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FALL PLAY CANCELLED

by Beth Campbell

At the time of printing, the fall play has been cancelled. Two meetings have been held, but, as yet, no announcement has been made concerning the future of the play or the cast.

"Prime Time, Prom Time," the play originally scheduled to appear this fall, consists of parts of plays and books compiled by the faculty director, Ms. Crawford.

The uncertainty of the fate of the play revolves around several controversial parts taken from "Carrie," "What Ever Happened to the Class of '65?", and "Future Shock."

The material in the play was brought to the adminstration's attention by some concerned parents who called the school to comment on the play. It was then brought to the attention of Dr. Kamm. He reported that he felt parts of the play were in poor taste, and that some parts also lacked purpose.

This is the first time Dr. Kamm has ever been asked to read a play before the performance. When asked why the play couldn't be censored instead of cancelled, he responded, "I gave Ms. Crawford two alternatives. One would be censoring the play. the other would be to start over with a new play. The language isn't a major concern. If the play were censored, major parts would have to be removed. I really don't like to censor anything like this." Dr. Kamm felt that Ms. Crawford's judgement on this play is not a reflection of her overall judgement.

Dick Waterhouse, student director of the play, stated, "I liked the play. Ms. Crawford had put over a year's work into it." He felt that Dr. Kamm had responded to the complaints made with the best judgement possible. Dick said that the blocking (the placing of actors on the stage) would help in understanding the play. He didn't think the play was distasteful; he said it was a look at the changing high school life over three decades. It showed how much faster-paced life is now than it was in the fifties. Also it showed that friendships don't last as long as they used to.

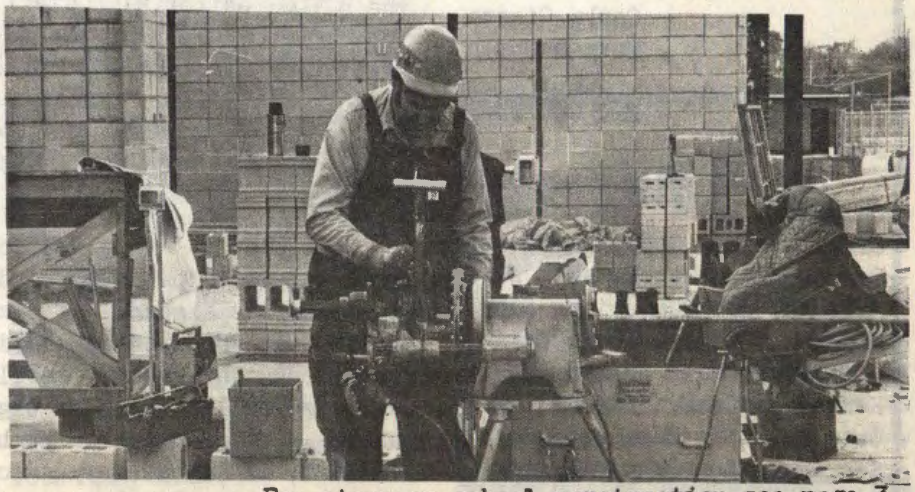
One actress, Barb Verdooren, commented by saying, "In my opinion, I believe in the play. I thought it was well written and well organized. It is about us, a story of time."

Ms. Crawford has refused comment.

Upcoming

NOVEMBER EVENTS:

2 Football at Glenbard No. soph: 12:00 varsity: 2:00
5 Cross Country sectional
Volleyball: Sycamore tour
Soccer: sectional's third round played on Wheaton-Warrenville field at 5:30
7 Volleyball against Geneva at 6:30, played at Geneva
8 Volleyball against Glenbard So. at 6:30, there
10 Veteran's Day assembly in auditorium starts 3:00
11 No school -Veteran's Day
15 Volleyball against Naperville No. at 6:30, there
17 Volleyball with Wheaton-Warrenville: home at 6:30
18 Volleyball against Rosary at 6:30, played at home
19 Wrestling with Downer's Grove No. at 1:30, here
21 Volleyball against Oswego starts at 6:30, at home
22 Volleyball sub-districts
23 Wrestling at Lyon's Township, starts at 6:30 p.m.
25-26 Varsity Wrestling at Rich South Tourney, at 10:00 a.m. on both days
26 Volleyball sub-districts
29 Volleyball districts-tba



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(photo by John Vanderpool)

The BRIDGE welcomes everyone's contributions

Undoubtedly, there is an immense amount of creative talent walking around the halls of this high school. People, express yourselves! Write down anything that you feel is important or of concern to the school. Write honestly and clearly so that others may understand exactly what is to be communicated. Perfect grammar and writing style are not criteria for being published in the BRIDGE. The BRIDGE will gladly accept essays, poems, short stories, etc.

