards James and Persilla Mitchell look at the newspaper to find out about problems around the world as they await a call to help secure our school.

Patricia Santella reviews with her class what is going to be on the English 2 reading quiz the next day.

Jeffery Ainsworth, Dean of Students
Diana Alcala, Social Worker
Marjorie Appel, Foreign Language
Gail Aronoff, Assistant Principal

Miguel Arroyo, Dean of Students
Michael Assaf, Mathematics

Jeremy Babel, Mathematics
Cynthia Bedford, Special Education



Science teacher Randy Zeitler appears to wonder what his students are up to this time as he looks up from behind his screen.

Sarah Bellis, Foreign Language
Nancy Blume, Buisness Education
Katerina Boves, English
Linda Brandt, Department Secretary

Before having her picture taken, Princess Green wondered if the photographer was really supposed to be out of class. Green sits peacefully watching out for trouble.

If there was one thing you could change about West Chicago High School what would it be?

"I'm pretty happy with everything at West Chicago except for the climate control. I would like the temperature in my room to be at least 60-65 degrees without having to use hotplates.

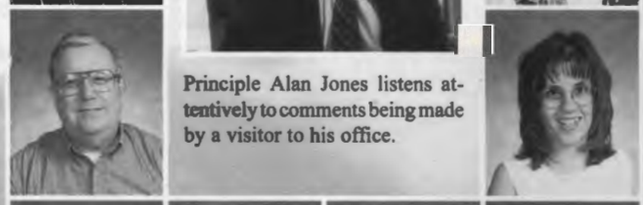
-Carol Parks

Family and Consumer Science teacher Patti Kozlowski writes out her agenda for a five hour day.

Maura Bridges, Guidance
Beverly Burke, Science
Frank Burzynski, Mathematics
Susan Callahan, LRC Assistant

Rick Cazzato, Mathematics
Sandra Chavez, Special Education

Joseph Crickard, Buisness Education
Jennifer Ciaccio, Science



Principle Alan Jones listens attentively to comments being made by a visitor to his office.

Industrial Arts teacher Jim Mizener shows Jason York how to operate the computers in drafting class.

Andrea Cipcich, English
Patty Clifford, Family & Consumer Science
Valerie Cook,Program Assistant
Timothy Courtney, English

Driver's Ed. teacher Steve Kimery ponders the type of cafeteria food he is eating and what will be the side effects of eating it.

Math teacher Frank Burzynski walks to his geometry class, carrying his visual aid for the structure of a cylinder.

Marjorie Appel corrects the pronunciation of the french word "beouf," which means beef in English.

English and Drama teacher Gregory Leitner smiles as he welcomes his students back from the long weekend.

Linda Cunningham, Special Education
Mary Daneels, Social Studies
Tara Dellutri, Foreign Language
Antonio Delreal, Physical Education

Julie Delreal, Physical Education
Charlotte Dickerson, Security

Matthew Doll, Mathematics
Nancy Douglas, Guidance

Heather Dunlap, Physical Education
David Exner, Art
Jane Feeney, English
Allen Fickau, Science

If you could change one thing about the students at West Chicago what would it be?

"I would eliminate student apathy."

-Gwen Geiger

"I would have the students do their homework more often."

-Brad Larson

Foreign Language teacher Rachel Schoonmaker, in her first year at West Chicago, sits at her desk waiting for her next French class.

Suzanne Fox, Foriegn Language
Gwen Geiger, Science
Gail George, Asst. Athletic Director
Amy Gibson, Physical Education

Kevin Gimre, Mathematics
Ildemaro Godinho, Dean's Asst.

Deana Goodwin, Mathematics
Lisa Guess, Library Asst.

James Guter, Instrumental Music
Greg Hansen, Physical Education
Mary Haskin, Program Assistant
Kristi Hasty, Physical Education

Tammy Henry, Secretary
Lenore Hrejsa, Special Education
Kristen Isacson, Mathematics
Karen Jacobucci, Secretary

Dan Johnson, Physical Education
Michele Johnston, Special Education
Alan Jones, Principal
Paul Junkroski, Vocational Education

Susan Junkroski, Foreign Language
Kelly Ann Keeney, Special Education
Steven Kellner, Social Studies
Beveverly Kilgallen, Mathematics

Stephen Kimery, Drivers Education
Lynn Knutson, Principal's Secretary
Wayne Kosek, English
Michael Koulos, Special Education

Patti Kozlowski, Family & Consumer Science
Patricia Kroger, Special Education
Laura Kuehn, English
Linda La Bouff, Bilingual Education

Carol Walksler checks her midday mail on her way to her next science class. Walksler retired at the end of the year and with her departure came the end of the horticulture program.

Lisa Willuweit always greets her students with a warm smile. In addition to teaching social studies she doubles as a softball coach in the Spring.

Family and Consumer Science teacher Patty Clifford gives instructions to the students in her Child Development Class in preparation for the annual preschool program.

Charlotte Dickerson (a.k.a. Grandma) checks in to report all's secure at Entrance C. She completed her second year as part of the Andy Frain security team at the school.

Momentarily frustrated, Detective Rich Theodore takes a bite out of a pen rather than crime.

Dan McCarthy, business teacher and basketball coach, enjoys a humorous moment with Brandy Olson and other members of a group of working students.

Barbara Laimins, Social Studies
Michelle Lapeyre, English
Bradley Larson, English
Eric Lasky, Mathematics

Terry Lemberg-Finn, Special Education
Judy Macdonald, Attendance Clerk
Christine Mack, Mathematics
Jill Marchiando, English

Daniel Matejka, Custodian
Daniel McCarthy, Buisness Education
Stacey McGrath, Mathematics
Paul Mcleland, Physical Education

Lawrence McNamara, English
Judith Minor, English
James Mizener, Vocational Education
Dona Moore, Security

Dianne Mueller, Assistant Librarian
Karen Oliver-Tucci, Science
Sarah Olsen, Librarian
Benigno Orozco, Custodian

Robert Owens, Vocational & Physical Education.
Laura Padilla, Bilingual Program Asst.
Carol Parks, Science
Candace Pelletier, Social Studies
Michele Perzee, Mathematics
Jeanne Poe, Foreign Language
Mark Poulterer, Bilingual Program Asst.

Joanna Rieger, Art
Lee Rieck, Superintendent
Annette Rubino, Mathematics
James Rumberger, Art
Patricia Santella, English
Rachel Schoonmaker, Foreign Language
Deanne Simpson, Superintendent's Secretary

LaVora Singleton, Physical Education
Amanda Slobodecki, Mathematics
Lisa Smith, Vocal Music
Vera Sorensen, Mathematics
Janelle Stefancic, Bilingual Educatio
Lee Steffanus, Psychologist
Rosemary Steuer, Library Assistant

Terry Stohm, Foreign Language
Robert Stone, Athletics Director
Michael Stoner, Technology Services
George Strecker, Social Studies
Cass Streicher, Buisness Education
Karen Szot, Science

Maria Trejo, Bilingual Program Asst.
Joanne Tunt, Science
Vivian Walsh, Social Woker
John Walters, Physical Education
Sanford Weiss, Photography

Lisa Willuweit, Social Studies
Sandra Wilson, Social Studies
Maria Wirth, Buisness Education
Carol Wolf, English

Margaret Wolfe, Special Education
Bee Yang, Custodian
Donald Zabelin, Buisness Education

Tammie Zegar, Program Assistant
Gwen Zimmermann, Mathematics

Terry Zimmermann, Social Studies

Helen Zmrhal, Physical Education

English teacher and yearbook advisor Brad Larson prepares to send out a package which contains rolls of film for the yearbook class.

What is the best excuse you have gotten from a student?

"I left my work at home, but if you give me a pass I can go get it really quick."
-Michael Assaf

"I had a student who would be absent every Friday. I asked him why he was gone and he replied 'I'm always tired by the end of the week.'"
-Steve Kellner

"The dog ate it and brought it in chewed up."
-Alan Fiskau

What is your favorite cafeteria food?

"Pizza -Not much to choose from."
- Stone Morahl

"Baked Potatoes and the taco salad because of all the condiments ton top."
-Linda Brandt

"Whatever's being served. I love food."
-Jeff Ainsworth

"Whatever is not being served."
-Anonymous Administrator

Faculty/Staff

KEYS TO THE FUTURE: CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND ACTIVITIES

Tim Yormark sings "School Parking is Shady" with the help of his back up singers John McPheters, Nick Romanelli, and Ryan Begy in the 2000-2001 Mr. Wildcat Show. Yorkmark was crowned Mr. Wildcat.

Don Quixote (Jamie Nadolny) sallies forth to joust windmills during the marching band's halftime performance of songs from the musical *Man of La Mancha*.

How has being in an activity helped you to grow as a student?

Mr. Wildcat helped me to grow because it taught me good planning techniques and how to work with groups of people my own age.
-Sam Mashal

Going to the Chicago Art Museum for French Club we pretended we were French people. Everyone was looking at us weird; it was so funny.
-Hilary Blanchard

2000--HIGHLIGHTS--2001

*At the Toronto International Music Festival the West Chicago Choral groups took one gold and three silvers.
*Color Guard and Marching Band competed in the St. Louis Music Festival.
*Key Club raised $350 for the Heifer Project and hosted the 2000 - 2001 blooddrive.
*Tyler Belding was Conference Champion in Chess.
*Tim Yormark was 2000-2001 Mr. Wildcat.
*Carol Walksler and Christina Campos were guests on WGN Radio.
*Forensics set two records for West Chicago.
*Poms took first in the GreatAmerica Badgerette Competition.
*30 VICA students headed to Springfield for the state tournament.

What was your most memorable or rewarding experience with your club or activity?

My most memorable experience was when I got my tongue stuck on the pole and Chris Hendricks helped me pull it off. It was on our choir trip to Toronto.
-Erich Fries

Key Club helped me because it makes me want to help the people in my community. There are a lot of people in this world that need help and every bit counts.
-Nicole Morrissey

Math team members Joe Caniano and Jon Merrick prove that math team takes muscle.

Anders Walker and Copper Tuma perform "Everything You're Giving me" for the varity show.

Anthony Delegge and Deanna Volk meet in commons to get ready for a scholastic bowl meet.

SCHOOL SPIRIT

Pep Club member Colleen Mathias busily decorates one of the many lockers assigned to her for the competition-filled Homecoming weekend.

We-Go Poms Hope Vock, Linnea Caputi, Crystal Kirschke, Sarah Wood, and Heather Goorl show their spirit by selling walking cats to fundraise for their squad. They wanted to s pretzels, but unfortunately they were not for resale.

Nothing can stop the poms!

The 2000-2001 Poms Squad season began with a successful week of camp at North Central College where they came home with hardware. Ranked 1st in skills and originality, they even advanced to the midwest competition. "The biggest accomplishments at camp were that Joanna Szeszycki got the All-Star award, and I was named Miss Badgerette." Amanda Stone said.

Along with wowing the judges at camp, they brought the same awe-inspiring performances out onto the field for varsity football games. When asked about what West Chicago should expect from the Poms Squad, Gianna Pigoni said, "Watch for great moves and good showmanship." West Chicago watched, and couldn't stop. The fun sideline routines, spirited Homecoming day dance, and lucrative fundraisers, including selling wildcats at the Homecoming pep rally, kept the good times rolling all the way into basketball season.

Themed dances got the crowd pumped during high velocity games, and the girls performed well. They didn't let mid-game fire alarms soften their final routine, a collaboration with the cheerleaders to "Grease." Seniors Bethany Mummert, Lauren Paulsen, and Amanda Campagnoni broke away form the group to make their last dance count, and the spectators were amazed by their skills.

The Poms Squad also competed at Six Flags Great America in October, where they earned a first place finish. The successful competition record and fun times certainly made this year a cherished memory.

-Katy Kostal and Angela Rojas

Pom Pon Team. Front Row: Amanda Stone, Crystal Kirschke. **Row 2:** Gianna Pag Allison Rovtar, Amanda Campagnoni. **Row 3:** Heather Goorley, Sarah Wood, Lau Paulsen, Linnea Caputi. **Back Row:** Bethany Mummert, Joanna Szeszycki **Not pictur** Hope Vock

Carla Marrero, Jenny Brosseau,Alaine Ellis, Christina Wilbur, Lindsay Sewell, Shannon Koehring, Laura Schultze and Tammy Ketelaar make a human pyramid at camp.

Pep is the key!

Pep Club's numbers grew in '00-'01. Many participants were ready to support their Wildcat teams. The poms, cheerleaders, and other students chipped in to support their fellow Wildcats. The club decorated the lockers of athletes in all sports prior to games and meets.

During Homecoming Pep Club decorated all fall sport athletes' lockers to promote school-wide spirit and team pride. Pep Club advisor Candace Pellitier said, "We had an excellent year. More pep assemblies and decorations made Pep Club successful."

Assemblies were held to introduce teams and recognize outstanding performances. At one, a video of swimmer Jackie Vavrek winning the 100 yard freestyle at the state meet was shown. Mr. Zabelin played his harmonica, and the teachers vs. students basketball game was also exciting. The Pep Club also hosted senior parent nights for all sports, providing the traditional carnations in appreciation of all parents of seniors.

-Katy Kostal and Angela Rojas

Pep Club. Front: Lindsay Nash, Fabiola Leal, Jenny Saylor, Brianne Rehmus, Am Campagnoni, Tammy Ketelaar, Drew Martino, Nina Slater; **Row 2:** Sarah Wood, M Leston, Laura Schultze, Sara Stevens, Lindsay Sewell, Colleen Mathis, Hope Vock, A Link, Lauren Pulsen; **Row 3**: Anne Nosal, Kelly Siekmann, Amanda Czech, Bet Mummert, Amy Kremal, Gianna Pagoni, Megan Brandstedter, Margaret Wdowiarz, Ch Birczak, Norah McAvoy, Kelley Whitman, Laura Wheeland; **Back:** Heather Goorely, Cr Kirschke, Angela Rojas, Amanda Stone, ChristinaWilbur, Allison Rovtar, Danielle B Alaine Ellis, Lauren Mroz, Beth Kipp.

Soccer Cheerleaders. Front: Rocio Guzman, Monique Castlevecchi, Gilda Valenzuela, Heather Edminsion; **Row 2:** Tricia Bozich, Jennie Eagles, Katie Leston, Rachel Noceda; **Back:** Kristine Zeffield, Adriana Humphries, Lindsey Anders.

Wrestling Cheerleaders. Front: Gilda Valenzuela, Monique Castelvecchi; **Row 2:** Rachel Noceda, Tricia Bozich, Rocio Guzman; **Back:** Lindsey Anders, Adriana Humphries.

We've Got Spirit!

The 2000-2001 Wildcat cheerleaders started off early; practices began in June in preparation for going to camp. They went to Northern Illinois University to learn the fundamentals of cheering. They learned mounts, dances, and new chants to get the crowd going. These included the ever-popular, "Hey fans in the stands," and the dance "Bling Bling," performed by the basketball cheerleaders. Captain Tammy Ketelaar said that her camp experience was, "So fun, but extremely stressful."

The cheerleaders attended all games despite the distances or weather conditions. Soccer/wrestling cheerleader Rocio Guzman said, "Soccer cheerleading was the best experience of my life. I will always remember cheering at We-Go."

The team also hosted the annual Kiddie Clinic. Girls of all ages attended and began learning about cheering. The Wildcats taught them cheers, mounts, and a dance, all of which they performed at a home basketball game. Over 150 girls participated in this event.

-Katy Kostal and Angela Rojas

Varsity Football Cheerleaders. Front: Jeni Pinto, Christina Wilbur, Ashley Link, Laura Schultze, Amy Arroyo; **Row 2:** Carla Marrero, Angela Rojas, Kimberly Burkes, Shannon Koehring, Lindsay Sewell, Brianne Rhemus; **Back:** Megan Brandstedter, Amy Kremal, Alaine Ellis, Jenny Brosseau, Tammy Ketelaar.

Varsity Basketball Cheerleaders. Front: Laura Schultze, Brianne Rhemus, Lindsay Sewell; **Row 2:** Shannon Koehring, Christina Wilbur, Jamie Nadolny, Angela Rojas, Carla Marrero; **Back:** Ashley Link, Jenny Brosseau, Megan Brandstedter, Kimberly Burkes, Alaine Ellis, Tammy Ketelaar; **Not pictured:** Amy Arroyo.

Sophomore Football Cheerleaders. Front: Lauren Mroz, Margaret Wdowiarz, Norah McAvoy, Erin Henry; **Row 2**: Margaret Schwartz, Kelly Siekmann, Laura Wheeland, Nicole Schar, Kelley Whitman, **Back:** Drew Martino, Sarah Assian, Anne Nosal, Nicole Lederman.

Sophomore Basketball Cheerleaders. Front: Beth Kipp, Norah McAvoy, Kristen Mederich, Kelley Whitman, Chelsea Birczak; **Row 2:** Erin Henry, Laura Wheeland, Margaret Wdowiarz, Sarah Assian; **Back:** Kelly Siekmann, Lauren Mroz, Nicole Lederman, Drew Martino, Margaret Schwartz, Anne Nosal, Nicole Schar.

Captains and Coaches 2000-2001

Basketball/Football:	Amy Arroyo and Tammy Ketelaar
Coach:	Mrs. Patty Clifford
Wrestling/Soccer:	Monique Castelvecchi and Jenny Eagels
Coach:	Mrs. Norma Silva
Pom Pons:	Crystal Kirschke, Amanda Stone, and Allison Rovtar
Coach:	Ms. Jill Marchiando
Pep Club Presidents:	Amanda Campagnoni and Brianne Rehmus
Pep Club Sponsors:	Mrs. Candace Pelletier & Ms. Corrie Gilgallon

Carla Marrero, Angela Rojas, and Christina Wilbur pause during the celebration over winning the gold superior ribbon for performing the "extreme routine," and successfully completing the four day camp at Northern Illinois University. Rojas' bandaged finger was broken by Marrero at the camp.

Making A Difference

Key Club, S.A.D.D., Peer Listeners, and Peer Helpers are groups organized for the benefit of all the students at West Chicago. Dedicated to helping students and the community, they make the biggest difference in some of the desions made by the students at West Chicago.

S.A.D.D.-Students Against Destructive Decisions-formerly known as Students Against Drunk Driving, works to prevent students from drinking, driving, and using illegal substances. During Prom week SADD was really busy. The group's members gave out eighty black carnations to represent how many people died of drunk driving accidents in that day alone. They also sponsored a golf cart driving course where students put on goggles which simulated vision impairment while drunk. Students had a very difficult time negotiating the course, even in the one-speed golf cart.

Peer Listeners/Helpers is a group of volunteers which helps other students negotiate the High School experience. At the beginning of the year, during registration, they helped freshmen find their classes. In the winter the peer listeners went to the middle school to meet some of the students and tell them about high school life. Throughout the year they helped with DARE, Drug Abuse Resistance Education, to keep kids off of drugs and to keep them off of the streets. Peer Helpers also assisted students with special needs on a daily basis.

Key Club held many service events in '00-'01, from the blood drive to sending a cow to Bangladesh. The first event was the blood drive, held on November 14th. "Even though we didn't reach the goal that was set, we were really close. It was good that we helped give the hospitals the blood they need," said Melissa Garcia.

In the weeks before spring break Key Club made an effort to earn $500 to send a cow to Bangledash. Unfortunately, only a partial cow was earned instead of an entire cow. "We combinded money with another school to be able to get the cow for Bangdladesh," said Garcia.

-Christine Austin and Heather Coakley

At the beging of homecomming week Advisor Ms. Kim Bradford helps ma the layout for the Peer Helpers homecomming window.

S.A.D.D. Front: Shannon Mims, Melissa Prusko, Kim Garcia, Lindsey Doerr, Laura Wheeland, Lindsey Wonsowski, Fabiola Leal, Zayra Pedaza. **Row 2:** Katie Gutirrez, Nicole Kovacevic, Ruchita Patel, Lisa Lindner, Lauren Kirby, Amanda Morrison, BrittanyBoehm, Kim Silva, Advisor Mr. Hein, Jessica Gutirrez. **Back:** Angel Chiarito, Jennifer Skrzypczynski, Mary Patenaude, Maggie Wdowiarz, Scott Sieder, Anne Nosal, Salome Yigzaw.

Jessica Gutriez rides on the SADD float during homeco week.

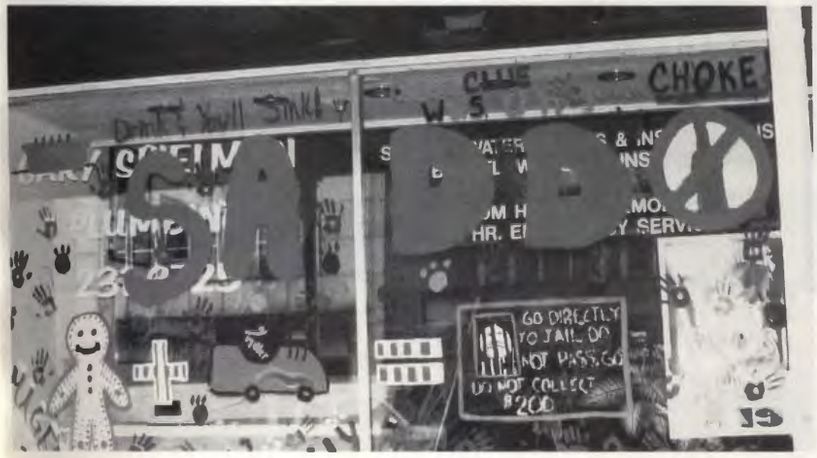
Peer Helper Hope Vock fills out a worksheet during a peer helper training session.

Taking Time To Care

Key Club. Front: Gloria Mendez, Marina Mendez, Fabiola Leal, Jenny Eagles, Melissa Garcia, Justin Kallas, Heather Runions, Besie Czernik, Pamela Martin, Shannon Sterne. **Row 2:** Janita Patel, Lindsay Sewell, Sara Stevens, Mellisa Prusko, Jenny Saylor, Ashley Link, Megan Smith, Zyra Padrasa, Bernice Leal, Laura Mendez, Heather Cirone, Jenny Bieniaz, Jasmeen Castillo. **Row 3:** Amanda Czech, Jillian Wojick, Kelly Jensky, Cori Koeppen, Kim Silva, Vanessa Rodriguez, Ruchita Patel, Lisa Lindler, Heidi Carballo, Gladys Proa, Geraldine Colorado, Cindy Fernandez, Amanda Triplett, Heather Coakley, Amanda Campagnoni, Becky Gary, Aubery Sebastiano, Kimpha Chow. **Back:** Lance Armstrong, Meghan Burlison, Javier Contreras, Junior Vela, Nicole Morrisey, Carrie Carpenter, Sonal Patel, John McPheters, Becky Dennis, Christine Austin, Alex Patin, Jon Brown, Jeff Cordina, Katie Kammes, Amanda Millard, Melissa Heron, Michelle Landriault, Advisor Mr. Ward Rau.

Peer Helpers. Front: David Gilbertsen, Adam Zimmerman. **Row 2:** Sara Stevens, Danielle Botto, Jenny Saylor, Ashley Link, Lauren Paulsen, Janita Patel, Trica Bozich, Jessica Garcia. **Row 3:** Jenny Payton, Hope Vock, Nicole Patel, Amy Lichtfuss, Heather Goorley, Natalie Chudoba, Angelica Moreno. **Back:** Brian Lanners, Scott Sieder, Tom Wojciki, Brian Calabrese, Jacki Walters, Craig Schuda, Jeff Kufta, Keri Sagen.

To alert students of the dangers of drinking and driving, before prom S.A.D.D. held a driving event out on the field where students wore glasses that blurred their vision.



SADD's Homecoming window warns against the dangers of drunk driving.

Stay drug free

"Etranger Sprache el Club"

International Club. Front: Meghan Young, Lindsay Nash, Jessica Morrison, Nina Slater. **Row 2:** Beth Brinn, Lisa Thomas, Heather Prochnaw, Stephanie Opel. **Back:** Ms. Bellis, Josh Foster, Fabiola Leal, Javier Terrazas, Jill Wolter, Berenice Leal, Zayra Pedraza.

Spanish Club. Front: Melissa Heron. **Row 2:** Melissa Garcia, Laura Wilken, Katie Taylor, Kim Peterik. **Row 3:** Jasmeen Castillo, Jillian Wojcik, Mary Megan Kalvig, Ashley Mazzola, Elise Barron, Senorita Junkroski. **Back:** Heather Cirone, Theresa McEvoy, Jennifer Mark, John McPheters.

La reflejo; Reflet; Reflexion; Reflection.

"We ate food!" is how Josh Swanner summed up his activites in German Club. Every foreign language club was busy planning and executing activities throughout the year. Not unlike Josh, Elyse Barron said her favorite activity in Spanish Club was eating at *El Zarape*. French Club President Meghan Burlison said that her favorite activity of the year was watching *La Vie En Rose* (*My Life In Pink*) at Katy Kostal's house, and hosting her own French exchange student. German Club participants got to watch many *Pingu* movies, which has traditionally been a favorite in both German Club and the German culture.

All the foriegn language clubs took a field trip together down to the Art Institute in Chicago. They also, as usual, had a foriegn language holiday party, which was hosted by Spanish student John McPheters. At the party, the students had many choices of activities to participate in, including eating food and playing pool.

To wrap up the year, each of the clubs planned special activities. On May 23rd, French Club went to a French restaurant for dinner in Glen Ellyn. The majority of the members attended. German Club chose to end the year with a game night at Matt Doll's house, and other fun activities.

This year was a very successful one, and as Katie Taylor summed up: "Todo esta bien" (Everything was good).

-Becky Dennis

Tyler Link, Dustin Stern, Matt Kallas, Alex Serrato, and Matt Timko perform their p during the annual German plays.

Translated: Foriegn Language Clubs

German Club. Front: Cody Melbourn, Angel Chiarito, Ashley McLeod, Jessica Varbel, Amy Lichtfuss. **Row 2:** Alex Patin, Alex Corson, Brianne Rehmus, Ashley Link, Matt Doll. **Back:** Missi Sheme, Christine Austin, Dawn Barszo, Jacki Vavrek, Larry Ritter. Back: Frau Poe, Frau Schoonmaker, Katie Kammes, Emmy Krauspe, Steve Butt, Josh Swanner, Frau Strohm, Jennifer Skrzypczynski, John Pullman.

French Club. Front: Heather Coakley, Katy Kostal, Becky Dennis, Meghan Burlison, Erin Linsenmeyer, Seyda Lauariega. **Row 2:** Sean Warren, Michelle Cosco, Berenice Leal, Laura Martinez, Carmen Saucedo, Zayra Pedraza, Javier Saucedo, Zahara Nasir, Nelly Guerrero. **Row 3:** Madame Appel, Javier Terrazas, Geraldine Colorado, Gladys Proa, Hilary Blanchard, Claudia Alcantar, Keri Sagen, Justin Hoshaw, Jose M. Martinez, Judith Reza. **Back:** Melissa Prusko, Jenny Buchman, Simon Blanco, Ben Mancera, Jill Novak, Kim Palka.

In the French play that won best play, the seniors performed their version of a flashback episode for the popular show Friends.

Simon Blanco, who was elected as 2001-2002 Srench club secretary, said "Bienvenue" to the girls who were visiting from France.

Math Team, Chess Team, Scholastic Bowl

Chess Team: Front: Matt Doll, Dennis Janek, Chris Salutric; **Back:** Brian Lezenby, Tyler Belding, Pat McCluskly, Ryan Begy.

Scholastic Bowl Team: Front : John McPheters, Matt Doll, Ashley Link, David Wood, Anthony DeLegge, Bradley Spata, **Row 2:** Geoff Palka, Mike Wenz, Joe Caniano, Melissa Garcia, Alex Patin, Nina Slater, Mrs. Wilson, **Back:** Pat Baur, Melissa Prusko, Janita Patel, Jessica Willes, Deanna Volk, Julie Volk, Christine Hendron.

Scholastic Bowl- Being on the Scholastic Bowl Team requires many things including devotion from all of it's members and intelligence. With the outstanding efforts from the team and the help of the new advisors, Mrs. Sandy Wilson and Ms. Patty Santella, West Chicago's Scholatic Bowl Team for the 2000-2001 spring season was very successful. The season records for the teams were: Varsity 2-5 and Junior Varsity 3-4.

-Christine Hendron

Chess Team- If anyone was looking for a challenge both mentally and physically, as well as fun, then Chess team was the right way to go. A game of strategy which requires the ability to recognize the plans of the opponent as well as adjust one's own tactics in order to prevail, chess challenges the intellect of even the most experienced players. In the state tournament the team racked up 5 wins and 2 losses, showing they were a team with which to be reckoned.

-Jeff Heinz

Math Team- "We will denominate you!" and they can prove it. The math team had a very successful year. Overall, the entire math team took second place in their conference. The sophomore and senior teams took first place in their conferences, and the team sent Sophomores Mike Doll, Patrick Baur, and Junior Geoff Palka to represent the entire math team at state. Although they did not place in any of their events, it was a great experience for everyone.

-Sean Warren

Math Team. Front: Rachel Moguel, Zac Brantley, Ryan Masschelin, Amanda Weier, Tyler Hempel, Tom Grove, Kelly Siekman, Nicole Melone, Sarah Wood, Carol Christensen, Karen Miller, Kim Peterik, Nate Williams, Brian Kreig, **Row 2:** Sam West, Jason Becker, Kim Rovtar, Alyssa Campagnoni, Theresa McAvoy, Katy Kostal, Justin Hoshaw, Jon Lim, Mike Masschelin, Jon Merrick, Martha Mueller, Kristy Schilling, Tom Wojcicki, Ed Abante, **Row 3:** Coach Chrissy Mack, Brook Bachelor, CJ. Wostratsky, Matt Berry, Joe Caniano, Sean Warren, Mike Slusar, Nicole Patel, Allison Rovtar, Aimee Paran, Christina Wilbur, Jessica Warbiani, Mark Tonchick, Bob McLaren, Joey Park, Brett Palmer, Ryan Begy, Roger Maritote, Andy Kiger, **Back:** Mike Doll, Chris Nelson, Matt Doll, John McPheters, Janita Patel, Jessica Willes, Nick Romanelli, Chris Buckles-Haley, Sean Palmer, Tom Barta, Bryan Jones, Gina McLaren, Patrick Baur, Geoff Palka.

Ryan Begy knows his stuff. As one of the main starters for our chess team, he knows how to show it off. He takes a break from one of his Tuesday afternoon practices to show the world his chess team spirit.

Dennis Janek and Ryan Begy, two of our best chess team players, reflect on past chess meets.

Mike Doll brushes up on his scholastic bowl knowledge before they leave for their next event. Mike is also a big part of the math team. As one of the three students going to state, he had a lot of studying to do.

Jessica Willes and John McPheters get ready to answer as many questions as possible when they take on their next opponents. These two were key players throughout the scholastic bowl season.

Chris Buckles-Haley, Amiee Paran, Ed Abante, Joey Park, Joe Caniano, Sean Palmer, Matt Doll, Martha Mueller, and Kristy Schilling know that the math team upper classmen know how to party more than the underclassmen at the final party to wish good luck to the three members going to state.

Justin Hoshaw, Mike Doll, Patrick Baur, Kim Piterik, Theresa McEvoy, CJ. Wostratzky, Chris Nelson, Sean Warren, and Karen Miller sure know how to have a good time. "Partying at Pal Joey's was a great time. Good luck to Mike, Pat, and Geoff!" said all the sophomores on math team.

FBLA

Making leaders of today ready for tommorrow.

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is a leadership organization, the goal of which is to work one-on-one with businesses. In addition, students in FBLA work to demonstrate their leadership qualities in the community. FBLA prepares the students for the future by helping them to learn responsibility.

