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Parlez-vous Espanol, bitte?

by Ed Cornel

Every now and then comes a time when someone is very interested in joining a club. Although there are many decisions, what are some clubs that are available?

The Pep Club's main emphasis is to promote school spirit by cheering during games and assemblies, and creating overall support of the school's activities. Contact Robert Hein for any other information.

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is designed to promote competent business leadership and increase economic awareness. There are many activities in FBLA such as organizing career day, traveling on tours to businesses, and arranging guest speakers. Members will participate in competitive events at area, state, and national levels. A weekend trip to the State Conference is planned each spring. Contact Donald Zablin for information about FBLA.

The Chrysalis, the school's literary magazine has available such as writing, typing, sketching, editing, photography, and layout. They encourage students to submit any original poem, essay, short story, biographical sketch, or art work. Talk to Mary Hafertepeor your English teacher if you have any questions.

The Spanish Club is available for those students who are presently in a Spanish class and is interested in joining. Spanish Club is designed and devoted to learn more about the Spanish heritage and culture. Its activities include Homecoming, Christmas caroling, a Christmas party and pinata, a Spanish cooking workshop, a Spanish play or movie, and a visit to the Spanish speaking part of Chicago. Contact Milan Gorden for any further information.

Students in French class can join the French Club. The Club provides students the opportunities to participate in activities that relate to the French culture in the community and in Chicago. This year they plan to start pot-luck dinners in the members' homes. Later the French Club plans to attend plays, movies and operas. If interested in the French Club, contact Marjorie Appel.

Students with the knowledge of the German language can join German Club. German Club provides several activities for the visiting group of students from Germany. Other activities are related with other language clubs. If interested in joining contact Terry Strohm.

Auditorium Gets Repairs

by Brian King

After ten years of leaking roofs and peeling paint, repairs on the auditorium have been made.

Toward's the end of last summer Weyrauch Auditorium got what the School Board thought were much needed repairs.

The main damage was the leaking roof which in turn caused the paint on the walls to peel. So their first priority was to patch the roof. This way they could proceed with the other needed repairs. Secondly, the curtains were cleaned, and some new rewiring was done to accommodate the increased power need of the auditorium.

The decision to make the repairs was mainly done by the School Board. The company hired to do the interior of the auditorium was National Decoration out of Oak Brook, IL. The cost was between $9800-$10,000. The school has several different funds set up to accommodate the school's utility bills, educational cost, and the funds used to cover the cost of the repairs was the Operation Building and Maintenance Fund.

The last redecoration was about ten years ago when the School Board added a gold curtain and new carpeting.

Ticking Off The Minutes

by Carl Buzzbee

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES
(Sept. 3, 1986)

Meeting opened 8:00 a.m.

I. Student Council attendance problem
  A. New policy introduced to members
  B. Policy to be finalized later
II. Elections
  A. Class of '90
    1. All offices
    2. Tues. Sept. 9th
  B. Class of '89
    1. Office of secretary
    2. Wed. Sept. 10th
III. Homecoming Plans
  A. Week of Sept. 29 - Oct. 4
    1. Monday the 29th
      a. Event night (after school)
      b. Class competitions
    2. Tuesday the 30th
      a. T.P. competition (after school)
        1. one tree per class
        2. 20 people per class
        3. seven minutes
        4. no limit on T.P.
    3. Wednesday the 1st
      a. Beach day (w/after school assembly)
        1. front lawn open to sunbums
        2. belly flop contest
        3. canoe races
        4. clothes changing relays
    4. Thursday the 2nd
      a. Coronation
      b. Tug-of-war
        1. '87 vs. '89
        2. '90 vs. '88
      c. Tricycle races
      d. Pie eating contest
      e. Egg toss
    5. Friday the 3rd
      a. Tug-of-war finals
      b. Parade
      c. The game
    6. Saturday the 4th
      a. The dance
  B. Homecoming theme
    1. Decided 16th of Sept.
    2. Presented 17th of Sept.
  C. Window painting (Sept. 27)
IV. Class of '89 needs an advisor
  A. Before homecoming
  B. Contact Mr. Zimmermann

Meeting closed at 9:54 a.m.

