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Senior editors leave

Bridge to be under new management

by Wally Verdooren
and Steve Binder

The final issue of the BRIDGE for this season has come out, and with it, a new editorial and production staff. This year's senior editors have left the job of putting out this final issue to next year's staff, to give them the experience they'll need for next season.

This year's BRIDGE was marked by a large amount of change over the publications of years passed and those responsible should be recognized. Senior Ken Osterman served as editor in chief, and mainly worked on the editorials opinion columns, and various letters the BRIDGE received for each issue. At the job of news editor was senior Scott DeDera, whose main task was preparing all new items which appeared on page one. Seniors Dee Rouse and Laura Macko shared the jobs of feature editor.

In the Journalism Education Association convention held in St. Louis in November. Dee Rouse placed third in the headlining and copyediting competition. Senior Dave Hallman headed the editing of the BRIDGE's sport section. Acting as production manager was senior Dan Rinn, who tried to make sure that every aspect of the BRIDGE's layout and production was in proper order.

The change this year's BRIDGE staff produced - came in a number of different forms. One obvious change was the paper being published on newsprint instead of ordinary school paper, giving it a much more professional look. Yet, perhaps the most definite change in this years editions was the actual content of the paper itself.

Both faculty and students alike have expressed that this year's BRIDGE contained quite a lot of non-academic type material, which served as a reflection of this year's BRIDGE staff. Just a sampling of this year's articles ranged from teenage pregnancy to student drunk drivers to disco dancing. Senior Wally Verdooren placed second in the category of feature writing and received a plaque in his honor at the DuPage Press Association Awards banquet for his February 16 article titled "Total Ecstasy on the Disco Floor."

Not only was this a student paper, but a student run paper as well. It was the BRIDGE's student editorial staff who decided on what was to be put into the paper and how it was to be handled. Characteristically, this year's BRIDGE was run by, what by many standards, seemed to be a rather liberal editorial staff over those of years passed.

This year's paper served not only as an outlet for scholastic affairs, which ranged to everything from smoking lounges to school board meetings, but also reflected the concerns and future outlooks of today's youth outside of the classroom. School is no longer the only concern many young people face today, and in many cases isn't even a major one. This year's senior staff has tried to realistically deal with many aspects of todays youth.

This brings us to the new editorial and production staff for next year. Steve Binder, Holly Gatehouse, and Lynda Simpson all have had experience in the editing and layout of this year's BRIDGE. They will be joined with newly acquired Casey Kovac along with typist Cindy Bahlmann.

Next year's editors feel very eager and confident to begin the challenge and take on the responsibility of publishing next year's BRIDGE. Meetings have already been held, discussions have taken place, and as Advisor Tim Courtney put it, "They are very organized."

Our biggest goal for next year will involve mainly you, the reader. Any complaints, criticism, or suggestions that you encounter in next year's BRIDGE must be brought to our attention. Communication between you, the reader, and the BRIDGE staff is vital. After all, the BRIDGE is the school newspaper, and without your suggestions and ideas, the school newspaper will cease to exist.

Athletic field renovation

by Steve Binder

The District 94 Board of Education, at their May 15 regular meeting, took the first step towards renovation of the PE/athletic field, discussed the possibility of additional maintenance for the spectator area of the swimming pool, and received information regarding free textbooks.

Beginning the long awaited landscaping renovation of the PE/athletic field, the Board approved the employment of Franz Lipp and Marvin Wehler and Associates, of Wheaton. The landscape architectural firm will be responsible for the development of plans and specifications, the supervision of the bidding, and the coordination of all work in regard to the practice field, located on the west side of Wood Street. The project, which costs approximately one hundred thousand dollars, will include fencing of the entire field. Superintendent Richard Kamm recommended that developmental work be completed by this summer in order to plant seed this fall. This will also present the unavoidable inconvenience of not using the athletic field during the project. Agreements for the use of other facilities (such possibilities include Wheaton Christian and the West Chicago Park District) are being investigated by Dr. Kamm.

