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Are other schools really paradise ?

by Beth Campbell

Because of several letters to the editor expressing the view that other schools have bett r disciplinary systems, an investigation was made of other schools in our conference to determine what systems actually are used.

Every school was called and asked these questions:

1. Does your school have paraprofessionals?
2. Does your school have a disciplinary contract system with the students?
3. Does your school have an open campus?
4. What methods are used to prevent vandalism?
5. May I have an attendance percentage of students' daily attendance?
6. What are the school's views on smoking?
7. What actions are taken in disciplining students?

The following information was gathered. No school has an open campus. All schools punish students who are caught smoking. One school has an outside smoking area.

Attendance percentages range from 92 percent to 97 percent. Our percentage centers around 96 percent.

Some schools use parapros only in commons, study halls, and lunches.

Glenbard North seemed to have a system very different from We-Go. This reporter spent a day there, and went through another student's schedule, and also investigated other functions of the school.

Gates guard the entrance and exit to Glenbard's library to prevent the theft of books. Books in the stacks are magnetized until checked out. An alarm will sound and a gate will shut if a student tries to take a book without first checking it out of the library. When books are returned, they are remagnetized. This same type of system will be installed in the new LRC at We-Go.

Investigative report

During unscheduled hours students are assigned either to commons or to study halls where attendance is taken. To enter the library at all, a student needs a pass from a teacher. No video tape machine for entertainment appears in their library.

Unlike We-Go, attendance is done by hand instead of computer.

To eat lunch at Glenbard North, one enters a cafeteria one-and-one-half times larger than ours. Instead of two hot lunch lines and two a la carte lines, they have eight lines in which one could buy chili, a piece of cherry pie, or an order of french fries.

Disciplinary actions appear to be similar except that they have an in-school suspension. This takes place in a room containing three, three-sided cubicles having only a desk in each. No student may leave this room for any reason. A washroom is connected to the suspension room and other students bring lunches to students in the room. The students must accomplish work or they become assigned to the room for another day. A man works in the room to see that students adher to all rules.

Parapros appear during lunch and in the study halls. Teachers are assigned areas for one hour each day where they fufill the hall and washroom checks.

Students caught smoking for the first time are given two day suspensions. Teachers give out the detentions themselves instead of giving referrals.

Glenbard North seemed to have some effective ways of operating. Classrooms are similar to ours, although less casual. Discipline does not seem to be a large problem.

Based on the findings of this investigation, life at We-Go may not be as terrible as many students claim. Although methods used at other schools are different, they are not necessarily "better," at least from a student's point of view.

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Speak only kind words of the dear departed

This week several dedicated but unheralded bodies will leave us, never to return. It is with great sadness that today we pay some sort of tribute to these friends before they are exposed to the gnashing metal jaws and great heat they will encounter in the outside world as they are molded into bigger and better things.

No, this is not referring to the early graduates.

This is dedicated to those who have humbly served us for a great many years: the lockers.

Who could you slam and kick after failing a French test? Who else sat patiently through make-outs and break ins? Who else would open when we didn't work the right combination? Oh sure, once in a while they'd drop thier hooks in a movement of revenge, but on the whole, there wasn't that much wrong with them.

The shining beige had turned to dingy grey, but no one noticed it after they were mummified in contact paper.

How many times did your locker tell you something important? "Wait for me - Tom" "I have your math test"- "call me tonight!"

THEY'VE MADE THESE NEW LOCKERS SO SECURE, EVEN WE CAN'T GET INTO THEM.

No longer will we be comfortable with our old lockers, who like old shoes, fit us well. No more taking out our frustrations on the lockers. One kick in the vents will get us kicked out. One written word on the door and pages of referrals and detentions will be written on us.

In the name of "renovation" and "progress" they are leaving us. They'll be replaced with lockers that lock, lockers that have hooks and shelves. Yuck!

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School starves DAVEA students during exams

Dear Editor,

The afternoon DAVEA students had to attend DAVEA during exams on Wednesday, January 18. We also had to attend two classes first and second hours, which ended at 11:15. The DAVEA bus was to leave at 11:30 which gave us fifteen minutes to eat lunch. The snack bar was the only section open, and didn't include salads, hamburgers, or anything to make a decent meal. By the time many had gotten through the snack bar lines and had paid, it was about 11:30. We had to get to the bus before it left. I myself, had three candybars and had to eat them on the DAVEA bus along with others eating their so called lunches. If Mr. Waterhouse would have called DAVEA and said that we would be fifteen minutes late arriving, most of the afternoon DAVEA students could have gone home for lunch or to McDonalds.

