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We-Go welcomes four exchange students

Nick Payet

Florence Cathelin

Takako Haquiara

by Linda Simmons

Try talking to one of Wego's four foreign exchange students, and you may learn something interesting.

Nicholas (Nick) Payet is from Reunion Island, a small island controlled by France. The island's capitol, St. Denis, is the town Nick lives in. His father is a police captain, and his mother, a first grade teacher. He has a twin sister, Natalie, who is an exchange student in Iowa, and a four year old sister, Virginia. His hobbies are photography and skiing.

In West Chicago, Nick is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rhodes. He likes the U.S., and finds many things interesting and different. His coureses here include Math, Spanish III; Speech, and P.E. He says that there are more school activities and sports here, as well as more school spirit. He also says the parent-child relationships seem a lot better. One other thing he especially likes is the girls, who he thinks are friendlier here.

Florence Cathelin comes from Foucheranz in the Jura mountains near Switzerland. Mr. Cathelin is a superintendent in a chemical factory, and Mrs. Cathelin is a housewife. Florence has two brothers: Frank, 14, and Dominic, who is a teacher; as well as one sister, Crystalle. She likes swimming, gymnastics, dancing, and history. Her classes here are Accounting, German, typing, Speech, Basic Food Nutrition, and P.E. Some of the things different than France she sees are in food, cars, and at school. The school there has different subjects at different times in the week. She thinks that type of schedule less boring. Florence is staying with Libby Schnieder and family.

The foreign exchange student from Takaoka Cho Japan is named Takako Haguiara. Her parents Toshujase and Naoka Haginara, own a pig farm. She also has two sisters, Skyoko and Kanako. Hobbies Takako enjoys are reading, and handcrafts. Her schedule here is Typing, Speech, Math III, Choir, and French I. Differences are many between West Chicago and her high school in Japan. For example, they have to wear uniforms, they must clean up after lunch, and their classes don't switch as often. Here Takako is staying with Dr. Kamn's family.

Karen Parker is one foreign exchange student, who comes from Melbourne, Australia. She is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Myers of West Chicago. She likes reading, watching movies, and generally having fun. Her classes at We-Go are Language Sampling, Major American Writers, Psychology, Contemporary Life, and Conservation of Natural Resources. The differences between schools in the US and Australia are more freedom for juniors and seniors here and a smaller variety of subjects.

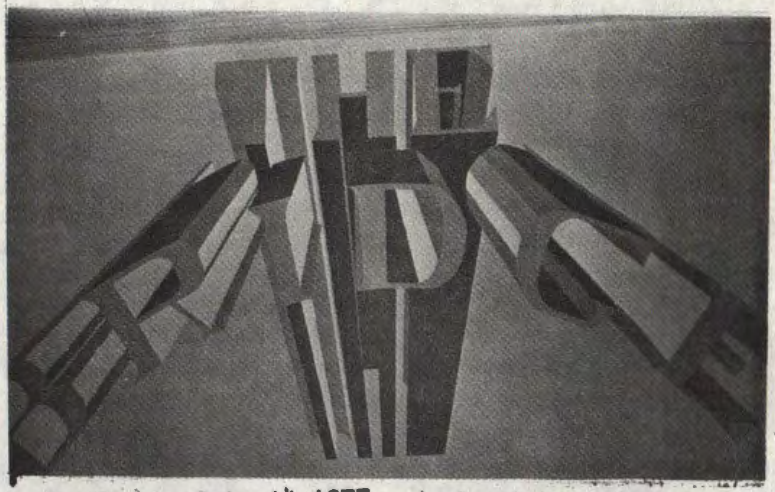
LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Some of us compete for honors, some of us sit on the bathroom floor and have a smoke, some of us lie somewhere in between. Somehow these things combine to give WCCHS, its uniqueness, take it or leave it. Whatever may be the case, we are all in it together.

In writing this, a slightly philosophical approach is taken, because the BRIDGE staff would like to communicate the fact that hundreds of human relationships are interplayed every day at school and that we want to act as a positive service, caring enough to build the school up through those relationships and not tearing it down. We intend the BRIDGE to be a good paper, meeting students' needs.

