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Mass Media Presents News

by Jeff Gordon

Mr. Greenberg's 7th hour Mass Media class is producing a 30-minute newscast. This program will be much like a newscast program you might see on television. It will include news, sports, weather, and even commercials, all written and put on by the seventh hour class.

What is Mass Media, you may ask? Quoting from the 1976-1977 syllabus, "'The student studies communication through the mass media of television, radio, and newspapers."

When asked what the purpose of this newscast was, junior Cathy Bosso says,"To promote our ability to work with equipment in the studio." She adds, "Everyone is doing a super job and we're working together as a group."

The Mass Media consists of

Pete Wallwork--Director
Dan Petlon--Assistant ector
Cathy Bosso--Secretary
Lisa Black, Bob North--Anchormen
Joel Catalano, Ray Blacklidge--Sports
Ronnie Phillips--Weather
Wendy Soderquist--Reporter
Sam Reyes, John Olijar--SEG
Tom McAdams, Dean Holland --Cameramen
Steve Cowling--Audio VTR
Ronnie Phillips, Cathy Bosso--Tallylights
Cathy Bosso, Sam Reyes, Ronnie Phillips, Wendy Soderquist, Ray Blacklidge, Dean Holland, and Joel Catalano--Commercials

They taped it Wednesday and saw it in class yesterday.

If any student is interested in what this class does,sign up for Mass Media. It is a half credit,it lasts one semester, and is open to juniors and seniors.

A KID'S VIEW OF SANTA CLAUS

by Marie Devereux, Ann Schibur and Sandy Reid

Do you remember being little and dreaming of Santa Claus? Do you remember leaving cookies and milk by your fireplace for him when he came down your chimney? Well, if you don't, we'd like to bring some of those memories back to you.

Recently several groups of children from Winfield Public School were interviewed on some of their ideas about Santa.

When asked the following questions, they replied like this:

Q. How old is Santa Claus?
A. 31. 2,000. Much older than my dad. He's not old; he's dead.
Q. How tall are his elves?
A. One foot. Two foot. Seven foot. Pretty little.
Q. What do his elves eat? and drink?
A. Wood, snowworms,cookies, deer meat, pop, milk, orange juice, melted snow, hot chocolate.
Q. Where did the reindeer learn to fly?
A. Santa taught them.Reindeer school. It's magic. Ma and Pa coached them. Maybe they're bionic.
Q. How much does Santa weigh?
A. Sixteen pounds; 98 pounds; 1,005 pounds; 30,000.
Q. How long does it take Santa to deliver all his presents?
A. Fifteen minutes;one hour; all night; one week;fifty years.
Q. How many letters does Santa receive each year?
A. 100; 3,200; 10,000; 42; 130.
Q. What does Santa look like?
A. He has a red suit, black boots, black belt, white beard, black beard, red nose, and a red hat.
Q. Do the reindeer ever get cold?
A. No, they don't get cold. Their fur keeps them warm. They wear mittens. They wear coats and Santa's clothes.

During our discussion they told us that Santa comes down the chimney or through the front door. They also said that the Abominable Snowman is just a giant puppet. One class of kindergartners even sang "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer."

The reporters would like to thank the kindergartners, and the first and second graders who helped them remember what it's like to still have those wonderful beliefs!

Air National Guard offers Benefits

By Lori Reeve

Imagine earning $400 a month while in the college accredited training program of the Illinois Air National Guard. The program begins in the summer and upon completion the student receives a Free Tuition Scholarship to any Illinois State school and a guaranteed part-time job with the National Air Guard.

Electronics, Vehicle maintenance, and Food Preparation are just a few examples of the 300 different career fields. Room and board are also provided with the program.

Benefits such as free travel and discount shopping are included.

For more information, contact Sergant Bob Krause at (312)694-3604 or at the Base Recruiting Office, O'Hare International Airport, at (312) 694-3693.

Night Courses Available at We-Go

by Brett Howard.

Students think that the school closes at 4 p.m., but they're wrong. Anyone aged 18 and over, or a person who has the consent from his school counselor, is invited to attend the GED classes. Evening school began September 27 and meets every Monday and Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. There's absolutely no charge.

There are 15 classes for enrichment and college credit. They continue for 12 weeks and will begin again in September, January and April. This program has been here for ten years.

For further information contact Mr. Rick DuFour between 7 a.m.-4 p.m. on weekdays; Mr. Gene Peterson 7 p.m.-10 p.m. Mondays; and Mr. John DeLap 7 p.m.-10p.m. Wednesdays.