Surf's up at We-Go

by Rhonda Dispensa

There are several new activities added to Homecoming '86 this year.

To start off the week, an event night will be held on Monday, September 29, at 7 p.m. This is a new class competition, where games will be played all night long, class against class.

On September 30 will be class T-shirt day, will count for points.

The main activity that will be taking place this year is going to be a TP competition. Each class will have 20 people, and will have seven minutes to TP their tree. This competition will be graded on completeness, colorfulness and creativity.

October 1 will be Beach Day. This activity is also new, and will include pool activities, such as a possible belly-flop contest or canoe race.

On October 2, the annual tug-of-war, tricycle race, pie-eating contest, and egg toss competitions will be held.

On October 3, the tug-of-war finals will be held, and following the assembly the parade will be held.

Something new this year are T-shirts which were designed by student council. The T-shirts are entitled "It's a high tide, Homecoming '86, get carried away."

These T-shirts will be counted for points on September 30 for T-shirt day. The T-shirts are not being sold, but they will be distributed for the price of production, and no profit will be made on them.

Voting for a homecoming theme will be a week early this year. Any person interested in competing in any of the competitions have to sign up for them the week before Homecoming in the cafeteria.

The Homecoming Dance will round off the week on October 4 in the cafeteria at 8 p.m.

Pictures and videos will also be taken of all sporting events and be put into a multi-media presentation. If anyone is interested in helping in this effort, contact Joel Mains.

Inaccuracy in the SAT

Washington (SPS) "Women receive higher grades in high school and college, yet their average score is 59 points lower than men's on the Scholastic Aptitude Test — much like the 59 cents we earn for every dollar earned by men," reports an article in a recent edition of Ms. magazine.

Women account for 52 percent of SAT test-takers, yet the test is inaccurate in accessing and predicting women's academic abilities charges author Phyllis Rosser. The lower scores hurt women applying to highly competitive colleges, which leads to "women being weeded out" of higher education, Rosser said.

Before 1972, women scored higher on the verbal section of the test and men had higher average scores on math section. But female students began to fall behind in the 1970s as the test content was gradually revised, according to Rosser.

The College Entrance Examination Board, which hires the Educational Testing Service to create the SAT exams, has criticized the inequity in test scores. "The underprediction of women's college grade seems consistent and pervasive," concluded a recent board report.

Fall Play At We-Go

by Terry Miltner

This year's fall play, "Arsenic and Old Lace," is a comedy about the Brewsters family where "insanity not only runs in the family, but gallops."

The dates for the play will be October 23 thru the 25 with a special showing for the junior high students on October 22. It is a three act play and will be starting at 7:30 each night.

Admission will be $2 for students and $3 for adults. Seating for "Arsenic and Old Lace" will be reserved. According to Ralph Zaffino, play director, they wish to continue reserved seating because Zaffino feels it is easier.

Julie Legorretta and Michelle Chaudoin are playing two sisters who have a habit of poisoning people and putting them in their basement. The sisters have three nephews. Teddy, played by Todd Fuja, who believes he is Teddy Roosevelt, John, played by Jeremy Mains, who is a murderer, and Mortimer, played by Joel Mains, who is normal and engaged to Elaine who will be played by Millena Slapak. Mortimer didn't know about all of his family's mental problems. When he finds out he tries to break his engagement with Elaine.

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Who's the stranger in the next locker?

by Sheryl Wadda

Well, another year at We-Go High. And, another year of more funny rules. This year, Alan Jones, Principal, has given us locker assignments. Why? Because of the vandalism problems throughout the school. Most of the students are outraged about this but I feel that he was right in that particular way of solving the problem.

I took a random survey, including all of the classes, and those students surveyed strongly disagreed with Jones' solution. All of them agreed that it was unfair. Their reasoning was that they couldn't be near their friends. They also said that it won't stop the vandalism; it would just create more because they are angry.

At first I was on the students' side of this dilemma. However, after talking to Jones, my opinion has changed — I agree with him. And here is why.

