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25 Long Years!

by Gary Bell

Mr. Howard Holcombe, social studies department, has resigned after 25 years of teaching. Reasons of health and the desire to "take it easy" for a while prompted him to make this decision.

Mr. Holcombe first came to West Chicago in 1954. Before that he was at a junior high in Wisconsin. After six years here he resigned and in 1960 became assistant principal at Coldwater Senior High.

During the '62-'63 school year he was at Proviso East High School, working beside those who had been his teachers. He then had an offer to return to West Chicago. He came back to teach history; he also became adviser to student council.

He graduated from B eloit College with a bachelor's degree in history. He later received his master's from the University of Illinois.

Mr. Holcombe's hobbies are reading, raising flowers, listening to music and traveling.

His future plans are some what uncertain, but he does not intend to retire completely. He'd like to go into a field that would be fresh and new. His immediate plans are to take a vacation in Wisconsin a a possible to go to Boston.

In Mr. Holcombe's opinion his replacement, Mr. Terry Zimmerman, should not have too many problems getting settled; he believes the students will like him.

Mr. J. D. Smith, chairman of the social studies department, had this to say: "Mr. Holcombe has made many outstanding contributions to the school, the social studies department, and to the education of individual students.

Howard Holcombe

"He can take a major share of the credit for introducing such courses as Ancient History and psychology into our curriculum. We will miss our daily contact with him, both as an outstanding teacher and as a friend."

--from California ....

by Karen Miessler

Many of you have probably noticed that we have a new nurse this year. Mrs. Ann Wierenga moved to West Chicago in August from Tuston, Calif., with her husband and six children. Her oldest is a nurse, her two youngest Thom and Tim, are in ninth grade at WCCHS. Four older children still live in California. Her husband is the pastor of Faith Community Church in West Chicago.

When asked why she became a nurse she said, "I just knew I was going to become a nurse. It's something I've always wanted since I was nine."

She has had experience in school nursing in Grand Rapids, overseas in the Phillippines for the U.S. Army, in college nursing, and teaching nursing in a high school class before she came here.

Mrs. Wierenga says, "I've done many different things. I like people and I like to take care of them."

She likes all outdoor sports and plans on coming to every football game. She enjoys handwork, sewing, knitting, and enbroidery. Spare time is spent in the garden.

After being here for only a few weeks, she says she likes West Chicago, the kids and the faculty very much. "Everyone's been terrific!"

For those who get the feeling that they might be a little sick and want to go home, beware! Don't think she's easily fooled. "After having six children, I can tell very well!"

New Faces In We-Go's Faculty

New English Teacher

by Chris Murnane

One of the several new faces this year at We-Go is that of English teacher Miss Erica Crohn. She attended Chicago Circle Campus for one year and completed her last three years at the University of Illinois in Champaign, where she graduated with a major in English and a minor in Social Studies. During the summer she will be working for her master's in Reading Development at Northern Illinois University.

Miss Crohn thinks that the University of Illinois is too big a school and that it is very impersonal, but she liked it anyway. It was very difficult for her to adjust to college life at first because she was on a dorm floor where the people weren't too friendly.

Miss Crohn has wanted to major in English since at least her sophomore year in high school because she had an excellent English teacher. Miss Crohn said, "She taught me how to write to get me through college."

Reading literature is her favorite aspect of English. She is an avid reader, who generally chooses books by title rather than by author. However, one of her favorite authors is Mark Twain. She became interested in Twain after reading one of his short stories, Letters from the Earth. She prefers reading Twain's short stories and quotes rather than his novels. George Eliot is another author that she likes.

The subject she enjoys teaching the most is poetry. She says she likes to "tear a poem apart" and analyze it to help a class understand it better. (con't on page 7)

Erica Crohn

The English Department will offer a program for the gifted student writer in its curriculum this year. The program, which will give students the opportunity to develop their writing talent is to be set up during the first semester.

