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Is WY going to the dogs?

All in favor of turning the WY staff parking lot into a dog run...

Several months ago, the Park District and the Board of Education came to an agreement to construct a dog run. They decided that it would be built where the North Parking lot of WY currently stands. That's the parking lot where the teachers park near the tennis courts.

These plans were made without the input from WY administration, so when Principal Joyce Kenner heard about it, she called another meeting so that WY could be involved in the discussion. This second meeting took place, and members from the LSC, WY Administration, Park District, and our Alderman Fioretti were all in

attendance.

What many people don't understand is that "because WY is built partially on Park District property, we are required to agree to some sort of concession for the construction of this dog run," said Kenner. "The ten spots would be big enough to conform with regulation sized dog runs in Chicago."

Many students were upset that the Park District would be taking away school property for a dog park.

"I think they should go build it somewhere else. Why do they have to take away our parking lot?" said Madeline Weesen '10.

Some students also feel that the Park District should use some other land and not bring WY into this altogether.

"I'm kind of outraged at the individualistic mindset of the Park District," added

Andre Muir '09.

Several students were confused when they heard that there was to be a dog run. Many thought that was what the winding area at the far end of Skinner Park was. However, this dog run will be fenced in so that owners can let their dogs off the leash and they will be able to run around in a contained area.

"I think it's pointless to make another one. And even if this one is fenced in, why can't the people just run with the dogs and get some exercise?" questioned Carolina Clark '10.

Many sports teams were affected last year because dog owners would allow their dogs to run and frolic around Skinner Park during practice times.

"We once had to end practice early because the dog owners were screaming

and everything saying that we were taking up public space. It was kind of ridiculous. So hopefully this new dog place will keep everybody happy," says soccer player Jasmine Espino '09.

There has been speculation that the removal of these ten spots will lead to overflow of cars in the other WY parking lots. Some students are concerned that their parking will become more limited with the addition of some teachers who will be parking there.

"Fewer faculty and students have been driving to school, partially because of the high gas prices. We have monitored the situation, and there will be adequate space for both faculty and students to park," assures Kenner.

Students who drive shouldn't be worried about losing their parking spaces

because of this. All you have to do is look out at the parking lot in the mornings to see that there are more than ten open spaces.

"As long as the teachers have enough room to park and don't have to come onto the student side, I'm fine with it," says Malcolm Branch '09, expressing the views of many of the student drivers.

All in all, the addition of the dog run should have very small impact on WY teachers and students, if any at all. Agreements are at somewhat of a stand-still as of now, but we'll have to wait and see what happens.

Joanna Helm/Editor-In-Chief

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At the end of the day, the north parking lot (left) empties out. The ten spaces on this end may become a romping ground for the neighborhood canines. Running wild, the dogs at Bauler Park (above) enjoy their leashless playtime. **Photos by Casey Ferrantella/Photo Editor**

New school year brings new improvements

TVs and a revamped teacher's lounge are added to WY

Where did those come from? Many students have questioned the origins of the five brand new flat screen TVs in the school's lunchrooms and the creation of a new teacher's lounge near red house.

Assistant Principal Melvin Soto was one of the driving forces behind these new developments.

"We wanted to do this for a few

years," Soto said. "We have been looking for a better way to share information."

The flat screens, funded by the Friends of Whitney Young, are designed to display important information for the students and teachers. This includes live news feeds, traffic updates, time, and updates from various clubs and organizations throughout the school. The TVs will also display vital information and instructions in the event of an emergency.

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Located in room 212, the new teacher's lounge is a hot spot to go for staff. The new red and orange room, is fully equipped with new computers, new books, a vending machine and more. **Photo by Liz Staszal/Staff Photographer**

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The flat screens operate on a video server, called a Carousel. Soto and the technology specialists at WY are working to maximize the Carousel's full potential. When it is completed, teachers and administrators throughout the school will have the ability to upload information to the server. The Carousel then "grabs" new updates and displays them on the TVs. The picture quality on the TVs will be improved to "HD quality".

Many WY students question the necessity of purchasing TVs. They believe the school has more pressing needs.

Lindsey McIntosh '09 doesn't think that they were necessary. "They suck," she says. "Why are they here?" When she looks at them, she says that they usually have just a clock on them. She points out that there are clocks hanging in all the lunchrooms, some right next to the TVs.

"I don't think they were necessary," says Ashley Echevarria '09. "They could've saved the money, or put it towards something else, like new textbooks or ceiling repairs."

The TVs made a small dent in the money raised to purchase new lockers last spring. Most of the \$40,000-

60,000 raised went to improving the sound system in the theater.

Drama teacher Dan Winkler and band teacher Anthony Lanzino are spearheading the new project to improve the sound system. One of the new improvements include a sliding window for the sound booth. Winkler says that the sliding booth will allow the sound technicians to actually hear sounds on stage. A new Mackie sound switchboard has also been installed. The older one, Winkler says, needed to be replaced with a soundboard for the "21st century".

Winkler also plans to move the receivers of the wireless microphones closer to the stage. The receivers usually are kept in the sound booth, which is a long way from anything that is happening on stage. There are plans to update the speakers in the theater, as well as covering the brick walls that detract from the theater's sound quality.

Even with all of these improvements, more are in the works. A consultant will visit the school very soon to have a meeting with Winkler and Lanzino. In that meeting they will decide the best way to improve the sound quality of the theater.

"The sound is awful," Winkler said. "We're just trying to make improvements."

One improvement that has garnered praise from WY's faculty is the brand new teacher's lounge. The lounge, funded by a grant received by the National-Louis University, is painted with red and orange walls, a large flat screen TV, leather sofas, and potted plants. Teachers can eat their lunch, play chess, use one of two new computers, and read new books.

The book exchange, created by librarian Ava Britten, allows faculty members to check out books to read from the bookcase in the teacher's lounge. They must also place a new book on the shelf as they check one out.

Assistant Principal Mark Grishaber, one of the designers of the lounge, calls it "a dream and execution." His vision was to create something for the teachers to enjoy. He believes that most teachers' lounges are pretty bad and the school's former lounge was in need of improvement.

Counselor Debra Hogan believes the lounge is a success.

"The faculty is really enjoying the new lounge," she said. "It's comfortable and relaxing."

Edward Washington/News Editor

CPS keeps WY hot this winter

Have you noticed the how the school's temperatures fluxuate throughout different classrooms? Well, help is on the way!

When you walk into your fifth period class, it feels like a meat locker. The next period, you waltz into your classroom only to be greeted with sweltering heat. This winter, WY will replace the heating and air conditioning equipment in all three buildings.

The heating and cooling system, located on the roofs, is 18-years-old and run-down. The original plan was to update the equipment. However, the Board of Education decided it would be best to replace it completely at an estimated \$6.85 million. According to head engineer, Keith Kereiva, this projected was

to be executed over the summer, but the plan fell through.

"Since we're dealing with CPS, plans usually get delayed," said Kereiva.

The temperatures are regulated by a computer inside his office. However, the computer has a tendency to malfunction. It will register that a classroom's temperature is normal. But a teacher will report that their room is scorching hot or freezing cold. Then one of the engineers has to climb on top of the roof to correct the problem.

Math teacher, Jessica Gitles frequently contacts the engineer to inform them of the sweltering heat she experiences in her classroom.

"My room is the hottest in the school. The engineers know me by my first name because of my frequent calls. They are very cooperative and correct it very quickly," says Gitles.

The way the school is set-up makes it difficult to control the temperature. Cubicles in the academic building don't have individual thermostats and don't receive equal heating and cooling.

School nurse, Helen Ramirez believes that the unstable temperature settings of the classrooms attribute to most student sicknesses. Ramirez recommends that until the heating and air conditioning units are replaced, students should carry a bottle of water to class and keep a sweatshirt in their lockers.

"Hopefully, these people come in and get it all done before we have a winter like last year. Then students and staff can sit in their classrooms comfortably and I don't have to make seven trips up to the roof everyday," says Kereiva.

Paul Timlin/Staff Reporter

Exclusive nature speeches at WY

Starting Oct. 22, WY will be host to a series of six speakers from National Geographic Magazine.

WY has been exclusively selected to hear a series of speakers from National Geographic. Each speaker has their own topic of interest, whether it is photography, science, photojournalism, or exploration. Their hopes are to give exposure and inspiration to the students. Although National Geographic has events like this all over the country, this is the first time they are coming to IL.

The Illinois Geographic Society came to Melvin Soto, Director of Technology, asking if WY would be interested; he then forwarded the event over to Emily Benz, Science Dept. Chair and coordinator of the program.

"We're kind of a big deal," Benz said.

Each session will be held in the theater during fourth and fifth period, consisting of approximately 500 students. Teachers will sign up to take their classes, although, if you have a great desire to see these speakers, you could talk to Benz.

"National Geographic is the most well respected, significant, cultural, and scientific magazine in the world. This is a great opportunity for WY," adds Benz.

Today, photographer Penny De Los Santos kicks off the program.

On Wednesday, Nov. 19, photographer Matthias Klum will present on Borneo. Borneo was damaged after human caused forest fires broke out. Klum documents the post destruction threat on orangutans and pygmy elephants.

On Wednesday, Dec. 10, photographer Ami Vitale takes students to India and lets them discover their diverse religions and cultures.

Next, on Wednesday, Feb. 11, scientist Zeb Hogan presents a program called "Megafishes: Freshwater Giants." Hogan travels to six continents, documenting fish over two meters long, or 200 pounds in weight. Hogan shares his stories of traveling to Mekong, Cambodia, Canada, and Mongolia.

Then on Wednesday, March 11, photographer Jim Richards gives students a chance to learn about a journey of 15 years in Scotland.

Lastly, on Tuesday, April 21, Peter Athans, mountaineer and filmmaker, will discuss his travels to a remote area in the Himalayas, once restricted from outsiders. His journey results in over 800 articles written worldwide about the exploration of the Himalayan kingdom, Mustang.

"I'm actually looking really forward to seeing some of these. I just hope some teachers will sign me out," adds Sarrah Val '10.

You can visit www.nglive.org for more information.

Casey Ferrantella/Photo Editor

Q&A Penny de Los Santos

Known for her attention-grabbing photographs, Penny de Los Santos has made a name for herself in the industry. She grew up in Southern Texas and is the 1998 College Photographer of the Year by the National Press Photographers Association.

Q: What advice would you give to high school students who are interested in photography?

A: The best advice I can give is to take as many pictures as you can, don't stop looking, explore photography in every way that you can. There are so many elements of taking pictures, and that's why people fall in love with photography. It is a way of expressing yourself. So take as many pictures as you can and don't stop.

Q: Why does photographing food spark your interest?

A: A lot of what I do is food. I started out with people and cultures when I was with National Geographic. I like food because everyone can somehow relate to it.

Q: What are your feelings about National Geographic going to different high schools?

A: It is very important. An opportunity to talk about how to pursue dreams and what to do with your life is very valuable. I was always encouraged by that when I was growing up and this is an opportunity to give that back.

Q: Do you have a most memorable photo or photo shoot?

A: Most recently I was in Beirut and they were fasting during Ramadan. There was this moment when the electricity went out. They cut up trash bags and put them down to make a table. When they were finally able to break their fast, it was amazing.

Q: What is the most unique place you've visited through photography?

A: I was in Peru photographing these fishermen who used these boats made of these weeds. They've been using those same boats since the Incans.

Q: In your lifetime you've won many awards, which was the most meaningful for you?

A: Winning the college photographer of the year award was my proudest moment. Also, getting the National Geographic internship made me realize my potential.

Kelly Ford/Staff Reporter



Penny de Los Santos



Environmental Alliance Club Members Marcel Roman, Bernice Cain, and Jade Ragoschke, all '12 look over the recent additions to the Biology Classroom. The club just recieved a grant to further recycling efforts here at WY. **Photo by Casey Ferrantella/Photo Editor**

Recycling at WY not just for treehuggers

School hopes to take full advantage of recycling grant

This school year the WY Science Department received a recycling grant worth \$9,938.20 from the Illinois Bureau of Energy and Recycling. The purpose of this grant is to encourage the activity of recycling among everyone here at Whitney Young, staff and students included.

The program will be over watched by the Environmental Alliance Club here at Whitney Young. The club is headed by science teacher Lynne El-Amin Waheed. The organization will work closely together with Building Engineer Keith Kareiva and Assistant Principal Mark Grishaber.

Contrary to popular belief, more than just paper and plastic can be recycled. The program here at WY will include print cartridges and

various other electronics. The target date to start the program was the first day of this school year, and one year after the initial audit on Jan. 30, 2008, the follow-up audit will be on Jan. 30, 2009.

Many believe that such an extensive recycling program can be effective if it receives full student cooperation. Science Department chairman Emily Benz had this to say: "I think it will be successful at Whitney Young if people follow the rules." The Environmental Alliance Club will be in charge of monitoring and performing regular inspections which will determine how well students and faculty here at WY are following the program. They will also be making sure that the engineering staff is performing a full collection of all the recyclables and taking care of them properly.

The company in charge of distributing the recyclables is called Allied. Allied will

be distributing the recycled waste to various companies. All the aluminum cans will be sent to Anheuser Busch Company. Paper and cardboard waste will be sent to different paper mills. Plastics will be sent to Mohawk Carpets. Most of the wood will be sent to road material companies. Finally all of the metal recyclables will be sent to various scrap yards throughout the city.

Benz believes that in order for the program to be effective and successful a strong partnership and level of trust must form between the WY administration and the engineering staff.

So while you may think that it is pointless or that one little sheet of notebook paper isn't going to destroy the environment, please, take full advantage of this grant and recycle everything that you can.

Bryan Gibbons/Staff Reporter

Twice the scholarships twice the fun for WY

WY has doubled their National Merit Semifinalists

Good news for WY! The number of students from WY that are semifinalists in the 2009 National Merit/Achievement Scholarship Competition have doubled since last year. That's right- DOUBLED! The scholarship provides \$2,500 to students who win it due to their high PSAT scores.

According to Karyn Todd '09, a candidate

for the scholarship, winning the scholarship makes the student a more attractive candidate for other scholarships.

Principal Joyce Kenner is, "ecstatic! I love when our students are acknowledged for their academic achievements." Congratulations to the students that are semifinalists in the 2009 National Merit/Achievement Scholarship Competition.

Timothy Fett/Staff Reporter

Merit Semifinalists

Congrats to all the National Merit and National Achievement semifinalists:

Miles Cernauskas
Angelica Frausto
Shriya Gandhi
Simone Gonzalez
Jasmin Hainey
Aiyang Jiang
Drew Johnson
Rachel Jones

Eden Liu
Danielle Lorenz
Latara McLemore
Elizabeth Mucha
Erin Mulholland
Darius Parish
Adrian Rew
Felix Richter
Karyn Todd
Sam Van Besien
Rebecca Wernis

Source: Principal Joyce Kenner

No new ID's?

On the week of October 6, WY students were initially supposed to turn in their ID cards during division and receive new ones, that also were to work as the reduced fare transit card. Assistant Principal Jerome Lattyak was very excited about this new program, which was piloted last year at Prosser and Carver.

"It means that students will be bringing their ID's every day," Lattyak said. "No ID means full price on the train."

Students were notified in advance, and when the week passed with no new ID's, students began to wonder what was going on. As it turned out, the program was suspended at the last minute, "due to additional costs," Lattyak explained. "These were costs that came up and the CPS felt that shouldn't be put through the students." For example, the CTA tried to make students have to pay \$5.00 for their new cards, which the CPS said would not pass.

There were 20 schools that were supposed to begin this program, including WY, and they all must keep their old ID's as of now. But they cannot keep their old CTA reduced fare cards, because those cards became invalid on October 6. So students wishing to get new reduced fare were forced to see either Dean Rickey Harris or Lattyak to turn in their cards to receive new ones that would be valid until June.

"It's ridiculous," was all Lattyak could say as he made it clear that he was not happy with the suspension of the program. Some students, however, are indifferent.

"It doesn't apply to us because we drive so it doesn't matter," said Alyssa Rodriguez '10 and Meredith



Rose '10.

Another problem was that some students put more money on their old cards than they could use up since being notified about the switch. But there are steps students can take so that their money does not go to waste. A sign reads in Lattyak's office, "To transfer money from their old cards to their new ones, students must: Copy the serial # on the back of the old card, Call the CTA 1-800-968-7282, and give them the old serial number and the serial number on the new card."

If this program somehow gets up and running again, students will have the convenience of one card serving the purpose of previously having to carry two. This innovative idea and cooperation between the Chicago Public Schools and the Chicago Transit Authority can prove important because it can be the first of many like it, making some of the little things of student life that much easier.

