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Photo by Bob Perez

Exchange program

By Beth Wampole

The Open Door Student Exchange Program enables students to travel to Central and South America in the summer and to host foreign students during the winter.

This program is open to students between fifteen and eighteen, though they usually go abroad during the summer of their sophomore or junior year. Knowledge of a foreign language is helpful but not required. Only the desire to learn and to experience is needed.

Open Door offers a true exchange of cultures, as the U.S. students host a Latin American students in their homes for ten weeks during the winter, and have the opportunity to go abroad in the summer to a Latin American student's home. Also available is a hosting program for one semester during the winter.

The Latin American brother or sister will live in a home in the States and attend school with his American host. The visiting student becomes a part of the U.S. family and community. He shares the culture and the country. The hosting family need supply only room and board love and understanding. In return they receive the rewarding experience of contact with a difference culture. Often a lasting friendship develops between the students and their families.

Personal interests and prospects for the best experience possible are considered in placing students with the most suitable family.

From my own experience hosting last winter and going abroad last summer, I can say that the possibilities are unlimited. It is not only a learning experience but one of fun and friendships.

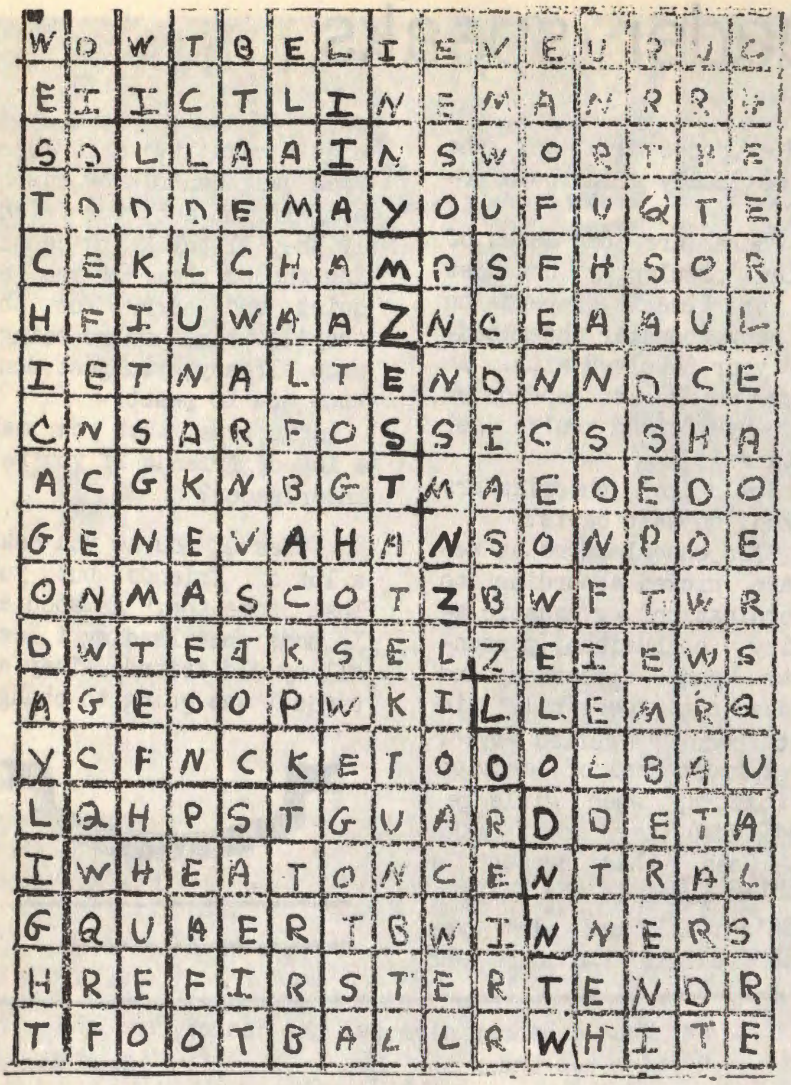
My experience with the Open Door Program and the people I met through it was really wonderful.

