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Gymeteria temporarily annoys students

by Chuck Strayve, Jim Clay

With the new addition to be finished by next September construction is now a month behind because of the early winter.

When asked if the addition would be finished by next September Dr. Kamm said, "It is possible if there's a warm spring, no strikes, and if they don't run out of supplies."

The construction workers have been stock piling their supplies all winter including brick, insulation, and heating units.

For the meantime, however, we all must endure eating in the small gym. Our suffering will hopefully be rewarded next fall.

The cafeteria will have an arrangement of long tables similar to the ones we have now, as well as some round tables for small groups of friends to sit at. All together the new cafeteria will seat around 590 people compared to 400 in the old.

Since they will all be located in the same section of the building, students will have access to the lunchroom, commons, and hallway without a pass.

Studying rewards 29

by Steve Paterson

The Illinois State Scholarship Commision recently named 29 We-Go seniors as Illinois Scholars.

The ISSC made the awards on the basis of the ACT test scores and class rank. The purpose of these awards is to give public recognition to the students who put in hours of study and who acheived scholasticly.

Seniors receiving this honor will be recognized at the Baccalaureate Honors Night in June.

Musicians make music

by Kathy Frommert
Kelly Hermo

West Chicago captured seventh place in the State Music Contest held March 4 at Elmhurst College.

Thirty-eight schools participated. West Chicago received 19 first place divisions, 27 second places, and 9 third place divisions.

First place solists were Kathy Frantz (vocal), Terry Ferro (vocal). Dick Waterhouse (vocal), Thom Wierenga (vocal), Alison Satterfield (violin), Terry Ferro (violin) and Gail Olson (flute). Other first place winners included Madrigals, Swing Choir, two cello duets, a woodwind duet, a trombone quartet, a french horn quarter, and a snare drum duet.

Judges graded the contestants on their tone, intonation, technique, rhythm, dynamics, musicianship, balance, and stage presence.

Students practiced for four to six weeks to prepare for the contest. Ninety-four students attended from West Chicago.

We-Go Mathematicians excell

by Ken Osterman

On March 14, 1978, 130 math students participated in the twenty-ninth annual High School Mathematics Examination at WCCHS.

For the second year in a row, Rick Gorvett won the competition with a high score of 79. Marie Devereux finished second with 68, and Dave Nelson placed third with a score of 67.

These three students', combined score of 214 will represent WCCHS in regional and national competition.

The top 100 students in the US, as a result of these exams, will compete in a Mathematics Olympiad to be held in April to select the USA team which will compete in the International Olympiad.

Pot calling the kettle black

To the editor-in-chief of the BRIDGE (Robin Snowdin):(sic)

We feel the quality of the BRIDGE has fallen to the level of Dick, Jane and Sally. Most of the articles seemed to be repeated every two weeks. They lack humor, wit, originality and usually consist of sentence structure and vocabulary on the sixth grade level. Most material that is considered good by the students is promptly rejected by the editor. Who's paper is it, the editors or ours? We do not hold other people on the BRIDGE staff responsible for its quality. We know they have tried to get material in that the "editor" considered too childish and silly. We feel that in order for the paper to improve, the editor should try to be more open minded. How about a special edition containg (sic) only Personals? We doubt the editor will have the guts to print this anyway.

Sincerely,
Brett Zehr
Joel Catalano

Our reply

Dear Joel and Brett,

Isn't it a little unfair to generalize and say "most material considered good by the students is promptly rejected" when in fact you're referring only to your poem "Big George"?

The rejection of your poem had nothing to do with the open mindedness of the editor. Rather, it was the concern of the Editorial Staff for keeping the paper above the level you describe that prompted the rejection.

Try to tear yourselves away from maintaining your level of expertise in the Dick, Jane, and Sally area long enough to read about the "sour grapes" in Aesop's fables, or a book on journalism, or even a daily newspaper. Then maybe you'll think twice before suggesting a newspaper should contain only Personals.

