THE BRIDGE

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New "fall" play chosen; dates set

Beth Campbell

"Our Town," written by Thorton Wilder, replaces "Prime Time, Prom Time" as this year's fall play. "Our Town," a dramatic classic, won the Pulitzer Prize in 1938.

The replacing of "Prime Time, Prom Time" which was written by Ms. Crawford, occurred because Dr. Kamm and some parents showed objection towards the play.

"Our Town" departs from the traditional American theatre by having the style of ancient Greece and Rome put into a contemporary setting.

The story takes place in the late 1800's and early 1900's in a town called Grover's Corners in New Hampshire. Centering around two families, the Gibbs and the Webbs, it deals with a different subject for each of the three acts: life, love, and death.

Student director, Dick Waterhouse, states, "The play brings out true emotions and feeling." He thinks that the play deals with everyday people.

Faculty director, Ms. Crawford, says the play may be depressing but has positive views on life. When asked of her overall opinion on the play, she stated, "Since the play is about living life to its fullest, it is encouraging to see students develop their talents. The enthusiasm is outstanding, and they understand how to live life to its fullest."

Performances will be held on December 10 and 11.

Chilean added to faculty in exchange program

by Beth Kennedy

This year, besides exchange students, our school welcomes a foreign exchange teacher. Mr. Esteban Escarez is here for a year on a program sponsored by the Cordell Hull Foundation. He teaches bilingual English and works aide in the math and science departments.

Mr. Escarez was born in Santiago, Chile, and has lived in various places in both the north and south of Chile. Shortly before coming here he had moved back to Santiago.

Mr. Escarez says that there are tremendous differences between U.S. and Chilean schools. He feels that Americans can't really appreciate the wonderful facilities offered to them. In Chile, it is very rare for even a private high school to have as large a library as we do. Although some of the schools do have bussing, the students must pay, and it is very expensive. Another thing that is different is that here when a teacher is not at school, we have substitutes. In Chile often the students will have no teacher for two or three hours, and they waste time that way. But then, he feels that U.S. students perhaps waste their class time in other ways, so in terms of time spent learning the two are equal.

On national holidays in Chile the schools have parades. The teachers march in front, and all the students march behind. There is great

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Mr. Escarez notices that extreme differences exist between Chilean and U.S. schools (photo by M. Turner)

HEY, TURKEYS ----- READ THIS!

Since this is the week of Thanksgiving, many of us are, or at least should be, thinking of our many "blessings." Fortunately, help comes from many sources.

At home, our parents have always pointed out things to be thankful for. "It doesn't matter that you don't like liver, be thankful you have something to eat at all." Or even, "be thankful you have parents who can tell you no."

Politicians point out things to be thankful for in our community: voting rights, the right to disagree and to assemble, all of which will be attainable after we reach legal age. But we can be thankful to grow up in an atmosphere such as this.

Few people, however, offer any help when it comes to making a list of things in the school setting for which to be thankful. So, for the purpose of making everyone aware of the abundant blessings bestowed upon us each day of attendence, and for brightening up that long, long prayer just before the meal when everyone has a tendency to think only of how good the turkey smells, we offer these suggestions.

1) Our school is ecology minded. Not just a blessing by itself, but in about seven months, we may be very grateful for all the heat we've conserved by not heating the school on Mondays during the winter.

2) Our school is economy minded. Think of how much money we save by having a combination principal and litter scoop.

3) Our school observes holidays. For instance, this week the school's cafeteria recognized Thanksgiving by serving turkey. Next week it will also recognize "Holiday Leftover Week."

Menus for the five days will include creamed turkey, turkey salad sandwiches, turkey soup, turkey casserole, and turkey sheperd's pie.

4) Our school recognizes the individual. Each student is given a card with their name, address and phone number. Each card has a different picture on it, too. This way, if we have amnesia, or look lost while wandering in the halls, Ron or Paul or Darlene can stop us, look at our card, tell us who we are and where we should be at that hour. Everyone has their very own locker that no one else can get into (except by

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Think thanks

Sometimes, the words of others can better explain what we want to say. Below, are a few quotations selected for meditation of Thanksgiving.