The Board also discussed the application of a better quality floor finish to the slightly cracked surface of the spectator bleacher area near the pool. According to the Board, a possible cause of the problem was the cement drying too fast.

With everything going up in price these days, students will appreciate a reduction in cost of student textbook fees next year. Thanks to the Educational Service Region, textbooks, requested under the Illinois Textbook Loan Program, will be received by the District free of charge. The program operates on a rotating basis, distributing textbooks to certain grade levels different years. Next year, grades 9 through 12 will receive the free textbooks.

The Board also approved a proposal submitted by Principal Richard DuFour for development of Individualized Education Programs for basic skills students. Staff members will be employed over the summer vacation period to create the IEP's.

Letters expressing congratulations from the Board will be sent to those students and their teachers or sponsors who won a medal or award in the recent VICA and FBLA competitions.

The next District 94 Board of Education meeting will be held on June 19, at 7:45 in the LRC.

VICA award winners (from left): Karen Gansberg, Scott Miller, Moira Brand, Anita Titus, Advisor Doug Van De Mark, and Laura Fitzenreider.

Dedication signals pool opening

by Mila Matijasevich

The activities for the pool dedication took place on Sunday, May 20. West Chicago High School students were there to give guided tours to the public.

Dr. Kamm began the ceremonies by thanking all of the people who were involved in the construction, and officially announced that all parts of the building were now open. He then thanked "two very special men who had the project of keeping the school going through this whole time," Assistant Principal Richard Waterhouse and Principal Richard DuFour. He then went on to thank all of the volunteer help that the construction received from the Board of Education members. He thanked the former members of the Board who have already completed their terms and also the present Board members.

West Chicago Mayor Gene Reynolds spoke next and thanked the public for their patience. He commented that it seemed odd to him that almost three years ago was when they first suggested additions to the High School and now it is finally done.

President of the Student Council, Mike Turner, was the third speaker. On behalf of all of the students of West Chicago High School he thanked everyone who had anything to do with the construction, and he expressed how proud he is to come from a school with so many facilities available. Board of Education President Larry Hapgood was the last speaker of the ceremonies. He unveiled the plaque which is on the wall in the hall leading to the pool. He said that he hopes we will all be patient until the finish of the overall construction, he also replied "as the process gets underway, I'm sure there will be some problems."

An estimated one hundred fifty people went through the school and witnessed the ceremony of the unveiling of the plaque.

Nursery school held at We-Go

by Dee Rouse

It's spring. The last quarter at We-Go has begun. It's time for the Child Development Classes to test out their skills they have learned throughout the class during a nursery school.

Mrs. Von Hoff and Mrs. Kozlowskis' three child development classes began planning the nursery school about two months ago. The students planned out every minute of the hour each day they would be in charge, from arts and crafts to snacks.

The kids, ranging in ages from two to five, belong to faculty and neighborhood parents.

The nursery school is run by a small group of students at a time. They have to handle approximately fifteen preschoolers. Another small group must observe the children's actions throughout the hour.

They are graded on basis of how well the nursery school is planned, how well the activity keeps the children's attention, and how kids are handled.

The nursery school is being run for three weeks with a lot of hard work, patience, and a lot of imagination.

IRO banquet held

by Lynda Simpson

IRO/CWT held their twelfth annual employer appreciation banquet, May 23, at the West Chicago American Legion hall. Over sixty area businesses were represented. Each representative received a certificate of appreciation from their student employee.

At the banquet, the Student of the Year awards were presented. CWT awarded Lori Quarzenski with the Student of the Year plaque. IRO had co-winners Moira Brand and Karen Gansberg. Moira also received a check from the teachers association to help pay for her trip to Atlanta, where she will represent West Chicago at the VICA National Convention.

