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Motorcycle accident takes former We-go student's life

By Jennifer Wagenaar

They say death comes in threes, for the class of '95 this terrible saying did indeed: Joe Peitsch, Aleia Anderson, and recently Brian Adamo.

Brian was killed in a motorcycle accident on August 12 at the age of 18, just three weeks before his 19th birthday. The accident was near the Illinois-Wisconsin border.

Brian was returning his cousin's F2R 600 motorcycle. "He road back home to go to work and after he was going to ride the bike back to his cousin's. We knew what time Brian was expected to get there and when we didn't hear from him we got worried," Betsy Adamo, Brian's mother, said.

The hospital that Brian was taken to called the Adamo family and informed them of his accident

According to Nick Castellano, Brian was driving on Route 12, a 2-way highway, when a driver of another vehicle pulled out in front of Brian causing him to tip his bike on its side and become pulled beneath the vehicle. Brian died of internal bleeding and massive chest wounds

The accident was especially tragic because Brian had a lot of experience with riding motorcycles.

"Brian loved motorcycles and could drive them very well," Mrs. Adamo said.

Castellano recalled times when Brian would talk nonstop about motorcycles. "He liked to ride mountain bikes too. Sometimes he would take the Prairie Path all the way into the city," Castellano said.

Brian graduated in June of 1995 and planned to attend C.O.D. this fall after a year or two he planned to transfer to Eastern Illinois and major in arts.

"One of the things I will always remember of Brian is all the weird stuff he could do," Joe Latoria, Brian's friend, said, "like the way he could vibrate his middle finger and the voices he could do."

Castellano and Latoria both agreed that Brian was a person who never disliked anybody. "I never heard Brian ever say he hated anyone," Castellano said, "he was a nice guy."

Both Castellano and Latoria were close friends of Brian's for over two years, and Brian's best friend was Nunzio Castellano.

"Brian was the nicest, coolest guy I've ever met," Sharon Yule, Brian's girlfriend, said.

"Brian was happy to live," Latoria added, "he lived life to the fullest,"

Brian was the son of Richard and Betsy and brother of John and Michael Adamo.

"Brian loved life and grabbed every minute of it," Mrs. Adamo said, "We'll miss him very much."

Brian Adamo Class of 1995

Maintaining Excellence

By: Elizabeth Feltes

By the 200-2001 school year, West Chicago High School's estimated population will be at 3,000 students. However their might not be room to accommodate them.

This past April 4, the referendum was shot down by a margin of 3 to 2.

"It's not surprising, " said John Highland, "People are just sick of being taxed. I don't think they realized that this wasn't for a couple of years down the road, and that may have been part of the problem."

Highland also said that the referendum was basically a "wish list." The plans included a 1,200 seat auditorium, a community center, a 3,000 seat gymnasium, and 40 new classrooms. Most of the facilities, like the computer labs, are very high tech, but a new auditorium is needed for the growing student population.

Sherry Bowne, spokesperson for the Committee to Maintain Community Excellence, says that one of the reasons that the referendum did not pass the first time, was that their committee was very small. "When you only have 8 people and not a lot of time, it's hard to get everyone informed."

As for the referendum, it will not be brought up again this year. "With Districts 33 and 25 bringing up referendums this year, it doesn't make any sense to bring our's [referendum] up and get none of them passed," said CMCE member, Chris Dujmovic.

And as for possible changes, Highland said he'd really like to see the plan stay the same, but to get more influential people involved as well as students.

Bowne wants to emphasize the new classrooms and assure people that "our purpose is not to get bigger, but to maintain the closeness between the teachers and the students."

Until the referendum is passed, Highland thinks we're all right, "at least for the next couple of years."

Which brings up another interesting fact. There has now been a proposed unit district. That is, Districts 94,33,25 and 34 will become one district to pool their resources. And possibly have the ninth graders stay at the middle schools.

Superintendent Dr. Joel Morris said he thought it would be a good thing to look into. "We will have the possibility. This could mean a lot for the referendum, it will leave us with more classroom space."

Club Notes

Senior Class

Advised by Barb Laimins meets every Wednesday at 7:15 a.m. in rm. 145.

Junior Class

Advised by Brad Larson meets every 2-3 weeks as needed. Contact class officers or reps. for more information.

