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Au Revoir, Mme. McGawn

La joie de vivre is a French saying meaning the joy of life. This phrase characterizes Mrs. Frances McGawn, West Chicago High School French teacher. It symbolizes her outlook on life as well as her attitude toward learning.

Mrs. McGawn will be retiring this year after teaching in West Chicago for 14 years. She has been chairman of the foreign language department for three years. During her teaching she has sought to add new dimensions to learning the French language and culture. For example, last year Mrs. McGawn and Mrs. Linda Jenks were responsible for getting Mr. Reid Lewis to speak at Language Night. He talked about his participation in the tricentennial reenactment of the Marquette and Jolliet voyage. His presentation made the French heritage of the Midwest come alive. This is just one example of how Mrs. McGawn broadened her students' knowledge and experience of the French culture.

"I think Americans are intellectually poor if they don't have languages," she said. "We must realize that we are part of a big world and that we need to do our share by learning other people's languages."

Dr. Richard Kamm, principal, had this to say: "Mrs. McGawn epitomizes an educated person—very intelligent, considerate and thoughtful. She's also a gentle person. I've enjoyed the opportunity to know her."

Mrs. McGawn, a mean Scrabble player.

Mrs. McGawn is also highly respected by the students. Two weeks ago several French students organized a surprise going-away party for all the efforts she has extended.

A native of New York, Mrs. McGawn is a graduate of Berea College in Kentucky. She came to the Chicago area in 1926. She taught Latin at Naperville High School for five years. In 1952 she moved to West Chicago. Prior to teaching at We-Go she worked at the First National Bank of West Chicago. She enjoyed working there, she said, because she really got to know the people of the community.

Mrs. McGawn has bought a house in Franklin, North Carolina and plans to move there in August. Franklin is a small town about 75 miles southwest of Ashville and located south of the Smokies in the Nantahala Mountains.

"I hope to do a lot of hiking," she said. She also wants to learn some of the mountain crafts, especially weaving. Reading, playing the piano and substitute teaching are other things she plans to do in her retirement.

Mrs. McGawn will be missed by a lot of people in the high school and community. As a fellow teacher put it, "People like Mrs. McGawn are few and far between!"

Senior class gift

"I would say it is typical of the senior class," said Mrs. Sheryl Giszczak about the poor turnout at the blood drive May 30.

One hundred two students signed up to donate blood but only 62 people showed. Just 53 pints of blood was collected. Four people were turned away because they didn't qualify, and five people could not fill the pint bags.

Hopefully the whole junior and senior classes and their families will be covered. Mrs. Giszczak said, but she has not received official word yet.

The head nurse at the blood drive did compliment the people who helped. She said that it was one of the best groups she's worked with. Eleven seniors volunteered their time to help out at the drive.

Senior Ed Farrell, looks on at the blood drive.

We-Go loses a good friend

Fritz Mamat, member of the maintenance staff at We-Go, died suddenly of a heart attack June 1. His wife and three sisters, including Mrs. Katie Ward, also of the staff, survive him. Fritz was planning to retire next April.

Fritz was born in Germany and was a baker. Students in Home Ec classes will remember his cake-decorating and turkey-carving demonstrations.

A dedicated person who took pride in his work, Fritz had been at the high school for 15 years. He had the responsibility, along with Ed Johnson and Ed Schlueter, of keeping the heating and air conditioning working. His woodwork was on display last winter at the hobby show at the town library. Fritz was also a stamp and coin collector. He was also a professional locksmith. Teachers remember him coming within twenty-four hours to repair or replace whatever was out of order in their rooms. Mr. Johnson, head of the custodial staff, says that Fritz has saved the school thousands of dollars through his expert repairs. "Fritz was a German mechanic," said Mr. Howard, business manager. "When he fixed something, it stayed fixed."

Fritz had scores of friends among the students. A strict disciplinarian, he was kind to young people. They knew him as one who shared their interests.

Fritz Mamat, friend, workman par excellence, is terribly missed by the whole school community.