Students, administration, faculty, or staff may feel free to write to the BRIDGE putting all insights, opinions, complaints, in the "Letters to the Editor box" by the cafeteria.

Sincerely,
Robyn Snowden



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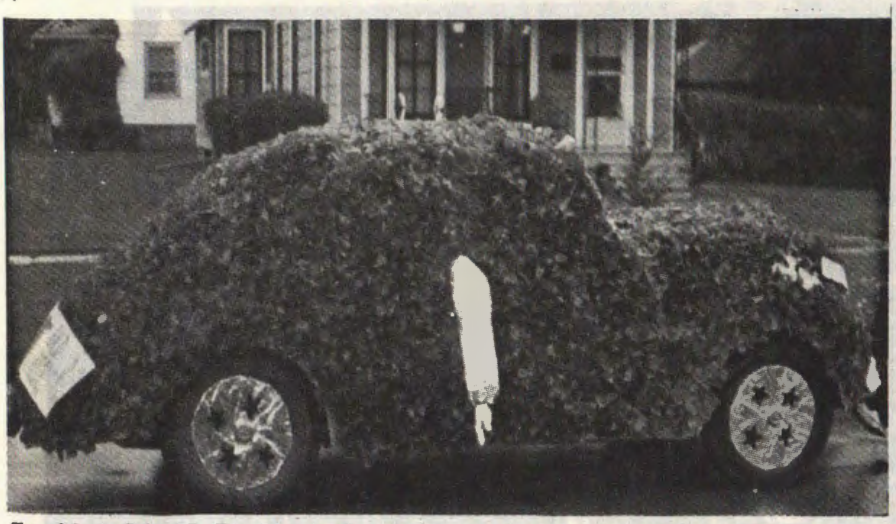


Is it a bird? Is it a plane? Is it a bug? No, it's R2-D2 the senior float!

by Liz Boswell

The senior class of "78" entered their float in the homecoming parade along with all the other classes to celebrate their last year at West Chicago.

The seniors' float is the first self - propelled float that has been entered in the homecoming parade at West Chicago.

The senior class has put a lot of imagination and hard work into their float. Several members from the class of "78" showed up to help work on the float.

The float was built at the Westley's house, while Mrs. Strohm, the class advisor, was there to supervise.

The theme for homecoming this year, Star Wars was chosen by the student body.

The senior float is based on the character R2-D2 from the movie.

The drivers for the float were a couple of martians the seniors picked up in space.

The senior class would also like to thank Chris Bienik for donating his car for the float.

Sewing as a career at WCCHS

by Laurie Choules

Second hour is the time when twenty students create anything from sleeping bags to formal wear, and quilting to upholstering.

Clothing Careers is the class in which you make anything you want. Mrs. Kozlowski initiated the class and teaches it. It started as a mini course last year and is now a semester class. Only a year of Beginning Clothing is required.

Besides making things they can also look into the business aspect of clothing; such as fashion merchandising , window displays and costuming. Guest speakers from Ray-Vogue School, the fashion department at College of DuPage, and others, are coming to talk to the class.

If anyone would like to see the things that were made, they will be displayed Dec. 15th at the Christmas Tea.

Fall Concert is coming up

by Beth Niswander

The first music concert of the year will be held on Tuesday, October 25 at 8 pm in the Auditorium.

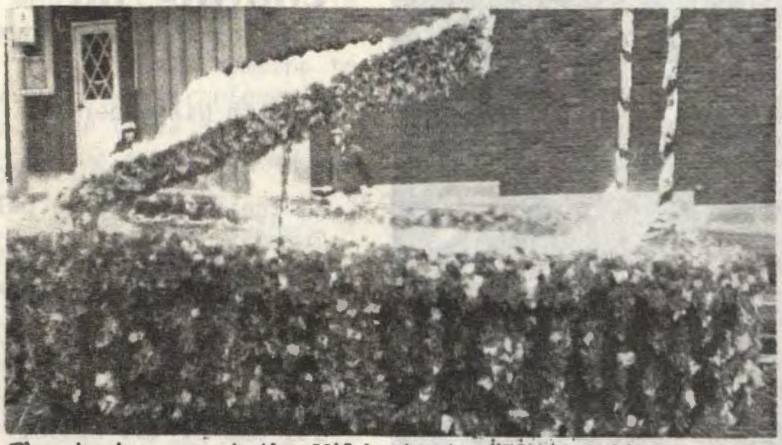
Orchestra will be featured on the first half of the program. Stated Mr. Haney, we have the "potential for one of the finest orchestras in years." Some of the pieces included will be a Rondo by Beethoven, featuring Terry Ferro as student conductor, the Romeo and Juliet Suite by Prokofieff, a medley from J.C. Superstar arranged by Henry Mancini.