We are all nobly born; fortunate those who know it; blessed those who remember it.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

Things worth remembering:
The value of time,
The success of perseverance,
The pleasure of working,
The dignity of simplicity,
The worth of character,
The improvement of talent,
The influence of example,
The obligation of duty,
The wisdom of economy,
The virtue of patience,
The joy of originating,
The power of kindness,

ANONYMOUS

Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has many: not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some.

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New teacher

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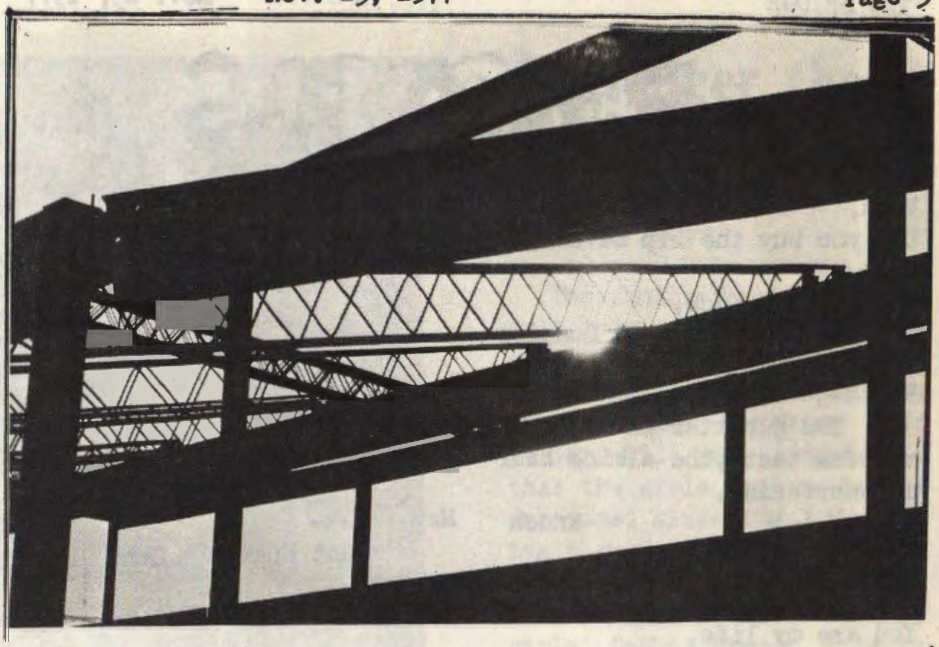
rivalry between schools; each carries its own war banner, and tries to appear better in the parade.

Chileans are sometimes called "the British of South America." They are slightly more reserved than other South Americans, and very respectful to friends and visitors. For instance, if a friend comes to visit, although the host may have had some important business to do, he would have to postpone the business and entertain his guest. Mr. Escarez says that in the U.S., people are very friendly, but more casual.

In Chile it is spring now. Mr. Escarez thinks it will be very interesting to see what our winter is like. Also, the food here is not all hot dogs, as he had imagined, but pretty much the same as Chilean fare.

After his year here, Mr. Escarez is hoping to stay in the U.S. and get his Masters degree in English.



Last week, steel girders were put up on the construction site near the cafeteria. This two story addition will contain the new LRC, enlarged cafeteria and some administrative offices. (Photo by Turner)

68 students inducted into NHS

by Tim Sampson

The National Honor Society tea was held Thursday night, November 17. This year, sixty-eight students were initiated to the society. This is the largest group WCCHS has ever had.

The NHS was founded in 1922 by the Association of Secondary School Principals in order to give outstanding students recognition for scholastic achievement, leadership and service to the school and community.

The tea was attended by most of the students nominated, their parents, and members of the faculty, administration and staff.