IRO captures state honors

by Linda Simpson

Thirteen students represented West Chicago Community High School at this year's VICA State Convention. Moira Brand captured first place in the commercial arts division with the advertisement she designed. Her first place award qualifies her to compete at the VICA National Convention to be held this summer in Atlanta.

Scott Miller received a second place award for the entree he entered in the commercial foods contest. In the floral center piece division, Laura Fitzenreider was awarded second place for the center piece she designed. Anita Titus captured sixth place, and Karen Gansberg received an honorable mention for their job interviews.

Dave Brokaski, Scott Wilson, Matt Roberg, Sharon Aguilar, Lori Walter, Maria Petragallo, Jackie Adeszko, and Tammy Davis also participated at the convention.

Graduation '79

by Steve Teske

Commencement ceremonies are scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. June 6 in the Bishop gym. Dr. Harold McAninch, president of the College of DuPage, will speak at graduation.

Baccalaureate, or Honor's Night, will be June 4, beginning at 8 p.m. in Weyrauch Auditorium. The speaker will be Mr. Harmen Wieringa, a Pastor in the Reform Church of America.

The valedictorian and salutatorian cannot be determined until June 4 according to Principal Richard DuFour. This is because of a new School Board policy stating that all eight semesters of school will be used to determine class standings.

Criticism continues

Wally H. Verdooren offers final explanation

Mr. Verdooren:

From the start, your articles went straight downhill. And now in the April 20 issue you went too far. You not only wasted the space and time of the BRIDGE, but you degraded the paper by writing about a conversation with a dog. Let me put it this way; WHO CARES? This article also showed what a poor writer you are. I don't see why the BRIDGE hired you in the first place, and I feel you should be kicked off. You have already pushed the BRIDGE far enough into the gutter with your articles.

Furthermore, in the May 11 issue you said that you were easy to find if someone wished to talk to you about your article. I can hardly ever find you besides lunch.

I also feel that you cannot take criticism. For in the May 11 issue a person wrote a negative letter about you and you said, "personal attacks on me should be dealt with in a personal manner." Frankly, you are starting to sound like the ex-mayor of Chicago, Mike Bilandic; always going off the subject and then leaving. You told your readers nothing about the article mentioned in the letter.

I hope my view on you and your article has gotten through to you and I am glad you are leaving the school. And I am not withholding my name from you, or the school.

Your critic,
Henry Bryan: Freshman

Mr. Bryan,

It seems quite apparent that your negative feelings about me are a direct result of my working for the BRIDGE. Since it seems that you have an obvious concern for the BRIDGE's reputation and would like to help it get out of the gutter which I've presumably pushed it into, perhaps I should tell you a little about some of the people you are trying to aid.

One BRIDGE staff member, whom I shall refer to as "Hot Legs" gets her kicks out of watching her dog lunge, snap, and snarl at people who are playing ping-pong. Seeing people in uncomfortable, embarrassing, and panic-stricken situations seems to give this lady a lot of personal pleasure and satisfaction.

Another member of the BRIDGE staff, who I'll call "Rod Stewart," believes himself to be this year's answer to Love God of the Universe. This is illustrated by the obvious pleasure he gets out of publically kissing not only girls, but guys as well.

Still yet another BRIDGE staffer, who will be known as "Prez," is a rough, tough, six-foot two-inch former We-Go athlete. But this big brute of a man was at one time frightened nearly to the point of tears by a wooden puppet in a movie. This same macho guy refused to leave his room after being frightened by someone with toilet paper on his head.

Then there is the supposed mature and intelligent member of the BRIDGE staff, a person who I'll call "P.C." In fact, "P.C." is so intelligent that he came up with the splendid idea of going to the tenth floor of a building and then filling its glass elevator up with furniture before sending it down to the first floor. And, if you'd like to obtain some really mature insights, just ask him to tell you about Volkswagens, lava lamps, and old men with paper bags.

One staff member, whom I'll refer to as "Julia," at times believes herself to be Linda Ronstadt in concert. While talking on the phone, she will suddenly take the receiver in hand like a microphone, and then proceed to let loose with the opening lines of "That'll Be The Day" or "Heatwave."