During the year the students shadowed a business person, listened to speakers, and attended competitions that enhanced their knowledge of whatever occupational field they planned to enter. The FBLA members held a Chamber of Commerce breakfast featuring Brian King as the guest speaker. King spoke about pursuing future careers and businesses. After the presentation, members were able to interact and discuss business with members of the Chamber of Commerce.

FBLA sponsored multiple fundraising projects. They organized the Variety Show, participated in an adopt-a-family program, and ran the data-match compatibility survey. The profits went to the March of Dimes and the club's activity fund.

FBLA members participated in two competitions: the Northern Area Conference at the end of January, and the state competition on April 6 and 7. The competitions included tests of knowledge, job interviews, and speaking for occupations like keyboarding , accounting, and marketing among many others.

At the April conference the students did very well. Tatianna Podstavkova, Becca Duran, Tim Yorkmark, Greg Hodge, and Greg Moore took honorable mentionsfor being in the top ten in their contests. Hilary Blachard, Jamie Nadolny, C.J. Wostratsky, Nicole Patel and Dennis Janek earned a 3rd place in Parliamentary Procedure Team.

The National Conference was held summer 2001 in Orlando. Four outstanding students, Rich Musick (Computer Concepts), Geoff Palka (Business Calculations), Hillary Blanchard (Parliamentary Procedure) and Jon Jelinek (Word Processing 1) travelled to Florida to compete in nationals.

-Erin Kirby and
Christine Hendron

Front: Hilary Blanchard, Nicole Patel. Row 2: Greg Moore, Brian Nelson, Matt Shambo, Ryene Hofmann, John McPheters. Row 3: Mrs. Wirth, Tatiana Podstavkova, Kim Silva, Anne Nosal, Miss Blume. Back: Jennifer Skrzypczynski, Alex Baker, Matt Kallas, Ken Yourek, Kelly Siekmann, Scott Sieder.

Do you feel that FBLA has been successful in preparing you for the future?

"Yes I can see how hard it is to organiz things and how they actually work."
- Paul Majchrowski

Geoff Palka displays his award for second place in the Business Calculation completion downstate.

Jon Jelinek was victorious in Word Processing 1, in which he claimed his first place plaque and certificate.

The Future Business Leaders of America show off their many plaques and certificates fro their many accomplishments at their April Conference. All of the members who went to t conference represented West Chicago pride magnificently!

Hilary Blanchard, Jamie Nadolny, Dennis Janek, Nicole Patel, and C.J. Wostratsky display their 3rd place victory certificates for Parliamentary Procedure Team during the awards banquet at state.

Tim Yormark, Jon Jelinek, John McPheters, and Dennis Janek await the announcement of award at the April Conference. West Chicago FBLA members did very well in all competi at the conference.

In what way do you feel that FBLA prepares you for the future?

"It gives you the materials you need to understand which classes to take and which field you plan on going into." *- Scott Sieder*

"I becomes more confident in myself and know what I want in life."
-Tatiana Podstav

Front: Brian Campbell, Adam Selcke, Austin Fuchs, Jon Brown, Matt Wilson. **Row 2:** Rebecca Hedberg, Pam Martin, Christiana Lundquist, Krystal Muhlberger, Bernice Leal, Kathy Brinn, Jason York. **Row 3:** Mrs. Patti Kozlowski, Alberto Chavez, Melissa Garcia, Megan Smith, Jeanine Ogorek, Javier Saucedo, Chris Nelson, Shannon Stern, Mr. Paul Junkroski. **Back:** Ed Abante, Bill Vana, Christine Hendron, Erica Liepins, Brian Romanelli, Derek Szyszko, Jose Castellanos.

SkillsUSA-VICA

Refining and working on the skills for the future.

Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (V.I.C.A.) is a leadership organization preparing students for their future careers. SkillsUSA-VICA helps students to focus on their futures by helping them to explore areas of their own interest. The club focuses on a wide range of occupations, from pre-school teaching assistant to cosmetologist, or from architecture to interior room design, as well as many more.

Among other activities, VICA raised funds through concessions sales at football games and also conducted their annual holiday food drive.

The students participated in state competitions on April 26-28 that dealt with their future occupations or their personal interests. They won awards from first through sixth place. In some events people who won their competitions moved on to nationals. If they took first in nationals, they were rewarded with the honor of competing at the international level.

At the 2001 V.I.C.A. state competition, 34 West Chicago students showed off their skills. At the state competition, there were a total of 4 first-place winners, 2 second-place winners, and 3 third-place winners.

In Machine Drafting Board, Jon Brown placed third and Jason York took fourth. In Architectural Drafting Board, Tony Ballines came in first, Brian Cambell took third, and Tim Warren won fourth. Once again, West Chicago swept the Interior Design contest with Jennifer Schafer in first, Lauren Martinez in second, and Kristen Meternich in third.

The West Chicago photography students also did exceptionally well in the Creative Photography in Black and White categories, where Jon Brown won first, Lauren Nickelson took second, and Alberto Chavez won fourth.

Carmen Saucedo claimed fourth-place in Commercial Sewing. Nick Czernik placed first in Heating and Air-conditioning. Lauren Nickelson also came in first for Prepared Speech and earned the right to go to the SkillsUSA-VICA national competition in summer 2001.

-Erin Kirby and Christine Hendron

What was your favorite memory from this year?

"Finding out that I'm ranked 3rd."
-Melissa Sheme

Kristen Mederich (3rd place), Jennifer Schaefer (1st place), and Lauren Martinez (2nd place) receive their medals and places for a second year sweep of the SkillsUSA-VICA competition in Interior Design.

Mrs. Koslowski, VICA advisor, expresses her enthusiasm for VICA by fund-raising at the football concession stand in the fall.

Jon Brown and Lauren Nickelson show off their winning medals when receiving the awards for Creative Photography.

Christine Hendron, Mr. Paul Junkroski, Julie Hendron, Amy Fenderson, Bradley Spata, Mrs. Patti Koslowski, Chase Hanlock, Luke Taylor, Melissa Sheme, and Mr. Sandy Weiss wait for their table to be called outside of Cheddars in Springfield for a Friday night group dinner.

West Chicago did exceptionally well at the 2001 SkillsUSA-VICA state competitions in Springfield, IL. Mr. Junkrowski commented that he believed this year's group of VICA members recieved the most medals won at this competition for our school.

In what way do you feel that VICA prepares you for the future?

"It teaches us about preparation and competion."
-Kristen Mederich

"It helped me set my goals and helped me start to take steps to reach them."
-Tim Warren

REFLECTING THE WRITE WAY

Just like the previous year, the Challenge staff found themselves working overtime to finish up the book before the summer. So while all of the other students were starting their vacation, we were here working on the book. One of the things that threw us off might have been the fact that we had to learn how to use the new computers in a new lab. With these new machines, we had to learn how to use the Adobe Pagemaker Program and the digital scanner.

Wildcat Chronicle shouldn't complain about not having anything to write about. As usual, We-Go brought a whole lot of story opportunities to their doorstep, and they worked with these to produce excellent issues throughout the year. They, too, had to learn how to use the new computers, but returning staff had a year of experience beforehand. Creating all of those newspapers with a staff of five was probably a little bit tricky, but the Chronicle got some help from the journalism students who regularly contributed to the paper.

Mind's Eye continued its success in '00-'01; the magazine had more people on staff and more entries topublish. Most of the magazines before this year's had been relatively small, or at least the staff didn't have a lot of entries to work with. But this year was the opposite with every page having three or four poems, quotations, pictures, or short stories on it. The contributors to this student publication deserved many congratulations for their fine work.

-Jason Woodbury

Literary Magazine Front: Kristina Wanous, Matt Hofer, John Pollman, Jessica Morrison. **Row 2:** Mary-Megan Kalvig, Beth Deutsch, Cody Melbourn. **Back:** Josh Foster, Jessica Myers, Javier Terrazas, Kirsten Stockhoff.

Yearbook Advisor Brad Larson and Sean Warren wait for their food at the Yearbook Camp in Rockford. Some of the Staff went to learn how to use the computers and new designs.

Heather Coakley, Becky Dennis, and Sarah Hammer collaborate to finish their pages before the deadline.

Alexandra Patin and Mary-Megan Kalvig smile as they look over their articles for the newspaper.

Challenge Front: Christine Hendron, Becky Dennis, Shelly Ballard, Katy Kostal, Erin Kirby **Row 2:** Angie Rojas, Lauren Nickelson, Sarah Hammer, Heather Coakley, Christine Austin Dylan Swanner. **Back:** Sean Warren, Jason Woodbury, Tim Carstensen, David Castillo, Jose Alejo, Eduardo Sanchez, Marcos Jimenez.

Wildcat Chronicle. Bottom: Mary-Megan Kalvig, Jamie Nadolny, Alexandra Patin. **Top:** Laura Mcqueen, Marc Berry.

Katy Kostal calls the pizza place for the yearbook party to celebrate all of our hard work during Homecoming Week.

Entertainment editor Jamie Nadolny types another great article for the Wildcat Chronilcle.

Erin Kirby, Jason Woodbury, Christine Austin, and Angie Rojas discuss what they should do for the junior section.

News editor Laura McQueen pauses as she thinks of other things to say for her article.

Lauren Nickelson shares her ideas for the Senior pages with the seniors on staff.

The Challenge staff "pawses" to take a group picture. **Front:** Eduardo Sanchez, Jose Alejo, Marcos Jimenez, Jeff Heinz, Jason Woodbury. **Row 2:** Shelly Ballard, Christine Austin, Sarah Hammer, Katy Kostal, Erin Kirby, Christine Austin. **Back:** Sean Warren, Lauren Nickelson, Tim Carstensen, Angie Rojas, Dylan Swanner, Becky Dennis, Advisor Brad Larson, and Heather Coakley.

Mary-Megan Kalvig types up her article for the newspaper staff. Marc Berry is also busy typing up a sports article.

Dance With Me

Winter Informal

"Try Again" by Allyiah started off a night loaded with surprises. While the boys' basketball team played in the Bishop Gymnasium, some of us were in the commons area, rockin' out to the crazy sounds of Mike Tawny and Tad Netzel (DJ Mystic). The dance began after 7:15 (because the junior student council was late, finishing up last-minute decorations). As soon as they opened the doors, students of every grade level rushed in, ready to dance.

Soon after everyone got comfortable (and actually started dancing) the fire alarm went off. Around 8:30, Officer Theodore rushed everyone out into the freezing parking lot, where the dance continued, even without the music. The fire department arrived soon after, and discovered that it was in fact the smoke machine brought by the DJ's that set off the alarms. Yet even after the DJ's had their property confiscated, the music kept coming.

Even though it was an informal, many students chose to come dressed up. Tim Carstensen even appeared wearing a big, green, leprechaun hat. The night ended with a classic Disney goodbye as Mickey Mouse and his Club sang "See you real soon!"

Sadie Hawkin's Flashback Dance

The Sadie Hawkins Flashback Dance (also known as Turnabout) was held on April 4th, which happened to be the same night as the Jazz Concert. As the dance progressed, students wished the fire alarm would go off as usual so they could get a breath of fresh air. Turnabout was arguably the best dance this year because of the wide variety of music, and the hilariously thought-out costumes. The students who dressed up looked like they had stepped back into the 50's, 60's, 70's, and 80's. Those who chose to come casually just said, "We're the 90's flashback!"

Teachers got in on the fun by dancing along with the students. Mrs. Laimins got funky as she danced with student Alex Serrato. Mr. Lasky and Ms. Simon tore up the floor when they decided to show the students up.

Another highlight of the night was when four students (Melissa Garcia, Melissa Heron, Bob Nagel and Brian Ahlgard) put on the hats of the Village People, and danced to "YMCA".

As the last school-wide dance of the year ended, (and the DJ was cut off short), students filed out of Commons and into the crisp night air.

-Sean Warren and Becky Dennis

Melissa Heron dons a cowboy hat, and jumps on chairs with the rest of the "YMCA" dancers

Brett Dieter gets into the YMCA spirit, leading the crowd from atop a table.

Maggie Knnak shows off her moves as one of the wildest dancers at Turnabout.

Dan Deutsch mixes his love of football and dancing with a balloon that was handed out at Turnabout.

Four freshmen dance together at the last dance of the year...well, the last dance for them.

Turnabout & Informal

Maggie Grossmayer and Heather Coakley remember the musical Grease as they groove to the title track, "Greased Lightning."

The masses dance.

Laura McQueen does the newest dance craze, "The Cha Cha Slide".

Jeff Raun gets into the 60's spirit for Turnabout with his Greatful Dead t-shirt.

Joe Lureau and Jenny Cwiak dance the night away.

"I had fun at the dance, but afterwards was even better!" ~Karen Miller

Mr. Wildcat Contest 2001

The Mr. Wildcat Contest was held on February 21, 2001. The contestants were Ryan Begy, Tim Carstensen, Dennis Janek, Sam Mashal, Kevin McCarthy, John McPheters, Brad Olsen, Zach Pederson, and Tim Yormark.

The contest began with all the contestants being introduced, and most did their choice of dance while in casual wear. Some memorable opening acts included Ryan Begy's version of the ABC's, Sam Mashal as WWF wrestler the Rock, and Brad Olsen's rendition of Michael Jackson.

The talent competition was highlighted by Tim Yormark's WEGO rap about trying to find a parking spot in the morning, while Tim Carstensen tried his hand at stand up about WEGO security, and Kevin McCarthy transformed himself into Britney Spears.

Tim Yormark was crowned Mr. Wildcat 2001. Sammy Mashal and Brad Olsen tied for first runner up.

-Tim Carstensen and Eduardo Sanchez

It's a Kodak moment with Mr. Wildcat 2001 Tim Yormark as he sports his solid gold crown, and shows his pearly whites.

Ryan Begy tells the crowd he thinks they are a funny looking after posing as an extreme chess coa from the future.

John McPheters makes fun of Kevin McCarthy's lack of hair during the formalwear portion of the competition.

Zach Pederson is "rolling" to the sounds of Limp Bizkit.

Runner-up Sam Mashal stares down the crowd whi Metallica blasts.

In his comedy act Tim Carstensen talks about he security guard he calls bunion.

Dennis Janek lipsynchs to Adam Sandler's "Hannukah Song" as Zach Pederson and Tim Yormark act as Rabbi's sporting traditional Jewish attire.

Tim Yormark gives a captivating performance as Garth Algar of Wayne's World while singing Jimi Hendrix's "Foxy Lady."

Brad Olsen busts a move while singing the Sir Mix a Lot clas "Baby Got Back."

The Variety Island 2001

The Temptations performing at West Chicago High School? Nope, not exactly. Jon Lim, Mark Hopkins, Joe Caniano, and Tom Wojcicki sing backup while Joey Parks steals the show with dance moves while performing "My Girl."

The 2001 variety show took place March 21. It had a Hawaiian feel to go along with the theme "Variety Island." FBLA hosted the contestants in the talent show which featured many of the school's top talents to raise money for the March of Dimes. There was an evening show at 4:00 p.m. and a night show at 7:00 p.m. The shows featured everything from break dancing, rapping, mariachi, and rock n'roll to dramatic acting. The emcees for the variety show were Hilary Blanchard, Jamie Nadolny, Nicole Patel(Director), Jenny Skrzypczynski, and Matt Weber. The audience also had the option to participate in classic Hawaiian games like hula hoops, and the limbo. Mr. Exner was one of those people that took a stand in front of the audience and made an impression by showing his hula hoop skills. They even gave away free pineapple to some lucky audience members. The night was filled with great performances by all.

-Tim Carstensen and Eduardo Sanchez

Jessica Loftus does a Hawaiian hula dance to tie in with this year's theme, Variety Island.

Ouch! D.J. Henning shows his skills by doing his best impression of a spinning top (head spin) with his group Beans and Collard Greens.

Forever in a Day members Mike Mroz, Mitch Strohm, Joe Mandrino, and Refe Tuma play a style of music called emo.

Javier Cruz belts out yet another note of "Esclavo y Amo" mariachi style.

Daniel Flores and Dave Castillo freestyle rap while DJ Mike Tawney lays down the funky beats.

Hilda Garcia, Jessica Garcia, and Ariana Rivera are jumping to the rhythm of "Follow the Leader."

Anders Walker and Copper Tuma perform "Everything You're Giving Me," characterizing a classic married couple.

Forensics 2001: A Speech Odyssey

Mike Doll, Melissa Heron, Sarah Mendez, Christine Austin, Heather Coakley, and John Skala kick back at Melissa Garcia's house the night before the regionals tournament.

Anders Walker performs for no one.

Katie Kammes and Dana Grant get ready the night before the West Chicago-North tournament.

When people hear about Forensics often times they do not know what it is, or they think it has something to do with dead bodies. What many don't realize is that Forensics is the school's speech team. Being a member of Forensics means getting up at all hours of the morning to be at school by 6 a.m. on a Saturday to go to another school and give speeches. Most days members don't get home until around 6 p.m. But if you ask any member of the team they'll tell you its worth it. They do it for the fun, for the competition, and most of all for the experience.

It was an exciting year for the Forensics team, full of firsts. They co-hosted their first home tournament early in the year with Downers Grove North High School. A total of 31 schools and approx. 650 students attended the West Chicago-North Tournament. The school was filled with individuals talking to walls (not a sight you will see everyday), but in Forensics it's a very common event. They also had their first parent-turned-coach, Mrs. L.B. Norton, mother of former team member Kendra Norton. She became the assistant coach this year after Ms. Hubbard resigned. This team was also the first to bring home 12 individual awards, the most awards ever received at a single tournament.

During the IHSA state series there were a few more firsts. Two novices performed individual events at regionals, one of which made it to sectionals. There were finalists in an amazing 12 out of the 13 events. Even so, only six events were taken to sectionals. Anders Walker and Copper Tuma's dramatic duet, "Everything You're Giving Me is Just Things You're Giving Me," made it all the way to the state tournament where they placed 11th. In this duet a man and a woman go through their painful divorce and the therapy that goes with it. Oddly enough, the piece was written by a couple who were in the middle of their own divorce.

The team received quite a scare this year when they heard that their beloved coach, Mr. Kellner, would be leaving to move to California during the summer. The team actually gave him a going away party at which they shared their memories and wrote him letters to remember them by. However, due to unusual circumstances, he ended up staying.

The season ended on a high note with the seventh annual forensics showcase, "Verbally Yours." Interested viewers got a chance to see a sampling of what the team does best. The audeance got a special treat when Anders Walker performed while singing in Peoria, Illinois, with the aid of modern technology. Overall, the showcase was a great success, as was the rest of the season.

-Heather Coakley

Monaca Thomas and Steve Knox provide entertainment before the award ceremony at the West Chicago-North tournament.

Melissa Heron and Jessica Willes perform their Humerous Duet Acting

2000-2001 Team Events

Dramatic Duet Acting: ..... Copper Tuma, Anders Walker
Dramatic Interperetation: ..... Melissa Garcia, Katie Kammes, ... Erin Linsenmeyer
Extemporaneous Speaking: ..... Margot Reges, John Skala
Humorous Duet Acting: ..... Melissa Heron and Jessica Willes, ... Lesley Leary, Monaca Thomas
Humorous Interpretation: ..... Mike Doll, Steve Knox
Impromptu Speaking: ..... Jeff Hansen, Alex Patin, Margot Reges, ... John Skala
Original Comedy: ..... Katie Kammes
Oritorical Declamation: ..... Melissa Garcia, Melissa Heron
Original Oratory: ..... Christine Austin, Melissa Garcia
Prose Reading: ..... Emy Krauspy, Erin Linsenmeyer, Monaca Thomas, ... Anders Walker, Julie Volk
Radio Speaking: ..... Mike Doll, Jeff Hansen, Darcie Jones, Missi Sheme
Special Occasions Speaking: ..... Heather Coakley, Dana Grant
Verse Reading: ..... Elissa Dupree, Sara Mendez, Jenny Veguilla, Julie Volk
Performance in the Round (IHSA State Series only):
..... Christine Austin, Heather Coakley, Jeff Hansen, Melissa Heron, ... Erin Linsenmeyer, Sara Mendez, Missi Sheme, Julie Volk, Jessica Willes

Front: Dana Grant, Jeff Hansen, Steve Knox, Erin Linsenmeyer; **Row 2:** Heather Coakley, Katie Kammes, Copper Tuma, Tony Palombi, Nicole Patel, Lesley Leary; **Row 3:** Coach Steve Kellner, Elissa DuPree, Emy Krauspe, Melissa Garcia, Anders Walker, Jessica Willes, Christine Austin; **Back:** Sara Mendez, Mike Doll, Monaca Thomas, Alex Patin, Tim DuPree, Julie Volk, Darcie Jones.

Chris Thomas and Beau Brown, Theatre Fest "chaperones," sit and wait to see the opening ceremony with junior, Copper Tuma.

To Be Or Not To Be: We-Go Thespians

Tony Palombi and Steve Knox prove that they aren't "board" with theatre games during window painting.

Thespians started out the year with the annual homecoming window painting. The slogans used to paint the window of the Town and County T.V. shop were, "You'll never be 'board' with theatre games!" and "Football and fine arts are FANtastic!" Going along with the week's theme of board games, they started a very large game of checkers, a football against a theatre mask. Needless to say, no one won, but they had alot of fun showing that not only could they act, but they could be artists too.

In early January they took their annual trip to the Illinois High School Theatre Festival held at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana. The students took the 4 hour trip packed in a school bus with all of their luggage, "Not the best way to travel," according to Maggie Grossmayer. Once there, the troop had a blast watching plays and musicals and attending seminars and classes. "There was a lot less stress this year without having the pressure of putting on a show," said president Katie Kammes.

To end the year they held their annual car wash at the school and had a party at Steve Knox's house. Overall, it was a great year.

-Heather Coakley

Darcie Jones makes a move on the thespian checkerboard during window painting.

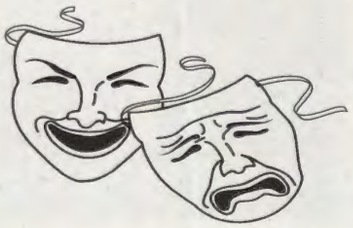
Stephanie Opel and Nicole Patel get ready to chow down in their hotel lobby at Theatre Feat.

The window painting crew shows off their window and gets ready to go have lunch.

Mary-Megan Kalvig and Julie Volk wait in the Krannert Center at U of I during Theatre Fest.

Maggie Grossmayer and Katie Kammes relax with the balloon animals they made.

Front: Stephanie Opel, Nicole Patel, Copper Tuma, Jeannine Ogorek, Megan Smith; **Row 2:** Tony Palombi, Heather Coakley, Katie Kammes, Julie Volk, Mary Hafertepe; **Back:** Deanna Volk, Darcie Jones, Beth Deutch, Christine Hendron, John Pollman.



Nicole Patel and Darcie Jones begin the thespian checkerboard.

Copper Tuma puts finishing touches on the window.

Grace And Guts

The curtain was drawn, the lights came up, and the music began to play. So began the fantastic Dance Production Class' Annual recital. After slaving through practices during, before, and afterschool, all 22 girls showed their best routines the night of the performance.

Many high energy, fast paced dances were performed, such as "Space Cowboy," "Special," and the sophomore, junior, and senior dances. Edgy hip-hop and house music were combined to create "#!@&$?*," and "Who's Bad?" Both were mixes of different songs. "Flair" showcased a Spanish dance style.

Gianna Pigoni and Amanda Stone bravely took the stage - alone. Pigoni's salsa-infected solo to "She Bangs" was the perfect complement to Stone's slow and graceful pointe number. A favorite among the dancers and audience was the multi-costumed "Eras," where eight girls took the crowd on a trip from the 50s through the 90s. Jessi Crockatt said of this number, "I liked it because of all the variety. Plus, the 80s part (by Amanda Campagnoni) was hilarious."

The class also had the opportunity to perform at the Waubonsie Dance Festival, a showcase of area school dance programs, before their final show. Their mesmerising moves hypnotized the audience whenever they danced.

-Katy Kostal and Angela Rojas

What was the funniest moment from Dance Production this year?

"When we were performing in the recital and during "Who's Bad?", Angie slipped and said, 'Oh shoot!'"

Kristen Mederich

"When Amanda Campagnoni went onstage without her lollies and the juniors little surprise during their dance!"

-Amanda Stone

Hope Vock, Jessi Crockatt, Paige Karwoski, Norah McAvoy, Kristen Mederich, Katy Kostal, and Joanna Szeszycki pose for the sophomore dance.

Allison Rovtar, Angela Rojas, Meghan Brandstedter, Christina Wilbur, Kristi Hall, Aim Paran, Gianna Pigoni, Amanda Stone, Crystal Kirschke and Pam Boyle danced the night aw to a mix of Debelah Morgan and Britney Spears in the junior dance.

Amanda Campagnoni and Crystal Kirschke show their swingin' outfits.

Amanda Stone's beautiful pointe solo, "Without Fear", amazed the audience during her performance.

Allison Rovtar, Jennifer Rodriguez, Kristi Hall, Jessi Crockatt, Ka Kostal, Kristen Mederich, Hope Vock and Mehgan Branstedter set stage on fire with a routine to "Space Cowboy".

DANCE THE

Gianna Pigoni tore up the stage in her solo to "She Bangs," by Ricky Martin.

Wanna know "Who's Bad?" Just ask Norah McAvoy, Amanda Campagnoni, Amanda Stone, Aimee Paran, Christina Wilbur, Angela Rojas, Pam Boyle, Allison Rovtar, Joanna Szesycki, Tonia Pecoraro, Gianna Pigoni, Crystal Kirschke, Julie Fosco, and Paige Karwoski. They grooved to a Janet/Michael Jackson mix.

Amanda Campagnoni celebrates a great performance.

Tonia Pecoraro, Amanda Campagnoni and Julie Fosco stole the show as they gracefully moved to the music of LeAnn Rhimes' "Can't Fight the Moonlight" during the senior dance. "Our senior dance was such a hit because the music was so different and it was the dance we spent the longest time on," said Campagnoni.

Dressed for the "Dirty Dancing" themed finale, the dance production class gathers onstage just before their performance.

Kristi Hall, Amanda Stone, Pam Boyle, Allison Rovtar, Aimee Paran, Christina Wilbur, and Angela Rojas made the crowd say, "WHOA!" in their urban hip-hop dance mix.

Gianna Pigoni, Norah McAvoy and Joanna Szeszycki brought the house down in an adrenaline-charged number called "Fuse".

Michelle Ott smiles backstage before she models in the "Eras" dance.

NIGHT AWAY

West Chicago's AwardWinning Bands

The success of this year in band began one hot day in August when all members reported for camp. We've all heard the jokes, but they did actually manage to enjoy themselves. The hours of hard work included time spent marching, perfecting the show movements, memorizing songs, and learning the pep music. When school started, they were polished and ready to perform.

Their halftime shows were productions in themselves. The colorgaurd acted out the story of "Man of La Mancha" while the music was played. Five songs made up the show: "Man of La Mancha," "Dulcinea," "Spanish Dance," "Aldonza," and "The Impossible Dream." The number "Spanish Dance" showcased the band's excellent marching skills and their senior-powered drumline who took center stage in their solo song. The crowd answered every performance with thunderous applause, which was well-deserved.

The Winter Band Concert's songs were a mix of old favorites and old masterpieces. "King Cotton," "Suite Francaise," "As The Stars Forever," "Variations On An African Hymnsong," and "Amparito Roca" were performed by the symphonic band. The jazz band's selections were "Miss Fine," "It's Only A Paper Moon," with Amy Koltz on vocals, "My Romance," and an infectious latin number called "Sandunga" with numerous soloists: Melissa Lund on piano, Brian Toms on bari sax, Chris Buckles-Haley on trumpet, Matt Wdowiarz on guitar, Frank Check on drums, and the quartet of Tom Barta, Sean Palmer, Sam West, and Amy Koltz on percussion. Needless to say, it was a show-stopper.

One huge success for the band came on their trip to the St. Louis Music Festival. They were bused for over fourteen hours altogether, but came back with an armload of awards. The band received first place in field show review, jazz ensemble, parade review, and concert band. Outstanding soloists and sections were Frank Check and Matt Wdowiarz for jazz band, Jess Askin for field show, Shane Ness for jazz band, trumpet section for field show, brass section for jazz band, and saxophone section for jazz band.

They ended the year with a spring concert. "Chimes of Liberty,""The Wizard of Oz," "Fortress," and "Jubilance" were concert band songs. The jazz band performed "Blues in Hoss Flat," "Makin' Whoopee," "First Love Song," "Orange Colored Sky," and "That's What I Thought."

One special item that must be mentioned is this is the first graduating class to have been under Mr. Guter's instruction all four years. We'll miss our seniors, but the trip's been like an impossible dream.

-Katy Kostal

The marching band and colorgaurd performed songs from the 2000 field show "Man of Mancha" along with pep songs during their annual Marching Band Showcase.

Drum major Chris Buckles Haley and Assistant Drum Majors Carrie Carpenter and Mel Lund led the band during every parade, half time show, and football game.

The drum line, Mike Ziberna, Aaron Becker, Sean Palmer, Leathy Norton, and Rich Amos, performs the popular "Spanish Dance" from the marching show. They incorporated Blue Man Group-like choreography and style into their performance.

Flute players Kim Fioroni and Malissa Kane pause before thier Winter Concert to model the bands' new uniforms.

What is the best part of being in the band this year?

"Bonding with Mrs. Kostal at St. Louis. Yes bonding. Bonding like dentures."

-Emilie Biancalana

"Watching Swanner 'play' his bass in jazz band."

-Carrie Carpenter

"Not having to play 'Pomp and Circumstance' a thousand times at graduation."

-Collective Feeling From All Seniors

"When the entire jazz band walked off the stage in Frank Check's solo at the final concert."

-Kim Peterik

Josh Swanner, Frank Check, and singer Amy Koltz take a break before the jazz band performance.

Brad Sabathne helps distract the visiting team and pump up the home crowd by playing in the pep band during a basketball game.

Andy Hein plays his tuba during the Win Concert. His solo in "The Wizard of Oz" later the year was a favorite for everyone.

Orchestra members Betsy Drzal and Sofi Syed prepare their violins for the start of their concert.

Orchestrally Speaking

2000-2001 marked the start of a new orchestra at West Chicago. Their performances were beyond eloquence or words. The determination and hard work of all the orchestra to improve their skills showed. With new faces and new challenges, they set out to make music that would rival symphonies.

They were first led by orchestra director Rebecca Keil until she became ill. Luckily, Mr. Guter, the band director, acted as a stand-in for their first concert in December. A new director, Susan Young, was hired second semester and took over.

Susan Young led the group through two more concerts, one in May and one in March. The selections chosen were beautiful. At all three concerts the members of the orchestra played wonderfully.

This year at the Music Banquet, the National School Orchestra Award was given out. Usually a senior receives this because of, well, seniority. This year was no different, it went to James Jaffe. He earned it through hard work and sacrifice, after playing for only one year. This was enhanced considering he was also in West Chicago's marching, concert, and jazz bands.

A devotion to excellence and musical improvement brought the orchestra to new heights during the school year. Concerts were successful, practices were fun, and friendships were made. This enjoyable atmosphere gave way to the creation of incredible music the entire year.

-Katy Kostal

Amanda Meiborg sets up her violin in preparation for the year's first orchestra concert in December.

Leathy Norton tunes her cello to perfection. She was one of West Chicago's three cellists.

Darcie Jones proudly acts as Sancho Panza, the squire to Don Quixote, in the halftime show.

Seana Swaback listens to corrections from a fellow gaurd during a dress rehersal.

Meredith Koch, Sarah Hammer, and Maggie Grossmayer at the Marching Band Showcase.

Colorguard
Flags, Dancing, and Swordfights

Much controversy has been brought up in recent years about where the colorguard fits in. Is it a sport? Most people would say no. Could it be classified as a performaning art? Maybe. Are there any musical instruments involved? Nope. So then why are they a featured part of the music page? The colorguard is most often associated with the marching band at WCCHS because they perform with them. *Perform* with, so it falls under the category of performing arts.