Such an exchange program truly "opens the door" to a new world, full of new experiences, and to a beautiful culture and people.

Students interested in applying for the Open Door hosting or summer abroad program, or in more information on the program, contact Mr. James Garbe in room 128.

Experience the World Without Ever Leaving Home!

Invite an American Field Service student from abroad to live with your family. A student from one of 60 countries is waiting for a home and family in your community. Gain in friendship, love and knowledge as you share your family's life for a year.



Wildcat Puzzle

by Lenard Sanchez

HORIZONTAL

1. We're number one, we're also the ? of football.
2. Defensive backfield coach for We-Go varsity.
3. We had our first game against them.
4. Wildcat is the name of our team, it is also our ?
5. Name of a offensive position, Jeff Nottingham plays this position.
6. We beat them 26-21.
7. Defensive line coach for We-Go varsity.
8. Our favorite sport here in We-Go.
9. Name of offensive line position, this position is played by Eddie Parr.
10. What we're striving for "? in the conference."
11. We must ? in ourselves in order to accomplish our goal.
12. Our team tries and will to be ?.
13. He's the guy that gets foul language from spectators, coaches, and players
14. Head coach of our wildkits.
15. A position given to a football player, he's either in a four point stance or a three point stance.
16. Name of offensive position, Steve Ferro plays this position.
17. The color of the Wildcat jersey when playing at home.
18. One of Zane Bussler's favorite words he yells at our defence.

VERTICAL

19. Home of the Wildcats.
20. A name of a position, used in difference offence.
21. The Varsity practice. field is call ?.
22. Coach of the 74-75 season year in the state of Illinois.
23. Name of the sophomore squad.
24. Part of the team that moves the ball, with plays.
25. Ref raises both arms, fully extended over his head
26. What has baby blue eyes. always has a crew haircut, and has a mustache, weighs between 200 to 300 lbs.
27. Part of the team that tries to stop the opponents drive for yardage.
28. Every team has them and are there at every game.
29. the nineth month of the year.
30. Running backs always look for ? when playing.

ANGLED LEFT TO RIGHT

31. Offensive line coach for We-Go varsity.
32. Tenth month of the year.
33. "We ? our team to victory.
34. Our team's name, a name of pride, courage and a lot of heart in each and every ?

ANGLED RIGHT TO LEFT

35. The color of our jerseys, at away games.

Cheerleader speaks

by Bob Perez

The following interview was held in private and was T.S. (top secret) until the young cheerleader gave permission for it to be printed. Some of the names have been changed to protect the innocent.

"You would not believe the stereotypes we have to put up with," claimed Joyce. "According to most people we're all snobs, we eat all the football player's food, we only date jocks, we don't smoke or drink. We're just Ra-Ras with our noses up in the freezing air, cheering."

Some cheerleaders feel that this image is unfair but have they shown it to be other wise? Do only the foxiest and most popular girls get to be cheerleaders? Does a girl only need beauty and some friends to become a cheerleader, then after the saddle shoes are on, she automatically gains popularity?

There are some cases of instant popularity, but most of the time it depends on how many popular cheerleaders your involved with. In other words it depends on how many friend you've got upstairs.

How are cheerleaders picked, on what basis?

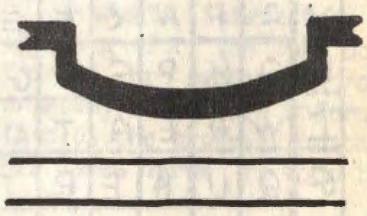
"The cheerleaders at We-Go are picked according to co-ordination, gymnastic ability, enthusiasm, personality and appearance and grades not necessarily in that order," yelled Joyce.

A great deal of emotion is built up when girls ge upset when they don't make it. Does this present a problem to girls who do?

It's really bad when you have to face the kids who didn't make it," said Joyce. "you just don't know how to act, if you act too friendly they'll think you're make ing fun of them. If you act quiet and sorry for them they'll think you're being a snob already, you just don't know how to react."

Is it true that you make a lot of friends if you're a cheerleader?