This, Mr. Bryan, is just a sampling of the people who you are defending. With these descriptions in mind, there is a question I must ask of you: Isn't it perhaps possible that it was, at least in part, these types of people who, along with me, put the BRIDGE in a rather unfavorable position with you? Why should all the blame go on me, when it seems to me it should be shared? Or perhaps it isn't the BRIDGE which is going in the gutter, but instead it is your rather narrow view of it, which is taking the plunge.

Another point you brought up is the reason behind my joining the BRIDGE staff and why I've remained. Well to be perfectly honest, the only reason I ever volunteered to write for the BRIDGE was that I felt one of the people on the staff to be an extremely attractive young lady, and I thought that joining the BRIDGE would give me an opportunity to meet her. Yes, Henry, I was motivated by female attraction, an aspect of life which I'm told you have yet to gain any understanding of. Yet, even after striking out with this particular young lady, I still remained on the staff for the simple reason that I enjoyed working on it.

For the most part, I found your letter full of bravado which resulted in nothing more than foolhardiness on your part. Your comparison of me to Mike Bilandic was inane, in that, while Bilandic had a responsibility to the citizens of Chicago, I don't have to explain myself to anyone, including you. All of my articles were written with a purpose, and the April 20 column was no exception. If you don't possess the intelligence to interpret and recognize the purpose in my articles, well, that's your problem not mine.

Your view on my articles has gotten through to me, because closed minded views are always easy to pick up. Perhaps if you'd try to look at things with a bit more open minded perspective, you could begin to make sense.

Your good friend,
Wally Verdooren

"There's always next year"

The outlook for next year's school year has to be an optimistic one. Why? Because this year was the most screwed up year in the whole history of WCCHS.

The school year started out "normal" enough: two weeks later than scheduled. The week before school started, the halls were so cluttered with construction equipment and garbage that one could barely pass through without killing himself. Dust filled the air and there's a rumor that two construction workers actually suffocated trying to loaf in one of the airless halls. But somehow the construction managed to get done. (Sure, it took till spring for the pool to be finished, just a minor technicality).

The Blizzard of '79 made this year all the more enjoyable. Record snowfalls made parking at WCCHS almost nonexistant as the lots diminished in size and the snow continued to pile. But somehow everyone made it through that catastrophe too, and parking is all back to normal with no complications. (Ha, ha, ha).

The highlight of spring just had to be the spring vacation — all four days of it. If anyone closed their eyes, they probably missed it. That's okay though, no one really was looking forward to a spring break anyway.

Nearing the end of the 1978-79 school year, a year thoroughly enjoyed by administration, faculty, and student body alike, expectations are already being set on next year. And once again the old proverb of WCCHS offers hope to all: There's always next year.

A place for summer sports

by Mike Fisher

Now that the new addition has finally been completed, residents of West Chicago and neighboring communities will finally have an opportunity to take advantage of the two most popular areas of the addition — the field house and pool.

The West Chicago Park District, in cooperation with the high school, will rent out the pool and field house for use this summer. The high school will also use it for their PE classes during summer school.

The boy's wrestling program will use the field house from 10:30 until 12 noon, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from June 15 thru July 6. Girl's basketball and boy's basketball will use the field house only if there is a large enough enrollment that would make the Bishop Gym too crowded. Hours for boy's basketball running will be from 4 until 6 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Girl's basketball will run from 2:30 till 4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

Football, baseball, and tennis will use the field house only if there is bad weather. Football is divided into two sections. Fundamentals of football will be run from 8:30 until 10:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Advanced football will be run from 6:30 until 9 p.m., also on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Tennis will be conducted from 6 to 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, from June 18 thru July 27. Baseball will run Monday thru Friday, depending on their schedule.