From what I have heard, the State of Ill. requires a

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Letter to the editor

PERSONALS

Jamie,
I love you!

Jealous

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Hello Maggie:
I'll play that song after the mews.BAAN!!!

Larry lujack
Super Jock

* * * * *

Arm,

How's the mirror business?

Crack-up

* * * * *

Bruce V.
You can't have Miss Huxtable she's mine!

Dave W.

* * * * *

A.C.,
I'm not conceited! I'm just perfect!

Crazy

* * * * *

Crazy,
No exceptions!Except me

A.C.

* * * * *

Frank Spizzirrii
Grow Up!!!!

Danny and David

* * * * *

Zank,
To the closet!

Hank

* * * * *

Bisurk,
FERT!

Crazy

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Kirby, Hope, Talphie, Gayboy, Glen and Eunice,
GOODNIGHT!

Leslie

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Leslie,
GOOD NIGHT!
Kirby, Hope, Ralphie
Gayboy, Glen and Eunice

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A.C. and crazy,
You guys are cool!

* * * * *

Puke,
I miss your smiling Face and wise comments

Boggle.

* * * * *

Hay "Big Bird"
How D.D. Forever
Bump

* * * * *

Abby,
You're weird! Did you know that? From,
Shari

* * * * *

North,
We got the "Fever"! Remember the 27th?!?,Watch out, Don't let those rollerskates move too Fast!

C.O.D.

* * * * *

Dick,
When I'm around you I have a BOOB of a Time!

BIG BERT
BEST BOOB
head around

* * * * *

#22
I'll be cheering for you!!!

A Fan

* * * * *

D.S.
Remember Rush??? Well I don't!!!! Let's be Friends anyway.

Me

* * * * *

Herectic,
You're just a sore loser, I wear earth shoes not army boots.

the Pope

* * * * *

Bill and Tony:
Same to ya!
Laverne & Shirley

* * * * *

Muff,
Remember Friday the 13th?!?, Stairway to Heaven?!?. Thanks for going with. Too bad PUFF couldn't have been there,maybe next time!

Sid

* * * * *

Danny,
You're single huh?

Crazy

* * * * *

Short People,
Short people got nobody to love. (how true)

-me

* * * * *

Jeff,
Jerk!

-us again

* * * * *

Rich,
I'm perfect.

Toots

* * * * *

Don,
Let's get rowdy!

Danny

* * * * *

R.G.
Got time

K.S.

* * * * *

.Czajka,
Remember the GROUNDHOG!!!

J.J.

* * * * *

Granty,(our lucky Big buy) you are teasing us to death.

Us Guys

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Netzel, We want BLUM!

The People's Choice Fan Club

* * * * *

Zabes,
Awesome dreams about you

PBC

* * * * *

Pooh,
Thought you were a friend but I guess we were wrong.

SWT

* * * * *

Sweetie Pie,
I think your cute!

Toots

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Stockton leads DVC scorers

by David Hallman

Don Stockton, We-Go's big man in the middle, isn't very big at all for the kind of job he's doing. At 6'3" he's the DuPage Valley Conference top scorer with 186 points and the top rebounder.

Don began playing basketball when he got into grade school. He then played on the junior high team and started on the varsity basketball team his sophomore year. That year he scored 318 points.

But now that he's the big man, he says, "It's a challenge" to the inside but he "would like to play outside" because he knows he'll have to in college. He wants to play basketball in college, but says he "doesn't know what it takes."

Don is also involved in football in which he's the starting quarterback, and is also a member of the track team.

Seniors Tina Luers and Cathy Bosso will be among those honored at Saturday's basketball game during Senior/Parent Night activities.

(photo by Turner)

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Gonzo: "everything rock should be"

by Christa Velbel

The sailboat under me languidly heaved on the waves a mile out in Lake Michigan. As I leaned over the side, I could hear the Ted Nugent concert.....

Until Friday, I only mildly regretted that day last July. I mean, I knew that getting seasick was a drag, and then people kept yelling, "what a great concert you missed!" But when I got an earful of "Double Live Gonzo" last week, I finally realized how much I really missed.

