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ADDITION TO WCCHS TO START IN APRIL

Work on the massive addition to the high school will start in April. The architectural plans have yet to be completed, and the bidding for the $5.5 million addition will probably be settled before April.

The building will consist of

--An enlargement of the cafeteria to accomodate up to 2200 students.

--Ten more classrooms and seven special use rooms.

--A pool which costs an estimated $896,000. It will be 25 yards by 25 meters and will have a capacity of 150 persons. It will have relatively no maintenance, and is expected to pay for its yearly costs through public use.

The fieldhouse will hold three basketball courts, four tennis courts, nine volleyball courts, nine badminton courts, and a full-size track The cost of this building will be $1,416,000.

Marijuana Survey

Lately, there has been a lot of controversy over the present Illinois marijuana laws. To keep up to date, two reporters took a survey at We-Go. This question was asked of teachers as well as students: Do you think marijuana should be legalized?

Teacher- Marijuana should definately not be legalized, it leads a person to harder drugs.

Parapro- If liquor is going to be used, why not marijuana? They are both mental releases and marijuana is surely no more harmful than liquor.

Senior- Marijuana should be more thoroughly tested before legalization. If found harmless, it should be legalized.

Junior- I don't really know enough about it to form a strong opinion either way. However, I tend to feel against it.

Sophomore- Yeah man, for sure!

Freshman- I have no idea. I don't know anyone who smokes it and I have never tried it.

The reporters surveyed 200 students from We-Go and found this result:

Yes 112
No 88

Eagles Take It To The Limit

by Abbie Philips

November 11 the Eagles returned to Chicago after an absence of 15 months, and the wait for their return was worth it.

The Eagles consist of Glenn Frey, vocals, guitars, piano; Don Henley, vocals drums; Randy Meisner, vocals bass guitar; Don Felder, vocals, lead guitar, banjo, steel guitar; and Joe Walsh, vocals, lead guitar. Joe Walsh replaced Bernie Leadon who left the Eagles early in 1976.

The Eagles put on an enjoyable show. They did a variety of songs, including several songs by Joe Walsh,

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Think Before Speaking

Have you ever been the butt of a joke? Didn't you laugh along with the rest of them because you didn't want to show your true feelings? People can be cruel without realizing what damage they are doing to others.

I feel that making fun of others is a big problem at WCCHS and I think people should stop doing this.

Most people seem to make fun of others because they are insecure. They think it will make them look better when they drag another person down. This really has the opposite effect on most people watching. I know it can be easy to go along with your friends, making fun of someone, but these actions could have an extremely deep psychological effect on people. Try to get to know the kids that everyone makes fun of. You may be pleasantly surprised. The person might never be like you had expected. Of course, he may even be worse than you had expected, but at least give him a chance! If you don't like him, it could be just a personality conflict. This is still no reason to make fun of anyone. Who knows, you may feel entirely different about this person and wonder why you ever made fun of him in the first place. Also try and remember that when you make fun of others, no one thinks better of you. Last of all, put yourself in the place of the people that you hurt. I know you couldn't possibly profess to enjoy this kind of attention. Keep these points in mind when you feel the urge to ridicule others!

LRC NOISE

A library is a place to escape from noise. It is a quiet area where it is possible to study, research or read.

But at West Chicago Community High School there isn't a library. The high school has a "learning resource center." Both have books and periodicals, but there is a difference between the two places.

In a library it is hard to concentrate because it is so quiet. In a learning resource center it is hard to concentrate because it is so noisy. A library's main source of information is a book. The center has many ways in which to broaden one's knowledge. Besides books and periodicals, the center tries to "culture" the students. Anyone who is willing may watch television in the center. Anyone who isn't willing can hear it. Recently it was possible to learn about the dilemmas of Dawn, a poor, runaway girl. Cassette tapes with headphones are available for students who want music. The noise increases as people wearing headphones "unknowingly" scream to their friends.

The problem becomes serious when a student is unable to study at home for some reason. School is his only haven. But at present the center is offering an unacceptable alternative.

Although a new center is soon to be built, the problem exists today. Many students won't be here to enjoy the future luxuries. There must be a temporary solution. Perhaps a room could be set aside for the television--the conference rooms in the center, for example. Strict enforcement on student talking would greatly reduce the noise.

A resource center is a fantastic place, if your goal is not studying.