The school will also make use of the pool facility. A beginner's swimming class will be held from 3 till 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday, from June 15 thru July 3. Advanced swimming will be conducted on the same dates and hours. Advanced lifesaving will also be held on the same dates, but with different hours, 1 till 3 p.m. The pool will be open from 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.

The field house will see minimal activity from the Park District, with evening tennis being the only activity.

The Park District will, however, have extensive use of the pool through the entire summer. A lap swim will be held from 6 till 7 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The West Chicago swim team, the Sharks, will use the pool for both practices and meets, Monday thru Friday, from May 29 thru August 2. Adult recreational swimming will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 6:30 till 8 p.m., May 30 thru August 24. Open recreational swimming will be held on the same hours, but on different days. Tuesday and Thursday, May 29 thru August 2. Adult recreational swimming will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 6:30 till 8 p.m., May 30 thru August 24. Open recreational swimming will be held on the same hours, but on different days. Tuesday and Thursday, May 29 thru August 23. Adult swimming lessons will be given on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 8 till 9 p.m., June 18 thru August 3.

As of this writing, the Park District has not yet decided on admission prices for any of their swimming programs.

Violence and brutality receives an X

by Wally Verdooren

If you are not a member of the rather small minority of individuals in this school who can consider themselves legal adults, there is no reason for you to read on. This is because writer-director George Romero's new movie, **Dawn of the Dead** has been given an X rating.

Though this fact may immediately turn away quite a number of people, a reconsideration of this movie should be made. As the newspaper ad states, "There is no explicit sex in this picture," which is truly an understatement in that there isn't the slightest trace of sex or nudity whatsoever throughout the entire movie. What gives this movie its incredibly adult rating is its extensive use of brutality and violence.

Acting as a sequel, or rather a continuation, of Romero's first horror epic, **Night of the Living Dead, Dawn of the Dead's** first ten minutes of gruesome, brutal violence will probably determine whether or not you'll stay for the entire duration of the film.

The movie is set during a time when Earth has been infected with a plague of sorts, which causes the non-living corpses to rise up from the dead as zombies. Once reawakened, the zombies sole purpose seems to be that of ripping and consuming living human flesh, an act which is portrayed quite graphically throughout the film. The only way to permanently put an end to the zombies never-ending appetite is to somehow pierce their brain tissue, a feat which was accomplished by using everything from pistols to shotguns, from machetes to screwdrivers, and from helicopter blades to hammers.

The movie's plot centers around four individuals who take over a shopping mall, and how they deal with the many problems of just living in this most dangerous society. This setting is highly significant as the picture's themes and messages came to light as it progresses.

means stay away. Yet the film is at the same time strikingly horrifying.

Undoubtedly, the movie is repulsive, brutal, violent, gruesome, and incredibly bloody, so if you haven't the stomach or state of mind for the likes of these, by all humorous and satorical, with an incredibly strong illustration of man's dependence on materialism and also his apparent enslavement to a capitalist, consumer-oriented society. At the same time, Romero has presented us with an allegory of how people deal with and are affected by revolution and sudden change within a society.

If you should decide to see this film, try to enter the theater with an open frame of mind. By looking beyond the violence, brutality, and blood, you should be able to see the economical and political messages which George Romero is trying to convey through his film, "Dawn of the Dead."

Improve skills this summer

by Holly Gatehouse

If you want to improve your reading, math, and study skills this summer, "Project Ideal" may be for you.

The program, in its eleventh year, is directed by Allan Hofland. It counts as one elective credit and is tuition free. The state will pay for all costs.

The course will last from June 15 until July 27. Attendance is required every day from 8 a.m. until noon. If a student misses class, the student will be dropped.

The class of 30 will be divided into groups of ten. There are three two week sessions and every two weeks the groups will switch subjects.

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We-Go students show their talent

by Vince Verdooren

Amid a rowdy and animalistic audience, Master of Ceremonies, Dave "Chuckie" Wollenberg, announced the beginning of the 1979 Talent Show.