This past football season, the colorgaurd members had to be creative and match their choreography and costumes to the tunes of "Man of La Mancha". Following the storyline of the musical, they dressed as squires, knights, and "ladies of the night." Captain Jaime Nadolny acted as Don Quixote, the main character in the musical. Assistant captain Heather Coakley was Dulcinea. Their intricate costumes were made by Mrs. Jaffe, to whom the girls extend much gratitude and appreciation.

Their production for the field show this year was more intense than years past. They improved the quality of their work and have forever raised the caliber of their performances.

-Sarah Hammer &
Katy Kostal

Colorgaurd captains Maggie Grossmayer, Jaime Nadolny, and Heather Coakley pause for a picture prior to the Marching Band Showcase.

We Are One Voice

Anders (Babalou) Walker relaxes before he sings solo at the Toronto International Music Festival. Walker often helped out with conducting the various choirs in rehearsal.

There are many benefits of being in choir. According to Elissa Dupree., the one that made it the most memorable to many was, "You meet wonderful people, and make incredible friends! Choir is a time to learn, sing and relax!"

From March 1st through 4th, all of the choirs participated in the International Toronto Music Festival in Toronto, Canada. Concert Choir, Mixed Choir, and Women's Choral all received silver ratings, while the Chamber Choir received a gold rating. While in Canada, the choirs visited the CN tower, Casa Loma, and Niagara Falls.

Twenty-two students from all of the choirs were chosen to perform at the 72nd annual Fox Valley Music Festival.

Elissa Dupree, Darcie Jones, Julie Volk, Anders Walker, Lesley Leary, and Cheryl Winter competed in the IMEA music festival. Anders Walker and Elissa Dupree received two of the highest ranks for their vocal parts.

Anders Walker auditioned and made it into the high Honors All State Choir, receiving the highest rank for basses. In May, he sang the Star Spangled Banner at the state baseball tournament.

-Christine Austin

Illinois Music Education Association Participants: *Darcie Jones, Julie Volk, Deanna Volk, Elissa Dupree, Anders Walker, Aaron Troy, Leslie Leary, Cheryl Winter.*

Ms. Smith leads rehersal before the winter concert at Edman Chapel on the campus of Wheaton College. The choirs performed there for the second year in a row.

Accompianist Mr. Ron Benner helps lead concert choir through warm-ups before their performance at Edman Chapel. Mr. Benner, a former vocal music teacher at West Chicago High School, had served as the pianist for the various choirs since Ms. Smith arrived in 1997.

Chamber Choir. Front: Dulce Vasquez, Melissa Fisher, Deanna Volk; **Row 2:** Julie Volk, Leasley Leary Cheryl Winter, Elissa Dupree, Darcie Jones; **Back:** Kael Rewers, Aaron Troy, Anders Walkers.

"Life is like music; it must be composed by ear, feeling, and instinct, not by rule."

-Samuel Butler

Mixed Choir. Front: Ryan Mims, Casmiro Ocampo, James Hofmann, Leonel Perez, Justice Taylor, Jim Oroni, Maria Gartias, Ariana Rivera, Amanda Morrison, Lynn Mieve, Director Ms. Smith; **Row 2:** Mr. Ron Benner, Erica Liepins, Laura Schaefer, Amy Natale, Jennifer Buchman, Julie McKee, Tami Kuta, Brooke Bachelor, Sarah Mendez, Angel Chiarito, Karla Leonard, Lena Gomez, Jolene Whitlock; **Back:** Christina Orda, Kristen Redden, Jennifer Auchincloss, Angela Scott, Kim Meyerholz, Sarah Goushos, Judy Reza, Jessica Warbiany, Peggy Werle, Ashley Hannon, TiannaJuarez, Leigh Heltmen, Seanna Swabachi, Shaila, Jennifer Veguilla.

Concert Choir. Front: Shannon Mims, Jessica Guteriz, Darcie Jones, Amanda Triplett, John Skala, Brandon Becker, Aaron Troy, Ryene Hoffman, Lindsey Anders, Heather Runions, Brianne Rehmus; **Row 2:** Racheal Spusta, Suzanne Smith, Hilary Blanchard, Kathrine Walker, Dan Goody, Tony Palomi, Brandon Barclay, Chris Hendricks, Mike Keely, Casmiro Vela, Laurie Lenertz, Kimpha Chow, Christine Austin; **Row 3:** Deanna Volk, Megan Smith, Audrey Sebastiano, James Garcia, Sammy Mashsal, Luke Taylor, Steve Knox, Stephen Slattery, Ruth Kueker, Michelle Landriault, Kimberly Fioroni, Melissa Fisher, Copper Tuma; **Back:** Accompianist Mr.Benner, Angela Hanson, Cheryl Winter, Shannon Koering, Julie Volk, Phil Legorreta, Eric Fries, Marcin Syzmoniak, Tom Wojcicki, Elissa Dupree, Lesley Leary, Tracy Yednok, Director Ms. Smith.

Elissa Dupree and Lesley Leary smile before the winter comcert at Edman Chapel. "I have loved these last four years of choir! Thanks for all the great memories!" said Dupree.

Intermediate Choir. Front: Tannia Ortiz, Elaine Lauver, Stepanie Opel, Margaret Schwartz, Malloy Stenslik, Beth Kipp, Susan Lincoln, Erin Madden, Amanda Koester, Dulce Vasquez, Elizabeth Valdez; **Back:** Accompianist Mr. Ron Benner, Gwenith Smith, Ashlee Mcleod, Brittany Brown, Queri Perez, Rebecca Hoffman, Sarah Assian, Rebeca Duran, Kristin Koltz, Krysta Lundgren, Jessica Varble, Amy Demitropoulos.

"Music touches feelings that words can-not."
-Anonymous

Girls Ensemble. Front: Deanna Volk, Amanda Triplett; **Row 2:** Audrey Sebastiano, Suzy Smith, Darcie Jones,Brianne Rehmus; **Back:** Julie Volk, Lesley Leary, Cheyrl Winter, Elissa Dupree and Hillary Blanchard.

Seniors Danielle Kogut and Kim Fioroni take a moment to smile before rehearsal. "To be able to touch someone with your voice is one of the most dynamic experiences," said Fioroni.

"BOO!" 13 Scenes For Halloween

Under the watchful eye of Ms. Hafertepe, students and actors from West Chicago High produced a fall poduction called "Boo!" This play was actually a series of thirteen different short plays all relating to a Holloween theme. Senior cast members included Amy Allison, Ryan Begy, Alex Corson, Melissa Garcia, Bryan Jones, Justin Kallas, Deanna Volk, all of which were experienced actors who had appeared in other West Chicago drama productions, as well as other school activities.

In addition to the 13 scenes, an abridged version of Shakespeare's *Macbeth* was performed. Act two consisted of the play "Her Last Possession," which was magnificantly acted by Copper Tuma, Justin Kallas, Melissa Deutsch, Darcie Jones, and Deanna Volk. The largest of the plays, "Macbeth," was saved for the third act. Thirty-six brilliant young actors performed in *Macbeth* with Begy taking the title role.

-Jeff Heinz

The auditorium became a scary place for two days!

Fall Play Cast. Front: Katie Baginski, Justin Kallas, Beth Hlotke, Kim Palka, Jenny Veguila, Molly Knaak, Darcie Jones, Emy Kaus Becky Eagels, Julie Volk, Sandy Chan, Katie Melbourn, Ryan Mims, Mike Turner; **Row 2:** Jeff Raun, Courtney Rubin, Alex Cors Katie Kammes, Steve Knox, Bryan Jones, Tony Palombi, Amy Allison, Jessi Crockatt, Christine Hendron, Melissa Garcia; **Back:** Be Deutsch, Melissa Heron, Lindsay Doerr, Deanna Volk, Ryan Begy, Niclole Patel, Refe Tuma, Heather Coakley, Fawn Montag, Copp Tuma, Melissa Deutsch.

Early in the production stage of the play, Ms. Hafertepe gives instructions to all of the cast members on how to put on a great show.

In a climatic confrontation, Ryan Begy and Refe Tuma battle in the play Macbeth.

Lady Macbeth, played by Nicole Patel, finds out the powers of firsthand and is consumed by them. Here she bemoans the fact she can't get her hands clean of blood.

"Macduff's soldiers can kick Macbeth's soldiers' butts any day!" -Melissa Garcia

If these walls could talk...
The winter play took us through one room's events over many years.

THE DINING ROOM

College student Chris Hendricks looks a little suspicious as he arrives home to find his father, Tim Axelrod, is "having tea" with a family friend, Carrie Carpenter, in his mother's absence.

Emily, played by Dawn Barzo, frets to her son David, played by Kael Rewers, just after her husband has gone out the door to defend the honor of an insulted uncle.

A room with so much history and significance it almost makes you sad to leave it; that was what the winter play, *The Dining Room* was all about. The entire play took place in a formal dining room in an old mansion. Twelve actors portrayed the nearly sixty characters whose lives took place in and around the dining room.

Senior cast members included Tim Axelrod, Alexandra Corson, Chris Hendricks, Carrie Carpenter, Katie DiNicolo, and Audrey Sebastiano. Three of these were old pros, two were giving debut performances, and one was new to We-Go's stage but had been involved in productions at her previous school.

Some pretty interesting people came and went through the dining room. Several formal parties, a birthday party and even a therapy session took place within the four(seemingly three) walls. The room also saw an affair or two, heard lies and revelations, and felt the love shared by those living in its house.

-Heather Coakley

Psychologist Jeff Raun stoically listens to the suggestions of an architect proposing changes to the dining room. Ironically, Raun billed the architect after the "session."

Although Gordon (Tim Axelrod)looks amused here, he is really a bit uneasy. Margery (Carpenter)hopes that a civilized cup of tea will calm his nerves.

Steve Knox, in the role of a precocious sociology student, sets up to take a shot of his "WASP"ish aunt's refined manners and pretentious tableware.

"To know something is nothing at all; to imagine is everything." - Ryan Begy

Guys and Dolls

Guys and Dolls was performed on May 17, 18, and 19, 2001 in the Weyrauch Memorial Auditorium. This astounding production featured 48 of our most talented actors at West Chicago Community High School. They were accompanied by orchestra players Melissa Kane, Jamie Garcia, Kim Fioroni, Arianna Cortez, Adam Fritz, James Jaffe, Melissa Lund, Brian Jones, Amanda Maiborg, Dan Godoy, Tom Barta, Brian Toms, Brian Van Kley (Plainfield High School), Mary Young (Wheaton College), Kelly Bittner (Wheaton College), Ami Godoy (Wheaton College), and Brian Miller (Wheaton College).

As the curtains were pulled open by Alexandra Patin, everyone's feelings were different. Julie Volk commented, "I was very excited to finally be performing the show that we had all worked so hard on." Megan Smith, however, said, "It felt just like the ordinary practice I wasn't nervous at all."

The musical was very energetic from the audience's point of view. The dancing scenes amazed everyone. But, of course, the dancing would not have been possible without the choreography by Ms. DeRosa. The Hot Box girls, Havana dancers, and Gamblers devoted a large amount of time to practicing both with DeRosa and independently. When Copper Tuma was asked what was the most difficult part of making the musical a success she remarked, "Well, since I can't dance, the most obvious choice would be the dances."

The crews 'behind the curtains' had a large role in the success of the musical. The lighting and sound crew consisted of Eddie Slone, Margot Reges, Josh Foster, Brian Skala, and Arlene Smothers. The majority of the scene changes and propwork was accomplished by by Christine Hendron, Monaca Thomas, Jessica Varble, and Alexandra Patin. Makeup was done by Nellie Guerrero, Queri Perez, and Heather Coakley. The student cast and crew readily took responsibility for helping others and taking care of their personal props along with helping to move scenery during rehearsals and performances.

- Christine Hendron

Nathan Detroit (Colin York) tells Nicely-Nicely Johnson (Erich Fries) and Benny Southstreet (Aaron Troy) to take Miss Adelaide (Copper Tuma) across the street to the drugstore for her cold.

On a New York street, the Mission Band (Elissa Dupree, Kael Rewers, Julie Volk, Deanna Volk, Cheryl Winter, Jamila Moore, Peggy Werle, Megan Smith, Emy Krauspe, Courtney Rubin, and Tim Axelrod) tries to persuade sinners (Amy Arroyo and Hilary Blanchard) to "Follow the Fold."

A town drunk (Sergio Martinez) decides to momentarily "put down his bottle" to let the mission try to change his ways.

Nathan (York) makes a thousand dollar bet with Sky Masterson (Anders Walker) that Sky couldn't take Sarah Brown (Morre) to Havana, Cuba for dinner.

Sky Masterson (Anders Walker) admits his sins to Arvide Abernathy (Elissa Dupree) and Sarah Brown (Jamila Moore) in the mission.

The entire cast, crew, and orchestra pit comes together for a group photo after closing night of the musical on May 19. The photo was a cast gift photo for Mrs. Mack and Miss Smith, the assistant directors of the musical.

The continual practice of "Take Back Your Mink" paid off for the 'Hot Box' girls. Their highquality dancing awed the audience all three nights of the musical.

Favorite Cast Lines

"Get up you fat water buffalo!"
-Big Jule
"That must be what they mean by the holy rollers."
-Lt. Brannigan
"You know, this would be a great way to get children to drink milk."
-Sarah Brown

Best Things about the Musical

"I was able to annoy. . . I mean work with Ms. H."
-Erich Fries
"I have made many new friends and gained so many new experiences."
-Amy Koltz

Ms. Hafertepe makes Elissa Dupree look old in preparation for her performance as Arvide Abernathy.

Josh Foster focuses and aims one of the spots during a solo performance.

The talented Havana dancers spent hours during and after rehearsals practicing their moves. Katie Patnaude, Tony Palombi, and Nicole Patel were only a few of the hardworking Havana dancers in the musical.

Guys and Dolls would not have been such a success without cooperation of the entire cast. It was great to have everyone work as a whole. Dulce Vasquez pitches in by helping Marcos Jimenez put on his makeup before opening night.

Cast parties are only one of the fun parts of being involved in the musical. Deanna Volk, Sean Warren, and Monaca Thomas throw their heads back and laugh at the fun times at Dana Grant's house.

PROM: In the Moment

Prom was held Friday, May 11, 2001 at seven o'clock in the evening at the Abbington. The theme was Eric Clapton's "Wonderful Tonight." Students left school at 12:45 to begin their preparations for the big night. It was a night of glitz and romance as limousines dropped off their passengers and cameras flashed both outside and inside the banquet hall. The election of Jimmy O'Hara and Kim Gardulla as prom king and queen was announced and received with great fanfare.

After prom, over 300 students returned to West Chicago to attend *All Night Long* once the lights went up and the dancing stopped at the Abbington. The ever-popular "bungee run" made a return appearance, and Andy Hein made a memorable flip from his bungee run lane into the adjacent one. Other students headed off in various directions to continue the celebrations through the rest of the the weekend. A good time was had by all.

-Jeff Heinz

"I will not forget about my senior prom."
-Kari Chase

"I had the best time of my life."
-Brian Ahlgard

Nick Logan, Leann Olson, Amy Koltz, and Matt Mckenney look absolutely stunning as they gather outside the Abbington before Prom.

Prom King Jimmy O'Hara and Queen Kim Gardulla enjoy a dance together and celebrate their new-found status as royalty.

Whacky man Brian Ahlgard dances with his date, the lovely Melissa Heron, on a night most hoped would never end.

Seniors Rob Whitman and Adam Turner look the very definition of cool and they know it.

A group of junior friends pauses before their first prom to pose for a portrait showing their love for one another.

Alberto Chavez gives Shelly Ballard a hug as they break from talking for a quick picture.

Jill Grobe and Kari Schmidt show off their beutiful smiles and gowns preceeding prom.

The senior boys take a second to pose for a picture that will capture that moment forever.

Shannon Masschelin slow dances with her prom date.

2000 Prom King John McPheters presents his speech to the new prom court as 2000 Queen, Ashley Link, looks on.

Student Council Class Officers

Freshman Class: President Jackie Vavrek, Vice President Fabiola Leal, Secretary Kim Mueller. **Not Pictured:** Treasurer Rebecca Wilkening.

Sophomore Class: President Kelly Siekman, Treasurer Matt Shambo, Vice President Maggie Wdowiarz, Secretary Brian Nelson.

Junior Class: President Jamie Nadolny, Vice President Nelly Guerrero, Treasurer Lisa Calabrese, Secretary Lauren Migliorato.

Senior Class: President Dennis Janek, Vice President Shannon Sterne, Treasurer Ryan Begy, Secretary Jennifer Cwiak

Student Council

Working to improve West Chicago High School and to contribute to the wider community.

In 2000-2001 Student Council continued commitment to improving our school and being active in the community. Ten representatives from each class were there to listen to the thoughts, concerns, and suggestions of both faculty and students.

The benefit of our school was a major concern with the students at West Chicago, but student council members also helped to take care of the elderly in our community. Once a month each of the class representatives visited Grandma Rose at the West Chicago Terrace retirement home. They also worked with unfortunate kids throughout the state of Illinois. Members bought gifts and donated them to the Humanitarian Society. Gifts were wrapped and sent to children for their birthdays and Christmas. Remember pop top donations 2nd quarter? Student Council also helped to raise them. Pop tops were donated to the Ronald McDonald Charity. Pop tops were dropped off at Loyala Hospital. The pop tops gave the Ronald McDonald Charity money to build homes where families can stay when they are away from home and need to visit a hospital.

Student Council continued working with Com-Ed. The project lasted three years. Each year Com-Ed gave student council a large sum of money to help conserve energy in the high school and the community.

Student Council also purchased risers for the West Chicago music department. The risers were used at jazz band performances andwere also available for use by other organizations in the school.

Fund-raisers like the sophomores' Kripsy Kreme donut sales were a favorite among students at We-Go, and annual carwashes made money for each class.

-Angela Rojas

QUOTE

Student Council is a great way to learn more about what is going on in school. It's a fun organization, but it also looks out for the well-being of the students.

-Jamie Nadolny

UNQUOTE

Executive Board. Front: Secretary Beth Brinn, Jr. Class President Jamie Nadolny, Attendence Cop Chris Hendricks, Soph. Class President Kelly Siekman. **Row 2:** President Cathy Wilken, Vice President Dan Schneider. **Back:** Parlamentarians Hillary Blanchard and Dennis Janek.

Front Row: Beth Brinn, Jamie Nadolny, Copper Tuma, Chris Hendricks, Nicole Patel, Jilary Blanchard, Jill Wolter, Jeremy Rose, Justin Hoshaw, Jeanine Macrito, Natalie Chudoba. **Row Two:** Fabiola Leal, Laura Wilken, Carrie Carpenter, Kathy Brinn, Alex Corson, Jenny Bienaisz, Heather Cirone, Maggie Wdowiarz, Lynn Mielke, Chris Brown, Queri Perez, Shannon Sterne. **Row Three:** Anna Nubie, Steve Kellner, Brian Nelson, Jeff Cordina, Ashley Mazzola, Jackie Vavrek, Andrea Johnson, Cathy Wilken, Patrick Virnich, Christina Orda, Brooke Bachelor, Aimee Paran, Kelly Siekman, Nick Bernard, Matt Shambo, Kim Mueller, Terry Zimmerman. **Back Row:** Nelly Guerrero, Berenice Leal, Lisa Calabrese, Heather Prochnow, Nick Romanelli, Dennis Janek, Dan Schneider, Ryan Begy, Brian Lanners, Jeff Raun, Christina Wilbur. **Not Pictured:** Jenny Cwiak, Lauren Miglioato, Sarah Assian.

Juniors: Reflecting on the Things We've Done

Remembering the Past, Imagining the Future. Three years down...One more to go.

Liz Brouwer and Jenny Payton exude confidence as they head for the gridiron to defend Junior Pride in the Homecoming powder-puff games.

We came into junior year with anticipation. We were finally upperclassmen, we were almost to the top, and we looked enviously at the peak of seniorhood. When asked what he looked forward to in becoming a senior, Craig Schuda said, "I look forward to walking around and being king of the school."

Being juniors brought extra responsibilities, extra work, extra tests, and a surprising lack of extra credit. When asked whether she liked her classes this year, Maggie Grossmayer replied, "Not really, because I'm forced to think and work." The bar was a bit higher for us this time around!

For the first time, we had to begin serious consideration of what we might try to do after high school. We had to prepare for tests like the ACT and the Prarie State Exam which would affect the range of our post-high school choices. We also had to face the junior research paper. Some of us began visiting colleges. Others of us went to work for the first time. Many of us became more involved in school activities than we'd been in previous years, taking leadership roles in organizations and on teams. It was a wonder we met all of the deadlines and completed all of the projects. Of course, we had to ask for an extension or two along the way.

Of course, there were little things along the way that made it all fun. Stella Peduzzi appreciated getting free pickles at lunch, and Jennifer Shanahan said she loved meeting new people and hanging out with friends. We were busy, but when we paused to reflect it was clear we were making it through the hardest year in high school just fine.

-Erin Kirby, Jason Woodbury, and Angela Rojas

Beth Deustch and Julie Volk show off the hottest tickets in town--those to the fall play, *13 Scary Scenes for Halloween*. An abbreviated *Macbeth* was part of the show.

Kristy Shilling "swims" alongside the *USS Juniors*, the class float, showing her school spirit during the Homecoming Parade.

Tuba player Andy Hein relaxes after the last home game performance of the Marching Band's *Man of La Mancha* themed halftime show.

Heather Prochnow and Jenni Boyd show off the sailor hats sold in conjunction with the *Battleship* board game theme assigned to the Junior Class for Homecoming Week.

What animal do you think best represents you and why?

"A stallion. Need I say more?"
-Joe Cantano

"Moose."
-Matt Boes

"A duck because I quack like a duck when I laugh."
-Jennifer Shanahan

What does it mean to be a junior?

"College at sixteen is not a good choice."
-Darcie Jones

"Agony."
-Samantha Fisher

"Being a junior is growing up and maturing. It's developing your own character, meeting and respecting new people and old friends, and having an open mind. It's stressful, of course, but it's necessary."
-Jamie Nadolny

The Junior Class powder puff team happily shows their defiance despite an upsetting loss to the seniors in the tournament final.

Amanda Long looks under the lid to see what's cooking in her foods class.

"Be kind to everyone you meet because you never know, you might have just talked to an angel."

-Adriana Humphries

Edward Abanto
Vianet Acosta
Brooke Adams

Rosario Aguilar
Gonzalo Aguilera
Monica Aguirre

Ana Alanis
Claudia Alcantar
Diego Alfaro
Juventino Alfaro
Alejandro Altamirano
Fidelia Alvarado

Gabriel Alvarado
Carly Anderson
Joshua Aramburu

Tom Armst
Jamie Ar
Christine Au
Brandon Baermann

Jason York gets help from Mr. Mizener in an Industrial Arts class.

Daniel Bajor
John Baker

Jessica Banwart
Morris Barber
Andrew Barton

Shannon Battersby
Matthew Baumrucker
Brandon Becker
Brian Becker

Tyler Belding
Marc Berry
Joshua Besch

Hilary Blanchard
Matthew Blette

Thomas Bloom
[redacted]atthew Boes
[redacted]ley Bolton

Jennifer Boyd
Rebekah Boyd
Pamela Boyle

"Follow the course opposite to custom and you willalmost always do well."
-Jean Jacques Rosseau

"Thoughts are energy, and you can make your world or break your world by thinking."
-Susan Taylor

Carl Prill and Jamie Pawlak relax before a physical education class.

Megan Brandstedter
Zack Brantley
Daniel Brenner
Jeremiah Briggs
Bernaube Briseno
Elizabeth Brouwer

Lori Brown
Mike Brown
Kimberly Burkes

Nicholas Buscemi
Angelica Cabrera
Lisa Calabrese
Stella Calamia

Erik Calderon
Christina Campos

Joseph Caniano
Linnea Capu[redacted]
Gerardo Car[redacted]ona

Daniel Carncross
Nicholas Carter
Kimpha Chau
Heather Christiansen

Zoe Churan
Kevin Cieslewski
Wences Cleto

Casey Connolly
Luis Cordero

Matt Boes and Matt Weber grab some lunch in I.S.S.

Fabiola Correa
Juana Correa
Arianna Cortez
Vanessa Cortez
Michelle Cosco
Johnathan Coulston

Tiffany Cunnally
Elizabeth Czernik
Erika Dauber
Danielle Davis
Michael Davis
Zachary Deaton

Anthony Delegge
Lisa Dereadt
Augustus Detrick
Elizabeth Deutsch
Daniel Dieckmann
Bobby Dieter

Sean Dieter
Thomas Doeseckle
Kristofor Donovan
Corinne Drake
Erin Eberlein
Heather Edminson

Derek Ekstrom
Paul Elson
Edgar Escobedo
Christina Feistamel
Kurt Fenner
Marcos Fernandez

Lindsey Fiegler
Jesse Fink
Melissa Fisher
Samantha Fisher
Kevin Franckowiak
Kathryn Frantzen

Austen Fuchs
Daniel Fugazzotto
Antonio Gallegos
Alma Garcia
Ana Garcia
Cesar Garcia

Cristina Garcia
Moises Garcia
Rosa Garcia
Ruby Garfias
Kimberly Gargula
Clayton Garlt

Marc Berry looks stunned after dropping his books just as he was going to stuff them into his locker.

Mike Masschelin looks like he's lounging around in American History, but he's really working on a group project.

Marcos Fernandez makes takes a wrong turn across from Bishop Gymnasium.

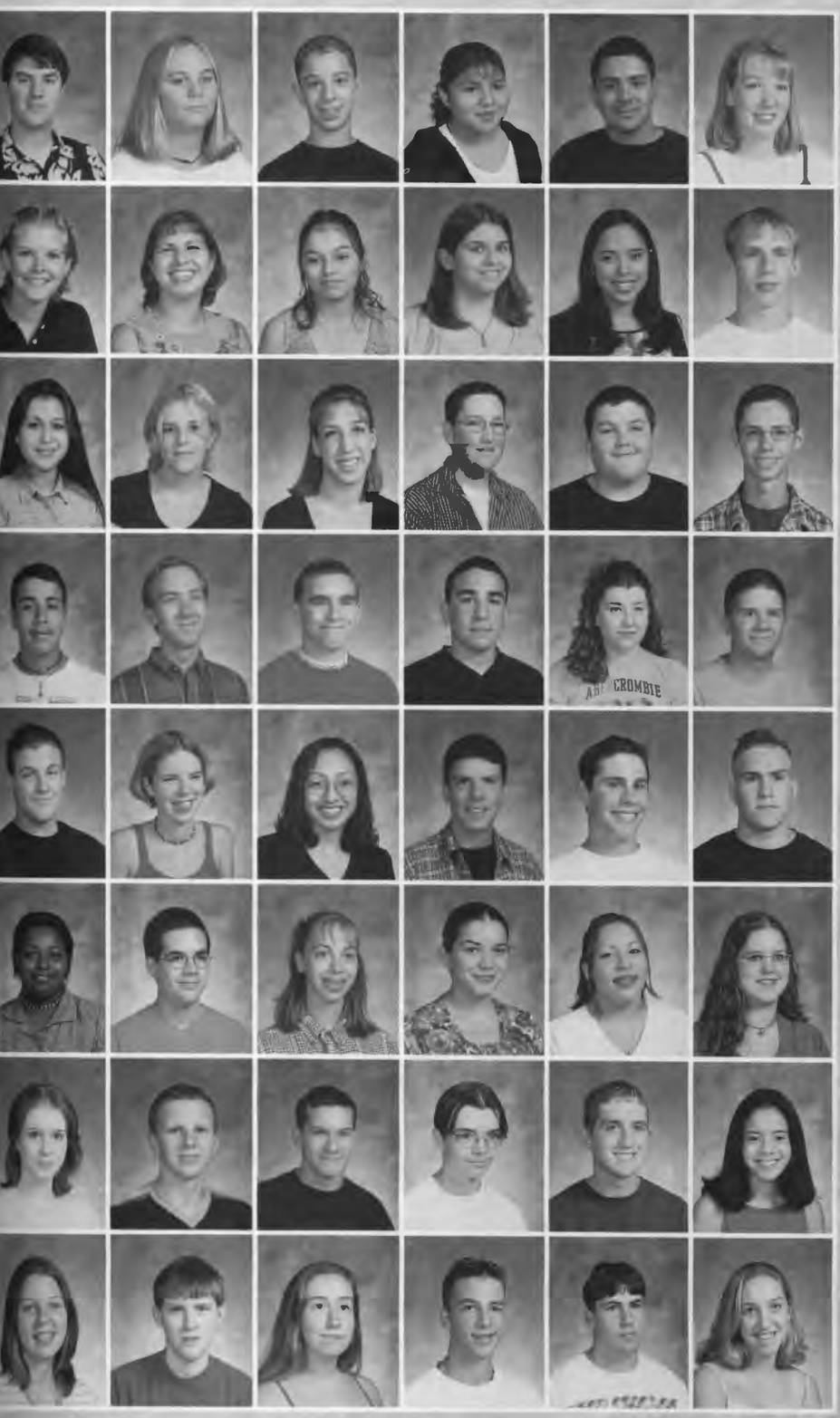
What would you buy with a dollar?

"Hearty Beef. Tender beef jerky from the lunch line"
-Jon Lim

"Baby Gerber's peaches baby food."
-Rocio Guzman

"Twenty minutes of long distance phone calls"
-Daniel Carnaross

Adriana Humphries and Rocio Guzman enjoy a moment together during a locker stop on the way to American History.



Jeff Raun exclaims "Hooray" for school in spite of the crowds he must navigate to get out of Commons after lunch.

Javier Saucedo works diligently in architectural drawing class.

Hilary Blanchard walks off to lunch.

Christopher Gerber
Emilia Gerleve
Daniel Godoy
Jeannette Gomez
William Gonzalez
Heather Goranson

Jill Grobe
Margaret Grossmayer
Juana Guerrero
Nelly Guerrero
Vanessa Guillen
Jason Gunther

Vanessa Guzman
Sarah Gwynne
Kristi Hall
Steven Hamrick
Christopher Hansen
Andrew Hein

Jose Herrera
Matthew Hofer
Scott Hoffmann
Ryene Hofmann
Shannon Hogan
Jordan Holmes

Mark Hopkins
Alice Hultquist
Adriana Humphries
William Inch
Matthew Infelise
Timothy Jaffe

Chonelle Jefferson
Joshua Jeffery
Darcie Jones
Tiana Juarez
Maria Jurado
Mary-Megan Kalvig

Kathryn Kammes
Ben Keller
Kory Kendziora
Blake Kennedy
Kevin King
Erin Kirby

Crystal Kirschke
Jon Klintworth
Maggie Knaak
Stephen Knox
Alex Kochick
Amy Koltz

Kari Schmidt, Jill Grobe, and Jennifer Taylor smile because they are heading off to a new day in their wonderful psychology class.

What would you do for twenty bucks?