NEWS BRIEFS

The West Chicago Reed-Keppler park pool opened Memorial Day, and will remain open until Labor Day, September 6. From May 31 to June 14 and pool hours will be 4-9 p.m. weekdays and 1-9 p.m. weekends. From June 15 to August 31 the hours will be 1-9 p.m. daily.

The Bridge staff held a meeting May 10 for students interested in working on the paper next year. From applications filled out and previous experience with the paper, the following students were chosen for yhe 1976-77 Bridge staff:
Editors-in-Chief - Lisa Black and Katy Peterson; News Editor - Bill Hayes; Managing Editor - Gary Bell; Sports Editor - Matt Rowland; Business Manager - Dick Waterhouse; Photo Editor - German Cruz; and Layout Editor - Margaret Shurtleff.

1976 yearbooks may be picked up in the cafeteria at registration in August.

Many new things come in a school year, and this year one of the new teachers is Miss Jane Prachar. She is taking Mrs. Debbie Pottee Smith's place teaching Foods and Nutrition and Child Development.

Miss Prachar, a native Illinoisan from Algonquin, took her college work at Eastern Illinois University. She planned to go into social work, but switched to teaching. When she isn't at school, Miss Prachar enjoys indoor gardening, sports and modern dance.

Bicentennial Choir will give a concert on June 13 in Weyrauch Auditorium at 3:00. Four high school dancers, Tim Wierenga, Jenny Havlin, Dick Waterhouse and Debbie Anderson will perform to the "Charleston." The choir will sing songs from our nation's history.

Mrs. Katsion

The students in Mrs. Pamela Katsion's History of Canada and Latin America class can get a first-hand account of what Mexico is like from their travel-loving teacher.

A newcomer to West Chicago, Mrs. Katsion teaches basic skills and social studies. Although this is her first teaching job, she did her student teaching at Urbana High School and earned a B.A. at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana.

"Students have changed since I was in high school. Their outlook is much more positive,"says Mrs. Katsion. "It's nice to teach here. It must also be interesting to be a student here."

Besides traveling, Mrs. Katsion enjoys playing piano and guitar, which she believes is "good for relaxation." An outdoor enthusiast, she plays tennis in her spare time and is Mr. Bruce Elliott's partner for the teachers' tennis match initiated by Mr. Rick DuFour.

Mrs. Katsion and her husband, a civil engineer, reside in Lombard.

Having toured Mexico over Easter vacation, the couple hopes to backpack across Europe some future summer. This summer they plan to visit the East coast to join in the Bicentennial celebrations. "It has become so commercialized, though, that many people feel apathetic about it," Mrs. Katsion says.

Summer Music

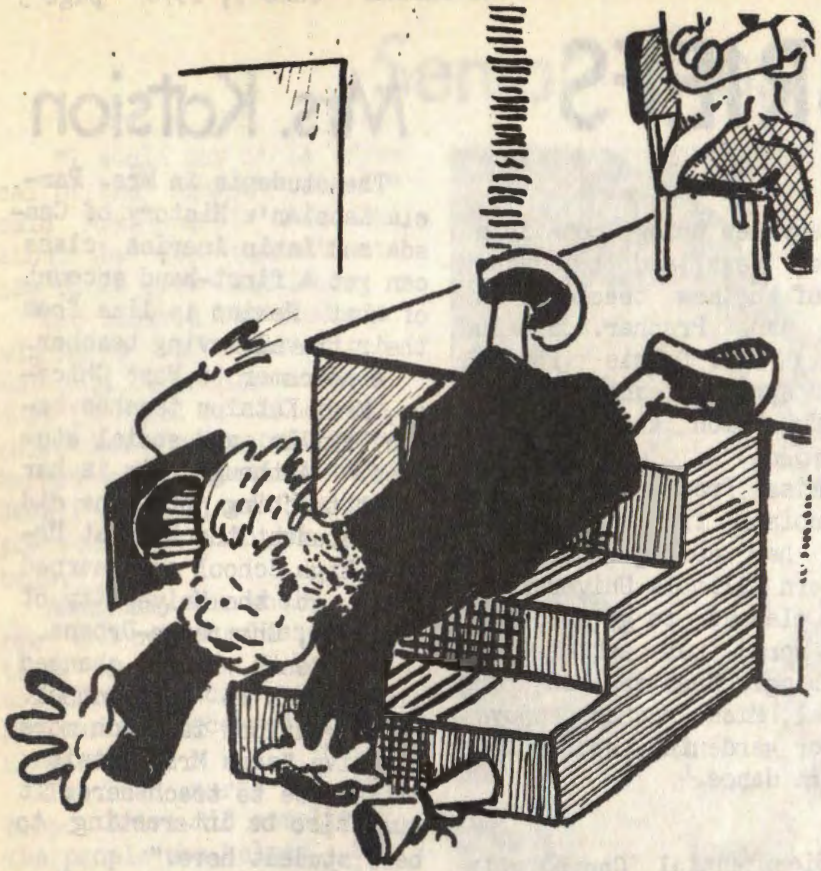
The music department is giving summer camp scholarships to juniors Pam Price, Kevin Tissot, Joyce Large, Bob North, and to sophomore Jeff Beardsley. They will attend Eastern Illinois University at Charleston.