The Talent Show took place on May 15, in the Weyrauch Auditorium. Over thirty students performed in the thirteen acts.

Spurred on by loud band music, the audience decided to join in on the acts by lighting matches, screaming obscenities, and throwing eggs onto the stage. Before long, the entire audience had transformed into a mob of raving savages.

John Fuja and Company took the first place trophy for their musical rendition of Steve Martin's "King Tut." The Company consisted of Dave Hallman, Dan Muir, Chuck Horvath, Mike Settje, Dave Collins, Chris Martins, and Larry Poirier.

In addition to a first place victory, John Fuja and Dan Muir received a second place trophy for their comedy skit entitled "Scenestealer."

Third place went to Sharon Aguilar, Kristie Beck, Christie Peterson, and Kim Sharp for their "West Side Story" dance production.

Faith Petlon sang "Give Them All" and received an honorable mention for her performance. Other honorable mention recipients included Michele Lodestro, for singing "City of New Orleans," and John Murnane, for a dramatic speech entitled, "The Mountain Man."

However, the show also featured a number of entertaining acts which were worthy of merit, but failed to receive any trophies.

For example, Steve Boorsma, clad in a kilt, displayed some impressive talent by performing a traditional Irish step dance with his siter, Irene.

A rock band by the name of Horizon, which consisted of Paul Rau, Nick Bozidarevic, Chris Martins, and Cliff Black, played Rush's "2112."

Greg Heier and Michelle Zamiar gracefully boogied across the stage in a dynamic disco dance performance.

The final act of the show featured a song and dance medley by WCCHS's award-winning Swing choir.

Overall, the entire program displayed the unleashing of the raw, superior talent of WCCHS students.

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Track teams stride for over-all season victory

by Jeff Lisewski

Both the boys and girls track teams deserve a standing ovation for their effort, their determination, and their accomplishments throughout the 1978-79 season.

The boys finished fourth in conference, and the girls team finished sixth. Both coach Tom Kaczkowski and coach Lori Jordan agree that this year has been prosperous. On a scale of one to ten, Kaczkowski rated the boy's team success an "eight," adding, "They were well above average, but there is always room for improvement."

Coach Jordan felt that the girls team "did a very good job." This reporter doubts that there are any arguments against We-Go's track Cats success. After all, each squad was blessed with capable State contenders. The female half of the two teams sent Diane Campbell, who qualified at Districts with a time of 61.7 in the 440 yard dash, and Lynn Schmuggerow, who also qualified with a time of 28.1 in the 220 yard dash, to compete in the state finals.

However, these were not the only successful members of the girl's team at districts. The team of Kathy Wheately, and Deanna Risch joined Schmuggerow and Campbell to obtain a third in the 880 yard relay, with a time of 1:56.5. Teresa Stuart placed fifth in the high jump by leaping 5'0".

On the reverse side of the coin, six members of the boy's track team also qualified for State competition. The first is the "dependable" Ron Voelz who will compete in three events, the 100 yard dash, the 220 yard dash, and the 880 yard relay. His qualifing times for the 100 and 220 yard dashes were 10.0 and 22.4 respectively. The members of the 880 yard relay team, are Tim Blum, Dan Risch, Tom Hill and Voelz. This group qualified for State with a third place time of 1:31.8.

State qualifiers Risch, Wheatley, Campbell, and Schmuggerow at Districts held at East Aurora

Other State bound Cats are Karl Huff, who qualified in the two mile run with a time of 9:36.6, and Dean Burgesson, who finished the 880 yard dash in a speedy 1:57.2. Some members of the boys team agree with the fact that without their new coach the team wouldn't have done nearly this well. "He's a great coach," insured Risch.

True, the addition of Kaczkowski will make the future a great deal easier, but even the greatest coach can't reincarnate missing graduates, which some feel will cause the downfall of future We-Go track teams. Yet this is only plausible when you are looking through the eyes of coach Jordan. The loss of Wheatley, Risch, and Schmuggerow will help shed some light on this downfall, after all they totaled most of We-Go's points through the season. Jordan is desperately hoping for new talent next year to offset her losses as much as possible.