Although there have been no plans for an English conference contest this year because of the conference change, there is a possibility of continuing a program at West Chicago for student competition.

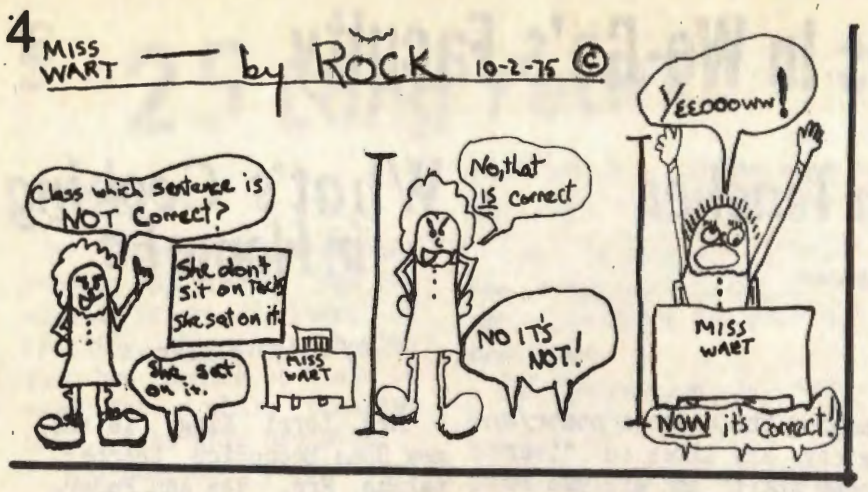
What's Cooking in Home Ec

by Betsy Miller

Mrs. Lorri King, is the new Home Economics teacher, taking Mrs. Rae Ann Pedersen's place. Mrs. King went to Badaxz High School in Michigan, and then to Michigan State University. After graduation she was married and came to West Chicago.

Mrs. King had no favorite subjects in college. She liked them all. Her hobbies are sewing, knitting, cooking, and all types of sports. She hasn't had much spare time because she is the assistant girls tennis coach. She likes working and living in West Chicago. She thinks the people are friendly and helpful. We asked her why she chose to be a teacher: "I've always wanted to be a teacher since I was little. My mother and sister are teachers also." She likes working with the students the best. She is quite satisfied with the school so far.

Lorri King



A.F.S. Abroad

by Donna Slivinski

Lin Schmult was among those who went abroad this summer on the A.F.S. program she spent her first month in Corcelles, Switzerland. The next month she lived with another family in Payerne, Switerland. Both villages were small, near the French Border, in the foothills of the alps. Lin's first family spoke only french. The mother and grandmother in her second family were fluent in six languages, including English.

In Switzerland anyone who has money can buy liquor. There were five or isx open-air cafes in the town where people could drink and have a good time. Lin commented that the swiss wine was "really good." She also indulged in delicious swiss chocolate, bread and cheese-which is one of Switzerland's main industries along with farming.

There is no minimum driving age in Switzerland. A lot of people ride motor bikes. Along the roads there are special lanes for bikes.

Children in Switzerland go to school on Saturdays but not on Wednesdays. They come home at noon for the main meal. Some schools are converted castles. The kids don't switch classrooms, the teachers do. Schools have no extracurricular activities. The Universities are paid for by the government and have no dorms.

Sometimes people would make fun of Lin because of former President Nixon. The Swiss President is just a regular guy who gets no special treatment. He is elected each year and must speak German, French and Italian.

Shooting is Switzerland's main sport. They have a three-day festival with a shooting contest, and parades. The winner of the town contest is king for a year. During the festival a lot of the people get drunk and the bullets start flying

The Swiss, as Lin observed, think of the whole U.S. as big cars, skyscrapers and plastic trees. They think that everyone in the U.S. is rich. Lin really enjoyed her summer abroad and said, "It's a great experience for learning about other people and yourself."

