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Shoplifting at Convenient

Dick Waterhouse

At first glance the Convenient Food Mart,653 Joliet Street, West Chicago, looks like any normal little grocery store, actually there's much more to Convenient than first meets the eye. This includes twelve closed-circuit cameras,three monitors, a videotape and alarm systems, observation mirrors, and alert empoyees.The reason for all this is the not too recent and continuous thefts from the food mart. Owner and manager of the store, Mr. Clyde Means, stated that approximately two percent of the business has been stolen. Mr. Means explained that although two percent doesn't sound like much, the very most profit the store makes is approximately two percent.

The rumor around town is that the thieves are limited to junior high and high school students. The truth of the matter is that the thieves are of all ages from grade school to the elderly. The price of stolen items ranges from as little as five cents to merchandise worth as much as thirty dollars.

Much is being done about this including close-circuit television cameras in the store, and closed-circuit monitors at the checkout counters and in the managers office in the rear of the store, also in the manager's home. The employees also attend sessions training them to be on the lookout for thefts. When salespeople in the store notice someone trying to steal an item they try to let them know that they're being watched and discourage them. Every employee of the Convenient Store in West Chicago has caught someone trying to get away with the goods. During peak periods of business, like after school or football and basketball games, only a limited number of people are allowed in the store at this time. This makes it harder for anyone to leave the store with something unnoticed. This also allows for better service and uncrowded shopping.

When an adult is caught stealing he is turned over to the police and prosecuted. Juveniles, regardless of age or amount stolen are given to the police and prosecuted at the discretion of a juvenile officer. Mr. Means pointed out that not only does the shoplifter pay for his crime but so does the manager and the customers. To make any profit he must raise the price of the groceries to make up for the stolen goods.

High school students were asked about their opinion of all this and each answer was different in its own way. Some thought that the manager had every right to protect himself and his shoppers with every precaution that he could. One stated that the idea of making people wait outside was "absurd" and that the shoppers had the right to enter the store at their own convenience. What do you think?

ACT, SAT

Robert Bucker

The deadline is nearing for those juniors and seniors wishing to take either the American College Test (ACT) or the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

The last day of registration for those who want to take the ACT is September 22. Wheaton North High School will be the site for the exam, scheduled for Saturday, October 18. The cost is $7.50 and students will be required to be at the high school between 8:15 and 8:30 a.m. The testing time will be approximately three hours.

The deadline for registering for the SAT will be September 26. Persons registering after this date will be required to pay a late fee of $4.00, in addition to the regular fee of $6.50. Late registration closes October 10. The SAT will be administered on Saturday, November 1 at Wheaton North High School.

Registration materials are available in the Guidance Center.

Most colleges and universities, along with several programs of the armed forces, require the results of either the ACT or SAT.

If a student doesn't know which test his college requires, he should check with his counselor. Additional score report forms are available for sending your results at a later date.

FOR SALE

1 pair of Ampex
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It's The Real YOU!

Just about all the class of '76 had their pictures taken this summer, and when they received their prints, they had a lot to say.

"But I hate pictures and I'm not photogenic!" is what one senior girl had to say about her senior portraits. To which her mother answered," How can I show off my beautiful daughter if you don't take good prints."

This also might have been the same scene at your home. Senior portraits to most seniors mean a great deal of effort, a great deal of time and a lot of money. To some girls at West Chicago High, senior portraits meant a lot of new clothes and a new hairdo. But for others it was maybe getting a new blouse and jeans and a little lipstick. For some of the gents it meant getting a flashy new shirt and tie and borrowing a tie-tak from Daddy. For some students, senior portraits mean nothing. To those seniors in this catagory, "Take a picture, you only go around once in life!"

Bob Perez

NOTES FROM DR. KAMM

Freshmen will be able to obtain freedom from quiet study hall, beginning second semester.

Everyone probably knows about the improvements that took place over summer vacation. One thing may have gone unnoticed:the murals in rooms 156 and 226. Ms. Svec' summer school students are to be credited with the room beautification.