Gabe Henriques/Sports Editor

Grading scales changed schoolwide

Departments agree on new, uniform grading scales

As the new school year kicks into gear, some important changes have been made along with it. The grading scales have been altered in many of the departments, or by some select teachers in those departments. The percentage range for each grade has risen, therefore making it a bit more challenging for students to make the grade they desire.

WY desires to increase their academic achievements nationwide. The faculty and administrators are doing this by setting new goals for the students and pushing them to conquer the new challenges. They believe that every student has the capability to succeed despite these challenges.

Math teacher Yan Chan says, "We are trying to make Whitney Young a better school by raising our standards. We want to be recognized nationally."

The grading scales vary depending on whether the class is honors, regular, or AP. The old grading scales for most classes were a bit lower. Normally, 93-100 was an A, 85-92 was a B, 75-84 was a C, 70-74 was a D, and 69-0 was an F. Now, the grading scale for many

classes had substantially changed. In many classes now, students must get a 95-100 for an A, an 87-94 for a B, a 77-86 for a C, a 70-76 for a D, and 69 and below is an F.

The opinions vary on the subject, as to whether the change was a good change or a bad change. Some people have already accepted the new system.

"It sucks for us because it's harder, but it pushes us, so I guess in the end it is good," says Carolina Clark '10.

Although some are unaffected by the change, other people aren't too thrilled. Other WY students are afraid that they will have to face some bad consequences due to the higher standards.

"It's keeping us from getting into good colleges, because it's more difficult for us to keep our GPAs up," says Sam Hobert '10.

The improved scale will indeed be an obstacle, but it is one that students will have to overcome. Although all of the teachers did not participate in changing their grade expectations, the WY faculty as a whole wants to see their school prosper further. They will unquestionably continue pushing their students.

Alyssa Rathan/Staff Reporter

Beacon's Best

scored on a scale of 1 to 4

Variety Bags of Halloween candy!

	Taste:	Variety:	Value:	Originality:	Overall rating:
Bag with Butterfinger, Crunch & Baby Ruth \$3.59	4	1	3	1	2.25
Bag with Crackle, Hershey's Milk chocolate, Goodbar & Hershey's Dark chocolate \$3.39	4	3	4	3	3.5
Bag with Crunch Crisp & Butterfinger Crisp \$3.59	3	1	4	4	3
Bag with Snickers, Milkyways, 3 Musketeers, Milkyway Dark, & Twix \$4.39	2	4	2	3	2.75



BOYS

Wool Short Zip Jacket \$98
This jacket can be dressed up or down, and will always be in style.

Single Stripe Scarf \$39.50
This scarf has a cozy, laid-back vibe. You can put it on to complete your desired look, or to protect yourself from the cold.

Classic cashmere blend V-neck \$39.99
This warm sweater is soft, and stylish. When worn under the wool jacket, you're sure to make a statement.

Trend

nano-chromatic ipod



Though there isn't a single WY student who doesn't know what an iPod is, few know about Apple's latest venture, the nano-chromatic. Nano-chromatic is just another term used to describe the new iPod nano, which has many new features and comes in many new vibrant colors, including purple, pink, green, yellow and orange. The new iPod nano comes in both 8GB and 16GB which allows for a lot more songs, photos, videos, and movies than it's older version. It also has an accelerometer (what makes the screen of the iPhone and iPod touch turn when the device turns) that gives the user another way to listen, watch and play. Speaking of playing, the nano-chromatic has games made just for it, and it is possible to purchase more from the iTunes store. The new iPod nano is also more accessible. Spoken menus allow the user to hear the names of menus, songs, and playlists without having to look at the screen. And by merely shaking the device you can shuffle entire playlists. The new iPod nano can be purchased wherever Apple products are sold for either \$149 or \$199. It is definitely worth every cent.

Brittany S. Jones/Design Editor
photo courtesy of Apple's website.

Steal vs. Splurge



24 oz smoothie costs between \$3.85 and \$5.00

Closest location to WY: 1322 S Halsted

Offers wide variety of smoothies, and they'll alter their recipes to fit your preferences. You have the option of adding one free boost, that will increase the vitamin, or protein content among other things. Any fruit lover will enjoy a fruit-filled smoothie from Jamba Juice.



16oz smoothie costs \$4.19

Closest location to WY: 200 S Racine

The smoothie is basically like a slurpee. You can get sizes from 20 to 64 oz, so if you're really thirsty, this may be the beverage for you! There are many flavors to choose from, although they aren't quite as healthy as the fruit filled Jamba Juice. Still, a good drink for a reasonable price.

Verdict: Jamba Juice is worth the splurge. compiled by Joanna Helm/Editor-in-Chief

There are New Kidz in the hallways

Do you call yourself a hip hop head? Is hip hop more than a genre of music but a movement that represents a forever evolving lifestyle? If you answered yes, then you should check out the hip hop duo Kidz in the Hall. Kidz in The Hall aims to do the unordinary for the ordinary, and is destined to give contemporary music a spin. The Kidz (Double O and Naledge) met at the University of Pennsylvania in 2000 and have blended their talents to make sounds with jazzy beats similar to those of "A Tribe Called Quest" and Pete Rock and CL Smooth. Kidz In The Hall signed with Rawkus Records and released their debut album School Was My Hustle in 2006. Their most recent album was released in May 2008 with Duck Down Records. The underground scene loves their sound which samples Hip Hop songs of the early 1990's. "Hip Hop is like literature and not everybody is interested in reading the same things. The rap game is full of either cheap comic books or people pretending to be Shakespeare no one is providing A Raisin in the Sun", said Naledge, the lyricist of the duo. If you think that was deep and insightful, download "Drivin down the block" and "Wheelz fall off (06til)" by Kidz in the Hall off iTunes today and check them out for yourself.

Taaj Reaves/Staff Reporter

Music Spotlight

Tick, tick, this music group is the bomb

Bomb the Music Industry, also known as BtMI!, this group from Nassau, New York is a blend of electronic, ska, and punk rock. I have never heard any group as catchy and random as BtMI!. Lead man Jeff Rosenstock is accompanied by many different musicians throughout his albums and tours, while he is mainly the only member who is constant in the group. Rosenstock recently went on a tour with Rock Johnson. Rosenstock played guitar and vocals, while Johnson played bass, playing the rest of the instruments off of an iPod. During concerts, they often times let fans play along on stage if they know how to play one of their songs on an instrument. They record all their own CDs using their Mac Powerbook. All of their albums can be downloaded for free off of their website www.bombthemusicindustry. On their website you can also receive free stencils and paint to make your own t-shirts. Download these songs to start: "Big Plans on Sleeping In", "Future 86," "This Graceless Planet," and "Side Projects are Never Successful."

Dolphin Essentials

What any WY student needs to rock

Fall Outerwear

(all clothing from the GAP)

GIRLS

Women's Tweed Jacket \$98
This jacket is cute and casual. It can be worn over anything, and to any event. The nice earthy color is perfect for fall, and the fit is sure to be flattering.

Ruffle Knit Scarf \$24.50
This scarf is lightweight, perfect for cool windy days. It's neutral enough to go with any outfit.

Ruffle-bib printed shirt \$48.00
This shirt adds another dimension to your outerwear. With the collar peeking over the head of the jacket, and the sleeves rolled up over the arms, the result is totally cool!



compiled by Sami Blumenthal/In-Depth Editor

Halloween's greatest Fiasco

Are you a fan of Lupe Fiasco? Do you not have plans for this Halloween? If you don't then you must get tickets to his upcoming annual concert on Oct. 31st at Congress Theater.

Lupe Fiasco is a Chicago local, Grammy winning rapper and song-writer. He is most known for his lyrics that expand well beyond the norm for Hip-Hop.

His concerts are mellow than the usual Hip-Hop concerts. His metaphoric style of rap relates to what real life is about, rather than the lifestyles of a rapper.

Many WY students intend on going to the concert on Halloween. They don't plan to miss it for trick or treating.

"Lupe Fiasco is almost as sweet as candy," according to Francesca Moroni '10, one of the many students who plan on attending the event.

If you are simply interested in Lupe Fiasco this would be a great opportunity to find out more. He currently has two major CD's "Food & Liquor" and "The Cool". "The Cool" features songs such as "Dumb it Down" which is about how current artists in the Hip-Hop industry dumb down their music to sell records.

"Lupe's Music has completely changed Hip-Hop in a time where songs like "Crank-dat" are coming out. He stays true to himself and does not "Dumb it Down," says Michael Bojda '10, a true fan of Fiasco's music. "I thought missing trick or treating was going to ruin my Halloween, but Lupe definitely tricked me and treated me to one of the best shows I have ever been to. His concerts are just plain dope!"

Tickets to Lupe Fiasco at the Congress Theater range from \$27 to \$30, but hurry fast before tickets sell out!

Nicoletta Milito/Designer

Girl Talk mixes songs for ultimate dance party

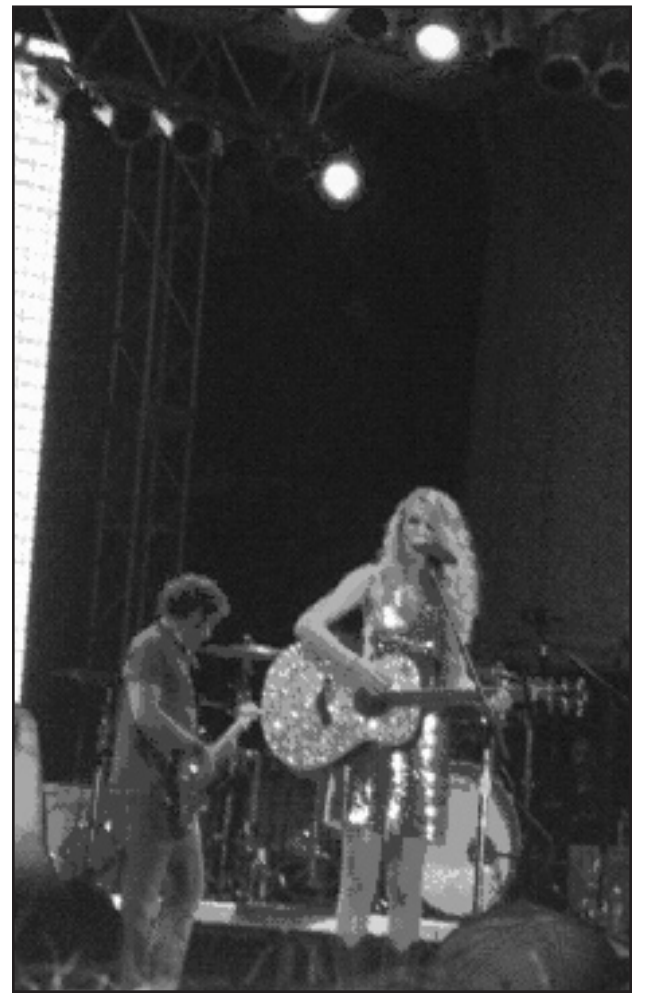
Imagine a huge room filled with thousands of sweaty people, crazy neon lights, and, at the front of it, a huge DJ table blasting music that makes you want to break loose and hit the dance floor. In most cases, a description like this brings a wild party to mind, but this will be the atmosphere for the Nov. 8th Girl Talk concert at the Congress Theatre.

Girl Talk, or Greg Gillis, mixes together different songs from all genres, creating the perfect party dance music and entertaining listeners with the unique combination of various artists. Girl Talk's best known albums are "The Night Ripper" and "Feed the Animals," but when listening to any of his four albums, including "Unstoppable" and "Secret Diary," you can expect to hear all different songs mixed together, from artists ranging from Elton John to Tupac.

Girl Talk's latest album can be downloaded off Myspace.com at any time. Each song, as always, is very unique in its own way. For example, the song "Still Here" includes a clip from "Whiter Shade of Pale" by '60s group Procol Harum, and a song by Lil' Jon. Another song, "Let Me See You," combines the Dem Franchize Boyz favorite, "Lean Wit it Rock Wit it," and an old school Earth, Wind and Fire beat. The Congress Theatre, located at Milwaukee and Rockwell, should be jammed packed with Girl Talk fans of all ages. Max Davis '10, a huge Girl Talk fan, purchased his \$15 ticket months ago.

"I'm really excited because I enjoy Girl Talk a lot and I am curious to see how it will be in a concert setting," says Davis. "I expect it to be a lot of fun, and I think it will be really exciting."

Rachel Joravsky /Entertainment Editor



Seeing your favorite artists rocks, but seeing them for free is even better. Country artist Taylor Swift performed at the Chicago Country Music Festival on Oct. 12 outside of Soldier Field. Swift was on stage for an hour and a half. Photo by Joanna Helm/Editor-in-Chief

Upcoming Concerts

The hottest artists hit Chicago

TV on the Radio has something for everyone

Ever heard of TV On the Radio? TVOTR, as their fans call them, experiment with many kinds of musical genres, most notably post-punk, free jazz, soul, and electro.

TVOTR creates an impressive soundscape, an interesting electric sound without monotonous vocals, which set them apart from other bands that "shoegaze". Shoegazing, a style that heavily influences TVOTR's sound, was a short lived, English electric music movement where the performers basically zoned out, stared at the floor, and played whatever came to them. The constant fixed gaze and lack of emotion, along with the repetitive sounds that exemplified the style made it a short lived movement.

However, some interesting developments came out of shoegazing, and TVOTR utilizes elements from the style and makes it their own, without being boring. Plenty of different elements from electric, and even symphonic music can be heard in the band's dense sound.

The beats and drumming however, tend to lack variety. This problem becomes more and more prominent while their new album, "Dear Science" progresses. The lyrics can be hard to follow as well.

"The first song sounds a lot like Radiohead," said Adrian Rew '09. "Their first album was called 'OK Calculator', so Radiohead's got to be a big influence on their style. "TVOTR is a great band to see live."

Matteo Rosen '09 described their sound as "lovely vocals floating in a sea of melody and background buzz."

The concert is part of the album's release tour. Their Chicago date is Oct. 22 at the Riviera Theater; tickets are \$25.

Frank Magyar/Staff Reporter

Madonna tour causes controversy

Strike a pose because Madonna is at it again, trailing across the world with her Sticky and Sweet tour. At 50, the Queen of Pop is still on top and at her best.

The Sticky and Sweet tour, is directed by Jamie King, who recently directed artists tours such as Celine Dion, Christina Aguilera, and the Spice Girls. It provides the audience with the latest technologies available for the stage and gravity defying dancers that come together with the Queen to create a phenomenal music experience.

Singing and dancing a two hour show, Madonna entertains, inspires, and challenges millions to "save the world." The Sticky and Sweet tour supports her most recent album, Hard Candy. This is her 11th studio album and features collaborations with Pharrell, Kanye West, Justin Timberlake, and Timbaland, all of whom appear in video appearances on the tour. Britney Spears also makes a surprise video cameo in the show during the song "Human Nature."

The Show is broken down into four acts: Pimp, Old School, Gypsy, and Rave. Madonna plays guitar on six of the tunes in the show showcasing her need to always challenge herself to learn and expand on her skills in music.

Madonna has already stirred up controversy with this latest tour. In Italy, Madonna dedicated "Like A Virgin" to the Pope saying that she is "a child of God." She also has a video that plays while she is changing costumes that compares John McCain to Hitler and Barack Obama to Nelson Mandela and Gandhi.

The Sticky and Sweet tour comes to the United Center on October 26th and October 27th. The 26th is sold out but a small number of tickets are still available for the 27th. Go ready to sing and dance the night away. I'll be there on the 26th. YYYYYYYYYYAAAAAAAAYYYYYYYYYY!!!!!!

Timothy Fett/Staff Reporter

Kids are back on the block

The boys are back in town! The question is, are they better than ever? "New Kids on the Block" has made a comeback, and many people are thrilled about it. Their tour is going on now. They toured in Rosemont at the Allstate Arena on Oct. 4, 2008, and will return Oct. 24, 2008. Natasha Bedingfield is their opening act.

The "kids" have made a huge transformation from their early years, which is easily portrayed in their new CD, "The Block." The new CD has a few songs in which they collaborated with current popular artists including The Pussycat Dolls and Ne-yo.

Science teacher Kimberly Smith, fan of New Kids on the Block says, "I think it's a good idea that they incorporated other artists into their songs... How else would younger people hear about them?"

How did the group get together after all of this time? One of the band members, Donnie, persuaded his fellow group members to take the risk, and make the comeback. They still have the same manager they have always had.

"I think they have a lot more opportunities now, than they did back in the day. Donnie gets to write a good portion of the songs, and I think it's really cool," Smith says.

Although the members have had their solo careers, people are expecting their comeback to top it all. A younger generation has recently found themselves interested in them.

"I love New Kids on the Block. Their song "Single" is the best song ever. They are all grown up," states Jaya Robinson '11.