Letters

Oh, and incidentally, the name, as it has been correctly printed in every issue, is Robyn Snowden; also, the word you wrote as "containg" is really spelled "containing"; and though we don't mean to become picky, when you ask "whose" paper the BRIDGE is, there should have been an apostrophe in the word "editors."

Sincerely,
The BRIDGE Staff

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FRIENDS...

Dear Editor

As I was walking down the corridor in school other day, I heard somebody say, " hello." I turned around. I didn't see anybody I knew. Then she waved, and I looked again. Did I know her? Probably.....

Later that day I went home and found two letters from French friends in the mail box. I read them and laughed for a while; my friends' ironic humor hit me again. I began thinking about them, and I suddenly found out I really cared for them. In France they were only friends, but now I understood they really meant a lot to me.

Here, I don't have friends like that.

Oh, sure, I have lots of acquaintances. I bet I know over two hundred people at school- but what do they mean to me?

The next day at school I tried to find out how many people I really considered friends. The result was depressing. I didn't find one who I really considered a close friend.

As I talked with other exchange students about this, I found that they, too, had the same experiences.

"You can't really communicate with Americans, " she claimed. "You know a lot of people, but they aren't really your friends."

Other exchange students make their closest friendships within the circle of exchange students- hardly the best way to learn about Americans

What can be done about this problem?

Not too much, I'm afraid. Many Americans are afraid of building emotional relationships with exchange students

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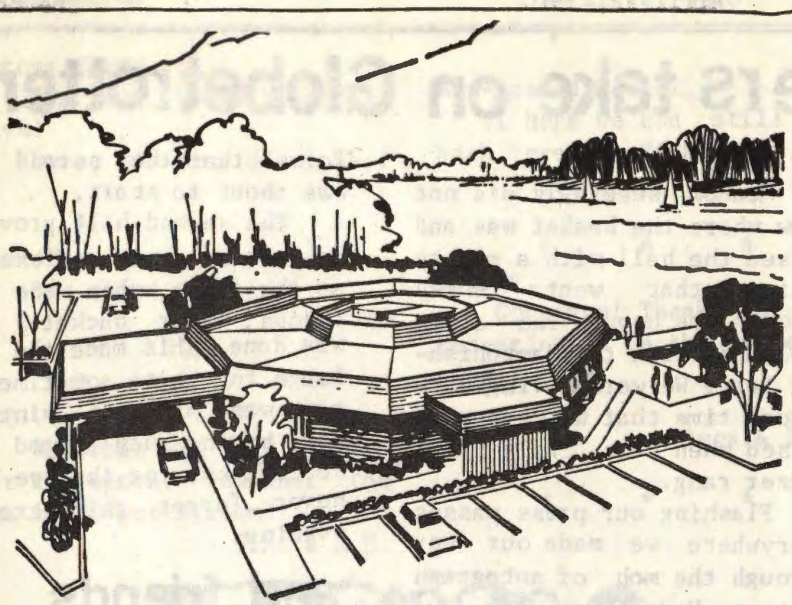

SALERNO'S ON THE FOX

When the pizza craving strikes...

by Scott DeDera

Are you a pizza freak? Do you love Italian food? If so, head on over to Salerno's on the Fox.

Salerno's offers a variety of meals ranging from T-Bone Steak to Lasagna, from Lobster to Spaghetti (Agle E Olio), a bowl of buttered spaghetti noodles sprinkled with parsley flakes. Their dinners include a basket of Italian bread with butter and the choice of soup or salad.

Prices range from $1.65 for an Italian Sausage Sandwhich to $15 for Lobster. The average price for a complete meal is approximately $6.

Pizza, Salerno's Specialty, range in size from "Baby" serving two or three people, to an "extra-large" serving eight to ten. Each pizza has a thick yeast crust topped with a generous helping of thick, gooey mozzorella cheese. Extras can be added on for an extra charge.

Beware! Their pizzas are deceiving. They're very filling, and when the waitress suggests what size pizza will serve your group, trust her, she knows!

Salerno's will satisfy the heartiest diner and the fussiest Pizza eater. They also have a carry-out service for Pizza and other Italian dishes.

