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NEW TEACHERS

OPINION

New freshmen at Orientation August 27.

EDITORIAL

For over 400 freshmen students, West Chicago Community High School will be "home away from home" for the next four years. These years will consist of classes, football games, study hall, activities, basketball games, homecomings, and even some homework.

The average freshman is welcomed to school with the offer of a cheap elevator pass, a map of the fourth floor, a reserved seat in study hall, or an inexpensive tour of the school. This year's "crop" of freshmen have probably been advised by brothers, sisters, or friends of these "devious methods" upper classmen use on a poor "rhiney."

But this year, in order to make every possible convenience available, nap-times will be posted and trike racks will be set up. We are trying to arrange the selling of Pampers in the school bookstore, in case a spare is needed. Guides will be posted in the corridors to direct these "youngins" in the correct direction. Remember freshmen study hall is on the fourth floor, past the planetarium, just to the right of the smoking lounge, and to the left of the built-in pool.

Since we all once were freshmen, we can sympathize with these "children." We all can remember the time when we too needed a step ladder to reach the lock on our locker.

If you happen to see a person standing in the halls looking totally bewildered and sucking his thumb, it's probably one of this year's freshmen looking for room 156. Have a heart, just pat them on the behind and point them in the right direction. "Turn left, then right, then left again at the drinking fountain, then right at the stairs, then left, then..."

Summer repairs to school

Many students at West Chicago Community High spent their summer basking in the sun. But some students spent many dedicated hours improving and repairing our school. Mr. Lee Yunker, chairman, math department, and Mr. Wayne Kosek, an English teacher, directed the staff of students.

Together the group made many various repairs to the school. Much painting was done to classrooms, restrooms, and the bleachers. Repairs were made to the press box near the football field and the stairs leading to the box. Extensive work was done to the science and art rooms, mainly fixing and replacing drawers. For the wrestling fans a new scoreboard was placed in Bishop Gym to record wrestling scores. A major improvement was the installation of new stage curtains.

Besides the repairs and replacements made, much work was done by the custodial staff on cleaning the school. The work required all summer but the staff worked diligently and receives much credit.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Mrs. Marjorie Appel, the new French teacher and foreign language department head, attended City College of New York and went to graduate school at Harvard University. She formerly taught at Wheaton North High School, and is originally from New York City.

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Bedford, Iowa, is home to Richard Staback, the new adaptive education teacher at We-Go. Staback has a B.A. from Tarkio College in Missouri. He will be the coach of cross-country and track.

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Terry Strohm attended Purdue University and graduated with a B.A. in German. She started German in Speedway, Indiana, in order to fill a requirement. Because she liked it so well, she decided to make it her profession. Strohm will fill the vacancy left by Mrs. Linda Jenks.

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Margaret Wemlinger of Chicago is the new home ec teacher. She will be teaching home arts, gourmet foods and basic foods. Wemlinger attended the University of Wisconsin in Stout. In high school Wemlinger took only a sewing course but it was her home ec teacher who encouraged her to go into home economics.

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Nancy Crawford, the new English teacher and speech coach at West Chicago, has a B.A. and M.A. from the University of Illinois in English and Oral Interpretation. Crawford decided to teach English as a result of a college teacher's advice. She makes her home in Lombard.

Another new teacher this year is Jon (Doug) Van De Mark. Van De Mark will be in the business education department teaching IRO. Van De Mark, now living in Huntly, Illinois, did undergraduate work in Wisconsin, and graduate work at Northern. Although Van De Mark isn't involved in any extracurricular activities at the present, he would like to get into coaching or sponsoring a club as soon as he gets the IRO going.

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Miss Kathy Skobel of Wilmette is the new art teacher at WCCHS. She attended the University of Denver for one year, the University of Tel Aviv for six weeks, and the University of Illinois for three years. Skobel will possibly be working on props for this year's drama productions.

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Lindsay McCoy of Naperville will be a part-time art teacher in arts and crafts. She attended North Central College in Naperville. McCoy said she chose this profession because she loves art and teaching.

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Terry Lemberg of New Jersey will be beginning a new program here at WCCHS for students with a learning disability. Lemberg received a bachelor's at the University of New York at New Paltz and a master's at Northwestern in Evanston.

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Besides teaching industrial arts and working with CWT, Paul Junkroski will be assistant coach for one of the basketball teams. He was a teacher in North Lake and got his bachelor's at Chicago State University.

Daniel King will teach personal typing and record keeping this year. King attended Michigan State University but he is originally from the eastern suburbs of Cleveland, Ohio. King has always wanted to go into education and most of his classes involved business so he decided to teach business ed. at We-Go.

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Any students interested in being on a committee for purchasing new tapes or albums for the learning center should contact Mr. Wicks at the LRC.

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Although most of us get a nice summer vacation away from it all, Dr. John Murphy is stuck here all year. "It gets lonely in here during the summer," says the almost alsays cheerful Murphy, the teachers still get paid every two weeks and we schedule four other schools.