Dick Schumacher and Karen Sargent, sophomores, will attend Eastern on their own. Barb Elslager, junior, received a scholarship to University of Illinois at Champaign - Urbana. Audrey Sostak and Leann Elslager, sophomores, received scholarship from the Winfield Junior Women's Club. Junior Tom Bowen auditioned for Northwestern University's Summer Music Institute in Evanston.

At the final concert, June 1, the awards to outstanding senior musicians were given. The John Phillip Sousa Band Award was given to Sue Cheehy and Lin Schmult. The National School Orchestra Award was presented to Angela Cliff, and the Outstanding Senior Choir Award was given to Peggy Bloxam. These award winners were voted by the members of the band, orchestra, and choir.

I climbed up the door;
I shut the stairs;
I said my shoes,
And took off my prayers;
I shut off my bed,
And climbed into the light—
All because he kissed
Me goodnight.

—MarDebgie



superlatives

As the school's end nears, seniors are busy trying to put together the Senior Superlatives.

The Superlatives contains a section on the class will—what class members wish to leave to a teacher, to the school, or to someone else; a section on memories the graduating class has of happenings during the last four years; pictures of previously elected seniors to a "designated spot" in the class of '76; for example, Most Likely to Succeed, Friendliest, and so on. There is also a class picture in the Superlatives.

Students who worked on the Superlatives are Kurt Liebezeit, photographer; Mary Ellen Nickelson, Josephina Montalvo, Sharon Smith, Lee Westrom, Julie Hughes, Mike Alden, Steve Kovach, Steve Ferro, Shirley Mackie, Debbi Anderson, Sue Simosky, Debbi Wilson, and Chris Miltner.

graduation and honors night

A combination of Honors Night and Baccalaureate will held Monday, June 9. The program is set up to honor outstanding seniors. Citizenship and departmental awards were given. Achievements, club activities, scholarship winners, honor roll students, and National Honor Society members were also be recognized. We-Go's AFS student, Shirley Mackie, gave her farewell to the school on this night. Larry Owen, minister of the West Chicago Church of Christ, was the speaker.

Commencement ceremonies will begin at 8 p.m. June 9. Seniors will receive their diplomas and Dr. Culver, senior pastor at Wheaton Evangilical Free Church, will be the guest speaker.

Seniors should assemble in the cafeteria at 7:15 p.m. on both nights. Honors Night and Commencement ceremonies are open to the public.

Opinion

The conclusion of a long journey is near for 358 seniors. The arrival of June 9 is anxiously anticipated by many. That day seems like the day of freedom from a four-year prison sentence for some. for others it will be a day of sadness.

As seniors recieve their diplomas you might hear some say in disbelief, "I made it! I never thought I would, but I did!"

Others will say with relief, "Thank God, it's over!"

And others will say with sadness, "But I'll miss all my friends."

When graduation day comes it will complete the last page in a chapter of our history book of life——never to be repeated or changed.

Some say that high school is the best time of your life. For some this may be true. But for me, I sure hope life has more to offer.