Jones stated he was, "concerned about the amount of abuse" on the lockers and the halls. At one point this last school year there were 400 lockers throughout the school that were vandalized. Later on in the year there were 650 lockers with writing on them, shelves down or apart, locks broken in various ways, or stickers on them. Not considering the walls, floors, and ceiling panels, it would cost between $6000 and $7000 to repair and repaint or even replace the lockers. To me, this is a waste of our parents' money when the problem could be easily resolved.

According to Jones, the locker assignment was just a small step to try to compromise and make the students aware of the problem. By **compromise**, he means that the administration had several harsh solutions. The list included closing the building before and after school, and having a total locker assignment (meaning no senior, junior, sophomore, or freshman hall).

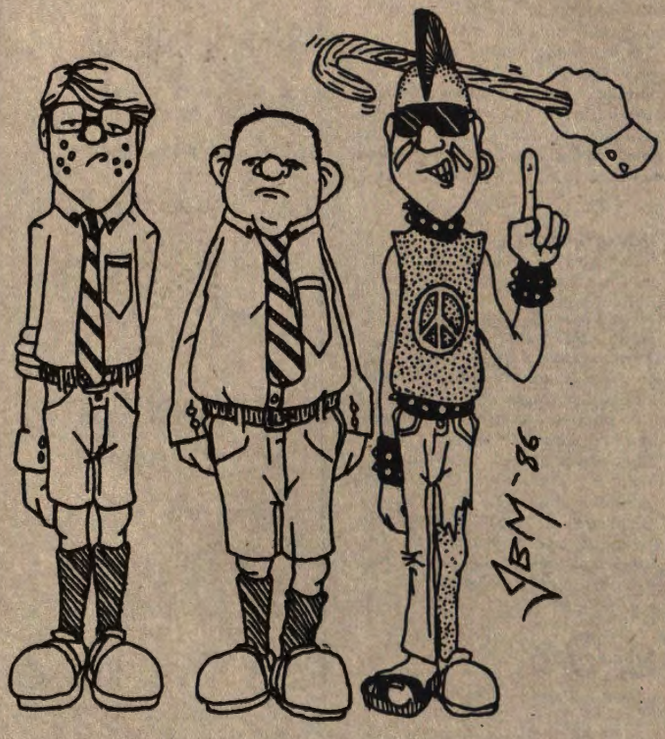
Regarding the total locker assignment, Jones said that he would rather not have this because there is a "spirit generated in the halls" by having certain hallways represent certain classes. I agree with him. If he lumps the classes together, school spirit will go way down and high school would be quite boring. So the compromise was a minimal locker assignment.

As a closing, optimistic remark, Jones said that if there isn't too much vandalism this year, next year's students will be allowed to choose again.

So bear with our **small** punishment — our friends are at least in the same hall. Just think about it, Jones gave us a fair solution and he's willing to go back to the old system next year if the vandalism stops. So, let's keep the lockers and hallways clean.

Jones isn't pulling down your shorts

by Brian King



I've been hearing a lot of talk going around about Jones wanting dress codes. Well, they aren't true at all. I admit I believed what was being said until I went to talk to Jones myself. I wanted to find out what his policies were from him and not everyone else. People have been saying that he wants to ban jeans, shorts, and sweats. I found that the people saying it were all misinformed. He's not going to ban jeans and he's not complaining about shorts in general, he's complaining the see through kind and how people wear them. The same goes about wearing sweats. The only kinds of clothes Jones is really concerned about are those clothes that are binding or revealing. Some examples are really tight pants, very low cut shirts or dresses, and shorts that are cut too short. I am sure you know what I mean. So for those of you who are worried about not being able to wear your favorite clothes because you are afraid you might get into trouble for it, just use your common sense of fashion, or ask Jones.

Just remember, you can't believe all the rumors you here.