A personal column will be included all future issues. What is a personal column? A personal column is a column where things like "Happy Birthday, Zeke" and "Thanks Mom and Dad for the new car! Love, Baby," are printed. So drop us a note that you want a friend, relative, dog, cat, etc. to see in the paper,(Free of charge)

Anything that you want to submit put in the "Letters to the Editor" box in the library or slide articles under the door of the BRIDGE office in room 300.

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Effects of death

A Freshman from our high school has been killed. Although the death of someone we were not acquainted with doesn't seem to affect us, the death of someone among us shocks us, and brings forth the realization of the uncertainty of our own lives.

As high school students, we think of dying as something that comes with old age, but there is no real guarantee that we will be alive even six months from now. Perhaps if we would contemplate our feelings about death, we could cope more sensitively and effectively when it becomes a personal issue for us.

All of the emotions, knowledge, and ideas Kevin Kenney accumulated during his life are stifled and may no longer be contributed to the world around him. His death stimulates us to examine our own lives and the giving of ourselves to our world.

Letters

APOLOGY CALLED FOR

Dear Editor,

It has come to my attention that the fall play "Prime Time, Prom Time" has been cancelled due to a decision of Dr. Kamm. I am not in anyway qualified to discuss the rights of censorship. I haven't read the script and had no involvement whatsoever with the play. Nevertheless, there is one factor of the decision which even I find difficult to believe.

Why, when the script was written months ago, and the tryouts held weeks ago, and,

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Construction: Will the End Justify the Means?

by Mark Gatehouse

Last November the voters in our school district approved a tax hike that would give the school the 5.3 million dollars it needed to pay for a large addition to the existing building.

Since then, with trees and large houses being moved to make room for construction, the students have had to put up with some inconveniences, such as lack of parking spaces, no airconditioning, and noise in the class rooms. But hopefully the pain will be worth the finished product. The construction, which is expected to be completed by September 1978, will give West Chicago High the most modern facilities in the area.

The fieldhouse which is being built on the North end of the school is already taking shape. It will contain a 12th of a mile long track, three basketball courts, and two locker rooms. There will also be a training room, the physical education office and a new three-mat wrestling gym.

A large part of the construction going on at the north end of the school is that of an L-shaped swimming pool which measures 25 meters one way and 25 yards in the other direction. The swimming pool has two adjoining locker rooms. The pool will have an area seating around 100 spectators. When not used for school activities, the pool will be run by the Park District for public use. According to Dr. Kamm, the Park District's program will include open swims which will allow school district residents to use the pool for a small fee.

Also being built on the north end of the school are two small greenhouses, a potting area, and a horticulture classroom, which will give the horticulture classes the room they need.

To compensate for the parking space that was taken away by building on part of the back parking lot, a small lot which provides room for twenty cars was built in back of the lower tennis courts. There is also a proposal to add about fifty diagonal parking spaces along Wood Street where the practice fields are located.

The two-story addition on the cafeteria side of the school will contain an enlarged cafeteria with commons. This part of the building will also contain the nurse's office, the Student Office, Guidance, Data processing, and the Principal's Office. A new library is going to be built on the second floor; it will be bigger than the present Learning Resource Center and will contain special Media room. The new LRC will contain rest rooms which will eliminate writing unneccessary washroom passes. The rooms that are currently being used for all of the offices and the old LRC will be converted into approximately seventeen classrooms. Future plans for the classrooms area include the addition of new lockers.