Well, for whatever it's worth, SMILE SENIORS, it's almost over!

Aching Baccalaureate

Oh, My Aching Baccalaureate

The month of June approaches,
And soon across the land
The graduation speakers
Will tell us where we stand.

We stand at Armageddon
In the vanguard of the press.
We're standing in the crossroads
At the gateway to success.

We stand upon the threshold
Of careers all brightly lit.
In the midst of all this standing,
We sit and sit and sit.

Junior Prom

The junior prom took place May 21 at Fox Valley Country Club, and is a remembered occasion by all who attended. All the guys were dressed in their fancy tuxes and all the girls were in their snazzy dresses, setting the atmosphere just right. After signing in and receiving their mugs and program, they proceded to dance to the music of 'Truckin'.The court was then introduced consisting of Kim Kynast, Dawn Carlson, Kim Balance, Kelly Kyger, and Becky Lockett who was chosen queen. Becky then danced with junior class president Marty Hamilton,and then with her escort Mike Quirin. Several seniors then took over the entertainment, with singing and dancing to everyone's enjoyment.

Opinion

A school is supposed to provide an atmosphere in which education can take place. Ideally this would mean that everyone should feel that they are working toward a common goal. Isn't the best way to work together to be in an atmosphere of respect for each individual where he feels that he is an important part of the educational process?

Does this allow for the group of "professionals" in this school whose job includes considering themselves superior to their colleagues so that they can give them orders? Or for another group that feels that their orders must be followed without question or criticism?

Where are we going?

Never give a sucker an even break.
--Edwin F. Albee

1976 Bridge Awards

by Kevin Hodges

And now, the item you have waited for—the First Annual 1976 Bridge Awards! These awards are given to the student, teacher,or administrator who has contributed,directly or indirectly, to making our school what it is today. Moving on, we come to the first award.

The "Wait Till Next Year" Award is presented to the basketball team for its inspiring effects on the other teams in the school.

The "Cleanliness Is Next to Godliness" award was won by Dr. Richard Kamm for his excellent example in cleaning up the school.

The "Down in a Burst of Flames" award was won by Coach Dave Sparkman, who, in the senior-faculty game, was in a crash, then in a foot cast for four weeks, for his inspiration to other teachers. Mr. Sparkman just nosed out Assistant Principal Richard Waterhouse,who also suffered an injury in the game.

The "Where Has All the Sunshine Gone" award goes to Kerry Ruch for doing the best thing in the interests of the school.

The "I Had a Great Time" award was given, unexcused, to Mike Alden for excellent organizational work on Senior Ditch Day.

The "Best Initials"award is given, with best regards, to Christopher Barnes, alias "C.B." (student teacher.)

The "Two Plus Two Does Not Equal 1,927,568;try it Again" award is printed out to Dr. John Murphy for his patience in teaching students a useful occupation.

The "Boy, That Was Beautiful!" award is given with much praise to Peggy Bloxam and the concert and Swing Choirs for the excellent concert May 11.

The "Robert Redford Lookalike" award is given to Mr. Richard Du Four for his excellent taste in clothes.

The "Rats Missed Again" award is given to Ralph Siddall for his courageous attempt to save Dr. Kamm's life by pushing him out of the way of a falling rock with his car.

And there you have it! To the winners, congratulations and to the losers we give the "Good Sportsmen" Award. Better luck next year!

MUSIC REVIEW

The latest Bad Company album is probably one of their all-time best cuts. The album features an assortment of tunes with some slow-moving songs Sha-na-na style, some fast moving rock and roll, and some slow wisdom songs, but all in excellent fashion.

The title song is the best recording of all, showing why Bad Company is moving up on the charts. They use an array of singing and playing tactics.

Trip cancelled

Where was the field trip on May 26? The advanced German class was supposed to go to Germantown with a home-ec group. The arrangements had been made, then completed in advance. Immediately they were returned with a note saying the trip could not go on. The date had been filled. There was no bus.