The National Honor Society's sponsor, Mr. Ream, gave an introductory talk and read off the names of the initiates as they recieved their official NHS pins and cards. Mr. Byrzynski followed by praising the parents for their role in the students' achievement. Dr. Kamm concluded with a plea to the students to be careful in making decisions they will face in life.

David Nelson and Beth Niswander recieved gifts of dictionary-thesorus sets in recognition of their standing as National Merit Semi-finalists.

Board approves new program

by Beth Niswander

An alternative year-long program will be offered to seniors next year.

The program, which some people may have heard reffered to as the "Quincy Project," was conceived a year ago by three teachers from our school who attended a teacher conference in Quincy, Il. These teachers, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Strecker, and Mr. Burgess, were joined by Mr. Owens to form a planning team. Agreement was mutual between them that their sugject areas are interrelated. That is to say that a class in one subject often deals with material drawn from other subjects. They also felt that "learning experiences based on community involvement are often more involving and intensive than classroom experiences." With those ideas, they set about to develop a program. They received a monetary grant which allowed them to take time from class hours to plan it.

More information will be available in the next BRIDGE.

PERSONALS

Vern,
Did you buy the lip developer yet?
Good Luck,
Your Concerned Buddies

Flash-
You'd better shave those rainbow teeth, the albino hair is increasing.
Knuch

Asil,
Dot means nichts to me. You are my life.
S-19

Hey Puke,
How's your back? I sure do miss you.
Afan

Buzz- Thanx for the excellent tops- left me in dreamland.
Space Tart

Tony,
Hoo Honk Honk-
Guess Who

Katie Holstrum,
Terlips in the yerd (Hurdie, Hurdie).
Congressman Moorley

Kathy,
Thanks for the use of your car!
You Know Who

Oi, Amigos brasileiros! Tudo bem? Ate logo!
Beth

Curly Endive-
Happy Birthday!
(For thrills, go sit on a curb and let your feet dangle!)
The Gang

Brother,
S.I.S.
Sister

Alias Black Leather,
ANARCHY AT WE-GO!
Safety pin

Hey Freak-
Got busted! Send bail money!!
Love Mom

Awthur Pewty (Mrs.)
The hit will be made this Friday night, 10:30 p.m. Be there, woe.
Pig Eye Jackson

Bonzie-
How is Harold???
E.C.

Igmo,
Ask your mom if you can eat breakfast with me cause you're posta.
Patrice

Ian,
Are cats attracted to you?
Friends

Freitag,
Remember the St. Valentines Day Massacre? When's the next party? BCR Forever!!!
Ian

M.M.X.H.-
Is Ray the boss's son or am I dozens behind?
Have a happy!
Clutz

Hey Red,
You'd be surprised what plastic surgeons can do!!!
The Fellows

Mr. Burzynski-
We miss your smiling face demanding passes of students on their way to lunch. How about it one day, for old times' sake??
Hallway procrastinators

Tim,
Where were you last Wednesday???

Beth,
Where were you last Wednesday???

Hey Big 30!
Hey mole head, greasy ol' bulboe face, did you fall off your exercise bike from over-exertion yet?
Oily