From all of the shoveling and banging will surely come an invaluable asset that will solve many of the problems we now face.

freshman dies

Kevin Keeney, 13, a freshman at West Chicago Community High School, was killed in an accident on October 13, 1977.

Letters

AN APOLOGY CALLED FOR
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in fact, play practices have been held for a month now, did Dr. Kamm delay making his decision until last week? Hours of thought and work have already gone into the production, and a great sacrifice of time has been given by anyone involved with it in any way. Rehersals for productions in the past have been upwards of three hours, five nights a week and this play has been no less rigorous.

Whatever the arguments concerning the other aspects of his decision, I feel that for the time wasted Dr. Kamm owes directors, cast, and crews of "Prime Time, Prom Time," an apology.

Sincerely
Beth Kennedy

WE-GO BLUES

Dear Editor,

As we wrap up the first quarter of another year at WEGO, most of the students take on a rather dim outlook for the remaining three quarters. The thrill of the first weeks of school have long since been gone and boredom has begun to set in. Why does this always seem to happen to the students at WEGO? I believe that the fault lies in the hands of the administration.

After all, how many of our neighboring schools employ "guards" under the title of "Para-Professionals" to hassle their students? I think it's ironic that these people are paid by the WEGO tax payers. If a vote were to be taken on whether or not we should have "Para-Professionals" I doubt they would be around much longer.

This brings up the question of whether or not there was ever a vote taken in which the tax payers could decide for themselves if they want to pay the salary of these people. I asked Mr. Waterhouse, who said that the School Board which is elected by the people decides these matters. But how was the voter supposed to know the Board member's view on the subject when it was never discussed with the voters before election time? The voters had no say in the decision of employing Para-Professionals.

Wouldn't it be a better idea to make the WEGO campus open? This would not only solve the problem of smoking in the washrooms but it would also eliminate the need for "Para-Professionals."

What it all boils down to is that the administration doesn't believe that the students would honor the privilege of an open campus. What I ask is how do they know until they try it? I'm sure it wouldn't hurt to try it on a "trial basis" and if the problem of students ditching classes and of smoking in the washrooms increases instead of decreases, then and only then should we be forced to tolerate these "guards!" But I do think that we should have a chance to prove ourselves.

Sincerely,
Paul Dunk

Personals

Carla- Happy Birthday!!! From all of your friends.(Hope you don't expect a cake or anything!)

Munchkin,
Are Keebler Cookies made by elves?
Wizard

Hey Bowen,
DCS, right? Come back soon!!!
Brat

Jeffer,
I want to go back to the time when we'd make flowers. Maybe we could grow a garden.
"Guy"

Scurv 3,
Your mother doesn't have a face.
Bird

Kathy,
Belated Happy Birthday! Chopped liver sends his love!
Who Else!

Chris,
Sorry I missed Eric F's B-day!I guess this means I'll be kicked out of the fan club now!
Sharon

Geo-
Didn't see you at Cascade last Friday. Missed a good party!
Guzzler

Don,
My name is Laurie!
Space

Kathy-
Good luck in B-Cheerleading tryouts!
Patrice

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I.R.O. WORKS FOR THE FUTURE

by Tomi West

I.R.O., Inter - Related Occupations, is a class designed to teach students to be successful members of the working world. This course is divided into two phases--classroom and actual jobs. The classroom phase covers such things as interviews, the composition of resumes and letters of application, and time is given for the pursuit of individual goals. The work phase gives on-the-job experience. Every student is enrolled in three to four classes each semester, and also works for 20-25 hours a week. Students are employed by local businesses with the understanding that this is to be a learning experience, and are given a variety of assignments. These employers deserve a great thanks for all they are contributing to the education of our youth.

VICA officers, back row: Dave Sabathne, Linda Shires, Judy Statzuk, front row: Tomi West, Sue Hynek, Alesia Swenson
(photo by Doug VanDeMark)

There are two I.R.O. classes at the High School, and these students make up the organization V.I.C.A., (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America). V.I.C.A. is a national organization with approximately 105 chapters in Illinois. Some state sponsered activities include: Election of officers and advisors, membership drives, National V.I.C.A. week, skill contests, and a state-wide convention for all V.I.C.A. members, held in Springfield.