Ms. Svec is on leave of absence to work on her master's degree at the University of Kentucky.

"I'm pleased with the way the Ping-Pong tables have been used. I plan to dig my table out of mothballs and sharpen up. I'll be ready for any and all challenges," Dr. Kamm says.

Last year Student Council ministration is in favor of leasing the jukebox. The company was reluctant to do this because of vandalism done to a jukebox which was placed in a high school. The company was losing too much money, so they removed it.

Dr. Kamm told Valley Music Company that other vending machines at W.C.C.H.S. have not been vandalized since he has been here. Monday Valley Music Company will place a jukebox on a trial basis for a month. It will be on a trial basis depending on the profits. If there is any vandalism, it will be removed.

Dr. Kamm commends the students for their attitude. He is happy too that there has been no vandalism so far this year.

The LRC

Donna Slivinski

You may have noticed a few new things added to the Learning Resource Center. A little remodeling was done here and there, such as: a counter for A.V. usage was constructed. Now, cassettes as well as records can be checked out overnight. Eventually, a casetter deck will be put into the stereo unit in the LRC.

Another new feature is Ms. Nancy Shimkus, a parapro who writes your passes and maintains discipline.

A familiar face that is missing temporarily is Mr. Wicks. A few weeks ago, he had a cataract removed and is now recovering. He'll return at the end of September.

OPINION

I would like to register a complaint concerning the attention, or rather, lack of attention, given the girls' athletic teams. First, the boys' athletic teams have team pictures taken. There was only one team picture taken for all the different girls teams. Why wasn't there one for all the teams?

Second, each of the boys teams has a semi-detailed account of their season including their won/lost record and the name and accomplishments of their top players. Why isn't this so for the girls?

In tennis, one girl went downstate, something no guy has done (at least within the last few years). There isn't even a picture of her, let alone her season record or the results of her state meet.

This concerns the girls track and softball teams. These two teams were not even mentioned. Even if the yearbook material was turned in before their season ended, there should have been some mention of them, acknowledging the fact that they did exist.

A member of the track team went downstate. There is no picture of her nor any record of her state meet. In fact, she has been omitted with the rest of the team.

The softball team was first in conference and yet there is no mention of them either.

And what about the archery team and the results of their season. They also exist but you sure didn't find anything about them in the yearbook either, except for ONE sentence.

In summation: the girls teams are just as important as the boys teams are and they deserve a comparable amount of attention.

It can really hurt, even insult, a person to see no mention at all of their efforts while two or three pages are devoted to someone else's. It is not fair that only four (4) pages are devoted to all the girls athletic teams while twenty-seven (27) pages are devoted to the boys teams. And in those little four pages the girls coverage was for nine different sports, while with only ten sports, the boys rated the twenty-seven page coverage!

I believe it is about time that the girls teams are given equal coverage. Lets make the "Challenge" a yearbook for ALL the students !

Yours for equal sports coverage,

Penny Schmidt

THE BRIDGE IS YOU!!!

The Bridge is an independent school newspaper composed by and for the students of West Chicago High School. This year's staff will strive to improve and to equalize a better coverage on school-related news and will stop at nothing to achieve its ends. All school related news will be reported according to its importance and interest. Community events and news will often be featured to stimulate student interest and to add variety and color to each issue. Editorials will have a major role in the Bridge this year and in no way, shape, or form, will any editorial be used to attack any person's positions or actions directly.

Letters to the editor will be accepted and printed provided that the letter is accompanied by a signature and is not libelous. All material accepted is subject to editing as are all other materials in the Bridge.

The student input is vital if the Bridge is to survive, mainly because you, the students of West Chicago High are for whom the Bridge is intended. If you have any opinions concerning this paper or any article that is printed, please feel free to give us a ring or get in touch with one of the editors. All opinions are always welcome. With the cooperation of the West Chicago School District and the school faculty the Bridge will be distributed to all students of West Chicago High, and to anyone else requesting issues.