Their style has changed a lot, and everyone is just waiting to see if they can keep up the good work, and fall out of the "pop boy band" stereotype.

Smith says, "They have stopped wearing the 90s clothes, thank god, and their style is great. I had tickets for both concerts. I'm looking forward to seeing them again for their second concert here!"

Alyssa Rathen/Staff Reporter

Back and better: 90210

The students at West Beverly Hills High School are back, but with a twist. The new kids from Kansas are taking over.

"It's the hottest zip code in the world," Will Shreiber '11 adds.

Based off the original "Beverly Hills, 90210", the new "90210" is the hot new show on the CW playing on Tuesday nights at 7p.m. Its complete with sexy teens, fancy cars, stylin' clothes, and hormones a plenty.

"It's just another show

like Gossip Girl," Jaime Coaker '10 explains.

For Annie (Shenae Grimes) and Dixon (Tristan Wilds) Wilson, it might not be easy getting involved in the social drama at West Beverly Hills High School. It doesn't help that their dad is going to be the new school principal either.

Annie Dixon is in for a ride being a theater loving girl next door. She has yet to acquire the peer pressure and drama that she never had. Dixon Wilson, her

adopted brother, is a star athlete, and is competing for top jock.

Thank God Annie and Dixon have a close sibling relationship because they are definitely going to need to do some bonding to get through the teenager struggles with love, school, and the hardships of life in the 90210 zip code. The Wilson family has only begun to realize how much their lives are going to change.

Liz Staszal/Photographer

Show caters to "X-Files" fans

"Fringe," from the creator of "Lost" and with the fans of "The X-Files" in mind, is about genetic testing, mutations and some kind of conspiracy or invasion that is yet to be revealed. The season starts off with a plane full of passengers getting subjected to some biological agent that causes the flesh to melt off their bones. From there, a crazy scientist is introduced, as well as an attractive federal agent and Joshua Jackson.

In the world of "Fringe," brains can be hacked into using the electricity of brain waves and death does not mean that people are completely dead. Behind it all: a company of great respect, or a government, or

something else entirely. We know that FOX wants several seasons of this show, and clearly what we're seeing here is only the beginning of a very intriguing series.

Still, I'm on the fringe about "Fringe." It's entertaining and works, but it isn't a great show. It's no "X-Files," that's for sure, no matter how hard it wants to be. For starters, the characters aren't particularly interesting or likable, except for John Noble, who plays the senile scientist who holds many of the answers the other protagonists are seeking. Anna Torv, who plays Agent Dunham, is attractive but a bit too mannish for her own good; they want to make

her beautiful, sensitive and tough all at the same time, but she can only switch from one mode to the next, rather than embrace all of her character's attributes and take true advantage of them. Torv is no Scully and Jackson is no Mulder. This dynamic is stale and hardly captivating.

It's hard to be specific, but so far the show has failed to build tension or mystery; it fails to keep you curious commercial break to commercial break.

All in all, "Fringe" has the potential to attract an audience and become a hit. For now, I suggest you watch so you'll be prepared when it makes it big.

Paul Timlin/Staff Reporter

Game show comes knocking

How well do you know the smell of your brother's hair?

In a new program on ABC, called "Opportunity Knocks", families are tested on how well they know each other, and that could involve knowing the smell of your brother's hair.

Every week, host JD Roth and the Opportunity Knocks team travel to one family's home in America and set up their game show right in front of the family's house. The live audience consists of neighbors, relatives, and family friends. Each family member gets quizzed by the

host on how well they know their family. Questions range from personal habits and hobbies to how well can you identify mommy's feet.

Could you handle the pressure of being asked embarrassing questions about your family on national television? It would be like turning your life into a game show.

In the season premiere, the Gutierrez family was put to the test. Although each member of the family had an opportunity to win the prize of their dreams, only the son was able to win brand

new TVs for every room of the house. Even though they didn't win every prize, they were able to walk away with over \$70,000.

Each family is given the opportunity to win cash and dream prizes like new cars or vacation trips. If the family gets questions wrong, then they win nothing. In the end, it's all about how well you know your family.

"Opportunity Knocks" airs on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. on ABC.

Edward Washington/News Editor

"Kath and Kim" comes to the US

NBC's hit "The Office" was the network's first import from another country. "Kath and Kim" appears to be their next.

Originating in Australia, "Kath and Kim" is about a daughter moving back in with her mother after going through some marriage trouble. Following the women's relationship antics, the show is a comedic hit.

Selma Blair plays Kim Day. Blair is recognizable from movies like "Cruel

Intentions" and "Legally Blonde". This young star's talent can be seen from the pilot alone.

Blair does have some competition from her on-screen mother, Molly Shannon. Shannon plays Kathy Day. This SNL veteran hilariously portrays an older woman trying to stay hip.

Mikey Day plays Kim's husband. He is best known for his seasons on MTV's "Wild 'N Out".

The two women are alike

in attitude, demeanor, and style. Their clothes are eye-catching and definitely make a statement. Their outrageous style and side-splitting one-liners make the show a great addition to the network's already famous Thursday night.

The show airs on NBC on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Be sure to catch it before it's over.

Stephanie Garcia/Staff Reporter



Art by Anna Sharp/Freelance Artist

Fall favorites return

Fall is always a let down, it starts getting cold, and we have to start focusing on school, but for every cloud there's a silver lining...your favorite fall TV shows are back with new episodes. "Gossip Girl," "One Tree Hill," "The Office," "Grey's Anatomy," "The Hills," "Desperate Housewives," and "Heroes", the list goes on and on.

But now that the excitement of season openers is over, we all start predicting what insane drama the rest of the season will bring.

"Gossip Girl," one of the most popular fall shows, is definitely causing gossip at WY.

"Blair and Serena are going to have a rivalry over their group of friends and everyone's attention, to see who comes up as queen bee," says Rachel Hobert '12.

But other people are on one girl's side.

"Blair 's going to come out on top because Serena

is going to slip back into her old slut bag habits," says Jasmine Wright '10.

"Grey's Anatomy" and "The Office" both promise relationship drama.

"I'm not sure Pam and Jim are ever really going to get married, something is going to happen with Pam and her new college friends to make her change her mind," predicts Cody O'Grady '10.

And as for "Greys Anatomy," viewers find it hard to believe it will finally work out for Meredith.

"Mc Dreamy and Meredith are going to try to make it work but its not going to work because they are two different people even though I really like them as a couple," comments Ariana Taylor '11.

But these are only predictions, to get all of the real hookups, fights, tears, action and drama, you have to watch.

Kelly Ford/Entertainment Editor

New CW series not quite a hit

The new series "Privileged" on the CW isn't as popular as the network expected.

The show is about a young girl who has graduated from Yale University and has a job tutoring two high school girls; not just any girls but two really rich girls. This doesn't make her job easy at all because the girls are really snobby. They're brats. The show doesn't seem to be a hit because many people don't even know what the show is.

Mariah King '09 says, "Privileged, what's that? I never even heard of it."

At least one viewer will be

tuning in regularly.

"I like it because it's really goofy and entertaining," says Malcolm Branch '09.

Many students believe that the show "Privileged" is kind of low budget. It is a bootleg of "Gossip Girl." The teenage group is not too fond of the show and believes that CW could have done without it.

"Privileged" is nowhere near as good as the other CW TV shows," Rebecca Ozaki '09 says. "It's kind of boring and really cliché."

Jade Fleming/Staff Reporter

Fall TV Schedule: So you never miss your old or new favorite shows!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 Gossip Girl on the CW Chuck on NBC Dancing With the Stars on ABC The Big Bang Theory on CBS	7:00 90210 on the CW Lincoln Heights on ABC Family House on FOX Biggest Loser on NBC	7:00 Pushing Daisies on ABC Knight Rider on NBC Bones on FOX America's Next Top Model on the CW	7:00 Ugly Betty on ABC Smallville on the CW My Name is Earl on NBC Survivor: Gabon on CBS	7:00 Wife Swap on ABC Ghost Whisperer on CBS Everybody Hates Chris on the CW Crusoe on NBC
8:00 One Tree Hill on the CW Heroes on NBC Prison Break on FOX Two and a Half Men on CBS	8:00 The Mentalist on CBS Greek on ABC Family Fringe on FOX Privileged on the CW	8:00 Friday Night Lights on Direct TV Private Practice on ABC Deal or No Deal on NBC Criminal Minds on CBS	8:00 The Office on NBC CSI on CBS Grey's Anatomy on ABC Supernatural on the CW	8:00 Supernanny on ABC The Ex-List on CBS Deal or No Deal on NBC Don't Forget the Lyrics on FOX
9:00 The Hills on MTV Boston Legal on ABC CSI Miami on CBS My Own Worst Enemy on NBC	9:00 Law and Order: SVU on NBC Eli Stone on ABC Without a Trace on CBS The Shield on FX	9:00 CSI: NY on CBS Dirty Sexy Money on ABC Lipstick Jungle on NBC Sons of Anarchy on FX	9:00 Life on Mars on ABC Eleventh Hour on CBS ER on NBC Always Sunny in Philadelphia on FX	9:00 Numb3ers on CBS The Starter Wife on USA 20/20 on ABC Life on NBC Joanna Helm/Editor-in-Chief

Club starts a revolution



Always on his game, Jimmy Guo '12 plays DDR. The club meets every Wednesday. **Casey Ferrantella/Photo Editor**

New club welcomes all who love to dance

Only in the past couple of years has the AC taken the initiative to really start its own legitimate clubs including an AC Pom Team. A new club has emerged, the AC Dance Dance Revolution Club. This group of talented young DDRers meets every Wednesday and Thursday.

The DDR Club is not very well known throughout the school with this being its first year.

"DDR club really started last year when some eighth graders played it during long division. This year they made it an after school club," Emily Benz, the club sponsor

explains.

The club members have lots of talent.

"There are some really good dancers. Sometimes we do teacher versus student. Students always win," said Benz.

Club members are humble about their love of DDR.

Club member Thaddeus Tukes '12 says, "The club is just a bunch of nerdy underclassmen that get together and play DDR twice a week."

The DDR Clubs welcomes any student passionate about DDR.

Charlie Stanton/Localized News Editor

Club supports Obama campaign

Democratic Student Association does its part to try to tip the scales in Obama's favor

WY Democratic Student Association encourages participation in politics. The president of the organization, Julian Miller '09, is an avid follower of politics and the Obama campaign. The organization had a brief stint as "WY Students for Obama", but the name was declared too partisan, forcing the club to change its name.

"The official name of the club is Students for a Democratic Society," said Miller. "Mr. Grishaber made us change the name because it was too partisan. The name might be different but our ideals are the same."

When asked about what the club was planning, Miller said that "we have a lot planned right now. The main activities so far are voter registration and campaigning trips to swing states. We're also signed up to phone bank for battlegrounds like Ohio and Missouri." Miller is trying to get the most out of the club, focusing much of the efforts on places other than Illinois.

"The swing states seem to need more attention. We don't need to get the word

out where everyone has already heard it all already." Miller plans to have a bigger impact on the election by venturing out of the state into more critical areas for the Obama campaign.

"Illinois is pretty much a sure shot for Obama in the Electoral College. Other places in the Midwest are not so certain."

Miller was enthusiastic about Spanish teacher Keith Cerasoli being the club's sponsor, calling him "the coolest teacher ever." In response to whether or not he was concerned with indirectly influencing students by being the club's sponsor, Cerasoli said that "I believe I should be able to demonstrate my partisanship."

"It's a great way for students to get involved with politics and current events," said member Priscilla Lee '09.

Miles Cernauskas '09 is serious about his involvement in the club. "We're at a critical point in our country's history. The decisions made in the next presidency will affect us for the rest of our lives," said Cernauskas.

The Democratic Student Association's board is located on the third floor near green house, and has various sign up sheets for campaign efforts.

Frank Magyar/Staff Reporter

Somos Latinos Aspirantes dances it's way into our hearts



Jesus Sanchez, Viviana Nava, Stacey Jaimes, and Korey Turner, all '09 get in as much practice as they can before the SLA performance, which is coming up right around the corner. **Casey Ferrantella/Photo Editor**

SLA show this Friday, get your tickets now

"Life is too short". This common cliché has been used for decades. The meaning, however, still holds true.

For the last 17 years, young dancers, singers, poets, and other talented students come out to showcase their skills.

"Somos Latinos Aspirantes", SLA, is an annual dance show by Latinos Unidos. This year's theme, "Celebrating Life", is only bound for success.

Tango choreographer Daniel Amador '09 said the dancers this year are "working to achieve perfection".

One of these dancers is David Carrillo '09.

Participating in SLA since freshman year, along with others, believes that the shows have improved over time and can only get better.

Spanish teacher Claudia Chavez has sponsored the show for four years. She agrees with Carrillo on the show's development, but thinks that it's become more different than better. More dances have been added and existing dances have been made longer.

Many are very excited about the new edition to the show, tango. This is the second year with a tango performance, and if last year proves anything, it's that tango is sure to be a big hit. The practices for tango have been going on since mid-summer and the dance has progressed beautifully.

Other dances include

Bachata, a crowd favorite, Merengue, Reggaeton, Salsa, and Hip-hop. There will also be an authentic Mariachi band.

The show is a fun way to start off the year.

"Good food, good friends, a good time," said Martin Gonzalez '09.

"The show is an opportunity to expand knowledge on the Latin culture," said Stacey Jaimes '09. "It's something everyone looks forward to."

Scheduled for Oct. 24th, the day show is open to elementary schools, in the afternoon. The night show is at 7 p.m. and tickets are \$8. Come celebrate life with SLA. ¡Festejando La Vida!

Stephanie Garcia/Staff Reporter

Clubs prepare for Homecoming week



Even though it is not considered a sport, Guys 'N Dolls practice is just as rigorous as any sport. And unlike most sports, they practice all year-round.

Casey Ferrantella/Photo Editor

Homecoming week is a special week at just about any school

It's a week to show school pride and dress in crazy outfits. This week is most important not only to the football team preparing to win the homecoming game but to the clubs as well. Preparing to entertain the students and teachers during the pep-rally.

Catrell Brownlee '09, a player on the WY football team says, "I treat this game no different than the rest, yeah it's more people watching, but every game gets the same treatment".

The dance teams on the other hand are practicing harder than they do most of the year.

"We've been practicing since the summer just like the football team had summer practice so did we. Then during the school year, three days a week for at least two hours", says Darian Hill '09 of Guys and Dolls, exhausted with the thought of it.

Cheerleader, Maya Powe '09 says, "We practice all day, all week, even Saturday, glad that's dead!"

Another cheerleader, Geneva Suggs '09 says, "We practice really hard especially the week before, we have practice Monday, Wednesday, Thursday,

Friday, and Saturday...we work on stunting, and trying to pull the whole routine together. Ms. J doesn't let us leave until we get it right, and that means as close to perfect as possible. It's tiring but its worth it when we go out there and look amazing."

Not only did the cheerleaders cheer at the pep rally, they also had to cheer at the game, freezing cold wearing little skirts. But in the end all of the performing teams are proud of their hard work and excited to show off what they've accomplished when they perform!

Jade Fleming/Staff Reporter

Make the grade, get paid

New program pays students for As, Bs, and Cs

Parents have been awarding money to children for stellar report cards for decades, and now CPS wants to provide the same incentive under its new Harvard-designed test program. Up to 5,000 freshmen at 20 Chicago public high schools, not including WY, will get cash for good grades as part this new program under CPS. Under the system, students will be measured in core courses including math, English, social sciences, science and physical education every five weeks. An A gets \$50, \$35 for a B, and a C still brings in \$20. Yes, that means these students could receive \$20 for getting a C in gym. A straight-A student under the system could earn up to \$4,000 by the end of his or her sophomore year. The student would receive half of the money up front, and the other half would be given upon graduation to encourage them to sustain the grades as well. The money for the program comes from private donations. CPS didn't specify beyond that.

CPS CEO Arne Duncan was quoted in the Chicago Tribune that the program is "incenting, recognizing and rewarding hard work and a commitment to education," and that "we're always trying to level the playing field."

Theoretically it sounds like CPS is targeting the students whose families don't have a lot of economic wealth, and encourages them to stay in school and do well.

By targeting this group and applying the program to only select schools around the city, CPS is rewarding those who work hard to overcome tough odds.

If successful, could the plan be expanded to include the already motivated students of WY?

Substitute teacher Michael Wallace offered his take:

"All I have to say is try it and see if it works. The idea of reward-based motivation instead of punishment is preferred," said Wallace. "As teachers you keep hoping kids get on the right path. You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink it."

Wallace went on to bring up another good point that needs to be addressed sooner or later by CPS.

"The other thing is how much do you have to pay in order for it to work? Right now it could be symbolic more than anything to these kids."