If you want to live in Surfin' USA, be a Boogie Man, or have Dreams; well, I'll quote Mr. Nugent, "Anybody wants to get mellow, you can turn around and get the ---- out of here!"

WLS avoids playing Ted. The only parent that likes Ted is his own mother. One would encounter difficulty making up a pom - pon routine to "Stranglehold".

You need passion to appreciate this man, guts to understand him. Nugent isn't afraid to appear onstage without clown makeup and a few million bucks of special effects garbage. He can do more without it-he gives the audience what just may be the tightest bond, the howlingest presence, and the cleanest, fastest, meanest guitar in music today. Which is everything rock should be.

(photo by Turner)

Forty-Five minutes into a sold-out show in Houston last year, Ted's Fans set five large bonfires in the balconies. Wonder why? Listen to "Double Live Gonzo". Loud. And bring matches to the next Nugent concert.

Restaurant review — Magic Pan offers variety in dining

by Laurie Choules

Looking for something besides McDonald's? Try heading to the "Magic Pan" in Fox Valley Mall for a little variety mixed with culture.

The menu contains a large assortment of crêpe entrees, dinners, and desserts at a price range of $2 to $6. Delicious and hot was the appraisal of the chicken DeVan, ham palacsintas, spinach souffle and crêpe St. Jacques by five BRIDGE reviewers. The oriental beef crêpe tasted bland and arrived cold but the mandarin, almond salad that came with the dinner was super. The alpine cheese sizzle needed a little more sizzle. Mouth watering described the crêpe a la mode, cheese blintz, and apple desserts.

Almost over attentive service caused the reviewers to be served two glasses of water. The early hour of 4:45 p.m. could explain having three waitresses bring the dessert.

An imitation of a sidewalk cafe created a light and simple atmosphere in one section. Another section for non-smokers could not be claimed as the best decor but the pictures and the wood tables showed taste.

The Magic Pan
crêperie

Letter

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half hour for students attending a full day of school. So Mr. Waterhouse, why didn't we get it?

If afternoon DAVEA students had had a half hour lunch period there might have been more people attending DAVEA on January 18.

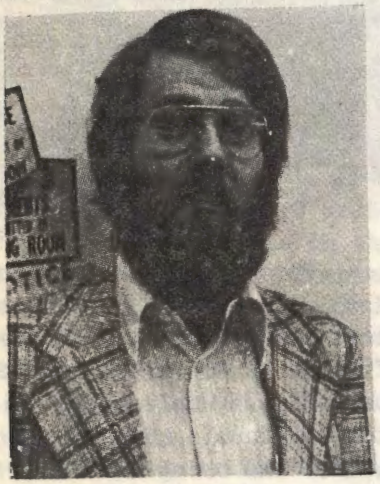
Because some of the students didn't think that the bus would be leaving until 11:45, they didn't show up until then. That goof was on Mr. Waterhouse's part for not having Paul Hayes, a parapro, make an announcement in advance on the bus about the fifteen minute lunch period. Instead, he was in front of the cafeteria where students had to find him to ask questions. In conclusion, I would like to say to Mr. R. Waterhouse on behalf of the DAVEA students that we would like and want our half hour lunch time this day foward.

Lance D. Lederman

Practices what he teaches

by Beth Kennedy and Roberta Root

Don Zabelin, a new face in the crowd of teachers here at West Chicago, enjoys teaching Consumer Education because he feels it involves current and relevant topics.



(photo by Turner)

Mr. Zabelin grew up in Aurora and graduated from Western Illinois University. Before joining the staff this year he taught business courses in Galesburg. He was happy to get this job because he's closer to his family and friends.

After teaching Consumer Ed. for half a year, he claims that the students in his classes respond quite well to what's going on. The students are learning practical aspects of consumer affairs such as: awareness of deceptive advertising, money-hungry producers, and their responsibilities as consumers.

Exercising his right to protest, Mr. Zabelin recently set an example for his students by taking a case of bad service to the small claims court. He won the $30 dispute. Even though it took his time and wasn't a money-making venture, he felt he succeeded in proving a point.

Mr. Zabelin has already formed a new organization at this high school called Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). In his spare time he sells sporting goods, plays tennis and racquet ball, watches baseball games and listens to music.