Lin Schmult

Fall Play

by Beth Wampole

This year's all-school fall play will draw out new talent and ideas as We-Go High School students work on "Hansel and Gretel." The author has taken the well-known children's story and added such media as pantomime, theater in the round, audience-participation, as well as imagination.

The play was selected by Miss Cheri Waldorf, director, and set-designer Miss Reno. They said they thought that this play would provide a different type of challenge for We-Go theater. Student director for the fall play will be Sharon Smith.

The Bridge appreciates your comments. Please slip them under the door of Room 300.

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Opinion

We the Bridge Staff understand and will combat all mistakes and misunderstandings concerning the last issue of The Bridge. Up to now we have some of the possible reasons for some of the errors and careless acts that some of our staff members have commited. With an average of 3 people working on newspaper stories, editorials, typing, layout and photography for a school of 1700 students, the workers just might get a little mixed up. Both editors had to go out and take photographs for stories the day before the issue was to come out, after our photographers used about 20 rolls of film in the past few weeks, turning in only a few good prints.

Our reporters and writers are good and they are who keep the newspaper going, but find it hard to meet our deadline occasionally.

When layout has to be completed by the next morning, with four people on the verge of insanity, working in the same room to all hours, they can become disorganized and things may get lost or misplaced. Anyone wishing to help the Bridge please contact one of the Editors. Robert Reese & Jeffery A. Hightower

This is what the Bridge Room looks like after a day's work.

Parapros

by Betsy Miller

Mrs. Virginia Egem is a new paraprofessional at West Chicago. She has short curly blond hair. Before moving to Glendale Heights, she resided in Chicago Heights.

Mrs. Egem went to Illinois Benedictine College for four years. After college, she was a teacher's aide, cosmetician and also sold women's clothing. Her hobby is reading. In her spare time she likes to go fishing with her husband. Otherwise she likes to write poems and stories. Asked if she liked working here, her reply was "Most of the time." She enjoys working with most of the students. The things Mrs. Egem likes best about the school are the students and the liberal administration. She also told us what she dislikes: freedom without responsibility. She said that West Chicago as a town is all right.

Mrs. Egem in front of the Bishop Gymnasium, explaining the rules on smoking, to an unidentified WCCHS student, and hoping to become acquainted with more of the students in the school.

Parapros

by Mike Kiser

Mrs. Peggy Gallagher, a new parapro, is a graduate of Fairfield University in Connecticut, and is a former resident of New Jersey. Before she came to We-Go High she worked on Wall Street as a junior research analyst.

Her husband Michael works on the Chicago Board Options Exchange.

Since Peggy Gallagher has been here she feels that 99 percent of the students are good kids, the rest are confused. As for the teachers, she knows only a few, but she says they are all friendly. So far she has referred a few students to the dean on things such as smoking on compus. When I asked her opinion on a smoking lounge she said, "If the school allows it, fine." The parapros were hired to uphold the school laws. Peggy Gallagher says, "We're not here as narcs or a Gestapo. We are here to prevent things form happening. What students do in their spare time, at home or elsewhere, is their own affair. There is a time and place for everything, but when you are here at school we will have to take action if you break the rules. We try to give you the benefit of the doubt but sometimes we can't."

Bio-Note

The biology classes will be going on a field trip to Herrick's Lake Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, October 6, 7, and 8.

"The biochemistry class is going big this year," said Mr. Joseph Dichtl, head of the science department. This is the first time in three years that enough students have signed up for this class.

Bummer Summer?

by Tom Bowen

No way! Not for about thirty students from WCCHS music department, who attended summer music camps.

Julie Kamm, concertmistress of the orchestra, and Kurtis Kueker, principal viola player, were accepted at the eight-week National Music Camp in Interlocken, Michigan. When asked what they did for fun, they replied, "Practiced!"

They had to perform each week. Both agreed that the best part was the last concert where 800 students performed simultaneously.