The Restaurant is located on the West Shore of the Fox River, one block North of Route 64 on Second in St. Charles.

"One and only"

by Tina Luers

When was the last time you saw a really funny movie without alot of vulgarity? Quite some time ago, huh? Then I suggest you see "The One and Only".

This movie stars Henry Winkler and Kim Darby, both well cast.

The story is centered around Winkler, a "Hollywood hopeful", on his way to stardom. Complications develop, adding to what this reviewer considers a humor dominated film which promises to keep audiences rolling in the aisles.

A Chicago band "Unleashed"

by Christa Velbel

When you're an infant, you don't know anything about fun. When you're a so-called adult, you're supposed to forget whatever you knew. The Hounds play for the live-it-up-and-kick-it-out times in between.

Born, bred, photographed and managed in Chicago, they stick to no-frills Midwestern rock. John Hunter fronts the group with a slightly hysterical, totally fine voice, and contributes some lively keyboard slamming. Solid work from bass and drums leads to the gutsy crunch of Jim Orkis and Glen Rupp on guitars- not flashy, but neat competence that sets you dancing and leaves you breathless.

However, the really deadly talent of this band is their songwriting. Harbor no notions of cosmic weirdness. Instead, dream of nine clever, super-energized, very sexy tunes that start your adrenaline flowing. Run to your favorite record dealer and get "Unleashed". Support your local band.

We-Go reporters take on Globetrotters

by Tom Leffew
Tina Leurs
Cathy Tinnes

We just couldn't believe it! Here we are three measley high school seniors being treated like royality at the Harlem Globetrotters game in the Chicago Stadium. We walked in the building looking very conspicous with our bulging folders and camera. Like real pro journalists we ask an Andy Frain the way to the public relations office. (I had always wondered how so many people could have the same name!) The head of public Relations at the stadium, Don Murphy, introduced us to Joe Aro, vice president of the Globetrotters who set up our interviews.

Here we are expecting a bench warmer when we were informed that we were to speak with none other than Meadow Lark Lemon.

Mr. Murphy was most kind and gave us two press box seats and a photographer's pass. The excitement was unbearable. We could sense that the crowd was anticipating an enjoyable evening.

Sitting on our thrones we were anxiously waiting for the game to begin. The players were introduced and the show began with their famous warm up drill. We found ourselves whistling along to the tune "Sweet Georgia Brown."

As we watched their remarkable ball handling we saw how they combined many eliments of sports and comedy with incredible timing.

Glancing around us we saw just how they captivated their audience.

The first half of the game was filled with precise and numerous stunts. From Curly bouncing a basketball off his shining bald head to Meadow's uncanny three quarter court hook shot.

Meadow seemingly did not know where the basket was and tossed the ball with a mighty motion that went swish through the hoop! The crowd applauded with this astonishing feat. We were having such a good time that we were surprised when the half time buzzer rang.

Flashing our press passes everywhere we made our way through the mob of autograph hunters. Here there was excitement galore as we and other reporters interviewed the Globetrotters. They seemed like really down to earth people. As they clowned around, we asked for autographs, Tina and Cathy even received a kiss from Jerry Venable.

Then the moment came. Meadow walked out of the locker room with a smile on his face. We were very nervous but we managed to ask a few questions. He seemed very different off the court looking tired and serious.Once we talked to him our nerves settle, but by this time half time was about over. We mingled with the rest of the players until they were informed that the second half was about to start.

The second half proved to be just as crazy and exciting as the first, when the world famous, water bucket trick was done. This made the crowd laugh for quite sometime. The game went by fast since we were having such a good time. We left knowing that we would never forget this exciting evening.

4th amendment nonapplicable to lockers?

Dear Editor

We feel that its very unfair and unlawful for a student to be accused of having something in their locker like drugs, stolen library books or anything else. How would the teachers feel if we the students searched through their desks and belongings. We hope something is done about this.

Thank you
Names withheld

and friends

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because, "they're going home soon, anyway."