That and many other questions involving the program are yet to be determined, but if all goes well, we may very well see WY students receiving a long overdue financial pat on the back for years of hard work and dedication.

Kurt Roeder/Staff Reporter

WY struggles with the economic slump

Mixed thoughts from WY students show complexity of economic situation

Prices are high, cash flow is low, and the economic struggles of the US are now surfacing worldwide with foreign countries now being hit by the failure on Wall Street. WY students may not have stock shares or even pay attention to the daily plummets by US markets, but the effects of the shortcomings in the markets will indirectly influence everyone. Students are making economic changes ranging from staying inside, to eating cheaper school lunches, to changing usual weekend plans with friends because of the rise in prices throughout the city.

Employment, a source of income for many WY students, is also shrinking, meaning students have to be more conservative than ever with their money and how they choose to spend it.

Economics teacher Kevin Waller claims that despite our economic struggles, we have not sunk so far as to declare a national recess "usually recessions take time to discover", Waller comments.

Despite all the publicity the struggling economy has been getting lately, the impact of it on WY is still somewhat varied. On one hand, some feel that outrageous and inflated prices have caused consumers to search

alternative sources. Ada Lin '09 for example, says that city taxes and prices have repelled her from downtown shopping for good.

"I can't buy anything in the city because taxes are so high that it forces me to shop in the suburbs," says Lin.

Lin is not alone in sharing her displeasure at the current state of things. Morgan Richardson '09 shares similar thoughts.

"It's made it harder for me to find a job and worries me about paying for college because my parents have had a harder time paying for things recently," Richardson comments.

Not all students have the same thoughts as Richardson and Lin, however. Nick Mark '09 is one of many who think that the situation is not nearly as bad as people have speculated it and portrayed it to be, "I have done nothing different, personally," Mark says.

Students as a whole, however, should know that measures are being taken nationally to prevent an actual recession from occurring.

For example, Congress just passed a bailout plan that will put billions of dollars back into the market as a way to stimulate cash flow and consumer spending.

The upcoming election will also play a huge role in determining the steps that will be taken to repair a broken system as candidates Barack Obama and John McCain both have stated

Terms for thought

The terms you need to know to keep up with the economy

• **Recession**- A time period of a few months that notes severe decline in economic activity.

• **Tax Cut**- A reduction in the rate of a tax, imposed by the national government.

• **Depression**- Economic crisis in finance and industry. It is characterized by falling prices, numerous bankruptcies, and a high level of unemployment.

• **Merger**- The fusion of two or more corporations through the transfer of all property to a single corporation as a way to generate more business.

Source: Merriam-Webster Dictionary

their plans to spurt economic growth if they are elected. Obama has preached the tax cut for small business and people in the middle class while vowing to search for oil alternatives as well as impose higher taxes on large corporations. McCain on the other hand plans to promote drilling for oil within the US more while encouraging tax cuts for members of every social class at the same time. Only time will tell as to which policies are imposed to get us out of this economic funk on a national level.

Nathan Shuftan/Copy Editor



The WY pool along with other facilities can be potentially used for training sites for the 2016 Olympics. Photo by Liz Staszal/Staff Photographer Washington Park, located in Hyde Park, could potentially be the site of many Olympic events. Photo by LeeAndra Khan

Olympic Dates
The dates and potential dates of the future games
• Oct. 10, 2009 - The International Olympic Committee will choose 2016 summer games host
• Feb. 2, 2010 - Feb. 28, 2010- Vancouver 2010 winter olympic games
• Feb. 13, 2010 - Alpine skiing events begin on first day of olympics
• Feb. 13, 2010 - Chicago native Shani Davis begins his quest for gold in long track event
• Feb. 15, 2010 - Figure skating events begin, U.S expected to dominate
• Jul. 27, 2012 - Aug. 12, 2012 London 2012 summer olympic games
• If chosen the Chicago games would be held from July 22, 2016 - Aug. 7, 2016
Source: Chicago Olympics 2016 Official Website

Chicago vies to host 2016 games

Is Chicago really a contender?

The Beijing 2008 Olympic Games will certainly be remembered as one of the most memorable Olympics ever. London is next in line to host the games in 2012. The question remains which world metropolis will succeed in securing the 2016 summer bid?

Chicago has a 25 percent chance of achieving that bid. The three other cities in the running are Madrid, Rio de Janeiro and Tokyo. However Chicago and Rio de Janeiro seem to be the favorites at this point.

This endeavor for Chicago is not a cheap one. As of now the total cost for hosting will be right around 5 billion dollars. About 1.1 billion of the total would go to building a lakeside Olympic village.

The vast Washington Park will be the location of the temporary 80,000 seat stadium to host the opening and closing ceremonies and track and field events. Washington Park is located in Hyde Park on the city's

South Side and right off the University of Chicago campus. The park is used for as far ranging activities such as ultimate Frisbee to baseball to dog walking.

The city certainly will benefit from having the Olympics for International exposure but there are some doubters about hosting XXXI Olympiad.

"I don't want the Olympics. The money we [Chicago] will use for the Olympics could be used for better things such as financing the CTA," explains Will Veitch '11.

It has even been rumored that WY would be used as a training facility along with University of Illinois-Chicago and Northwestern. Another possibility is the building of an all purpose recreation center on the near west side close to the United Center.

Many prominent people have already strongly endorsed the Chicago Olympics including Olympic star Michael Phelps and television mogul Oprah Winfrey. Michael Jordan is also the unofficial

spokesman for the 2016 bid.

The other prospective host cities have some ambitious plans as well. Tokyo, the biggest city in the world will build a 100,000 seat stadium and will create an extravagant forest island in the ocean close to the coast for the equestrian events.

Rio de Janeiro has emerged as a co-favorite with Chicago and could become the first South American country to host the games. Rio probably offers the most natural beauty compared to the more urban possible bid cities. Amazing beaches, majestic mountains and a world class tourist scene all contribute to the positives of Rio.

"The games of the world in the home town would be truly awesome," said Saran Mishra '10 who would be ecstatic for the games. We will see if Mishra's wish is granted next year on Oct. 2, 2009 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

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Do you think students should get paid for their good grades? Make the grade, make the money

What would you do for money?

"I'll study, and do the work, just as long as I get the \$30 for my 'A.'" This is a statement you may be hearing more of, because of recent claims that schools want to give students compensation for good grades; getting \$30 for each 'A' on a report grade.

Although some people think that offering incentives for doing well in class may be a bad thing, the fact is that it's not. Incentives are everywhere. Families can get tax deductions for donating clothing to charity, and student volunteers get service learning hours for lending a helping hand, so what's so different about grades?

Schools want their students to excel in their academics, and perform well on tests. There are many high school kids, who would get good grades, and high scores, without an incentive. But there are also kids who need that extra boost, another source of encouragement. If they know that \$30 is coming their way as long as they do their homework, maintain a decent GPA, and study for tests, then they're definitely more likely to do better in school.

In this system, just because students are getting paid for their grades, it doesn't undermine the

fact that they are learning at the same time. In order to get high grades, you have to read books for class, study for exams, participate in class discussions, work with others to present a project, and attend school regularly. If students are doing these things then they're getting an education, and strengthening their minds. The money they get in return doesn't make that any less valuable.

I think that giving students a small reward for taking school seriously is a good thing. Let's say one person gets a \$30 for an 'A' in Algebra, while their friend gets \$15 for a 'B'. The person who got less money feels bad. They wish they could have that extra \$15 to buy something special, so during the next quarter, they will work harder to get that 'A', longer study sessions, additional help from teachers, and all the extra credit offered. When the next report card comes out, they get the 'A', and the money.

This example goes to show that offering compensation for grades can raise students' confidence levels, and push them to do things to the best of their ability. Incentives are not wrong. They merely make things more productive. They help charities raise more money, and they can help students become smarter.

More money makes more problems

Making money should not be as easy as A's, B's and C's

Although cash rules everything around us, students should not need to be taunted with money in order to get good grades. High school is all about being self-motivated and the process of teaching kids the importance of self-motivation and determination would be diminished if kids were to receive monetary compensation for their grades.

Students must learn that not every reward you earn in life is measured in dollars and cents. If students start to get paid for every little thing that they accomplish they will not understand the concept of just being satisfied with knowing that they did a job well done.

Also if this new incentive were put into effect it would most likely encourage cheating. With kids even more desperate to get good grades there would be a greater reward for cheaters.

Adding to the fact that the idea of giving students money for their grades corrupts their morals is the fact that the money could be used for much more practical purposes.

CPS schools do not get enough funding as it is and giving the money to kids for doing what they

are supposed to be doing instead of using it on books or teacher's salary would be a waste of precious tax dollars.

The proposed plan would give students \$50 for every A, \$35 for every B, and \$20 for every C. Therefore a student would get the same amount of money for getting a B in an AP class as he would for getting a B in gym. If this plan were to go into effect, students would probably be more tempted to take easier classes in order to receive their money easier. Why should kids who bust their butts to get C's receive less money than kids who take three gym classes plus art and coast through high school with straight B's.

This plan can not go into effect because we can not send children the message that every good thing you do in life is rewarded with money. Good things such as getting good grades should not need to be reinforced with cash. If students are a part of this system in high school, they will most likely not be motivated in college.

Instead of cultivating an interest in learning and the acquisition of knowledge, this program views going to school as just another mindless job. This new school system would not reward those who learn a lot but do well on tests and quizzes while the students who copy homework walk away with the green.

A walk in the... dog park

Does anybody else smell what I smell?

Anyone who's been to Skinner Park has seen them. They run around happily, sniffing trees, and sometimes scaring the mess out of little children. They use their four legs to take them wherever they want to go - as long as their owners' don't object - and guess where they want to go now? Our North Parking lot.

As if the vast green space inside Skinner Park wasn't enough, several months ago the Chicago Park District and the Board of Education made an agreement to construct a dog park on WY's North Parking lot. The only thing to discuss? Exactly how much of the lot was to be allocated to the new dog park.

As of now, they have decided on using ten spaces. And though that seems to be a very small and insignificant number, just think about what those ten spaces really mean. Ten less spaces in the North Parking lot means ten more people parking in the lot near the Arts Building. Those ten people are taking ten parking spots away from other people who will now be forced to find parking on the streets. And if you are one of those ten people, your morning might get pretty sour.

Originally, I felt that the happiness of those ten people is worth a lot more than the happiness of some fed up dog owners. But after visiting Skinner Park recently, I am singing a very different tune.

Everywhere I turned I saw a dog owner walking as many as three dogs. It was crazy. If the amount of dogs upset me as I was strolling around happily after school, could you imagine how angry gym classes are when they are forced to run around dog owners and their canine friends?

A dog park would get many dogs off the sidewalk and into an area in which they would not be a bother. I feel that dog park would be the best possible way to decrease the amount of dogs prancing around Skinner Park.

Furthermore once the new Skinner Elementary School is completed, there will be a whole bunch of younger children running around the park. We can't have loads of younger children and dogs all over the park. The amount of one of them has to be decreased.

I know having fewer parking spaces seems a bit scary, and it will definitely be an inconvenience. But I feel it will be worth the trouble to lessen the amount of dogs in the park.



Election 2008: What WY thinks

Who will do what?

The election is less than a month away and though most WY students aren't yet old enough to vote, this is the most important presidential election they have ever observed. Democratic Senator Barack Obama of Illinois and Republican Senator John McCain of Arizona will face off in a few short weeks to determine current president George W. Bush's successor as commander-in-chief. After suffering through eight years of the Bush Administration, the US is clearly ready for a new leader, but who should that leader be, what direction should the new president lead the country, and most importantly, what direction do WY students want it to be?

Each candidate's stance on foreign policy will greatly influence voters, both locally and nationally. Conflicts in both Iraq and Afghanistan have sparked major debates as to what should be done in either nation because the intervention of US forces in both places simultaneously has proven to be costly and dangerous. Alexandra McLees '09, a registered voter, believes that a continued overseas presence in politically unstable countries will take a toll on our nation's youth. "Since McCain is a supporter of continuing the war in Iraq, there is a likelihood that as the war progresses there may be need to implement a draft. Obama wants to pull out of Iraq on the other hand and would not support a draft," McLees says.

The military occupation overseas is not the only thing that WY students are thinking about, however. Samantha Bakall '09 believes that the election of a new president will have a direct effect on the national teenage population as a whole because each candidate has different plans on how to fix the horrible economic situation within the US. "The failure of Wall Street not only affects business transactions but students also because there is less money for student loans to help pay for college tuition," says Bakall.

Not only upperclassmen are concerned about the election. Corie Wilkins '12 feels that the election of John McCain will bring about the third term of the Bush Administration. Wilkins is also worried about how his parents will be affected by any changes in the economy, "they buy everything for me," Wilkins says. He also feels that the combination of Obama and his choice for Vice-President, Delaware Senator Joe Biden, will bring about the change needed as Wilkins believes that McCain's pick for VP, Alaska Governor Sarah Palin, is inexperienced and has no idea as to what she's doing.

If he helps to amend the economy according to plan then that's going to help with the things that I want to buy," Wilkins says when commenting on the fact that Obama has been leading in national polls.

Democrat or Republican, Obama or McCain, it will be up to the winner of the election to change all of the bad policies and moves by the Bush Administration that has been in the Oval Office since the millennium began.

Nathan Shuffan/Copy Editor



In the Southwest side of Chicago on Archer Avenue, people show their support for Obama by putting up signs on their lawns. Photo by Liz Staszal/ Staff photographer

McCain and Obama; vast differences

In order to help you figure out which candidate is your candidate, Beacon lists the facts.

John McCain

Background

- Senior United State Senator Of Arizona, presidential nominee of 2008 Republican Party.
- Scottish/American who was in the Navy for 22 years, and was prisoner of war in Vietnam.
- If elected he will be the oldest to ever be in office at the age of 72.
- Married to Cindy McCain, and has four children.

On the Issues

- Believes we should lessen our foreign dependency and reduce most of our trade deficit that is mostly caused by oil. Resolution to this would be to drill for oil here in America.
- Believes United States should become a new leader in a new international green economy.
- United States should use nuclear power plants as a source of energy because it is proves zero-emission source of energy.
- Make it easier for people to buy health insurance, letting them buy it anywhere in America.
- Supporter of decision to invade Iraq, he vows to keep troops there until the war is over.
- Increase the value of a dollar, reducing gas and food prices.

Ryann Starks/Staff Reporter

Barack Obama

Background

- Junior United States Senator of Illinois, presidential nominee of 2008 Democratic Party.
- Bi-racial African-American and Caucasian who has never been in the military and was a child during the Vietnam War.
- If elected, he will be one of the three youngest elected in office at the age of 47.
- Married to Michelle Obama and has two children.

On the Issues

- Believes we should tax the wealthy more than we should tax the middle class. Provide a tax cut for 95% of Americans. Tax only those who make more than \$250,000 a year.
- Ensures that 10% of our electricity comes from renewable resources by 2012, and 25% by 2025.
- Opposes the war completely. He promises to remove troops with his first 16 months in office.
- Will enact a windfall profits tax on excessive oil company profits to give American families an immediate \$1,000 emergency energy rebate to help families pay rising bills.
- Holds insurance companies accountable, promises patient choice of doctor and care without government interference.



In the same neighborhood, Southwest Chicago there seems to also be a Republican Party fan base. On 55th St. in Garfield Ridge, a McCain sign was found. Photo by Liz Staszal/Staff photographer

The person or the policy: What are we voting for?

America's Next Top President

With the election coming up in less than a month, are voters voting for a president or for an American Idol?

"Truth is people don't really care about the policies. The people want the president with the best personality; let's just say that it's a good thing that the most charismatic candidate also has the best policies. I would love to see more people involved, but it just won't happen soon," says history teacher Ed Dziedzic.

When watching the presidential debates, what do you see? Do you see the young and intelligent Illinois senator going against the seasoned Vietnam War veteran? Or do you see the black man going against the guy who looks a little too old to be in the white house? It's not that Americans don't care about the policies; but there are many Americans who don't really understand politics, yet alone the terms used to describe them.

No, the presidential race should not be a popularity contest, but until more citizens gain political knowledge, that's what the race will look like.

On one hand, you have the intellectual charismatic Senator Barack Obama, who is selling out more seats than your favorite music artist, every time he speaks. Crowds chanting his name, applauding his every sentence, some even hold up signs. It is hard to deny that Obama has reached political rock star status in America.

On the other hand you have the experienced senior senator John McCain, former naval captain, who while being a prisoner at war he was tortured and beaten until the point where he is now permanently incapable of raising his hands above his head. With every step he takes you can see the difficulties he faced while serving this country.

With all of that said about both of these great men, none of it makes them qualified to become the next commander in chief. Not being the most popular candidate or being a war veteran.