Some students were promising enough to receive scholarships. From the band Susan Cheehy, clarinet, and Kevin Tissot, tuba, went to Eastern Illinois University Band Camps.

The Thomas G. Roman Memorial Scholarships were provided by the J. B. Reeves family in memory of Mrs. Reeves' father.

Mr. J.B. Reeves taught in the public schools of Pennsylvania and was a great booster of school music.

This scholarship was presented to Angela Cliff, violin and piano, and to Marcey Hermo, string bass. Both went to Eastern Illinois University String Camp for one week.

A scholarship from the West Chicago Women's Club sent Mitchell Brown, tenor, to Illinois Wesleyan Summer Music Camp.

A special gift from Mrs. J. B. Reeves sent Mike Bowen, trombone, to Eastern. Tom Bowen's scholarship for three weeks at Northwestern Summer Music Camp, Evanston, was also from the Women's Club. Tom is first chair trumpet in WCCHS Band.

DuFour Weds

By Kim Kynast

Miss Suzanne Kniak and the Dean of Students, Mr. Richard DuFour, were married August 16. The wedding was in Wood River, Ill., and the reception was held in Alton. The bride is a supervisor of stewardesses for American Airlines.

Their honeymoon was a ten-day trip beginning at St. Louis, Mo., going to Tahiti, and later to Honolulu.

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In addition to teaching Basic Introduction to Literature I, Introduction to Literature I, and Grammar and Composition, she is also coach of the speech team. The Speech Team consists of eleven students thus far and hopefully will increase as the year progresses. The categories the students will be competing in include Dramatic Interpretation, Duets, Extemporaneous Speech, Humorous Interpretation, Oratory, Original Comedy, Reader's Theater, Prose, Verse, and Radio Broadcasting.

Aside from reading, other hobbies Miss Crohn enjoys include playing the piano and the guitar. She also likes to participate in sports. Sports she enjoys are tennis, volleyball, and swimming.

Jukebox Incident

by R.W. Siddall

What is going to happen to the jukebox after the little accident recently? Will the cafeteria ever ring again with music in our ears?

Dr. Kamm says yes. In an interview after the accident he thought it advisable to let people know what happened and what to do if it happens again.

"I don't think the accident was malicious," said Dr. Kamm. "The young man came up to me and told me what he did."

A man was sent out right away, but there is ground-up glass in the mechanism which has placed the machine out of order.

The most important thing that this article includes is this: If the record ever skips or doesn't start, don't hit the glass! Press the reject button on the back of the machine, and it will reset itself.

We-Go Sports

Wildcats Split

The Wildcats started off the conference season with a 26-21 win over Wheaton Central.

Wheaton scored first and was ahead at the last 3 minutes of the game 21-20, at the last minute with a T.D. making the score 26-21. Armando Gonzalez scored two touchdowns on a screen pass and on a 11 yard run, Jeff Nottingham scored on a pass from Bob Unruh, and Miguel Cortez scored on a one yard run.

Unruh converses with assistants.

The West Chicago Wildcats lost to Glenbard South 34-20 in an offensive battle September 26. The Wildcats just didn't have it in the first half, but put it together in the second half to pull up to 27-20. Glenbard scored once more to put the game out of reach.

Bob Unruh was 15 for 29 passing for two touchdowns.

Chris Miltner aces her opponent.

1975 GIRLS TENNIS TEAM

Singles

1) Chris Miltner
2) Jane Oren
3) Lou Muilenburg
4) Sue Johnson
5) Patty Kleinedler
6) Robyn Snowden and Linda Stevens

Doubles

1) Sally Dodge-Debbie Rehs
2) Tina Alley-Jan Stough
3) Kim Clausen-Robin Rega
4) Melinda Simon-Lynn Wiborg
5) Debbie Finnegan- Rae Ann Murray
6) Linda Dodge-Sue Matson
7) Bobbi Foster-Mary Swanson

Girls Tennis

by Chris Murnane

The West Chicago High School girls' tennis team, conference champions of last year, is expecting the competition to be a lot more difficult this year. This is because they will be competing in the DuPage Valley conference for the first time.