Freshman Class

Advised by Tara Laing with class officers:
President-Maggie McPike
Vice President-Staci Swan
Secretary-Jamie Puchalski
Treasurer-Cheryl Case
Are looking for help with float building. Contact Laing, officers or class reps. for details.

Scholastic Bowl

See advisor Bob McCollum the C3 rooms for details

Key Club

Key Club, sponsored by the Kiwanis of West Chicago and advised by Carol Parks, meetings are held every other week on Wednesday.

Key Club is a community service organization.

Anyone can join the Key Club, but all members are asked to earn at least 50 service requirements.

For more information, contact Parks.

Chess Team

Chess team, advised by Mr. Leeman, is celebrating its second year in existence.

New members are always welcome.

Last year the chess team took third in state competition. The chess team hopes to become State Champions and advance to Nationals.

Clown Team

Clown Team, advised by Gail Aronoff meets once a week after school. The first meeting will be held on September 21st. Clown Team's purpose is to perform skits for grades Kindergarten through 3rd grade at the elementary schools about saying no to drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. Eight or nine projects are planned for the team this year.

For more information contact Aronoff.

A Separate Piece

Stephanie Zucchero is the advisor of "A Separate Piece," We-go's literarry magazine. Anyone may submit writing or art to be considered for publication.

See Zucchero in room 304 for details.

Speech Team

Advisor Steve Kellner meets with the team weekly on Mondays at 3:40 p.m. Speech team has tournaments from October thorough February, including State, Regional, Sectional, and National competitions.

New members are welcome.

VICA

Vocational Industrial Clubs of America

Advisors Susan Junkrowski and Patti Kozlowski meet with members the first Friday of every month at 7:30 a.m. in room 106.

To become a member, a $15 fee is required as well as attendance at meetings.

Art Club

The purpose of the Art Club is to let students express their personality and artistic ability. The club is open to all students. There are also numerous community and school activities that the club is involved in. For Homecoming, Art Club will be making Hollywood celebrity cut-outs which will be used in humorous student photographs. All the money raised from these pictures will subsidize a field trip that was discussed during their first meeting. David Exner, the advisor, is still undecided about the official meeting day, but the club will meet once a week. So if art is your passion, consider joining the Art Club.

Mock Trial

Advisor by Todd Reimer. Meetings are T.B.A.

Student Council

Have you ever wanted to be part of student council, but know nothing about it? If so, listen up. Student Council advisor, Mary Ellen Daneels, meets with council members once a month. These meetings are only open to members, but all help is welcome when big events are approaching.

Student Council organizes all dances, blood drives, spring fling week, etc. Student council is divided into five different committees:

Fund Raising Committee: meets on the second Thursday of each month in room 147 at 7:30 a.m.

Problems Committee: meets the third Friday of each month in the LRC at 7:00 a.m.

Community Service Committee: meets on the first Thursday of each month in the LRC at 7:00 a.m.

Activities Committee: meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in room 146 at 7:30

Publicity Committee: meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month in room 147 at 7:00 a.m.

Upcoming events:
Sept. 23 : Window painting
Sept. 24 : Start of the float building
Sept. 25-29 : Homecoming week (morning games)
Listen to the announcements
Sept. 29 : Taste of Hollywood
Sept. 30 : DANCE
Oct. 19 : Blood drive

Beginning a new tradition

-Seniors give us a nice welcome back to school surprise

By Jennifer Wagenaar

There were no para-pros, no teachers, and no police who were there to expect the unexpected tee-peeing of the school the night before the first day.

A group of about 50 or more seniors decided to start a new tradition at We-Go, tee-peeing the school was not only to take place during Homecoming week this year but also the night before the new school year.

"It was a fun night, I believe our class may have started a new tradition and I hope it lives on," Tony Berg said.

For the first day of school the campus grounds were covered in tons and tons of white and light blue toilet paper.

Usually when the seniors tee-pee the school it is done during the week of Homecoming when there are faculty members present during the whole tee-peeing process, but this time not one faculty member was there because they had no idea the seniors were planning on doing it.

Hundreds of rolls of toilet paper were purchased to tee-pee the school with. Seniors Candy Gallagher, Jessica Aguirre, and Dayna Christiansen bought over 150 rolls between the three of them.

"Our car had 97 rolls in it, who knows how many rolls we all used there were so many of us," Ryan Saul said.