So why do voters do it? Why do we sometimes look at things like race, or gender, or personality or even who has the cutest running mate as justified means to elect our next president? Answer: the vast majority of the people want a president that they could relate too, just as Obama has locked in all the voters on Madison and California, McCain has locked in all the voters at bingo night.

Lamar Hall '10 said, "Just as some black voters will vote for Obama because he's black, there are going to be voters who vote for McCain because he's well... not black."

As bad as it sounds it holds true for this election. The US needs to stop this popularity contest. So next time you hear the candidates speak, listen. Listen to the policies, their words, and the truth. The ballot you cast holds a lot of power, put some reason behind it.

Dyren Blalock/Designer

Election 2008

Liberal or Conservative?

This November the most anticipated election will occur and before you cast your vote, you must decide where you stand on these pressing issue...

Question 1: Should the government be allowed to regulate major corporations in order to protect consumers and smaller businesses?
A. Yes
B. No

Question 2: In order to decrease dependency on foreign oil, should the government drill in normally restricted areas to reduce gas prices?
A. Yes
B. No

Question 3: Should social security be controlled by private sectors or in the hands of the federal government?
A. Private sectors
B. Federal Government

Question 4: Does life start at conception or should the women have the right to choose if she wants to keep the baby?
A. It is the women's choice
B. Life begins at conception

Question 5: What should be America's primary tactic when dealing with foreign policy that involves hostile leaders?
A. America should use its standing in the world as an intimidation tactic to help police other nations in order to keep ourselves safe
B. America should first use diplomacy to talk to and compromise with leaders of foreign nations.

Question 6: Should the government shoulder the cost, and take over health care in order to make it affordable and available to all people?
A. Yes
B. No, it should up to private insurances to decide

Question 7: Should welfare be increased?
A. Yes, it is very difficult for the poor to help themselves so the government should step in
B. No, welfare should be harder to obtain and there are plenty of opportunities in the free market for everyone to gain wealth.

Question 8: Should trade within North America be free of tariffs?
A. Yes
B. No

If you answered A to questions 2, 5, and 8 then give your self 4 points.

If you answered B to questions 1, 3, 4, 6, and 7 give yourself 4 points.

Tally up your points and find where you fit in the political breakdown.

0-8 Strong Liberal
9-16 Moderate Liberal
17-24 Centrist
25-32 Moderate Conservative
33-40 Conservative

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Women in the election

During this election women have had the chance to show domination in debates and polls, while winning over the hearts of the American public

In one of the most important elections in American history, women are playing a huge roll. From Hillary Clinton battling against Barack Obama in the presidential primaries, to John McCain appointing Sarah Palin as his running mate, women have been influencing campaign morale, and polls across the country.

In the beginning of this race to the White House, Illinois Senator Barack Obama competed with New York Senator Hillary Clinton for the Democratic candidacy. Though Obama won, Clinton made an enormous effort, and in return got a huge group of followers. Clinton was able to show the world who she is, and what she stands for.

After eight years in the Senate, Clinton has shown the nation how much one can accomplish. She worked to improve homeland security in New York, lower taxes for the middle class, and promote the use of contraceptives for women. During her campaign, Clinton was

always able to arouse the crowd and speak intelligently. Now that she's out of the race, she is a firm supporter of Obama, and she encourages her followers to vote for him.

"I was backing Hillary, but now I'm for Obama," claims Ashley Echevarria '09. "But it's not about being a woman or a man, it's about who can get the job done. Sarah Palin, for example, can't. She has so little experience!"

Echevarria is referring to the Governor of Alaska Sarah Palin, the Republican vice presidential hopeful. Palin was elected as the first woman Governor of Alaska in 2006. Since then she has been involved in fighting big oil companies and working on ethics reform in her state. When Palin was chosen, she got a swarm of new supporters, and she brought the McCain campaign new energy. Now however, after several interviews with Katie Couric, and the vice-presidential debate, her poll ratings have gone down substantially.

"Palin is making women look dumb. The Republican Party is just trying to get the women vote, but they're making a big mistake," says Aisha Johnson '09.

"I think Sarah Palin is really relatable. She has that 'mom' quality- like she'd look after you," shares an anonymous senior. Many people,

especially Republicans, like that Palin appeals to the common American, like the 'hockey and soccer moms'.

In her rally speeches, and debate answers, Palin has shown America that she is your 'average' American. She claims that when and if she were put in office with McCain, she would fight for all of the other 'average' people across the nation.

In this election, women's presence will change a lot, especially the way in which the Democrats will fight against the Republicans.

"Male politicians will have to be more cautious about what they say, because they won't want to be accused of being sexist," explains Alison Torem '09.

But no matter what is said and done, it's obvious that women are a big part of this election. Besides Palin and Clinton, Michelle Obama, first lady hopeful, has made an impact on voters as well. Her work in public service impresses the public, and has made Barack Obama's support group larger. Aside from that, she's a Whitney Young alum!

Time will tell just how much these high-profile women will have to do with the final outcome of the election.

Sami Blumenthal/In-Depth Editor



Mikva club meets at the Obama campaign headquarters in South Bend Indiana. Photo by: Casey Ferrantella/ Photo Editor

How will MIKVA deal with the upcoming elections?

WY is one of the thirty-three high schools that participates in the Mikva Challenge program.

"Mikva is a nonprofit, non-partisan organization whose goal is to involve young people in government and politics," said Mikva adviser Linda Heeseemann.

It is designed to develop the next generation of civic leaders, activists, and policy-makers. The organization emphasizes volunteerism, campaign activism and education of the issues.

"The main focus [right now] is campaigning," said Mikva adviser Sheila Lent. WY has been a part of this program for about 10 years now. There is a total of about 350 students involved in Mikva; 250 of them are election judges.

"According to state laws, a student must be a junior or senior [in high school] to become an election judge. They must have at least a 3.5 GPA and they have to attend election judge training," said Heeseemann.

There are several different events that the students participate in. There was a campaign kick-off at the beginning of the school

Local elections are heating up!

A spotlight on state and congressional candidates

Do you know who your House Representative is? Do you know whether he or she is running for reelection?

Many young voters have already decided who they are going to vote for president. The problem is, Senators Obama and McCain aren't the only names on the ballot.

There are many offices up for election this year. One of the U.S. Senate offices is up for election this year, as well as various Congressional offices throughout the state.

And that's only at the federal level. There are many state senate and state house offices up for election. There are also several county offices in contention.

U.S. Senator Dick Durbin is the incumbent running for reelection. Durbin, a Democrat, has held the office since 1997 and is the Majority Whip, the second highest ranking member in the Senate. Durbin passed legislation to ban smoking on commercial airlines and legislation to keep guns out of the hands of children.

Durbin's opponent, physician Steve Sauerberg, is a career physician who has practiced medicine for 25 years. Sauerberg worked at LaGrange Memorial Hospital before starting his own family practice in 1985. Sauerberg surprised many people with his victory in the Republican primary, and hopes to upset the senior Senator from Illinois.

The race for Cook County State's Attorney looks to be more competitive. Chief Deputy State's Attorney Anita Alvarez is the Democrat running for the office this fall. Alvarez began her career at the State's Attorney's office in 1986 and has been an asset to the office, trying more than 50 felony jury trials including homicide, sexual assaults, and gang violence.

Tony Peraica is the Republican candidate running

for State's Attorney. Peraica has been a member of the Cook County Board of Commissioners since 2003. He has also practiced and owned his own law firm for 20 years. Peraica wants to increase community outreach and fight corruption within Cook County.

Social Science teacher Sheila Lent believes that young voters should keep an eye on the Cook County State's Attorney race.

"This one is huge," she said. "The State's Attorney's office decides what cases get prosecuted and how they get prosecuted. They will decide if a 14 year old is tried as an adult."

Lent believes that the lack of focus on state and Congressional elections is due to the diversity of the student body.

"It's hard to focus on one candidate because kids come from all over the city," she said.

There are many more offices up for election this year. One way to find out who the candidates are and what offices are in contention is to go to www.voterinfo.net. This web site, established by the Cook County Clerk's Office, provides important information on who's running at the federal, state, and municipal levels. On this site voters can type in their home address and the Clerk's office will not only give the location of the voter's polling place, but also inform them of who exactly is going to be on their ballot. This website is the ideal place to look when determining your state senator, representative, and Congressional representative.

Pundits, the media, and even the candidates themselves call this the most important election of our lifetime. It is crucial that every person, whether they can vote or not, is well informed of the choices they will have to make when they go to the polls.

Edward Washington/News Editor

The Big Debates

During the election, the presidential and vice presidential debates have played a big role. They have introduced us to the candidates' policies and personalities.

•First Debate: Sept. 26 Obama VS McCain at University of Mississippi in Oxford moderated by Jim Lehrer.

Predicted winner from the polls: Obama.

•Second Debate: Oct. 2 Biden VS Palin at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri moderated by Gwen Hill.

Predicted winner from the polls: Biden, but Palin did exceed expectations.

•Third Debate: Oct. 7 Obama VS McCain at Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee moderated by Tom Brokaw.

Predicted winner from the polls: Obama

•Fourth Debate: Oct. 15 Obama VS McCain at Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York moderated by Bob Schieffer.

Predicted winner from the polls: Obama

Source: CNN.com

PhotoOpinion

Beacon asks: What was the best prank you ever pulled?



"During Spirit Week, we drove by the bus stop and threw water balloons at our friends."
Gene Niles '09



"I covered my brother's bed in honey; then to wake him up, I threw balloons of sour cream at him."
Jasmine Wright '10



"I punched my little sister so hard in her stomach that she peed her pants."
Tayler Ulmer '11



"When it was cold out, I put water on my stairs so people would slip on them when they used them."
Azra Dizdarevic '12



"I once put bird crap in my friend's food."
Anthony Klepacki '13



"I pulled the door on my brother when he was leaning on it. He fell on his head and cried."
Justin Mitchell '14



"After rowing races, we would have to use the community shower and we would steal the towels of the girls who were most embarrassed"
Emily Benz, staff



"Someone was drinking my pop; I filled it with black coffee instead. I found out - it was my brother"
Jan Dudizek, staff

Election equality?

Your nation on white privilege

What would have happened if it were Barack Obama who was made to look like an idiot by "Gotcha" conversations? Or what if Obama had a pregnant teenage daughter? Those are the facts of Sarah Palin's life, yet she is on the cusp of being the second most powerful person in the entire country. However, if Obama had tried to ban books on evolution from a public library or made the women of Illinois pay for their rape kits, I guarantee you that he would have been completely ostracized for his beliefs and would be sitting at home in Hyde Park watching some one else accept the Democratic Party's nomination.

But why is this so? Although the issue of race in this election has become a topic that is now taboo, the idea of white privilege still exists. White privilege is when you can attend four different colleges in six years like Sarah Palin did and no one questions her intelligence or commitment to achievement, where as if a minority did this they would be viewed as unfit to lead and would probably be considered as an affirmative action hire.

No one wants to talk about this unbelievably racist double standard, but we as a society will not get past it until we acknowledge its existence.

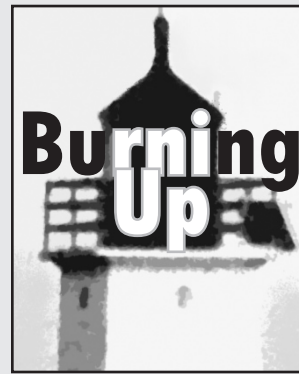
If Barack Obama were a gun enthusiast, like Sarah Palin, the media would immediately be afraid of him and would probably view him as some type of thug. In a perfect world, everyone would just focus on the issues in this election, but our world is far from perfect.

With the role that the media has played in this election it makes it look like the person who is more fit to lead is the one who provides less fodder for the media, not the one with the better plan for saving our economy.

I would love to be one of those pundits on CNN or MSNBC who gets to speak their mind for a living, but sometimes I hate what I want to become. When Michelle Obama said that she was "proud of her country for the first time in (her) life" and the media spun it in such a way that it made her look unpatriotic.

Meanwhile the news of Sarah Palin's husband once being a member of an extreme political group that wanted to secede from the union and who's motto was "Alaska first", did not flash across the bottom of the Fox News' screen. With the role the media has in our society we will see every political story through a biased lens.

Eric Short/Opinions Editor



• First and foremost we can't have a section called burning up without mentioning that The Jonas Brothers are clearly Burning Up for you baby!

• Scarves that compliment your outfit are always burning up. They also keep you warm so you don't get sick and getting sick would be burned out.

• Da Bears are burning up tying for first place. That was very unexpected. They are burnin' the haters!

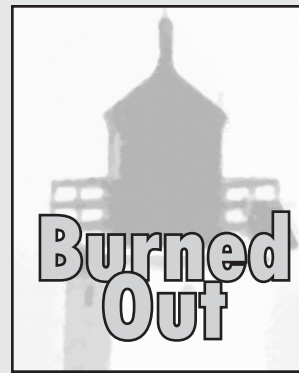
• The bid for the 2016 Olympics is burning up like the Olympic flame!

• "Prison Break" is still burning up. It's burning up so much they might as well just burn down the prison next time!

• American Apparel and Urban Outfitters, honestly who doesn't own something from either of these stores.

• Starbucks Salted Caramel Hot Chocolate, its salty and sweet and perfect for fall.

• Last but not least, Britney Spears' comeback is burning up with her hot new song "Womanizer."



• Rooting for the Cubs is very burned out because they screwed up once again!

• Rooting for the White Sox is also burned out because now all the Sox fans can't talk bad about Cubs fans.

• MySpace is so over... It's all about Facebook.

• Jean Shorts. Who still wears jean shorts!?!?

• Don't wear leggings if you shouldn't wear leggings. Enough said.

• Global Warming is burned out. It's all about the economy... stupid!

• Donnie Klang is a third rate Justin Timberlake or a poor man's Robin Thicke.

• RYAN SEACREST IS SOOOOOOOOO BURNED OUT!!!!

• The new CTA bus cards are causing just way too much unneeded confusion.

• The Razor phone, two years ago this was the phone to have, now it is simply obsolete.

• Natural Tans because winter is upon us
• Michael Phelps, he's only cool when he's in the pool

Dress code distress

Dress code or dress scandal?

WY students have faced the wrath of the dress code even more so this year than previous years when it felt like you could get away with almost anything. Girls especially have growing anger about the shorts and skirts rules, which seem to continually change. But what truly are the rules?

Since when should you have to sit in an office during class because you wore Bermuda shorts on an 86-degree day? We all come to school to learn and I feel that wearing shorts on a hot day is appropriate, especially when they're long!

What is this about fingertips? What if you have especially short arms and you're wearing a mini-skirt? Honestly, I know no one wants to be flashed in class, but aren't we taking this a little too seriously? I've heard shorter girls say they get away with anything, but tall girls always get stopped. So because we are genetically long legged we get in trouble?

Its true, tall people are lanky. So maybe we show a little bit more leg when we wear shorts. But we shouldn't have to wear prairie skirts because we're tall when the vertically challenged are frolicking in Abercrombie and Fitch!

This isn't the school's matter. This is a personal matter. Wear what looks appropriate on you!

Also, if you really wanted to get away with a scandalous outfit, you could just sneak into the school from a different door. Honestly, the rules are so malleable. There should be official rules that don't change for body-types. They should have an exact inch number for in length of skirts, if they want to make it truly fair. Right now the school is in a state of body-ism where people of certain body shapes are being targeted.

Just because someone has a long or short femur doesn't mean they should have to be subjected to discrimination.

Also, with winter coming up, more and more girls will be wearing leggings. I was recently asked, "where my pants were" by a school official. We're bringing the 80's back and people need to accept it! Where does it say anywhere that we can't wear leggings and yoga-pants?

WY doesn't have a system set up that is fair and accepting of different body types. Time to bust out the floor-length dresses, ladies!

Elise Sonnenberg/Features Editor



SPORTS COLUMN

Blackhawks are in it to win it



Get ready Chicago, the Blackhawks are back and are packing heat

The Blackhawks are back and taking the city by storm. After decades of excellence, the Hawks fell into obscurity. However, Coach Denny Savard, reigning Rookie of the Year Patrick Kane, and Captain Jonathan Toews look to take the Hawks back into their years of glory.

One of the NHL's most legendary teams, the

Blackhawks were once the team everybody watched in Chicago. The franchise went to a record 28 playoff seasons in a row. However, after the loss of key players, poor management, and the '04-05 lockout season, the Blackhawks quickly disappeared in our city. The team was rarely covered on the news and has not been on the front page of the newspaper since the year 2000.

This is all beginning to change. After the signing of Coach Denny Savard in 2006 and young stars such as Jonathan Toews and reigning Rookie of the Year Patrick Kane, the Hawks have set the city on fire. If you don't believe me, then hear this. The Hawks sold out their preseason game on September 23. More than 24,000 people were in the stands.