"This year is going to be a lot tougher," said Miss LaVora Singleton, head coach of the team, who is now in her sixth year as coach. So far this year in conference meets the Wildcats have tied Naperville North 4-4, lost to Wheaton-Warrenville 0-8, and lost to Naperville Central 2-6.

The conference Meet will be at the Naperville High Schools October 10 and 11. The first two rounds will be played Friday night starting at 4:00 P.M.

One feature that will be a big help is the addition of Mrs. Lorri King, an assistant coach. Mrs. King is a Home Economics teacher, who minored in P.E. at Michigan State University. Miss Singleton, who seems pleased with having an assistant coach, said, "It will be better for the team because they can get individualized help."

The team practices every day after school from 3:40 to 5:30 when there is not a meet. The next home tennis meet will be against St. Charles October 14 at 4:15.

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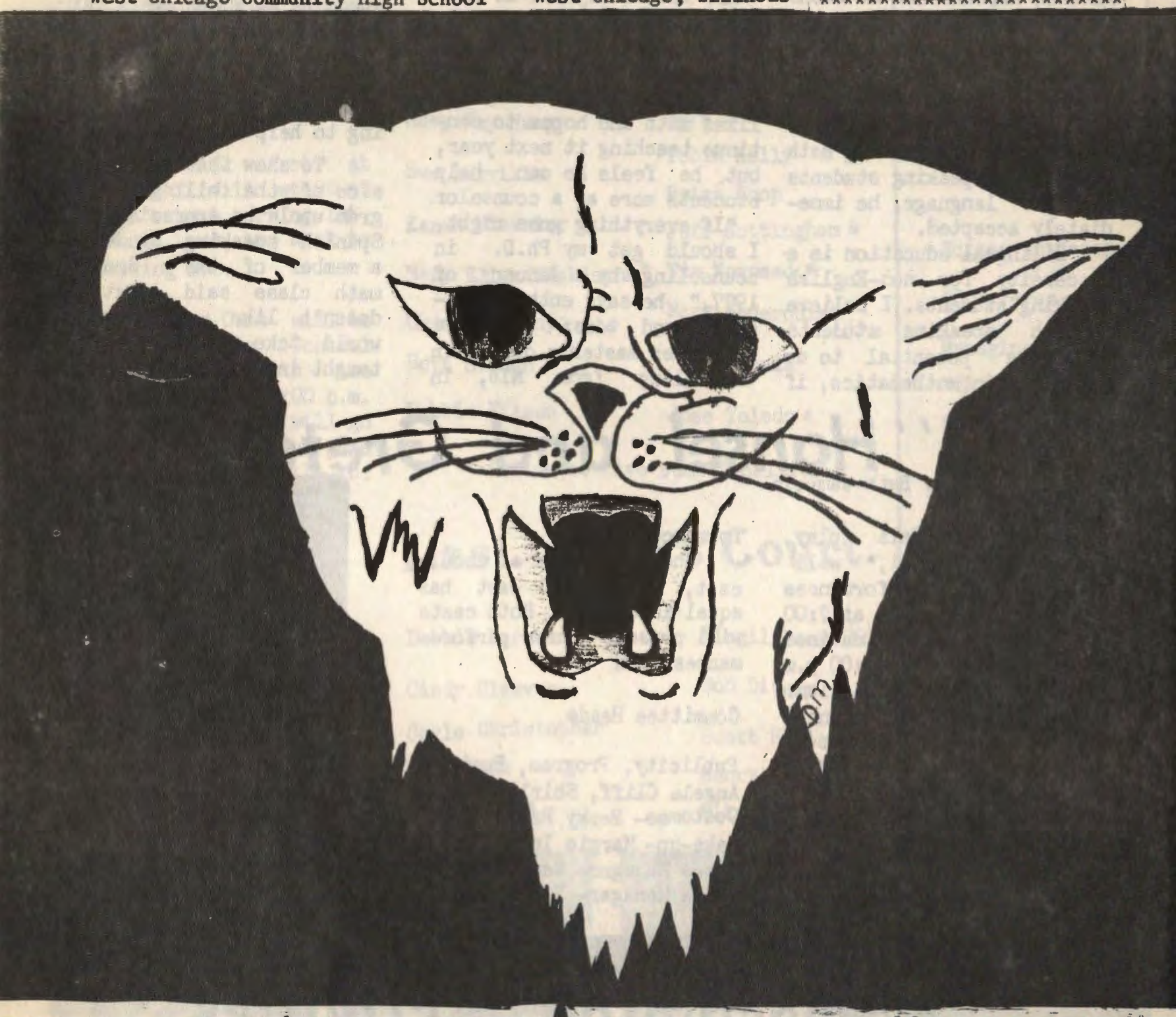