The seniors began their tee-peeing job at around 11:00 p.m. and didn't quit until after 12:30 a.m. For about 20 minutes the seniors ran wild and freely about the school grounds with no worries of police or faculty members throwing paper into the trees, on the bleachers, and standing the soccer goals up on their sides.

The police began to show up after 11:30 p.m. and even though they did not attempt to arrest anyone, people scattered for a place to hide and escape to. "I never ran so fast to Lincoln school in my life," Katie Leitherer added.

"I thought it was fun when the cops showed up," Dave Spohn said

A short while after, the seniors didn't care if the police were there, they began to tee-pee in front of the cops because that's the reason they were there and they wanted to finish the job.

The police let the seniors do their thing until after midnight but then began to tell people they had to leave. "That was the only thing that ruined the night, the cops made us leave at midnight," Adam Owens said.

It took about 15 minutes (after the cops began to demand they leave) to clear the grounds of seniors because they were not finished, they still had many rolls that weren't used.

It was a night that those seniors who were there will never forget because they were the ones who started something new at West Chicago and no one expected it. "It was our first senior bonding experience, and it was a great one," Brenda Miller said.

"It was awesome how our whole class came together and had so much fun. There were over 50 of us running around going crazy," Saul said.

Will the class of '97 be the next group of seniors to tee-pee the school before the first day next year?

New look at an old familiar site

By Steve Berezney

When fall begins and Halloween is just around the corner, the one place you immediately think of is Sonny Acres on North Avenue. We've all been there, it's almost an annual thing for some of us.

Most of us go there every year and have no idea what it exactly is or what it does. The farm was actually built back in 1883 by Ferdinand and Anna Nagel, German immigrants.

The farm eventually came into the hands of Ramona Nagel Feltes who is still the owner. She had a total of eight sons and one daughter and the name Sonny Acres came from her sons. The whole operation began back in 1954.

Forty one years later, the same farm is still here and growing every year. Four of Ramona's children work here on a day to day basis looking for ways to add or improve to this business.

The fall festival begins on September 16 and goes until October 31. Sonny Acres is mostly for little children ages three to seven. Tours of the farm have been running since 1967 at no charge. Children on the tour receive a free apple, a ring, and a coloring page.

Throughout the festival, around 120,000 people come to Sonny Acres to see all of these attractions. On a typical Saturday or Sunday, close to 10,000 people show up.

There are some things for older children like the Halloween costumes. Jack Feltes, one of the sons and operators of Sonny Acres, says that they, "serve as retail outlet caterers to families with children."

Some new attractions will be showing up this year as well. A haunted night hayride on weekends from seven to ten will be featured this year. Last year, 40,000 people went on the daytime hayride so they decided to expand a little.

Also, a new ride called "Spinning Apples," which is like the teacup ride only enclosed, will be added.

One of the final attractions of Sonny Acres is the pumpkins. If you want a pumpkin, come here, which is what most people do. They sell 400 tons of pumpkins a year, two-thirds of which they grow on their own.

Whether you go for the elephant ears, the costumes, or for a giant pumpkin, Sonny Acres will always remain a part of the lives of children in our area.

Homecoming in Hollywood?

By Elizabeth Feltes

West Chicago will be heading to Hollywood for Homecoming this year. Movie magic will be in the air as the seniors bite into *Jaws*, the juniors follow the the Yellow Brick road to meet *The Wizard of Oz*, the sophomores dance into *Grease*, and the freshman fly into *Batman*.

On September 23, the festivities will begin at 8 a.m. when window painting starts. That will be followed by float building at 1 p.m.

Float building will continue on Sunday (10a.m.-10p.m.), and then all week long (4p.m.-10p.m.). But on Monday the battle of the classes begins.

Monday morning, you can watch students gobble up Munchkins and on Tuesday try your hand at hoola-hooping.

But Wednesday the stars come out for Celebrity Dress-up Day and for an exciting game of Poop Deck. This is followed by a Bat Race on Thursday.

As usual, at Friday's pep rally, there will be the announcement of the Homecoming King and Queen, but it will also be Hall Decorating and Wildcat Pride Day. But don't forget the tug-of-war, pie eating, and relay race at the Taste of Hollywood.

All the classes hard work will be shown off at Saturday 8 a.m. with the parade and then it's back to the high school for the football games at 11:30 and 1:30.