PHOTOPINION

by Laura Macko

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE ALBUM?

(photos by Jones)

Lori Walter '79 "Bob Welch 'French Kiss' cause it's funky. farout music."

Greg Heier '80 "Fleetwood Mac's 'Rumours' the songs have got a good beat."

Debbie Fester '81 "Leif Garrett' cause I think he's a hunk."

Mr. King "sells" new marketing class

by Ken Osterman

Students registering for next year may sign up for new class that deals with the, "marketing" part of business.

Mr. Dan King will teach the new semester class which carries ½ credit and is open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

"There are three main parts of business," says Mr. King, "the secretarial work, the accounting, and the marketing. In this school there are classes dealing with typing and accounting, but none with marketing."

Mr. King explains that the basic idea of marketing is to get the product from the manufacturer to the consumer by using the four main points of marketing product, price, place, and promotion.

"First you have to find out what the people want, research the market, price it, and then advertise and promote the product," says Mr. King, but for this class "the most emphasis will be placed on promotion in marketing."

Some of the projects the class will do will include developing a product and promoting the product by advertisements.

Mr. King says that for people with a business interest this class would teach them how to set up, manage, and design their own business, and how to advertise and sell products. This class would also "be a good college prep" for business oriented people, adds Mr. King.

For people without a interest in business this class gives a background of marketing helpful in future education and life.

"I've had the idea for this class for the last couple of years and now I'm really pushing for enrollment," says Mr. King.

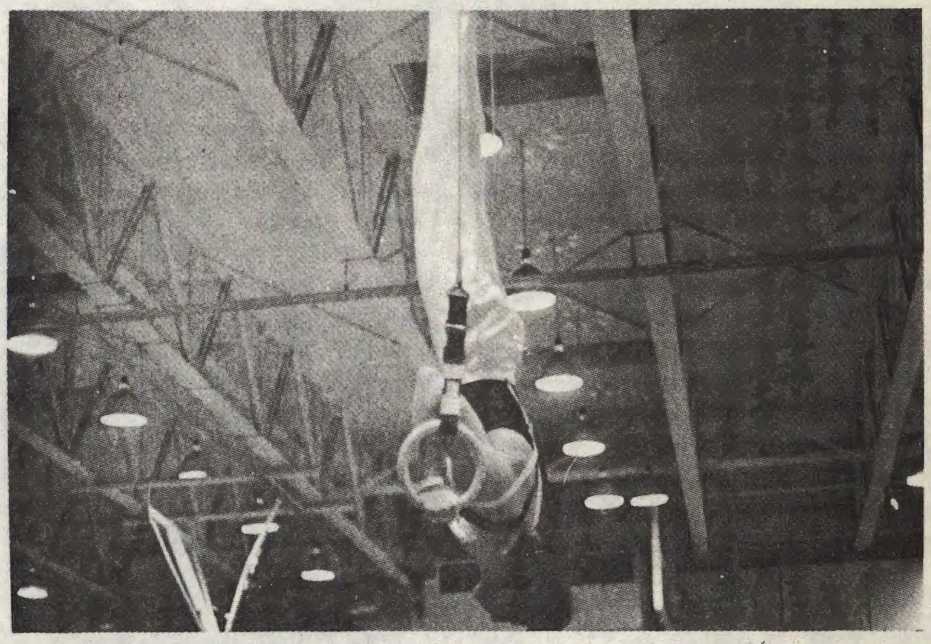
Gymnasts surpass Sparkman's goals

by Mike Klingberg

The West Chicago Gymnastic Team has completed its season with a record of 4-13 overall and a sixth place finish in the DuPage Valley Conference Tournament.

In compiling the teams best ever record, they surpassed three major goals Coach Sparkman had set for the team this year. The goals were to win at least one meet, finish out of the basement in the conference tournament, and to have at least one team member go on to sectionals, which Terry Ferro did.

The team will be losing some fine seniors to graduation at the end of this year. However, Sparkman feels that with the return of Scott Moffat and Sam Bosso from this year's varsity plus a fine group of sophomores, led by Scott Ballance, that next year's team will probably be the best we've had here at We-Go.



Dan Rottermand, one of this year's seniors, puts on his final performance. (photo by Turner)

Turnovers and fouls plague female cagers

by Tina Luers

The girl's varsity basketball team is doing well despite recent losses. Miss Singleton stated, "Turnovers are a big problem. We're making more errors than the other teams, especially in the last minutes of the game."