"Yes of course you make a lot of friends but you lose some too." As soon as I made cheerleading I lost all my old friends. They assumed I was going to change.



FALL CONCERT

by Jenny Jolls

We-Go's choirs and orchestra gave their first concert of the year last Tuesday night.

The concert consisted of seven numbers by the concert choir, two madrigals by the girls' choir, two numbers by the freshman choir, and four by the orchestra.

The concert choir did a selection from "Oliver," spiritual songs such as "Peace Like a River" and "Holy Manna." They also sang a song called "Life Is a Song" and with such instruments as drums by Fred Stroebel and bass by Bob North. Marvel Sampson, Amy Collins, Debby Anderson, Jenny Havlin, Mike and Phil Saas, Gary Overbay and Kurt Liebezeit danced to the song.

Mr. Ronald Benner directed the choirs, and the orchestra was under the baton of Mr. Gene Haney.

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all photo's by Bob Perez

PEEK-A-BOO

I think that the remodeling of the washrooms is good except for one fact, there are no stalls between the toilets.

Tell me, is the third floor running a sideshow? I am referring to the girls washrooms up there. Since there are no stalls and the doorway is opposite the toilets, there isn't and privacy. If the door is opened, anyone using the toilet is in full view of the people in the hallway.

I prefer that my name be withheld and hope that action is taken to correct this....oversight.

RE-DO the bump

There are such things as shocks, tires, wheel alignment and trans pan on a car, which take money to repair or replace when damaged. The speed bump, which is in the student parking lot, right outside of the cafeteria, doesn't do good to any car. In order to keep your car from being ruined, the bump must be taken with much caution. Sure, it is a good idea to keep cars from racing through the lot, to keep from hurting themselves and the pedestians also, but the bump is just to rough. It should be smoothed down, so it is not so damaging to cars going over it.

This is Mr. Alvino. Anyone wishing to speak to him about math in Spanish may contact him in the guidance conference room.

"SOUND OF MUSIC"

by Dick Schumacher

The effect was tremendous! It was caused by forty-nine high school bands, more than 4500 students, converging at one time on Dyche Stadium in Evanston. The event was the nineteenth annual Northwestern Band Day, held on October 11.

The day was along one. Buses with the 120-member Wildcat band, the sixth largest in attendance, left the High School at 7a.m. After an hourlong bus trip a practice was held from 9-11:30 a.m. to coordinate the movements on and off the field and to perfect the music.

The 49 bands were split in half and designated north and south. These halves entered the field from opposing end zones to cover the entire field.

The massed band then played Sousa's "Liberty Bell March," the theme of Monty Python's Flying Circus and an old twenties tune called "Makin' Whoopie!"

Then a giant USA was formed and the finale for Band Day in 1958 was played.

Last everybody played and sang the NU Alma Mater. This was all done under the direction of Mr. John Paynter NU band director.

We-Go has attended eighteen of these, missing 1970 because of budget cuts. Geneva and McHenry have attended all the band days.

After the show the band returned home about 6p.m., tired, but in great spirits. The spectators at the game and the half-time show were obviously impressed. Mr. William Sargent accepted the task again of keeping the entire band and pom-pon squad in line for the whole and for that we thank him.

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Announcements

Student Council Dance
Friday, after the game
$1.00 with I.D.'s

The Sting
In the auditorium
Nov. 6, 1975 7 p.m.
$1.25 admission

Weekend Fun?

by Margie Miller

What does the weekend mean to you? To at least 45% of high school students in the United States it means "Party Time." It also means that around 66% of the students will be driving while intoxicated.

What happens to your body from drinking? The chief affect of alcohol is on the brain. Contrary to popular belief, alcohol is not a stimulant; it depresses the function of the brain. The chief effects of alcohol on the central nervous system and brain are impairment of vision, lack of coordination lengthened reaction time,and removal of inhibitions. Your heart, liver and other vital organs are also impaired.

The laws for buying or selling alcohol are strict. A store could lose its liquor licenses, have the store closed for at least ten days plus a hundred dollar fine. Most stores ask for an I.D. with a picture on it, until the clerk gets to know the buyer. But teenagers still find ways to get alcohol.