Thank You,

Robert Perez

Jeff Hubbard

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aims

1. To report news to the reader
2. To explain the meaning and significance of news
3. To provide leadership, trying to influence students to accept ideas and take action
4. To entertain the reader

bridge standards

1. No libelous material
2. No profanity or obscenity
3. No pornography
4. No criticism of people's personality

editorial standards

1. All editorials will meet the BRIDGE standards
2. All letters to the editor must be signed except when the author has editorial permission to remain anonymous
3. All letters to the editor may be edited for length
4. All letters to the editor must meet the BRIDGE standards.

--Adopted September 9, 1975

Language Night

By Kevin Hodges

To see a Romam in a toga is rare, but to see him side by side with a Spanish Senorita, a French Mademoiselle and a German Fraulein is a true happening. That happening is Language Night, held here at the High School at 6p.m., October 2.

Language Night will be held in the auditorium, where four skits will be performed, and a main speaker will lecture. Then everyone will go to the cafeteria where food from the four different cultures will be available for a small price.

Each language club will perform a small skit, then there will be a main speaker Each year one of the four languages - Latin, Spanish, French, and German-takes its turn arranging for the main speaker, and this year the Latin group supplies the main entertainment. It will come in the form of Miss Bernice Fox, a Latin teacher at Monmouth College. She will speak on mythology.

comments?

The staff would like your comments on the new format of the BRIDGE. Your suggestions for improvement will be appreciated.

Taxing

If Patrick Henry thought taxation without representation was so terrible, he should see how it is today with representation!

Favorite Jokes
--William Gerler

Crowd Scene

Returning to his stadium seat, an overweight baseball fan leaned over and asked a woman seated on the aisle: "Did I step on your feet when I went out?"

Woman (ready to receive apology): "As a matter of fact, you did."

Fan: "Good. This is the

Fan: "Good. This is the right row, then."

--Sunshine

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mini-courses

Cindy Barnick

This year many new mini-courses are being offered to the students of West Chicago High School. Last year they proved to be a success with about 150 students participating. Dr. Kamm is the brain behind the idea of curriculum. Both he and Mr. DuFour worked on this project in order to provide the students with something new and interesting.

One of the new mini-courses this year is Photography. It is open only to students who are carrying a full academic load. They will take this mini-course in the place of their study hall. Developing film is one of the many things that will be taught in this course. Also, a new dark room has been added and will be of great use to this class. Instructing the photography courses will be Ms. Hayes

Another mini-course being offered is a course in Clothing Careers. The instructor, Mrs. Kozlowski, will see that students receive training in various areas of clothing.

One mini-course that is being offered to freshman is Carees Guidance. Instructing this course is Mrs. Nelson.

Some of last year's mini-courses may be provided again this year. Among them will be the courses like guitar, karate and a seminar on mentally retarded children. The seminar on mentally retarded children proved to be a very worthwhile course last year. The students were taught all about the mentally retarded child. After the course, they were able to go into the classrooms of the mentally retarded children and be an aide to them.

All in all, the outlook on the mini-courses this year is good and they are expected to be very successful.