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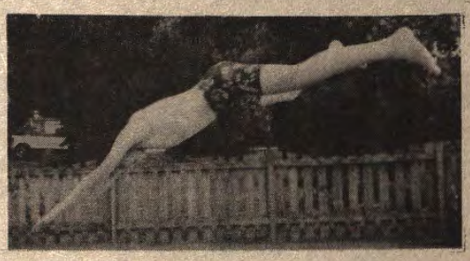
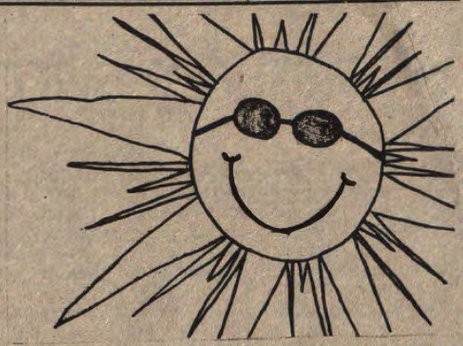
Having summer fun in the sun





by Kim Mauk

"Tee shirts, cut offs, and a pair of thongs, oh we've been havin' fun all summer long."
— Beach Boys,

Throughout the years, summer fun has been a theme of many tunes. Many of the Beach Boys' songs talk about surfing. Through a poll of 200 West Chicago students, the staff found that one student did go surfing over the summer, but the rest found lots of other ways to find summer fun.

A majority of the students polled found that "there ain't no cure for the summertime blues" (by The Who) when it came down to working. Other popular things to do over the summer were biking, partying, or just taking it easy by the pool, while the most unpopular activity was sailing.

*Unfortunately, for one senior, she was already taken!

Some of the other things written on the poll that students did were:

Freshmen: played soccer, surfed

*Sophomores: studied, "had a blast!", and "went beaver hunting" (How's that for original?)

Juniors: babysat, went on a "gooney" adventure

Seniors: go-carted, went bowling, rode horses, wrote music, played guitar, "Toilet papered" houses, stayed in the hospital, jammed the radio, went stir crazy, and "lots more!"

*Spent first summer in the U.S.

Jeff Lovett, a sophomore at We-go, moved here from Scotland last May. He had lived there for four and one half years. Before that he lived in Canada.

During the summers in Scotland he said that he mostly just hung around and went on vacations to France. In Scotland he couldn't go to the beaches or lay by a pool because it was almost always rainy. He said he likes the weather in the U.S. so far because of the hot summers.

Well, that's what a number of We-go students did over the summer, and next summer "with warmed up weather, let's get together and do it again!"

(Beach Boys, "Do It Again")

Class of	87	88	89	90
Worked	71%	40%	40%	38%
Attended school	26%	20%	20%	12%
Went to practice (sports)	36%	29%	27%	38%
Biked	38%	37%	60%	59%
Jogged	28%	19%	20%	12%
Vacationed	61%	41%	53%	71%
Waterskied	34%	23%	20%	27%
Canoed	20%	12%	20%	9%
Went boating	30%	28%	33%	29%
Fished	26%	24%	47%	29%
Camped	30%	17%	27%	24%
Went water-sliding	32%	23%	7%	32%
Went sailing	12%	9%	7%	3%
Became a beach bum	29%	20%	7%	15%
Laid by the pool side	55%	25%	47%	15%
Sweated like a dog	51%	25%	47%	35%
Played it cool in the air conditioning	42%	27%	20%	29%
Watched soaps	42%	33%	53%	27%
Cruised	49%	28%	40%	26%
Raced	13%	12%	20%	17%
Worked on cars	13%	9%	0%	9%
Fried	38%	21%	40%	18%
Bleached your hair	5%	7%	13%	3%
Dined	53%	31%	40%	29%
Shopped	66%	51%	80%	50%
Went to an amusement park	59%	33%	47%	60%
Found a romance	*43%	28%	53%	24%
Lost a romance	34%	16%	73%	15%
Jammed at concerts	50%	33%	7%	29%
Went to the Drive-In	58%	33%	33%	41%
Partied	64%	45%	27%	53%
"Hung out"	50%	33%	33%	50%
Anything else?	28%	25%	33%	27%

We-Go Freshmen: Past and Present

by Juli Tamkus

"Hey rhiney! You wanna buy an elevator pass? You look like you need some help finding the small gym. It's on the third floor!"