And last, but definitely not least, is the dance. At 7p.m. students will enter a movie mecca and dance the night away till 10p.m.

Class of '99 already mixing things up

By Kristi Ault

"We're gonna party like it's 1999," was the theme of this years Freshman Mixer, and party they did. 135 freshmen attended the Mixer sponsored by Student Council on Thursday, August 31 from 7-9 p.m. in the cafeteria.

All profits from the dance were given to the Freshman class to fund their float building for this year's Homecoming parade.

Student Council chaperones got people out on the dance floor and kept them moving to songs like "The Electric Slide" by Marsha Griffith and "I'll Make Love to You" by Boyz II Men.

Among the chaperones was Senior Bridget Horgan. Horgan enjoyed herself at the dance saying, "It was better than Prom. It reminded me of the Freshman Mixer my Freshman year. This is a great dance for Freshman to get together with kids from other schools and meet new people."

The mixer serves as an icebreaker for students from different schools to socialize and to get to know one another better.

Freshman Megan Carter had a good time "talking with friends and meeting some new people. If given the chance, I'd do it again."

The dance was well chaperoned with nine faculty members including John Highland and Tony Quarto.

"The two years we've had it (the mixer) there haven't been any problems." Highland said.

It is a peaceful gathering of students who can have fun without the pressure or influence of upperclassmen. Although the dance is casual and only two hours long, it can serve as an introduction to more formal dances such as Homecoming.

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Perspectives

Life through the eyes of a Senior

By Jennifer Wagennar

As I walked into the school on the first day, I didn't really feel like a senior. I always imagined I would be taller than most of the underclassman and have the attitude that I ruled the school , but in reality I'm probably shorter and smaller than half of them and wonder if people in my class actually believe they rule the school, and I say to myself, "you're a senior."

I can still remember all the way back to my first day as a freshman and how big (in my eyes) everyone else was compared to me, how gigantic the school was, and how I thought I would never find (and for that fact remember) where any of my classes were. But now, everyone is the same size, the school gets smaller and smaller each year, and my classes seem to be located in the same rooms they were the year before.

Being a senior to most people means that you are able to get out of school early, not in my case. My schedule has listed in it seven classes (I don't have an unscheduled) while a majority of the seniors have three or four classes and about two or three unscheduleds. So while I go to all my classes, they are going home or out to eat. I know it was my choice to take a full load my senior year but if I could go back and change it, I would. So to those seniors who only have the three classes and get to leave early, you guys are geniuses.

Being a football cheerleader, I had the opportunity of watching the football games from a different point of view. I see the entire the crowd, I hear everything and see a lot of things those up in the stands can't see. Most people don't actually pay attention to the entire game or watch the cheerleaders, they usually chat and fool around with other people and when there is something exciting going on they'll then turn around and cheer even if they have no idea what is going on. I don't know, I guess to me it's kind of funny because I was one of those people the past three years.

I'm beginning to get really annoyed having to decide where I want to go to college. It's like when I finally decide which college I want to go to I'll have to make this other decision like what I actually want to do for the rest of my life, assuming I'm accepted to some college.

I know that I'm looking forward to college and the complete freedom that comes along with it, but it's kind of scary to know that in a short couple of years, like four or five, I'm the one whose going to have to pay for everything I want, pay for my taxes, I'm going to have to find someplace besides my parents house to live, and actually get married and have kids. I don't know about these things, I don't really like any of them yet.

Senior year is probably going to be the year that I'll change the most. I know that I'm not the same person I was the first day I started high school and that most everyone else isn't either. I guess I'm ready to get out of here but I won't deny that I'm really going to miss it. They say your high school years are "the best times in your life" and so far, so good.

Overall, an average summer

Best and worst of summer movies

By Steve Berezney

When school ends and summer begins, the movie theaters are full of "blockbuster" movies that will make you want to come back again and again. But this year's showing didn't live up to it's expectations.

The summer was filled with an incredible amount of average flicks.

If you had to call one movie the big one of the summer, I guess it would be *Batman Forever*. Even with a new look in Val Kilmer, this Batman was not much different from the previous two.

This movie was better than *Batman Returns*, but is on a par with the original *Batman*. At least its soundtrack is a terrific collection.

Alicia Silverstone's feel-good movie was an effort called *Clueless*. She plays a social queen who deals with everyday school problems such as what outfit to wear and if it clashes or not.