The Hawks will air on WGN 20 times this year; all the others will be covered by Comcast Sportsnet. They will even play a game at Wrigley Field on New Year's

Day. Who would have ever thought anyone would play hockey at Wrigley Field?

ESPN rates the Blackhawks as the most exciting franchise to watch in the NHL. ESPN ranks them as the most talented young team and will be dominant for years to come.

The Hawks are receiving notice from the entire league. Rival Detroit Red Wings won't take the Hawks lightly this year. They are convinced that Hawks will be a tough team to beat and will definitely make the playoffs this season.

Key free agents are also noticing the exciting Hawks. Brian Campbell, All Star defenseman, was the most coveted defenseman available. Last season Campbell was second in the league in assists for defensemen with 57. The Hawks also seduced goaltender Christobel Huet, who won 32 games while in the net last year.

The team is returning a strong offense that ranked 10th in the league in goals

scored. Headed by Kane and Toews, Patrick Sharp, scored a career high 33 goals last season, and a fully recovered Marty Havlat look to become an even more fierce scoring threat. Savard feels the Hawks will have no trouble scoring this year, they just need to play better defense.

Last season the team ranked 20th in goals allowed. The addition of Campbell to a defense the already included All Star Duncan Keith, and the emphasis Savard has put on defense, the Hawks aim to give up only 200 goals this season. If they accomplish that feat, that will put them in the top five defensive teams in the league.

"The vibe at the stadium was amazing. I've never experienced such hype at a Hawks game before. These people want the playoffs, same goes for the rest of the city," says Tyler Garza '09, a United Center employee.

Paul Timlin/Staff Reporter

POLITICAL COLUMN

A call to action



When it's time to vote, you better know what you and your candidate stand for

Try as I might not to, I tend to get extremely worked up about this election. As my Auntie Jean often comments, "This election can give someone a heart attack."

I don't think my TV has

left MSNBC or CNN all week, and lately Gallup Online is seeing more of me than Facebook. But not everyone is like me. Not everyone has submerged themselves in this upcoming election and its impact on our society. And I'm not saying that is a bad thing - because my obsession with this election is definitely not healthy - but rather that people are a bit too detached.

My issue with many individuals is that to them, this election is merely a popularity contest. Precious votes are being pledged based on straight up gossip. Few know the facts, and that reality makes my heart race.

There are plenty of people who support John McCain on the basis that he will lower or maintain the amount of taxes the middle class pays. But those same individuals are not aware of McCain's desire to tax employees for the amount their employers pay for their healthcare. Such a tax could cost the middle class worker

hundreds more in taxes a year.

And there are tons of people who are against McCain simply because they fear he will die in office. Those individuals have definitely not done their research, because if they had they'd know that McCain is perfectly healthy and has lately received nothing but clean bills of health.

The same goes for Barack Obama. Plenty of ignorant voters are against him because they believe he is a Muslim, despite the obvious truth that he is not. Furthermore, countless voters follow Obama mindlessly simply because he is Black.

I applaud people for having opinions, but I want to slap them in the head for not having valid support for their convictions. I want to yell and shout for them to use their brains and know what they are talking about before they spew nonsense all over the place.

And then there are the mindless drones who vote solely along party lines. "Oh he's a Democrat, so he gets my vote," is not the way to elect an individual for any public office. Parties are

formed by individuals who share some of the same ideals and policies - not all of them.

So even though your party may usually sway in one direction on an issue, its candidate may sway the other way. So what does this mean for the average voter? Make sure you know your candidate's views before you elect them into office. You cannot afford to just follow the crowd. Your ignorance could put someone in office who goes against everything you stand for.

This election is too important, and there is truly too much at stake, for people to not think long and hard about their vote. This is one of the few years that the candidates propose drastically different directions to take this country. I do not ask you to side with me, I only ask you to get involved and really understand what your vote represents. Don't play the race card or the 'oh he is a war hero' card, support whoever you feel has America's best interest at heart and have the guts to tell the world why.

Brittany S. Jones/Design Editor

ENTERTAINMENT COLUMN

Real life vs TV: What's the real curvy?



Blake Lively isn't curvy, I am

I don't watch "Gossip Girl," but I do read People magazine. Can it be called anything less than an outrage that they would actually refer to GG's stars such as Blake Lively

(Serena) and Leighton Meester (Blair) as "curvy"?

After looking up some pictures of the two I decided for myself that they were the same as every other so called "curvy" beauty that graces the tabloids: skinny white girls. No offense to my skinny white girls, because I love you guys, and you would probably say I'm a fat black girl, but there's nothing curvy about Lively or Meester.

I'm not saying those girls aren't healthy or even beautiful, because to a lot of people, they are both. All I'm saying is that clearly the media is tripping. Not only does the media have a seriously mistaken image of what a healthy weight is, their lies could potentially be distorting the image millions of girls have of their bodies.

I've seen the covers of US magazine, read the stories of how their reporter's trash anyone over 130 lbs and

I know first hand it's not pretty. But how do these stories and pictures affect girls who are truly "curvy"?

Personally I think anyone who lets the media's idea of what is stunning or skinny get to them is self conscious to begin with. Sure these magazines and such keep us all up to date with the latest fashion and trends, but who are they to say what's skinny or fat?

I mean, really. They make money off people enjoying scandalous pictures of celebrities and they're hidden secrets. Do you really think they care that your feelings are hurt because you don't look like Blake Lively? Do they even realize what calling someone as rail-thin as Lively "curvy" could mean to girls who actually enjoy a hearty meal every once in a while?

The answer is no. So since they don't care about

girls with low self esteem, those girls shouldn't care about them and what they think.

According to People I'm bordering on obese, but I don't pay any mind to what magazines say; I just laugh it off. "Curvy" in my culture is that coke bottle, video vixen looking figure.

As for you truly skinny girls out there, go have a salad with a fat friend and tell them to hit the gym. Subconsciously they probably hate you anyway, so there's nothing to lose. Fat girls, keep being you, but try and stay healthy. "Curvy" girls, don't listen to the nonsense in the tabloids, they know nothing, point blank.

Taaj Reaves/Staff Reporter

What's on your mind?

- "Sophomores and seniors...?" -Sophomore girl
- "How long till the year's over?" -Junior boy
- "Chickens!" -Freshman girl
- "My shoes and pants are soaked from the rain outside!" -Junior girl
- "These sour gummy worms are pretty good." -Junior boy
- "I just want to eat my food." -Senior boy
- "PSAT is a waste of my time..." -Sophomore boy
- "I am really excited for basketball." -Freshman girl
- "Are we together or not?" -Sophomore girl
- "I can't believe my best friend left his girlfriend for another girl." -Junior Boy
- "What should I do for my birthday?" -Sophomore girl
- "I think that the tension between classes is taking away from our school having a strong student section at sporting events." -Senior male
- "I am starving because school lunch is terrible." -Junior male
- "I am already excited for graduation." -Senior male
- "I want to get out of school." -Junior female
- "November 13th is quickly approaching." -Sophomore female
- "The debate" -Junior male
- "Oh My God, I'm Kevin Sampson!" -Senior male
- "Folk Ballads" -English Teacher female
- "Why don't we have half days on Fridays?" -Freshman male
- "Barack Obama is really fine." -Junior female
- "Biology and how I'm not doing so well." -Freshman boy
- "The world is going to come to an end!" -Junior female
- "Economic indicators" -Business teacher female
- "How good the regular Cheez-its are" -Senior female
- "AP Euro test tomorrow" -Sophomore male
- "I forgot about that test!" -Senior female
- "The Varsity Boys Soccer team are beasts!" -Sophomore male

A Day in the Life of... Dorothy Tucker

Walking a day in a reporter's shoes

The life of a reporter is hectic. Dorothy Tucker is a General Assignment Reporter for CBS news. Her job consists of reporting on the current news for the day. "One day I may cover the shooting of a high school student, the next day I'll cover Beyonce introducing a clothing line. I may spend every day in court for six weeks covering the R. Kelly trial or a week covering floods. Every day is different. Every day I'm in a different part of the city or suburbs," she said.

Tucker's schedule usually looks something like this:

8:30- Arrive at office

9:00- Attend morning news meeting. This is where the managers, producers, and reporters discuss the stories of the day. They brainstorm stories from other forms of media: papers, radio, and stories passed by word of mouth. People may email ideas to the network. The Mayor and other politicians give CBS their schedule for the day. They check with the courts and police to see what happened overnight or what's scheduled for the day. Then they exchange ideas. This is when all

assignments are assigned.

9:30- Start making phone calls to set up story for the day. Tucker makes sure that she always gets real people for her stories. She may have to stand in the middle of Daley Center and try to interview a random person, or go to the home of a mother who just lost her son. On this particular day she is going to a school.

10:30- Tucker is ready to go do her assignments; she leaves to make her stops. A cameraman also goes with her to film the interviews.

11:15- At this time Tucker makes her first stop, the school, she does everything in 45 min. She'll talk to the principal, and five or six students. Then get shots of students walking down the hall, in the classroom or maybe in the gym. After this she leaves for next stop.

12:30-On this day she arrives at the office of the child psychologist. She will interview the person for about 15 minutes. She has already talked to them on the phone, so she has an idea of what they are going to say. Because she is a TV reporter she has to get it on tape.

1:30- At this time Tucker grabs something to eat.

2:00- By this time she has loaded her tape to be edited.

2:20- She starts logging her tape. This means she reviews every picture the photographer shot. She listens to all the interviews and transcribes those she thinks she will use.

3:00-Snack time! While eating her snack Tucker makes follow up phone calls.

3:20-Tucker starts to write her script, this usually takes around 35-45min. She must give it to the producer so he has plenty of time to approve it before it airs.

4:00-Tucker goes into editing. She discusses her script with the editor and suggests what pictures should be used. Next she records her script that will be used on the tape.

4:15-While the editor is putting her tape together Tucker writes the lead to her story for the anchors to read. She also writes the tag, which is the part Tucker will say in the studio.

4:40-Makeup!

4:55-Tucker puts on her microphone.

4:59 She does her story, and then she is done for the day!

Nicoletta Milito/Designer

Fifteen minutes of fame The secret life of Ian Engels

Ian Engels '11 is not your typical WY student. He doesn't play common sports such as football or baseball; instead he flies through the air on his wakeboard.

"I saw my neighbor wakeboarding, and it looked cool so I just tried it out," says Engels. He entered the sport as an amateur and soon began competing in tournaments. For every tournament he wins, Engels gets trophies and gains recognition by sponsors and other players for his outstanding performances. Engels is dedicated to wakeboarding.

He travels all around the Midwest for competitions. He has been to Indiana, Southern Illinois, and Wisconsin. Engels was out of school during the exciting week of homecoming for the U.S. championship in Bakersfield, California.

He doesn't mind missing school, because he believes wakeboarding is his passion. "It is all about wakeboarding," says Engels. He does well at his tournaments, and remains modest. "Well I am ninth in my national division, if that's good," says Engels. Since he is over 15 years old, Engels competes against grown men and has out ranked most of them!

Engels is so skilled at wakeboarding that he is looking to be sponsored. With school seven hours a day and homework, he still manages to get some practice in.

Wakeboarding is a water surface sport with the rider being towed behind a boat.

"It is all worth it after I get home and I am able to recognize my accomplishments," comments Engels. Engels practices in Wauconda, Illinois when weather permits. He practices all the stunts he uses for competition behind his family's '06 Malibu Wakesetter. He already has the 360 and 180 spins and many others that require him to fly in the air.

With all these tournaments, Engels still manages to have fun with wakeboarding. He and his friends go to Wauconda during the summer to wakeboard with Engels family. Engels sometimes thinks about going professional.

"Being a professional wake boarder is one of my life goals," says Engels.

Ryann Starks/Staff Reporter



Ian Engels '11

Caution: crazy clown

Caution: Contains Clowns

Who can miss a play that's about killer clowns with all the ingredients of a love/comedy/tragic horror in one show?

Travel back in time to the 1400's through an expedition of Europe in the Young Company's fall play "Crazy Face" by Clive Barker. Main character Tyl "Crazy Face" Eulenspiegel takes you through Europe with a special "box" that people would kill him for. Being chased down by four spies isn't a typical everyday thing you encounter, but that's just life for Crazy Face. Who knew that clowns lived such exciting lives?

Clive Barker is a best selling horror author from England. Barker has written stories such as Hellraiser and Underworld which have given him lots of recognition.

If you would like to check out another one of his plays before seeing "Crazy Face", there is

one right here in Chicago playing thru Nov 1 at the Chemically Imbalanced Theater located on 1420 W. Irving Park. It's called "Frankenstein in Love". If you like this play, you'll love "Crazy Face".

Crazy Face's confused life doesn't get better when he is given a box that he has no understanding what it means or is. Not only does he find the great value of the object, but also finds himself through his experiences.

One of the actors in "Crazy Face" is Clara Byczkowski '11. She thinks this play is going to have a good turn out. She enjoys the crazy things that "Crazy Face" includes that make it original. "He's like in love with his sister-in-law," Byczkowski says.

Crazy Face's family is everything but keeping him sane. His crazy family of clowns just adds more to the hardships that he has to go through, especially his brother Lenny who detests everything Crazy Face is about which just adds more chaos than there already

is. The brutal times they are living in just make everything more harsh, cruel and ferocious.

English teacher Daniel Winkler will be directing the play accompanied by live music. This is Winkler's second time directing "Crazy Face", which he did in '98 with a performing arts theatre in Chicago. Also, Music Director Robin Eatman is a returning personal friend of Winkler who will lead the music.

The theme in "Crazy Face" is all about finding yourself through obstacles with all the ups and downs of life, but if anyone could chose two words to describe the play it would be "killer clowns," declared Stage Manager Jake Wiener '09.

Since this is the first time "Crazy Face" is being done by high school students, it is a definite must see.

"Crazy Face" hits WY theater on Nov 14-15 and Nov 20-22.

Liz Staszal/Staff Photographer



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Picking the right Halloween costume might be the dilemma of your month but you can't go wrong when you get your costume from your local halloween spirit store. **Photo by Liz Staszal/Staff Photographer**

Try these Halloween costumes on for size

What to wear?

Halloween is approaching shortly and that means it's time to be thinking about what you are going to be on the spooky day. If you already are scary, then just come as yourself. If you are stuck and need help thinking of what would be a hot costume idea, I have some ideas to lend you.

Here are two options. You could either be Barack Obama or Sarah Palin, both huge figures in 2008. Both have great distinct personalities you could impersonate and really get into. For Obama, speak slowly and get your motivational speech on. Also, make sure you wear a spiffy suit because he always looks sharp! This idea is recommended for people with big ears.

For Palin, start practicing that Alaskan accent. Leave yourself extra time in the morning so you can put your hair up in that crazy hair style of hers. Whenever you talk to someone ask if you can call them Joe and wear a sign that says, "I see Russia!"

My second idea is for people who like to dress up in groups. For the guys, you could be the Jonas Brothers! These brothers have clearly skyrocketed to the top in the past year and their crazy hair and unique style would be easy and fun to imitate.

For the ladies, you could be a classic...The Spice Girls! They are relevant because they just had their reunion tour last year. Also, I think everybody gets a kick out of seeing and/or being the Spice Girls one day a year. Make sure you get all the girls covered and be extra spicy. Try and learn at least one song with dance moves to perform in the hallway between passing periods.

Timothy Fett/Staff Reporter

One of the favorite things to do for all ages in the fall season is carve pumpkins. From contests, decorations, or even just for fun, carving pumpkins is all the rage. **Photo by Liz Staszal/Staff**



Halloween Rules

Here are the guidelines to having fun dressing up for Halloween at school this year without getting in trouble:

- Students cannot wear hats, hoods, or any item that conceals their face.
- Students that wear make-up or face paint must be able to be easily identified.
- Students cannot bring any item that resembles a weapon.
- Students must check with each of their teachers for their costume policies. If a teacher does not allow costumes in their class, they must change.
- No inappropriate costumes, such as cross-dressing, religious figures, or hate groups.

Source: Assistant Principal Jerome Lattyak

FRIGHT NIGHT '08: Is your party ready?

As Halloween approaches, students prepare to party with spooky attire

With Oct. 31st coming so quickly, many WY students are contemplating the idea of a Halloween party or the idea of at least going to one. Students know that throwing a party alone is difficult, and one with a theme might be an even bigger burden. Of course there are no worries because the students of WY and the World Wide Web are here to help.

"I'm picturing a really dark room, a jack-o-lantern, and strobe lights all to set the atmosphere of Halloween," says Greta Baldwin '11.

All of those objects would benefit the party and give it an extremely spooky and haunted feel, which most teenagers enjoy.