Others think exchange students are different- special. I wonder if we really are. We can be lonely just as you are, maybe more so because we don't know the "territory." Why are we special ?. Are we interesting, something different, something new...

Knowing your best friends are thousands of miles away can be hard. Personally I'm not too dependent on having my friends around me all of the time. Acquaintances will do. But I still wish I had a really good friend who knew me as more than " Nic from France."

The problem is understandable. As exchange students, we are different. We have another heritage. Another background. And we're going home pretty soon.

Letters

For now, I've resigned myself to the fact that I have no close friends- just a lot of acquaintances.

But who knows what friendships I'll take with me when I leave?

Nicolas C. Payet
Reunion, France
Class of 1978.

Father Ferro,
The Lord, be with you always!
Love, All your disciples!

* * *

Blondie,
How about it?
B.J.er

* * *

J.Q.,
Remember the fork, remember the spoon, remember the fun in Muppet's room?!
T.S. & K.H.

PERSONALS

Dee,
I'll go pididdle seeking with you anytime.
Love, Ken

* * *

V.D.,
Too bad you didn't lead the country in Scoring.
The Fans

* * *

Mingy,
Say 'hi' to Mickey Mouse.
Minnie Mouse

* * *

Waddles,
Lost any teeth lately?
Wiggles & Moose

* * *

Dichung,
Uch habe dich Gern!
Ein Freund,
JR

* * *

Hey fobar,
Did you get your love life straightened out yet?
Your Concerned Friends

* * *

Dear Ed B.,
I honestly love you. It's no joke!
Love,
Maria Trykowski

* * *

Red-headed Pecker,
I hope we can still get back together SOON!
Deb

* * *

Tweety,
Congrats! Thanks for representing us in the superlatives!
Bugs & Porky

* * *

Steve Boorsma,
You have a big mouth!
Guess Who

Bunny, * * *
How's it coming with you and Steve?
Moose

* * *

Cookie,
Whatever you do or say, you're still my cookie!
Me

* * *

Laurie A.,
Watch it! He's 18!
Mac

* * *

Ralphie,
Sorry, got other plans. Maybe some other time.
See ya,
Hope

* * *

Amy!
How's the fudge?
D.B.

* * *

Tut,
There's more to a tuttle then meets the eye... What's a tuttle?
Strobe light and hoein' in the garden

* * *

C. Dastych,
I'd like to get to know ya better!!
a beard lover

* * *

Ken K.,
It's nice to know you. I hope it works out o.k.
D.S.

* * *

#3,
Did you dream about bunnies last night?? I did...
#13

* * *

Eskimo,
Drive it off a cliff!
Bird

* * *

Puce Goose,
You know what they say about your kind!
Blonde Blitz

* * *

Spear-chucker,
How's the watermelon?
Jig-a-boo

* * *

Adobe,
How's the pennies?
B.A.T.

* * *

Deanne,
It must be bad if wood is the best you can get!!
L.M.

* * *

J. Galloway,
You're cute - even with your braces. See ya around.

* * *

Congratulations Dick and everyone else in "Music Man."

* * *

Bowwob,
What was that for?
Captain Caveman

* * *

#15,
You're great!!
Crazy

* * *

"Students aren't serious enough"

by Scott Sauber

Tim Courtney, We-Go's new journalism teacher, feels "students are not highly motivated when it comes to homework, and that bothers me. When you give homework and you hear an excuse like 'Well, I gotta work tonight', well, then go work. Quit school. Take your pick. If you can't hack both of them, choose the one you want to do a really good job in."

As advisor and "professional consultant" to the Bridge, Mr. Courtney commented, "The people on the newspaper are really a lot of fun people. We have good times. We go out to eat when we do our restaurant reviews. My students are excellent but I think that a lot of people in the school aren't serious enough about school. They're nice people, but I don't think they know what they are missing. High School and college were the best times of my life. For one, you are not worried about a living. If you've got a part time job somewhere and you lose it, who cares? I mean, your parents are still going to feed you, give you clothes. You don't have to worry about that. I don't see how a job could be more important than school."