Our own V.I.C.A. chapter has been quite active in the last two months. First off, we held an election of officers, with the following results:

President - Dave Sabathne
Vice-President - Sue Hynek
Secretary - Linda Shires
Treasurer - Alesia Swenson
Reporter - Tomi West
Student Council Representative- Judy Staszcuk

Under the leadership of these people, we have run the home football games, created a float for Homecomeing, joined forces with the Lions Club for their Candy Day, and are now selling Old Fashioned candy sticks to support future activities. The members of V.I.C.A. wish to thank the community for all their support of the concessions at the football games.

Plans are now being made for such things as a Christmas Bowling party, publication of the V.I.C.A. TRADER (this will be an advertising paper, open to all students and faculty), a community service project and much,much

Students Help Students

by Tim Sampson

The SSP was formed when the adminstration became concerned with the drug problem facing students, but also aware that often, students feel uncomfortable talking with adults about the things that bother them. Several faculty were sent to a center where they learned about peer-group counseling and how to establish such a program in our school.

The Student Support Project is a group of people in our school exploring ways to help students cope with their feelings and problems in a caring environment.

The SSP is currently comprised of eight students: Diane Heyden, Sam Reyes, Cathy Johnston, Barb Verdooren, Beth Niswander, Ruben Pineda, Robyn Snowden, Carol Scheel, and Frank Nejedly. Dan Unruh and Kim Bates were also involved last year, but no longer attend our school.

Last spring, under the direction of "Bruno" Owens, the group began a series of exercises designed to build mutual trust and to bring the group closer together. They took field trips to such places as White Pines State Park and Blackwell Forest Preserve to help eliminate the pressures of the school environment on the progress of the group. Bruno trained them in trust building, assertiveness training, and good listening skills. The group represents a great variety of people who help each other with the progress of the project, stressing that each person is equally important.

When the group members complete their training, they in turn will train 30 or 40 Juniors, using a program coordinated by the present members with Bruno's help. The Juniors will complete the program this spring and will work with incoming freshmen next fall during quiet study hall time.

Rash of Vandalism Disturbs Administration

by Beth Kennedy

Several weeks ago a series of hall locker break-ins took place. According to Mr. DuFour, a different locker was broken into each day for about a week; they were all girls' lockers. Most of them were on the second floor in the senior corner across from the bathrooms, although a few were on the first floor. The lockers were weak-hinged and had been kicked in or opened without the use of the combination. Purses were stolen, and later, found in unusual places, with the money gone. All of the lockers were broken into during class periods, usually in the first three hours. Dr. Kamm, Mr. Waterhouse, and Mr. DuFour spent several hours checking all the lockers to find those that have weak hinges, and informed the custodians. They encourage any student whose locker doesn't stay properly locked to report it to the Student Office.

Other aspects of recent vandalism: the West Chicago banner and the DuPage Valley Conference banner were stolen from the wall of Bishop Gym Wednesday, Oct. 12 during the night. Also, eight junior and senior football lockers were broken into on Oct. 14 during the Naperville North game. The lockers were discovered that night after the team got back from the game. They had been bent open and a total of about $90 had been taken. Nothing was taken besides money.

Although the causes of this increased vandalism are not known, the effects are being felt by everyone in the school. Fewer passes are being given out during the periods, and there is tighter control in making sure every student has a pass. Mr. DuFour says, "Our responsibility is to see that it (hall vandalism) doesn't happen. It isn't a punitive system, but a safeguard to the students." The remaining banners have been taken down; Mr. Hansen says they are quite expensive, and feels that until the two missing banners are returned it isn't a good idea to display the others, although West Chicago will be the only conference member not displaying them.

New Club seeks members

by Dave Collins

We have a new FBLA chapter at this school initiated by Mr. Zabelin, the new Consumer Ed. teacher. FBLA, (Future Business Leaders of America), is a national organization which promotes good business leadership.

FBLA members attend an annual convention where they compete in areas such as accounting, typing, data processing, poster making, public speaking, and job interviews. In order to go to the convention, FBLA will be raising money throughout the year.

Besides preparing for the state contest, FBLA will also take field trips, have guest speakers, sponsor school activities, and hold social functions with other schools.