Vocal will occupy the remainder of the program, with three major groups performing. Of the Concert Choir, Mr. Benner says that half of the members are new, which is a major change from last year's group. He says says that the men-s section is the best in years in terms of size and strength. Popular numbers on the program will include Shenandoah and Summer Me, Winter Me.

Madrigals will perform, as well as Swing Choir,which will feature Tuxedo Junction,a 40s number, And I Remember, a folksong accompanied by Rick Gorvett on the recorder, and Jinglin' Janglin' Rag by Scott Joplin. Mike Bloxam will be playing drums, and Ann Liebezeit,piano for Swing Choir. Other groups will be accompanied by Mrs. Lindemann and Heidi Miller.

An invitation is cordially extended to the student body and to the general public. There will be no admission charge.

HOMECOMING '77



The juniors want the Wildcats to "Blast off to Victory" as shown by their float.

Here the sophmores portray their thoughts for the Homecoming theme "Star Wars."

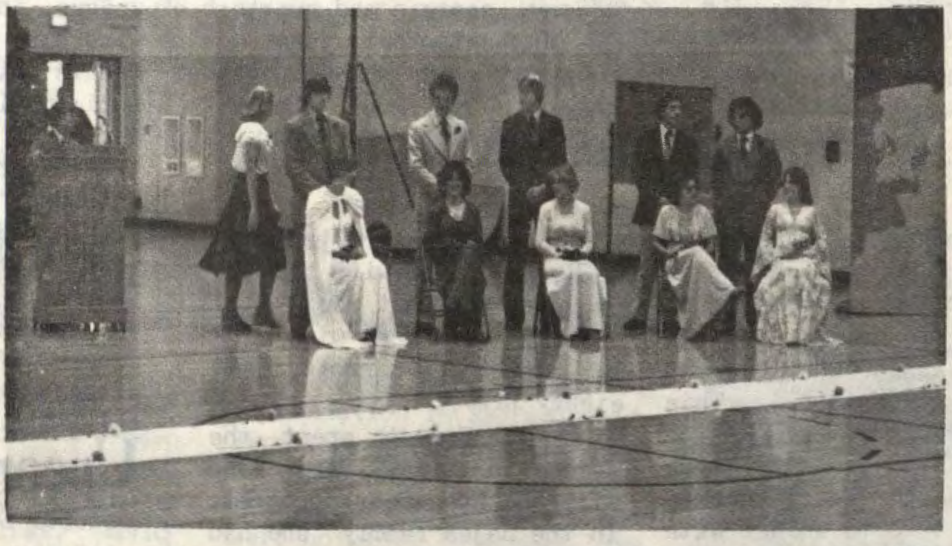
Here the freshman proclaim the force to be with the Wildcats.

Here is our blazing bonfire.

Chewy

STAR WARS

The thrill of victory and the agony of defeat.



The Court

King and Queen

1967 Presidential Scholar Plaque

by Laurie Choules

Has anybody noticed the plaque that is in the south end of the library? This plaque commemorates Paul D. Fairbank as a Presidential Scholar.

Paul Fairbank is a 1967 graduate of West Chicago High School. He received this award because of his outstanding academic ability character, and future potential. It wasn't an easy task, he had to win a National Merit scholarship in which only 2,400 students in the United States won. Then a presidential commission chose Paul and 120 other students from the 2,400 students as Presidential Scholars. For receiving this award Paul went to Washington D.C. and was a guest of President and Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson at a reception given for the scholars.

It really isn't a surprise that he received the award when you look at his record. He had straight A's all four years while taking honors courses, valedictorian of his class, named to the National Honor Society in his junior year and elected president of the society in his senior year.

