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Concert to be May 11

by Lisa Black

West Chicago's Choirs will present their concert May 11. The Freshman Chorus, the Girls' Choir and the Concert Choir will be singing with ensembles. The newly formed Swing Choir will also be featured.

Formed on a volunteer basis in October, full tryouts open only to music students were held in November. Twenty dancers were selected. Accompanists are Jenny Jolls at the piano, Bob North on the bass guitar, and Fred Stroebel on percussion.

The Swing Choir will perform selections from "Godspell." For this piece the dancers will wear wierd make-up and strange costumes ranging from long underwear to rolled-up jeans and platforms.

The choreography was done by Mr. Tom Terrien, choreographer for the University of Wisconsin at Madison. His wife, Roxy, assisted him.

The Swing Choir practices three times a week for 25 minutes. During this time they also work on their other two selections, "Alexander's Ragtime Band" and "Life Is a Song Worth Singing." Marvel Sampson choreographed these pieces. Mr. Ronald Benner, choir director, said that she does a very good job for a non professional.

Other groups that will be taking part in the concert are the Boys' Octet, the Madrigals, and the Sophomore Ensemble.

AT LEFT: Senior, Marvel Sampson, dances in the newly formed swing choir which will be preforming for the first time in the concert on May 10 & 11. The May 11 concert will feature "Godspell."

What is the Manilow Fund?

Several questions have been raised concerning the money in the Manilow Fund. There has been a misunderstanding that student money is in this fund. However, Miss Winifred Thomassen, administrative assistant, said, "There is no money in there that belongs to students."

The Manilow Fund is a source of money available to schools who are members of the Association of Suburban Conferences. The purpose of this fund is to assist indigent children to remain in high school. It is believed that this fund was originally set up by a man named Manilow. Money from this fund has been used to pay student fees, doctor and dental appointments, furnish classroom supplies and physical education uniforms for students whose parents could not afford to do so.

Sometime after 1972 the funds were no longer available because the money had been used up. However, the Rotary Club has contributed money to West Chicago High School to be used for the same purpose. This money has been placed in the Manilow Fund. Miss Thomassen said, "Rotary Club in West Chicago is the only organization that has added to this fund."

Dr. Kamm Announces Fees For Summer School

I am sorry to have to report to you that we will not be able to operate a tuition-free summer school this summer. Last summer, for the first time in We-Go's history, there was no tuition charge for courses in summer school. The money for the operation of the summer program came from Summer School State Aid—money voted by the legislature and administered by the Illinois Office of Education. Unfortunately, the State of Illinois seems to be in a financial pinch this year, thus state funding for several categories of school programs, including transportation, special education, gifted programs, and summer school has been reduced or eliminated.

Because of this situation, the Board of Education had little choice but to reinstate a tuition charge for summer school courses. That charge will be $40.00 for a full credit course and $20.00 for a one-half credit course.

I sincerely hope that the financial position of the State of Illinois will improve in the near future, and that State Aid for summer school will be reinstated so that you will again be able to take summer school courses without having to pay tuition.

I should also like to take this opportunity to mention one other item. You have probably noticed that the lawn south of the building, that was nearly "wiped out" by the various contractors that have been working in the building for the past year, has been rototilled and freshly seeded. In addition, the horticulture classes will soon be planting various kinds of flowers on the campus. These are efforts to make the campus more attractive. It is my opinion that your cooperation has resulted in a significant reduction of litter within the building. I ask that you extend that cooperation to the areas outside the building. You can contribute to improving the campus by remembering to place your trash in a waste container—outdoors as well as indoors.

Thank you,

Richard M. Kamm

The Late Bus That May Never Arrive

by Margaret Shurtleff

A popular excuse for not joining extra curricular activities is lack of transportation. Student council is trying to resolve the problem. A committee has been formed to obtain a late bus for students staying after school.

Pete Lo Destro is chairman of the "late bus committee", with co-chairmen Cindy Plomb and Richard Ice. Mr. Jerry Wicks is the adviser and Mr. Waterhouse has helped set up appointments with the school board.

If student council could get a late bus, it would come every night of the week. One bus would come at 4:30 for activities and another would arrive at 6:30 for sports. Anyone staying after school would be eligible to ride. The bus would travel over a given route throughout the school district. These plans are still in the preliminary stages.

There have been several setbacks. After talking with Kammes Bus Company the committee found the approximate cost of two buses for a year would be ten thousand dollars. Ordinarily the state would cover the cost. But the state would require that passengers live more than one and one half miles from school.

The chances of obtaining a late bus for the 1976-77 school year are slim. However, student council will still have a committee investigating the possibilities of a late bus next year.

New Class To Be Offered Next Year

by Bill Hayes

Several We-Go juniors were given the opportunity to participate in a new type of writing class to be offered next year.