HEY, TURKEYS

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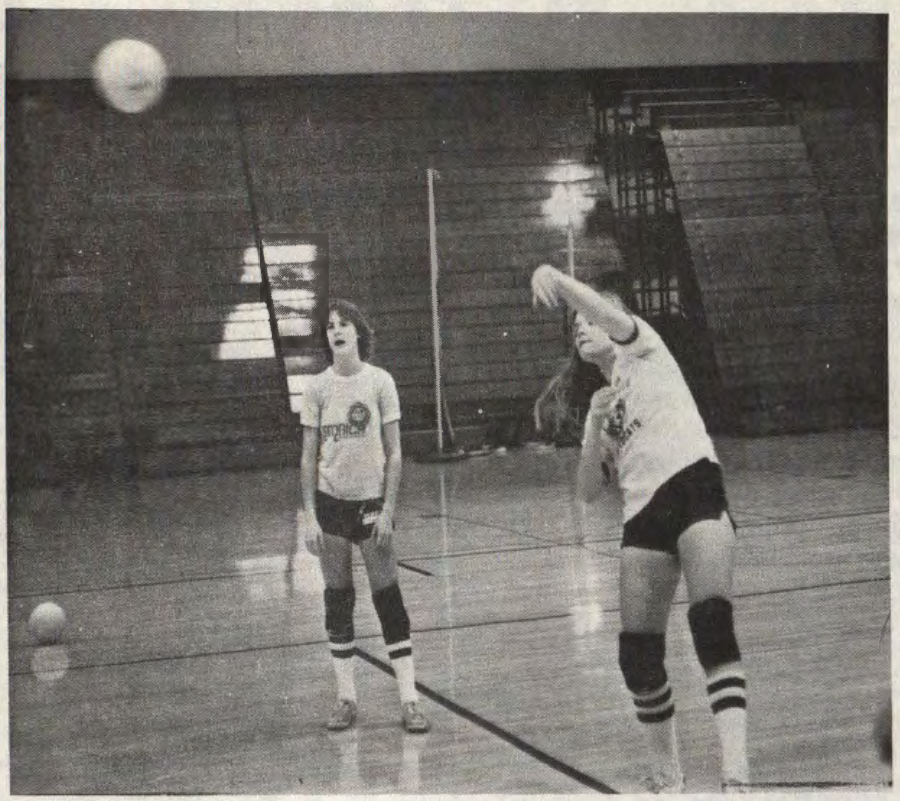
kicking it or shaking the lock). Even the smoking lounges have individual stalls for smoking privatly.

5) Our school recognizes that learning does not take place soley in the classroom, but also in everyday observation. Therefore construction did not begin until after school did. That way, we can learn firsthand what a pain it is as it disrupts us to its fullest extent.

Obviously, people who can see nothing to be thankful for here around them aren't looking very hard, and maybe that's why Thanksgiving bores them so.

After all, if no one found anything original to be thankful for, God would probably get very bored with our prayers.



Laurie Murphy watches Colleen Courtney practice serving.

(photo by Mark Turner)

P.E. met with mixed emotions

by Lori Walter

A law was passed in 1972 that prohibits sex discrimination from all schools that receive Federal money. This law, called title IX, gives you an important right, the right to a non-sexist education. Title IX says that:

"No person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

Although this law has been in effect since 1975, this is the first year our school has had co-ed P.E. Another major change this year is that we have an elective program for the upperclassmen.

A recent survey was taken in some of the P.E. classes to see how the students feel about having co-ed P.E. About 2/3 of the girls said that they enjoyed having P.E. this way because they liked the challenge of competing with the guys. They don't like having to do pull-ups and other strenuous exercises.

The majority of the guys (about 3/4) dislike having co-ed P.E. They like playing rough sports and they can't play as rough with the girls.

Miss Jordan, head of the P.E. department, says"I think it is important to get feedback about the program and we as a staff, enjoy chatting with those who stop in to discuss what they think are positive things and what things they would like to see changed or added. I would hope that by the end of the school year we can provide a program that fits the needs of the students and a program that they can enjoy."

No longer the Underdog

by Kathy Luers

The Junior Varsity Volleyball team is doing well this year, says Miss Katsion.

This is Miss Katsion's first year coaching J.V. Volleyball. She mentioned that the girls get a little depressed since the J.V. team isn't recognized as much as varsity.

The team consists of nine girls. Debbie Bremer, Roberta Romando, Ceda Malay, Kelly Bates, and Bridgette Kynast are all freshmen. The rest of the team members are Co-Capt. Linda Nelson,Becky Bell, Jean Zak, and Cindy Bahlman.

Their overall record is 15-4, and in our conference, they've only lost to Glenbard South. There are only 6 games left so come and watch the team play.

Working hard or hardly working

by Tomi West

With the year well under way, IRO-VICA students are working in jobs ranging from mechanics and warehouse work to secretaries, tour guides, and lab technicians.