Wini has new job

The new office across the hall from the AV center is that of Miss Winifred Thomassen, registrar. As the registrar, Miss Thomassen must keep permanent student records. She is responsible for keeping the records up to date and sending the students' records where they are needed. Evaluating the records of incoming students and keeping an accurate count of enrollment are also duties of the registrar.

Miss Thomassen has played the roll of administrative assistant and registrar the past few years. This is the first year at WCCHS all the jobs of a registrar have been assigned to one person.

SPORTS

New coaches for We-Go

This year WCCHS has a new trainer and several new coaches. Among them are John Highland and Paul Junkrowski, assistant basketball coaches. Highland teaches at the junior high and is a recent graduate of Western Illinois University. He is also assistant football coach. Junkrowski is in CWT and industrial arts.

Dick Howard and Jerry Hinton are new parapros. Hinton is We-Go's first trainer. Coach Ron Hansen said,"We've been trying to get one for years, and we'd like to have one every year!" Hinton is a graduate of Northern Illinois University.

Steve Pentek, a junior high teacher, will be an assistant baseball coach.

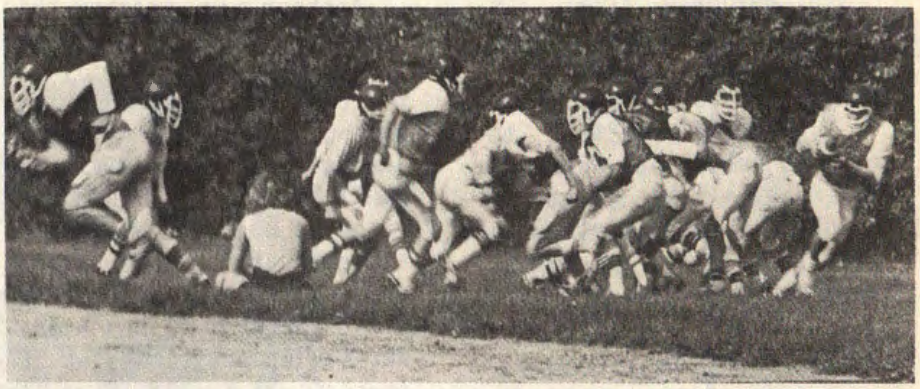
Other new coaches are Richard Staback and Dan King. Staback, adaptive ed,will be a cross-country and track coach. King, a business teacher, will be assistant tennis coach.

Wayne Kosek,veteran teacher, will take on a new position as assistant soccer coach.

Up coming sport events

FOOTBALL

Sept.	10	Geneva	home 6:00
	17	Oswego	home 6:00
	24	Wh. Cent	home 6:00
Oct.	2	Glen. S	away 12:00
	8	Nap. N.	home 6:00
	15	Wh. N.	away 6:00
	22	Nap.Cent	away 6:00
	29	Glen. N.	home 6:00
Nov.	5	Wh. War.	away 6:00



Football starts Sept. 10

Reminiscent of the success of the 1974 state football champions, West Chicago is depending on hustle and good spirit this year.

The Wildcats have plugged many gaps from last year's squad, which should help out greatly. There are several lettermen returning from last year's squad, bringing life to a good crop of Juniors.

Head Varsity Coach Paul Unruh is depending on leadership, dedication, and good spirit to lead the Cats this year. The Wildcats will open their season by facing the Geneva Vikings in a non-conference game, Sept. 10.

ABOVE: Varsity Wildcat players practice a play. Senior quarterback, Larry Becker with the ball. Manager,Laurie Dropp looks on.

Soccer begins a promising season

West Chicago's soccer team begins the new season with a promising squad. They have it in their blood to go downstate. The road is going to be hard. Some of the opposing teams have played longer, but West Chicago is a fighting team. To get downstate, they will have to play as they have never played before.

Their first game is at Waterman. West Chicago lost to them last year.

CROSS-CROUNTRY

Sept.	7	St Francis	home 4:15
	14	Geneve	home 4:15
	18	Lake Park Inv.	9:30
	21	Nap. Cent. and Wh. Cent.	home 4:30
	28	Nap. N.	away 4:30
Oct.	2	Dixon Inv.	10:00
	5	Wh. War. and Wh. North	home 4:30
	9	Crete-Monee	10:00
	13	Glen. S. and Glen. N.	away 4:30
	19	Waubonsie	away 4:30
	22	Conference at Wh. Cent.	

SOCCER

Sept.	7	Waterman	away 4:30
	11	Wh. N.	away 1:30
	14	Romeoville	away 4:30
	16	Somonauk	away 4:30
	20	Hickley Big Rock	home 5:30
	25	Downers S	away 10:00
	28	Wh. War.	away 4:15
	30	Bolingbrook	home 4:00
Oct.	4	Romeoville	home 5:30
	7	Maine N.	away 4:30
	19	Wh. Cent.	home 6:00
	21	Wh. North	home 4:00
	24	Forest View	home 5:00