The team's lack of height does not seem to hamper their ability to be quick and aggressive on the court. When recently interviewed, Beth Beedle, senior player, commented, "I'd have to say that despite our last two losses, which were only by two points, we have much potential and a good outlook for the upcoming games." Beth also explained why she thought the future teams will be promising. "This year we have a freshman team by itself. I feel that this was a step for building a more experienced team in the future."

In the make up Christmas Tournament the girls defeated East Aurora 56-45 in the first round. However, fouls troubled the Wildcats in the second round as they lost 46-40 to Arlington.

The Wildcats' conference record is 1-3 and their next home game is against Naperville North, February 28 at 6:30.

Indoor track off to running start

by Frank Nejedly

The indoor track teams outlook is a new one this year. Mr. Steve Arnold is the head coach and assisting this year will be coach Laurie Jordon, who feels that no one will be a loser. Coach Arnold stated "I look at track as an individual sport not a team sport."

The team though independent is still kept organized by the team captain Ken Mueller and Max Benshoof. This year there are only three returning Lettermen, Ken Mueller, Dean Burgeson, and Ron Voelz but there are still many other good runners. Also returning from last year are Tony Malia, Karl Huff, Kathy Barnick, David Johnston, and Dianne Campbell.

Wildcats fall into cellar again

by Tom Nelson

In a head-on battle for the DuPage Valley Conference basement, the Wildcats lost a close game to the Naperville Central Redskins 65-57.

With a 2-6 DVC record, Naperville Central was a slight underdog to the 2-6 Wildcats, since the Wildcats defeated the Redskins earlier this year at Naperville.

Naperville Central and West Chicago played almost even through the first half, but during the third quarter forward Don Stockton came into foul trouble. He left the game with four fouls midway through that stanza.

The Redskins took advantage of Stockton's absence and went on the war path to a five-point lead. Moments later the Wildcats tied it again and Stockton returned but later fouled out. West Chicago guard Dave Turnquist also exited to the bench because of his fifth foul.

Bob Hemmerich (33) shoots for a basket while Ron Eynik (22) waits for the rebound.
(photo by Turner)

Had the Redskins lost their touch as they did in their first with West Chicago the Wildcats might have survived. However, the Skins came up with their finest period of the evening, benefitted by an eternal march to charity stripe, ending thoughts of a Wildcat victory. Bob Hemmerich, West Chicago sharp shooting forward, turned in one of his best evenings of the year by scoring 16 points to lead the Wildcats.

In the last few games the Wildcats have been on a losing streak. They've been defeated by Glenbard North 59-56 in triple overtime, mauled by Wheaton Central Tigers 65-37, edged out by the Wheaton North Falcons 51-48, and keelhauled by the Glenbard South Raiders 65-61 in overtime.

Two wrestlers advance to district finals

by Jim Clay

After winning conference in 1976 and taking fourth in state in 1977, the 1978 Wildcats were quite a disappointment Friday and Saturday, February 3 and 4 in their conference wrestling meet.

The Wildcats came in fifth place out of eight teams, trailing Wheaton North, which had 166½ points. Glenbard South was the biggest threat to North with 98 points.

Even though the Wildcats didn't do too well in the overall standings they had some good individual efforts, with Craig Stough placing second in conference. He lost a decision to Paul Nordstrom in the finals.

Tony Cruz also placed third, while We-Go's Mike Urban and Carlos Cruz both ended up taking fourth place in their weight divisions.

Tony Cruz and Craig Stough will both advance to districts and possibly go on to sectionals and state tournaments.

Carlos Cruz wrestles to fourth place in the DV conference meet held here February 3 and 4.
(photo by Turner)

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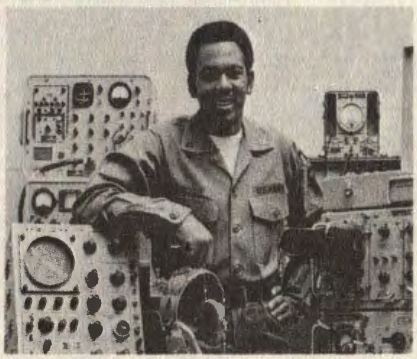

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