However, the calendar did not show any activity. An interested student inquired and was told no forms had ever been turned in. That was not true. field trip forms were turned in to the office—two weeks

We-Go runs Nursery school

by Beth Wampole

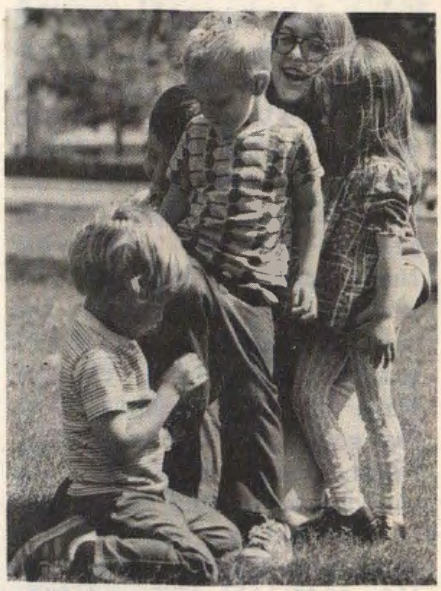
For two weeks, May 17-27, Ms Sharon Prachar's and Mrs. Patty Kozlowski's child development classes put their skills and knowledge to the test. As a final project, two nursery schools were planned and run entirely by the child development students. Both morning and afternoon nursery schools consisted of about 15 preschool children from the area, ranging from ages three to five.

During the children's daily two-hour stay at the nursery school, they participated in numerous activities and experienced a variety of learning situations. Among the planned activities were stories, songs, games, and a variety of art projects such as nature collages, working with clay and fingerpainting.

The preschoolers were served snacks and often helped in the preparation by decorating the cookies and ice cream cones. Among activities scheduled were field trips to the greenhouse, going through a minature town, taking nature walks and playing outside.

All four classes used their acquired knowledge and creative imagination in carrying out their plans for the nursery schools. Room 109 was specially decorated for the children with colorful bulletin boards and pictures lining the walls.

The students' efforts in planning were well rewarded by a successful and fun learning experience for all.



Junior, Marge Iuro and four friends from the chidl developement nursery school.

A Book Never Written:
Signs of Zodiac
—by Horace Cope

Student Teacher Conducts Choirs

If you happen to see a man directing the choir, who doesn't look familiar, it's not Mr. Ronald Benner with a beard. You've had your first glimpse of Mr. Dan Fleming, a student teacher from Wheaton College. Upon the first meeting, Mr. Fleming seems to be a quiet, soft-spoken person, but on further inquiry he turns out to be a outgoing man who's main interest is music.

Mr. Fleming started playing piano and singing when he was seven years old in Akron, Ohio. Since then he has sang in a children's choir, the high school concert choir for three years, a folk group, and the men's glee club for three years while in college. He is presently in the concert choir of Wheaton College where his major is voice. When he was a freshmen, Mr. Fleming toured Europe for six weeks with the glee club.

Mr. Fleming came to West Chicago in April and will be here until the end of the school year. He is under the direction of Mr. Benner, choir director. While he is here he will be helping with the Freshmen, sophomore, swing and concert choirs. He said, "I enjoy working individually with the students. I also neyoy my cooperating teacher."

Mr. Benner said, "He's doing a very good job with the choirs."

While at Wheaton College, Mr. Fleming and Mr. Glen Akers, the band student director at We-Go, were roommates for two years. Mr. Fleming said, "Our coming to West Chicago was purely coincedential. We had no idea that we would end up student teaching at the same school."

I have no reason to be
poetic
The earth is round and
orbiting
The sun's around here
someplace
People are fascinatingly
normal
Life is good
There's no reason to
wrestle this correctness
With poetry.

Evils draw men together.

The Rollong Stones gather no moss.

The Future

by Terry Ferro

We have been described as the "searching generation." We need so many answers--to the larger problems of the world, answers to the conditions in our nation, and most of all, for ourselves.

On one side we hear that the answer to our dilemma is education: Build bigger and better schools, hire more teachers, develop a smarter generation. Has the academic community found the answers? There are many students who are dissatisfied with being told that the sole purpose of education is to develop inquiring minds. They want to find some of the answers to their questions--solid answers, a certain direction.