"Decorations and costumes are crucial," Jazmine Pota '11 says.

Many decorations, after doing research online, are tremendously creative and simple. Most are made from everyday household items. Slitting a black plastic garbage bag and hanging it over doorways can be used

as a quick and easy entrance idea to the actual party. Draping white sheets over furniture gives the abandoned house feel.

Rickey Harris, Dean of Students, remembers experiencing many Halloweens at Southern Illinois University- Carbondale. Of course many of us won't have the opportunity to drive down for the weekend for a taste of college party life, but Harris makes a few notes.

"Everyone dressed up and tons of people were there. Students from other Illinois colleges came down every year. SIUC would really go all out".

Today, most teenagers aren't into games, but ideas like costume contests could be an option. 'Best', 'Scariest' and 'Funniest' are some ideas with rewards of \$5 or \$10 iPod gift cards.

With these guidelines, your party can't go wrong. Just grab your circle of friends and let the creative juices flow!

If worse comes to worse, all WY students can head over to "Nightmare of Laffin Street", the Halloween party of the year!

Sydney Thompson/ Clubs Editor



Art by Janias Peace/Freelance Artist

The top five classic scary movies for Halloween

Get your popcorn popped!

Ever since film was invented, directors have tried to scare us in some interesting ways. The art of the scary movie is ever-evolving. Since there are so many types of scary movies, I picked five classics that exemplify excellence in the scary movie world.

"Psycho" (1960) was so mind-bogglingly scary that one of its most famous scenes has rooted itself in American pop culture. The legendary shower scene from this movie is one of the most suspenseful in film history, and ends with a ghastly stabbing that took Hitchcock a week of filming to complete. "I love Hitchcock's use of suspense in this movie," said Aisha Johnson '09 on "Psycho". "He really lives up to his title of 'Master of Suspense.'"

"The Shining" (1980) is one of famed actor Jack Nicholson's most well known roles. In it, he plays a father who takes his family to a winter retreat to a place with a haunted past. The spirits in the house drive him to insanity, eventually spurring him to take an axe to his wife and child. "This one gave me nightmares for a week," said Allison Torem '09. One of the most famous scenes involves two identically dressed children (ghosts) and an elevator that gushes blood.

"The Exorcist" (1973) is another movie that has true staying power in American culture. The image in the opening scene of the possessed girl's head spinning around in a 360° is hard to forget. "The Exorcist" is a movie better experienced than talked about, so go see it (preferably with someone else in the room!)

"The Night of the Living Dead" (1968) spawned an entire genre of scary movies by inventing the zombie, possibly one of the scariest constructs humans have created. The zombie is slow, stupid, and almost invincible. The only way to really kill one is by blowing/chopping its head off, and they are probably one of the biggest challenges fictional characters have ever taken on. The lore of this movie allowed many sequels and spin offs, some good and some bad, but none like the original.

"Seven" (1995) may not be a classic yet, but I have confidence it will be. This symbolic exploration of the seven deadly sins keeps you guessing till the end. "One of the biggest factors for me to see a scary movie is definitely the hot lead guy," said Johnson on scary movies. Brad Pitt stars in this well made, unforgettable scary film from the '90s.

Frank Magyar/Staff Reporter

Personal Hygiene

You can be fresh after PE

Quick tips for school day hygiene

Do you find yourself frantic trying to freshen up after gym class? There are some quick, tips. It's a great idea to bring deodorant with you. You don't want to walk around school for any amount of time giving off a bad odor. It might also be prudent to bring body spray. Dove Energizing Ultimate Clear Deodorant will make you feel clean and refreshed after a long run. The lemongrass and grapefruit scents immediately make you feel more relaxed.

If you sweat a lot, you should always wipe yourself off after gym. You shouldn't keep your gym clothes on long after class is over. Keeping a brush handy can insure a successful and quick touch up after a tough work out. The girls may want to bring face products after rushing around the gym.

"Make sure you bring your make-up because it smudges," says Clara Byczkowski '11.

Hair ties and bobby pins are great things to use to fix your hair. Purell hand sanitizer will be a quick way to clean your hands after tossing a dirty football around outside. If you arrive at school clean, it can make it easier for you later on.

School nurse Helen Ramirez says, "The best thing is to make sure you're clean and fresh in the morning."

Preparation is the key. Establishing a five minute routine for everyday after gym, can make you a little less stressed about your appearance. All of these things will promote better hygiene and lead you to feeling better about yourself.

Alyssa Rathan/Staff Reporter

Smelling your best: cologne, perfume, use it or skip it?

The smelly truth: most high school girls don't like Axe

Three out of every five guys wears some sort of scent. Whether it's Axe or Tag or Old Spice, a certain type of cologne, or even simply stick deodorant, they always want to smell good. But how bad is "good"?

Most of the time, guys wear scents to attract girls. While this may encourage young men to run out and buy Axe, it should be warned that it might not work.

"It's horrible. They won't rush to you, they're gonna run away from you," said Iris De Los Santos '09. "Most guys over do it."

This seems to be a common opinion among teenage girls. Evelyn Valle '11 and Olha Kolesnykova '10 agreed with De Los Santos. All three believe that while guys should not stink, they shouldn't reek of deodorant spray either.

A few guys have an idea of why girls say this. Nicolas Rivera '10 explained how Axe is supposed to be worn.

"People shouldn't be able to smell you from down the hall. It should be an intimate thing, like during a hug," Rivera said.

Kahlin Kariem '09 believes the products should be layered.

"First you have to use the body soap, then the spray, then the stick. And don't put the spray on right before you leave. Let it sink in, then leave," he said.

What about cologne? The overall judgment is that there is a certain time for it. If the plan is just a movie or a game of mini-golf, 86 the cologne. If something special like prom or a nice dinner is on the agenda, give yourself a splash, but make sure to allow enough time

for it to dry (she probably doesn't want to smell the alcohol base).

While more girls don't like the smell of Axe or too much cologne, there are a few that say that they can't get enough.

Ruby Guadalupe '12 said, "Wear it all the time. Movies, prom, school, wear it everywhere."

According to Daniela Castillo '10, "Axe smells awesome. Plus it shows he cares how he smells."

Guys, on the other hand, seem more laid back.

"Girls seem to naturally smell good, so a perfume with a light scent accents how they already smell," said Ned Tadic '10.

Kariem had a similar opinion. He said, "Most girls smell good without it."

Because female care products (i.e. shampoo, body washes, and body lotions) are made scented, these seem to do the trick.

As with guys and cologne, however, there are some times when perfume is more appropriate.

Bryan Boccelli '11 believes that dances like homecoming or prom would be times to wear some sort of perfume.

One thing most people agree on is that Axe, perfumes, or colognes shouldn't be sprayed in small or crowded rooms.

Figuring out what to wear is just as frustrating as how much of it to wear.

A few suggestions for guys are "Fierce" by Abercrombie & Fitch, "Curve" by Liz Claiborne, Adidas "Moves" and Axe "Phoenix".

For girls, popular products are "Crush" by Liz Claiborne and "M" by Mariah Carey.

Stephanie Garcia/Staff Reporter



In the beauty aisles of Target, you can now find Organic hygiene products. Since being earth-friendly is now in, more and more organic products are gaining popularity. **Photo by Liz Staszal/Staff Photographer**

Natural hygiene products questioned

There are many ways to take care of oneself

Natural hygiene is a growing industry similar to organic foods. It can be more expensive or harder to find than the regular "CVS" products. The main reason why people use natural products is because the regular products have chemicals and are more processed. While natural products can have chemicals, they are generally less processed and seem safer.

Math teacher Matthew Moran has been a vegan for eight years. He made the switch due to his veganism.

"They don't have anything made from animal products or tested on animals," explained Moran. "Its easier to use them as a vegan."

Moran uses products from Whole Foods and Trader Joes.

"Some products are really expensive, but you can find cheaper ones," Moran said. For example, the shampoo he uses by Whole Food 365 costs \$1.99.

Other people use natural products because of specific needs.

"One of my biggest fears is dryness and to overcome that fear I use Origins White Tea skin organic skin lotion," says Greta Baldwin '11.

This lotion is a perfect example of natural hygiene. Its ingredients include

fermented sugarcane, Murumuru butter (cold pressed natural butter from the Murumuru fruit) and Centella Asiatica (a Chinese herb which "energizes the skin").

"I don't use any natural products in my hair, they are stupid," explains Maddie Weesen who decides against using natural products. Weesen prefers to buy the cheaper products sold at the standard store.

"I'm worried about the environmental consequences of using artificial chemical hygiene products," says Eli Leki-Albano '09 who feels very strongly about using natural products. "I use natural products because physically the non-organic products could be harmful."

Another advantage to "natural products" is the fact that they are environmentally friendly and bio-degradable.

An example of this is Dr. Bronner's Magic Soap. It is a solution made of organic oils such as coconut oil, peppermint oil and organic Jojoba oil. The label states this soap can be used to wash, to deodorize, as a tooth paste and even as a shaving cream.

"I want to decrease my dependence on animals, much like we need to decrease our dependency on foreign oil," says Moran.

Charlie Stanton/Localized News Editor

Face Wash Guide... Choose the correct product for your skin type.

Dry Skin- Look for creamy, moisture-packed products like...

Clean and Clear Deep Action Cream Cleanser- \$5.29 This creamy cleanser goes deep into your pores to remove dirt and moisturize, but it's gentle enough to use everyday.

Neutrogena Extra Gentle Cleanser- \$5.49 This rich, thick moisturizing wash gradually restores your skin's softness without leaving behind a thick residue.

Lumene Radiant Touch Cream Cleanser- \$8.99 This conditioning cleanser leaves skin soft, while adding moisture to build up skin's strength. Great for taking off make-up without drying out skin.

Elise Sonnenberg/Features Editor

Oily Skin- Look for shine and oil control products like...

Clean and Clear Morning Burst Shine Control- \$4.79 Oil is what causes acne, and the more shine your face has, the more prone to acne you will be. The exfoliating agents eliminate dead skin.

Neutrogena Rapid Clear Oil Eliminating Foaming Cleanser- \$4.69 This deep cleaning products effectively removes all dirt and oil from the skin without over-drying. It leaves behind a fresh feeling and lasts for 24 hours.

Noxema Triple Clean Anti-Bacterial Lathering Cleanser- \$3.99 The bacteria on the skin causes acne by festering in your pores. This cleanser goes deep down to remove it all, without clogging pores

Sensitive Skin- Look for hypoallergenic products with natural ingredients like...

Olay Gentle Foaming Face Wash with Aloe- \$3.89 This moisturizing wash contains no fragrances or dyes, which allows it to clean down deep without irritating sensitive skin.

St. Ives Gentle Apricot Scrub- \$3.29 This popular product is now made for gentle skin, with a re-designed milder formula. It gently scrubs away dead skin for a healthy complexion.

Aveeno Ultra-Calming Foaming Cleanser- \$6.49 Not only does this award-winning cleanser not irritate skin, it also reduces redness and blemishes that come from other aggravating factors. It's also soap-free, which means it's more naturally cultivated.

Combination Skin- Look for products with Salicylic acid and exfoliating like...

Clean and Clear Morning Burst Detoxifying scrub- \$5.49 This oxygen-infused product is good for all skin types because it removes dirt from pores while moisturizing your skin. It reverses damage caused by pollution and other factors.

Neutrogena Oil Free Acne Wash- \$6.49 This classic orange gel-like wash contains Salicylic acid and foams up to prevent acne while also treating existing blemishes.

St. Ives Protective Cleanser with SPF- \$6.64 This new product contains natural products that won't irritate your skin and also includes SPF 10, which everyone can use even in the winter.

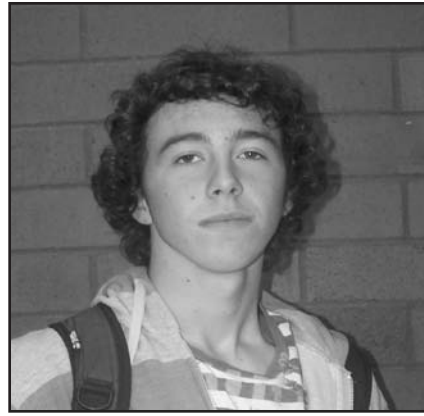
SPOTLIGHT PLAYER



Name: Gillian Asque '10
Sport: Volleyball
Position: Middle Hitter
Honors/Awards: All-City Selection (2007), All Tournament at Northside
Favorite Memory at WY: "Playing Fenwick in sectionals"

last year at state and winning as underdogs, that was really cool"
Role Model: "My older sister who plays at the University of Virginia "
Favorite sport other than Volleyball: "Basketball, I also play on the team here."
Pregame routine: "On the bus, the team sings along to songs on the radio. We try to stay relaxed and loose before a match."
Thing you pride yourself most on: "I pride myself most on the intensity we play with and playing our best game regardless of the other team."
Do you plan to play in college: "Yes"
Kurt Roeder/Staff Reporter

SPOTLIGHT PLAYER



Name: Jack Cinoman '09
Sport: Golf
Handicap (average score over par): 8
Awards/Honors: City Champion, Team Captain, First city team to advance to sectionals (2007)

Favorite memory at WY: "Hanging out in blue house with friends"
Favorite pro golfer: "Anthony Kim"
Favorite Sport Other Than Golf: "Baseball, which I also play here"
Pregame Routine: "Putting Lefty"
Superstitions: "If its all working for you, don't change anything, and yes that includes what you wear."
Do you plan to play in college: "We will see."
Role Model: My Father
Thing you pride yourself the most on: My 300ft plus drives

Kurt Roeder/Staff Reporter

Girls swim team is ready for 2008-2009 season

October has officially begun now along with the WY Girls Swimming and Diving season. Here at WY, swimming is kind of a big thing, games are crowded, hype, and extremely energetic.
 Natalie Leki-Albano, Girls swim coach, is very excited about not only this season but every season.
 "I definitely enjoy seeing a new swimmer improve on times dramatically. Also the bonding with the team and within the team is always a good thing to see," says Leki-Albano
 "Swim is your life. We do 8000 meters a day and we practice 5:45 to 7:30 in the morning and from 4 to 6 after school. It's pretty intense" adds

Leki-Albano
 Alexandra Skital '11, first year swimmer agrees and despite the big commitment it becomes routine.
 "You get used to waking up early and managing your time" says Skital
 It seems that the girls work really hard and are looking for the best this year.
 "I think it will be a good season and you meet a lot of people that have the same interests as you" says Skital
 Skital, along with the rest of the team are ready to work and win.

Sydney Thompson/Clubs Editor

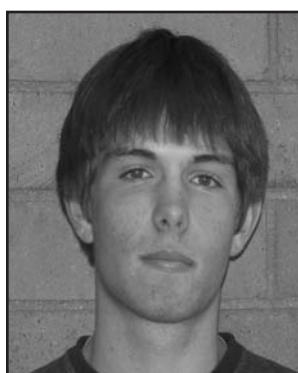


Fellow Dolphin Elyse Madigan '10, gets huge air before her meet. Madigan, along with the other Dolphins, have started this year off with a splash! **Photo by Casey Ferrantella/Photo editor**

Five by Five



Erica Garcia '09



John Schreiber '10



Baxter Helm '11



Nicholas Cantanvespi '13



Tessa Haldes '11

What will Derrick Rose do in his first game as a Bull?	Who? Oh yeah him, he will probably be really nervous but I don't know.	Dominate	12 Points, 5 assists, 3 Turnovers	I think he will do okay.	Start probably
What is one word to describe Chicago post-season baseball this year?	Gloomy	Disappointing	Failure	Pathetic	Disappointing
What do the Bears playoff hopes look like?	Hopefully good	They're definitely making the playoffs, their division is super weak.	Pretty good, Kyle Orton baby!	They have a good chance if they get everything together.	Bad
How can the Cubs cure their losing ways?	Pretty much nothing, all hope is lost	They can't it's a curse.	There is absolutely no cure on earth that would ever be able to fix the mess known as the Cubs.	They can't.	By getting skills
What would you have done to help baseball this October?	I would have helped them focus more.	I would have told the Cubs not to choke.	I would have given the Sox a good starting pitcher.	Give the Sox back all of their injured players .	I would have won.

Volleyball working hard to stay on top of the game



Stretching is a must before an intense volleyball practice. Coach Jamie Walters is hoping for another successful year this season. **Photo by Casey Ferrantella/Photo Editor**

Girls volleyball draws crowds

The setting is WY. The teams playing have one of the most intense rivalries out of all the Chicago Public Schools. The bleachers are packed with WY fans screaming their heads off for their girl's varsity volleyball team. The crowd goes silent for the first serve, and then erupts again when the last point has been scored, ending in a victory for the dolphins.