Everyone fears it, tries to avoid it, but somehow in a matter of time it arrives: freshman year.

Students have expectations, fears, and goals to achieve during high school, but these thoughts are more common throughout freshman year. Through interviews these freshmen fears were expressed.

Jon Scott, from Winfield Middle School said that one of his biggest fears of freshman year was getting beat up by the upperclassmen. Jamie Christopher, also from Winfield Middle School, thought that high school meant "all schoolwork and no time for anything else."

John Pohodich, an incoming freshman from St. John's Catholic School said that his eighth grade teachers were harder than his We-go teachers. Pohodich also said that the homework was the same, yet he had very few people he knew in any of his classes.

One positive comment made by Scott when asked about his goals for the year was, "My goal for freshman year is to be a good citizen around campus."

Did you have any fears when you first started high school? Well here's how some upperclassmen felt when they were freshmen.

Barb Enos, senior, said she was afraid of the upperclassmen. Senior John Willet added that his biggest fear was "swirleys." (If you haven't the slightest idea what a swirley is, ask Willet!) Willet said he was even afraid of hospitalization due to upperclassmen violence! Others said the increase in people was hard to get used to.

When asked what advice to give to freshmen, senior Carol Streadwick said, "You have to study more. I should have, because I'm paying for it now as a senior."

From a present point of view, Christopher's advice is "to try not to be nervous, and not expect the worst from everything."

Got that guys?

The Building of the Bridge

by Tony Schmezis

How much do you know about the Bridge? What year was it founded? What is its purpose?

The Bridge is an organization of about eight people. They work to carry on a 50 year tradition of student newspapers at West Chicago Community High School.

The first student newspaper at West Chicago was simply called We-Go, and began publication in the thirties. In the late fifties, the name was changed to the Centurian. This was the school paper for about ten more years. However, in 1969, they quit publishing the Centurian because there was a lack of student involvement.

Two years later, in 1971, the Bridge was founded as the new school paper. Only a small number of students participated in production of the Bridge for the first few years, but as the seventies progressed, more and more students got involved.

According to Tim Courtney, adviser of the Bridge since 1977, the purpose of the Bridge is to inform and hopefully entertain those who read it.

Despite the fact that past West Chicago school papers were marked by a lack of involvement and interest, the Bridge is now 14 years old and has shown improvement and success.

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Wrestling summer

by Milena Slapak

This summer, Hector Gomez was busy using his techniques of Greco and free style wrestling. He traveled to Indianapolis where he accomplished two third place finishes in greco and free style.

Gomez also competed in the Prairie State Games, at the University of Illinois in Champaign, Illinois. He came in second place in greco roman and finished first in the free style competition at 98 pounds.

Next he went to the Illinois Wrestling Federation where he finished third in greco and free style. Gomez feels that wrestling this summer will help him in the upcoming season. "I am more disciplined, and experienced," said Gomez. His goal for this upcoming season are to take it one step at a time through regionals, sectionals and then finally to reach state.

Poms successful summer

by Ed Coronel

The pom's summer camp was held at north Central College in July. At camp the girls worked on their basic skills. They also worked on formation changes, senior kick line and song competition.

They received a first place ribbon for their skill routine and a first place trophy for their originality routine. Including a first place in senior kick line and formation changes.

Everyday at camp, they learned two different routines, then on the same day, they had mini-competitions and performed one of the routines. Out of those events, they received four first place ribbons. The poms' were rated first overall in Poms' camp.

Then there was a Miss Badgerette competition where judges rated contestants on a number of skills and categories. Becky Showalter, captain of the squad, participated in this event, Showalter received the first place title of Miss Badgerette.

The 1986-87 pom pom squad consists of the following: Showalter, Chris Kent, Courtney Baker, Andrea Durr, Lisa Chung, Sonya Valdez, Tina Castellano, Rhonda Dispensa, April Martin, Stacy Dieter, Kelly Krupa, Carol Simandle, Maureen Heitzler, Dawn Gillentine, Jane Ebonroth, Sue Worthy, Mandy Zollner, and Kristen Myers.