The special effort put forth resulted in an excellent turnout for parents night. Guests were greeted by former President Rita Baker.

A community project is being planned for Christmas along with the annual food drive which will be Dec. 5 through Dec. 16. Please help someone else have a Merry Christmas.

Soccer Loses in Sectionals; Misses State Finals

by Dan Rinn

West Chicago's hopes for a state finalist in soccer were lost when Wheaton Central defeated our Wildcats. The Tigers won the game in the last two and a half minutes by the score of 2-1.

The Wildcats went to the sectionals tournament hoping for the chance to make the state finals. To do this they played three games ending up with a record of 2-1.

The Wildcats had a easy time beating Willowbrook by the score of 5-1, even though the whole tournament was played on muddy fields.

We-Go's only loss in the tournament came when they played Wheaton Central. We-Go scored first with a goal scored by Gilberto Hernadez , in the first period. However this lead didn't last long. Wheaton Central's Greg Bostrom scored just a few minutes later. The next three periods would go scoreless. However the game was very exciting with players sliding past the ball because of the mud.

During the last period Wheaton Central applied a lot of pressure on We-Go's goalie Ken Mueller having two shots going off the posts of the goal.Then with 2:36 remaining in the game Wheaton Central scored the winning goal leaving the Wildcats with the slimest of chances to make the State Finals.

To make the finals the Wildcats would have to had beaten Wheaton Christian by a difference of three goals and also have Wheaton Central lose to Willowbrook.The Wildcats did their part by beating Wheaton Christian 5-1 but all this went to no avail as Wheaton Central beat Willowbrook 1-0 in overtime.

That brought an end to another exciting soccer season, with their final record of 15-3.

Wildcats Drop Finale 15-13

by Dave Hallman

The West Chicago Wildcats finished their season losing to the Glendard North Panthers 15-13 in two overtimes.

All the scoring was done in the overtimes. West Chicago had the first chance to score by getting the ball on the 10 yard line and having four downs to score. We-Go succeeded by Don Stockton throwing to Vic Mercado and then kicking the extra point. This made the score 7-0 whem the Panthers got the ball. They also scored by their quarterback running in on a two yard plunge. Suprisingly they went for the tie instead of the win by kicking the extra point. The score was then 7-7 when the Panthers got their second chance. This time after the touchdown by Perez they went for the two point conversion, making it made the score 15-7. This meant the Wildcats would have to score a touchdown and make the two point conversion. The wildcats did make the touchdown, but they lost the game by missing the two point conversion.

During the regulation time of play the Wildcats outpassed the Panthers by throwing for over a 100 yards compared to the Panthers 12 yards passing. However the rest of the game was even as the Wildcats could only gain 70 yards on the ground compared with the Panthers 72 yards rushing.

This brought an end to the football season with the Wildcats overall record of 4-5. Two of the Wildcats victories came against Glendard South, our division chanpion, and Geneva, the winner of the Little Seven Conference.

Two Wildcats made all conference on defense Chris Bienik at linebacker and Craig Sisson at cornerback.

Sports Events

Nov.	23	Wrestling at Lyon's Township
	25,26	Basketball tourn. at Rockford Harlen
	25,26	Wrestling tourn. at Rich South
Dec.	1	Wrestling at DeKalb
	2	Basketball- Glenbard North (H)
	3	Wrestling-W. Aurora (H)
	6	Boy's Gymnastics Elgin Larkin (H)
	9	Basketball at Nap. Central
	9	Wrestling-Nap. Central (H)
	10	Basketball at St. Charles
	10	Boys gymnastics at Lake Park against E. Leyden
	16	Basketball-Wheaton-Warrenville(away)
	16	Wrestling-Wheaton-Warrenville (H)
	17	Wrestling-Palatine and Glenbrook North (H)
	17	Boys gymnastics at West Leyden
	19	Boys gymnastics-DeKalb (H)
	22	Basketball against St. Francis (H)
	22,23	Hinsdale Central Wrestling tourn. away