He wasn't only a scholar, he also, was an athlete. He participated in football, basketball and track. He not only participated but was captain and quarterb ck of the football team, was on the varsity squad in basketball, and set the conference a record for high and low hurdles. Even with his busy schedule he found time to enjoy woodworking, art, camping and travel.

Paul was well liked by the students and the faculty. Mr. DeLap said of him, "Paul was one of the most outstanding, creative students this school has ever had. Whatever he did he did well." Mr. Cowden, Industrial Arts Metals Instructor said, "Paul was very talented, showed exceptional interest, and was extremely polite. He did what he was told and kept working with a project until it was the way he liked it. Paul was unique in that he go along with the class and could handle his ability without intimidating the other students."

After graduating, Paul attended Washington University in St. Louis for six years. Following in his father's footsteps, he is now an architect living in a suburb of St. Louis. Paul attended the 10 year reunion this past summer.

Americans Abroad

by Sharon Foster

When we come back to WCCHS in the fall, we are usually asked what we did during our vacation. This year Heidi Miller, Sharon Foster, Beth Kennedy, Lyda Horvath and Debbie Durkee won't be able to answer with "not much."

Heidi Miller travelled to Brazil with the AFS program. There Heidi lived with the Gomes family in Cosmorama. Heidi had two host sisters, ages seventeen and fourteen.

Beth Kennedy went to Brazil with the Open Door program. She stayed with the Xavien family in Rio de Janiero. Beth said the most difficult things were learning the language, customs, and standards.

Sharon Foster traveled to Norway, also with the AFS program. Her host family, the Ordals, had a farm with barley, potatoes, carrots, and eighty pigs.

Lyda Horvath spent the summer in Lima, Peru also with the Open Door program. In the Rejes family she had one host-brother and one host-sister. The most difficult aspect of her trip was that Peru was having political problems, as a matter of fact, the government was overthrown while she was there.

Debbie Durkee travelled to Asaka Japan with the Lions club program. Debbie stayed with two families in Japan, the Dais' and the Loshimuras. The most memorable part of her trip was visiting Hiroshima.

Upcoming

October Events :

14	Football at Nap. North G. Tennis at Glen. N.
15	G. Tennis at Glen. N.
17	Soccer home Downers Grove S. G. Tennis at Geneva
18	Golf Sect. Tournament Cr. Country at L. Park
19	Soccer at Wheaton N.
21	Football vs. Wheaton N. G. Tennis Dist. Tourn Cr. Country at Nap. C.
24	Soccer at Nap. Central
25	Soccer at Wheaton Chr.
27	Soccer home Nap. North G. Tennis State Tourn

JOY FOR ALL AGES

by D. Collier

This year's fall play, as of yet unnamed by the cast, consists of different selections of literature that are about how the relationships of guys and girls have changed over the past twenty-five years.

Dick Waterhouse (student director) and Miss Crawford (faculty director), have worked with the cast members since October 5th on the variety of skits and scenes. Ms. Adams, from the Art Department will be coordinating the set, and Mrs. Turner will assemble the costumes.

Students auditioned by reading from "Wanda Hickey's Night of olden Memories," and sang a song of their choice from the '50s or '60s.

The ten students chosen for the roles were: Terry Ferro, Kathy Frantz, Greg Heier, Bob Johnson, Topher Kottkamp, Donna Modica, Roberta Root, Michelle Thomas, Barbara Verdooren, Thom Wierenga.

No leads are in this production, because all of the characters portray many parts. The show contains bits of plays from the '50s, '60s, and '70s. One will see all the problems and joys parents have had with their teenagers over the years. One will also see protest scenes, Women's rights scenes and skits from such popular movies as Carrie and Future Shock. One will hear their favorite oldie music along with the more popular tunes of the seventies.

The actors and actresses have been working very hard on this production and they think it's going to be one of the best ever. They hope everyone will come and see the performance on either November 18 or 19 because they say it will be a joy for all ages.

SC purchases art work

by Beth Kennedy

It's called batique, one of the types of art work Student Council has purchased for the school, as well as tempura paintings. Both types were done by Arts and Crafts I and II students of WCCHS. The Falcon in Flight is a professional piece done by M. Armati.