Fill'er Up With Ravioli!

by Winsor Stough

Sixty-five gallons of ravioli used in one day!

Fifteen hundred people go through the cafeteria lines, 500 of these have hot lunches and the rest go through the snack lines. The students' favorite meals are pizza, tacos, and ravioli.

Ravioli and pizza are the only meals that come from cans. The staff of seven cooks specially prepare all the other meals. Besides the seven cooks, 50 students help serve the lunches, wash tables and dishes, and work the cash registers.

Lunches cost the students 60¢ and the teachers 75¢. The government pays 15¢ for each lunch and 6¢ for milk.

One thousand people a day choose from milk, pastries, chips, and ice cream in the snackline, where stealing is a major problem.

NEWS BRIEFS

A magic show will be held in the Learning Resource Center today. WCCHS students Lee and Dennis Hahn and Mike Nicholson will perform during part of each hour. This is not only for amusement but will be attended by classes with related studies in magic.

Because of the seriousness of the show, the performers would like it quiet during the performances.

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Coach Dave Sparkman, while playing basketball in his fourth hour P.E. class, went up for a lay-up and when he came down, tore the ligament in his right ankle.

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Selected members of the West Chicago Concert Band made their annual trip to several elementary schools to present a Christmas program. This is done on a rotating basis so that each school is visited at least once every three years. Among the highlights of the trip were the songs, "'Twas the Night Before Christmas", narrated by Pam Price, and "Sleigh Ride", directed by many of the school children. The band members derive great pleasure out of making these children happy while they spread good cheer.

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An Eastern Pipistrelle bat was captured in the We-Go gym November 15 by students Tim Shepard and Don Hardy.

OPINIONS

So You Want To Be A Teacher

by Hilary Citron

Let's face up to the fact that the only escape route one has in classes these days is fantasy or daydreaming. There are a few students who are really quite expert at daydreaming. The trick is to gaze with seemingly rapt attention in the general direction of the instructor.

There is one weak point of daydreaming. Generally speaking, daydreams tend to run along the same train of thought. Seeing yourself score the winning point in the last five seconds of the game, day after day, can get slightly stale.

So picture the following:

You're standing at the front of the class, a whip in one hand and a book of trite, and very seldom amusing, expressions in the other. In effect, you're the teacher, and the teachers are your students.

As acting teacher, you have two options open. You can either play "The Chum," or you can be "Joe Discipline."

If you opt for "The Chum" you must desregard the whip and replace it with an inane grin. "The Chum" is more likely to talk about his or her vacation in the Adirondacks and his or her "pet peeves," than say, American government or General Chemistry. Basically, "The Chum" is a bore.

On the other hand, you still have "Joe Discipline," Which is not to say that he is any less boring. He isn't. He just adds the element of fear. Joe glowers a lot and he has only one eyebrow. Unlike most people's, the two eyebrows just sort of grow together.

You being your lecture on the Peruvian Yellow Snail, when you notice two students whispering in the back row. This calls for immediate action. "Psssht! Be still!" you shout. It is an unwritten law that each teacher must develop ane perfect his or her own mouth noise.

You must constantly be on the lookout for disruptive or inattentive students. In the event that you spot one, address him directly and ask him a question you're sure he can't answer. Give the student ten seconds to respond. If and when he does not, slap his wrists and send him to the Dean's office. That's one less nuisance you have to worry about. It is possible to get rid of the whole class in this manner, sometimes in the first 15 minutes.

You must never forget the may's and may not's of teaching. Here they are compiled into a brief list.

1. You may never, no matter how severely provoked, vigorously or otherwise, pummel a student about the face and head.

2. You may slap a student's wrists after taking this precaution: make sure your fingernails are suffi - ciently dull so as not to induce accidental slitting of said student's wrists.

3. Hysterics are expressly forbidden.

4. Although students are not allowed to eat or drink in the classroom atmosphere, you may do so if you are having a bad day and wish to take your hostilities out on your students.