Fake I.D.'s, hard luck stories, and older friends are just some ways used.

Ten drinkers between the ages of 15-21 years old were asked why they drink. Some reasons were being sociable, being able to talk more easily, everything being funny, feeling "turned on" and "loose" and liking the experience.

Most drinkers feel that if people do not want to drink, don't force them-so the drinkers can drink more.

Nondrinkers have said that people who drink don't have strong personalities and have used alcohol as a crutch.

Yes, it is the weekend again, but before you take that first drink of Budweiser,Boones Farm, or whatever you drink, ask yourself if it is worth it.

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West Chicago McDonalds would like to thank everyone for visiting us during our Halloween Candelight Dinner last Tuesday and look foreward to seeing you at our Thanksgiving Candelight Dinner.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

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Inter-Related Occupations

by Bob Perez

This year's IRO club started off with a bang when twelve club members and officers worked the concession stands here during the Glenbard South game. The twelve courageous members brought in $691.21, $35.24 more than last year's first home game. Some people may say, so what? Selling close to $700 worth of hot dogs, popcorn, and candy is a heap-a-work.

"A fantastic job!" was Mr. Garbe's comment after the hard day's work but, don't think work is all IRO is. There's a lot of fun involved in the IRO club too. Club meetings and parties are DYNAMITE!

At all IRO meetings, business is taken care of first with refreshments and snacks on hand. Mr. Garbe always arranges to have an open gym to do and play whatever kind of game you'd like.

The IRO-VICA club has three major objectives: to raise funds, to attend the State Leadership Convention and to set up the Employer Appreciation Banquet toward the end of the year. Most of the IRO club funds come from running the home football game concession stands. The State Leadership Convention in April is anticipated by the IRO club officers and students involved in skill contests. I would also like to mention that vica means vocational Industrial clubs of America.

The top skilled students of West Chicago High will be in statewide competition at the convention in Springfield. The top winners will receive awards and scholarships for their skills. They will also have the right to enter competition at the National Convention.

Toward the end of the school year, the IRO club holds an Appreciation Banquet for all employers who participated in the IRO program. The banquet is held to thank all employers for the knowledge and experience they have given to We-Go students. The outstanding IRO student is announced at this banquet.

Pictured are: front, Wendy Hlinka, vice-president; Debbie Berndt, treasurer; Cheryl Thompson, secretary. Back are: Bob Perez, historian; Eddie Farrell, president; and James Garbe, coordinator.

"perfect parents?"

During a recent class assignment Ms. Potee asked the students of the 7th hour Contemporary Life class to write their ideas of perfect parents. Here is what some of the students had to say:

"Perfect parents do not criticize your friends."

"A perfect parent would not force a religion on you but would let you worship the way you want."

"I don't believe in perfect parents, but my mom and dad are pretty close. They are understanding and always willing to talk with me."

"Parents who don't substitute material things for love....They should participate in activities they can do as a family and act more like friends than dominant adults."

"A perfect parent truly loves his child."

"Someone who would let me live like myself, instead of having to play act like the sweet young innocent virgin kid. Someone that would understand me even with all my faults and bad habits. These would be parents I could really love, be proud of, brag about, talk to and feel like myself with."

We-Go Sports

Sports Editor
Lisa Black

A Wild loss for the Cats!

On October 17 our Wildcats took on the Naperville Redskins on Memorial field.

The Kits fought well with Lee Hahn as Quarterback. But the Redskins overpowered us, the sophomore game ended at a 27-12 loss.

The Cats then took over the field against the Naperville's Varsity with Bob Unruh as Quarterback, Wildcats scored in the first half. Bob threw a 22-yard pass to Jeff Nottingham who ran for We-Go's only touchdown. The extra point was kicked by Dennis Todd. The final score was 25-7.