New insurance policy

by Maria Jemsek

This year all athletes must have Health insurance. They must either buy from the school the 24 hour insurance or have their parents sign an insurance waiver. (except for football). The waiver says that they have their own insurance. The waiver tells the school which insurance company they have the policy with and the policy number. Football players must buy the football insurance policy but it only covers them while they are playing football.

Last year athletes didn't have to buy health insurance. The only exception was for the football players who had to purchase football insurance. However, it was available if they wished to purchase it.

The new policy is to protect the athletes. If they were to get injured this would assure them of the right to have proper medical attention.

Back to school blues

by Melanie Miller

Only a few weeks ago many of us were enjoying the fun and freedom of summer vacation. Now here everyone is, back to school, taking notes and lugging home textbooks.

According to psychotherapist Judith Handelman, mood swings are normal at this time of the year. "You can find yourself feeling irritable, lacking energy and enthusiasm, tempted to daydream and put things off." (from Seventeen magazine)

The reasons for these feelings are simple. Getting up early, spending time at school, doing homework, following schedules and due dates, and working hard all cause pressure. There are other reasons to be considered, like the hot classrooms, meeting new people, and wondering if there's anyone you know to eat lunch with.

Dealing with the back to school blues is inevitable. Remember you're not the only one feeling that way.

To help yourself get in the swing of things, try to set your goals realistically, plan your time, and take advantage of the time you have free. Finally, remember the bright side, you've got a lot less ahead of you now than you did at this time last year!

Football

by Teddi Stasiah

When asked what we as fans have to look forward to this season. Jeff Ainsworth replied, "The team has good defense and the kids are trying their utmost to succeed." Ainsworth will be happy if they win four to six games this season.

Ainsworth said that one weakness the team has is that it is composed of young and inexperienced players. Another is that the team is only composed of 36 players.

There are four returning veterans from last year. Darryl McMullen split end, Brian Hedrick defensive end, Rob Marmolejo defensive back and Andy Zurawskli safety.

Ainsworth said the top finishers in the DuPage Valley will be Wheaton North, Naperville Central and Naperville North.

Wildcat sports schedule

FOOTBALL

Fri. Sep. 19	Glenbard North	H	5:30 & 7:30
Sat. Sep. 27	Glenbard East	A	5:30 & 7:30
Fri. Oct. 3	Wheaton North	H	5:30 & 7:30

Volleyball

Sat. Sep. 20	Lyons Twp. Tourn.	A	8:30 a.m.
Tues. Sep. 23	Wheaton Cent.	A	6 p.m.
Thurs. Sep. 25	Naperville Cent.	H	6 p.m.
Sat. Sep. 27	Kaneland Inv.	A	8:30 a.m.
Tues. Sep. 30	Glenbard East	A	6 p.m.
Thurs. Oct. 2	Glenbard South	H	6 p.m.

Soccer

Sat. Sep. 20	Glenbard South	H	4:30 & 6:30
Tues. Sep 23	Wheaton North	A	4:30 & 6:30
Sat. Sep. 27	Glenbard East	H	4:30 & 6:30
Tues. Sep. 30	Glenbard North	A	4:30 & 6:30
Thurs. Oct. 2	Naperville North	A	4:30 & 6:30

Girls Swimming

Sat. Sep. 20	Wildcat Inv.	H	9 a.m.
Tues. Sept. 23	Ottawa	H	5 p.m.
Tues. Sep. 30	West Aurora	H	5 p.m.

Cross Country

Sat. Sep. 20	Downers Grove South Inv.	A	10 a.m.
Tues. Sep. 23	Naperville North	H	4:30 p.m.
Sat. Sept. 27	DuPage County Meet	A	9 a.m.
Tues. Sep. 30	Naperville Cent.; Glenbard North	A	

Golf

Tues. Sep. 23	Naperville North	H	3:30
Wed. Sep. 24	Geneva	A	3:30
Thurs. Sep. 25	Wheaton North	A	3:30
Mon. Sep. 29	Naperville Cent.	A	3:30
Wed. Oct. 1	Streamwood	A	3:30

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