On baseball, Mr. Courtney says "I don't coach baseball I teach it." The new sophomore baseball coach reflects, "I am looking forward to a winning season. The guys on the team have a lot of spirit. They don't gripe. When I tell them to go home they say 'Aw, come on let's practice' They want to run, slide or something. That is the kind of thing I have seen in all teams that I have seen win. The one thing I've seen in them is that they really like to play baseball."

PHOTOPINION (photos by Jones)

What's your favorite TV show?

Jeff Jones (79) "M*A*S*H because it shows that even war can have funny moments

Deanne Sheahan (80) "Saturday Night Live, because it's entertaining."

Rick Weber (79) "Three's Company, because of the sex appeal."

Jim Clay (79) "Magilla Gorilla, because I like Mr. Peebles."

Mrs. Moroz welcomed

by Mark Davenport

Most likely you have seen the new papapro Elizabeth Moroz in the hallways.

Mrs. Moroz came to the United States in 1963. During her 15 years here she attended a Y.W.C.A. to learn English. She is presently attending Waubonsee College in Sugar Grove.

(photo by Jones)

Mrs. Moroz say's that she heard stories saying how mean highschool students were, and that teachers were afraid to discipline students for fear of being harmed themselves, that isn't true, here. Students are very friendly. She also commented, "the faculty and other parapro's went out of their way to make me feel welcome."

Sports commentary: Field woes for baseball

by Tom Nelson

The Wildcats have a good team this year, but still have one major problem. No it's not a poor clean up hitter or a pitcher that develops blisters after two innings, it's their field.

The baseball field at West Chicago looks at though it has been straffed by a squadron of Japanese Kamakazie pilots. Infield conditions require all players to carry machetes to hack through the dense growth called grass.

One reason why the school might not want to fix up the field is because it makes a dandy parking lot for homecoming and a fine place to have gym classes.

With one of the finest sports complexes in the state being built at West Chicago, why couldn't the school buy the team a bag of grass seed and an outfield fence? If the school felt generous they might even cut the grass in the infield a bit more often.

These conditions prompted one of the players to remark, " The administration completely ignores the baseball field conditions, we probably have the worst field conditions in the conference."

The PE classes play out on the baseball fields, but if a person sets a foot on the football field he gets kicked off. Little kids have moto-cross races on the field and rumor has it the US Army has leased it out for tank trials.

So why so little concern over the field and its conditions? Well this is the way I see it. The school board wants to impress the parents, so what do they do? They built a beautiful new fieldhouse and always seem to be able to build new bleachers and resod the football field. But when it comes to the baseball field, well give the kids some rakes and let them fix it up.

Why they don't fix up the field? Well the baseball team hasn't done too good recently and football is the big sport in West Chicago. So the school board who wants to please the parents and get reelected makes the football the baseball diamond go to pot.

If the administration would just think of ripping flesh skidding into home over pop tops, glass and rocks, ankles being twisted on rocks the size of grapefruits, and rusted beer cans waiting to latch their germ invested, jaws onto the feet of unsuspecting players, they just might decide to do something about these conditions.

The school doesn't have to build dugouts, put up lights or resod the entire field. All were asking them to do is put up an outfield fence and keep down the usage of the field for other activities.

Softball looks forward to a winning season

by Roxanne French

"I think we'll have a **really good softball team** this year," boasted Tisha Macko, "because the people are close and if you don't have closeness you can't play well together." Tisha is just one of the eight returning seniors on the varsity team.

Other returning letter earners are Cindy Clark, Sandy Westley, Carol Hedrick, Kathy Poppino, Bobby Foster, and Colleen and Kathilen Courtney.

"This will be the best team we've ever had," grinned Miss Gail George head coach of this years girls' softball team. "But we only can predict what we'll do.

"If the girls aren't playing heads-up ball we'll just be an average team."

Heading up the J-V team is Miss Jan Huxtible, in her first year coaching softball at We-Go. Miss Huxtible's team is mainly made of freshmen. One member of the J-V said, "I think we'll do ok, we are very aggressive and show good potential."