"Nair my whole body."
-Joe Cantano

Nothing. If I needed $20 badly enough I'd use my A.T.M. card and get it myself.
-Stella Calamia

"Stand on my head."
-Andy Hein

JUNIORS

Brittany Kozlowski
Scott Kozlowski

Joshua Kutilek
Heather Lakics
Matthew Lambin

Kyle Lange
Ronald Langhans
Brian Lanners
Justin Laprall

Alexander Lascau
Chris Lauver
Berenice Leal
Brian Leazenby
Laurie Lenertz

Tiffany Lillie
Megan Llorens
Kevin Loewe
Jessica Loftus
Stephanie Ly
Thomas Macauley

Corinne Mackniskas
Eric Macorkel
Samantha Mahr
Caterina Marcantonio
Carla Marrero
Laura Martin
Claudia Martinez

Jr. Martinez
Laura Martinez
Sergio Martinez
Michael Marvan
Michael Masschelin
Anthony Massih

Patrick McCluskey
Melanie McGehee
Crystal McGinnis
Sarah McInerney
Bridget McPike

Sean McTighe
Brian Mehrman
Amanda Meiborg
Cody Melbourn

Amy Memoli
Estaban Mendoza
Raul Mendoza

Sandra Mercado
Michael Merrion

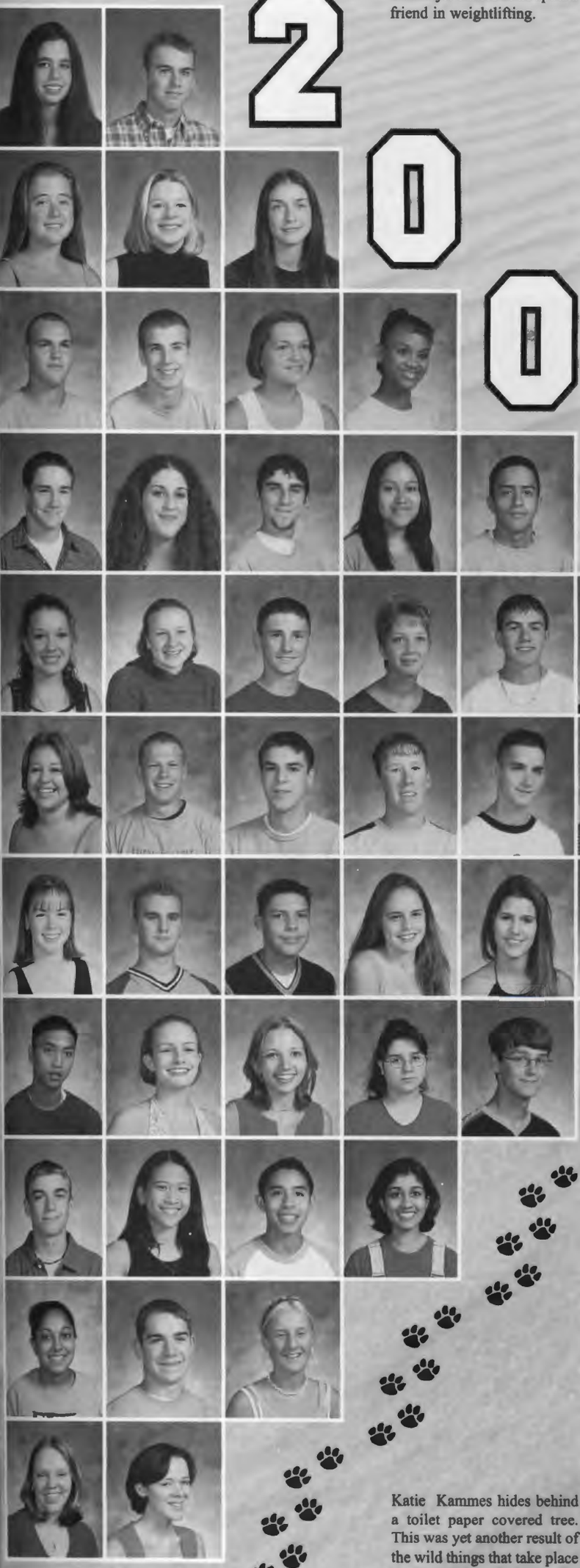
Tom Wojcicki and Craig Schuda work on painting the Junior Class window to kick off the Homecoming Week festivities.

W E G O

Tommy Newman and Crystal Kirschke embrace before they have to make it to their next class.

2002 JUNIORS

Dan Bajor smiles as he spots a friend in weightlifting.



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Kevin Mestek

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Lauren Migliorato

Peter Milauskas
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Sarah Miller
Shannon Mims

Ric Miner
Colleen Mitchell
Franklin Mitchell
Guadalupe Montalvo
Noel Moreno

Joanna Mosteller
Martha Mueller
Daniel Murphy
Jamie Nadolny
Tad Netzel
Tommy Newman

Rachel Noceda
Christopher Norman
Patrick Norton
John Nowicki
Michael Nubie
James O'Hara
Andy Obrochta

Leann Olson
Michael Olson
Shane Ray Olson
Stephanie Opel
Lauren Openshaw
Alejandro Ortiz

Jonathan Ortiz
Michelle Ott
Stacey Pacini
Taimilka Padron
Geoffrey Palka

Tony Palombi
Aimee-Jasmine Paran
Joseph Park
Nicole Patel

Nisha Patel
David Pater
Jamie Pawlak

Jennifer Payton
Stella Peduzzi

Katie Kammes hides behind a toilet paper covered tree. This was yet another result of the wild things that take place at Homecoming.

Morris Barber looks deep into the camera as he walks through the halls.

Who do you admire most and why?

"I admire Santy Clause; he can fit down the chimney and he's soooo cool."
-Darsie Jones

Jim O'Hara gets a quick hug from Christina Wilbur as they cross paths on their way to their next class.

Bibiana Perez
Mauricio Perez
Valeria Perez
Rebecca Petrie
Truc Pham

Daniel Piet
Gianna Pigoni
Andrew Pinto
Jennifer Pinto
John Pollman

Jaclyn Prena
Carl Prill
Heather Prochnow
John Quadrizius
Gicela Ramirez

Joshua Ramirez
Sean Ransone
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Margot Reges
Janette Reveles

Kael Rewers
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Christina Roberts
William Rocha
Angela Rojas

Hector Romero
Allison Rovtar
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Katherine Ryan
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Peter Salinas
Jorge Sanchez
Priscilla Sanchez

Lucia Sanroman
Javier Saucedo
Marina Savenok
Jason Schadeberg
Kevin Schaefer

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Kari Schmidt
Steven Schnieder
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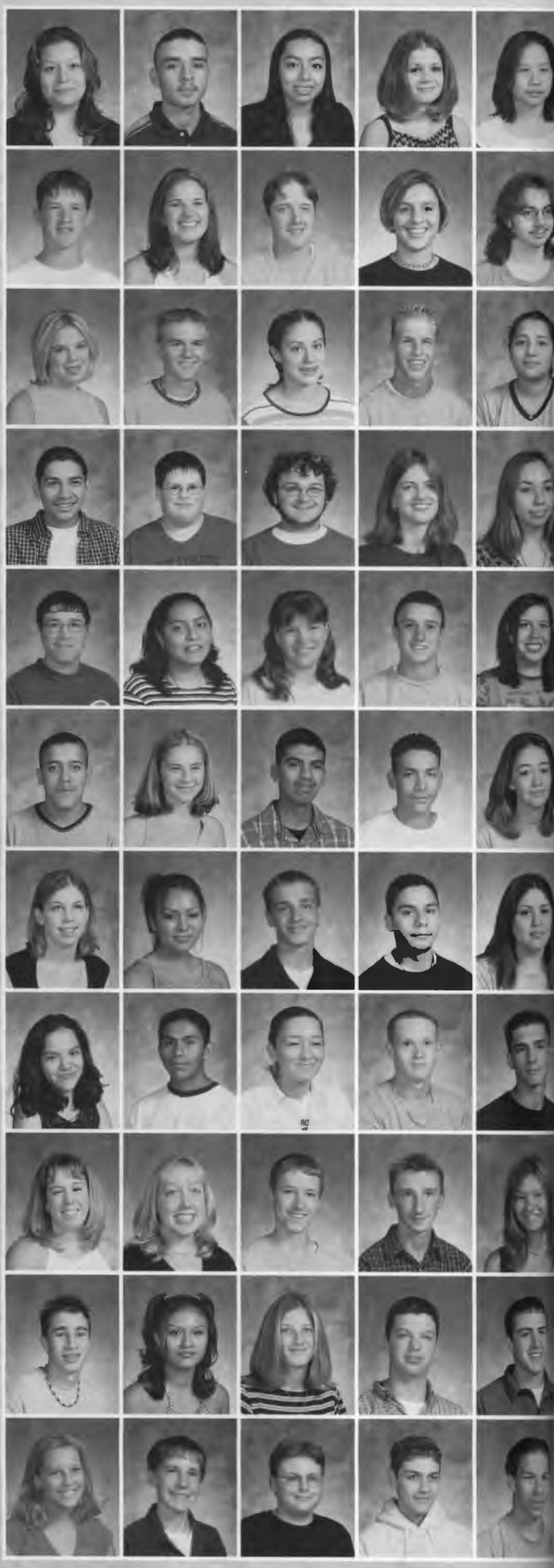

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Arlene Smothers
Jesus Solano

Bradley Spata
Natalie Spelman
Tarah Sperando
Ashley Stern
Amanda Stone

Nathaniel Stonequist
Jessica Strock
Edward Stumpfel
Sean Suwalski
Michael Svast

Monika Szymoniak
Dariusz Szyszko
Cynthia Tancl
Michael Tawney
Jennifer Taylor

Luke Taylor
Rocio Tena
Lisa Thomas
James Thrasher
Cesar Toledo

Brian Toms
Anna Tovar
Aaron Troy
Matthew Trygar
Copper Tuma

Theresa Uy
Melissa Valentino
Gilda Valenzuela
Steven Vandernaalt
Ismael Vargas

Lilia Vazquez
Ryan Virnich
Julie Volk
Douglas Walker
Kathleen Walker

Jacqueline Walters
Cindy Warner
Christopher Wasielewski
Matthew Waterman
Matthew Weber

Julie Wiechert
Christina Wilbur
Laura Wilken
Nathan Williams
Matthew Wilson

Joshua Winquist
Thomas Wojcicki
Kyle Wolfe
Jill Wolter
Jason Woodbury

Justin Laprall sticks his tongue out at a student in the hallway in front of Commons.

Who do you admire most and why?

"Gwen Stephani because she's always original and totally rocks!"
-Maggie Grossmayer

Nick Buscemi works on a map in his American History class.

Wildcats

Jason Worel
Candice Yanke
Jason York
Meghan Young
Kristine Zeffield

Kim Burkes and Kevin King "paws" for a smile.

Dan Fugazzatto works diligently on his ho work assignment.

"The best part of junior year was going to Spain for two weeks."
-Jason Woodbury

The worst part of being a junior was taking the Prairie State Achievement Exam and writing the junior research paper."
-Angela Rojas

Laura Wilken and Josh Aramburu can't wait for another interesting day in the world of psychology.

Dan Bajor, Copper Tuma, Jamie Nadolny, Sarah Miller, Laurie Lenertz, Jennie Shannahan, Jessica Banwart, Lisa Calabrese, Heather Prochnow, Lauren Migliorato, Alice Hultquist and Jeff Raun proudly finish the Junior Class window painting for homecoming.

Ed Abante makes his way to his next cl

Sergio Martinez and Jenni Boyd take out the trash.

Giana Pigoni and Kristie Hall relax after performance at the Waubonsie Valley Festival.

Melissa Valentino, Jessica Strock, Matt Baumrucker, and Pam Boyle chill in Commons during lunch.

WE-GO ATHLETES UP TO THE DVC CHALLENGE

Our 2000-2001 DVC champions get ready for another exciting match-up versus the Geneva Vikings for the regional title.

What was the highlight this year in athletics?

"Girls' Basketball winning conference. That rocked!"
-Jason York

West Chicago's athletic teams proved to be a powerful force in the DuPage Valley Conference in 2000-2001. The hard work and effort put into the seasons demonstated that not only did we excel in the classroom, but on the fields and courts as well. The athletes put their high spirits, determination, pride and glory first when fighting for our school. One of the best examples of this was the Lady Wildcat basketball team's season. It can be summed up with one word...amazing!

The Lady Wildcats finished up the season with an astonishing record of 24-4, a DVC conference title, not to mention acheiving the status of regional champs. The Wildcats were ranked as one of the top twenty teams in the area by Chicagoland newspapers. Throughout the season they had one goal...to win.

Fall season highlights featured swimmer Jack Vavrek's first place finish in the 100 freestyle in a time of 23.29 seconds. Other top scores were the 200 free relay's 12th place finish and the 400 free relay's 19th place finish at state. The football team put a lot of effort into their games, keeping the margins very slim in nearly every game.

The spring season brought record-breaking times in the 100 and 400 dash by Laura Baumrucker and in the 4-by-200 yard dash consisting of Jessica Cwiak, Aimee Buetke, Kathy Brinn and Laura Baumrucker. The girls' medley relay qualified for state with a sectional time of 1:51.2 and missed qualifying in state finals by only two seconds with an astounding time of 1:50.89. The girls' softball team proved to be strong force in the DVC again. They clinched the coveted DVC title and performed exceptionally well in regionals. The boys' volleyball team had a great season. They took the regional title and moved on to compete at state after beating Lake Park with a third game comeback in a match that lasted two hours.

"It was awesome that we not only had fan support in football and basketball, but in other sports as well."
-Angela Rojas

Although the West Chicago Wildcats had great highlights in each of the seasons, the athletes would not have been able to perform up to pa' without the healing hands of new trainer, Kori Welch and student trainer Laura Wilken. They were out at games, matchee and meets, not for the sole purpose of tending to athletes, but to show their school spirit as well, and they cheered the teams to victory.

-Erin Kirby and Christina Hendron

Andy Hein keeps his eye on the ball while still in the air after going skyward for the tipoff against West Aurora.

Joe Lureau victoriously swims the 100 breast stroke in a time of 59.92 at state.

Kori Welch joined the We-Go Athletic Department as trainer for '00-'01..

Laura McQueen eyes the ball as she sets up the for the next play.

Tim Yormark takes a stylish swing during golf practice.

How was our school pride this year?

"I think that this year had a really good feeling to it because there were more people supporting their peers."
-Lisa Calabrese

AN EFFORT MATCHED BY NONE

THE LADYCAT RUNNERS PROVED THAT QUALITY BEATS QUANTITY ANY DAY

At first glance, West Chicago's girls' cross country team may not strike fear into the hearts of their competitors. That's okay--the ladycats were silent but deadly. With only 11 members, the team performed under pressure meet after meet, and prevailed with great finishes, hard races, and many personal bests.

Highlights of the year were the 5th place finish at the Benet Invitational, taking 2nd place at the Belvidere Invite, and the defeat of rival team Naperville Central by a single point despite their incredibly large team. "We had nine runners in the race and Naperville Central had 40. It gave us a lot of confidence and it is definitely a good thing," Coach Boves commented. "The girls were super excited. They were yelling on the bus."

Jenni Boyd was named MIP, Bryce Wolfe earned the Rookie Award, and MVP went to Katy Kostal. Kostal was the 2nd individual qualifier for sectionals from the LeRoy Oake Regional. Unfortunately, state qualification was not in the cards for the 2000 season.

The team's small size didn't limit their unending support of one another. Newcomer Lauren Anders said of her first year of cross country, "I'm very glad that I was able to meet everyone. They made me feel welcome, and I had a great time with them going to meets and at pasta parties." Special memories of the season were the many Friday night pasta parties, acting crazy at Saturday meets, the team mudfight, and dancing and singing to Sir Mix-a-Lot's rap.

"The Belvidere Invite was my favorite memory because I got an award and Katy went up to get our trophy with her 'big butt'!" said two-year veteran runner Carmen Saucedo.

Aside from the preparation for meets and the actual competition, the girls put a lot of energy into their workouts, at times running in the mornings and afternoons. This exhausting schedule barely gave them enough time to enjoy the fruits of their labor or the medals they racked up throughout the season. Some of the girls had been running through the summer to build strength. Coach Boves found that to be key to a successful start of the season. She noted, "We need more runners who are willing to work hard over the summer and during the season. The girls also need to improve their mental focus so they can be strong even when their bodies are very tired."

> "We came in here more focused than ever. They ran their hearts out today and really, really gave it their all."
> -Coach Katerina Boves after Regionals

We-Go's girls' cross country team saw a few dissapointments as well as many great achievements during the season, but nothing would replace the memories of their year.

-Katy Kostal and Erin Kirby

Bryce Wolfe and Erin Kirby create a Zoe Churan sandwich after an exhausting day of racing at the Benet Invitational.

Coach Boves struggles to pack up after the first home meet of the season. The ladycats ran well despite many injuries.

Krystal Muhlberger shows mental and physical strength as she pushes on in the DVC race to finish in 50th out of 55 runners.

Bryce Wolfe pushes on towards a 46th place finish out of 55 competitors.

Erin Kirby, Katy Kostal, Coach Boves, Krystal Muhlberger, Jenni Boyd, and Bryce Wolfe celebrate a good effort at the Naperville North course after the DVC meet.

Kristy Skogsberg relaxes after a d day of cheering.

Lone senior Beth Brinn put her heart into her last conference race.

What was your most challenging race?

"Crystal Lake because of all those darn hills we had to run up!"
-Bryce Wolfe

"Benet was challenging because I had to push myself. I had to make myself go way out of my comfort zone and it was hard, but I finished 19th in the varsity race."
-Jenni Boyd

Katy Kostal keeps her eyes on the All-Conference finish she acheived.

Fighting for 28th place, Erin Kirby also shaved 40 seconds off her time.

Jenni Boyd rests with Carmen Saucedo after personal best races at the Wauconda Invite.

IN PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

YOUNG RUNNERS USHER IN THE NEXT CHAPTER OF WEST CHICAGO BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY

What's your favorite memory from the season?

"Turning enemies into friends and friends into brothers."

-Derek Jensen

"Learning that the only thing that stops me from doing anything is a weak will, and writing words like "booger" in wet sand is a lot of work after practice."

-Matt Wdowiarz

Teamwork was the byword of boys' cross country as ten of seventeen members were new to the sport in 2000. The four seniors who led the team, Matt Wdowiarz, Evan Mosely, Tom Boward, and Chris Buckles Haley shared only seven years of combined experience between them. While the team struggled in competitions, their efforts as a group were solid throughout the season and led to notable individual accomplishments of which all could be proud.

Key performances came at Belvidere, where top finishers were Ed Abante in ninth, and Pat Baur in eleventh. The freshman/sophomore team had a very rewarding finish with Derek Jensen in ninth and Greg Moore in fourteenth.

"Cross country is all building blocks. Each season builds on the last one until the runners top out as seniors."
-Coach Paul McCleland

Another outstanding meet came at the Benet Invitational. The varsity team placed seventh out of fourteen, with eleven out of fifteen runners achieving personal bests. "This was our best meet of the season. All of our guys are working really hard," Coach Paul McCleland stated after the meet. Ed Abante once again led the Wildcats with a seventh place finish in his season best of 16:23, and following in hot pursuit was fourteenth place finisher Pat Baur in 16:47. Junior Ed Abante earned the team's MVP award, and Most Improved Runner went to sophomore Derek Jensen.

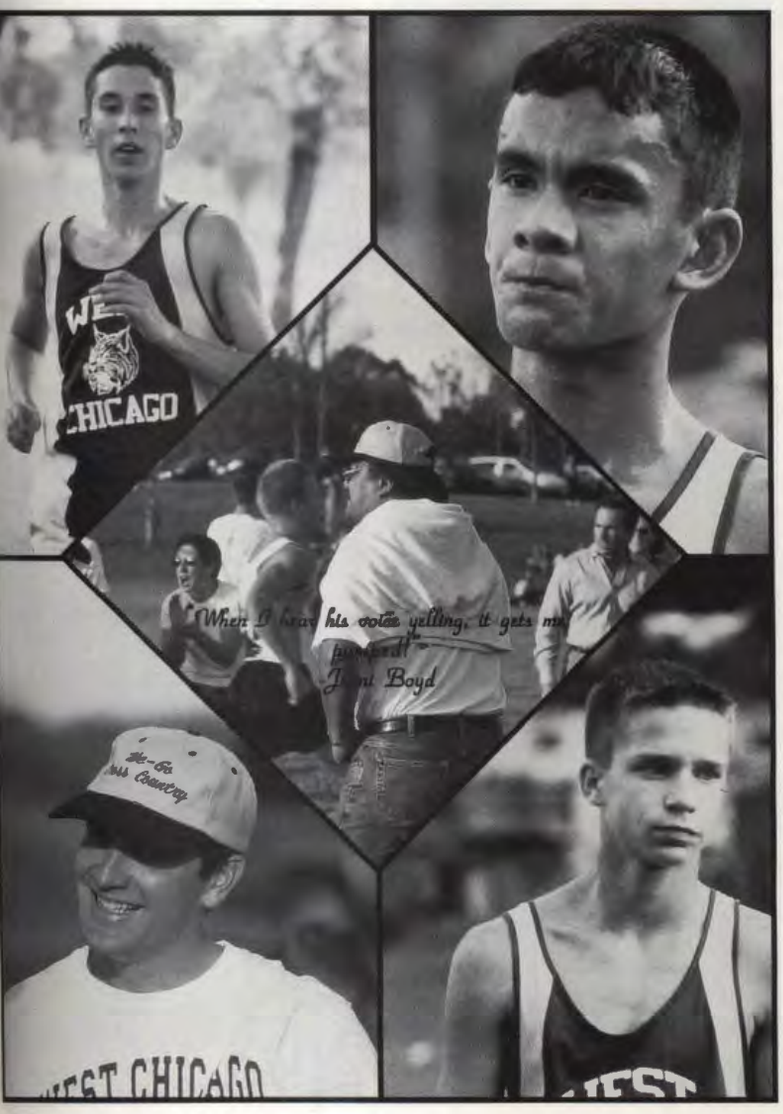
The boys traveled great distances to compete in specific meets, and the weather was not always favorable. Freezing rain, sub-zero temperatures, biting winds, merciless humidity, and the blazing sun could be experienced at any one of the meets – sometimes all in one day! Darek Szysko noted, "Benet was my hardest race because I forgot my spikes and there was a one-inch layer of ice all through the course." The Wildcats were not daunted by such harsh obstacles, though. Matt Wdowiarz said, "My most challenging race was my final one because I knew it was my last. I ran so hard I was incoherent for ten minutes afterwards."

The team was often seen running through West Chicago together in the wee hours of the morning or in the sweltering sun of the afternoon, and their efforts and support of each other as a team led to the individual accomplishments enjoyed by all.

-Katy Kostal and Erin Kirby

Jason Pillion reaches the chute, well ahead of his competition.

Ed Abante's effort is matched only by his perspiration.



Coach Paul McCleland is pleased with times from his young runners.

Derek Jensen concentrates on his strategy to beat Glenbard North on their home course.

Sal Rizzo, Ben Hensey, Jason Shreiram, Darek Szyszko, Jason Pillion, Greg Moore, Evan Mosely, Ed Abante, and Pat Baur chill after running hard at the Benet Invititational Meet.

Tom Boward and Billy Inch "warm-up" prior to their race at Benet.

What was your most motivating phrase before a race?

"We-Go CC for life."

-Greg Moore

"We didn't come out here to take second!"

-Pat Baur

"ALL SET? YOU BET!"

-We-Go Boys' Cross Country Team

The varsity team surveys their challenge seconds before the conference race gets underway.

WILDCAT PRIDE
WEST CHICAGO FOOTBALL 2001

The football team ended the season with a record of 1 and 6 in the conference, and 1 and 8 overall. However, many of the games were a lot closer then the record indicated. The team started off the year with a heartbreaking loss to state-ranked Plainfield. The Wildcats had the ball on the 15 yard line with one play remaining for the win, but came up just short. Plainfield went on to have an undefeated regular season.

The highlight of the year for the Wildcats was a 13-12 upset of conference rival Glenbard East. The Wildcat defense came up big in the waning seconds of the game, led by senior safety Nick Richardson. Richardson took the Glenbard East quarterback out of bounds at the one yard line to force a turnover on downs.

The MIP award was given to Zach Pederson. The MVP for the year was Tim Carstensen, who was also given the Wildcat Award for off-season work. Steve Taylor earned the Randall Jacobs Award, which is given annually to an exemplary football athlete in commemoration of Jacobs, who was killed in combat in Vietnam in 1967.

Zach Pederson planned to play college ball at Carthage of Wisconsin, and Erich Fries looked to be a walk-on player at Central Florida.

The future looked bright for the Wildcats as the sophomore team placed second in conference.

-Tim Carstensen

Corey Coleman jukes out a defender on his way to a short gain.

Johnny Kolodick turns to look for the b before hauling in a long catch.

Brett Dieter drops back as Morris Barber looks for a running lane while Matt Raymond throws a block.

Kevin Stott gets into a defensive stance while staring down the opponent.

Brett Dieter uses all his energy to unleash bomb down the sidelines.

Matt Raymond has his game face on while getting ready to make some moves.

Johnny Kolodick listens attentively as head coach Bob Stone instructs the offense.

Senior safety Nick Richardson gets ready to make an open field tackle.

Jaime Merlo showcases his speed on his way to pressure the quarterback.

Linebacker Mark Hopkins shoots the gap on his way to tackling the running back in the backfield.

Senior Zach Pederson spots a player not doing pregame jumping jacks.

Tim Carstensen does his best Lt. Dan impression during halftime stretching.

Ice, ice, ready. The Wildcat offense runs a play in the Ron Lou set.

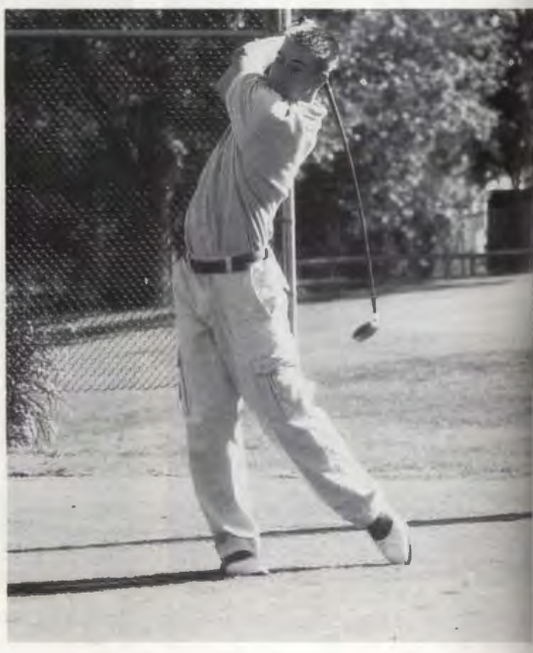
The kickoff teamconsisting of Javier Contreras, Nick Richardson, and Brad Shelley build speed on their way down field.

Quarterback Brett Dieter screams in anger after a dropped pass in the end zone.

FORE: BOYS' GOLF 2000

Senior Tim Yormark takes a break to explain his philosophy of golf.

Junior Mike Maeschelin sets up his swing, ready to hit the ball out of the rough.



Junior Jon Merrick has a powerful drive that will send the ba flying down the fairway.

SWINGING ON THE GREENS

Both the sophomore and varsity boys' golf teams had a good time their Fall season. Coached by Jeremy Babel and Eric Lasky, these teams worked hard to compete in the DVC Conference. The varsity team placed third in the conference (out of 8 teams) at Orchard Valley. The sophomore team placed sixth (out of 8 teams) in the conference. Both teams were rained out several times during their matches. The varsity team came in ninth place (out of 18 teams) in regionals.

Dan Pazar, a sophomore, placed third individually in the DVC conference at Orchard Valley. Dan also placed fourth at the Conant Early Bird Invite at Arrowhead Golf Course. Matt Baumrucker shot under par at Prarie Landing. Both Dan and Matt went to conference. Senior Tim Warren got a special mention on the all- conference team. Coach Babel said, "The golf teams were a pleasure to work with. I wish them success in the coming years and I hope they will continue to improve."

-Dylan Swanner

Senior Tim Warren watches his ball as it speeds to the hole hoping it will go in.

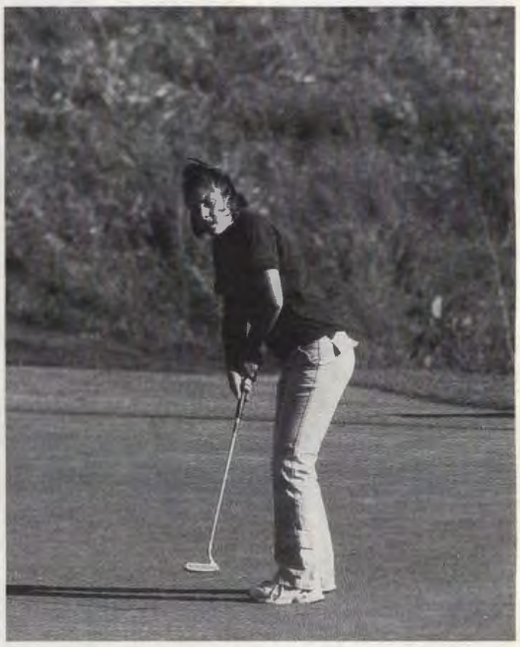
Nick Romanelli, Joe Caniano, and Tim Yormark have some fun before practice. Try not to make Tim bleed!

Coach Jeremy Babel goes through the team's agenda for the day at St. Andrews golf course

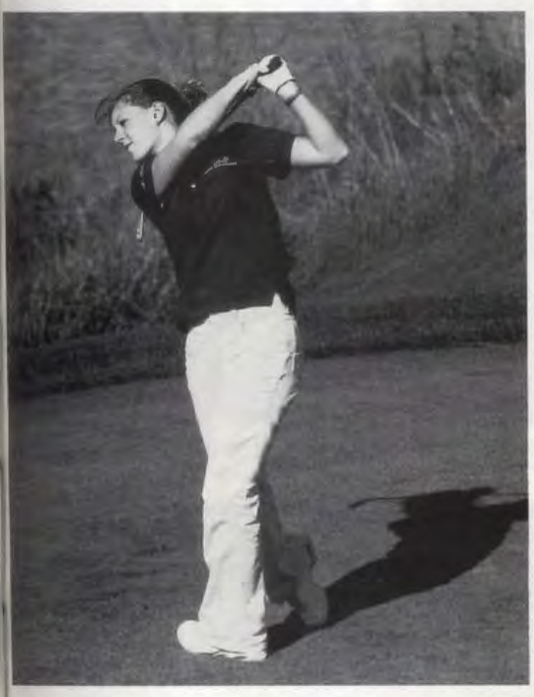
FORE: GIRLS' GOLF 2000

Senior Lauren Nickelson prepares to hit a solid drive at St. Andrews Golf Course.

Junior Courtney Dorn reflects upon the season with a smile.



Senior Kelly Quarto putts the ball during a meet against St. Charles East.



Senior Angela Skaggs follows through with her swing at Prairie Landing Golf Course.

IT'S IN THE HOLE!

The girl's golf team faced a great challenge during their Fall 2000 season considering their team was new and lacking experience. They grew in numbers as new team members joined, which helped to make the golfing experience more rewarding.

First time member and junior Courtney Dorn reflected on the season by saying, "My favorite memory had to be when me and three other girls tipped our golf cart after the Naperville North match."

The team's care-free attitude and hard work leveled out the disappointment of not consistently winning. The girls were determined to never give up as they trudged on, impressing other opponents with their drive to compete.

Regionals were held October 4th, and the team placed 10th out of 13 teams. The results of regionals summed up the season, opening new windows for the year to come. With the help of their coach, Mike Cain, the girls' golf team would continue to work to the next level.

-Lauren Nickelson

Coach Mike Cain lies on the ground, overwhelmed by the hectic moments he shares with the girls.

Jamie Kennedy, Angela Skaggs, Allie Braunhausen, Jessica Strock, and KellyQuarto are loving the golfing season.

TOUGH AS EVER . . .

WILDCAT SOCCER LEFT THEIR TRACKS HEAVILY IMPRINTED ON ALL OPPONENTS

The Boys' Soccer season was one of experiments. With Mr. Steve Brugmann taking on the duties of head coach, a new, improved practice field at Pioneer Park (so we could finally get rid of that good old West Chicago bounce), inexperienced players, and a new system to learn, the guys had to go through a lot before the season started. Former head coach Mr. Bob Owens continued his involvment as Director of Soccer Operations.

The team shifted from a 4-3-3 line-up to a much more offensive 4-4-2. The result: more goals were scoredby the offense, which was led by captain Jim O'Hara. The system also let the defense, led by Tony Ballines, be even more smothering than it already was.