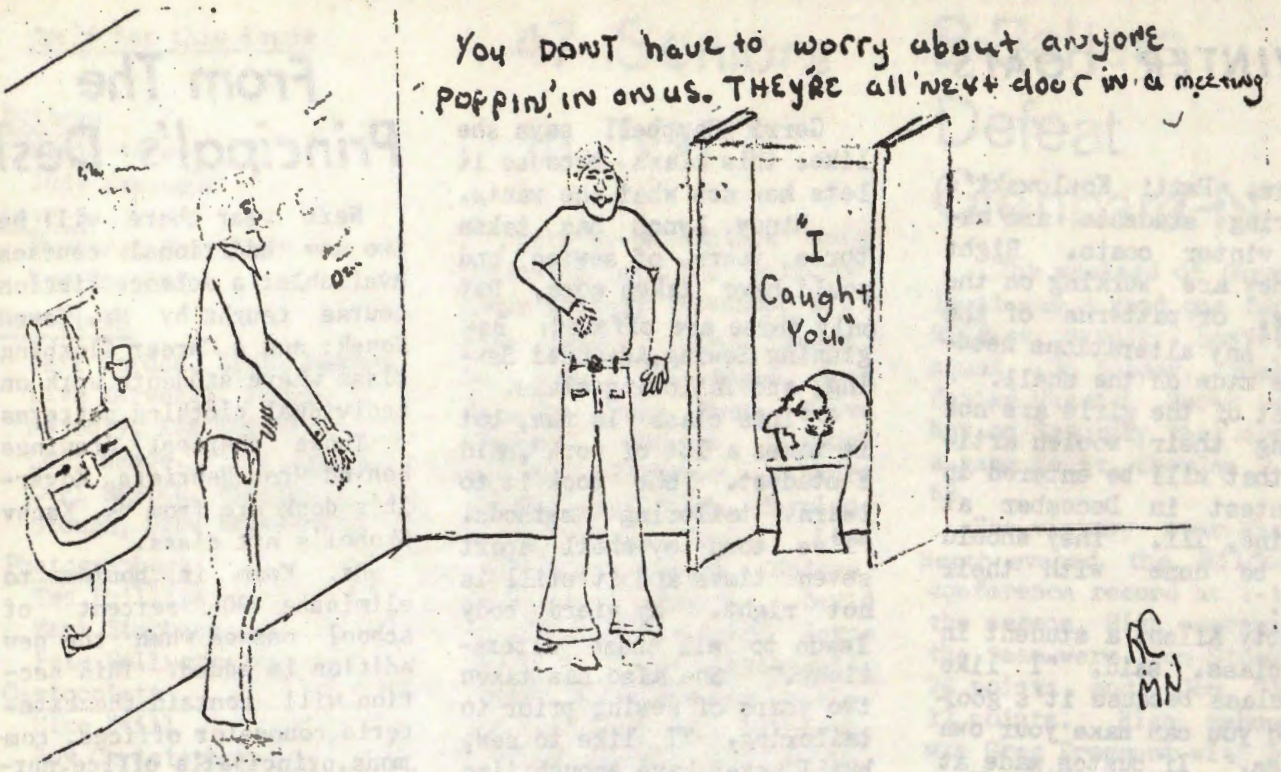
What Does Student Council Do?

What good is the student council in this school? What have they done in the past year? They put a juke bax in the cafeteria, and then they took it out. What was done with the money from it? Under the leadership of Mr. Timothy Sampson, I think that the student council is one big total farce. I think it should be eliminated or revised completely.

They may have done some things that they think have been worthwhile, but nothing done has affected the students. Also, Mr. Sampson, don't you have anything better to do than to call your own members names? I welcome any replies.

--Bill Andrews

For the first time in We-Go sports history, a basketball player ran through the wrestling room without the wrestlers tearing his clothes off. The proud hero for the basketball program is Jimmy Farrell.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The school should have a smoking lounge for the following reasons:

1) So the washrooms won't smell of cigarettes.
2) To save cleanup time for the custodians.
3) Smokers aren't the only ones who use the washrooms.

There are people who go to the washroom to do something else besides smoke. A smoking lounge would not only benefit smokers, but the nonsmokers too. The washrooms would be neater and there would be less stench from cigarette smoke. It would save time for parapros because they wouldn't have to check the washrooms. It would also cut down the number of referrals. We would suggest that you find out how many referrals are given for smoking.

Two Concerned Nonsmokers

LRC

I go to the LRC every day during my unscheduled period. I have never noticed it being too noisy except when a teacher brings a class in. As for the tv shows, most of the time you can hardly hear them because they're turned so low that other students can't study.

I think the music is played quietly and I don't know of anyone who has ever gone up to the desk and complained that it was too loud.

Mrs. Charlotte Barsema tries very hard to keep the LRC quiet. She kicks out the people who are too rowdy, but there is nothing she can do about a noisy class.

I would like to say that I really enjoy the LRC and I have never had any problems doing my homework because of excess noise.

Rebuttal

Sam Reyes stunned the listening section of the LRC by putting Glenn Miller music on instead of rock 'n roll. When Mr. Wicks heard the music, he called Mrs. Barsema over and they danced the Boogie Woogie to "String of Pearls" and to the delight of the onlookers.