When talking with the girls from both teams their biggest beef was about the limited practicing space they have. Both teams are confined in the gym of Pioneer school because boy's baseball and tennis are in out big gym. But when weather permits they'll be moving their practices to the Junior High field.

I also asked the girls how they felt they were going to do and they answered in a variety of ways."I think we will do pretty good but we can only play the games one by one." While yet another added, "I think will do really great, we have a lot of team spirit." While another questionably hesitated to say, "I think we'll do pretty good I guess?"

A member of the J-V team commented as I was leaving, "The only thing we can do is our best and in each game give our all."

Wildcats looking good for '78

by Tom Nelson

Its' that time of year again when the old glove is oiled up and Jack Brickhouse is heard again from the friendly confines of Wrigely Field. Along with the robins every spring comes baseball.

It's time for baseball spring training and along with this comes the inevitable question, will the Wildcats break out of their seemingly never ending slump?

With hopes as high as usual at this time of year, the hardball men have three returning lettermen this seasom. Anthony "Ragu" Malia will be one of the mainstays on the mound, with a fine breaking ball and a bat that speaks for itself. Chuck Dastych a two year varsity letterman is returning for his third season. Dastych will become a vacume at second base with some fine fielding gems. The last varsity letterman is Mike "kong" Klingberg, with four homeruns last year, Klingberg is We-Go's long ball threat.

Other hopefuls this year include juniors Brett Beckwith, Mike Wheeland, Bob Fairbanks, Bill Arnold and Mike Franklin plus seniors Dale Chorley, Carl Sostak and a probable late comer Todd Termunde who is in Florida training.

This year hopefully will be a bit better than last year. Tony Malia commented, "The comference is fairly equal and no team has a real big advantage," Malia also stated, "We hope to play at least .500 ball this year." Outfielder Brett Beckwith explained, "The baseball team will surprise many this year."

With a vigourous training program that would make the Marines envious of coach Howard's hardball men, they have a good chance of making up for last years humiliating record.

The Wildcats opened their season with a doubleheader against Plainfield. The Wildcats lost both games , the first 13-1 and the second 8-0. Against Waubonsie on Wednesday, the Wildcats won 4-3.

Will expierience help team?

by Chuck Dastych

Experience! That's what this years We-Go varsity tennis team feels it has.

Despite last years 7-12-1 record, Coach Wayne Kosek has four returning letterman. Mark Gatehouse, Jeff Beardsley, Steve Davis and David Nelson. Together, Davis and Nelson place second in doubles in conference last year, and figure to be strong again this year.

With the addition of the fieldhouse, the gravel parking lot north of the school is gone and thus eliminates the problem of dust blowing into the players eyes."It was really a pain," explained Jeff Beardsley,"we would have to stop every so often on windy days because it got so bad."

This years schedule does not figure to be tougher than last year. "With the experience we obtained as juniors we should be pretty tough this season,"replied Beardsley, "we've matured somewhat from last season."

One of the advantages the team feels it has by playing on the home court as opposed to playing away. Oddly enough it's not from student support, which there is none of, but by playing on the courts themselves. West Chicago has one of the finest courts around.

Rounding off this year's squad are juniors Dan Rinn, Rich Briggs, Dave Brokaski, Carey Clark, and sophomore Frank Denges.

We-Go faced Crown on March 31, and came away the winner, 4-1.

Birdies fly

by Laurie Choules

Enthusiastic describes this years badminton team.

Concerning the potential of the team, Miss Katsion , varsity coach , stated " We have really almost totally new people. This year we are in the process of building a team." Most importantly Miss Katsion feels the team has enthusiasm and want to learn. Their inexperience will be their main problem , but the fact that a freshman holds the number one singles seat shows promise for the coming years.

Miss Haldilek , the JV coach, and Miss Katsion had hoped to allow everyone who came out for the team to play on it. Since about 20 girls tryed out and there were 17 positions to fill, the coaches were able to do that.

Right now the team can't get the experience they need because they have to contend with the lack of room to practice. Only three courts can be used because the other half of the gym contains the cafeteria.