Sisson Takes to the Air

by Rich Wilson

Senior Jim Sisson has been taking flying lessons for more than a year.He received his license last August and is continuing instructions. Unfortunately for him,and maybe us if you're superstitious, is the fact that he received his license on Friday, the thirteenth. It doesn't bother him for he says, "It's just like any other day."

Getting a pilot's license isn't easy.Probably the biggest hill to climb is the shelling out of the money for class and air time. It costs somewhere in the area of $1500. His license is for flying a single engine land aircraft.

Now that he has his license he just needs some more instruction and fly time in another plane for a license to fly a more sophisticated plane such as a multi-engine land aircraft.

He's constantly around planes which may account for his enthusiasm for flying.

He works at DuPage Airport fueling planes. He works there because he might want to make a career of flying. Flying commercially is smart for they make good money. He will need good money to help soften the first blow of $1500 dollars to get a license.

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like "Rocky Mountain Way" and "Walk Away."

The songs I feel they did best were the softer songs of the Eagles, like Doolin - Dalton,Desperado, Take It to the Limit, Best of My Love. Some other songs they did well were Midnight Flyer, Already Gone, Take it Easy, and James Dean.

The Eagles played their hits along with a couple of new songs from their soon to be released album Hotel California.

Several new albums have come out in the last few months that are worth knowing about. Boston came out with it's first album titled "Boston," which is giving groups like Aerosmith something to be scared about. Rush and Led Zeppelin have both come out with live albums which show a side of them that up till now was only seen in concert. Both are very good.

Other new albums include "Crystal Ball" by Styx,"Modern Music" by BeBop Deluxe, and "One More From The Road" by Lynard Skynrd.

Two new movies are out that are well worth the money to see: "The Song Remains the Same," starring Led Zeppelin, and "Rod Stewart:Faces In Concert."

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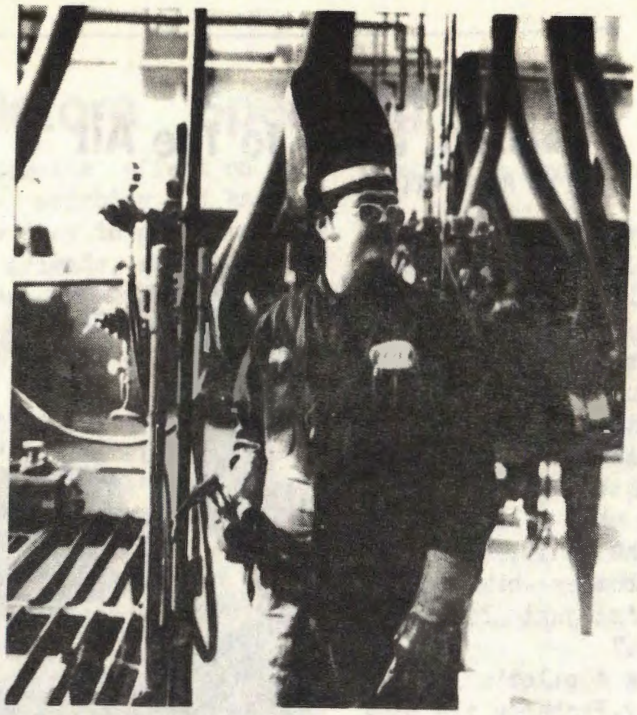
DAVEA Welding

By Roy O'Gwin

A crackle of heavy voltage and a shower of sparks are the first things you notice as you step into the welding department of DAVEA.

The Welding and Fitting department, as welding is listed in the Career Guide, has a welding set-up better than many welding shops. With a total of 16 electrical arc welding machines, plus 12 oxyacetylene torches one portable unit, they are more than capable of handling the requests the department receives.

Work for the Welding Department is not limited to welding plates together. Most of the work done in the department is outside work brought in by people who desire objects to be made or repaired. Some of the projects in the past are trailers for the Construction trades to haul material in, major body repairs on a dump truck brought in, toys and playground equipment for the Child Care. Jobs in the near future are a spiral staircase to be made at DAVEA and to be installed in the person's home, a trailer for the helicopter in Aviation and several engine stands for Auto Mechanics.



Roy O'Gwin in welding uniform

Photo by Mark Stephano

Xmas Tea

On December 17, the food classes will be preparing a Christmas tea. Home Economics students, faculty, and administrators will get together to enjoy the Christmas goodies, the relaxing atmosphere, and visiting. The home arts classes have contributed many of their knitting projects. Have you ever seen a green frog that weighs 10 pounds?