The Secretary General of the United Nations told us recently that man has perhaps ten years to solve the problem of survival. He pointed out the three great crises which are unique to this generation: nuclear weapons, the population explosion, and the pollution of our air and water. And he said that if we don't solve these problems in this decade, we are approaching the time when they will go beyond our capacity to control.

For this reason, many are trying to find a way of predicting the future. Computer programs are being set up to try to project which might be the future of man. Many people are even turning to astrology and witchcraft.

In churches and on college campuses mediums are receiving speaking invitations, The writer of a religious column in a Los Angeles paper recently reported, "Suffering from religious persecution and occasions of fakery in the ranks since its beginning in the mid-1800's, the spiritualist movement in America is gaining new confidence today."

In the field of higher education there are more than forty colleges which now conduct psychic research under the title of parapsychology. Interest in these subjects is growing in proportion to the increase in astrology and prophecy.

However, compared to the speculation of most that is called prophetic today, the Bible contains clear and unmistakable prophetic signs. We are able to see right now in this Best Seller predictions made centuries ago being fulfilled before our eyes.

The Bible makes fantastic claims, but these claims are no more startling than those of present-day astrologers, prophets and seers. Furthermore. the claims of the Bible have a greater basis in historical evidence and fact.

Astrology, witchcraft and modern prophecies have all come to lead many of this generation into wickedness and spiritual darkness. Bible prophecy can become a sure foundation upon which your faith can grow--and there is no need to shelve your intellect while finding this faith.

To find what the Bible says about prophetic messages, read Hal Lindsey's The Late Great Planet Earth and There's a New World Coming (Bantam Paperbooks).

If you have no interest in the future and no curiosity about a subject that some consider controversial, you may as well forget that you ever read this.

Below are listed just a few of the future events taken from these books.

...1. The rapture of Christ's church. In other words, the disappearance of millions of people off the face of the earth. They will go to be with Christ Jesus.

...2. The United States will fall from being a world power.

...3. The ten countries of the European Common Market--there are nine at present--will unite under one leader, the Antichrist.

...4. The Common Market countries will make an alliance with Israel.

...5. The USSR and Arab countries will declare war on Israel.

...6. The Common Market countries will destroy the Russian and Arab forces in Israel.

...7. The Common Market forces will turn on Israel.

...8. The Common Market forces will fight the Chinese forces at Armageddon. This last clash of forces will totally devastate every living thing on earth At that point, Christ Jesus will return to claim the earth.

I would stronly recommend the reading of these books to all Christians everywhere so that their faith might be strengthened and preserved.

Late News and Comment

News Briefs

Frank Riley and Dwight Zietlow, juniors, have been accepted by the Junior Engineering Technical Society to attend a two-week summer session at Bradley University, in Peoria.

Ninety-five seniors gone on May 12! That day was designated as "Ditch Day" at WCCHS.

"A good share of students came in and admitted they were wrong in going but not one thought it wasn't worth three detentions," declared a happy senior.

Is there anything wrong with the attitudes of the people who ditched? Dr. Kamm said, "No, most of the students that went never ditched a day in their lives. They're closing out the high school phase of their life and just wanted to know what it feels like to skip a day of school."

Mrs. Gwen Reno, new in the art department this year, is a graduate of the University of Iowa, at Iowa City. She earned her B.A. in art.

She has resigned from the faculty at West Chicago, and she and her husband Bill are moving to Lombard. After a vacation, she will seek employment in advertising or in graphic arts.

Dave Ranallo, teacher in Cooperative Work Training, and drafting, is returning to his home state, Wisconsin. This summer he will marry Miss Kathy Monson and they will live in Wausau. Mr. Ranallo will teach or go into industry as a draftsman.

Wheaton Teacher To Be Chairman, Foreign Language

by Tim McAdams

Mrs. Marjorie Appel will take over as head of the foreign language department starting next year. She will replace the retiring Mrs. Frances McGawn as department head and as teacher of of French.

Mrs. Appel has had ten years' teaching experience. Now she is teaching at Wheaton North High School. Previous to this she taught at the College of DuPage, and in Massachusetts. She received her B.A.degree from the City College of New York and her Master of Arts in Teaching from Harvard.