Despite a rocky start, the team finished strong after an inspirational team meeting called by the players. In hindsight, this meeting should have been held at the beginning of the season, but at least it motivated the team for the final three weeks of the season.

After the meeting, the team played much more inspired soccer and finished the regular season on a winning note. Because of this the Wildcats advanced to regionals. There they won their first regional game against DVC rival Wheaton North, 1-0. Riding high, they traveled to Bartlett for the second regional game. Although the game was hard-fought and the Cats tried their best, the outcome was a heart-wrenching 1-0 loss. It was hard for the guys to take because they went in believing they could win, but they left with no regrets.

The team had two MVPs, one for offense and one for defense. The defensive MVP was senior Tony Ballines. Throughout the season Tony spearheaded the defense at the sweeper position. Ballines led both on and off the field as he mentored younger members of the team. The offensive MVP was junior forward Raul Mendoza. Mendoza scored a team high 14 goals and assisted on many other goals.

-Jose Alejo and Jason Woodbury

Seniors; What will you miss or remember the most about this season?

"The enjoyment of just playing high school soccer and not worry about going to work."
-Felipe Perez

"Having fun with Bruno, because Bruno liked to talk and make jokes."
-Miguel Herrera

What one thing would you like people to know about Wildcat Soccer?

"We put our hearts into the game everytime and we are proud to play with white and blue no matter how old our uniforms are."
-Tony Ballines

With a determined look on his face, M.V.P. Raul Mendoza sprints towards the ball.

Goalkeeper Miguel Herrera sets up his before a corner kick.

Mid-fielder Jesse Salazar makes a move around a Bolingbrook player, while keeping control of the ball.

Craig Schuda does one of his fancy moves a defender.

Non-Conference Record:
7 - 3 - 1

DuPage Valley Conference Record:
4 - 3 - 0

Tournament Record
1 - 1 - 0

Overall Record:
12 - 7 - 1

Forward, Mike Maeschelin runs to the ball, getting ready to unload his power kick with an eye toward scoring another Wildcat goal.

Vladimir Reyes looks up as he hurries to make a pass.

Defender Kyle Wolfe does his job right as he dives to clear the ball.

Steve Gilbert and Adam Selke size up the situation and position themselves before a free-kick.

Under pressure, Brain Krieg tries to clear the ball successfully.

Captain Jimmy O'Hara guards the goal as goalkeeper Miguel Herrera clears the ball and Carlos Ramirez gets in the way of a rival player.

Jose Herrera gets ready to throw a bomb down the line.

Chris Salutric and Craig Schuda listen closely as coach Brugmann gives instructions for what to do on the field.

TO SERVE AND PROTECT

The large number of students out for the girls' tennis team gave the 2000 season of tennis a hopeful outlook from the start. It was a lot of fun for all the girls who came out to play, especially for the freshmen who were introduced to a new sport and many new faces.

It was a long, hard season for the girls. They practiced everyday of the week except for Sunday, and they worked twice as hard during matches. "The hardest thing about being in tennis is having to practice after school, not getting home until eight o'clock, and then still having to do your homework," confessed Gladys Proa.

During the mid-season the girls got together and had an unusual party and bonding experience. They bought t-shirts, sweatshirts and long-sleeve shirts that said Wildcat tennis on them and they all got together and ironed their names on the back.

"My favorite part of the season was definitely sectionals," said Proa. It was also the last game of the season and afterwards the girls all went out for pizza. There was alot of just goofing around and having fun.

"Tennis was a lot of fun," said Kristen Mederich, "You got to learn how to play the game, but the best part was the friendships that were made."

-Katy Koetal, Christine Austin, and Heather Coakley

Vaness Cortez. Lynn Palenica, Angie Garcia, and Vicki Talbott await further instru before playing.

Mr. Moeaki and Christine Ianello discuss some confusion on the court as her teammate on.

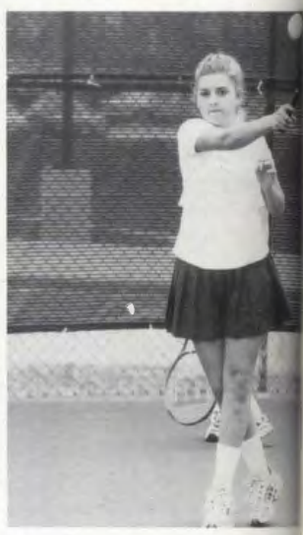
Vicki Talbott viciously pummels the ball back into her opponent's court.

Nora Koita gets prepared to donimate the court.

Arianna Cortez rushes to smack the ball a' la Serena Williams.

Angie Garcia "loves" to celebrate points over opponents.

Kim Peterik changes courts between matches with her doubles partner.



Michelle Davis practices good tec while facing her adversary.

BUMP, SET, SPIKE!

panna Szyszcycki and Lisa Thomas thwart Glenbard East's attempt to spike and score.

The JV team huddles in between matches to talk about strategy and focus.

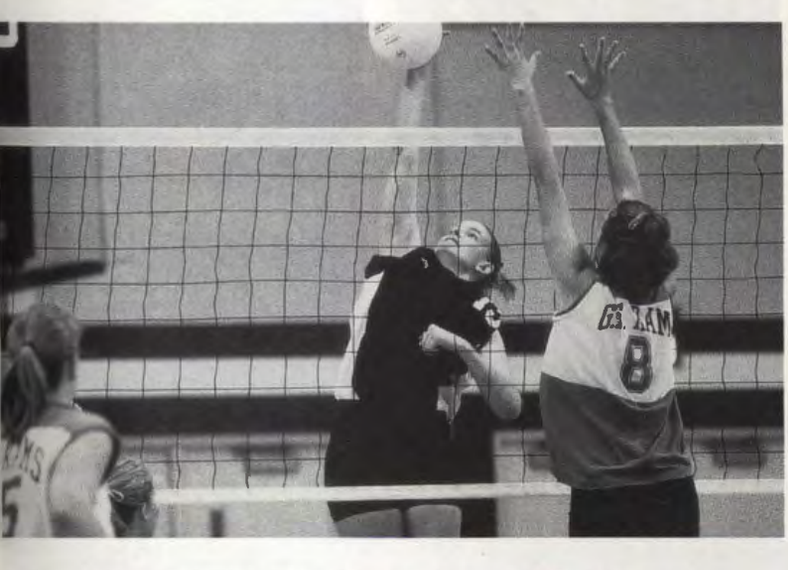
Volleyball had many successes brought on by team effort and hard work. The grueling ladders, drills, and scrimmages helped sharpen skills and boost confidence in every player's abilities. The 2000-2001 season was a triumph in West Chicago's continuing commitment to excellence.

The Varsity team was made up of juniors, seniors, and sophomores. Despite their conference record which suffered because of the heightened competition of the DVC, they were very successful overall. They proved that while playing in the DVC is difficult, leaving it would have been a boring walk in the park.

Success came on all levels in all forms. The freshmen were able to capture victories and imprint the idea of training and discipline on its newcomers to the sport. JV advanced their level of play from their past experiences and were triumphant, preparing themselves to be even more dominant when they become the new varsity team. Many of the junior varsity players were only sophomores, so most had been playing with each other for a few years. Their evolution promised to be be amazing when they would go on to compete together at the highest level.

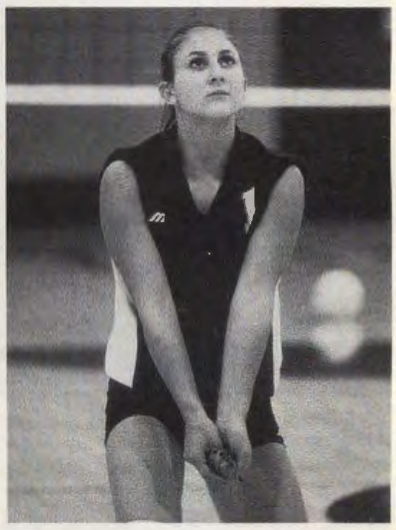
The girls' practices didn't begin with classes. They had been training since volleyball camp in the summer. For three hours every day for two weeks, they attended. Enduring sweltering heat that was only intensified by the school's lack of air conditioning, Their effort did not go unnoticed.

-Katy Kostal and Christine Austin



Lisa Thomas drives the ball into the opposing team's court with fire in her eyes.

Lauren Migliorato bumps the ball back to Coach Hasty.



Lindsay Paulsen prepares to bump the ball to a setter.

Megan Leston's wide-eyed approach to passing eventually led to a sideout for West Chicago.

Hillary Blanchard sets the ball in the team's warm-up before facing the Rams of Glenbard East.

This chick focuses on making a clean pass back to her coach.

BOYS' SWIMMING AND DIVING

What was your impression of this year's team?
"I'm really proud of the team! They did great. I will miss them."
-Joe Lureau

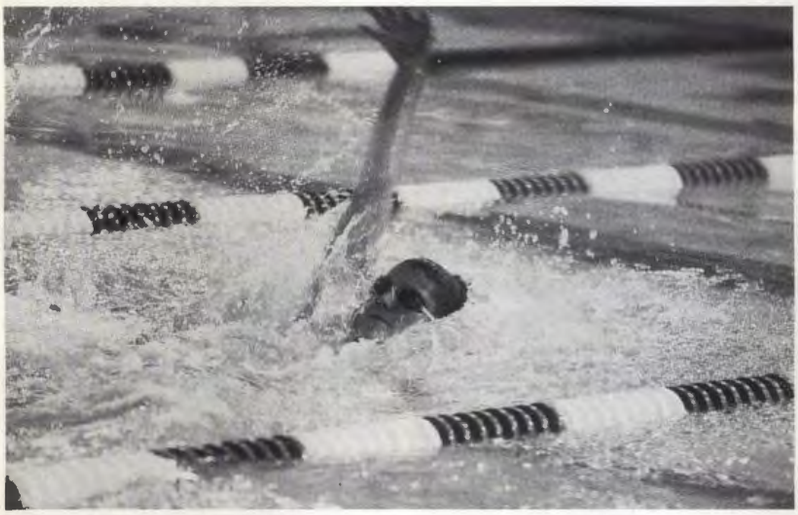
The boys' swim team had a great Winter season. They started off with determination and goals to accomplish. Whether it was increasing their performance or battling it out with opponents, the team strove to compete against other schools.

Five male swimmers earned the privilege of going to state. They were Joe Lureau, Kurt Fenner, Billy Rocha, Steve Vandernaalt, and Kevin McCarthy. Each participated in different events. These included the 100m breast stroke, 100m butterfly, and 400m free relay. The whole team was very excited for these members. The team also broke and set many new records.

The boys' diving team had a good season. Junior Dan Murphy said, "It was my first time as a diver, but I had a lot of fun. I enjoyed working with the rest of the team." Kyle Hemple, a senior, got three flips in one dive, which is pretty amazing. Hemple had been practicing for several years to achieve this. Sophomore C.J. Wostratzky won junior varsity six dives at conference. The coach for diving was Ms. Janette Colloton. Both the swim team and diving team practiced after school from 3:30 to 5:00. Team members often stayed longer to put in more practic time.

-Dylan Swanner and
Eduardo Sanchez

Joe Hamlin moves to keep up with the rest of the crew. He is almost done with his lape.



Steve Vandernaault hurries to complete the lap while doing the backstroke.

Kevin McCarthy adjusts his goggles before the start of the race.

Billy Rocha dives into the water hoping he make good time.

Ben Keller and Matt Infelise are cheer for a team member to finish his relay during a competition.

Ben Keller does the breast stroke while at practice.

Chris Nelson struggles to the finish while swimming fr

What did you like most about swimming?
"Cheering to the 'Remember the Titans' dance!"
-Keri Sagen

GIRLS' SWIMMING AND DIVING

Emily Biancalona takes her time to pace herself to finish her relay while doing freestyle.

The We-Go girls' swimming team had a terrific season this school year. Overall this season's team was one to remember because they gave it their best, and their accomplishments and efforts made them competitive in state finals.

Freshman Jackie Vavrek took first in state for the 50 yard freestyle. Vavrek was one of the team's best swimmers. Junior Heather Prochnow, senior Jenny Cwaik, sophomore Emily Biancalana, senior Shannon Sterne, and freshman Jakie Vavrek all went to ftate for relay. The team also lost their old coach Chris Hall, who was replaced by Coach Zarndt and Coach Ryan. This loss affected the entire team, but they made it.

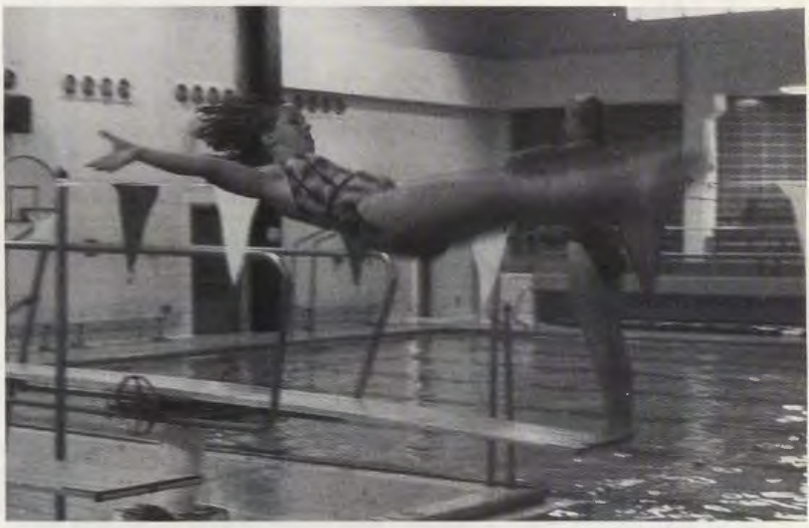
The girls' diving team also had an awesome season, even though no one went to state. With an addition of three new divers, the team worked hard. Meredith Koch got first place in the J.V. 6 dive meet for the DuPage Valley Conference. One senior, Beth Gottlieb, broke 200 at the last sectional meet.

-Dylan Swanner and Eduardo Sanchez

DIVING

Freshman Jackie Vavrek tries her best while swimming free style at swimming practice.

Missi Sheme takes a breather after going underwater.



Meredith Koch stretches out mid-dive, about to begin looking for her entry point.

The varsity swimming team along with Coach Hall placed 5th in the Hinsdale South relay meet, It was also the last big meet for Coach Hall.

Shannon Sterne takes her starting position for a backstroke race at Naperville Central.

Heather Prochnow practices free style in the Wildcat's very own pool.

What was cool about swimming?
"The pasta parties!"
-Laura Wilken

GIRLS' BASKBETBALL HAS RECORD BREAKING SEASON

Unbelievable is one way to describe the 2000-2001 season of Ladycat basketball. The Cinderella story of Coach Kim Wallner's team turned into a dream come true for West Chicago - and a nightmare for the rest of the DVC. They crashed the boards, rebounded time after time, stole the ball, and kept scoring throughout every game they played. Teams trying to beat them didn't just have to work - they had to fight viciously. Fortunately for the Wildcats, the competition was blown away game after game.

The girls managed to capture the coveted DVC Championship after they defeated Wheaton Warrenville South with a buzzer-beating shot by Beth Brinn. "My favorite game was against Wheaton Warrenville South at their place. It was raining that night and we won the conference championship," Kathy Brinn reminisced. The home crowd was silent and the visiting West Chicago fans went wild. The team went on to take the Regional Championship as well, after taking down Geneva in a high-energy game.

The senior-powered varsity made sure that this was their year. Beth Brinn, Kathy Brinn, Alissa Mildebrath, Sarah Colley, Shannon Masschelin, and Jaymie Schmidt tried their best each and every game, a vital part of their huge success. Juniors Mehgan Young and Sarah Bass contributed every second they were on the court, and even some talented underclassmen were moved up to see what they could do at the varsity level. The record showed the pool of amazing basketball players West Chicago had acquired. Many of the team members had been playing together since junior high. This successful season was years in the making.

"The best memory from this past season was how we all bonded. I'll never forget the feeling of winning the conference title, and then the regional. The feeling of being the best was great, and getting to shake hands with the awesome people we have met on our team made it even better!" Alissa Mildebrath said of her final season as West Chicago's point gaurd.

"So many great things happened this season," added Beth Brinn. "Our team was so close that it just made everything we did even better. Plus, we had the support of the community behind us!"

The school came out game after game to show their support for the girls. Students, parents, and people from the community even traveled to away games and were rewarded with wins nearly every time. One memorable game was the sectional semi-final at Naperville Central, the last stop on the Ladycats' journey into the history books. The total number of West Chicago fans outnumbered the Naperville crowd four to one. Their volume matched and surpassed their numbers. Despite the heartbreaker loss, they were pleased with how far they had come.

The girls sweated, bled, and bruised for their championship. They went from practices filled with hard work and learning to triumphant victories. The trend continued all the way into their sectional memories. The Ladycats earned a lot of respect and all the admiration they got.

-Katy Kostal and Lauren Nickelson

Sarah Bass moves past an opponent with skill.

Beth Brinn prepares to pass over her tin adversary.

Jamie Schmidt lunges under her opponent in pursuit of a rebound.

What was the best memory from this past season?

"My favorite memory from the season was looking up in the stands at the sectional game and seeing 1500 people cheering us on."

-Kathy Brinn

Shannon Masschelin snags a pass for a qu 2 points.

The always massive home crowd was a key factor in many of the girls' successes.

Why was this season so successful?

"Our team worked hard during the on- and off-seasons on individual skills. We're all friends and get along so well; you could see that the chemistry was there. No one played for themselves--we played for each other."

-Beth Brinn

Alissa Mildebrath controls the court d a game against West Aurora.

"One Team, One Dream" - DVC Coach of the Year Kim Wallner

Showing off her impressive ball handling skills, Sarah Base makes a smooth run from a West Aurora defensive player.

No one can steal the ball from All-Conference point gaurd Alissa Mildebrath.

Beth Brinn puts up a fight for a place under the basket to grab another rebound.

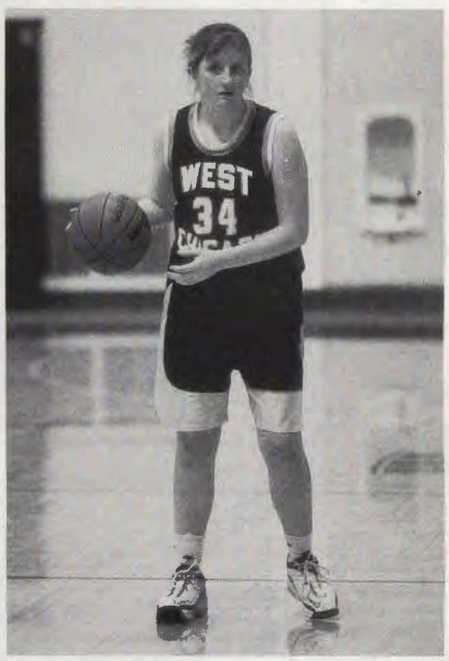
What was one of the funniest things that happened during practice?

"Two of our players were using the intercom to comment on every play in the guys' game."
-Alissa Mildebrath

Coach Kim Wallner discusses a strategy with reeting forward Shannon Maeschelin. New varsity players Aimee Beutke, Lisa Thomas, and Sarah Colley listen up for tips on how to excel.

"We didn't have just one star, we had a team of stars."
- Beth Brinn

Jamie Schmidt and Shannon Maeschelin prepare to leap for the off-the-rim shot and add points to the Wildcat's score.



Mehgan Young surveys the game and decides what her next move will be.

Kathy Brinn positions herself exactly where she needs to be -- pressuring a West Aurora player to lose the ball for a quick steal.

CONFERENCE AWARDS

DVC Coach of the Year:
..... Ms. Kim Wallner

All-Conference Team:
..... Beth Brinn
..... Alissa Mildebrath
..... Kathy Brinn

All-Conference Special Mention:
..... Sarah Base
..... Mehgan Young

BIG TIME UPSET

UNDERDOG CATS DEFEAT GENEVA IN REGIONAL TO PUT A HIGHLIGHT INTO THE 00-01 SEASON

The West Chicago Boys' basketball squad opened the year with high expectations and aspirations. They began the season in the Oswego Tournament, finishing tied for first place. At the tournament the team fought hard on their way to victories over Oswego and Marmion. However, they lost the title based on free-throw percentage during the tournament games. Free throw percentage was used due to a tie and the Cats' couldn't get first place. Unfortunately, the Cats' didn't find the conference schedule as easy as the opening tournament.

The Cats fought through hardships, including injuries to forward Steve Gilbert early in the season, and to Brian Howard a bit later on. The team also lost senior center Brad Olsen. These were major shoes to fill, but the team did their best with what they had and the juniors really stepped up their play to keep the team rolling.

The highlight of the season was definitely a stunning upset over Geneva in the first round of regional play. The Cats were seeded 14th, while Geneva was the third seed. The Cats also won a conference game against arch-rival Glenbard North at home. The season ended in an extremely hard-fought battle against Bartlett.

The Cats' record was 8-19 overall and 1-14 in conference play. Yet throughout this disappointing season, the Cats' had a few bright spots. The regional win over Geneva was only one. The MVP award was given to Brian Howard, and the most improved player was awarded to Mikey Nutall. The Coaches' award was given to Nick Romanelli. Although these three were recognized, every player did something for the team that the coaches recognized and praised.

West Chicago basketball would be seeing many changes with the '01-'02 year bringing new varsity head coach Kevin Gimre. Coach McCarthy resigned at the end of the season to spend more time with his family. Gimre brought varsity assistant and freshman head coaching experience to his new post. McCarthy had been the varsity head coach since 1997. Throughout these changes, there will be some familiar faces returning, including center Andy Hein, guard Jim O'Hara, and guard Matt Weber. Coach Gimre would need these returning players to lift the team and show the incoming juniors how to play varsity level basketball.

-Tim Carstensen and Jason Woodbury

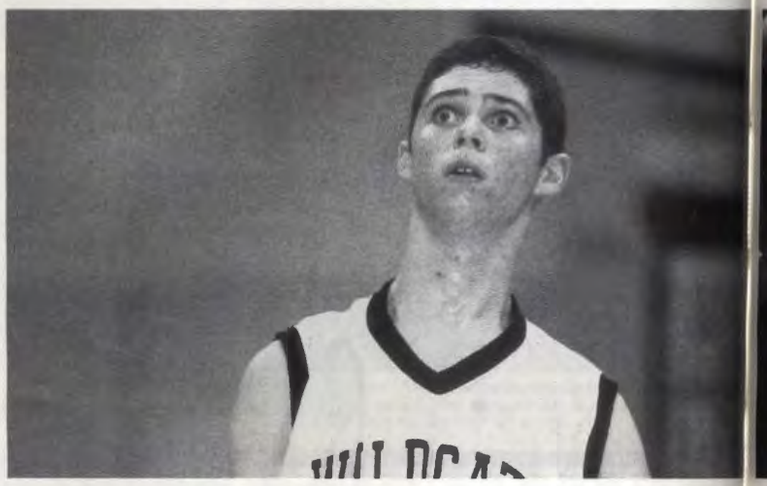
Brian Howard elevates over the defender for the slam dunk.

Jerry Coleman sets up the offense at the top of the key.

Senior guard Josh Rogers, in the triple threat position, looks to feed the ball inside.

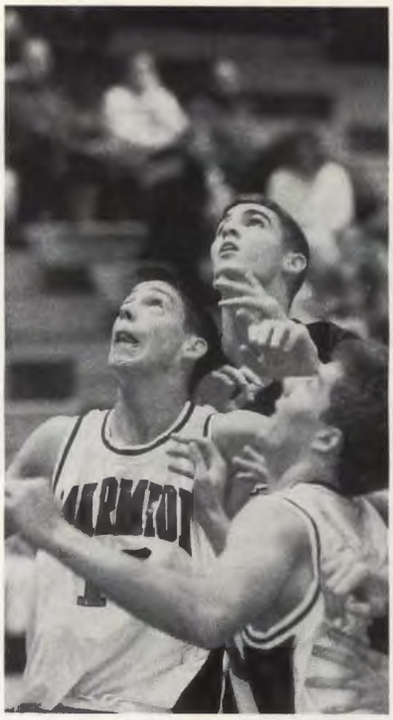
Steve Gilbert seals the defender and gathers himself to take it strong to the basket.

Brad Olsen jumps for the jump ball aginst Naperville Cental's center, with the crowd and referee looking on.



Andy Hein wait wide-eyed to see if his free-throw will drop.

Matt Weber uses fancy dribbling skills to elude an opponent.

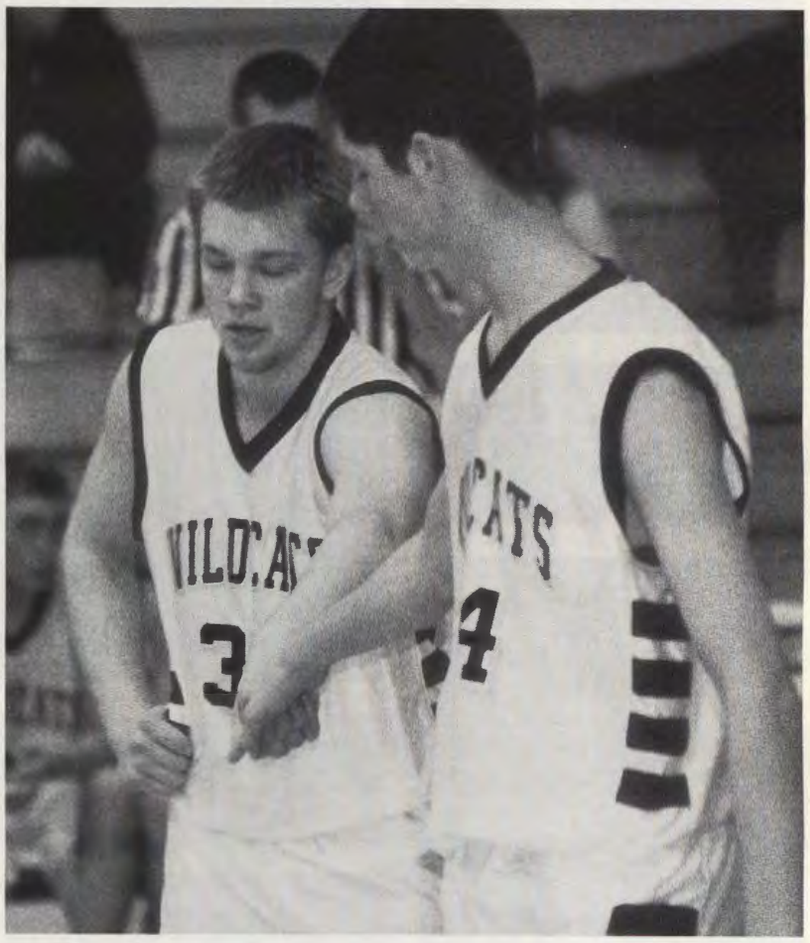


Brad Olsen looks up for the rebound to come within his reach.

Junior forward Chris Norman takes one for the team while battling for another rebound.

Jim O'Hara yells out the offense while advancing the ball up the court.

Nick Romanelli shows perfect form while stroking the free-throw.



Andy Hein and Steve Gilbert slap hands to get themselves back into the spirit.

Brad Olsen and Brian Howard talk on the bench, getting some energy from the Gatorade they are drinking.

CHAMPIONS IN EVERYBODY'S BOOK

Brian Kerr's great serving leads the Wildcats towards yet another victory.

WILDCATS TAKE 4TH IN STATE!

After an amazing regular season finish with a record of 16 wins and 12 losses, the boys' volleyball team blazed into post-season play.

Led by the varsity team captian Mark Lasky, the wildcats played a fierce game against Elgin and managed to pull off a victory. Their win took them to play Larkin at Bartlett, which proved to be a mentally challenging game. An early yellow card meant Lasky was at risk of being thrown out of the game. Luckily, he pulled himself together and played the last two matches expertly. Then, after a controversial call resulting in Brian Kerr receiving a red card and forcing him to sit out of the rest of the match, and the referees calling net violation after net violation, the wildcats lost their first game. For the second and third games, team unity kicked in and the wildcats were on fire. Lasky, Andy Hein, and Brad Olsen scored multiple kills and the boys played a solid volleyball, providing very little for the refs to call. They played great and won their match.

A win over Lake Park the next night meant the wildcats were headed to state. With a 15-10, 15-9 win over Glenbrook North the first night of state, the boys headed into the second game against the undefeated Wheaton Warrenville South team. Every seat in the bleachers was filled with excited We-Go fans. Unfortunately, our boys weren't able to gain control in the fierce game, but they still took an incredible fourth place in state. Coach Hasty and the team deserved many congratualations on their achievement.

-Jeff Heinz

Brad Olsen blocks a spike and proves why it is bad to mess with the wildcats.

John McPheters celebrates after the Wildcats scored a massive spike.

Jessie Salazar shows his skills as he passes the ball up to the setter, John McPheters.

Andy Hein, Steve Gilbert, and Mark Lasky set their postions and get ready to block the incoming ball.

Team Leader Mark Lasky gets ready to spike the ball and earn his team a kill.

Steve Gilbert shows his team spirit as he celebrates after yet another kill.

GOING TO THE MAT

Senior Dennis Kirschke looks on as he awaits his next matchup.

Derek Boorsma tries to gain the upper hand in his match.

erek Boorsma shows his pponent the ugly side of defeat fter regaining control.

Noah Fitzenrider takes his position opposite his opponent and awaits the referee's call to begin.

Freshman Houston Pineda maneuvers his oppenent to the ground.

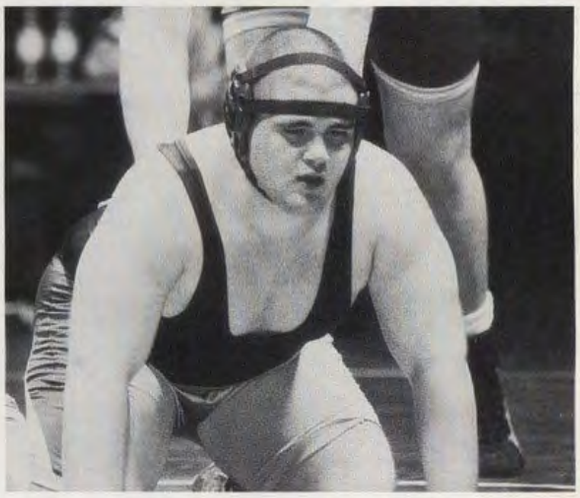
houston Pineda awaits the start f his match and hopes for ctory.

The physical anguish shows on Bobby Dieter's face as he fights hard for a victory.

Bobby Dieter waits patiently in his positon for the match to start.

Like in every other sport, West Chicago put forth a level of intensity in wrestling that made their opponents think twice before entering a match with the cats. Led by senior members Dennis Kirschke, Jorge Morales, and Robert Whitman, the varsity cats had a great season. Although they would be losing their seniors, the wrestling team would have more than half of the team back for the 2002 season and expected to see a team emerge that would stop the compitition in their tracks.

-Jeff Heinz



"I will miss playing and I will always remember how supportive my team was of everyone"
-Meghan Burlison

A SEASON TO REMEMBER

The girls' soccer team had a stunning 2001 season, setting a new school record for most games won in a single season. This years young girls' record was of 13-6-3, including a conference record of 3-3-1.The young, inexperienced soccer team was composed of 18 players including six freshmen, seven sophomores, three juniors, and only two seniors. This young team was lead by captains, senior Amanda Campagnoni, junior Jackie Prena, and

"To Carrie G: You go girls. You always have time; remember that."
-Maribel Benitez

Award winners: (clockwise from top right): Amanda Campagnoni, Arianna Robles, Ashley Mazzola, Jackie Prena, Shana Galto.

sophomore Amy Lichtfuss.