If anyone has a business skill or a talent in any other area and is interested in joining FBLA, he should talk to Mr. Zabelin in Room 302 after school.

Art teacher joins staff

by Beth Kennedy

A new face has joined the art department this year, bringing the number of full-time art teachers to three.

Miss Gail Adams brought

her creative ability from Michigan to our school here in West Chicago.

She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Eastern Michigan University and is working on a Masters in Special Education.

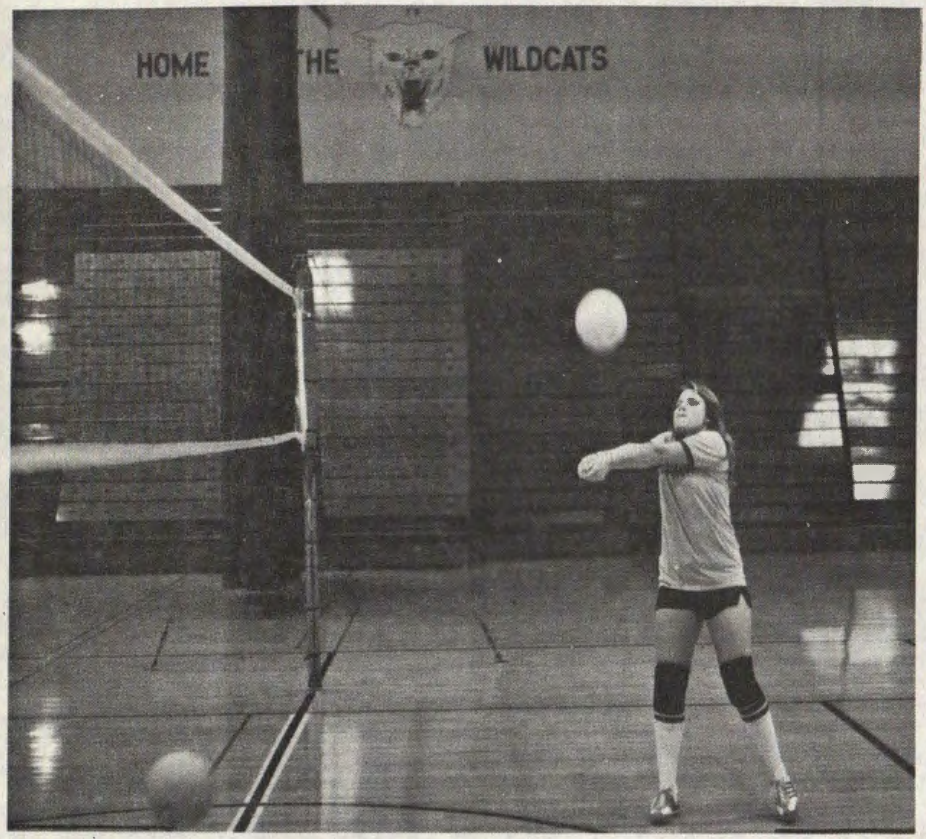
Before coming to WEGO she taught for two years in the Detroit area and for a year in Central America.

Although her biggest "thing" is art, Miss Adams also enjoys bike-riding and skiing.

She says the facilities here are much better than at other places she has taught. She thinks art is an important part of learning and finds her students energetic and enthusiastic. She also likes the idea of exhibits which advertises the classes.

Miss Adams will be designing the sets for the Spring Musical this year. She is looking forward to the Musical as a new experience in a different aspect of art.

Volleyball off to a good start



Senior Kathleen Courtney at practice. (photo by Mark Turner)

by Kathy Luers

When asked about her varsity volleyball team this year, Miss George seemed very pleased. She proudly admitted that the team is one of the strongest teams West Chicago has had in several years.

"All the girls are doing well, they are aggressive and a good all around team. They are starting to play the kind of game that they need to," Miss George commented.

She also mentioned that other coaches from different schools have commented on the team as being the hardest We-Go team that they've played against in a long time. They think that the team might be a threat to schools that have been ranked highly in recent years.

In the past years, Miss George would call up several college coaches to have them come and watch our team play. It surprised Miss George when they began to call her first.