New Math

Majorettes

Hansel and Gretel

HOMECOMING: preview

Math in Spanish?

by Josefina Montalvo

Cuatrocientos cincuenta multiplicados por veinte son... No, this isn't a foreign language teacher speaking, for the first year in the history of WCCHS a math class is being taught in Spanish. Mr. Peter Alvino, a counselor at WCCHS is the instructor of this approximately twelve member class.

When Dr. Richard Kamm asked Mr. Alvino if he would be interested in teaching math to Spanish speaking students in their language, he immediately accepted.

"Bilingual education is a neccessity for non-English speaking students. I believe Spanish speaking students have the potential to do very well in mathematics, if they can understand what they are studying," says Mr. Alvino. Another reason which made him accept the position is that he feels closer to students and will get to know how the teachers at West Chicago feel toward their students.

Mr. Alvino majored in math and psychology; he has his master's degree in counseling; he has taught a year of math in New York. He says he likes math and hopes to continue teaching it next year, but he feels he can help students more as a counselor.

"If everything goes right, I should get my Ph.D. in counseling by January of 1977," he says enthusiastically, and adds: "My wife holds her master's degree in counseling from NIU, in Dekalb, and is co-ordinator for the bilingual program at NIU."

This year there are two Bilingual I classes (one last year), and Bilingual III has been added to the program.

With more Spanish speaking students at WCCHS every year, Mr. Alvino hopes to establish a whole Spanish program, including science and social studies. "We're just trying to help more students."

To show that the expansion of the bilingual program would be appreciated by Spanish speaking students, a member of the Spanish math class said that he doesn't like science but would take it if it was taught in Spanish.

"Hansel and Gretel"

by Beth Wampole

All-school fall play, "Hansel and Gretel," will give public performances Friday, November 7 at 7:00 p.m. and a Saturday matinee on November 8 at 2:00 p.m. in the Weyrauch Auditorium. Four special performances will be presented Wednesday and Thursday, November 5 and 6. First, second, and third graders of the West Chicago school systems will come to the high school to attend these special performances.

The play has a double cast, and each cast has equal importance. Both casts will present three performances each.

Committee Heads

Publicity, Program, Business
Angela Cliff, Shirley Mackie
Costumes- Becky Brauer
Make-up- Margie Iuro
Stage Manager- Kem Dailey
House Manager- Vic Alcazar

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Peg Bloxam- Staggia
Cindy Allen- Staggia
Beth Wampole- Sabrina
Lin Schmult- Sabrina
Dick Waterhouse- Bulbov
Donna Modica- Trickle
Maria Petragallo- Trickle
Dan Robbins- Bucol
Terry Ferro- Bucol
Christy Peterson- Kiko
Debbi Anderson- Kiko

Musicians- Beth Kennedy
Claire Gregory
Coral Schieve

Homecoming Activities

Thursday

Blue and white T-shirt Day

Assembly for the Coronation of the King and Queen.