Standout players for this season included most valuable players-overall Amy Lichtfuss and Jackie Prena, most valuable player-offense Arianna Robles, most valuable player-defense Ashley Mazzola, and most improved player Shana Galto. The coaches' award for overall contribution to the team went to Amanda Campagnoni.

The team went the farthest any Lady Wildcat soccer team had ever gone in trying to win a championship for girls' wildcat soccer. In the Ladycat's first regional game they went ahead to beat York in a very exciting 2-1 game. The ladycats advanced to the next round.

"To girls soccer "that bestowed a special sister bonded us that seasons together, without our seasons together."
-Christina Iannello

FIELD AND THE COMPETITION

where they were stopped by our perennial rival St. Charles East. Despite that hard loss, the Ladycats marked up the best season in girls' wildcat soccer history. Along the way, the Ladycats traveled to DeKalb to compete in the Barbfest Tournament and defeated Dekalb 1-0 , Kaneland 4-0, and McHenry 2-1 to help them take first place and to add more joy to their successful season.

The ladycats also had some outstanding wins. These included the defeats of Lincoln Park 8-0, of Vernon Hills 7-1, of Streamwood 10-0, and of West Aurora 7-1. One good thing about having such a young team that did well this season was that they took a lot of potential into the 2002 season. The three conference wins the Ladycats achieved were over Glenbard North in a 1-0 victory, West Aurora in a 7-1 victory, and Glenbard East in a 3-1 victory. The only tie the team had in conference competition was with Wheaton North. Despite overtime play, neither team did harm to the other, and the game ended a disappointing 0-0.

The 2001 Lady Wildcats were coached to their impressive performances by Head Coach Julio Del Real. Del Real was joined by Assistant Coach Cesar Gomez, in his first season with the Cats.

-Jose Alejo

Award winners: (clockwise from top right): Amanda Campagnoni, Arianna Robles, Ashley Mazzola, Jackie Prena, Shana Galto.

What compliment would you like to give to another player on the team? "Everyone worked hard and played great this season." -Zayra Pedraza

"Mikae Soccer Club has the best atmosphere. Everyone trashes at his house! It's the place to be." -Kristal Benitez

BYE BYE BIRDIE

A NEW BEGINNING

Fawn Montag spots for the birdie as she sets up to return it at the beginning of her game against Plainfield.

Starting out with only two returning players, eight of the players were new to the varsity badminton team. Although it was a young team, they stayed competive during the short, four week season against the DVC.

Even though the team ended up in last place in the DVC, much needed experience was gained throughout the season.

After 20 years as head badminton coach, Ms. LaVora Singleton retired at the end of the season. After only one year of coaching, the current assistant coach, Coach Heather Dunlap agreed to take over the team for future years. "We are definitely going to miss Coach Singleton. She has helped us understand badminton so well. She knows so much about this sport that the team will be different without her here to guide us," said Chrisine Austin.

The only four-year senior was Amanda Millard. She was the caption and Nisha Patel was the co-caption. Both demonstrated good sportsmanship and good leadership skills for the young team. There were also two other seniors who guided the team, Melissa Garcia and Jessica Willies. Unfortunately, Willes injured her back and could not play, but she took on the role of team manager and she helped make the season run as smoothly as it did.

"This was a good way to end my years a We-Go. It was harder than I though badminton would be. Being on the badminton team is something that I will never forget" said Melissa Garcia.

During her first singles match, senior Amanda Millard prepares to recive the birdie from her opponent's serve.

Melissa Garcia laughs while she warms up before her singles match.

Manager Jessica Willies and Katie Gutirrez smile before they help set up th e gym.

Head Coach LaVora Singleton and Assistant Coach Heather Dunlap watch games so that they can give advice to the players on how to improve.

Right: Coach Singleton gives Sarah Altergott advice on how she can improve in the game that she just played.

ACES WILD

2001 BOYS' TENNIS SEASON SERVED UP DIFFICULTIES ON AND OFF THE COURT.

Senior Bryan Jones demonstrates perfect one-handed backhand form with his return. Jones was a four-year player for West Chicago.

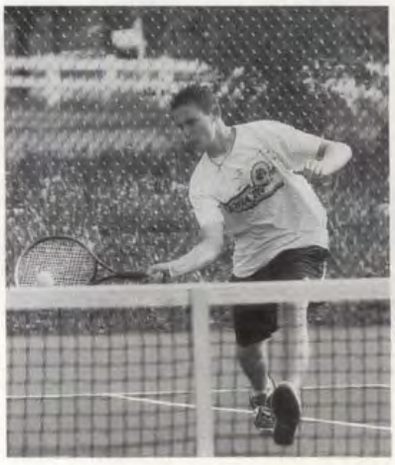
The boys' tennis team suffered bitter defeats as the Cats went 0-7 in conference and 1-19 overall in 2001. Coach Moeaki, Coach Lemberg-Finn and the team faced the continuation of a trend that began in 1999: every year since then the team had gotten smaller and smaller. In '99 the team had 23 players, in 2000 there were only 15, andin 2001 the Cats had 12 competitors on the court. Ten of these players had to play for varsity, leaving only two for the freshman team. This left Coach Mo and Coach Finn with a decision to make: whether or not to keep the freshman team and put some varsity players on it for a junior varsity team, or just have one bigger varsity team. They chose to have a bigger Varsity team and forfeit the freshman season.

The lack of numbers led to some difficulties later in the season when some players were sidelined due to injuries and conflicts with other extra-curricular activities.

The DVC tournament was also difficult for the guys because it fell on the same day as Prom. Because most of the team were upperclassmen, many were struggling to finish early so they could be ready for the dance. They all played great tennis and put forth their best effort, but unfortunately, no one advanced past the second round. The same held true for Sectionals as well, which were especially difficult because only six players got to go, but three of those six were again sidelined by scheduling conflicts.

Jason Woodbury prepares to unload another monster serve on the opponent and maybe get another awesome ace. The junior looked forward to senior year, saying, "Let's see if you got game to beat me!"

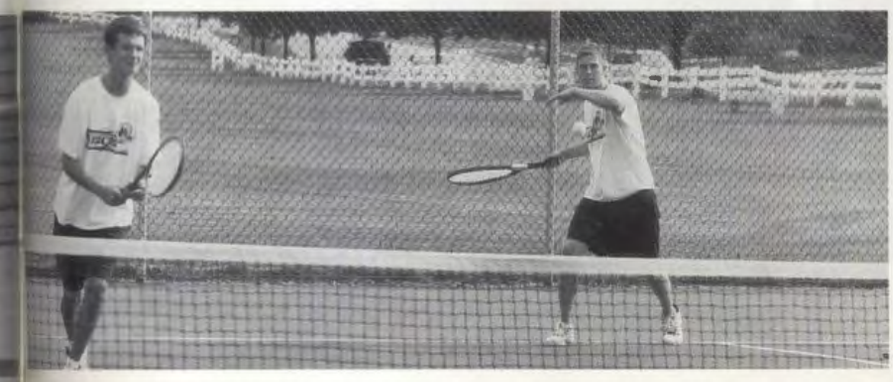
Freshman Ryan Maeschelin serves it up to his opponent. Maeschelin did very well, playing varsity his first year, winning 8 matches, and winning 3rd in the St. Charles tournament.



Junior Mike Marvan charges to snap the volley down the line for the win. Marvan played doubles this year and would be looked to as a team leader and singles player for 2002.

MVP, first singles player, and three year varsity player, junior Matt Neumann prepares to rip his backhand towards the other side.

"Mongo" and "Charlie" on a good day. A.K.A., Brian Ahlgard and Mike Marvan, they played doubles a couple of times and finished out the year as a team at St. Francis.



Junior Geoff Palka starts his run to the net to be in postion for the return. The return didn't come because Senior Mitch Strohm smashed a winner down the line to earn the point.

CHAMPIONS YET AGAIN!

SOFTBALL PAWSED ONLY TO COLLECT THEIR TROPHIES

The softball program had yet another great season in 2001. All three of the softball levels had first place finishes in the DuPage Valley Conference, quite a feat since the DVC was one of the toughest conferences in state. There was only one word that could summarize the achievements of the girls: amazing. It was not a surprise that the varsity team did well because they had always been a strong force to be reckoned with in conference, but most impressive were the efforts made by the freshman team. These led only to success and a promising future for the softball program.

The girls' varsity team completed the season with an overall record of 24-13-1, and a conference record of 10-4. They clinched the DVC with no problem, leaving only pawprints and dust on the competition. Liz Brouwer commented, "I was so excited for the team that I didn't think a thing, I just jumped for joy and joined in the excitement."

After conference, the team moved on to regionals. The first two matchups were against Benet and Wheaton North. The team won both games 10-1 and 2-1, but were defeated in the third regional game against Wheaton Warrenville South, 0-1.

The team would not have gotten as far as it did without the efforts made by the bench. Alissa Mildebrath stated, "Even though some people

couldn't play, the bench was very involved and they made our team what we were. They brought our team up and cheered all the time."

Throughout all of the teams successes, there were also great memories that were made. Kristi Nickelson shared that her favorite memory was, "all of the friendships that we've formed...no one can change that!" Jaymie Schmidt's favorite memory was, "how we worked through controversy and won." They came out on top, like everyone knew they could, and the best seemed yet to come with the upcoming freshmen leading the way.

The freshman team came out on top like the determined Wildcats that they are. The team finished up the season with an overall record of 20-7-1, and an astonishing conference record of 12-2. They ended a couple games early, stepped over the competition, and sent the teams back home in tears.

With the potential shown by the freshmen, there looked to be nothing but a bright future and more successes in the years to come. What coach would have to worry when a team as young as ours could only get better along with the guidance and abilities of the junior varsity? A regional and perhaps even a state title seemed to be in within reach. Wildcat softball had never been better. Brouwer said, "All I got to say is...this season ain't over."

-Erin Kirby

Player of the year and All Conference pi
Megan Leeton throws a hard, fast p
towards home.

Megan Llorens makes the throw to first base for an easy out.

The Lady Wildcats take time at the pitcher's mound to discuss how to ensure a victory.

Shannon Masschelin follows through on
hit and is rewarded with an awesome pla

What thoughts went through your mind when you realized that the team clinched the title?

"That we came together as a team & finally got it done."
-Shannon Masschelin

Casey Connelly throws to second to get an out and help her team to a win.

Kristi Nickelson digs for the grounder and tries to make something happen.

What memories will stay with yo
after the season is over?

"Yes, another championship!"
-Missy Boorsma

"Winning DVC, Go Kartsl, MPA
-Meghan Llorens

gan Leston keeps her eye on the ball and follows through on her swing. Nothing can phase ston.

Casey Connelly leads by example. She keeps the bat close to her and waits for the pitch until the moment when she can smash the ball to kingdom come.

Varsity	J.V.	Freshman
Overall Record: 24-13-1	Overall Record: 22-6	Overall Record: 20-7-1
DVC Record: 10-4	DVC Record: 10-4	DVC Record: 12-2
DVC Rank: 1st	DVC Rank: 1st	DVC Rank: 1st

"I couldn't believe it even though I knew that we could do it!"
- Kristy Boorsma

ist Nickelson sticks to her objective: catch ground, throw to first and win!

Tonia Pecoraro gets her glove ready to make something happen.

Shannon Flowers tosses the ball back to the pitcher so that she can get another strike-out.

All Conference player Alissa Mildebrath keeps her stance and her focus before the pitch arrives.

stin Ruiz throws the ball around with her teammates before the inning begins.

Shannon Maeschelin makes sure that her stance and swinging position is perfect before she goes up to bat.

Summarize this year in three words or less:

"Exciting, worthwhile, memorable."
-Alissa Mildebrathe
"Two thumbs up!"
-Brandi Ruiz

BOYS' TRACK WON'T PAWS TO SLOW DOWN

Wyatt Schuyler focuses on his strength as he warms up for discus.

One of the longest seasons of the year, the track season, also proved to be one of the most rewarding. Running from January to May, from indoor meets to outdoor, and from good efforts to broken records, the Wildcats stepped up to the challenges brought on from competitors, from coaches, and from their own expectations.

A meet where teamwork was firmly established was the heartbreaker 2nd place finish at the Willowbrook Invitational. West Chicago placed 2nd by a single point. Lon Beutke's tremendous effort to overcome being cut off barely missed earning the few points needed to win the meet. At Fenton the boys performed at an excellent level. "It was my favorite meet since my 4x100m and my 4x200m relays took 1st and 2nd place. We received plaques for it," Alex Serrato stated.

A standout performance came from first time track member, Lon Beutke, at the sectional meet. He placed second in the 400 m dash, qualifying for the state meet. There, he ran a 51.63 as a junior, but unfortunately did not qualify for finals. He placed 20th overall.

Amidst all the hard work and training, the team managed to enjoy themselves. "One of the funniest races was where Hempel was doing the hurdles, fell, then got up and kept running - and his shirt fell off," Jon Lim reminisced. Through determination and the love of the sport, the team made the best of small mistakes and succeeded in capturing many PRs (personal records, or personal bests) and hardware (medals and trophies).

"The throw I won't forget is Wyatt Schuyler's discus throw at the Geneva Invitational. It was an unexpected record that I thought he would get later in the year," Coach Zeitler, shotput and discus specialist, said. He helped send Wyatt Schuyler into the record books for breaking the sophomore record in discus, and later in the shot put. He threw a 140' 11" in discus and a 52' 1.5" in the shotput.

Continuing to excel even when the chips were down was a staple of West Chicago's Boys Track and Field Team, and they made winning against all odds a new tradition to follow. Collectively, the guys ran faster, threw further, jumped higher, and leapt further than they ever had before. Medals and ribbons were worth just as much as broken records, be they for a meet, the school, or individual. Success rarely eluded them and full effort never did. It was a season of which all could be proud.

-Katy Kostal

Jon Brown pole vaults at the first home meet of the 2001 track season.

What meet did you think was the best?

"Wheaton North - for the ladies!"

-Joe Klingberg

"Crystal Lake; I got to run Varsity"

-Greg Moore

What's one race you won't forget?

"When Kallas was running the mile and then kicked his shoe off in the middle of the race."

-Tom Wojcicki

Derek Jensen launches himself over the bar in the Varsity high jump at the meet West Chicago hosted. He cleared the bar at 5' 4". "My favorite meets are the home meets; I get to go home early," said Jensen.

Kevin Mestick waits for Chris Buckles Haley to make the hand-off.

Brandon Baerman focuses on his throw.

Evan Mosely pushes to complete his race.

Adam Mrugacz flies over the hurdles.

Top 5 Things About We-Go Boys' Track and Field

1. Chicks dig fast guys
2. Coach Doll dancing
3. Running without shirts
4. You train with your friends
5. Winning gold medals

WILDCATS LEFT PAWPRINTS ON THEIR COMPETITION

What, you run? The ladycats track team answers this with a resounding "YES!" and with medals, records, and state performances to back up their answer.

This year the team grew in size, despite the lack of seniors. "Track helps you get in shape and you see yourself improve more than you thought you would. We are always having fun and everyone really gets to know each other," Amanda Weir said of her first season. "I'll never forget the 55 meter hurdles during indoor. Lauren Anders pulled in front and won by less than a second and went to give me a high five. She slapped me in the face! The worst part is it was caught on tape," newcomer Amy Norman remembered. The young team helped earn points from field events to sprints to long distances, and looked to make a very promising team in the years to come.

One meet where the girls truly shined was at the DVC Indoor Meet. They placed 5th in the DVC, the most difficult conference in the state to compete in. The relay team of Kathy Brinn, Aimee Beutke, Jessica Cwiak, and Laura Baumrucker won the 4x200 m relay with a new school record. "DVC was the best meet because everyone was pumped and cheering each other to do well," Emilie Biancalana said, "I was impressed with the competitiveness of our team. It was great to hear other coaches be in shock at our level," Assistant Coach Lisa Simon added. The end of indoor gave way to a hopeful outdoor season.

The meets yeilded many personal best jumps and runs and broken records. Girls' pole vault was added as an event this year, with Amy Infanger setting the record. Results were smashed in the 400 and 100 by Laura Baumrucker, in the 200 by Jessica Cwiak, in the 3200 by Katy Kostal, in the 4x200m, 4x100m , and in the 800 medley relays. The relays' times were smashed by the state-qualifying team of Brinn, Beutke, Cwiak, and Baumrucker.

The girls worked hard all the way to sectionals where the 4x200m and 800 medley relay teams ran to state. Individually, many personal records were gained, and Jessica Cwiak qualified in the 200. They placed 12th for the 4x200 in 1:47.68, 19th for the medley in 1:50.89, and Cwiak ran a 27.07 to be 42nd in state in the 200.

The ladycats' teamwork and talent pushed them to new heights this season, leaving much to expect from the next.

-Katy Kostal

Emilie Biancalana pushes her muscles for a strong 100 m dash.

Focusing on a strong finish, Jenni Boyd kicks it in at the end of her race.

What motivates you before a big race?

"Getting Coach Boves mad!"

-Krystal Muhlberger

"Seeing everyone wear their team shirts."

-Melissa Deutsch

"I want to get out there and show the big schools we're not just West Chicago, we're WEST CHICAGO and we deserve respect just like anybody else!"

-Jenni Boyd

Kim Kika gets ready to run the 800 m open race.

Amy Norman catapults herself to a 4th place finish in the long jump.

Melissa Deutsch is fierce and determined to make it over every hurdle. She finished in 19.25.

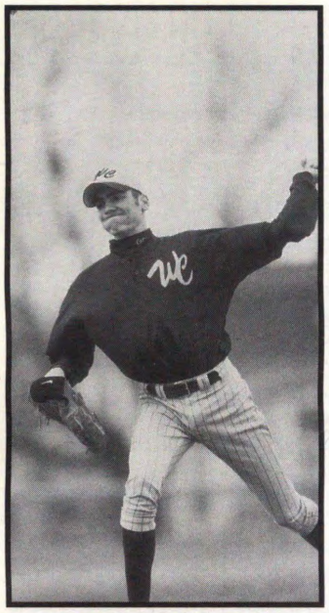
Kathy Brinn prepares to win her relay.

Maggie Wdowiarz shoots off the line.

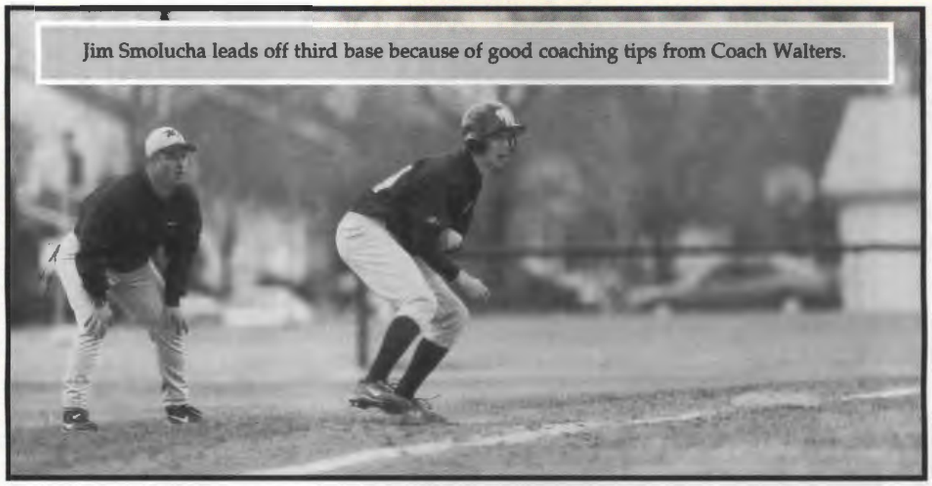
Laura Baumrucker sprints in her leg of the 4X100 m relay which placed first.

Top Fifteen Things About We-Go Girls' Track and Field

1. The shoe tent and pyramids
2. Garbage runs
3. Pasta parties
4. Bus sing-a-longs
5. Excitement of races
6. Don't have to take the bus home
7. Shirtless guys
8. Tanning
9. Ultimate Frisbee
10. The friends that were made
11. The strength gained
12. Running into the people walking in lane 1 during practice
13. Screaming at teammates
14. You eat more but weigh less
15. Long Slow Distance



Adam Zimmerman pitches the ball against his next victim. Adam was a member of the baseball team for all four years of high school. He also received a scholarship for his baseball ability. He played outfield for the team. He was one of our best fielders and best pitchers.



Jim Smolucha leads off third base because of good coaching tips from Coach Walters.

Brett Dieter thinks up his ne move as the ball is being pitche As the first baseman, he neede to be ready for almost anythi He had to watch the runner see if he was going to steal, had to watch the batter to see he was going to bunt or hit th ball, and he had to watch h other teammates to see whe everyone was. It was a tou job, but Brett could definate it!

Shattered Records

Playing a total of 37 baseball games, our 2000-2001 baseball team had a very good season. With an overall record of 21 wins and 16 losses, our Wildcats dominated against much of the competition. Their 21 wins was a school record for most varsity wins.

This year's team consisted of many departing seniors. Many of them would be playing college baseball, but they didn't want to leave WeGo without a great memory. Setting the record for most wins was a great accomplishment for the team. Their conference record was also the best it had been in a while: 10 Wins and 11 losses.

Many games were fought tough. Many went into extra innings where the team either came out victorious or fought hard, but not hard enough. When the Wildcats faced Glenbard North on April 12, they had to fight hard. The game went into extra innings because we were locked in a 2-2 tie. But our Wildcats battled it out and came out victorious.

Josh Rogers pays close attention to the pitcher and also to the third base coach to see if he has enough time to steal third. Josh tried his best to make it home against Wheaton Warrenville South but just couldn't make it. West Chicago lost all four games that they played against WWS. Unfortunately, our last defeat was against them to close out season.

Tim Warren leads off ready steal second base. Will he hav enough time to get back to first he needs it? He always kept watchful eye on the pitche catch any sly moves. He kne when he should get back becau he had expirence communi ing with the pitcher as the se ond baseman for our tean Therefore, he was often able predict what the other team wa about to do.

2000-2001 Confrence Baseball Results:

Date:	Opponent:	Score:	W/L/T:
4/10	WWS	2-4	Loss
4/12	Glenbard North	3-2	Win
4/18	Naperville Central	2-6	Loss
4/19	Wheaton North	4-3	Win
4/20	West Aurora	8-0	Win
4/24	Glenbard East	4-3	Win
4/26	Naperville North	9-14	Loss
4/27	Waubonsie Valler	4-0	Win
4/28	WWS	3-4	Loss
4/28	WWS	1-3	Loss
4/30	Glenbard North	3-4	Loss
5/1	Glenbard North	5-10	Loss
5/3	Wheaton North	2-1	Win
5/4	Wheaton North	2-1	Win
5/8	Naperville Central	2-7	Loss
5/10	Naperville Central	6-9	Loss
5/12	West Aurora	12-2	Win
5/12	West Aurora	9-1	Win
5/14	Glenbard East	0-4	Loss
5/15	Glenbard East	8-5	Win
5/17	Naperville North	11-12	Loss
5/18	Naperville North	9-2	Win

FALL TEAMS

Varsity Football. Front: Jason Worel, Mike Olson, Ken Yourek, Scott Blanchard, Brandon Brach, Nick Richardson, Mike Merrion, Morris Barber, Sterve Taylor; **Row 2:** Paul Novak, Chris Holguin, Tom Heun, Alex Kochick, Randy Soto, Izzy Perez, Sean Hannon, Matt Trygar, Paul Elson, David Castillo; **Row 3:** Javier Contreras, Tyler Belding, Josh Winquist, Coach Dick Howard, Coach Greg Hansen, Head Coach Bob Stone, Coach Josh Chambers, Coach John Walters, Javier Saucedo, Mark Hopkins, Moises Garcia, Jeff Villarreal; **Row 4:** Mike Brown, Josh Kutilek, Phil Legorreta, Dan Schneider, Tino Alfaro, Bill Rocha, James Thrasher, Mike Nubie; **Row 5:** Jim Smolucha, Brad Bolton, Brad Shelley, Sam Mashal, Kevin Stott, John Kolodick, Eddie Cruz, Lon Buetke; **Row 6:** Matt Raymond, Luis Cordero, Brandon Baerman, Jason Gunther, Ric Miner, Matt Lambin, Tim Jaffe, Kory Kendziora, Corey Coleman; **Row 7:** Nate Williams, Alberto Chavez, Marcos Hernandez, Matt Jernstad, Dave Pater, Jaime Merlo, Tim Carstensen, Brian Campbell; **Back:** Brett Dieter, Zach Pedersen, Matt Shellamer, Adam Mrugacz, Erich Fries, Chris Norman, Kevin Franckowiak, Brian Wakefield, Peter Milauskas.

Sophomore Football. Front: Matt Peterson, Dan Kelliher, Bob Nagel, Dan Millard; **Row 2:** Matt Benson, Coach Jeff Brown, Coach Randy Zeitler, Coach Tly Nevrly, Coach Jason Senese, Mike Martinez; **Row 3:** Charlie Cloutier, Wayne Richert, Brian Calabrese, Mark Foote, Adam Boswell, Mike Boland, Joe Klingberg; **Row 4:** Alex Baker, Scott Sieder, Matt Kallas, Noah Fitzenreider, Leo Garcia, Hans Colliander, Sean Chapman, Kyle Whittaker **Row 5:** Matt Shambo, Aron Morris, Bryan Allison, Jake Delort, Emmanual Vasquez, Matt Timko, Jim Campbell, Wyatt Schuyler, Matt Wasielewski; **Row 6:** Adam Wilkovich, Sean Zieche, Adam Vann, Mike Vargas, Tony Zumpano, Roger Strike, Chris Sanzeri, Jeff Leazenby; **Back:** Dan Kaylor, Jim Rylowica, Errik Loosli, Chris Gauldin, Matt Coiley, Josh Bentham, Simon Blanco, Chris Vlasvich, Jared Hall.

Freshman Football. Row 1: Dominick Fatiago, Rob Rhodes, Jake Brandstedter, Mike Rubio; **Row 2:** Tim Clairmont, Steve Nota, Scott Campbell, Matt Davidson, Jason Debolt, Tyler Hemple, Paul Schwabe, Mark Trygar; **Row 3:** Bryan Means, Peter Mantz, Mitch Coler, Coach Patrick Clifford, Coach Ward Rau, Coach Scott Davidson, Ricardo Ortiz, Franky Guerrero, Kevin Hanson; **Row 4:** Ryan Henning, Pat Virnich, Mike Smolucha, Alex Wemple, Matt Nonnie, Erik Nelson, James Sallis, Elliot Tinnes, T.J. Shannahan, Jeff Raymond; **Row 5:** Mike Barrie, Tyler Piech, Ricky Camp, Todd McComb, Brad Bytof, Steve Singer, Breandon, McTighe, John Kennedy, Mark Orseno; **Row 6:** Taylor Curran, Jon Daru, Mike Lizzka, Diego Arambaru, Eric Oglanian, Derek Koelsch, Bob Hock, Rob Casey, Brandon McQueen, Eric Radloff; **Row 7:** Reuben Hernandez, Zach Hedger, Mike Giese, Jason Jensen, Ryan Stuhr, Daniel Lopez, Guillermo Perez, Billy Shipp, Andy Dameron; **Back:** John George, Tim Murrey, Dave Bennett, Phil Rokua, Mike Letts, Nick Fairbanks, Chris Walski, Andy Denniger, Joel Sommers, Hulices Davalos.

Varsity Soccer. Front: Edgar Escobedo, Raul Mendoza, Mike Masschelin, Craig Schuda, Vladamir Reyes, Joey Park; **Row 2:** Coach Robert Owens, Jon Lim, Dennis Janek, Coach Steve Brugman, Miguel Herrera, Ricardo Herrera, Coach Steve Kimery; **Row 3:** Jose Alejo, Cesar Toledo, Adam Selke, Felipe Perez, Tony Ballines, Carlos Rodriguez; **Row 4:** Andrew Barton, Greg Hernandez, Alex Ortiz, Ricardo Avales, Hector Romero, Brian Kraig, Jason Woodbury; **Row 5:** John Jelnick, Kyle Wolf, Chris Salutric, Chris Hendricks, Matt Bridges, Tom Wojeki; **Back:** Jorge Morales, Austin Fuchs, Doug Walker, Steve Gilbert, Jesses Salazar, Dan Flores, Jim O'Hara.

Sophomore Soccer. Front: Coach Antonio DelReal, Ryan Masschelin, Ernest Romo, Manny Escobedo, Jeremy Jensen; **Row 2:** Jose Castellano, Alberto Allende, Juan Tecuatl, Vicente Fernandez, Ismael Ferrer; **Row 3:** Patrick Acosta, Scott McKee, Daniel Ballines, Brian Romanelli, Daniel Callahan, Thomas Aguirre; **Back:** Gilberto Calleros, Ryan Large, Michael Doll, Daniel Garcia, C.J. Wostratzky, Nicholas Bernard, Justin Pineda.

Freshman Soccer. Front: Coach Julio DelReal, Casmiro Ocampo, Justin Taylor, Luis Guerrero, Mario Correa, Edward Alvarez, Adrian Mendez. **Row 2:** Uli Vasquez, Kevin Acosta, David Aguirre, Christian Hernandez, Joshua Jeter, Jeff Puetz; **Back:** Houston Pineda, Jorge Fong, Steve Thomas, Donnie Jackson, Ted Gernand, Ryne Neltnor, Andy Kiger.

FALL TEAMS

Boys' Sophomore Golf. Front: Dan Pazar, Josh Hahn, Jason Forbrook, Dan Bulleri, Daniel Polacek; **Back:** Coach Eric Lasky, Jeff Beeks, Greg Hodge, Mike Paschke, Tom Grove, Doug Boyd, Coach Jeremy Babel.

Boys' Varsity Golf. Front: Nick Romanelli, Tim Warren, Zach Deaton, Tim Vormark, Matt Baumrucker; **Back:** Coach Eric Lasky, Joe Cantano, John Merrick, Robin Mildebrath, David Gilbertson, Joe Lum, Mike Wenz, Coach Jeremy Babel.

Girls' Varsity Golf. Front: Leann Olson, Coach Mike Cain, Kelly Quarto; **Row 2:** Aimee Beutke, Lauren Nickelson, Heather Mostellar; **Back:** Jessica Strock, Angela Skaggs, Courtney Dorn, Jamie Kennedy; Not Pictured: Jackie Walters.

Girls' Sophomore Volleyball. Front: Manager Nicole Kovacevic, Jamie Murphy, Theresa McEvoy, Lauren Kirby, Kelly McCarthy; **Row 2:** Manager Mark Lasky, Chelsea Birczak, Stephanie Bodane, Heather Koslow, Nicole Skala, Amanda Morrison; **Back:** Ashley Mazzola, Beth Kipp, Heather Cirone, Head Coach Laurie Murphy

Girls' Freshman Volleyball. Front: Dana Grant, Kristen Ka[illegible], Courtney Mathias, Head Coach Dawn Shepherd; **Row 2:** [illegible] Norton, Elizabeth Jacques, Shaina Sullivan; **Back:** [illegible] Baumrucker, Christine Harris, Ashley Spindler, Allyssa Rook[illegible]; **Not Pictured:** Hillary Lim

Girls' Varsity Volleyball. Front: Megan Leston, Assistant Coach Laurie Murphy, Head Coach Kris Hasty, Manager Mark Lasky, Jill Kufta; **Row 2:** Meghan Michalek, Lisa Thomas, Lindsay Michael, Joanna Szeszycki, Lauren Migliorato; **Back:** Laura McQueen, Jenny Payton, Julie Wiechert, Lindsay Paulsen, Hilary Blanchard.