This years varsity players are:

Sr. Colleen Courtney Co-Capt
Sr. Beth Beedle Co- Capt
Sr. Cindy Clark
Sr. Kathleen Courtney
Sr. Tracy Finnegan
Sr. Carol Hedrick
Jr. Rochel Ayers
Soph. Laurie Murphy
Jr. Kim Clausen

The teams seasonal record is 10-6 and their conference record is 4-2. This season, the varsity has 25 games.

Miss George thinks that the team has good potential, but they can only take it one game at a time because almost anything could happen at anytime!

We-Go's Cross Country Completes Season

by Scott Kennedy

The We-Go Cross Country overall record for duel meets is 3 - 6 and the sophomore's record is 4-5. The sophomores took fifth in Conference and varsity took seventh.

Friday, October 21st the team traveled to Naperville Central to compete in the DuPage Valley Conference meet.

Two varsity runners, Dean Burgeson, captain of the team, and Scott Kennedy, competed but received no score because they were short on runners. A complete sophomore team as well as a girls team competed in the meet. They received fifth place overall just missing fourth place by two points.

Karl Huff came up a winner for the sophomores: he just missed first place by fractions of a second. Scott Mueller ran a good race by coming in eigth place. Dan Risch, Dave Johnston, and Dave Marcum also added points to help the sophmores.

The girls did well at the meet as they ran not as a team, but as individuals. Diane Campbell came in fourth place, Lynn Schmuggerow came in sixth and Anne Farrell came in eleventh.

Next year the team hopes to be better since the sopomores will be moving up to varsity and will already have experience.

Wildcats Break Short Losing Streak

by Dave Hallman

After coming off of two straight losses, the Wildcats decided they needed a win. And that's exactly what they did. Theydowned the Naperville Central Redskins laat Friday, 12-6.

The Wildcats' defense came onto the field first,as We-Go lost the opening toss and had to kickoff. This didn't last long though. Jim Cunningham recovered a fumble and the Wildcats had the ball.

Don Stockton got the offence moving with a 31 yard toss to Ron Voelz to bring the Cats down to the Redskin nine yard line. Voelz then brought the ball into the end zone on a reverse, and the score was 6-0.

The Wildcats scored again in the first quarter. This time it was a 35 yard pass from Don Stockton to Vic Mercado. The try for the two point conversion was failed and the Wildcats had all the points they needed to win the game, 12-0.

Naperville scored in the third quarter on a one yard run by quarterback Dave Sonefeld. That made the score 12-6.

We-Go had a chance to score again in the fourth quarter when Chuck Dastych caught a 28 yard pass from Don Stockton, to bring the ball deep into Redskin territory. But the Redskin defense got tough and the Wildcats lost the ball on downs.

Offensive statistics for both teams were close. We-Go rolled up 209 total yards as compared to the Redskins 215. The Wildcats had 141 yards passing and 69 yards rushing.

In the preliminary sophomore match, the Wildkits won 16-8. The two We-Go touchdowns came on a one yard plunge by Larry Miller and a 13 yard pass from Miller to Tony Novosad. The conversions were made by Scott Armbrust and Mark Littlefield.

The Wildcats and Kits will travel to Glenbard North on Saturday, Nov. 5th to take on the Panthers. The action will begin at 12:00 noon.

Ken Mueller displays his goaltending abilities to his fellow teammates by preparing to stop a shot on goal. (photo by John Vanderpool)

Soccer team in Sectionals

by Dan Rinn

The best team in the school now is our soccer team. They have a record of 13-2 and are on their way to the Sectional Tournament.

In the tournament they will play Willowbrook,Wheaton Central, and Wheaton Christian. After the round-robin series is over, the team with the best record will advance to the State Finals.

The way teams are selected to make the Sectional Tournament is done by accumulating points. Points are made by winning a game (10 points), and trying (5 points). When a game is won by a team, extra points are received for the amount of wins which the beaten team had. For example if West Chicago were to beat Wheaton Central and their record was 10-3, we would receive 20 points for that victory.

Certainly the school is hoping for more Wildcat victories and will be rooting for the soccer team to make the State Finals.