Clueless was worth the $4 I payed for it, but I wouldn't shell out much more to see it. The plot was predictable and earned mixed reviews, either you thought it was hysterical or thought it was just average.

Next, for all you martial arts fans or arcade-goers, *Mortal Kombat* was released with a cast of virtually unknown actors. The movie is what you would expect a movie about a video game to be. If you love martial arts, then this is an outstanding movie to watch, but if not, it's very dull because the plot lacks depth. The only draw to this movie is the fighting.

A movie about computers and the Internet was bound to come out sometime. *The Net* starred Sandra Bullock. This wasn't a huge hit, but it had a following with computer buffs.

It's about a woman who stumbles on secret information about a government official, and finding this out changes her life, even her name.

I expected more of Bullock after hits, *Speed* and *While You Were Sleeping*, but she decided to play it safe with an ordinary movie.

The last large movie of the summer was the space adventure, *Apollo 13*. One of the only draws to this movie, besides Tom Hanks, is that it's a true story. It tried to be suspenseful, but I was never on the edge of my seat. Hanks usually makes incredible movies, but this movie was not one of them.

This summer's movie line-up had something for everybody. Net-surfers, martial arts fans, and astronomers. Even though they were all incredibly average, it was better than nothing.

Quality not quantity

Staff Editorial

With a brand new school year ahead of us, we at the Wildcat Chronicle hope to begin where we left off last year, while still trying to outdo ourselves.

We will attempt to write new and exciting articles going beyond simple movie reviews and articles about the para-pros. We know that we have many things to work on, but we are confident that we can produce a respectable paper.

So far, we only have four full time members on the Chronicle staff. Kristi Ault will be bringing you the hard News, Steve Berezney will have the task of compiling the Feature page, Elizabeth Feltes is the editor of the Perspectives page, and Jenny Wagenaar will be the one bringing you information on our sports teams.

All four of us will venture out of our pages and bring you many other articles as well. With only four writers on the paper, we will try our hardest to bring to the students what they want to read. We will be expecting approximately 12 new members the second semester which means the first semester will be a grind, so please bear with us.

All of us are looking forward to this new opportunity and we won't let you down, so sit back, read, and enjoy.

A wish list for We-go

By Dan Horyn

"Give 'em an inch and they'll take a mile."

People have been using that expression for years. It seems whenever you get something, you always want more. This year should be no different.

Over the summer, the city of West Chicago made several improvements: the Prairie Oaks Aquatic Center and a safer Route 59. It would sound selfish to ask for more, BUT....

If you compare West Chicago to neighboring cities, you would see that many things could be added. That is why I have compiled this wish list for the community.

A downtown that is actually alive is a priority. You could drive your car down Washington or Main Streets (when not under construction), in less than one minute. Why? Because there is hardly anyone there! Take a look at the parking spaces on a typical weekday and you will know what I mean.

Business people and the city have made a good effort at giving downtown West Chicago a little energy: the library, a new pet store, Coach's Corner, Mexico Chiquito and Got 'Em, Need 'Em Sports Cards all help.

But why are there four hairdressers within a one mile radius of each other? Why is there no Taco Bell, music store or coffee shop anywhere in West Chicago? Why do we have to drive to Wheaton to see a movie?

Say you are with your friends on a Saturday night and you want to go somewhere. The only place you can really go in West Chicago, besides a friend's house, is Bowling Green. However, not everyone likes to bowl. So what do you do?

Why can't there be miniature golf, a movie theater (maybe where the We-Go Bowl used to be) or a fun house like Enchanted Castle?

Imagine the pride and the popularity the city would gain if some of these things were added, not to mention that it might put a leash on our ever present gang problem.

According to Officer Tony Quarto, West Chicago does not have a gang problem, but a "gang presence."

Maybe this is due to the lack of energy in West Chicago. Clarence Williams, director of Special Education at Antioch High School, agrees.

He sees a correlation between the lack of activities and increase in gang activities in a community. He said, "Most people forget what it's like to be a teenager. They [teenagers] want to be entertained. It's those twenty percent who are good but make bad decisions [that cause problems]."

A town needs money to develop entertainment opportunities and these suggestions aren't free, but imagine the revenue employers would make from activity-hungry youngsters looking for fun. You cannot make money unless you invest it first.