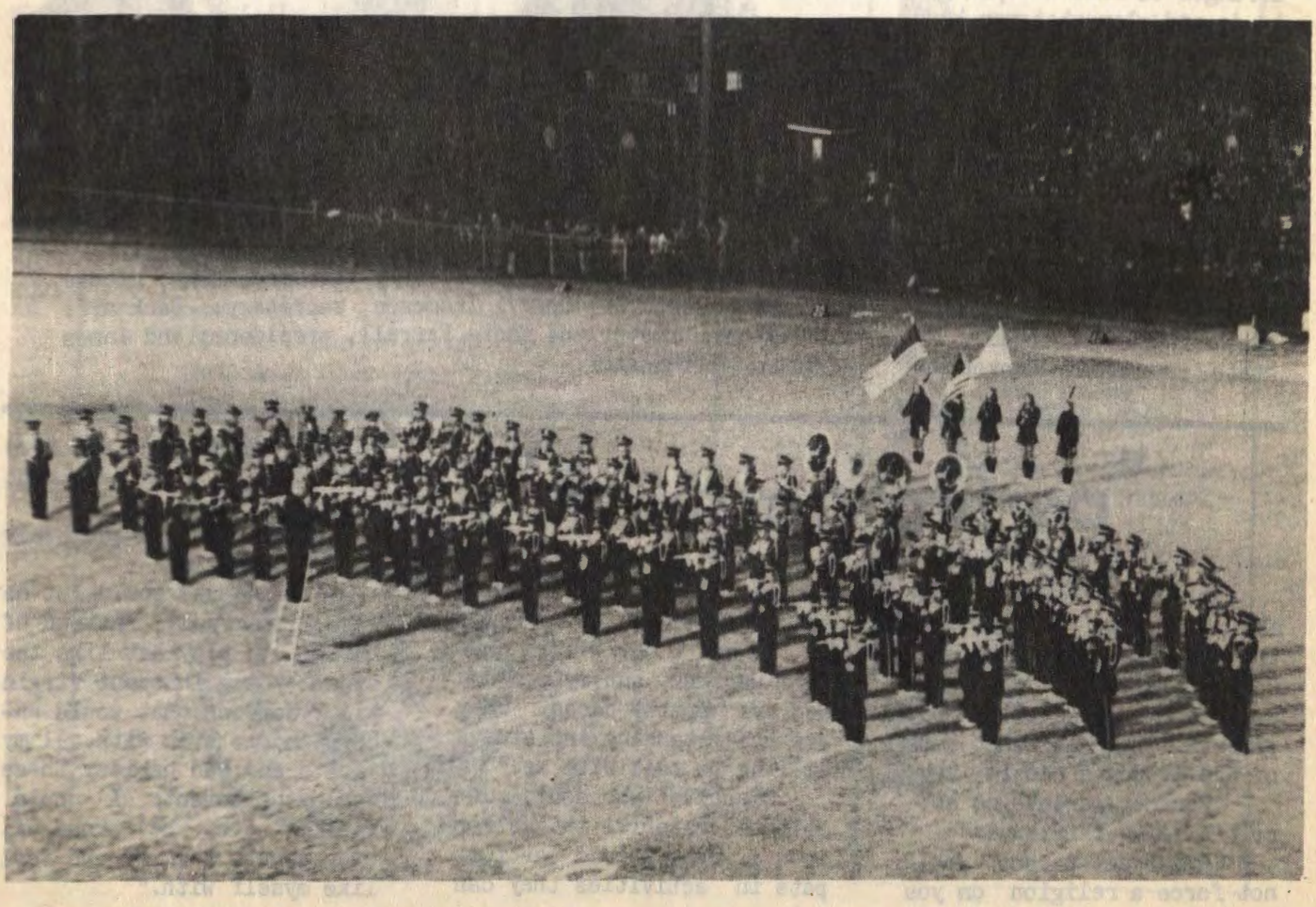
Cats Over Panthers 16-10

On October 25, our Kits and Cats traveled to Glenbard North to take on the Panthers.

The sophomore game ended in defeat, but our Kits put up a good fight. The final score was 10-12.

The Cats played a very good game, showing the old We-Go spirit.

The final varsity score was 16-10.



We-Go marching band of West Chicago High School, performing at the half time of the 75-76 school year Homecoming football game, against Naperville Central.