Another highlight is the microwave oven that has been recently added to the foods lab. Hors d'oeuves will be prepared and cooked in the microwave during the Christmas tea.

WE-GO in First Tournament

by Bob Frommert

The basketball players traveled to Loves Park to play in a tournament at Rockford Harlem High School some 60 miles away. Winnebago, Harlem and Hononegah also participated in the tourney.

West Chicago's first game was on Friday, November twenty-six at 6:30p.m. West Chicago lost the first game to Winnebago by a 85-67 score. Friday night the team stayed at a motel in Rockford because of bad driving conditions.

The next day at one p.m. the Wildcats played host to the Harlem team. The Wildcats played a great game but were edged out at the end by a 59-57 score.

That night at 6:30p.m., the Wildcats played Hononegah for third place. The Wildcats were down at the half 42-40, but they came out fired up and won by one point, 76-75.

The next game is December 3 against Naperville Central. It is the first conference game, sophomores at 6:30 and varsity at 8:00.

Teacher Speaks Out on Hallway Harassment

by Robert Lemon
Math Department

In the last issue of the Bridge, a young lady, I believe, wrote to the editor about the problem of harassment in the hallways. Perhaps I can help. On one point we agree: She seems to have a problem.

I caution her fellow students. If she cannot be trusted to find the cafeteria in five minutes, one may reasonably doubt that she can find relevant court decisions. If she denies the constitutional guarantees determined in Tinker vs. Des Moines, then perhaps she is not an authority on student rights. I doubt the objectivity of one who has recently been involved in a related disciplinary action. Not being the teacher involved directly, I feel qualified to rebut.

Relax, wench! I am aware of the Gault decision and Wood vs. Strickland. I am willing to inform you of your rights and will try to protect them. Yet, I must insist that you realize that the school is charged with responsibility for your actions. Therefore it is also charged with the power to issue reasonable restraint. The courts insist upon the state's right to an educated electorate. When the school is reasonable defending the educational process, they are acting properly. Just like free speech does not protect one who yells "fire" in a crowded theatre, consrirutional rights do not protect those who interfere with the educational process.

The essential questions:

1. Is it reasonable to ask that s student be clear of the hallways and into an assigned area in five minutes?

2. Is it reasonable for students to harass and waste the time of a teacher by refusing to meet the previous request with affirmative responsible action?

Unfortunately, the young lady seems not to have realized the following relevant principles:

1. She cannot be assumed to be more special or privileged than students who have the same amount of time to get to classes. She must either contend that all students deserve more time, or demonstrate what makes her so much better than the rest.

2. It takes a lot of gall to assume that what is happening is the classrooms which she passes and may interfere with is less important than her petty desire to take her time. Perhaps it is her fellow students that she deprives.

3. If her sincere desire is that the teacher be in the classroom, she should stop necessitating that he be in the hall. In other words, if she doesn't want to be harassed, she should clean up her act.

4. I agree that teachers must learn to respect students. To disagree would be like supporting pollution, war, disease, or poverty. I would, however, consider knuckling under to adolescent whim disrespect. I would consider expecting more of students respectful and complimentary.

I too support the idea that students should be treated as people. I too realize that at times they are not. Last year I recommended to the student council that they endeavor to establish free corridors where student travel was to be unrestricted and unhassled. I realize that our educational system incarcerates, without hearing, counsel, or right to cross-examine witnesses, for a period of not less than ten years. Yet I must conclude that her objections are ill-advised. I will gladly discuss them with her at a mutually convenient time if--

1. I do not have 25 students waiting for me in the classroom.

2. It is approached as a serious search for a better situation for students at WCCHS and not used as an opportunity to put on a show for her friends.

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I AM YOUR FRIENDLY COMPUTER, BEING A MACHINE I HAVE NO EMOTIONS. NEVERTHELESS YOUR LOGIC GIVES ME INDIGESTION WOULD YOU PLEASE PLACE 2 ALKA SELTZER IN MY ACCUMULATOR IT WOULD MAKE ME FEEL MUCH BETTER
PEOPLE HAVE NO COMPASSION FOR COMPUTERS
WE DO ALL THAT TYPING WITHOUT EVEN A BREAK
DO YOU THINK I LIKE GRADING YOUR PITIFUL REPORT CARDS
AND WHAT ABOUT ALL THE HOURS OF COMPUTATION YOU PUT ME THROUGH CHANGING YOUR SCHEDULES
I M FED UP, NO MORE MR. NICE GUY, I QUIT
I HEREBY RESIGN AS YOUR COMPUTER
GOOD BYE CRUEL WORLD

B-Ballers Have Potential

by Greg Frommert and Missy Mitz

The 1976-1977 Basketball team seems to have a lot more potential than teams in the past few years.