As a younger team filled with mostly freshmen and sophomores on their varsity squad, the girls have to work hard to compete with some of the older teams in their conference.

"We are a lot younger this year, we only have one senior, but that doesn't set us back," says Courtney Olson '10 a captain on varsity. "We are really good this year, and I think we could go really far." Olson has played volleyball at WY for three years; this is her first on varsity.

With all the challenges that the girls face this season, they can always count on their strong coach and captains to support them through it all.

"Captains are always needed," explains Ashley Shinnick '10, "Our captains show leadership, they are always in charge at our mini meetings." Shinnick, one of the few upper classmen on varsity,

knows the importance of having reliable captains and an equally reliable coach.

"Ms. Walters is really open. Whether its volleyball related or not, you can go to her and just talk about anything." Shinnick continues, "There's a lot to say about J-dub, she is really good at her job."

Walter Payton College Prep is their biggest rival in the race to be Conference champs. Although, their current record is 7 and 5, with their diligent work ethics and solid team dynamic, being conference champs is not out of the question for this season.

Enthusiasm, ball control, and team work make up some of the strengths that the Lady Dolphins bring to the court this year.

"We mesh really well," says Kaitlin Lynch '09, a four year volleyball player at Whitney Young. Lynch is the only senior on varsity this year. Teamwork is something that they will need in order to succeed this season. However, there are some important things that the girls need to work on to become champions.

"Our offense needs to be more consistent, and we need to be mentally stronger," says head coach Jamie Walters. Improving those few weaknesses could be the key to a season full of success for the Lady Dolphins.

Rachel Joravsky/Entertainment Editor

Golf team tees off

Not every WY sports team gets the recognition they deserve

One example is the WY golf team. Last year they came in first at the city championships and second at regional championships. Martin Kim '11 believes they will be victorious again.

"We are undefeated and probably will win city," says Kim. There are 8 people on the boys' golf team, and 6 people on the girls' team. You don't have to be a professional golf player to try out. If you are curious about golf you should take the chance and go for it.

Allison Clark '10 says, "I've never played golf but the coach and my teammates have taught me a lot. I'm really learning a lot and ended up liking it a lot." Clark has even won a few matches, even though this is her first year.

Since golf is not a popular sport at WY, they do not get the

WY support most of the other teams get. Omari Whitmore '11 doesn't mind not having any fans if he is able to concentrate and win. "Golf is challenging. It takes a lot of focus which requires mental strength," Whitmore says. With so much concentration, fans would have to be quiet, and WY fans are usually loud.

"It would be cool if people showed up, but golf is usually a quiet sport. I don't know how the other team would feel about people cheering," says Clark.

"The golf team doesn't need people shouting to be their fans."

Clark's teammates agree that a silent presence would be great.

"It is a quiet sport because of the concentration, but knowing that you have support would be nice," says Kim.

So if you have the time, go support our golf team. They are all confident in winning, but being supportive is being a true dolphin.

Ryann Starks/Staff Reporter

Girls tennis team hopes to continue winning streak downstate

The WY Girls' Tennis Team almost took a "clean sweep" of the Individual City Finals

Gabrielle Moore '11 ranked City Champion number one in Singles. Britney Ballog '11 was ranked number two. WY first Doubles team placed third. Both the second and the third Doubles teams placed first. They will be moving on to the Team City Finals and the State Tournament. Congrats to the team and coaches Edward Cruzat and Dempsey Willard.

"Varsity is overall undefeated. I think that the only loss was Gabby Moore to the number one in State and that was at Francis Parker." said tennis player Ryann Starks '11.

The team has several games coming up in order to make it downstate. Some of the schools that they will be playing against include; Morgan Park, Latin School, Taft, Lincoln Park, Brooks,

Northside College Prep, Lane Tech, and Walter Payton.

"St. Ignatius has been pretty challenging for both Varsity and JV," said Starks.

Tennis is a unique game in that it has special names given to the various points awarded. A score of zero is called out by saying 'Love', and from there, the points go to 15, 30, 40, and game. If both players get a score of 40, the game must become a tie-breaker. In this situation, if a player gets a point, they are said to have 'Advantage'. If a player with an 'Advantage' gets another point, the game is over.

"We are so excited we have gotten so far this season. The team was way bigger than last year. There were so many new members that learned a lot. I recommend trying out next year because of how close everyone became and all the fun we had!" says Ballog.

Brittany Davis/Designer

Boys soccer season full of ups, downs



Victor Mensah '11 is known for his ball handling skills. When he is on the field, you can expect him to get passed any challenger. **Photo by Joanna Helm/Editor-in-Chief**

With a regular season record of 7-8-2, the Boys soccer season hasn't always gone according to plan this year

The Dolphins have gotten on a roll in the City playoffs this year, with goalie Elias Boyer '09 only surrendering two regulation time goals in the four games to this point.

"We worked hard all summer, and we're glad that we're finally getting some of the recognition that we deserve," says Leo Gilbert '09.

While most of the school's attention has been on the football team this summer and fall, the soccer team has been out there working just as hard. Cody Wilkins '10 even had an article about it in "The Mash", a publication of "The Chicago Tribune."

While soccer isn't exactly the most popular sport in the US, there are still plenty of people even here at WY that care deeply for the sport, such as Ian McCarthy. McCarthy is the head coach of both the boys' varsity soccer team, which plays in the fall, and the girls' soccer team that plays in the spring.

"I am confident that when spring comes the girls' team will have just as much success as the boys team is," McCarthy said.

The Dolphins soccer team had a poor start to the season, losing three of their first four games and getting outscored two-seven in that stretch. Since that point the team has turned their season around, going 10-4-2, including the dominant playoff stretch.

In the quarterfinal game against Kennedy High School, both teams went scoreless during the 100 minute regulation period. But WY outscored Kennedy 4-2 in the game-winning shootout to send the Dolphins to a semifinal game against Kelly.

Even though they went on to lose in the Semi-finals, their city playoff run was impressive. The boys are still able to play in the state playoffs, so students look to support them in their State run!

Bryan Gibbons/Staff Reporter



With the daily rigorous practices, the girls cross country members (left to right) Hannah Blackwood '12, Jessica Wong '09 and Biyang Wang '09 are dedicated to beating their times. More sweat and determination are what keeps these girls going. **Photo by Liz Staszal/Staff Photographer**

XC prepares for long playoff run

Cross Country ready to make their run for the title

Fall sports are starting to near their championship rounds and for the boys and girls cross-country teams at WY, it means its time to run for the title. Usually by this time in the season, teams are struggling to keep the same pace they started with in August and early September. This is not the case for either team as both are ready to prove themselves as elite teams in the public league and around the state as well.

Coming off a city championship a year ago, the girls are out to prove themselves yet again. The team is ranked 1st overall in the city with the top four individual runners in the public league. Aside from being defending city champions overall, the girl's team is also able to boast the fact that it was the first ever girls public league team to qualify as an entire team for the state tournament, doing so last year as well. The city championship is approaching quickly but the girls have some obstacles to cover even before that.

On Oct. 11th the girls drove all the way down to Alabama to participate in The Great American Cross-Country Festival by invitation, a national tournament that features some of the nation's top teams. Head Coach Bob Geiger is excited about the upcoming events for his teams as his newest members are also excelling at their level. "We have some freshmen that are really kicking butt," Geiger comments. Varsity Captain Allory Relf '09 feels that the varsity squad this year is even stronger than last year's team and that despite winning a city championship, the rest of WY is blind to how tough and rigorous cross-country can really be.

"Our sport is your sport's punishment" Relf says.

Though the boys could not match the girl's team with a city championship last year, expectations are high for the run down the stretch as the final competition approaches. Colin Rouser '09, a four-year member of the cross-country program at WY, has experienced this type of atmosphere right before the city championship run begins each year he has been on the team. He feels that this team has really been able to hit its stride since its breakout at the Argo meet on Sept. 20th. As a dedicated runner, Rouser has strong feelings when it comes to talking about the demanding commitment his sport requires and has no problem sharing them.

"Cross-country is the most physically and mentally demanding sport," he said.

The championship run for both the boys and girls began Oct. 18th, and you can be sure that both teams will be training their hardest to win it all.

Nathan Shuffan/Copy Editor

Upcoming Games

Boys XC
-IHSA Sectional
11/1/08 @
Niles West HS
Noon

-IHSA State
Championships
11/8/08 @
Peoria, IL
1:30 p.m.

Girls XC
-IHSA Regional
Championships
10/25/08
10am

-IHSA Sectional
Championships
11/1/08 @
Niles West HS
11am

-IHSA State
Championships
11/8/08 @
Peoria, IL
12:30pm

Girls Swimming
-Lane
10/24/08 @
WY 4:30pm
-City Prelims
11/7/08 @ WY
5pm

Boys Soccer
-State Regional
PLAYoffs
10/25/08 @
Winnemac 11
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Football comes to a close, looking toward next season

Dolphins fall short this season

WY's dolphin varsity football team has none the less seen better years. Last year they beat Lane Tech for the Illini Red Bird Title in a very exciting game. The team's only loss last year came from Glenbard North in the first round of the state playoffs.

Though with high expectations for this season, dolphin football started off on the wrong foot, with a 0-15 loss to St. Ignatius, followed by another scoreless loss to Chicago Hope Academy.

Not only that, but the dolphins couldn't continue their homecoming streak losing to the Streaks of Steinmetz.

A few of the dolphin players all ready have next season on their mind. Elijah Givens '10 says, "We all really look forward to next year; I know we

could have played a lot better. This season didn't come down to the plays we made, but the plays we didn't make."

For some of the senior varsity players such as QB DJ Purnell, and CB Warren Wiley, this is their last high school high school football season, and expected more out of the team this year.

Agustin Bernal '10 prefers to look at this season in a positive perspective.

"I felt that we only lost about two games this season, We just simply ran out of time, we showed signs of a comeback but ran out of time."

Finishing the season below .500, I doubt the dolphins will be making a run for the state championship but those who watched every game this season can't say that the team didn't give 100 percent.

Dyren Blalock/Designer



Looking for an open player, Quarterback DJ Purnell '09 gets ready to throw the ball. Although the season wasn't as successful as planned, the team looks to improve for next year. **Photo by Liz Staszal/Staff Photographer**

Chicago baseball makes history in '08

For the first time in a century, the Cubs and White Sox both made the playoffs in the same season

It was 1906 when the Sox from the south side met the Cubs from the north in a Subway series, which the White Sox won.

Winning 97 games, the Cubs featured a high-powered lineup that included veteran slugger Derek Lee, National League Rookie of the Year candidate catcher Geovany Soto, and one of the stingiest pitching staffs in baseball. From the beginning of the season when they took over first place in the NL central, it looked like the Cubbies were destined to go all the way.

Tension grew, however, with two weeks left in the season when the Cubs lost their fifth straight game. Barely still ahead of the Milwaukee Brewers, the Cubs had to play a game that was supposed to be in Houston, in Milwaukee. Hurricane Ike had damaged parts of Minute Maid Park, home of the Astros. So the Astros met the Cubs at Miller Park in Milwaukee and Carlos Zambrano made history by pitching the game of his life: a no-hitter. After this game, the Northsiders went on a torrid streak and won the Central with ease.

Carolina Clark '10, an avid Cubs fan had this to say, "The Cubs season has been exciting." Pausing for a moment, she added, "Hopefully they don't choke now!"

Meanwhile, the White Sox made history of their own, while limping their

way into the post-season. It took 163 games, one more than the scheduled 162, for the Sox to beat out the Minnesota Twins by half a game in the American League Central division. A veteran lineup without third baseman Joe Crede and AL MVP candidate Carlos Quentin slipped and stumbled and finally found themselves atop the division.

Leading the division by two and a half games with six left to play, the Southsiders traveled to Minnesota to play the second place Twins, and after being swept in three games, left trailing by half a game. Losing their next two to Cleveland, they were lucky the Twins lost twice to the Royals, because the standings stayed the same. Facing elimination, the White Sox beat the Indians to force a game against Detroit to be made up, which the White Sox also won, evening up the standings.

"It was a successful season," Tyler Garza '09 said. "I can't wait for another [championship] ring."

After 162 games, the Sox and Twins Records were dead even. The Twins had to travel to U.S. Cellular Field to play a one game playoff to decide the division champ. The White Sox pulled it out 1-0 led by a 461 foot home run by Designated Hitter Jim Thome and a masterful pitching performance by John Danks.

For the first time and hopefully for years to come, successful seasons led both Chicago baseball teams into the playoffs. Congratulations to the Cubs and the Sox!

Gabe Henriques/Sports Editor



Game recap

A capacity crowd and the high emotions of homecoming weekend weren't enough as the Dolphins' comeback fell short 30-26 to Steinmetz at Rockne Stadium.

Coach Tim Franken said earlier that turnovers have "hurt us all year," and it was apparent in the first half as sloppy play led to a 22-0 halftime deficit.

But the Dolphins weren't going to go out quietly in front of a full house, and regrouped at halftime. A touchdown catch by running back Justin Bartassius '09 late in the third quarter capped off a long drive and got the Dolphins on the board.

Energized, the Dolphins defense followed up the touchdown with a key three and out series highlighted by a big stand on a short third and second.

The Dolphins' next offensive drive came down to a fourth and

nine from the Steinmetz 20, and quarterback DJ Purnell '09 threw a strike to the corner of the end zone to Alex Roberts '10, which got the Dolphins to within a manageable 22-12 with 10:00 still left in the game.

But the momentum didn't last as hoped, and the ensuing drive by Steinmetz turned out to be the dagger; it was capped off by a rushing TD. The score and two point conversion expanded the Silver Streak lead to 18, which proved to be enough with just over 3:00 left in the game.

With things looking bleak, most of the crowd filed for the exits. Despite that, the Dolphins weren't going to quit, and had enough for one more run as they added a couple of scores to make the final a respectable 30-26.

Losing at Homecoming wasn't the ending these seniors envisioned to a great day, but there's something to be said about leaving it all on the field.

Kurt Roeder/Staff Reporter



Showing spirit during Spirit Week, pep rally

Every year WY is turned upside down by energetic students wearing their wackiest get ups attempting to prove their class has the most school spirit. Pajama Day, the first day of spirit week was a little dead, considering most people forgot. Perhaps it was due to the fact that the spirit sign that usually hangs in blue house the day before was nonexistent. For those who remembered, one-sies were the pajama of choice.

Nerd Day was next, being by far one of the most memorable. Everywhere you turned there were suspenders, pocket protectors, two ponytails, and of course the black framed, taped-up glasses. Next came Decade Day, where everyone was either '80s, a hippie, or something really random.

Color Day is for the people who think they're too cool to dress up for anything else but want everyone to recognize they're not a freshman. The seniors all gathered after 3rd and rocked the Arts Bridge all in black!

Orange and Blue day always has a good turn out since everyone is excited for the game and pep rally. Although one side of the gym wasn't filled to capacity, the festivities went on and the performers did not disappoint.

As for the entertainment, everyone did great. Concert Choir, Guys n Dolls, the Band, Cheer, Poms, and Flip performed well and kept the crowd hyped. All in all, WY knows how to put on a good show.

Taaj Reaves/Staff Reporter



From top, clockwise:

1. Varsity Football team gets hyped for the Homecoming Game.

2. WY students hold up a painted banner in anticipation of the Football team breaking through.

3. The Poms team sets up for one of their high-energy, crowd pleasing routines.

4. Music is pounding as WY students sweat the night away. The Homecoming Dance is a night many students look forward to.

5. Danielle Alston '10 shows her true colors and school spirit during Nerd Day.

All photos by Casey Ferrantella/Photo Editor



Students strut stuff under the stars

The music is pounding, crowd is hyped, jumping around and dancing to Chris Brown's "Take you Down."

Erica Garcia '09 says, "This year the dance had the best decorations I've seen in my four years at WY."

The class of 2009 was trying their hardest to make the best of their last high school homecoming. The song ended and the beat picked up with a much faster one. The crowd went wild.

At the door many students talked their way into the dance, wanting to be excused from the 'doors close at nine' rule.

After being held at the door for a few minutes they were finally granted access, ran in and greeted all of their friends.

There were groups of kids off to the sides snapping photos.

"I want to be in it," said another friend running from the crowd. When The Cupid Shuffle came on, everyone joined in for "hands on your knees, hands on your knees".

There was a brief yelling of class years 0 nine, twenty twelve and then the song "Marco Polo" came on and the students yelled in excitement all singing 'Marco Polo Marco Polo'. This was a hit and just when the crowd was jumping, the clock hit 10:30 p.m. and the music was shut off.

"The dance was alright, could've been better, but the weekend was rocking!" says Michael Simpkins '09.

The seniors searched for their stars hanging on the walls as they exited.

Jade Fleming/Staff Reporter