Following the Coronation The Tricycle Race will be held on the track.

Snake Dance, 7 p.m.
Bonfire following the Snake Dance.

Friday

School dismissal at 11:55 a.m.

Pep Assembly at 12:00 p.m.

Tug-a-War will be held right after the assembly on the practice field over a mud puddle made by the West Chicago Fire Department.

Rules: 1. Up to 16 people may compete, half male and half female.
2. No football players or wrestlers may participate.
3. The winners will be the clean people. They will get a plaque.

V.W. Race will be at 1:15 p.m. The decorated V.W.'s must have all parts. They will be pushed down Joliet, between Spencer and Conde by two guys and two girls, plus one driver. The winners will get a Little Bug.

The Parade will start at 2:15 p.m. It will start at the high school parking lot, go through town, and back to the parking lot.

The Homecoming Game will be against Naperville Central and will start with the Sophomore game at 6:00 p.m. At 8:00 p.m. Varsity will go on the field. After the game an Informal Dance will be held in the cafeteria.

Saturday

Finishing the Homecoming activities on Saturday October 18, a semi-formal dance will be held at the cafeteria at 8:00 o'clock. It is sponsored by the Senior class..

15 Finalists

Cindy Bicchinella
April Braun *
Julie Bussie *
Cathy Chorley
Amy Collins
Maureen Foster
Julie Hughes
Rebecca Guerra *
Mary Kay Haag
Sue Linville
Karen Miessler *
Mary Ellen Nickleson*
Cheri Sargent
Beth Stough
Debbie Wilson

Mike Alden
Brett Bussler *
Brad Davis
Scott Edminson
Steve Ferro
Jim Gunnel *
Dave Holderman
Mark Hook
Tobin Kelly
Brian Koop
Jeff Nottingham *
Tim Novosad *
Mark Soderquist
Tim Hattula
Jose Toledo *

* Indicates five semi-finalists

Last Year's Court

Debbie Burkhart- Queen
Cindy Cleaver
Gayle Christopher
Pam Braun
Cindy Davis

Virgil Tuck- King
Bob Dively
Scott Hall
Henry Antes
Mike Novosad

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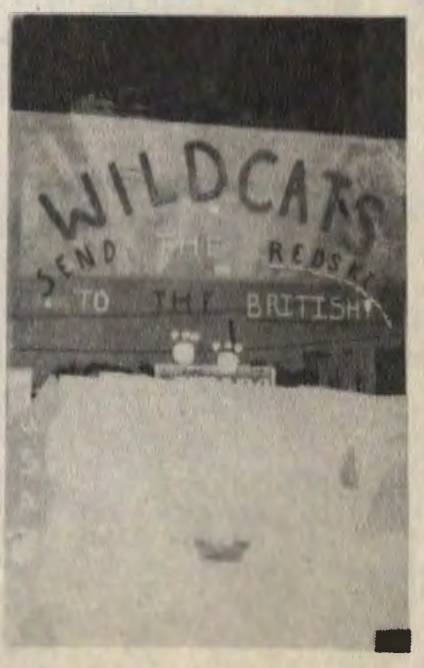