Do teachers really like us? I certainly hope so, but I must admit I sometimes get the feeling they don't. For example when a teacher asks for a pass I have to wonder if they are worried about me disrupting a class or are they really reasserting their superiority over me? Is the profession of teaching one for people who are concerned with the lives of today's youth or the overeducated youth of yesterday? High School is closer to an actual social structure than any other institution.

Is there life after high school? Well for my sake I hope so because I'm tired of asking, "Can I go to the bathroom??"

WINTER COATS

Mrs. Patti Kozlowski's tailoring students are making winter coats. Right now they are working on the shells, or patterns of the coats. Any alterations needed are made on the shell.

Most of the girls are now cutting their woolen articles that will be entered in a contest in December at Palatine, Ill. They should soon be done with their coats.

Dotty Allen, a student in the class. said. "I like this class because it's goofy, and you can make your own clothes." If custom made at a tailor shop, one of these coats would run about $1200.

Kim Galloway has had Mrs. Kozlowski for three years in a row. She's going to take sewing if she goes to college.

Gerri Campbell says she likes this class because it lets her sew what she wants.

Mindy Lynch has taken three years of sewing and would have taken more, but only three are offered; Beginning Sewing, Advanced Sewing, and Tailoring class.

"This class is fun, but it takes a lot of work", said a student. She took it to learn tailoring methods. "I've torn my shell apart seven times and it still is not right. My wierd body leads to all these alterations." She also has taken two years of sewing prior to tailoring. "I like to sew, but I never have enough time at home, so I take time at school to sew."

From The Principal's Desk

Next year there will be two new additional courses available: a science fiction course taught by Mr. Wayne Kosek; and a Career Clothing class where students work on individual clothing patterns.

Those charcoal drawings behind Mrs. Henrieta Kovarik's desk are from Ms. Kathy Skobel's art class.

Dr. Kamm is hoping to eliminate 90 percent of school passes when the new adition is added. This section will contain the cafeteria, counselor offices, commons, principal's office, nurse's office, and guidance center.

by Frank Nejedly

Senior Studies Chinese

by Ken Novosad

Chris Ursich, a senior at WCCHS, went to California last summer to study Chinese. Classes were held at the Monterey Institute of Foreign Studies, in Monterey. Chris stayed in a nearby dormitory in Pebble Beach.

There were eight people when the class started and ten when it was over. Most of them were juniors in college but some had already graduated. The majority of them were Californians.

Classes started June 14 and lasted ten weeks. The students had to go to class Monday through Saturday for five hours a day. They were introduced to 760 characters of the Chinese language and Chris said she learned about 640 of them.

Adaptive Ed

by Dave Karwoski

Mr. Richard Staback is head of the adaptive education department which is designed to take slow learners and put them into individual programs.

The department aims to find a student's goal and set the student up to achieve that goal.

All students participate in PE and drivers ed along with the required electives. If that student shows interest, he goes into advanced classes. "The education they receive prepares them to cope with society rather than society coping with them".

All of Mr. Stabach's 15 students have received prevocational training. Some of this training involves making signs for the math departments, doing jobs in the lunch room, and being aids in the library. Without a department like this, the slow learning students would not have the chance they deserve.

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47 Seniors in NHS

Forty-seven seniors were initiated into the National Honor Society November 18: Rita Baker, Jane Beeken, Paul Best, Lisa Black, Beth Chezem, Grace Choe, Steve Dempsey, Kaleen Egeland Barbara Elslager, Laura Farcas, Mary Feld, Shyrlene Foster, Lisa Gould, Lisa Gustafson, Kevin Hodges, Steven Ingraham, David Justice, Julie Kamm, Joyce Large, Kurt Liebezeit, Suzanne Lins, Timothy Little, Melinda Lynch, Mary McIntosh, Richard Morgan, Dale Nellis, Kennan Novosad, Kathleen Peterson, Creighton Pieratos, Cindy Plomb, Pamela Price, Lori Reeve, Virginia Schmult, Shirley Shepard, Margaret Shurtleff, Melinda Simon, Kevin Tissot, Carolyn Turner, Christine Ursich, Bruce Walter, Donna Walter, Steven Wells, Gail West, Mark Wheeland, Cheri Whitaker, Mary Beth Woomer, and David Zietlow.

B-Ballers Defeat Glenbard-N

The weekend of December 10-11 was a good one for the Wildcat varsity basketball squad. On Friday, they defeated Wheaton North 64-58, but on Saturday they dropped a game to St. Charles, 74-58.