Coach Kaczkowski's problem is different, although he too will be losing talent in the form of Dan Fester, Blum, Voelz, and Burgessen, the team lacks depth. It needs more participation from the sophomore class. Kaczkowski is still in the market for a "good" hurdler and with the substraction of Fester from his line-up it looks as though Kaczkowski will need more participants in the field department.

These problems and others will always come along, but if the team members and coaches work as a team they can proceed to keep a winning tradition alive and kicking at West Chicago Community High School.

Softball season swings for best yet

by Dan Rinn

Doing better than any other We-Go girls softball team in the past, this year's team finished in a tie for second place in our conference with an 8-6 conference record.

The girls final overall record was 11-7, which took them all the way to the Regionals where they lost to Glenbard West 11-5. However, Miss George states that the game was a lot closer that the score indicates. She says the girls gave up eight errors, on routine plays, which in turn gave away five runs. However, she feels the girls played the best they've ever played this year, and if it wasn't for the errors nobody knows who would have won. Miss George is especially pleased with Pam Flens' performance throughout the game, who batted four for four and as Miss George puts it "pitched the best she's pitched all season."

The girls team made it to Regionals by first defeating Batavia and Geneva in sub-regional play. In the first game against Batavia the girls won by the ten run rule, and defeated Geneva in probably one of the closest games all season 9-8.

Miss George feels one of the reasons for this year's success is the experience contributed by her three outstanding seniors. She said, "People like Mila are an excellent influence on the team; for they can do things, like delayed steals, that gives the other girls confidence to do the same things." She also feels if the rest of the team would have had the experience that they have now the team would have had no problem winning the conference; as the team showed by winning five out of their last six conference games.

At the conclusion of the season the girls softball team lost three key seniors; pitcher, Pam Flens; catcher, Mary Hattula; and shortstop, Mila Matijasevich. However, the team has a large group of returning varsity players consisting of; Laurie Murphy, Holly Gatehouse, Jean Radavich, Dawn Picton, Candy Clausen, Karen Fadke, Laura Finnegan, and Holli Hahn.

With the return of these players and a fine group of junior varsity girls, the girls softball team should be in store for another winning season next year.

Baseball dilemna — Where do we go from here?

by Tom Nelson

"Baseball has been bera bera bad for West Chicago."

Yes Chico, baseball has been very bad for West Chicago, considering the fact I can count the conference wins (at the time of this writing) for this season and last, on my fingers.

Although this year was billed as a rebuilding year for the Cats, the team came nowhere near the goals set by Coach Dick Howard. He felt the main problem was "pitching and catching basically. When we got the warmer weather the kids started to get better," but he added about the quality, "not even average."

Also lacking this year was some hitting. More than once We-Go was on the losing end of a massive onslaught by Wheaton Warrenville or any other DVC team. Again Howard didn't seem too worried about the hitting when he added "hitting a little low, but that's not the big thing that bothers me." In other words, he felt pitching was the name of the game and, We-Go was spotty at best on the hill.

The slugging leaders for the team were Greg "Napoleon" Hansen, Rich Finnigan, and Rapid Robert Fairbanks. Both Hansen and Finnigan will probably return for next year's We-Go nine. Even though they lead the team, all are hitting in the low .200's at this time.

Just like the Cubs, wait until next year, the Wildcats will have to do just that and from reports the Cats will probably end up on the bottom rung again.

Some of you died in the wool, Cat fans are probably fainting in your Strohs; but face the music and listen to it. For most any school to be successful one needs a summer program in baseball.

Why?

Because half the games in the spring are rained out or snowed out, and if you can't get a game in, the team usually can't practice (except for indoors). Plus as Howard puts it "baseball was made to be played during the summer."