The Student Council paid $150 for Falcon in Flight and $5 to $11 for the Student art. They are considering establishing an art bank, which would enable the teachers to check out pieces and display them in the classrooms. Another possibility is to hang the pieces along the halls for everyone to enjoy. Until a decision is made the pieces will hang in the L.R.C. Student Council also hopes to buy more art in the future.

PSAT/NMSQT HONORS

by Beth Niswander

This year nine students were recognized in the National Merit program. Three people were named Semifinalists: Chris Voelbel, David Nelson, and Beth Niswander. Five others were recognized as Commended Students: Beth Kennedy, John Goodell, Mary Swanson, Claire Gregory, and Tim Sampson. Paula Bloxam, who graduated early, was also a Commended Student.

To qualify, they, among others, wrote the PSAT/NMSQT in the fall of their junior year. As every year, high scorers State-wide were chosen to recieve honors. This fall the Commended Students received official Letters of Commendation in acknowledgement of their outstanding test scores. The Semifinalists were also recognized and were notified that they are now eligable to continue in the competition for Finalist ranking. In the event that they are named Finalists, they may compete nationally for one of roughly 3000 National Merit Scholarships.

Pictured at right are Chris Voelbel & Beth Niswander. Both are semifinalists in the National Merit program.

Wildcats upset Glenbard South

by David Hallman

Even through the rain and slop of the night the Wildcats still came up victors upsetting the Glenbard South Raiders 8-2.

We-Go's defense has been improving from game to game, and this showed as Craig Sisson and Vic Mercado each picked off a Raider pass, and Jim Cunningham, Tom Leffew, and Vic Mercado each recovered a fumble.

The Wildcats scored their touchdown on their first possession. Don Stockton was looking for a receiver in the end zone, but instead found a wall of Raiders coming at him. This prompted him to turn around and run seven yards into the end zone for the touchdown. Stockton passed to Mike Wheeland for the conversion, and that made the score 8-0.

The Raiders got their safety in the last 16 seconds of the game, when Stockton ran past the end line in We-Go's end zone. That made the final score 8-2.

The statistics of the game were close, as We-Go and the Raiders each had nine first downs. The big difference in the game was passing. The Wildcats had 10 yards via the airways, compared to Glenbards 58 yards. Don Stockton completed one out of four passes for the Wildcats, and Glenbard South was forced to go to the air 15 times making five completions. West Chicago gained 77 yards rushing, 60 of them by Chris Bieniek, while Glenbard South rolled up a total of 100 yards on the ground.

This win gives the Wildcats a 3-2 overall record,

and a 2-1 conference record. We-Go's two losses came to a nationally rated Joliet Catholic team, and the conference leader Wheaton-Warrenville. The three Wildcat wins came against Geneva in the season opener Wheaton Central, and of course, Glenbard South.

Soccer has strong start

by Ken Mueller

The west Chicago Soccer Team has had an outstanding st rt but, it is only a fraction of things to come.

Entering homecoming week the Wildcats have a record of 6 - 1 with four of their six victories being shutouts. So far this season the Wildcats hove outscored their opponents 29-6.

The strength of the team comes from the uperior defensive play headed by Jimmy Romero, Jesus Escodedo, and John Shepard. The defence has been so phenomenal this year that in one game goalie Ken Mueller had to stop only two shots during the entire 80 minute game.

The offense has been very strong this year led by returning lettermen; Gabriel Domingues, Melchor Vivianco, Gilberto Lopez, Jeff Smothers and sophomore Ismael Ferrer. However most of the scoring opportunities have been due to the excellent midfield play by senior halfbacks Rojilljo Aguillar, Winsor Stough, Louis Matson, Craig Stough, and Sylvester Villela.

The Wildcats only loss this season came against Wheaton - Warrenville, who upset the Wildcats 3-2. Two of their goals were scored late in the fourth quarter, one on a penalty shot. This puts the Wolverines back on the winning track as they attempt to make the state quarterfinals.

In the next few weeks the Wildcat Soccer Team will take the field against three teams who were in the top ten last year. They are; Maine North, Wheaton Central and Wheaton North who the Wildcats shutout 3 to 0 in Their opening game.

Check the schedule across from the LRC for dates and times.