What do I ask then? I urge students to support organizations such as the Youth Commission. Talk with power figures within the community, like the mayor, committee members, chairman, and business people.

Tell them to use some common sense and see where the market is: KIDS! Tell them about the money they could make and the fun we could have.

Maybe if they do that, you'll save a little gas money the next time you think of driving to St. Charles.

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Wildcat soccer looking to dominate DVC

By Steve Berezney

Building on the ideas they learned last year the Wildcat varsity soccer team has already matched the total number of wins all of last season.

With a win last Saturday afternoon beating Streamwood 2-0, the Wildcats improved their record to 3-2-1, and that's before conference play has even begun. They have won three games in their first two weeks.

The team of last year took around seventeen games to win their first, beating Glenbard East twice and Glenbard South once.

This team is not much different from last year's team. Many players are returning from last year. The main scoring threat is producing quite efficiently as senior Dietrich Rudolph is putting up some big numbers. Averaging a little over a goal game, he is keeping defenders on their toes.

The defense is strong led by seniors Nick Spalo and Joe Paver. Paver, out almost all of last year with a knee injury, is looked at to keep the defense tight.

The coaching staff looks the same as previous years with Robert "Bruno" Owens as the head coach and Steve Bruggmann as his assistant. Both are advocates of hard work and believe firmly in running to gain endurance. Both prefer to keep their starters in, so great endurance is kind of a necessity.

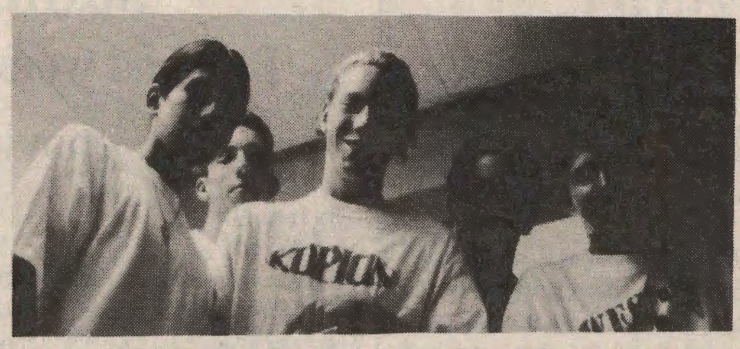

Photo by Steve Berezney

Mike Cabrera, Dustin Schultze, Dietrich Rudolph, Joe Paver, and Joe Smiley look to lead the Wildcats to a DVC Championship

The last tune-up game before conference play begins was played yesterday against Lake Park. This was not an easy game because Lake Park was an excellent team last year and had one of the best players in the state, but he graduated so that was one less problem.

Conference play begins tomorrow at Glenbard West at 4:30 p.m. The game that you should keep an eye out for will be October 3 against rival Glenbard North. The Panthers really gave the Cats a hard time beating them by double digits, so our team is looking for a little revenge.

With the way our team is looking this year, the soccer team should do well and hopefully get the team back to where they were a few years ago.

Tennis Anyone?

By Elizabeth Feltes

The Lady Wildcat tennis team has swung into action but may be hurting a bit this year.

"We lost a lot of our best players like Karen Hesterman, Michelle Toms, and Amy Langemack," head coach Sione Moeaki said.

The Wildcats can look to some older players for wins. Both Michelle Wigder and Michelle Rapinchuk will be returning along with the doubles team of twins Amanda and Melissa Petrowich.

Moeaki also saw some potential in sophomores Henryka Arguello and Kelly Yednock, who will be playing Varsity. Moeaki hopes they can gain experience and be even better players next year.

It will be tough to match their "impressive" record of 18-5-1 from last year. "Our strongest point is our morale. The girls work well together and they are all very high-spirited," added Moeaki.

Another strength this year will be conditioning. Running daily has helped the team build on speed and endurance.

The Wildcats have their first conference home match tomorrow against Glenbard North at 4 p.m. "We can win this one," predicted Moeaki "If we have the mental toughness, we can do it, but that's what it all comes down to."

The sweet smell of victory

By: Kristi Ault

It's true, cats don't like dogs.

The Wildcats played an exciting and powerful game against the Batavia Bulldogs, September 1, winning with a score of 27-25.