A distressed Howard stated, "We have (coaches and school) given them (the team) the opportunity (via the summer league) to improve their ability but they have rejected them." He added, "They (the team) seem to be satisified with their ability." If the team seems satisified with their record then let's not blame the coaches about bad baseball at We-Go.

Howard commented the only way West Chicago could improve their record is by a rash of superstars in the freshmen ranks.

The loss of pitcher-slugger Mike Wheeland adds to the already dismal outlook for baseball at We-Go

If this happens, which is unlikely, the Cats might win some games. But, "some encouragement" as Howard added was the freshmen class, he foresaw "3 or 4 on varsity next year." But almost in the same breath he grunted "I'm very disappointed in the apathy in the players, we offer and they reject."

Why don't they go out?

Some of the excuses are jobs, vacations, family, etc. But if they have their priorities in these areas that's fine, but one cannot expect a team to be good unless the team itself wants to be good.

But that's enough on my theory for winning. There were a few highlights this year, like John Andrews' no-hitter against Batavia, beating Wheaton North twice, Fairbanks homer at Naperville Central, some good hitting by "Napoleon" Hansen and Finnigan, and some surprising good playing by sophomore Chris Mosson.

But as I look into next years scoreboard, I can only see a bleak outlook. Yet, with some of those freshmen coming up, We-Go in a few years might be able to look at a .500 record with some reality.

We-Go Scoreboard

Boy's Tennis

We-Go(H)*	2	Naperville Central	3
We-Go(H)	176	Aurora Central	161
Waubonsie	38	Batavia	165
We-Go(A)*	2	Glenbard North	3
We-Go(H)	3	Oswego	2

Conference Tournament
At Naperville North

Naperville North	11
Wheaton Central	7
Glenbard South	7
Naperville Central	6
West Chicago	4
Wheaton Warrenville	0
Glenbard North	0
Wheaton North	0

We-Go(H)	3	Batavia	2

Final Conference Standings

Naperville North	41
Wheaton Central	34
Glenbard South	33
Naperville Central	25
West Chicago	15
Wheaton North	12
Wheaton Warrenville	10
Glenbard North	5

Boy's Track
Conference Meet

Wheaton North	68
Naperville North	58
Glenbard South	42½
West Chicago	37
Wheaton Central	30½
Naperville Central	18½
Glenbard North	17
Wheaton Warrenville	16½

Boy's Baseball

We-Go(H)	4-7	Batavia	6-2
We-Go(H)*	2	Wheaton Warr.	11
We-Go(A)*	2	Wheaton Central	14
We-Go(A)*	0	Glenbard South	1
We-Go(H)*	1	Naperville North	14
We-Go(A)*	8	Wheaton North	1
We-Go(A)*	2	Naperville Central	5
We-Go(H)*	1	Glenbard North	11
We-Go(A)*	8	Wheaton Warr.	12
We-Go(H)*	0	Wheaton Central	4
We-Go(H)*	0	Glenbard South	2
We-Go(H)*	1	Naperville North	3
We-Go(A)*	4	Wheaton North	1
We-Go(H)*	3	Wheaton North	6
We-Go(A)*	3	Naperville Central	7
We-Go(H)*	10	Naperville Central	9
We-Go(A)*	6	Glenbard North	9
We-Go(H)*	3	Wheaton North	5
We-Go(H)*	5	Glenbard North	14

Girl's Softball

We-Go(A)*	4	Naperville Central	14
We-Go(H)*	11	Wheaton Central	5
We-Go(H)*	5	Glenbard South	9
We-Go(A)*	20	Wheaton North	9
We-Go(A)*	8	Wheaton Warr.	1
We-Go(A)	12	Batavia	1
We-Go(A)	9	Geneva	8
We-Go(A)	5	Glenbard West	12

Girl's Track
Conference Meet at Wheaton Central

Wheaton North	46
Glenbard North	38
Naperville North	37
Naperville Central	35
West Chicago	24
Wheaton Central	14
Wheaton Warrenville	9