The victory over Wheaton North evened the Wildcats' conference record at 1-1 for the season. High scorers for the team were, Don Stockton, 26 points, and Jom Plefka 12 points. High rebounder was Greg Frommert with 13.

The Wildcats' loss to St. Charles dropped their overall record to 3-5. Don Stockton was the high scorer for the second time in two games. His 18 points were followed by Greg Frommert's 13. Frommert led the team in rebounds with 10.

In looking at the two games, Coach Paul Netzel thinks his team played well in both but just ran out of gas in Saturday's game against St. Charles.

The Wildcats beat Glenbard North Friday night 61-55. High scorers were Don Stockton with 22 and Greg Frommert with 14.

by Carl Sostak

Varsity Wrestlers Win Two JV's Take Three

by Tim Rennels

Friday night the We-Go wrestlers met the Glenbard North Panthers in a dual meet at Glenbard. The varsity grapplers came away losers after a heartbreaking confrontation which wasn't decided until the final bout. The final score was 28-22.

Nevertheless the JV wrestlers kept their unbeaten conference recored by outdistancing the Panthers 45-12.

Regardless of the Friday night loss, the Wildcats traveled to Glenbrook N North Saturday, where they swept a double-dual meet against Glenbrook North and Palatine. The varsity defeated Glenbrook 29-21 and put down Palatine with a score of 28-21.

Meanwhile the JV's picked up two more wins. After giving up 18 points to Palatine and 12 to Glenbrook by forfeits, they came back strong and defeated Glenbrook 30-28 and Palatine 38-18.

The sweet notes of Renaissance Christmas carols will be heard Tuesday in Room 129 by Mr. Terry Zimmerman's consort. The group consists of Lisa Gould, Amy Noonan, Lisa Gustafson, Judy Gustafson, Jennifer Walters, Dan Robbins, Thom Wierenga, Scott Walters, Andrew Woods, Rick Goruett.

SPORTS

We-Go Gymnasts Begin Season

by Ken Novosad

The We-Go gymnasts started the season with two meets last week. The first was against Elgin Larkin High School. We-Go was no match for the talented Elgin gymnasts. We-Go looked much better in its last meet as they improved the team score by ten points. East Leyden, one of the better teams in the state, ran away with the meet. It was a close battle for second, but We-Go was edged out by only five points.

This years varsity all-around man is junior, Dave Judson. The sophomore all around man is freshman, Scott Balance.

Saturday, We-Go will host West Leyden. The meet will begin at 1:30pm in the small gym.

Coach Dave Sparkman, while playing basketball in his fourth hour P.E. class went for a lay-up and when he came down, he tore the ligament in his right ankle.

Set, Spike, Serve

By Dick Waterhouse

The Bridge sent a reporter to talk to Ms. Gail George, head volleyball coach. This is how the interview went:
Q:Did the girls' performance December 7 surprise you?
A:No, not at all.I knew from the first of the season the potential we had. Last night the offense was dynamite. If we could get our offense and defense together we'd be pretty tough to beat.
Q: Do you have any comments on this year's team?
A: Beth Beedle and Tammy Waterhouse are the varsity's top spikers and if they're on stupefy the opponents.

Varsity setters are Penny Zarate and Shelly Straka. These girls can set, spike, block and serve a tremendous game. Mary Lou Muilenberg is as fine a volleyball player as I have ever seen or had on a team.Louie has a deadly serve and can spike and block. Her height is deceiving, she can really jump. Colleen Courtney is a strong defensive setter when need ed, although she prefers spiking. Kim Clausen is our youngest

We-Go's conference record is now 6-4 and although we practice and play hard, our conference is a bear. The competition is terrific and hard to overcome. You can't afford to have a bad game.

The J-V team is also the best this year we have ever had. They can bump, set, spike and serve with accuracy and consistency.

Tuesday they were beaten by Glenbard South in a three game match. It was quite a battle and we made a few errors which got the other team going. Both team had been tied for first place.

The girls don't like t lose. But they'll be back, and better than ever.

There is no room for errors if you plan on winning. Inconsistency has hurt us in conference play, but we will be ready for the state playoffs starting January 11 in the Bishop Gym.

December Wrestling Schedule

17 Glenbard North
Away 6:30p.m.
18 Naperville Tournament (sophomore)
Away 12:00 noon
18 Palatine (Frosh)
Away 9:30a.m.
18 Glenbrook North (Varsity/JV)
Away 1:30p.m.
22 Round-Lake Tournament (Sophomore)
Away 9:00a.m.
22-23 Hinsdale Central' Tournament (Varsity)
Away 1:00p.m.
29 Oswego
Away 6:30p.m.