With 9 seconds left on the clock, West Chicago, leading by two, shut down Batavia's attempts for a touchdown. After a mistake in the press box robbing the Wildcats of eight crucial seconds, the Wildcat defense stepped up to the Bulldog's offense and denied their touchdown wishes.

Captains Nick Castellano, Russ Whitaker, Josh Wilkovich, and Russ Wilson all played well; Whitaker and Castellano worked as a good combination.

Castellano led the team in scoring, with three out of the four Wildcat touchdowns for a total of 18 points.

Midway through the second quarter, Castellano scored a touchdown on a hand off from Whitaker. Two plays later, defensive back Brett Mackert picked off a pass intended for Batavia's Tim Hadzima, for an interception. Mackert ran the ball back seven yards, setting the Wildcats up for a second touchdown, scored by half back Dave Spohn. Adam Owens gained an extra two points for the Wildcats with a completed conversion attempt.

After half time, the score at 14-7, Castellano scored again on a roll toss from Whitaker.

Later in the fourth quarter, Castellano ran 63 yards for a touchdown, with the extra point kicked by Whitaker, setting the score at 27-19.

Scoring for the Bulldogs were tail back Ben Johnson with 18 points, full back Matt Mayfield with 6 points, and Jamie Jorgensen with one point.

The class of 1996 has won their home opener all four years.

"Freshman year we beat Marmion, next was Dundee Crown, Junior year we beat Marmion again, and now we've defeated Batavia," commented Wilkovich.

Wilkovich attributed the win to the team's hard work in the off season, and fourth quarter. Fourth quarter being a series of conditioning drills done at the end of practices.

"When your strong in fourth quarter at the end of practice, you know you'll be strong in the fourth quarter of the game." Wilkovich added.

The Varsity football team has a record of 1-2 so far this season losing to Oswego and Wheaton North.

The Wildcats face Glenbard North this Friday, September 15, at home beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Striving to survive

By Jennifer Wagenaar

This year's volleyball team started the season off on a high note defeating York and advancing in the Lyons Township tournament but now have positioned themselves in a hole they will have to climb out of.

The Wildcats opened their conference season with a tough match against Wheaton North, Tuesday September 5.

Returning starters, Kelly Kaylor, Danielle Murphy, and Angela Barnes, lead the team to a victory in the first match West Chicago 15, Wheaton North 12.

Valuable additions to the starting line-up this year are Krissy Dabbert, Sarah McQueen and Dana Nelson.

Their offensive attack worked very well in the first match with left side hitter, Kaylor, dominating the ball.

"She hits well," teammate Renee Levine said, "she knows where to hit it and she'll hit it hard."

The girls went into the second match with a positive attitude. "I thought we were going to win the game, we went into the second match with a lot of confidence'" Kaylor said.

Although the team had the confidence they needed, it didn't help in the second and third game.

"Our defense was lacking in the second and third game," head coach Kristy Hastey said, "we were'nt covering tips and our passing wasn't the best either." Hastey added that Wheaton North didn't exactly hit well.

The Falcons defeated We-Go 15-8 in the second match and 15-10 in the third.

The Wildcats played the Rams of Glenbard East, Thursday September 7, and lost in two matches, 15-5 and 15-10.

The Varsity Volleyball team consists of: freshman Krissy Dabbert; sophomores Kelly Kaylor and Danielle Murphy; juniors Amanda Pope, Dana Nelson, Angela Barnes, and Sarah McQueen; and seniors Renee Levine, Lyndsay Paver, and Karen Paton.

The Wildcats are (as of Monday September 11) 0-2 in the conference and 3-6 overall. They play tomorrow night at Glenbard South.

Check out your Wildcat teams during Homecoming week September 25-30

Monday-Golf at St. Andrews @ 3:30
Tuesday-Volleyball at Glenbard North @ 5:30 & 6:30
Soccer vs. Naperville Central @ 4:30 & 6:30
Tennis at Naperville North @ 4:00
Cross Country at WWS @ 4:30
Swimming at Oak Park @ 5:30
Thursday-Volleyball at Wheaton North @ 5:30 & 7:00
Soccer at Wheaton North @ TBA
Tennis at WWS @ 4:00
Golf at Naperville North DVC meet @ TBA
Saturday-Football vs. Glenbard East @ 11:30 & 1:30
Cross Country at Lisle @ 9:30
Diving &Swimming at Barrington @ 9:00 & 1:00

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