Mrs. Appel's husband is a physicist at Fermilab. They have two grade school children. They now live in Wheaton but they plan to move to the West Chicago area.

In her spare time, Mrs.Appel enjoys playing tennis and the viola.

Miss Barbara Baechle,Home Ec, will be married July 10 to Mr. Thomas Lindsey, who is and architect in Chicago.

Last chance to get together before summer.
Come dance to the
Blistering Creek Band
June 12, 8:00-10:00
m St. John's Hall in Winfield
$1.00 admission
Free pop with every hot dog
See you there!

Letter: Hassling

I am transcribing this letter in regards to the Opinion of one of the Bridge writers in the May 21 issue. The author describes this school as a reform school. This of course is an inaccurate statement.

It is factual that many students are asked to present a pass to a school official if they are in the corridors after the bell.But this must be done until the students become veracious. I believe that five minutes is ample time for a passing period.

Teachers and paraprofessionals are doing their duty when they ask students for a pass. By asking this, they are carrying out the Illinois State School Code,Chapter 122, Section 26.1, 26.10 and 26.11. These laws deal with school attendance.

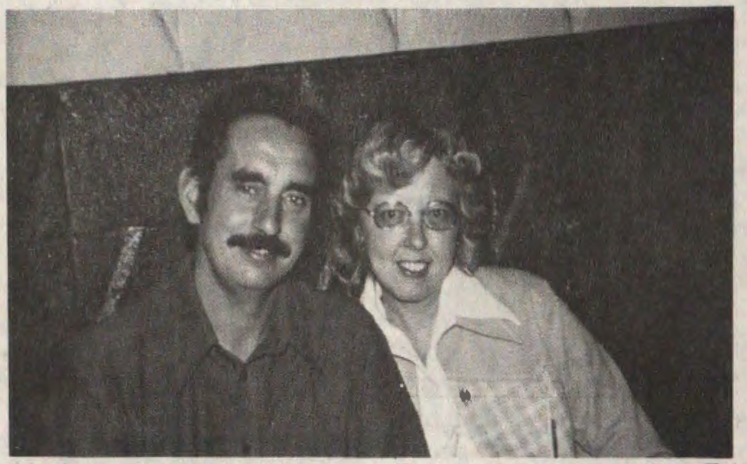
The drawing placed above the article was dubious. The paraprofessionals are trying to maintain order in this school. But it is hard to maintain order if there are thefts, vandalism, foul language and smoking throughout the school. One of the problems is a lack of discipline!

Many students seem to become very angry when a teacher or paraprofessional asks them for a pass.But many of these students do not know the Illinois State School Code laws.

--Richard J. Ice, II

Must sell! '66 Olds, PS, PB. $125. Call 231-8597.

June Weddings



Pat Peterson and Don Eubanks.

Your chances for a fantastic blind date will be 100% improved if you consult Mrs. Virginia Fairbank, English department, next time. Miss Patricia Peterson, typing teacher at West Chicago High will be married June 19 as a result of such matchmaking. Miss Peterson's fiance, Donald Henry Eubanks, is a self-employed electrical contractor. Miss Peterson will not teach here next year, but she hopes to find an accounting job in Rockford, near where she will live with her husband in a house on the Rock River. The couple are to be married in Wheaton.

Murphy to Germany

Tim McAdams

Barry Murphy will be an AFS student in Germany this summer. He will be there for a nine-week period, leaving June 20 and returning August 29.

When Barry arrives in Germany he will be given a two-day orientation in German customs and phrases. This is to teach him enough about the German language and customs that he can get around and keep out of trouble.

After his orientation he will leave for his German home. As of now, Barry doesn't know where he will be staying.

Barry will be attending summer school in Germany for at least three weeks. In August he will attend a reception given by the Senate of Brenren for all AFS students in Germany.

Barry is excited about going and hopes to learn much about the German way of life.