This experimental writing class will be directed by Mr. Russell Severe. Professional writers and several English teachers will teach the class of twenty-five students.

At a meeting last Wednesday the 105 eligible juniors were asked to submit a sampling of their writing. Their entries will be judged by five English teachers. The twenty-five finalists will be announced by May 21.

Students in the class will be writing in many different areas ranging from poetry to journalism. Their work will be improved with the knowledgeable help from professional writers and English teachers. A collection of outstanding work done by the class will result in a student magazine.

If all men were just, there would be no need for valor.

The good have no need of an advocate.

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Who's Responsible for Discipline?

by Kathy Kennedy

High school teachers (West Chicago's are just one example) are expected to maintain discipline in their classes. They are assigned cafeterias to patrol, halls to supervise, and study halls to watch over. Is this what the teachers are being hired for? Why, then, does the administration bother to hire paraprofessionals?

Recently, the ability to keep classroom discipline has become one of the major requirements most schools seem to look for in a teacher. But those teachers untrained in dealing with insults and threats from their students have difficulty in performing their jobs to the best of their ability. Perhaps the school needs more parapros and fewer teachers, if the discipline problem is as great as the administration claims. But if this is the case, doesn't the school cease to be a place of learning and become more like a prison, or better yet, a babysitting service?

In actuality, the blame lies not on the administration but on the parents, who put the responsibility of disciplining their kids on the school, and the students themselves, who seek school as a place of refuge from their parents and authority. Perhaps they should change the term "teacher" to "foster parent."

Out With The Old In With The New

As the 1975-76 school year comes to an end, it is time to begin thinking about the Bridge staff for next year. The present staff will meet May 10 with students who would like to work on the paper next year.

The staff would like to appoint next year's staff by the middle of May so that the new staff can work with this year's staff for the last issue.

Anyone interested in working on the Bridge is invited to attend this meeting May 10 in Room 246 at 3:40 p.m.

Jukebox Money

Dr. Kamm spoke at the latest student council meeting April 27.

His main purpose was to clear up the misunderstanding about the jukebox money. The money, $219.65, is presently in a school activity account at the West Chicago State. Bank. Dr. Kamm says that money which comes from all the students must be used for the possible benefit of all students, according to the law.

This money will not be spent until approved by both student council and Dr. Kamm.

Give students a break on hall passes

by Tim McAdams

The pass system in this school treats the students like we aren't capable of walking down a hallway, get a drink, or go to the washroom without written permission. As soon as the second bell rings you get hassled by teachers for your pass, when in many cases, they've seen you by your locker between classes and know that you don't have a pass.

High school should prepare students for later life and teach us some responsibility. If the faculty doesn't think we have enough responsibility to go out in the hall and get a drink or go to the washroom they are failing to make us into responsible young adults.

If a student is late for a class it's ridiculous to make the student lose class time and go down to the office to get a pass to tell the teacher that the student was late. I'm sure the teacher can figure that out. It also saves the teacher from disrupting class to write out a pass so the student can go get a pass to tell the teacher something that is already known.

It's time the faculty stops treating us like irresponsible little kids who don't know which way's up and give us a break on these stupid passes.

News Briefs

There are 19 juniors who will be graduating this year. They are George Aguilar, Jane Oren, Susan Atwater, Robert Bueker, Maura Becker, Susan Burkart, Anna Clements, Joan Happel, Kathy Dirr, Darlene Kurzawa, Tammy Dye, Margarita Moyet, Carol Gaspar, Andres Gomez, Bonnie McGriff, Debbie Rehs, Jennifer Rex, Guadalupe Villela, and Thomas Milligan.

The Frosh A baseball team has played seven conference games, winning one. B team has played two and won one.

Anyone interested in cleaning up, dredging, and restocking Easton Pond, should get in touch with Mr. Larry Stark in Room 147.

For information on newspaper workshops this summer, see Miss Patterson, Room 246.

For Sherrone

Love is an acorn. With proper care it can grow into a strong, eternal oak, or some squirrel can come along and ruin everything.

—William Collier

A soap opera is the only place it takes thirteen months to have a premature baby.

It is better for a woman to have married a short man than never to have married atall.

Mary Ellen Nickelson heads for home—she's safe.

Girls' softball—off to a good start!

Girls' Varsity Softball

West Chgo	14—Nap. North	12
" "	14—Whtn North	16
" "	15—Whtn Cent.	0
" "	22—Whtn War.	10

JV Girls' Softball

West Chgo	21—Nap. North	11
" "	27—Whtn North	0
" "	7—Whtn Cent.	16
" "	22—Whtn War	10

Leslie Gunderson tries her luck at bat.

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