Girls' Swimming & Diving. Front: Heather Prochnow, Deborah Sedjo, Megan Smith, Rachel [illegible], Nicole Wood; **Row 2:** Danielle Zirbes, Laura Martin, Coach Marybeth Zarndt, Coach Chris Hall, [illegible] Ryan, Anna Sedjo, Amanda Weier, **Row 3:** Rachel McKenney, Shannon Sterne, Kendal Sharp, [illegible] Hellman, Cathy Wilken, Emily Biancalana, Melody Yaeger, **Back:** Jenny Cwiak, Jeannine Ogorek, [illegible] Huttquist, Betsy Drazi, Missi Sherne, Laura Wilken, Jessica Cwiak, Jackie Vavrek; **Not Pictured:** [illegible] Sagen

FALL/WINTER TEAMS

Boys' Swimming & Diving. Front: Manager Cathy Wilken, Dan Murphy, Hans Colliander, Jim Oroni, Peter Oelslager, Jason Debolt; **Row 2:** Coach Janet Cullotun, Joe Hamlin, C.J. Wostratsky, Joe Lureau, Kurt Fenner, Kevin Mestek, Steve Vandernaalt, Coach Bryan Artel; **Back:** Chris Nelson, Billy Rocha, Kevin McCarthy, Ben Keller, Joel Somers, Matt Infelise.

Girls' Tennis. Front: Marisol Castillo, Vanessa Cortez, Arianna Cortez, Kristen Mederich; **Row 2:** Angie Garcia, Daisy Chavez, Jessica Day, Jessica Morrison, Coach Fred Toms, Lynn Palenica, Gladys Proa, Patsy Salgado, Geraldine Colorado; **Row 3:** Meagan Flood, Mellisa Davis, Paige Karwoski, Leanna Czernik, Michelle Landriault, Victoria Talbott, Kim Peterik, Christina Kowalczyk, Michelle Davis; **Back:** Noorah Koita, Lisa Borg, Nelly Guerrero, Catherine Iannello, Jasmeen Castillo, Andrea Johnson, Kristine Sullivan, Julie Polz.

Girls' Cross Country. Front: Kristin Wolfe, Zoe Churan, Lauren Anders, Katy Kostal, Uma; **Row 2:** Krystal Muhlberger, Kristy Ekogsberg, Stephanie Geissman, Jenni Boyd; **Back:** Carmen Saucedo, Erin Kirby, Coach Katerina Boves.

Wildcats . . . always competitive.

Boys' Cross Country. Front: Evan Mosely, John Brandt, Sal Rizzo; **Row 2:** Matt Wdowiarz, Ben Hensey, Dan Rogers, Pat Baur, Coach Paul McLeland; **Row 3:** Richard Visser, Ed Abante, Jeff Lenertz, Billy Inch, Jason Pillion; **Back:** Tom Boward, Chris Buckles Haley, Darek Szyszko, Greg Moore.

Boys' Varsity Basketball. Front: Mike Nutall, Jerry Coleman, Jon Merrick, Nick Romanelli, Jim O'Hara, Chris Norman; **Row 2:** Coach Eric Lasky, Brad Olsen, Andy Hein, Steve Gilbert, Coach Dan McCarthy; **Back:** Brian Howard, Matt Wilson, Josh Rogers, Matt Weber.

Girls' Varsity Basketball. Front: Aimee Beutke, Jessica Strock, Cindy Warner, Shannon Masschelin, Nicole Skala, Sara Bass; **Row 2:** Head Coach Wallner, Kathy Brinn, Alissa Mildebrath, Beth Brinn, Lisa Thomas, Shaina Sullivan, Assistant Coach Woods; **Back:** Megan Young, Jaymie Schmidt, Sara Coiley, Lauren Johnson.

WINTER TEAMS

Boys' Sophomore Basketball. Front: Tony Zumpano, Crushon Evans, Charlie Cloutier, John Weier, Matt Kallas; **Row 2:** Coach Dave Sayner, Jared Hall, Matt Colley, Nick Michael, Mike Paschke, Jim Rylowicz, Coach John Gallagher; **Back:** Adam Vann, James Campbell, Adam Kalkman, Pat Larson.

Girls' Freshman Basketball. Front: Emily Ekstrom, Tami Kuta, Lena Gomez, Kristen Rocha, Ali Metcalf; **Row 2:** Coach Dunlap, Shelly Frantzen, Hillary Maloney, Elizabeth Jacques, Jessica Daiger, Jenna Pelej, Coach Martinson; **Back:** Yadria Perez, Kailey Rohrdanz, Corri Koeppen, Alyssa Campagna, Krista Johnson, Kim Rovtar.

Boys' Freshman A Basketball. Front: Brad Bytof, Sean Battersby, Dan Polacek, T.J. Shanahan; **Row 2:** Coach Kevin Gimre, Phil Buska, Doug Boyd, Tom Grove, Steve Thomas; **Back:** Eric Radloff, Jason Shreeram, Tim Murrey.

Boys' Freshman B Basketball. Front: Jeff Puetz, Ryan Musschelin, Josh Hahn; **Row 2:** Ryan Stuhr, Steve Thomas, Coach Tim Martin, Mike Letts, Hulices Davalos; **Back:** Ted Gernand, Leo Baylor, Mark Orseno, Rob Jeffery.

Girls' Sophomore Basketball. Front: Sarah Altergott, Jen Krueger, Dali Vargas, Magen Rogers; **Row 2:** Coach Glenn Bar Kim Peterik, Kori Flagg, Lathie Norton; **Back:** Lynn Mic Rachel Kuna, Kristi Nickelson, Nicole Malone; **Not Pictur** Brittany Meyer.

Varsity Wrestling. Front: Managers Kelly Whitman, Heather Edminson, Jackie Stentz, Kelly Pastore; **Row 2:** Mike Smith, Derek Smith, Dennis Kirschke; **Row 3:** Coach Eddie Valdez, Nate Williams, Derek Boorsma, Gus Dietrick, Jorge Morales; **Back:** Justin Pineda, Noah Fitzenreider, Rob Whitman; **Not Pictured:** Head Coach Bob Guerrero.

Freshman Wrestling. Front: Managers Kelly Pastore, Jackie Stentz, Sara Stevens; **Row 2:** Fabian Cruz, Jake Brandstedter, Tyler Hempel, Scott Campbell; **Row 3:** Coach Bob Guerrero, Nate Perez, Milot Thaci, Nick Fairbanks, Rob Casey, Manager Kelly Whitman; **Back:** Mike McInerney, Houston Pineda, Ryan Neltnor, Elliot Tinnes.

Junior Varsity Wrestling. Front: Managers Heather Edmin Jackie Stentz, Kelly Pastore; **Row 2:** Steve Taylor, Joe Cinquegra Nick Chillemi, Dan Millard; **Row 3:** Coach Eddie Valdez, Alfaro, Jeff Leanzenby, Luis Cordero, Tim Jaffe, Marcos Fernan **Back:** Matt Benson, Kiel Farjeat, Ricky Rodriguez, Emma Vazquez.

SPRING TEAMS

Freshman Softball. Front: Marissa Mendoza, Lindzi Scott, Megan Castelvecchi, Tanya Hisey, Emily Ekstrom, Mary Breen; **Row 2:** Kailey Rohrdanz, Alex Metcalf, Kristy Boorsma, Missy Boorsma, Ashley Hannon; **Back:** Coach Willuweit, Kim Rovtar, Leah Christiansen, Krista Johnson, Cori Koeppen.

Freshman Baseball. Front: Houston Pineda, Rick Camp, Roger Maritote, Justin Taylor, Frank Guerrero, Todd McComb, T.J. Shanahan; **Row 2:** Andy Dameron, Ryan Neltnor, Sean Reynolds, Carlos Perez, Jason Jensen, John George, Mike Liszka, Eric Radloff; **Back:** Coach Trent Mckay, Ted Gernand, Jason Shreeram, Kris Walski, Greg Prill, Dan Harms, Coach Joe Schrom.

Sophomore Baseball. Front: Dan Callahan, Aron Morris, Matt Peterson, Scott Sieder, John Weier; **Row 2:** Dan Deutsch, Matt Shambo, Tony Reyes, Mike Lombardo, Tom Grove, Paul Majchrowski; **Back:** Coach Scott Davidson, Sean Zieche, Rich Miller, Dan Kaylor, Coach Eric Lasky.

Junior Varsity Softball. Front: Samantha Herrera, Jami Murphy, Heather Bien, Krissy Joy, Jessica Krueger; **Row 2:** Kelly McCarthy, Heather Barron, Elyse Barron, Sarah Bernklau, Heather Mosteller, Becki Hoffman; **Back:** Coach Laurie Davidson, Katie Walker, Brandi Ruiz, Dana Lawrence, Lindsay Paulsen.

Varsity Baseball. Front: Brad Bolton, Andy Obrochta, Tim Warren, Nick Richardson, Tommy Heun, Kevin Stott, John Kolodick, Phil Piemonte; **Row 2:** Jim Smolocha, Josh Kutilek, Tim Yormark, Adam Zimmerman, Joe Lurean, Josh Rogers, Dave Gilbertson, Dave Patea, Brett Dieter; **Back:** Coach John Walters, Coach Dan McCarthy, Nick Buscemi, Kevin Frankkoniar, Nick Carter, Travis Starffen, Jeff Hodge, Coach Mike Hanson, Coach Hugh Stott.

Varsity Softball. Front: Megan Leston, Liz Brouwer, Tonia Pecoraro, Suzy Smith, Martha Mueller, Casey Connolly; **Row 2:** Megan Llorens, Christin Ruiz, Shannon Flowers, Kristi Nickelson, Laura McQueen, Jaymie Schmidt; **Back:** Shannon Masschelin, Coach Kim Wallner, Coach Fred Ruiz, Head Coach Jim Schaudt, Coach Tom Rivan, Coach Kim Malloney, Alissa Mildebrath; **Not Pictured:** Heather Mostller.

SPRING TEAMS

Varsity Boys' Volleyball. Front: Jesse Salazar, Brian Campbell, Nick Romaneli, Brian Kerr, Tom Boward, **Row 2:** John McPheters, Shane Olson, Brian Wakefield, Mark Lasky; **Back:** Manager Heather Koslow, Brad Olsen, Andy Hein, Steve Gilbert, Patrick Norton, Coach Kris Hasty.

Junior Varsity Boys' Volleyball. Front: Pablo Herrera, Bob Nagel, Matt Benson, Tom Aguirre; **Row 2:** Brian Calabrese, Jeremy Jensen, Brian Romanelli, Tom Newman, C.J. Wostratzky; **Back:** Coach Rebecca Talavera, Matt Boes, Chris Vlasvich, Patrick Norton, Logan Wilkening, Robby Mildebrath, Tysyn Wyman.

I N T E N S I T Y

As is shown by these pictures, Wildcat coaches are serious about their jobs.**Top Left:** Boys' swimming coach Bryan Artel demonstrates the proper form for entering the water. **Top Right:** Volleyball coach Kris Hasty huddles with her team during a timeout at a key point in a game. **Bottom Left:** Tennis coach Sione Moeaki seems just a little disgusted with something he sees on the court. **Bottom Right:** Girls' soccer coach Julio Del Real drives home a point to his team while they're gathered in the goal for their halftime conference.

Varsity and Junior Varsity Badminton. Front: Liz Brosseau, Melissa Heron, Samantha Kimber, Allison Dahl, Rachael McKenny; **Row 2:** Sarah Swatsworth, Kate Gutirrez, Beth Rakow, Becki Bell, Sarah Altergott, Jessica Willes, Fawn Montag; **Row 3:** Coach LaVora Singleton, Crystal Casares, Megan Millard, Nisha Patel, Sara Mendez, Sandy Chan, Coach Heather Dunlap; **Back:** Stephanie Smothers, Sandy Edlund, Christine Austin, Melissa Garcia, Amanda Millard, Katie Baginski.

Varsity and Junior Varsity Girls' Track and Field. Front: Tnarri Kilgore, Coach Simon, Coach Katherine Boves, Coach Cindi Cortinas; **Row 2:** Christina Wilbur, Lauren Anders, Zoe Churan, Carmen Saucedo, Amanda Weier, Erin Kirby, Kristin Wolfe, Rachel Horvath, Kim Palka, Katy Kostal; **Row 3:** Kristy Skogsberg, Jenny Baker, Jessica Morrison, Kim Gargula, Alicia Chew, Krystal Muhlberger, Heather Prochnow, Marlene Uy, Amanda Morrison, Hillary Brown, Anna Nubie; **Row 4:** Kelly Karbal, Shannon Sterne

SPRING TEAMS

Varsity Boys' Track and Field. Front: Javier Saucedo, Evan Mosley, Jon Brown, Eddie Escobedo, Joe Park, Mike Pesola, Mike Olson, Alex Kochick; **Row 2:** Coach Randal Zeitler, Chris Buckles, Ben Keller, Joe Caniano, Mike Nubie, Mike Wojcicki, Jon Ortiz, Adam Selcke, Coach Paul McLeland; **Row 3:** Jason Gunther, Lon Beutke, Alberto Chavez, Matt Raymond, Jon Lim, Dariusz Szyszko, Abad Rubio, Chris Salutric; **Back:** Tom Macauley, Dan Dieckmann, Dan Bajor, Steve Slattery, Kevin Mestek, Ed Abante, Billy Inch.

Freshman and Sophomore Boys' Track and Field. Front: Mitch Coler, Wyatt Schuyler, Vincente Fernandez, Manny Escobedo, Kevin Duffy, Ish Ferrer, Jeff Hansen, Scott Campbell; **Row 2:** Coach Paul McLeland, Rob Casey, Brad Bytof, Joey Farelas, Andy Kiger, Ryan Henning, Mike Smolucha, Carlos Ramirez, Coach Randal Zeitler; **Row 3:** Mike Giese, Pat Baur, Greg Moore, Jeff Raymond, Mike Saucgnago, Alex Baker, Alex Serrato, Elliott Tinnes; **Row 4:** Jason Becker, Richard Visser, Nick Bernard, Ryan Stuhr, Tim Murrey, Jake DeLort, Jorge Martinez, Emmanuel Vazquez, Chris Nelson; **Back:** Nick Michael, Justin Hoshaw, Mike Doll, Mark Tonchick.

Varsity Girls' Soccer. Front: Vanessa Cortez, Ashley Llasiowski, Shana Galto, Jaclyn Prena, Ashley Mazzola, Arianna Cortez; **Row 2:** Christina Iannello, Ariana Robles, Kelley Whitman, Meghan Burlison, Maribel Benitez, Lindsey Wonsowski, Laura Gilbertson; **Back:** Amy Lichtfuss, Hillary Lim, Alyssa Campagnoni, Nicole Strayve, Kendall Sharon, Amanda Campagnoni, Rachel Kuna, Coach Julio Del Real; **Not Pictured:** Juana Montalvo, Coach Cesar Gomez.

Junior Varsity Girls' Soccer. Front: Mercedes Castro, Katie Taylor, Jessica Banwart, Tanya Ortiz, Elizabeth Ortiz, Arlene Smothers; **Row 2:** Lauren Martinez, Kari Schmidt, Claribel Robles, Yadira Perez, Heather Edminson, Claudia Carrillo; **Row 3:** Janette Reveles, Nora Gonzalez, Zayra Pedraza, Fabiola Correa, Yunuen Reyes, Guadalupe Montalvo; **Back:** Theresa Uy, Coach Bob Owens, Carrie Gallimore, Melissa Davis, Michelle Davis, Betsy Drazl, Jill Grobe, Christina Kowalczyk.

Freshman Girls' Soccer. Front: Juana Montalvo, Tracy Macics, Michelle Blanco, Christina Adduci, Amy Escobedo, Kathryn Hodge. **Row 2:** Julie McKee, Stephanie Schwabe, Darlena Gomez, Yadira Perez; **Back:** Coach Toto Del Real, Mart Selby, Ashley Rodgers, Jessica DarQue, Coach Cesar Gomez.

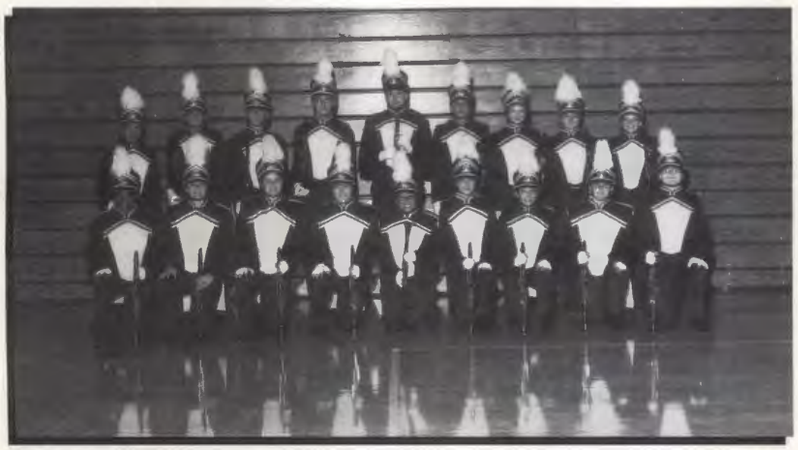
Boys' Tennis. Front: Peter Oelslager, Brian Holt, Matt Neumann, Ryan Masschelin, Brian Krieg; **Row 2:** Jason Woodbury, Bryan Jones, Brian Ahlgard, Mike Marvin, Marc Berry; **Back:** Coach Sione Moeaki, Adam Welch, Geoff Palka, Doug Walker, Mitch Strohm, Coach Tim Martin, Coach Terry Lemberg-Finn.

BANDS

2000-2001 Wildcat Marching Band

Band Seniors. Front: Kim Fioroni, Sarah Walker, Tom barta, Frank Czech, Gina McEvoy, James Jaffe; **Row 2:** Malissa Kane, Matt Wdowiarz, Bryan Jones, Mike Keeley, Adam Fritz, Amanda Millard, Mike Nyman; **Row 3:** Bryan Wolf, Sergio Jimenez, Chris Buckles-Haley, Jenny Brosseau, Carrie Carpenter, Jesse Askin, Shane Ness; **Back:** Josh Swanner, Steve Gilbert, Mike Ziberna, Richard Amos, Sean Palmer, David Wood, James Nelson.

Percussion. Front: Dan Millard, Tom Amos, Matt Wdowiarz, Nils Higdon, Adam Fritz, Sarah Walker; **Row 2:** Frank Czeck, Tom Barta, Mike Ziberna, Aaron Becker, Sean Palmer, Lathie Norton, Richard Amos, Hillary Lim, Carl Sauter, Josh Swanner, David Wood.



Clarinets. Front: Salome Yigscuw, Sarah Walker, Sarah Altergott, Karen Miller, Arianna Cortez, Meagan Millard, Lisa Martin, Sarah Swatsworth, Kim Fioroni; **Row 2:** Rachel Rivera, Bryan Wolf, Jason Becker, Geoff Palka, Steve Gilbert, Billy Inch, Susan Lincoln, Kim Peterik, Stacy Pacini.

Low Brass. Front: Karl Donovon, Nick Chillemi, Dawn Barzo, Theresa McEvoy, Brian Steere, Chris Gerber, Brian Becker; **Row 2:** James Nelson, Rick Camp, Brian Toms, Andy Hein, Bryan Jones, Cory Abruzzese, Brock Spaniol.

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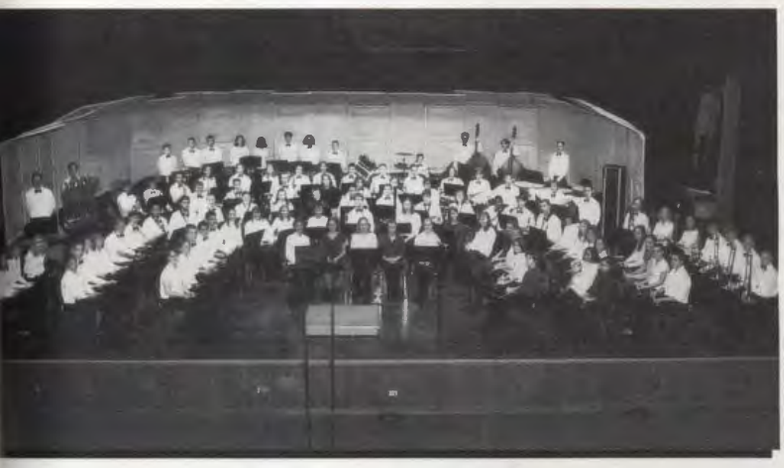

2000-2001 Wildcat Symphonic Band

Saxophones. Front: Alberto Allende, John Hartigen, Julie Polz, Jorie Vlach, Elizabeth Brosseau, Amanda Millard, Chris Soriano, Brian Harvey; **Row 2:** Gina McEvoy, James Jaffe, Abby Rauseo, Brett Palmer, Adam Sierocuk, Scott Storey, Sergio Jimenez, Catie Marcantonio, Margot Reges, Brad Sabathne, Joe Tumidolsky, Nick Grue, Sam West, Emily Biancalana.

Piccolos. Front: Rachel Noceda, Vanessa Cortez, Pam Martin; **Row 2:** Jenny Brosseau, Lauren Lock, Lena Gomez, Rachel McKenney, Allyssa Rosalez; **Row 3:** Kelly Williams, Dana Lawrence, Erin Madden, Janine Loewe, Lindsay Perez, Katie Taylor, Malissa Kane.

Trumpets. Front: Kris Donovon, Mike Peters, Katy Kostal, Mike Nyman, Ted Gernand; **Row 2:** Mike Keeley, Jesse Askin, Shane Ness, CJ Wostratzky, Sam Robles.

Melissa Lund, who is also an assistant drum major, plays the french horn during a routine practice.

West Chicago Colorguard marching through the annual Homecoming parade.

Sam Robles, Mike Nyman and Chris Buckles-Haley are three of the senior trumpet players who will be greatly missed for their unique personalities.

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Seniors: A Lasting Reflection

It Seemed Like Just Yesterday...

Tim Yormark temporarily steps out of his manhood to become a cheerleader for the Homecoming Pep Assembly.

It didn't seem so long ago that we had been learning the halls of WeGo. We thought that we had all the time in the world to meet new people and experience our high school years. The people we met at the Freshman Mixer soon became our friends. Then, we hit sixteen and were handed the keys to the car. Football games on Friday nights in the Fall created lasting memories so vivid that the scent of Autumn would bring them rushing back in a moment.

The sound of the bell meant the start of a class or time to mingle with classmates and great friends. Homecoming dances with friends and dates meant the world to us at the time. Homecoming parades and contests made the week exciting and caused us to look toward another year.

When Prom rolled around, we went on missions to find that perfect dress or tuxedo. Later, we were preoccupied with the search for a job or college. Busy with these things, we did not realize that we were growing up and on our way out into adulthood.

As we left high school we appreciated the friendships we had made and began to understand the journey on which time would take us. As new chapters of our lives opened, we prepared to go out into the world with open minds and remembered lessons learned...

Always remember the little guy and be nice to him. Forget the dividing line between popularity and ordinary because that does not matter in the real world. Don't ever settle for less than your best and you will define success. Realize the power of time and memories, and look back on High School with thoughtful reflection on what we experienced, learned, and hoped.

-Lauren Nickelson

Jeff Heinz is blue! Painting his face was a way of showing his crazy side while getting in the spirit of Homecoming week.

Jenny Skrzypczynski proudly displays her senior attire before competing with the Juniors for the Powder Puff football game.

The Monopoly man, A.K.A. Jon Brown graces us with his presence for the Homecoming parade.

Senior Class Officers: President Dennis Janek, Vice-President Shannon Sterne, Treasurer Ryan Begy, Secretary Jenny Cwiak.

In Ten Years I Will Be...

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~Steve Taylor

"Going with the flow of life."
~Amy Kreml

In Ten Years I Will Be...

"On my way to fulfilling my lifetime dream of becoming a surgeon, and reminiscing of the memories I created at Wego."
~Jillian Wojcik

"Chillin' in Jamaica with a fine wife"
~Mike Nutall

Frank Check takes a bite out of life while Mandy Brandt peeks at the camera, and Ryan Begy shows us which way is up.

A group of 2001 Seniors gets ready to celebrate their last Homecoming together at Community High School.

Tim Yormark and Dennis Janek are the "Three Amigos" minus one.

Seniors are number one in the eyes of Danielle Kogut and Jon Brown.

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Melissa Garcia and Laura McQueen cheer on the Wildcats at a basketball game.

Longtime senior friends gather for a picture they will never forget.

Life at WeGo is pretty great with friends to goof around with.

James Jaffe and Gina McEvoy smile after a long, tiring day of school.

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Words, Words, Words.

"On *Whose Line* is it Anyway?!?" ~Justin David Kallas

"Playing baseball." ~Devin Rosen

"Working as a physical therapist and having a great family." ~Alissa Mildebrath

"Starting my career and building for a successful future." ~Kathy Brinn

In ten years I will be...

"I will always remember when we TP'd the school and I ran into a fence." ~Dave Gilbertsen

"Live life while you can. Take risks." ~James Nelson

"No one ever injured their eyesight by looking on the bright side of things." (Unknown) ~Melissa Garcia

"Be true, friendly, and sincere to everyone." ~Chris Salutric

Is there a quotation or a memory that you would like to leave the senior class with?

"The mind is like a parachute; it is worthless unless it is open." (Unknown) ~Brian Kerr

"There will be many acquaintances but only a few true friends." (Mrs. Kane) ~Malissa Kane

"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." (R. W. Emerson) ~L. Nickelson

"Your inner child wants to be free." ~Joe Wasiqi

Is there a quotation or a memory that you would like to leave the senior class with?

"At home reading Winnie the Pooh to my four kids." ~Anders Walker

"Hopefully teaching music, on tour, or involved in politics, and married." ~Matt Widowiarz

"An engineer living in California, married to Natalie Portman." ~Jeff Villarreal

"Living life to its fullest." ~Shannon Sterne

In ten years I will be...

Cory Abruzzese

Brett Adams

Erick Aguilar

Monica Aguirre

Brian Ahlgard

Nicole Albrecht

Michael Alderton

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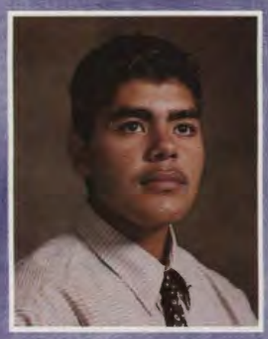
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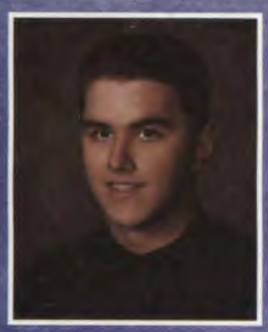
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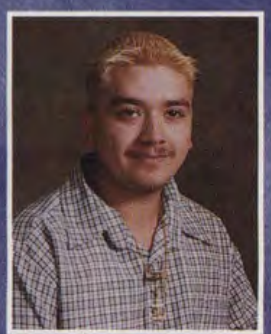
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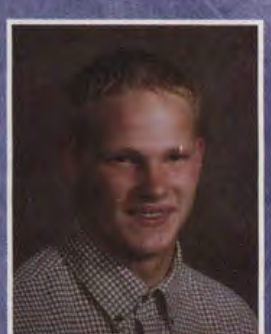
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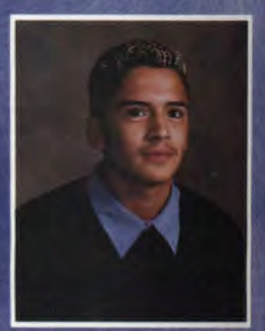
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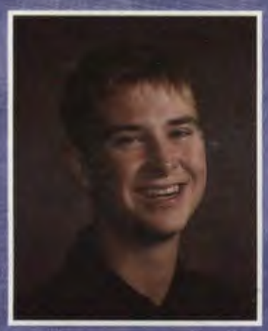
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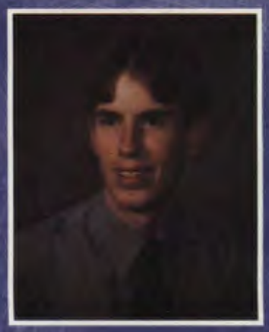


Michael Zilbert

Adam Zimmerman

Stevie Zuniga

Erich Fries always wondered if his tongue would stick to a frozen pole, and his doubt came to an end when he was triple-dog-dared to do just that in Toronto. Chris Hendricks here tries to solve the sticky situation for Fries.

Matt Powell, Adam Zimmerman, Joe Jelinek, Josh Rogers, and Brian Campbell probably didn't expect this picture to come back and haunt them. They're all dressed up for a visit to a 50s cafe during an eighth grade school field trip.

By the looks of their smiles, Danielle Daru, Danielle Botto, and Laura Schulze are having a blast at the Homecoming Dance.

Mary Abrusmese Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Jazz Band 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 3, 4.

Jose Alejo Challenge 4; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Track and Field 4; Exchange Student to France 3.

Amy Allison Pep Club 2, 3; Student Council Representative 3; Fall Play Cast 4; Musical Cast 1, 4; Chorus/Choir 1; Softball 1, 2; European History Tour 4; Honor Roll 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1.

Lindsey Anders French Club 2; Pep Club 3; Audio Visual Aide 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus/Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling Cheerleader 3, 4; Soccer Cheerleader 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1; National Honor Society 3, 4.

Lance Armstrong Key Club 4; Variety Show 4; Chorus/Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Madrigals 4; Golf 2,3; Football 1; Baseball 1,2; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.

Jimy Arroyo Math Team 4; Pep Club 3, 4; Cross Country 1; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Football Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Basketball Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3; National Honor Society 3, 4; Homecoming Court 4.

Ricardo Avalos Soccer 3, 4; Football 1; Honor Roll 1, 2; High Honor Roll 3, 4.

Tim Axelrod Thespians 1, 2, 3, 4; Winter Play Cast 1, 3; Musical Cast 2; Football 1; Honor Roll 2, 3; High Honor Roll 1; National Honor Society 3, 4.

Michele Ballard Challenge 4; European History Tour 3; CWT 3; Mock Wedding 4.

Antonio Ballines VICA 2, 3, 4; Diversity Committee; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; DVC Soccer Championship, VICA drafting award; math excellent effort award.

Brandon Barclay Variety Show 4; Tech Crew 1, 2, 3, 4; Fall Play Cast 1, 2; Winter Play Cast 1, 2; Musical Cast 1, 2, 4; Musical Crew 3; Chorus/Choir 2, 3, 4; Madrigals 4; Football 1.

Thomas Barta Math Team 3, 4; Variety Show 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Marching Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Jazz Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Musical Orchestra 2; Fox Valley Honors Band 3; Drum line Captain 2, 3, 4; Band Secretary 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 4; Illinois State Scholar 4; Merit Scholar 4; Government Rules Committee member 4.

Ryan Begy Math Team 4; Mr. Wildcat Candidate 4; Chess Team 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Treasurer 4; Fall Play Cast 4; Musical Cast 2, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.

Ramon Bejarano Challenge 2; Office assistant 1, 2, 3, 4; Soccer 1; Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4.

Vanessa Benavides Chorus/Choir 1, 2.

Maribel Benitez French Club 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 3; International Club 1; Tennis 2; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Soccer Cheerleader 3; Exchange Student to France 3; Honor Roll 1, 2, 4.

Jeffery Betts Baseball 1; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.

Scott Blanchard Football 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 2, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4.

Danielle Botto Peer Listeners 3, 4; Pep Club 3, 4; Chorus/Choir 1; Powder Puff game 3, 4; European History Tour 3; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Pep Club Treasurer 3.

Thomas Boward Cross Country 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4.

Tricia Bozich Peer Listeners 3, 4; Pep Club 3; Chorus/Choir 1; Dance Production 3; Tennis 1, 2; Wrestling Cheerleader 4; Soccer Cheerleader 4; European History Tour 3; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Homecoming Court 4.

Amanda Brandt French Club 1; Art Club 3; Literary Magazine 3; Fall Play Cast 2; Winter Play Cast 2.

Allison Braunshausen Variety Show 4; Thespians 3; Fall Play Crew 2; Winter Play Crew 2; Musical Crew 2; Golf 4; Honor Roll 1.