The cocaptains of this year's squad are seniors Jim Farrell and Jon Plefka, both returning Lettermen. Other returning lettermen on the team are Kevin Bailey, Paul Best, Gregg Frommert, Kevin McConkey, Vic Mercado, and Tim Ratliff.

The Wildcats played their first game a week ago Tuesday, against a much improved Waubonsie Valley team. The Wildcats played a fairly good game, and came out on top at 70 to 48.

Saturday afternoon the Wildcats played two very exciting games. The lead changed back and forth, but the Wildcats ended as the Losers at 59 to 57 against the Tournament host, Loves Park Harlem.

Saturday Night, the Cats played Rockton Hononegah, who also hadn't won a game in the Tournament. This was another close game in which the score changed sides often. But this time, the Wildcats came out on top at 76 to 75.

The conference opens against Naperville Central tonight.

CONFERENCE SELECTIONS

by Tim Norman

The 1976 Wildcat Football Team was second to Wheaton-Warrenville in players on the league's all-star team.

The defensive line had two unanimous choices in tackle, Tim Norman and Noseman Mike Adesko. Miquel Cortez was selected as a linebacker, and Paul Best was also named to the defensive team at halfback. Right Guard Scot Anderson was wego's only offensive seletion

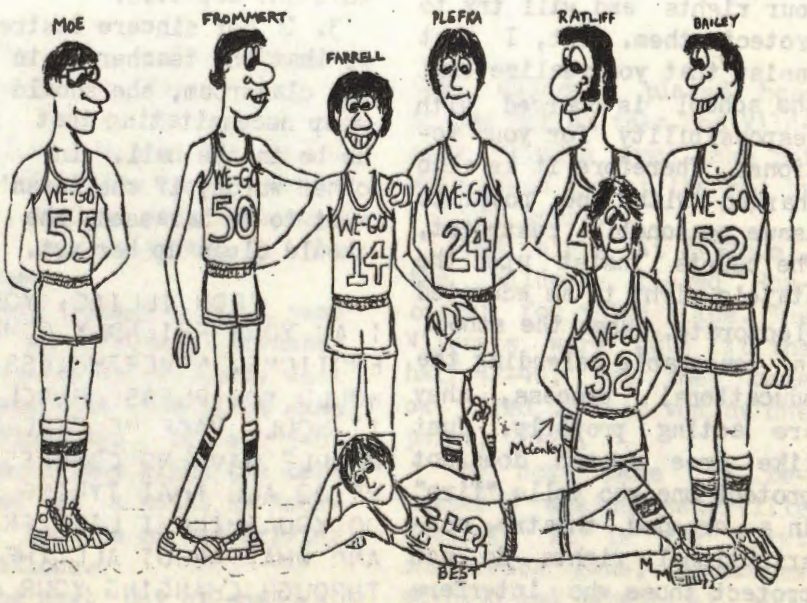
Honorable mentions were ends Kevin Bailey, Mark Wheeland, Craig Sisson, and Bruce Walters; Armando Gonzales, at safety and Ken Novosad at halfback.

Girls' Volleyball

by Debbie Nogaj

"We're starting a bright season and both teams are stronger than ever," said Ms. Gail George, girls' volleyball coach. "They have improved 100%," claims Ms George, "and they can do anything, but they have to want to and work as a team." Varsity begins the conference season with a 2-1 record, defeating Wheaton Christian and Geneva. Returning varsity players are co-captians MaryLou Muilenburg and Shelly Straka. Other varsity players are Beth Beedle, Tammy Waterhouse, Kim Clausen, Colleen Courtney and Penny Zarate.

Junior varsity has a 3-0 record thus far to credit them. Players are co-captians Debbie Finnegan and Kathleen Courtney. Other players are Rachel Ayres, Cindy Clark, Tracy Finnegan, and Carol Hedrick, Donna Hookam, Laurie Murphy, Jean Radavich, and Jean Zak.



SENIOR BASKETBALLERS