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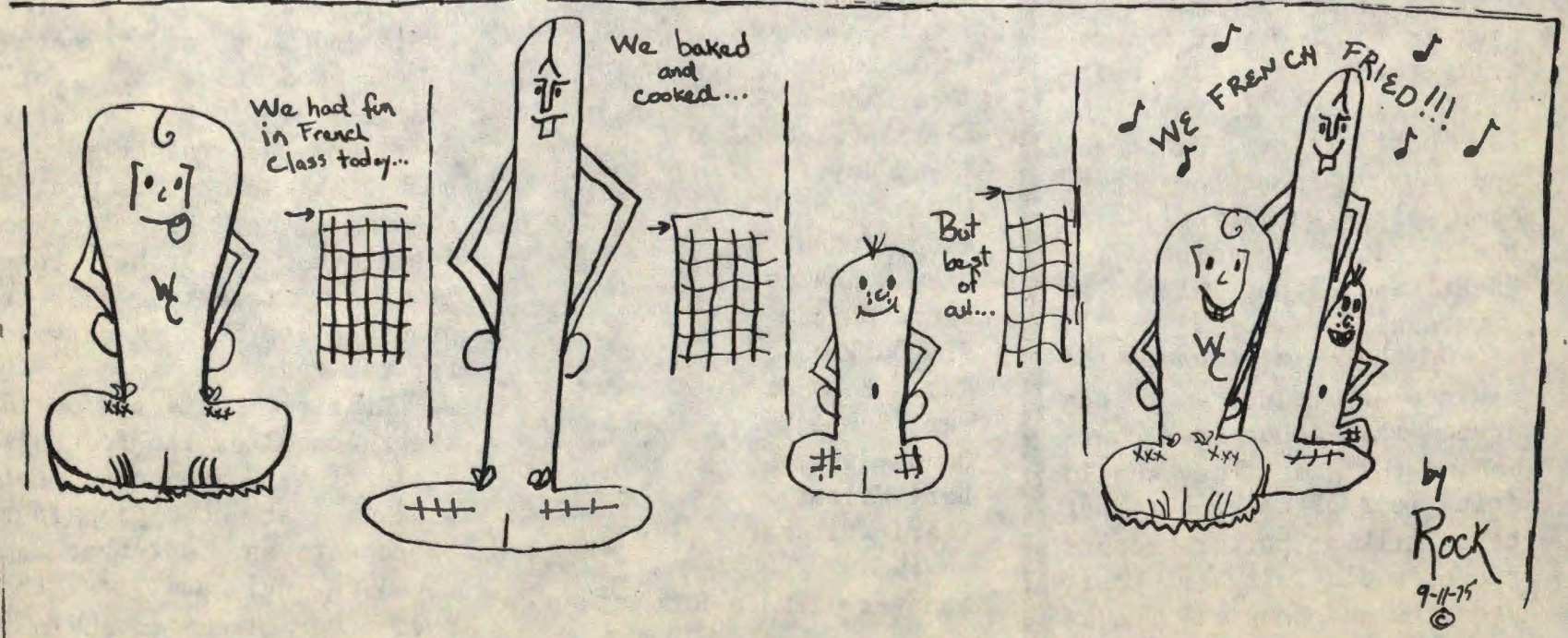

We-Go Sports

Cats Stop Oswego 21 - 0

by Scott Atkinson

This Saturday at Oswego the Wildcats bounced back form their 13-0 loss last week to Geneva and defeated the Panthers 21-0. Coach Unruh changed his strategy and used more passing. He got considerably more yardage than against Geneva when he ran the ball.

The defense did another exceptional job, but the numerous fumbles slowed the Cats up to only three touchdowns made by Steve Ferro, Jeff Nottingham and Armando Gonzales.

Jeff Nottingham (82) receives a pass from QB Bob Unruh.

Athlete's diet

by Kevin McConkey

I talked to various football and basketball players, and a couple of coaches, and asked them about the athletes' diets. An athlete's diet is not the most important element toward a well-oiled team. It is important how they dress, practice, and how much rest they get. Some athletes jokingly said their diet consisted of "Beer and other alcoholic beverages."

On the days of games the players are requested to eat a good meal about four hours before the game. They should drink lots of water but not take milk or butter because these would sit in their stomachs and possibly cause them to regurgitate.

The players can eat steak but it must be lean, and they should not eat fried foods.

1975 Girls Gymnastics Team

Jackie Adeszko
Irene Boorsma
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Carolle Fletcher
Jenny Havlin
Lori Hornbuckle
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Laurie Kesler
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Archery

Beth Wampole

This year's archery team has a new look, and new source of talent as We-Go archery team goes co-ed for the first time.

Archery is now open for girls and boys, and it seems like a good move, as this year's team is the largest ever, and the prospects are running high for this year's possibilities. Miss George feels that the archery team is quiet talented, and it promises to be a good year for the team.

Archery meets are held after school on the football field at 4:30 p.m. next meet will be at home against Mooseheart on September 23. Come on out and see the coed We-Go team in action.