Elizabeth Brinn International Club 4; Student Council Representative 3, 4; Student Council Executive Board 4; Student Council Secretary 4; Cross Country 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track and Field 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; All-Conference Unanimous for Basketball 3; Captain for Basketball and Track 4; Powder Puff 3, 4.

Katherine Brinn VICA 3, 4; Student Council Representative 4; Cross Country 2, 3; Basketball 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 3, 4; Basketball Captain 4; Track Captain 4; Powder Puff 3, 4.

Jennifer Brosseau Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1; Football Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Basketball Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 3, 4.

Jonathan Reid Brown Key Club 4; VICA 3, 4; Track and Field 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.

Christopher Buckles Haley Math Team 1, 2, 3, 4; Variety Show 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Drum Major 4; Jazz Band 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Cross Country 3, 4; Track and Field 2, 3, 4; Exchange Student to Costa Rica 3; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; National Merit Scholar Commended Student.

Meghan Burlison French Club 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club Secretary 2, Vice President 3, President 4; Math Team 2, 3; Key Club 4; Campus Life 1, 2, 3, 4; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Soccer Captain 3, 4; Hosted Exchange Student from France 2, 4; European History Tour 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4.

Amanda Campagnoni Pep Club 4; Pep Club President 4; Key Club 4; Dance Production 4; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Pompons 3, 4; Football Cheerleader 3; Basketball Cheerleader 2; Exchange Student to Spain 2; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Scholar Athlete 1, 2, 3, 4.

Brian Campbell VICA 2, 3, 4; FBLA 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 2, 3; Track and Field 4; Summer League Baseball 1.

Grace Cantu French Club 1, FBLA 1, Key Club 4; European History Tour 3; Blue Ribbon of Excellence for Math 1, 2.

Cynthia Carmona Horticulture Club 3.

Carrie Carpenter Key Club 4; Student Council Representative 2, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Drum Major 4; Jazz Band 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Fox Valley Honors Band 3; Soccer Team Manager 1; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Powder Puff 4.

Timothy Carstensen Mr. Wildcat Candidate 4; Challenge 4; Student Council Representative 3; Class Treasurer 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Track and Field 4; Team Manager for Chess 4; All-Conference Football 4; All-Area Daily Herald; All-Area West Chicago Press.

Lindsay Castiglia Volleyball 1, 2; Team Manager-Boy's Volleyball 2; Basketball Cheerleader 2; Powder Puff 3, 4.

David Castillo Variety Show 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1.

Alberto Chavez VICA 4; Mr. Wildcat Candidate 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 4; Honor Roll 3; Prom Court 3.

Francis Check Variety Show 1, 3, 4; Band 2, 3, 4; Jazz Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 2, 3, 4; Musical Orchestra 2; Percussion for Chorus/Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; IMEA Second Jazz Band 9th District 3; Woody Herman Jazz Award 1, 2, 3.

Sarah Colley Challenge 2; Badminton 1, 2; Basketball 1, 3, 4.

Javier Contreras Key Club 4; Thespians 2, 3, 4; Campus Life 1, 2, 3, 4; Musical Cast 1, 2, 3; Chorus/Choir 1, 2, 3; Madrigals 1, 2, 3; Swing Choir 1, 2, 3; Fox Valley Honors Choir 1, 2, 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 1; European History Tour 4; Homecoming King 4.

Alexandra Corson German Club 1, 2, 3, 4; VICA 3; Class Treasurer 1, 2; Student Council Honorary Member 3, 4; Fall Play Cast 4; Musical Cast 3; Basketball 1; Softball 1; Exchange Student to Germany 2; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; German National Honor Society 2, 3, 4; Church Hand bell Choir Member 1, 2, 3, 4.

Eddie Cruz Mr. Wildcat Candidate 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 2, 3, 4; Track and Field 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2; High Honor Roll 3, 4; Merit Award.

Jennifer Cwiak Class Secretary 3, 4; Student Council Treasurer 4; Basketball 1; Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Prom Court 3; Swim Team Captain 4; Scholar Athlete 1, 2, 3, 4; Math Achievement Award 1, 2.

Amanda Kae Czech Pep Club 4; Challenge 3; European History Tour 3; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.

Danielle Daru Spanish Club 3; Pompons 3; Exchange Student to Spain 2; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4.

Brett Dieter Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2; National Honor Society 3, 4; DVC Leadership Conference 4.

Matthew Doll German Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Math Team 4; Key Club 3; Scholastic Bowl 2, 3, 4; Variety Show 4; Chess Team 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2; National Honor Society 4.

Rosa Ann Dupree French Club 1, 2; Forensics 4; Musical Cast 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus/Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Madrigals 2, 3, 4; Fox Valley Honors Choir 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; All-District Choir 2, 4; French National Honor Society 2, 3, 4; Choir Cabinet Librarian 4; Girl's Ensemble 2, 3.

Jennie Eagels Spanish Club 1; Key Club 3, 4; Fall Play Crew 1; Wrestling Cheerleader 2; Soccer Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Cheerleading Captain for Soccer 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Key Club President 4; Costa Rica Exchange Host 3; Scholar Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Spanish National Honor Society 3, 4; Outstanding Performance in Math 1, 2, 3.

Alaine Ellis Peer Listeners 3; Pep Club 2, 3, 4; VICA 2; Chorus/Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling Cheerleader 2; Soccer Cheerleader 2, 3; Football Cheerleader 4; Basketball Cheerleader 4; European History Tour 3; Prom Court 3; Pep Club President 3; Powder Puff 3, 4.

Jeffrey Fleming TCD Auto Tech 3, 4.

Shannon Flowers Basketball 1, 2; Volleyball 1, 2, 3; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4.

Julie Fosco Variety Show 4; Student Council Representative 1; Dance Production 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3; Team Manager-Boy's Volleyball 1; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 3; National Honor Society 3, 4; Junior Writing Award.

Erich Fries Musical Cast 1, 4; Chorus/Choir 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4.

Adam Fritz Variety Show 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Jazz Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Musical Orchestra 1, 3.

Allan Garcia TCD 4.

Cristina Garcia SADD 3; Pep Club 3, 4; Key Club 3, 4; Fall Play Crew 2; Team Manager-Boy's Basketball 3, 4; European History Tour 3; Honor Roll 1, 2, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Mock Wedding 3.

Gerardo Garcia New York Street Survival Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Soccer 1; Rugby 1, 2, 3, 4.

Melissa Garcia Spanish Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 3, Vice-President 4; Key Club 3, 4, Secretary 4; VICA 4; Forensics 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain 4; Scholastic Bowl 3, 4; Speech Team 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain 4; Art Club 3; Horticulture Club 3, 4; Fall Play Cast 4; Fall Play Crew 4; Musical Crew 2; Chorus/Choir 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2; Badminton 3, 4; Team Manager-Volleyball 2; Team Manager-Softball 3; Costa Rica Exchange Host 3; European History Tour 3; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; September Student of the Month; Spanish National Honor Society 2, 3, 4; Spanish Student of the Year 2.

Rebecca Gary SADD 2; Pep Club 2, 3; Key Club 4; Orchestra 1, 2, 3; Musical Orchestra 1, 2; Honor Roll 1, 2; High Honor Roll 1; National Honor Society 3, 4.

Kathleen Gauldin French Club 2; Key Club 4; Literary Magazine 3; Winter Play Cast 2; Honor Roll 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1.

Chris Gehrke Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4.

Steven Gilbert VICA 1, 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4.

David Gilbertsen Peer Listeners 2, 3, 4; FBLA 2, 3, 4; Golf 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1; Academic All-Conference 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Foreign Language National Honor Society 2, 3, 4.

Jessica Gutirrez SADD 3, 4; President of SADD 4; Key Club 1, 2; Chorus/Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 2, 3; High Honor Roll 1.

Joseph Hamlin WeGo Cares 2; Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4; Diving 1; Team Manager-Girl's Swim Team 2; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; State Qualifier for Swimming 3, 4.

Sean Hannon TCD for Construction 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track and Field 3.

Angela Hanson Forensics 2; Chorus/Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Track and Field 1, 2, 4; Team Manager-Wrestling 2.

DeAngelo Hanson Chorus/Choir 1; Football 3; Basketball 1; Track and Field 2.

Marc Hartigan Hockey 3.

Jeffrey Heinz German Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Key Club 4; Challenge 4; Fall Play Crew 4; Winter Play Crew 4; Musical Crew 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.

Kyle Hempel Winter Play Cast 2; Cross Country 1, 2, 3; Diving 2, 3, 4; Track and Field 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1.

Christopher Hendricks Thespians 3, 4; Student Council Representative 1, 2, 3, 4; Class President 2; Orchestra 1; Fall Play Cast 3; Winter Play Cast 2, 3; Musical Cast 1, 2, 3; Chorus/Choir 4; Soccer 1, 2, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4.

Julie Elizabeth Hendron TCD for Cosmetology 3, 4; VICA 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice-President 2, Treasurer 3, President 4; Honor Roll 1, 2; High Honor Roll 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; 1st Place State Winner for Commercial Sewing in VICA 1; National Commercial Sewing Competition 1; Sewing Competition in VICA 1, 2; Cosmetology VICA Competition for State 3, 4.

Patrick Henning Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.

John Henry Honor Roll 1, 2, 3; High Honor Roll 4.

Jeffrey Hodge Baseball 2, 3, 4.

Christina Iannello TCD for Child Care 4; Soccer 3, 4.

James Jaffe Orchestra 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Jazz Band 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3; Wrestling 1, 2, 3; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.

Jonathan Jelinek FBLA 4; Variety Show 4; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.

Lynn Jensen Spanish Club 2; Key Club 4; Challenge 1, 2; Chorus/Choir 3; Soccer 2, 3, 4.

Matthew Jernstad Football 1, 2, 3, 4.

Marcos Jimenez Peer Listeners 1, 2; FBLA 1; Challenge 4; WeGo Cares 2; Honor Roll 1, 2.

Bryan Jones Math Team 1, 2, 3, 4; Variety Show 4; Thespians 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Jazz Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Fall Play Cast 1, 2, 4; Winter Play Cast 1, 2, 3, 4; Musical Cast 1; Musical Orchestra 2, 3, 4; Fox Valley Honors Band 2, 3, 4; Solo/Ensemble Gold Performer 1, 2; Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4; Exchange Student to Spain 4; Honor Roll 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2; National Honor Society 3, 4; Scholar Athlete.

Justin Kallas Fall Play Cast 2, 4; Winter Play Cast 3.

Melissa Kane Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Musical Orchestra 2, 3, 4; Swimming 3; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4.

Brian Edward Kerr Basketball 1; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Athlete Scholar 3.

Tamara Ketelaar Pep Club 4; Softball 1, 2; Football Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Basketball Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Cheerleading Captain for Football/Basketball 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Powder Puff 3, 4.

Dennis Kirschke TCD for Construction Trade 4; German Club 1; Football 1, 2; Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 3, 4; JV Conference Champion for Wrestling 2.

Danielle Kogut SADD 4; Forensics 3; Speech Team 3; Literary Magazine 1, 2, 3; Chorus/Choir 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2.

John Kolodick Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Spanish National Honor Society 2, 3, 4; Baseball Junior All Star 3; Honorable Mention All-Conference Baseball 2.

Amy Kreml Pep Club 4; Variety Show 4; Softball 1, 2; Football Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball Cheerleader 1, 2, 3; Prom Court 3; Homecoming Court 4.

Nicholas Krueger Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.

Ruthie Kueker Chorus/Choir 3, 4.

Mark Lasky Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball MVP 3, 4; All-Area Honorable Mention 2; All-Conference 3, 4; All-Area 3, 4; Captain 4.

Lesley Anne Leary Pep Club 1, 2; Forensics 4; Musical Cast 3, 4; Chorus/Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Madrigals 3, 4; All District Choir 4; European History Tour 3; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Concert Choir Secretary 4.

Ashley Link SADD 1; Peer Listeners 2, 3, 4; German Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Key Club 4; FBLA 1; Campus Life 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1; Softball 1; Football Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Basketball Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2; High Honor Roll 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Prom Queen 3; German National Honor Society 3, 4.

Jason Lucas Peer Listeners 1, 2; German Club 1, 3; FBLA 1, 2, 4; Art Club 1, 2, 3; Football 1, 2.

Joseph Lureau SADD 1, 2; Spanish Club 1; Math Team 1; VICA 1, 2; Golf 1, 2, 3, 4; Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Team Manager-Girl's Swimming 3; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Prom Court 3; Homecoming Court 4; All-American Swimmer 3, 4; All-State Swimmer 1, 2, 3, 4; All-Conference Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4.

Joseph Mandrino Honor Roll 2, 3.

Jose Miguel Martinez French Club 1, 2, 3, 4; German Club 3; International Club 1, 2, 3; Volleyball 1; Exchange Student to France 3; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; French Achievement Award 1, 2, 3; French National Honor Society 2, 3, 4; German National Honor Society 3, 4.

Sam Mashal Clown Team 1, 2, 3, 4; Mr. Wildcat Candidate 4; Variety Show 4; Chorus/Choir 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4.

Michelle Massa TCD for Nurse Assistant; Clown Team 2; Horticulture Club 3; European History Tour 3; Office Student Assistant 2; Outstanding Effort in Mathematics 2, 3.

Shannon Meschelin Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1; Spanish National Honor Society 2; National History and Government Award 2; Outstanding Performance in Math 1, 3; Election Committee Chair for Government 4; Basketball Captain 1, 2, 3.

Kevin McCarthy Tennis 1, 2; Golf 1, 2, 3; Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4; Team Manager-Girl's Swimming 3; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4.

Gina McLaren Math Team 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4.

John McPheters Spanish Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Math Team 3, 4; FBLA 1, 2, 3, 4; Scholastic Bowl 2, 3, 4; Variety Show 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Team Manager-Girl's Volleyball 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Prom Court 3, Prom King 3; Football Water boy 1, 2, 3, 4.

Laura McQueen Spanish Club 1, 2; Wildcat Chronicle 2, 3, 4; Student Council Representative 1; Chorus/Choir 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Exchange Student to Costa Rica 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 3; Horticulture Club Vice President 4.

Eric Mederich Hockey 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 1; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.

Alissa L. Mildebrath Spanish Club 1, 2; Key Club 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; MVP for Basketball 3.

Amanda Millard German Club 1, 4; Key Club 4; VICA 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1; Badminton 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 2, 3.

Christy Moo FBLA 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Volleyball 1, 2, Track and Field 1, 2; Honor Roll 3; High Honor Roll 1, 2; Academic All-Conference 3; National Honor Society 3, 4.

Jorge Luis Morales Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 1; Soccer Captain 4.

Nicole Morrissey SADD 3; Pep Club 3; Key Club 3, 4; Soccer 4; Basketball 1; Volleyball 1, 2; European History Tour 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.

Evan Mosley Cross Country 4; Football 2; Track and Field 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.

Michael Mroz Wildcat Chronicle 4; Audio Visual Aide 1; Football 1, 2; Wrestling 1, 2.

Adam Mrugacz VICA 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Track and Field 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 2, 3.

Bethany Munmert Pep Club 4; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Pompons 4; Soccer Cheerleader 2, 3; Powder Puff 3, 4.

Zachary Muse Football 1.

James Nelson Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Jazz Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Track and Field 2, 3.

Shane J. Ness Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Jazz Band 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Musical Orchestra 1, 3.

Lauren Nickelson French Club 2; Pep Club 3; Wildcat Chronicle 3, 4; Challenge 4; Basketball 1, 2; Golf 3, 4; Golf Team Captain 4; European History Tour 3; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 4; Academic All-Conference 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; VICA 4; Powder Puff 3, 4.

Paul Novak FBLA 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1; Homecoming Court 4.

Mike Nutall Football 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4.

Mike Nyman French Club 1; Class President 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Exchange Student to France 3.

Joanna Obrochta High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Outstanding Math Award 1, 2.

Jeannine Ogorek TCD for Child care 3, 4; Key Club 2, 3; VICA 4; Thespians 3, 4; Winter Play Crew 2; Musical Crew 1, 2, 3; Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Most Improved Swimmer 1; Swim Team Captain 4; Excellent Achievement in Mathematics 1, 2; Student Assistant 2; Guidance Assistant 3.

Brad Olsen FBLA 4; Mr. Wildcat Candidate 4; Variety Show 4; Football 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 4.

Elizabeth Ortiz French Club 2, 3; FBLA 2; International Club 3; Soccer 1, 4; European History Tour 3; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Foreign Exchange Student Host 4.

Tanya Ortiz French Club 2, 3; FBLA 2; International Club 3; Soccer 1, 4; European History Tour 3; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3; Outstanding Effort in Mathematics 1, 2; Foreign Exchange Student Host 4.

Dzintra Osis Soccer 1; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; All-American Scholar; National Science Merit Award; Excellence in Math Award; Academic Merit Award; Perfect Attendance 1, 2, 3, 4.

Sean Zebadiah Palmer Math Team 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Jazz Band 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Illinois State Scholar 4; Vice President for Band; National Merit Scholarship Finalist; Drum line Co-Captain; Student of the Month for October; Spanish National Honor Society.

Kelly Marie Pastore TCD for Travel and Tourism; SADD 4; Variety Show 1, 3, 4; Team Manager-Wrestling 2, 3, 4; Wrestling Cheerleader 3.

Janita Patel Peer Listeners 2, 3, 4; Math Team 2, 4; Key Club 4; Scholastic Bowl 2, 4; Chess Team 1, 2, 3, 4; Special Peer Helper 2, 3; Soccer 1; Volleyball 1; Honor Roll 1, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 2; National Honor Society 3, 4.

Jigna Patel Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Excellence in Math Award.

Sonal Patel Key Club 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Foreign Honor Society 2, 3, 4.

Mary Patenaude TCD for Child Care 3, 4; SADD 4; Honor Roll 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2; Student of the Month at TCD.

Alexandra Patin German Club 1, 2, 4; Math Team 1, 2, 3, 4; Key Club 2, 3, 4; Forensics 1, 2, 3, 4; Scholastic Bowl 3, 4; Thespians 2, 3; Speech Team 1, 2, 3, 4; International Club 3; Art Club 3; Wildcat Chronicle 2, 3, 4; Literary Magazine 2; Fall Play Cast 2; Fall Play Crew 2; Musical Crew 2; German Club Photographer 4; Section Editor for Chronicle 3, 4; Editor-In-Chief for Chronicle 4.

Lauren Paulsen Peer Listeners 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 2, 4; Key Club 4; Fall Play Crew 2; Volleyball 1; Track and Field 2; Pompons 4; Basketball Cheerleader 2; Exchange Student to Spain and Costa Rica 2, 3; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4.

Zachary Pederson Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2; Special Mention All-Conference for Football; Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Felipe Perez Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Soccer Captain 4.

Michael V. Pesola Football 2; Track and Field 4.

Erick Ponce De Leon TCD for Construction Trades 3, 4; VICA 4; Student Assistant 2, 4.

Kelly Quarto TCD for Cosmetology 3, 4; Golf 3, 4; Soccer 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2; Track and Field 1, 2; Honor Roll 1, 3.

Brianne Rehmus Peer Listeners 3; German Club 3, 4; Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Musical Cast 3, 4; Musical Crew 3, 4; Chorus/Choir 4; Football Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Basketball Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Exchange Student to Germany 3; Honor Roll 1; High Honor Roll 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Pep Club Co-President 4; German Club President 4; Scholar Athlete In Cheerleading 2, 3, 4; German National Honor Society 2, 3, 4.

Vanessa A. Rodriguez TCD 4; Key Club 4.

Joshua Rogers Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1; Academic All-Conference 3, 4; Spanish National Honor Society 3, 4.

Nick Romanelli Math Team 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council Representative 1, 2, 3, 4; Golf 4; Soccer 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2; volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Homecoming Court 4.

Devin Rosen Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 4.

Christin Ruiz Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; All-Conference for Softball; Published a Poem.

Heather Runions SADD 3, 4; SADD Treasurer 3; Key Club 3, 4; Key Club Treasurer 4; Musical Cast 1; Chorus/Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Solo Ensemble 2; Volleyball 1; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.

Jesse E. Salazar Soccer 1, 2, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4.

Christopher Salutric SADD 4; VICA 4; Chess Team 3, 4; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Track and Field 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 4; Academic All-Conference 4.

Eduardo Sanchez Challenge 4.

Jennifer Saylor Peer Listeners 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 3, 4; Key Club 4; FBLA 4; Student Council Honorary Member 4; BTI 3, 4; Kazoo Band 3; Team Manager-Girl's Basketball 2; Pep Club Vice-President 4.

Jaymie Schmidt Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Scholar Athlete 3, 4; Outstanding Math Award 1, 2, 3, 4; DVC Leadership Conference 4.

Daniel Schneider FBLA 4; Student Council Representative 4; Class President 3; Student Council Vice-President 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1; DVC Leadership Committee 4.

Laura Schulze Pep Club 4; Football Cheerleader 2, 4; Basketball Cheerleader 2, 4; Powder Puff 4; European History Tour 3; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 3; Figure Skater 1, 2, 3, 4.

Audrey Marie Sebastiano Key Club 4; Variety Show 4; Art Club 1, 2, 3; Drama Club 3; Winter Play Cast 3, 4; Musical Cast 1, 2, 3, 4; Musical Crew 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus/Choir 2, 3, 4; 1st in State for Solo/Ensemble 3; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 4; Treble Choir Treasurer.

Lindsay Sewell Pep club 2, 3, 4; Key Club 4; Chorus/Choir 1, 2; Volleyball 1; Softball 1, 2, 3; Football Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Basketball Cheerleader 2, 3, 4.

Angela Skaggs Challenge 3; Golf 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; European History Tour 3; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.

Jennifer Skrzypczynski SADD 3, 4; German Club 1, 3, 4; FBLA 3, 4; Variety Show 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice President of SADD 4; Variety Show Director 4.

Megan Nicole Smith SADD 1, 2, 3, 4; Key Club 2, 3; VICA 4; Thespians 2, 3, 4; Fall Play Crew 1, 2; Winter Play Crew 2, 3; Musical Cast 3; Musical Crew 1, 2, 3; Chorus/Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Swimming 3, 4; Swim Team Captain 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 2; 2nd Place in Solo/Ensemble 3.

Shannon Sterne Peer Listeners 3; VICA 2, 3, 4; Student Council Representative 3; Class Vice President 2, 4; Class Secretary 1; Basketball 1; Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4; Team Manager-Boy's Swimming 3; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic All-Conference 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Prom Court 3; VICA Historian 3; Swim Captain 4.

Sara Stevens SADD 2, 3, 4; Peer Listeners 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 3, 4; Key Club 3, 4; Wildcat Mascot 3, 4; Orchestra

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETIES

National Honor Society

The students pictured above were inducted into the West Chicago High School chapter of the National Honor Society in April, 2001

National Honor Society involves more than just a ceremony

Every year, many students are inducted into esteemed National Honor Societies. Students are selected to be members of National Honor Societies based on their grade point averages and recommendations from teachers and administrators. One must have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher to be inducted.

The great privilege of being in National Honor Society does not come without responsibility. While a member of the group, each student is required to perform five hours of community service every year. Possible activities include volunteering at a local retirement home, helping with school events, and even yard work. Fifty-eight new members were inducted into National Honor Society in 2001.

Each of the foriegn languages taught at We-Go also has its own honor society.

-Marcos Jimenez and Shelly Ballard

Spanish National Honor Society. Front:_Colleen Mathias, Joey Park, Lauren Kirby, Amanda Morrison, Jason Forbrook, Elizabeth Valdez, Theresa McEvoy, Rachel Moguel, Aaron Troy; **Row 2:** Kim Peterik, Nick Carter, Bradley Bolton, Maggie Wdowiarz, Heather Cirone, Stella Peduzzi, Ashley Mazzola, Jessica York, Karen Miller, Elizabeth Broceau; **Back:** Bradley Spata, Patrick Bauer, Craig J. Wostratzky, Erich Musick, Scott Sieder, Paul Majchrowski, Ruchita Patel, Lisa Lindner, Lauren Mroz, Emily Biancalana, Nicolas Chillemi, Aimee Beutke, Sarah Bass, Katie Taylor.

German National Honor Society. Front: Heather Lakics, Tatiana Podstavkova, Ashlee McLeod, Jessica Krueger, Melissa Lund; **Back:** Kevin Mestek, Jim Campbell, Tyler Link, Jeffrey Cordina, Dylan Swanner.

French National Honor Society. Front: Sarah Wood, Heidi Carballo, Katy Kostal, Sean Warren, Meghan Burlison, Jose Miguel Martinez; **Row 2:** Suzanne Fox, Hope Vock, Nicole Melone, Charles Cloutier, Carrie Gallimore, Christiana Lundquist, Marjorie Appel; **Back:** Rachel Schoonmaker, Lourdes Tlatehui, Kristina Wanous, Nicole Schar, Brian Nelson, Margaret Grossmayer, Justin Hoshaw, Claudia Alcantar, Luzmaria Tlatehui, Lesley Leary.

SENIOR HONORS NIGHT

Sean Palmer awaits the prestigious award for selection as a National Merit Scholarship Winner as Dr. Lee Rieck explains how Palmer came to be selected.

Miss Mary Hafertepe awards Anders Walker and Deanna Volk the Drama Achievement Award for the years of hard work and effort they put forth in their high school careers.

William Vana receives the Bonas Vocational Scholarship presented by Michael Wenz.

The Class of 2001 had much of which to be proud upon departure

Senior Honors Night is an evening chosen to honor the students at West Chicago who, through their high school work, earned special recognition and awards. Awards given included academic merit awards, perfect attendance awards, and citizenship awards. Many students were also presented with scholarships. Among them, Tom Barta received the Illinois Science Teachers' Association Award, and Sean Palmer received the Illinois Association of Chemistry Teachers Award and was recognized as a National Merit Scholar. Tricia Bozich, Janita Patel, Lauren Paulsen, Sara Stevens, and Anders Walker were all the recepients of the Principal's Service Award presented by Dr. Alan Jones. Tim Warren received the Industrial Arts Student of the Year Award. These were but a few of the students singled out for their many contributions and achievements while at our school.

-MarcosJimenez and
Shelly Ballard

School Board President Rich Nagel presents John Kolodick with the Tim Landis Memorial Scholarship, awarded annually to an outstanding baseball player.

Gina McLaren presents fellow classmates Elissa Dupree and Alissa Mildebrath with the Benjamin Trust Scholarship.

Reflections of the Past and the Future

Graduation is a time in people's lives filled with mixed feelings. Individuals don't know whether to be sad about leaving their high school friends or whether to be hopeful and excited for the future, wherever they may go. Many find it hard to combine both feelings and find a stable ground amongst all of the confusion and internal conflict, but it is then when people are given the chance to discover themselves and grow in their character.

The commencement ceremony for West Chicago Community High School's Class of 2001 was held in Bishop Gymnasium on June 3, 2001, at two o'clock in the afternoon. There was a total of 365 graduates who were supported by family, friends, and fellow graduates. The bleachers were filled with balloons, flowers and gifts scattered throughout the crowd, and as graduates walked across the platform to receive their diploma and as their names were called, soft cheers and claps could be heard from families and friends.

The ceremony lasted just over one hour and included the speech of Ms. Mary Hafertepe entitled "A Fine Mess". Ms. Hafetepe talked about how individuals need to learn from their mistakes and realize that they are not usually alone in the "messes" in which they find themselves in life.

As the ceremony ended the graduates walked out while the band played "March for Tomorrow."

-Sarah Hammer

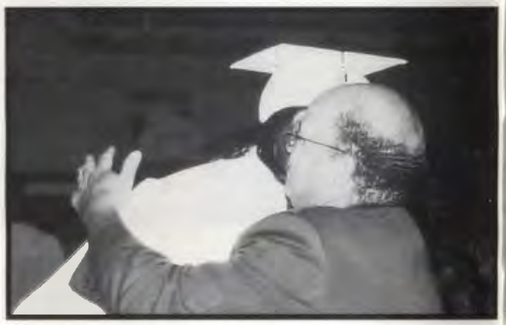
Principal Dr. Alan C. Jones introduces Ms. Mary Hafertepe, the speaker for the 2000-2001 senior class, and shares with the audience reasons why the seniors chose her for the special privilege ofspeaking at commencement.

Superintendent Dr. Lee E. Rieck announces to the crowd his pride in certifying that each graduating member of the senior class of the 2000-2001 school year has met the criteria for receiving a diploma.

Ms. Mary Hafertepe faces the audience and shares her speech entitled "A Fine Mess." She spoke about how individuals should learn from their mistakes and realize that they are not usually in their "mess" alone.

Mr. Rich A. Nagel, President of the Board of Education, accepted the senior class and wished them luck in their futures before beginning the presentation of diplomas with Dr. Alan C. Jones.

The Many Hugs of Mr. Arroyo



Valedictorians

Salutatorian

Jennie R. Eagels

Sean Z. Palmer

Melissa Joy Garcia

Thomas J. Barta

Seniors wait patiently for the ceremony to begin in the "Graduates Only" zone (the cafeteria).

The Processional begins as the band plays "Pomp and Circumstance" while graduates walk to their seats.

The band plays "Pomp and Circumstance" composed by E. Elgar during the processional of the graduates.

The ceremony ends and the celebration begins.

Teachers stand in recognition of there now former students.

David Arnett plays with a strand of his tassel as he awaits the end of the processional.

James Jaffe brings a flare of punk to graduation with spikes sticking out of his cap.

Summer Horwitz, Amy Kreml, and Linsay Castiglia have some fun before graduation.

Junior pride was all around at the Homecoming football game.

Julietta Favela, Jessica Banwart, Sarah Stevens reflect on the year.

When only the paw prints remain...

As the hallways began to get cluttered with garbage cans placed for cleaning out lockers, and classes wrapped up, we all began to reflect on the year that had passed. It took awhile, too, because this year there had been many accomplishments by many people.

We thought about the boys' soccer team, which won regionals. We thought about the spring musical, which people were still talking about as school ended. We also thought about the boys' volleyball team, which took fourth in state.

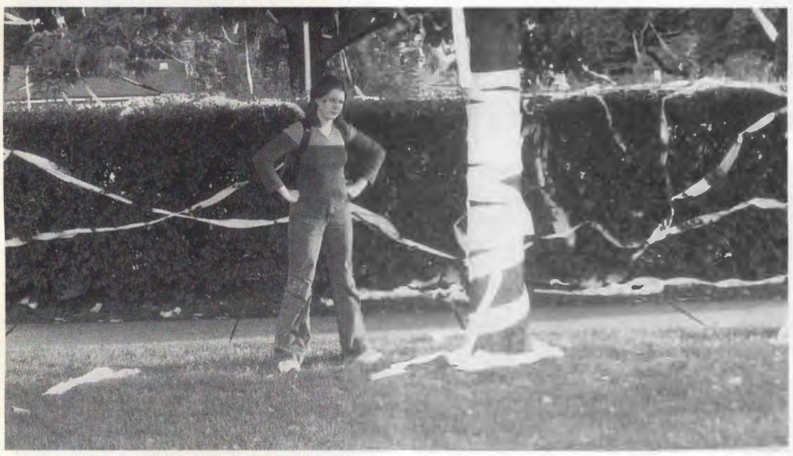
But, more importantly, we reflected on our individual accomplishments, whether they were the "A" we finally achieved in physics, or the friend to whom we became closer. And, although all of us could think of something we would rather forget, we reflected on that too, because it was "those little things" that had made this year special. On the last Monday and Tuesday of school, all rushed to get those last few signatures in their yearbooks, and to finish the remainder of the finals we had to take. It was somehow quieter in the halls...the seniors weren't there.

As the final bell of the year rang on Tuesday morning, everyone rushed out of the school doors, some with tears, most with happiness and eagerness for the long summer break ahead. But all left prepared to move on in life.

When we "paws to reflect" upon 2000-2001 in future years, we will fondly remember our experiences.

-Sean Warren

Katie Kammes dreads the seniors toilet pappering job.



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