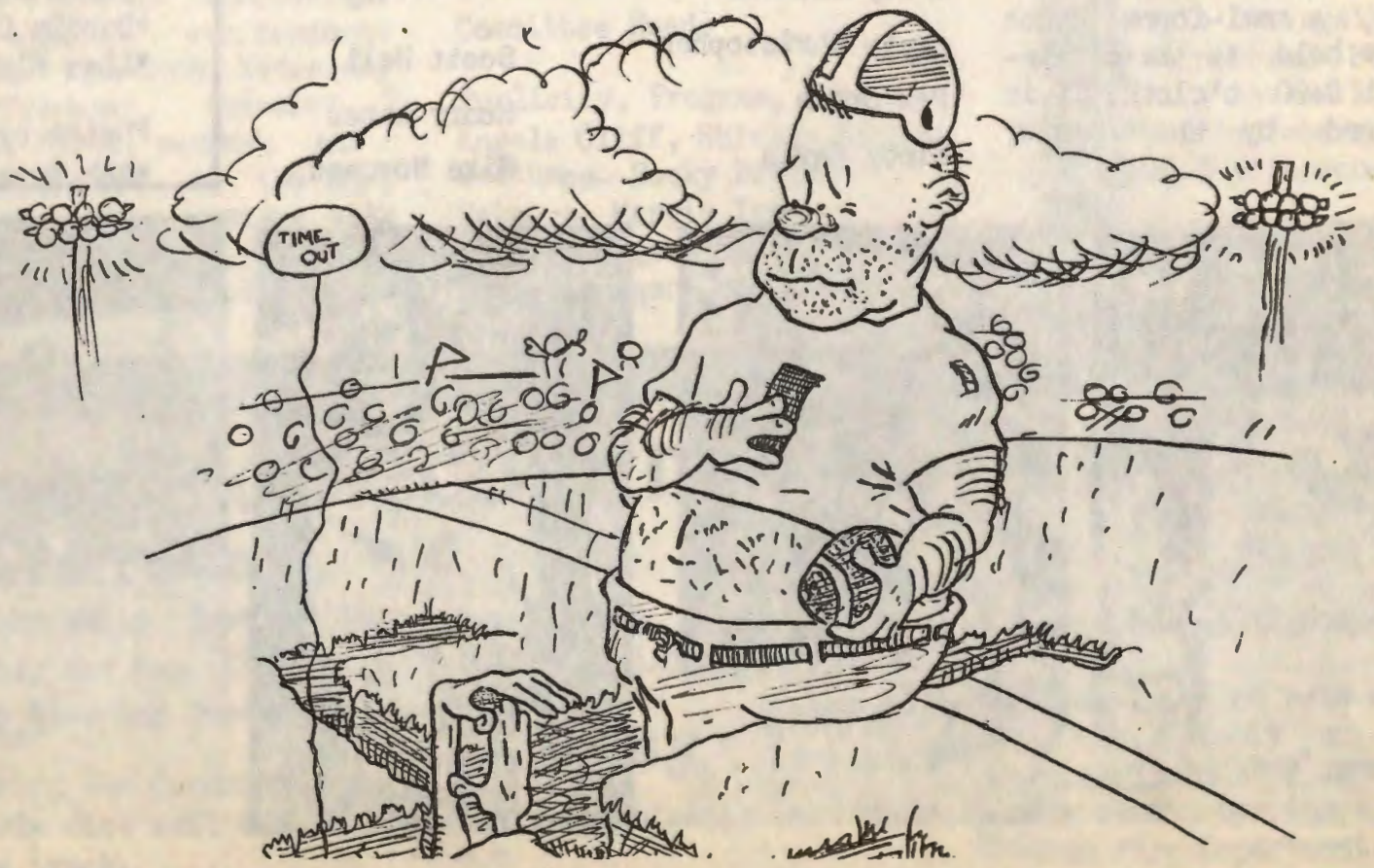
We-Go Sports

Have Baton, Will Twirl !

by Bob Perez

The cheering crowds at West Chicago High will have the pleasure of being entertained by three talented young ladies, Sandy, Lisa and Lyda the 75-76 majorettes.

The girls perform at every home football and basketball game pep assemblies, and participate in Northwestern Band Day.

Each girl has her own specialty which she performs on her designated night. Lyda performed a unique two baton routine which was seen September 26. Lisa performs a dazzling hoop routine that will be seen October 17, and Sandy performs a spectacular fire baton routine on October 31, Parents Recognition Night.

This year's majorettes are junior, Lisa Black; senior and captain, Sandy Warning; and sophomore, Lyda Horvath.