Wedding bells will be heard for another member of We-Go's faculty as Ms Deborah Enns exchanges vows with her future-spouse, Tim Hoops. Having been officially engaged since the beginning of March, their big day is June 19. The wedding will be a large, formal, church ceremony in Wheaton.

Ms Enns has been teaching Spanish and French in the Language Department for the past three year. Tim, whom she has known for many years, is from Boston and is presently of Massachusettes Institute of Technology. He is applying for admission to mdeical school.

They plan to travel in eastern United States on their honeymoon, possibly to visit Cape Cod. Ms Enns expects to continue teaching here at We-Go as they plan to live in the area.

The marriage of Miss Erica Crohn and Mr. Tracy Pitzen will be June 19. Miss Crohn is a first year English teacher at WCCHS and adviser of the speech team. The couple plans to live in Champaign, IL, where Mr. Pitzen is a law student at the University of Illinois.

Miss Linda Graham will be married to Mr. Robert Young June 26, in St. John's Lutheran Church in Elgin.

Miss Graham was a student teacher at West Chicago last year with Mr. Charles Greenberg. She is now teaching speech at Blackhawk Junior High in Bensenville, and Mr. Young is an industrial arts teacher at West Chicago High School.

Thank you

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..to the administration and the school board for underwriting the entire cost
..to all who helped in the production,

Chris Murnane, Josefina Montalvo, Kathy Kennedy, Lisa Black, German Cruz, Katy Peterson, and Mary Patterson

We-Go Sports

Baseball comes to an end

The freshman baseball team battled the Wheaton-Wolverines 17-9. At W-W the We-Go frosh went down 12-2.

At Glenbard North May 20 the frosh won 9-2. Bob Fairbanks was the winning pitcher. The frosh came from behind in the seventh at Geneva May 19 to win 14-11. Mike Settje and Mike Wheeland had key hits. The day before, the Panthers walloped We-Go 16-0.

In the battle with the Naperville Central Redskins, We-Go was edged out 10-8. Mike Franklin hit a triple and Tom Nogaj got a double, but it wasn't enough to rescue West Chicago. The final standing was 3-9.

The baseball season ended May 27 with a game against Wheaton-Warrenville ending a very disappointing season for the Wildcats and Coach David Ream. Against the Wolverines, our Cats dropped three games straight, 12-2 in five innings, 16-9, and 10-0 in six, which was the last game of the year. All three games had fairly good pitching but also had many fielders' errors. Dave Holermann, Rick Morgan, and Jeff Nottingham were on the mound. The Cats ended the season with five wins and twenty-four losses, but the prospects for next year are promising.

Freshmen tennis

While many juniors and seniors were preparing for the prom, members of the boys' tennis team were in the middle of the Wheaton North Freshman Tennis Invitational May 21-22.

Eight doubles and eight singles were chosen from surrounding schools. We-Go sent two doubles teams, Scott Leeseberg and Thom Wierenga, along with Cary Clark and Bob Wiborg. Walter Verdooren and Brett Zahr played as singles.

Scott and Thom won their first round Friday 10-8 and with a forfeit. The other members were eliminated.

Saturday Thom and Scott lost their first match 5-8 and won the second 8-4. This gave them the third-place award for doubles.

Poetry

The death of youth

Images pass through my mind.
Shadows move on the walls
that surround me:
People moving in and out
restlessly,
A faint screeching can be
heard in the night
as people are entering.

Familiar faces, misty-eyed
and unseeing, pass by me.
I sit thinking of time past:
When we were childern
going to parties,
out on dates, out with
the gangs or trying the
newest fads.
We could not see the
glory so much then,
But now it sticks in the
mind like chewing gum
under school benches.

Time seeps through cracks
in the wall.
My mind drifts back to the
room.
The sorry sight of the
group makes me too weep,
Wondering where the glory
has gone.

—Kim

Summer football

As school ends for most of us, it is just the beginning for the 1976 Wildcat football team. The team will be out in the hot July sun sweating and working extremely hard while other students will probably be sitting by a pool or in an air-conditioned room. Football training will start June 21 and end August 13. From there they will be going to Fellowship of Christian Athletes Camp in Michigan to get physically as well as mentally prepared for the upcoming season.